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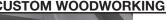
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# Library rolls out 2025 Summer Reading Program schedule

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during the school year and prepares them for the start of the new school year. Those participating in the summer library program are encouraged to keep a summer reading log and receive incentives for meeting reading goals.

There are some exciting programs planned this summer with a variety of themes, including dinosaurs, puppets, birds of prey, music fun, bubbles, and

The summer programs will kick off on Tuesday, June 10 at 1:30 with T.A.G. Art Dinosaurs. This company out of Indiana brings lifelike human and robotic powered dinosaurs complete with sound effects that will amaze the kids. The program on June 10 will feature the Velociraptor and kids will be able to get up close and take pictures with the dinosaur. After an informational program and photo op, participants will be able to complete a fun dinosaur craft with the library staff.

A different program will be offered each week. Programs will take place on Tuesday afternoons during June and Wednesday afternoons during July. Some of the other new programs this year will be the RARE Group from Iowa City on Tuesday, July 1 which is a raptor rehabilitation organization. They will educate participants on several species of birds of prey and talk about the work they do in helping the birds recover from injury and loss of habitat. The Jolly Pops

will be bringing their musical talents to Denver on Wednesday, July 9. This group of singing Dads from Minnesota is sure to keep the audience dancing and moving to some fun tunes during their program. Some old favorites are scheduled as well, such as the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre with an engaging professional puppet performance on Tuesday, June 17, Absolute Science and their Big Bang Bubble Show on Tuesday, June 24, and Magician Mi-Kayla Oz, whose magic will delight and amaze the children on Wednesday, July 16.

A fun addition to the Summer Reading program this year will be Art In The Park. On Wednesday afternoon, July 23 Cyclone City Park will be filled with tables of art activities for children and families to challenge their creative skills, Several organizations will be taking part by offering an activity booth. Organizations set to participate include Bremer County Conservation, Destination Denver, Denver's Bird Friendly City group, Bremer County Extension Outreach, Denver Elementary Art, and more.

The summer program will conclude on Wednesday, July 30 with a Game Show Party with host Dennis Porter of Happy Faces Entertainment from Kansas City. Kids will engage in some friendly competition as they become part of the live studio audience for this wacky game show parady.

The library is able to offer these high quality programs because of the

fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Denver Public Library. Money raised from the Theme Basket Silent Auction during Denver's Old-Fashioned Christmas, bake sales, and the Glow Swim go directly into funding Summer Reading.

All programs are free to attend. The library encourages parents to fill out a summer reading registration form to help staff estimate numbers for each program and to provide parent contact information if needed. Registration forms are available at the library or can be filled out online on the library's website at www.denver.lib.ia.us Daycares are welcome to bring groups to the programs and grandparents and families who have grandchildren visiting are welcome to come to individual programs. Children do not need to attend all programs to participate in summer reading. Younger children are also welcome to attend the programs with a parent. Each session usually lasts 45 minutes to an hour.

Check out the summer event schedule below or stop by the library and pick up a schedule and registration packet. For more information, contact the library at 319-984-5140.

### **Summer Reading 2025 Schedule**

- Tuesday, June 10 1:30 T.A.G. Art Dinosaurs
- Tuesday, June 17 1:30 Eulnespiegel Puppet Theater
- Tuesday, June 24 1:30 Big Bang **Bubble Show** 
  - Tuesday, July 1 1:30 RARE

**Group Raptors** 

- Wednesday, July 9 1:30 Jolly Pops Music
- Wednesday, July 16 3:30 Mi-Kayla Oz Magic Show
- Wednesday, July 23 1:30-3:00 -Art In the Park (Cyclone City)
- Wednesday, July 30 1:30 Game Show Party

