

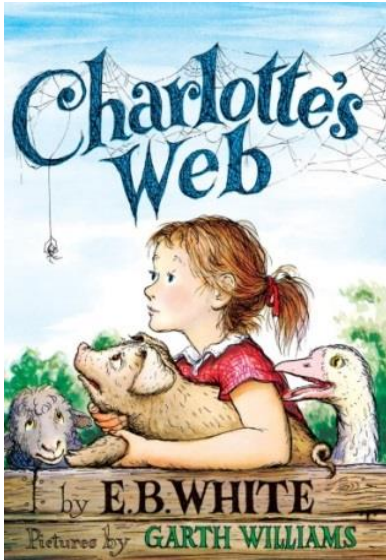


Patten Free Library, Children's Room, 33 Summer St, Bath, ME 04530, 443-5141 x16

2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The adventure runs from June 22 ~ August 10

On the Farm with Charlotte & Wilbur



We're celebrating E. B. White's classic and beloved novel, *Charlotte's Web*, telling the memorable story of Wilbur, a little pig who becomes famous with the help of his clever spider friend Charlotte and their chatty animal neighbors.

Our literacy theme stretches a bit further with all things "farms and gardens", blending the plethora of fiction/non-fiction books, on the subjects. Farmers will connect with families by bringing their livestock or produce to the library and gardeners will talk about the joy and hard work of growing food. Look for scheduled talks about gardening, healthy cooking and eating, too!

The program hopes to instill some reading fun and inspire your child to be life-long readers. Studies have proven that summer reading boosts children's achievement, combating learning loss. Engage their minds and imaginations by visiting the Patten Free Library often. Developing a love of reading and the habit of reading independently for pleasure is one of the greatest gifts you can possibly give your child.

To participate, your child, 11-years old & under, needs to register in the Children's Room. Pick up a Goodie Bag, containing the **Reading Log** used to record the titles your child has read or the ones you have read to your child. If you wish, after reading a book and for doing a great job reading... **Picture Book Level** (being read to) a prize for every **10** books read; **Reader Level** (learning to read on your own) a prize for every **5** books read; **Fiction Level** (reading on your own) a prize for **1** book read...select a prize from the **Pail of Prizes** (book, coupon or toy).

This Summer's Program is in memory of Barbara Ferguson Beegel

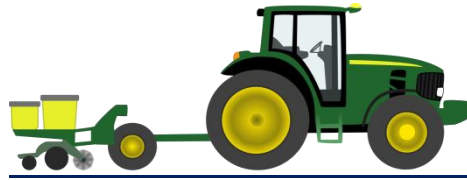
Ice Cream Socials are kindly sponsored by Brackett's Market

Sprinkler Storytime... Come on feet, let's beat the heat!

Join us for some real summertime outside fun in the Library Park. We'll read a cool picture book story in the Gazebo & then, we'll run through the library's homemade sprinkler! So, wear clothes that can get wet & remember your sunscreen. We'll have sidewalk chalk for drawing or maybe rock painting, too. All ages are welcome! We'll be scheduling this program on some really hot days. For *impromptu* dates & times, follow us on the PFL Facebook or call the Children's Room.

❖ **Maine Maritime Museum's Kennebec River Guided Cruises**, *Extraordinary Wildlife of Merrymeeting Bay*, brought to us by a Merrymeeting Bay Trust Grant.

- Choose only one cruise; for residents of the PFL service area (Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, West Bath, Woolwich) & non-resident cardholders only; for families with children ages 5-12; maximum 4 passengers per family.
- Fridays, **July 13** or **August 10, 3:30pm-5:30pm**; **registration required**, only by calling Carol, 443-5141 x17; first come first served; DO NOT leave a message.
- Limited to 50 passengers per cruise; food & non-alcoholic beverages may be brought onboard.
- On the departure date, all passengers must be at the Museum dock between 3-3:15pm & will need a boarding ticket from Carol who'll be handing them out to registrants at the dock; departure is promptly at 3:30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the cruise. For more information, see fuller flyer in Children's Room or visit the Museum <http://www.mainemaritimemuseum.org/visit/cruises/>



- Summer Reading Kick-Off Friday, **June 22**, 1-3:00pm, **Pony X-press Zoo** to you from a Waterville farm with African Zebu, alpaca, llamas, baby goats, donkey, mini horse ~ all ages, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Tuesdays, **June 26-August 14**, 10:30-11:30am, **Book Buddies**: Reading Teamwork. Kristin Mango, Youth Minister of St. Mary Church, has gathered committed middle/ high school students to help younger children read over the summertime. Just drop-in to the Children's Room, make the connection & select a book. On especially warm days, we'll go to the Gazebo for our reading space. Mrs. Mango will supervise each session.
- Wednesday, **June 27**, 6-7:30pm, **Family Contra Dance** with Sharon Pyne & Friends, ages 6+, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Friday, **June 29**, 10:30-11:30am, **Good Dirt Garden** with certified organic grower, Becca Norklun, a MOFGA member who grows organic vegetables & flowers on her Bowdoinham farm ~ all ages, @Gazebo.
- Wednesday, **July 11**, 10:30-11:30am, **Children's Author Visit** with Jill Lee who'll read her new picture book, **Little Sunny Makes Kimchi with Halmi** & we'll make kimchi, too, ages 6+, @Gazebo, (book purchasing & signing).
- Wednesdays, **July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1**, 1-2pm, **Drawing for Graphic Novels Class with Author & Illustrator, Vance Bessey**, ages 7-12, **registration is required**, (sign up is for complete series). Cartoon Style class topics: form and figure; creating characters; characters doing things; using characters to tell story; refreshments served, in Community Room.
- Thursday, **July 12**, 2-3:00pm, **Children's Author Visit** with Melissa Sweet who'll read parts of her acclaimed children's book, **Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White**, ages 6+, @Gazebo, (book purchasing & signing).

- Tuesday, **July 17**, 2-3:00pm, **Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals**, ages 3-8, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Wednesday, July 18, 11:30am-12:15am, **Ladybug Picnic**, stories, songs, craft; bring lunch & blanket, ages up to 5, @Gazebo.
- Thursday, **July 19**, 10:30-11:30am, **Move & Groove** with Ms. Jen, an active musical Storytime, ages 3+ @Gazebo.
- Tuesday, **July 25**, 10:30-11:00am, **Children's Author Visit** with Julia O'Brien-Merrill who'll read her new book, **Charlie on the MTA: Did He Ever Return?**, all ages, @Gazebo, (book purchasing & signing).
- Thursday, **July 26**, 2-2:45pm, **Magic Show** with Wes Booth, all ages, @Gazebo.
- Friday, **July 27**, 10:30-11:30am, **Hoop & Scoop** with Spin Art Hoops ~ Amanda Walden, hula hooping fun, all ages, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Thursday, **August 2**, 2-3:00pm, **Earth Jams Family Concert** with acclaimed, Maine musician, Matt Loosigian, all ages, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Friday, August 3, 10:30-11:30am, **Dogs to the Rescue Puppet Show** about climate solutions. Health professionals turned puppeteers bring an engaging, upbeat, scientifically accurate show that empowers kids & families to make healthy choices for themselves & the planet. It's also really funny! Ages 3 +, @Gazebo. <https://www.climate911.org/education.html>
- Wednesday, August 8, 3:30-5:00pm, **Classic Music Live** with George Bozarth, Music Director of the Kennebec Early Music Festival <https://www.kennebecearlymusicfestival.org/> & Professor of Music History, University of Washington, along with his wife, pianist Tamara Friedman, will present a reading of *Mozart Finds a Melody*, an enchanting children's book by Maine author Stephen Costanza. You'll listen to Mozart's famous *Rondo a la Turca* on a Viennese fortepiano like Mozart played. Children will use tambourines to join in! Location: Garden House, at 909 Middle Street, Bath; ages 6 & up accompanied by an adult. **Registration required**, contact the Children's Room. Sponsored by the Davenport Trust Fund.
- Thursday, August 9, 1-2:00pm, **Charlotte's Spider & Insect Friends**, with High Touch High Tech of Maine: Science Made Fun for preschoolers, @Gazebo, Ice Cream Social to follow.
- Tuesday, August 14, 6-8:00pm, **Fern's Family Feud**, a fun reading/trivia challenge for the whole family! To participate, read as a family E.B. White's three children's classics, *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, *The Trumpet of the Swan*; the Melissa Sweet biography, *Some Writer!*; & some of White's essays; then enter the family in this game-show style event. We'll have pizza & a whole lot of fun! Registration required.

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