

Lower School Summer Reading 2025



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The Westfield Lower School Summer Reading Program

Westfield is pleased to partner with the Houston County Public Library System's Vacation Reading Program this summer! School is out, but studies show that taking a summer break from reading can have a significant impact on students when they return to the classroom on August 6th. A summer off of reading can mean the loss of six to nine months progress for some students. The key to preventing learning loss during summer break is simple -- it's reading regularly at least 15 minutes each day!

[REGISTER HERE FOR THE VACATION READING PROGRAM!](https://www.houpl.org)

- Put a sticker on the log for each book read.
- Bring in the log each week, and if you have read only one book since the last time you came in, you will get that week's incentive.
- Incentives are limited, may differ branch to branch, and are subject to substitution.
- The log may be presented once per week at the branch selected when you registered.



Register online at <https://www.houpl.org>

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Ages 0-11

- Put a sticker on the log for each book read. Bring in the log each week, and if you have read even **One Book** since the last time you came in, you will get an incentive.

Ages 12-17

- For each book read, write the title in your log. Bring in the log each week, and if you have read even **One Book** since the last time you came in, you will get an incentive.

All Ages

- If you want another way of tracking what you've read, use Beanstack. Beanstack is an online program with logs, challenges and more!
<https://houpl.beanstack.org/reader365>



It doesn't matter **Where** you get the book; it doesn't matter **Who** reads the book to you;
it doesn't matter if it is a Library Book;
it can be in another language or it can be an **Ebook**;
it can even be a book you listen to as an **Audiobook**.

The ONLY requirement is that You enjoy reading this summer!



May & June VACATION READING PROGRAM

**HOUSTON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY**








Centerville Branch
206 Gunn Road, Centerville
478-953-4500





Nola Brantley Memorial Library
721 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins
478-923-0128

Perry Branch
1201 Washington St., Perry
478-987-3050

Register for VRP by scanning the QR code
or visiting <https://sites.google.com/houpl.org/houpl-vrp/home>



Sunday (closed)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Keep Reading!	26 CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY	27 Miss Daisy's Family Foam Party (all ages) 4-5pm @NB	28 Mahealani's Polynesian Entertainment presents Colors of Polynesia (all ages) 10:30-11:30am @PE	29 Museum of Arts and Sciences Animals of Georgia (all ages) 2-3pm @CV	30  Reading Incentives start next week on Monday, June 2nd.	31
1 Reading Incentives start on Monday  Use Booktalk & reach all goals for extra cool prize	2 Scavenger Hunt & Sidewalk Chalk Art Begin (all ages) @PE Drop-in & Color Our Path w/ Sidewalk Chalk (all ages) 11am-8pm @NB Colorful Storytime (ages 0-5) 10:15am @PE Rapunzel Visit (all ages) 3:30-4:30pm @PE	3 MAS Animals of Georgia (all ages) 11am-12pm @NB Draw Pokemon Characters w/ Heather Ballard (ages 8-17) pre-register 2:30-3:30pm @PE GA Tech Research Institute: Colors in STEM (ages 8-17) 5:30-6:30pm @CV	4 Weekly DIY Art Cart Opens (all ages) @PE Toddler Time (ages 0-3) Storytime & Music 10:30am @CV Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11am @NB Crossroads Quilt Guild (ages 8-17) pre-register 11am-12pm @PE	5 Georgia Farmers Bureau Lisa Hall Veggie Painting (ages 5-7) pre-register 11am-12pm @PE Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11:15am @CV "Coloring" Our World on Paper Drop-in (all ages) 10am-6pm @NB	6 The Magic of Evan Dupree 11am-12pm (all ages) @PE Master Gardener's Storytime & Craft (ages 4-11) pre-register 1:30pm @NB Junk Poetry (ages 8-17) 2-4pm @CV	7 Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11:30am-12:30pm @PE
8 Keep Reading!	9  Ken Scott 10:30am @NB 2:00pm @CV 5:30pm @PE	10 Toddler Time (ages 0-3) Float A Boat 10:00-11:00am @PE Heartland Flutes Disney Duets (all ages) 1:30-2:30pm @NB Manga & Anime Ramen Night (ages 11+) 5:30-7pm @CV	11 Nature Art in the Garden 10-11:30am @CV (ages 5-11) Mini USA Wreaths w/ Ms. Rosemary (ages 12+) pre-register 2:30-3:30pm @PE Drop-in Garden Scavenger Hunt (all ages) 10am-6pm @NB	12 Cupcake Liner Flowers w/ Ms. Jen (ages 6-11) 10:30-11:30am @PE Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11:15am @CV Dungeons & Dragons (ages 8-15) 4-5pm @NB	13 Storytime @ Center Park in Centerville 10:30am (all ages) Take Flight Performing Arts Presentation (all ages) 11am-12pm @PE Father's Day Card Craft (all ages) 2-3pm @NB	14 Keep Reading!
15 	16 Colorful Storytime (ages 0-5) 10:15am @PE Monkey Joo Visit w/ Purple Dance Party (Wear purple!) (ages 0-7) 11am @PE Instrument Potting Zoo (all ages) 1:30-2:30pm @NB Daddy & Me Lego Challenges (all ages) 6-7pm @PE	17 Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 10:30am @NB Crossroads Quilt Guild (ages 8-17) pre-register 1-2pm @CV Countywide Teen Program Tie Dye Sharpie Shirts (ages 12+) 6-7pm @PE Bring a cotton shirt.	18 Storytime 10:30am (0-5) @CV The Colors of Science Georgia Tech Research Institute (all ages) 11am-12pm @PE Adopt a Little Reading Buddy (all ages) 1:30pm @NB	19 CLOSED 	20 Native Wings Garden Flower Pounding Art (ages 6+) pre-register 10-11:30am @PE Puzzle Piece Egg Hunt (all ages) 10:30-11:30am @NB Create your own Paper Art 11:30am-12:30pm (ages 5+) @CV	21 Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11am @CV Storytime (ages 2-6) 1pm @NB
22 Keep Reading!	23 Colorful Storytime (ages 0-5) 10:15am @PE Quilt Guild (ages 8-17) pre-register 1:30-2:30pm @NB The Van Gogh Cafe Book Club w/ Mr. & Mrs. Floyd (ages 6-11) 2:30pm @PE	24 Stay & Play (all ages) 10:30-11:30am @NB Friendship Bracelets (ages 5-11) 5:30-7pm @CV Miss Daisy's Family Foam Party (all ages) 6-7pm @PE	25 Come see Centerville's Digging Machines (All Ages) 10-11am @CV Paint w/ Ms. Angela (ages 12+) pre-register 11am-12pm @PE Make a Beaded Necklace (all ages) 1:30-2:30pm @NB	26 Paint A Birdhouse w/ Georgia Farm Bureau's Lisa Hall (ages 5-7) 11am-12pm pre-register @PE Toddler Time: Wiggle Worms w/ Chick-lil-A Cow (ages 0-3) 11:15am-12pm @CV Dungeons & Dragons (ages 8-15) 4-5pm @NB	27  Storytime @ Center Park in Centerville (All Ages) 10:30-11:30am Colors of Nature Painting (ages 4-10) pre-register 1:30-2:30pm @NB	28  Watercolor Bookmarks (ages 6+) 11:30am-12:30pm @PE
29 Keep Reading!	30 Colorful Storytime (ages 0-5) 10:15am @PE Firefighters & Firetruck Visit (all ages) 11am-12pm @PE Painting Our World (ages 11-17) pre-register 4-5pm @NB					

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29 Keep Reading!	30 	1 Scriptwriting Workshop w/ Screenwriter Danielle Earthly (ages 10-17) 10am-12pm @PE Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 10:30am @NB Create a LEGO Masterpiece (ages 4+) 11am-1pm @CV Miss Daisy's Foam Party (All Ages) 6-7pm @CV	2 Storytime 10:30am (ages 2-6) @CV Toddler Time (ages 0-3) 10:30-11:00am @PE Bubbles & Music 10:30-11:00am @PE Crepe Paper Flower Craft (all ages) 1-2pm @NB	3 Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11:15am @CV Pointillism Painting with the Girl Scouts 1:30pm (ages 6-14) @NB American Girl Summer's Story & Bracelet Craft: Bring a doll. (ages 5-11) 2:30-3:30pm @PE	4 CLOSED HAPPY Independence DAY 	5
6 Keep Reading! July 12 th is the last day to turn-in Reading Logs	7 Colorful Storytime (ages 0-5) 10:15am @PE Wiggle Worms (ages 0-5) 11am @PE Beach Vase Craft (ages 11-17) pre-register 6-7pm @NB	8  Busy Bee Storytime (all ages) 11:00am @NB Scrapbook Your Summer (ages 8-15) 1:30-3:30pm @CV Family Night: Spider-Man Hero Training (all ages) 6-7pm @PE	9 Rainbows & Sprinkles Youth Specialists Skit (all ages) 10:30am @NB 1:30pm @CV 	10 Rainbows & Sprinkles Youth Specialists Skit (all ages) 10:30am @PE Dungeons & Dragons (ages 8-15) 4-5pm @NB	11 COLOR OUR WORLD w/ Sidewalk Chalk 10-11:30am @CV (ages 4-11) Messy Art Fest (Wear old clothes.) (all ages) 10-11:30am @PE Stay & Play (all ages) 2-3pm @NB	12 Last Day to turn-in Reading Logs Drop-In Scavenger Hunt & Sidewalk Chalk Art ends @PE Fringed Champion Chapter Garden Event (ages 6-11) 10am-12pm @CV Colorful Carnival (all ages) 1-2pm @NB

Getting Excited about Reading!

Here are some tips from *Read Naturally* for getting children engaged in and excited about reading this summer:

- Visit the public library and meet a librarian** — Librarians will help locate books based on interests and reading ability.
- Lead by example** — Actions speak louder than words so let your child see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a good book. For younger readers, go ahead and read together with you reading a page and them reading the next.
- See reading everywhere** — Show how important reading is in everyday in everyday life by asking them to read the recipe while you make something together or read signs as you go about your day.
- Read the book, then see the movie** — Use the excitement of an upcoming movie to get them to read the book. Then see the movie and discuss the differences between the two versions. They'll quickly learn that books are better. This can be done with videos as well.
- Bring books while you hit the highway** — Books are terrific because they are portable and don't need any batteries or wires. Audio books are also great for getting kids to see the value in stories found in books.
- Give TV a timeout** — According to a U.S. Department of Education study, the average kindergarten student has spent more than 5,000 hours watching television. Cutting down on TV time will create more time for your child to tune into reading.

We hope that books from the suggested lists bring students many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading!

FIFTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Each student entering the fifth grade is required to read the following book before school begins on August 6th:

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech

Please bring your copy of *Saving Winslow* with you on the first day of school (August 6th).

We suggest that you wait to read the book until a week or so before school starts,
so it will be fresh in your mind.

***The AR test over this book will be taken once we are in school so
that the points can be applied to their 1st quarter goal.***

Summer is a wonderful time for reading! The fifth grade teachers encourage you
to read as much as possible during the summer.

Happy reading!