

Fizz, Boom, Read! This Summer with the Library's Summer Reading Program

SJI Library



Our annual Summer Reading Program for youth started June 13 and runs through August 1. This year's theme for children in Pre-K through 5th grades is Fizz, Boom, Read! and for teens 6th-12th grades, it's Spark a Reaction. The library also has a program for adults so that everyone may participate.

The Summer Reading Program is an annual tradition on our island and it has an even longer history in the United States. Some historians believe the tradition dates back to the the 1890s. According to the U.S. Department of Education, more than 90 percent of public libraries in the nation offer Summer Reading Programs for youth.

The San Juan Island Library's Summer Reading Program is designed to be a fun, interactive literacy enrichment program. It's appropriate for a variety of learning styles and age groups and there is no cost to participants, thanks to generous funding from the Friends of the San Juan Island Library.

Children enrolled in the program win prizes for completing a set of required reading and a series of learning challenges. The final prize is a free book and a chance to win a digital camera. Teens read books and write mini reviews to win free books and chances to win Palace Movie Theater passes and a Kindle.

Also, each week from June 13-August 1, the library will host special events. On Wednesdays at 1:30 PM at Friday Harbor Elementary School there will be Free Family Performances. Here's the entire list of entertainers coming this summer:

June 18: Alex Zerbe, The Zaniac

June 25: Curt Carlye Seriously Funny Juggling

July 2: Jason Quick Circus Act

July 9: Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth Ventriloquism

July 16: Alleyoop Music and Stories

July 23: Louie Foxx Comedy

July 30: Clay Martin Puppets and Grand Finale Party

Teens have their own programs scheduled weekly. This summer, in addition to reading their favorite books, they'll be making black light neon T-shirts, smash books, stop-motion animated movies using zombie gnomes, and more.

On Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20, Alice Hibberd will offer Yoga Calm Classes for children. These classes are held in the library's meeting room. Children grades K-6th are invited to attend. She's also hosting a parent/child partner class. Please call the library for more information.

New this summer, the youth services department will host Science Fun Storytimes on Friday mornings at the library from 10:30-11:30 AM. Each storytime will include stories and activities to help explore a scientific concept and introduce a sensory experience. Storytimes are inspired by the recent STEAM

concepts of learning: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. This Friday, we'll be making play dough. We invite families, children and teens to join us for our biggest Summer Reading Program yet. We hope it will be another fun-filled summer of reading and learning. For more information about our summer programs, please contact the library at 378-2798 or visit our website, www.sjlib.org.

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