

# Dream Big READ!

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## 2012 Summer Reading



## Summer Reading at the Town of Ballston Community Library

Dear Readers,

The Town of Ballston Community Library will be participating in “Dream Big—Read!” as a part of the 2012 Summer Reading at New York Libraries Program by offering free programs that include books, crafts and activities for all children from babies to teens. Studies show that summer reading helps with school success all year!

Sign-up begins at *10:00 AM on Saturday, June 23* in the Children’s Room. You can begin tracking your reading then. Our End of Summer Party will be on *August 3* for participants and their families. The last day to pick up prizes will be *August 10*.

For the programs that require registration we ask that you choose one program per week. During sign-up you may register for the programs in weeks one through three. During week three, you may sign up for week four, five and six programs. You may attend as many of the non-registration programs as you’d like. Please CALL if you cannot make it to a program you are registered to attend. Anyone who is a no call/no show will not be allowed to participate in future registration programs during the summer. You must be registered for the summer reading program to attend any of the programs.

For more information about Summer Reading, the Library Catalog and TumbleBooks visit the Library’s website at <http://toblibrary.sals.edu>

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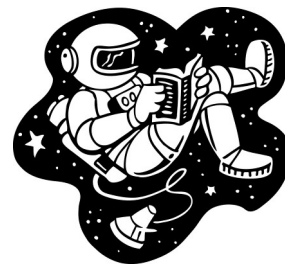
### Reading Program

Participating in the Reading Program Challenge is easy! All you need to do is sign up and read. Once again we will be doing a BINGO Challenge with one card for each week.

#### HOW TO USE YOUR READING RECORD:

- Keep track of the activities you complete each week by using the BINGO grids.
- When you have completed that week’s BINGO (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) you can come in for a prize —up to five per week!
- You cannot jump ahead, but you can go back and make up any missed weeks (i.e. you were sick or on vacation).
- Bring this card with you when you check in at the library; you cannot collect prizes without it.

Everyone who completes 3 weeks of the challenge can attend our End of Summer Party on *Friday, August 3*.



# Elementary Programs

For students entering grades K-5

## Week One: June 25—July 1, 2012

**ABC's of the Sky** *Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 PM*

Our Summer Reading Kick-off event! In the STARLAB, the students will be introduced to astronomy following the alphabet format from astronaut to Zodiac. Topics covered range from astronomers, telescopes, constellations, planets and space discoveries. Registration Required. Grades K-2.

**Greek Mythology In The Sky** *Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 PM*

Our Summer Reading Kick-off event! The STARLAB will bring us back 2000 years to Ancient Greek times to see the stars transform into characters of famous Greek Mythology. King Cepheus, Queen Cassiopeia, Hercules, Cygnus the Swan, Hydra the Water snake and other heroes, goddesses and monsters. Registration Required. Grades 3-5.

**Dream Big with Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, June 27 at 1:30 PM*

Create the Milky Way. Registration required. Grades K-5.

**Read To Casey** *Wednesday, June 27 at 4:00 PM*

Read to Casey, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen!

**Morning Crafts** *Thursday, June 28 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to the first 20 kids.

## Week Two: July 2—July 8, 2012

**Celebrate the 4th** *Tuesday, July 3 at 1:30 PM*

Join us for stories and games all about the 4th of July. Grades K-5. Registration required.

**Morning Crafts** *Thursday, July 5 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to first 20 kids.

## Week Three: July 9—July 15, 2012 SIGN UP NOW FOR WEEKS 4, 5 & 6

**Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club** *Tuesday, July 10 Session 1 at 1:00 PM, Session 2 at 2:00 PM or Session 3 at 3:00 PM.*

Jodie Fitz, creator and personality of the Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club will be joining us for a little edible summer fun. She will spend time making snacks with the kids for a little taste testing experiment. The recipes being planned will coincide with the summer reading theme (copies will be available for take home). Registration Required, parents must accompany kids 5 and under. Grades Pre-K-8.

**Dream Big with Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30 PM*

Join us to make a night light. **Grades K-5.**

**Read To Casey** *Wednesday, July 11 at 4:00 PM*

Read to Casey, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen!

**Morning Crafts** *Thursday, July 12 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to first 20 kids.

## **Week Four: July 16—July 22, 2012**

### **Dream Pillows a Tang Museum Program** *Tuesday, July 17 at 1:00 PM*

We will make Dream Pillows sandwiching a dreamy picture made from colorful Wonder Foam floating between two layers of bubble wrap like a pillow with a dream inside. Grades 1-5. Registration Required.

### **Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 18 at 1:30 PM*

Dream with Dragonfly Design and make a dream catcher. Grades K-5. Registration required.

### **Read To Casey** *Wednesday, July 18 at 4:00 PM*

Read To Casey, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen!

### **Morning Crafts** *Thursday, July 19 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to first 20 kids.

## **Week Five: July 23—July 29, 2012**

### **Seth and the Moody Melix** *Monday, July 23 at 1:00 PM at BH-BL Middle School*

Enjoy an interactive musical family drop-in program for children ages 2 and up accompanied by an adult. Seth and the Moody Melix connect a child's love of music and learning through fun, upbeat songs, accompanied by guitar, percussion, and fiddle. This is a drop-in family program; no registration necessary. Supported in part by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and made possible, in part, by the Saratoga County Youth Bureau, the Southern Adirondack Library System and the Office of Children's and Family Services.

### **Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 25 at 1:30 PM*

We're reading *Where The Wild Things Are* and making Monster Chop Clips. Grades K-5. Registration required.

### **Read To Casey** *Wednesday, July 25 at 4:00 PM*

Read to Casey, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen!

### **Morning Crafts** *Thursday, July 26 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to first 20 kids.

### **Author Visit with Ruth Ann Abrahamson** *Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 PM*

Local author Ruth Ann Abrahamson will be reading from her series *The Adventure's Of Magic Cookie Bean*. Magic Cookie Bean, based on Ruth Ann's cat, is the nickname of a precocious calico kitty and the feature character in a series of children's Christian storybooks. Learn more about at [www.magiccookiebean.com](http://www.magiccookiebean.com). Grades K-3, accompanied by an adult. Books will be available for purchase.

## **Week Six: July 30—August 5, 2012**

### **Owl Pellets** *Tuesday, July 31 at 1:30 PM*

Learn about owls including a discussion of their ecology, behavior and biology including how kids can go out and find owls in their own back woods, concluding a with a project dissecting owl pellets to see what owls eat. Grades 3-5. Registration required.

### **Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, August 1 at 1:30 PM*

Make clay porcupine and learn all about them. Grades K-5. Registration required.

### **Read To Casey** *Wednesday, August 1 at 4:00 PM*

Read to Casey, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen!

### **Morning Crafts** *Thursday, August 2 at 10:30 AM*

A drop in crafts program led by VolunTeens! Grades K-5. Limited to first 20 kids.

# Preschool Programs

For kids 5 and under

## **ABC's of the Sky** *Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 PM*

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## **Author Visit with Celina Hayes** *Monday, July 9 at 10:30 AM*

Local author Celina Hayes will be reading her new picture book, Give Me Sweet Dreams. After sharing the story we will do a simple craft. For preschoolers ages 2 to 5, with a parent. Books will be available to purchase at event.

## **Art & Movement** *Tuesdays at 10:30 AM*

Explore your world through movement and creative activities at this thirty minute program. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a caregiver. Please stay after for playtime!

## **Baby Lap Time** *Wednesdays at 10:00 AM*

Bring your littlest ones to the library! Share interactive nursery rhymes, songs, bells, simple board books and more with the baby in your life. Babies must be accompanied by an adult at this fifteen minute program.

## **Toddler Time** *Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:30 AM*

Join us while we read a book, sing, do finger plays and movement activities to promote early literacy. Then stay & play! Toddlers must be accompanied by a caregiver at this fifteen minute program. Please stay after for playtime!

## **Preschool Story Time** *Wednesdays at 1:30 PM & Thursdays at 10:30 AM*

Share early literacy skills with your child. We'll read books and use flannel boards, songs and movement activities during our thirty minute program. Each week we'll do a craft. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a caregiver. Please stay after for playtime!

## **End of Summer Reading Party**

*Friday, August 3*

Bring the whole family to this event to celebrate all the reading we've done! Anyone who completes three weeks of the reading challenge is invited. Registration required.

**6:00 PM** Music With Miss Mona Concert

**6:30 PM** Ice Cream Party

**7:00 PM** Summer Reading Movie, a look back at some of our best moments this summer & an End of Summer Reading Concert performed by local students.

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