

# SUMMER READING AT THE TOWN OF BALLSTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Dear Readers,

The Town of Ballston Community Library will be participating in “Fizz, Boom, Read” as part of the 2014 Summer Reading at New York Libraries Program. We’re excited to offer free programs and a reading challenge for all children from babies to teens. Studies show that summer reading helps with school success all year!

This year all Summer Reading enrollment will be done online! Starting June 1, children may enroll in our Summer Reading Program by visiting the Library’s website (<http://toblibrary.sals.edu>) or in person at the Library. If you need help registering or have any questions we are happy to assist you. All children and teens must be enrolled in the Summer Reading Program to attend programs or activities.

Program registration and reading logs will begin on Saturday, June 28 at 10:00 AM. Enroll online in advance so your children can get started right away!

For programs that require registration we ask that you choose one program per week. Starting June 28 you may register for programs in weeks one through three (July 30—July 20). During week three, you may sign up for week four, five and six programs (July 21-August 8). 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 not be able to register for any future programs this summer.

We look forward to reading with you!

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Baumbach, Rebecca Darling,  
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Youth Services Staff

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FOR GRADES K-5

The Town of Ballston Community Library is proud to be able to offer online Summer Reading. Enroll and start reading!

Summer Reading is June 28—August 8. You may claim your prizes as you earn them. The last day to redeem prizes is August 15.

### HOW TO ENROLL:

- You may enroll beginning June 1, the reading challenge starts June 28.
- Visit the Library’s website <http://toblibrary.sals.edu>
- Click on the online Summer Reading link.
- Choose the correct program and click Sign Me Up

### HOW TO TRACK YOUR READING ONLINE:

- Log into your Summer Reading Account
- Click View Log to track your reading, write reviews and see your progress.
- Each time you log in, the website will let you know how many prizes you’re eligible for and how many minutes you need to read to reach the next prize level.



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## WEEK 1: JUNE 30—JULY 6

**Heat, Turn, Hatch: Egg Incubation** *Tuesday, July 1 at 10:30 AM* Learn about the life cycle of birds through a 28-day chicken egg incubation program. A hen and a rooster will visit the Library and we'll learn about egg incubation by having eggs here at the library! For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, July 2 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 2 at 1:30 PM* Make a wind vane using household items (cups, paper plate, straws ). For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Toby** *Wednesday, July 2 at 1:30 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Leela** *Thursday, July 3 at 4:00 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

## WEEK 2: JULY 7—JULY 13

**Volcanoes!** *Monday, July 7 at 1:30 PM* This program will introduce children to where volcanoes come from and how they erupt. Children will examine volcanic rocks that float, look like glass, and come from lava flows. They will examine how lava flows and erupt a pretend volcano. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, July 9 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 PM* Create your own fossil. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Toby** *Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Leela** *Thursday, July 10 at 4:00 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

## WEEK 3 JULY 14—20, SIGN UP NOW FOR WEEKS 4, 5 & 6

**Heat, Turn, Hatch: Egg Candling** *Monday, July 14 at 6:30 PM* Join us while we candle the chicken eggs to observe embryo growth. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Owls: Raptures of the Night** *Tuesday, July 15 at 1:00 PM at BHBL High School* Join the Wildlife Institute of Eastern NY for a walk on the wild side! Meet some of the owls that call your backyard their home and come face-to-face with live birds of prey. Discover how these animals survive in the wild and how you can find them in their natural habitats. Drop-in program for the whole family.

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 PM* Create stars using coffee filters. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Toby** *Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Leela** *Thursday, July 17 at 4:00 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

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## WEEK 4: JULY 21—JULY 27

**ABC's of the Sky** *Tuesday, July 22 at 5:00 PM* In the STARLAB, a mobile planetarium, students will be introduced to astronomy following the alphabet from astronaut to Zodiac. For Pre-K (age 4 & up) - Grade 1. \*Registration Required.

**Explore the Solar System** *Tuesday, July 22 at 6:00 PM* Climb into the STARLAB, a mobile planetarium, and fasten your seat belts as we travel past all the planets, spin through the asteroid belt and count the many moons of our Solar System. Discover what makes the planets spin/rotate and how and why they orbit. For grades 2-5. \*Registration Required.

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, July 23 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 23 at 1:30 PM* Make a solar system stretch bracelet. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Toby** *Wednesday, July 23 at 1:30 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Leela** *Thursday, July 24 at 4:00 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

## WEEK 5: JULY 28-AUGUST 3

**Stuffee** *Monday, July 28 at 6:30 PM* Focusing on health, nutrition and the systems of the body, this one-hour program uses "Stuffee", a seven foot-long doll created by the Pittsburgh Children's Museum. Stuffee unzips to reveal soft-sculpture organs of the digestive, respiratory and circulatory system. Students handle Stuffee's organs, feel his heartbeat and explore the contents of his lunch box. For grades K-3. \*Registration Required.

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, July 30 at 1:30 PM* Learn about plant cells and make your own. For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

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**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Leela** *Thursday, July 31 at 4:00 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

## WEEK 6: AUGUST 4-AUGUST 10

**K.I.D.S. Club** *Wednesday, August 6 at 10:30 AM* Kids interested in discovering science can learn with simple experiments in this program led by VolunTeens. For grades K-5. Drop-in program, limited to the first 20 kids.

**Dragonfly Design** *Wednesday, August 6 at 1:30 PM* Germ Pins - make pins that look like germs. Pin a germ on a friend!! For grades K-5. \*Registration Required.

**Reading Corner with Book Buddies & Toby** *Wednesday, August 6 at 1:30 PM* Toby & Leela are certified therapy dogs who are happy to sit quietly and listen appreciatively to any story you wish to read. If you would prefer to listen our Book Buddies will read to you! Drop-in program for all ages.

**Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club** *Thursday, August 7 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. Kids will get the opportunity to make snacks for a taste-testing experiment. For Pre-K (ages 3 & up with a parent) -Grade 5. \*Registration Required.

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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

Enroll online at <http://toblibrary.sals.edu> starting June 1! The Reading Challenge and registration for Summer Programs begins June 28; enrolled patrons may pick up reading records in the children's room starting that day.

### HOW TO USE YOUR READING RECORD:

- Follow the eggs and complete the activities to earn prizes.
- You may collect your prize as you reach each prize level.
- Bring the reading record with you every time you check in at the library; you must have it to get prizes.
- You may begin redeeming prizes on June 30 and the last day for prizes is August 15.



## PRESCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS JUNE 28—AUGUST 8

### Weekly Programs

#### Baby Bookworms

*Tuesdays at 9:30 AM or  
Fridays at 9:30 AM*

We will share simple stories, songs and finger plays as well as activities using music and movement. For children birth to 23 months with a caregiver; siblings are welcome. \*Registration Required.

#### Art & Movement

*Tuesdays at 10:30 AM*

Explore your world through movement and creative activities at this thirty-minute program. For children ages two to five accompanied by a caregiver. This is a drop-in program and siblings are welcome.

#### Family Story Time

*Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
or Fridays at 10:30 AM*

Join us while we read books, sing, do finger plays and movement activities to promote early literacy. This program is designed for 2 and 3 year-olds accompanied by a caregiver. This is a drop-in program and siblings are welcome.



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### Special Events

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