



One World, Many Stories

THE FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY'S 2011 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

WHAT IT IS: The Fletcher Free Library's Summer Reading Program is a seven week program for elementary and middle school students that offers fun activities, free t-shirts, prizes, and lots of personal encouragement to read during summer vacation. Summer reading means better grades in the fall, so join us this summer as we share many stories!

WHEN IT IS: The Summer Reading Program **begins June 20 and ends August 7.** Sign-up begins at 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 20 and continues at the Fletcher Free Library any time the Library is open through July 31. All reading hours must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7.

WHERE IT IS: The Summer Reading Program takes place at the Fletcher Free Library at 235 College Street in downtown Burlington and at parks and community centers around the city. All activities listed on the next two pages take place at the library building, unless otherwise noted in the descriptions. **Note: All groups must receive permission to attend any program from Rebecca Goldberg at 865-7216.**

HOW IT WORKS: The Summer Reading Program is **FREE.** When you sign up, you will sign a contract to read at least 10 hours during the seven weeks of the Reading Program (about 15 minutes a day). You will receive a reading log to take home and keep track of your reading time. We encourage you to visit the Library each week (*please bring your reading log*) to report on books you have read and get your reading log stamped. Also, please come to the great **FREE** activities listed on the next two pages!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: The Summer Reading Program is for anyone entering grades K-8. The Library welcomes the opportunity to serve children of all abilities. If your child is unable to visit the library to participate in our Summer Reading Program, please contact Rebecca Goldberg at the Youth Desk: 865-7216.

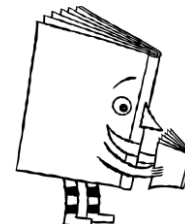
PRIZES: Readers will receive a free t-shirt after reading for only one hour, and coupons for free treats at the end of the summer. You can also win books and other great prizes, including a brand new bicycle and bike helmet!

WE WISH TO THANK our generous sponsors, including many local businesses, for helping to make our Summer Reading Program possible. The Friends of the Fletcher Free Library and the Vermont Department of Libraries also graciously provide us with funds and materials.

In accordance with the **Americans with Disabilities Act**, we will make every effort to make our programs accessible to people with disabilities. To aid us in making accommodations, please contact us a minimum of **two weeks** prior to the program you wish to attend. **Please call 865-7216 (TTY relay 711).**

Fletcher Free Library Summer Reading Program information is also available online at:

www.fletcherfree.org





FRIENDLY FACES. Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and get your face painted! **Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. both days.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.



SHAKE HANDS WITH THE MAYOR! **Monday, June 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Mayor Kiss looks forward to greeting summer readers and encouraging kids to read more this year than ever before!

EXPLORE OUR WORLD ACTIVITY STATIONS at the Library beginning Monday, June 20 and continuing throughout the summer. Stop by the Youth Area as we celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity of our community. Participate in the Fletcher Free Library's "Create a Bookmark Contest," learn a new alphabet, or enjoy a multicultural activity. Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.

CREATIVE TUESDAYS. Join us and use your imagination to create art projects from around the world. **Every Tuesday in June, July and August, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Free. All ages, under 10 with an adult. No preregistration needed.



OPEN COMPUTER TIME. Play your favorite flash games on library laptops. Hang out, play, or browse the web. **Tuesdays and Thursdays in June, 3:00-4:30 p.m.** Free. Grades 5-8. No preregistration needed.

RPG (Role Playing Game) CLUB. Play Dungeons & Dragons, Magic, and other RPGs. **Wednesdays in June, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Free. Grades 5-8. No preregistration needed.

READ TO A DOG. Practice your reading over the summer by reading aloud to an adorable dog from Therapy Dogs of Vermont. **Every Saturday and Sunday during the summer. Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sundays 1:00-2:00 p.m.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.

AFRICA JAMONO. Experience the culture of West Africa through the drumming rhythms and sounds of Senegal, Mali, Ghana and Mauritania. **Thursday, June 23, 11:00-11:45 a.m.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.



ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES WITH MEGAN. Enjoy a fun-filled storytime with multicultural stories, songs and rhymes. **Mondays, June 27, July 11, 18 & 25, and August 1 & 8, 11:00-11:30 a.m.** Free. Ages 3-6 years. No preregistration needed.

DRAW COMICS! Learn to draw comics with resident expert and comic-lover Brooke. Come to draw, to work on storylines, and to show off your skills. **Mondays, June 27, July 11, 18 & 25, and August 1 & 8, 3:00-4:30 p.m.** Free. Ages 8 & up. No preregistration needed.

TELLING TALES WITH GIGI & MICHELLE. Storytellers Gigi Weisman and Michelle Lefkowitz bring the wisdom of stories to life. Prepare to be enchanted as they take us to new places through humor, music, dance and circus arts! **Thursday, June 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m.** Free. All ages. No preregistration needed.

GROOVE AROUND THE GLOBE. Move and groove with Christine to the rhythms of music from around the world! **Wednesdays in July, 11:00-11:30 a.m.** Free. All ages welcome. No preregistration needed.





FRANKENSTEIN AND FRIENDS and SUMMER READING PROGRAM CHECK-IN at Battery Park. Experience a comic, monster-filled Very Merry Theatre original musical with themes of friendship and loyalty. **Wednesday, July 6.**

Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed. Bring your reading logs!

11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon: Summer Reading Program check-in
12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.: Performance



CHILDREN GATHER ROUND NATIVE AMERICAN DRUMMING.

Gather round the drum...sing songs you might hear at a local pow-wow...dance and drum to the heartbeat of Mother Earth. **Thursday, July 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.

CARDBOARD BOX PARADE. Pick your favorite story and decorate yourself or a cardboard box and join the Library for fun with the Burlington Parks and Recreation parade. **Thursday, July 14, 1:00 p.m.** Free. Ages 2-12. No preregistration needed. Meet at the UU Church at the top of Church Street at 1:00 p.m.



HARRY POTTER READ-A-THON. Stop by the Library any time during the day to hear a dramatic reading of *The Deathly Hallows* to celebrate the movie release.

Wizarding attire encouraged! **Friday, July 15, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Free. All ages welcome, but recommended for ages 8 & up. No preregistration needed.

X-THEATER PRESENTS a wondrously wacky play, written and performed by kids for kids. A production of the Burlington Parks and Recreation Open Stage Performance Camp. **Tuesday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.

PIPPY LONGSTOCKING and SUMMER READING PROGRAM CHECK-IN at Battery Park. Enjoy this original Very Merry Theatre musical based on the classic tale by Astrid Lindgren. **Wednesday, July 20.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed. Bring your reading logs!

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MEET THE LAKE MONSTERS at the Library *and* ATTEND A LIBRARY NIGHT at the Ballpark. Visit with players from the Vermont Lake Monsters, Burlington's Minor League baseball team, who will share books, answer questions, and sign autographs. Then join the Library at the game that evening, and remember to wear your library t-shirt! **Tuesday, August 2, 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the Fletcher Free Library and 7:05 p.m. game at Centennial Field.** Free. Ages 5 & up. No preregistration needed.



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CULTURE FEST! Celebrate all your great reading with a multicultural summer festival, snacks, music, certificates and prizes. **Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Free. All ages. No preregistration needed. Family and friends welcome!

