

# Hardee County Public Library

Summer Programming  
2024

Program Guide

June 1, 2024 - July 26, 2024

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# Introduction

The theme for summer programming this year is “Adventure Begins at Your Library!” Each week will be themed around a different adventure, and we will have a variety of programming for all age groups, including in-person and passive events.

We will have a reading log for children and adults to count towards our summer reading minutes. Prizes will be available for all age groups. For more information, please see “Prizes and Reading Incentives” or speak with library staff.

- Hardee County Public Library staff





# Children's Programming

**Toddler Play** June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15  
10:00 am

Ages 12 months to 3 years old

Playtime for toddlers. Age appropriate toys will be provided, including a small ball pit, imaginary play toys, musical instruments, and more.

**PreK Storytime**

Every Thursday  
10:00 am

Preschool age children

Dedicated storytime for preschool age children. Storytimes feature music with rhythm sticks, picture books, and crafts.

**K-5 Storytime**

Every Tuesday  
2:00 pm

Weekly storytimes for children that attend kindergarten to 5th grade (approximately 5 to 10 years old). Each storytime will have a craft to match the theme.

**Toddler ASL Storytime and music** June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22  
10:00 am

This program is for toddler to preschool aged children and will feature stories and music with American Sign Language.

## Children's Programming

### Lego Club

Every Tuesday  
3:00 pm



Lego club is where you can come and build anything you can imagine! Join friends, complete building challenges, or make your own unique creation. Duplo Legos available for toddlers

### Cookies and Canvases

June 13, July 11  
4:00 pm

Ages 6 and up

Have fun painting with friends while enjoying a sweet treat!



### Pirate Storytime and Dance Party

Jun 3  
5:00 pm

Argh ye ready for fun? Come dressed as a pirate and join us for pirate themed stories followed by a pirate dance party.



### Kids Arts and Crafts

June 6, June 20, July 18  
4:00 pm

We will have a variety of different crafts planned throughout the summer.



STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

June 12, 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24  
1:00 pm



STEM programming will focus on providing hands on learning opportunities for kids. Best suited for elementary aged children and up.





# Tween/ Teen Programming

**Dungeons and Dragons: Learn and Play** Every Tuesday 4:00 pm

Learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons! We will be hosting weekly meet ups. We will guide new players through the process of creating a character and beginning your adventure!

**Creative Writing Workshop** Every Monday 3:00 pm

Learn about the different elements of storytelling and creative writing with help from a writing instructor. Each week will look at different aspects of storytelling and equip you with the tools to tell your own story. \*\*

**Coastal Craft** June 5 4:00 pm

Create beach and coastal themed decorations with a variety of materials to choose from.



June 12 4:00 pm

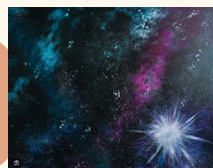


**Dragon Egg Craft**

Make your own dragon egg! We will walk you through the steps for how to create a dragon egg.

**Galaxy Painting** June 19 4:00 pm

Step-by-step tutorial to help you create a galaxy painting. Beginning painters are welcome.



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# Tween/ Teen Programming

## Escape Room

June 26  
4:00 pm



You have 60-minutes to escape. Can your team solve all of the clues in time? Max of 15 participants.

July 3  
4:00 pm



## Rock Cacti Craft

Paint and decorate rocks to look like miniature cacti!

## Soda Bottle Terrarium

July 10  
4:00 pm

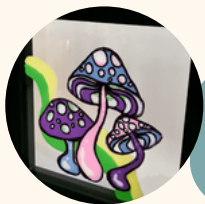
Make a beautiful and unique terrarium using a soda bottle!



## Glass Painting and Milk Tea with Boba

July 17  
4:00 pm

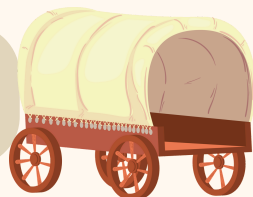
Create a Wonderland themed glass painting while enjoying milk tea with boba (or no boba)!



## Oregon Trail IRL Game

June 19  
4:00 pm

Will your party survive the Oregon Trail? We will be playing an interactive game based off the classic 80's computer game.



# Adult Programming

**Tech Help**                      **Every Wednesday**  
**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Tech Help is a service we provide for those who need help figuring out their technology. Our staff will do their best to figure out or explain what you need help with.

**Murder Mystery Game**                      **June 24**  
**5:00 pm**

Join us for a Who-Dun-It game night! This murder mystery is for our adult patrons only. Spots are limited. Please call to reserve your spot.

**Cricut: Learn and Use**                      **June 27**                      **4:00 pm**

Learn the basics for how to use a Cricut! Computer and cricut machine will be provided by the library. Participants are required to bring the materials they need to make their project.

**Bad Art Night**                      **July 15**                      **5:30 pm**

This is the night for the bad art to shine! You can come and have a blast with the art supplies. At the end the class will vote on the worst art and who ever gets the most votes will receive a unique trophy.

**Adult Glass Painting**                      **July 22**                      **5:30 pm**

Join us for a creative and engaging activity where participants will explore glass painting using wine glasses. Registration is required.







# All Ages

**Out of My Hands Juggling & Illusions Show**

**June 5  
1:00**

Join us for an excitement filled show that blends choreographed juggling with illusions!



**Mermaid Jars**

**June 10  
5:00 pm**

Decorate your own mermaid jar and add a touch of enchantment to any room!

**Galaxy Jars**

**June 17  
5:00 pm**

Hold a galaxy in your hand! We will be creating a DIY galaxy jar.



**Among Us IRL \*\* June 21 4:00 pm**

There's an imposter among us! Join us for a game of Among Us where players will have to complete tasks and discover the imposter before its too late. Limit of 15 spots, reserve your seat. Must be in the building before closing at 4:00 pm.

**Campfire S'mores Pies**

**July 1  
5:00 pm**

Make a delicious "Campfire S'mores Pie" and participate in a camping themed craft activity.



**Clay Nature Prints**

**July 8  
5:00 pm**

Enjoy the beauty of nature as we use plants to create clay nature prints.

**\*\*Among Us IRL will be an in-person game, no technology or consoles required to play.**



# All Ages

**June Saturday Opening** **June 1**  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for our Summer Programming kickoff! We will have fun adventure themed crafts and a Lego building tournament!



**July Saturday Opening** **July 13**  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us on a Jungle Quest! Can you solve all of the puzzles? Complete the game and participate in a jungle themed craft.



**Wonderland Tea Party** **July 19**  
3:00 pm

Join us for a Wonderland tea party! Enjoy tea, sweets, a craft, and games themed around Alice in Wonderland.



**Dinosaur Egg Nest** **July 25**  
4:00 pm

We will be painting "dinosaur eggs" and building a nest to keep the eggs safe. But don't worry if an egg breaks, there might be a surprise inside!





# Movie Showings

## June 7

Moana @ 11:00 am  
Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken @ 2:00 pm

## June 14

Wish @ 11:00 am  
Trolls Band Together @ 2:00 pm

## June 21

Home @ 11:00 am  
Treasure Planet @ 2:00 pm

## June 28

The Great Mouse Detective @ 11:00 am  
Detective Pikachu @ 2:00 pm

## July 12

The Jungle Book (2016) @ 11:00 am  
Tarzan @ 2:00 pm

## July 19

Alice in Wonderland @ 11:00 am

## July 26

Meet the Robinsons @ 11:00 am  
Mr. Peabody and Sherman @ 2:00 pm

**Patrons are welcome to bring their own snacks and drinks. Pillows and blankets are also allowed.**



# Passive Programs

## Kids and Teens Reading Log

All Summer

Reading logs will encourage kids and teens to read at least twenty minutes a day for five days each week. Students will track their reading to meet weekly goals. When kids complete their goal each week, they can visit the library to get a sticker, treasure box prize, and raffle ticket to put towards one of our summer reading prizes! Goals can be redeemed once per week.

Twenty minutes of reading daily has been shown to help with vocabulary, comprehension, and language skills, as well as developing empathy, critical thinking skills, and creativity.

## Adults Reading Log

All Summer

We want to encourage the adults in our community to read, too! Adults can sign up for a reading log and complete daily reading challenges of twenty minutes a day. Adults who complete their weekly challenge will receive a raffle ticket to put towards one of our prizes, such as a gardening set, art kit, and other prizes.

Reading daily for adults has many benefits, including reducing stress and improve focus and memory. It has even been shown to stimulate brain activity and improve quality of sleep.

# Prizes and Reading Incentives

## Raffle Prizes

Whenever you complete a weekly reading goal or attend Summer Reading Programming, you will receive a raffle ticket to put towards the prize of your choice. Prizes will include gift baskets, Squishmallows, Lego sets, and more.



## Treasure Box and Stickers

The treasure box is back! Every time that a child checks off their weekly reading goal at the front desk or attends programming, they will be able to pick a prize from the treasure box and a sticker.



## Tumblers

When you sign up to participate in the reading log, you will receive a tumbler. Decorate your tumbler with the stickers you collect throughout summer programming!

\*While supplies last



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## Friends of the Hardee County Library

Our Summer Reading program and other programming throughout the year wouldn't be possible without the help of the Friends of the Hardee County Library.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library, you can pick up an application at the front desk of the Hardee County Public Library.

## Lion Country Safari

2003 Lion Country Safari Road, Loxahatchee, FL

We would like to extend a thank you to Lion Country Safari: African Adventure in West Palm Beach, FL for donating two admission tickets to the Friends of the Library to be used as one of our prizes for the summer reading program.

## Jazzercise

102 N 6th Ave, Wauchula, FL

Thank you to Jazzercise, located in Wauchula, for their generous donation to the Friends of the Library. This basket will be used as one of our prizes that can be won by participating in the summer reading program.

# Contact Information

## Hours of Operation

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 am to 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 am to 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am to 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am to 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 am to 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

We will be open Saturday June 1st and Saturday July 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for special programming.

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