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## Summer Reading Program

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## 2024 Summer Reading Program

# LIBRARY ADVENTURES

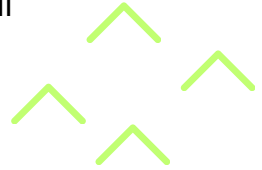
We have a wide variety of activities happening at the library all summer! Save this to keep track of July Events.



### ALL SUMMER

#### StoryWalk at the Bedford Hills Memorial Park

When you visit the new playground or the pool, take a walk on the path along Lake Marie and read a book!



### TUESDAYS

#### Lunch Bunch at the Pool

1-1:30pm

Pool Members: Grab your lunch or a snack and listen to stories read aloud while lounging poolside!

### WEDNESDAYS

#### K-5 Workshops

4-5pm

**July 10:** Garden Journaling and Nature Art

**July 17:** Magical Beasts & Where to Find Them

**July 24:** Adventures in Storytelling

### THURSDAYS

#### Read Alouds and Book Discussions

4-5pm

**July 11:** Little Owls (K-2)

**July 18:** Big Picture (Grades 3-5)

**July 25:** StoryWalk Meet-Up at Bedford Hills Memorial Park (All Ages)

**July 25:** BoB Book Discussion (Tweens)

### SATURDAYS

#### Craft Labs & Other Special Events

11am-12pm

**July 6:** Books & BowWows (Early Readers)

**July 13:** Learn to Crochet Amigurumi & Pom Pom Friends (Grades K+)

**July 20:** Sensory Art Saturday (ages 1-5)

**July 27:** Make a Zine! (Grades K+)



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

#### Family Movie Night, 8pm

Join us at Bedford Hills Memorial Park for our open air screening of the movie Migration.



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# ADVENTURE

Your summer reading adventure starts today!  
Complete any of our reading challenges (or come up  
with your own) to earn adventure tickets.

At the library, you'll trade in your adventure tickets for cool prizes or  
save them up to earn free books. All adventure tickets will also enter  
you into our grand prize raffle for the chance to win an even bigger  
prize.

Start with the challenges below or use the blank "Choose Your Own  
Adventure" tickets to come up with your own ideas. You'll also earn a  
ticket at every library event you attend!

Here are some adventures to get you started. Cut them out and turn them into us as you go, or turn in your  
whole card at the end of the summer. Don't forget to write your name on the back of each ticket!

Check out a  
library book

Read a book!  
Title:

Read a book (or  
chapter)  
aloud to a family  
member or friend

Read outside!  
In your yard or deck, at  
a park, by the pool or at  
the beach!

Read a book set  
in a place you  
have never been

Listen to an  
audiobook  
or podcast

Read a book with  
a character that  
is different from you

Use a library culture  
pass to visit a  
museum or park

Visit our StoryWalk  
at the Bedford Hills  
Memorial Park



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# HOW TO PLAY



After you complete an adventure, bring your tickets to the library to earn prizes.

1 ticket = 1 prize from our treasure box  
5 tickets = 1 book from our Book Market

You can cut out the tickets and turn them in one at a time, or bring in an entire card at the end of summer. We'll also have special event tickets for every library program you attend. Ask the librarian for other library-activities (scavenger hunts, etc) you can do to earn a ticket!

For each ticket turned in, you'll be entered to win one of our grand prizes!  
Winners will be announced August 16.

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Write your name / family contact information on the back of each card. Each of these tickets enters you into our grand prize raffle drawing on August 16!

Name: Phone/Email:	Name: Phone/Email:	Name: Phone/Email:
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# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, July 31 at 8pm

Bedford Hills Memorial Park, Sammarco Soccer Field



## Migration

1 hr. 23min (PG)

A family of ducks decides to leave the safety of a New England pond for an adventurous trip to Jamaica. However, their well-laid plans quickly go awry when they get lost and wind up in New York City. The experience soon inspires them to expand their horizons and open themselves up to new friends.

Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite beach chair or blanket and snacks, if you like! Free popcorn and other giveaways.

**Rain Location:** Bedford Hills Community House, 74 Main Street, Bedford Hills



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# STORYWALK



June 29 - August 16

Bedford Hills Memorial Park



## Once Upon A Book

Grace Lin and Kate Messner

The Bedford Hills Free Library StoryWalk® combines early literacy and family engagement with fresh air and outdoor activity. Beautiful picture book pages are displayed on posts spaced out on the path along Lake Marie at the Bedford Hills Memorial Park.

*Once Upon a Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner is on view during our Summer Reading Program. Through vibrant illustrations and lyrical text, readers are invited to explore each page as they follow Alice on her adventure into a book. What adventures will you take this summer?

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.*



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This program is presented in partnership with the Town of Bedford Recreation and Parks Department.



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# DIVE INTO READING



July 2 - August 16

Bedford Hills Memorial Park Pool



## Book Cart

All Summer

Available during Pool Open Hours

Visitors to the Bedford Hills Memorial Park Pool may borrow from the bright blue Book Cart filled with a variety of reading materials - fiction, cookbooks, magazines, picture books and graphic novels - made available by the library for children, teens and adults.

## Lunch Bunch & Storytime

Tuesdays at 1pm

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13

Grab your lunch or a snack and join us for delightful summer stories in the shade by the Kiddie Pool. A perfect way to dry off and refresh after Little Dolphin swim lessons.

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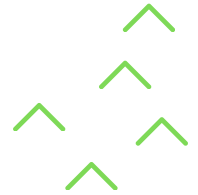


# WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Wednesdays at 4pm

Programs for Children Grades K-5

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## Garden Journals & Nature Art Wednesday, July 10 at 4pm

Led by Jessica M. Colón

Nurture your child's love for nature and creativity in this expressive workshop. Using the library's Pollinator's Garden and a garden map, each participant will learn the art of nature journaling by documenting their observations with drawings and reflections.

*Jessica M. Colón, a bilingual educator, is the Founder and President of For the People and Kids, Inc. Previously, she was an Educator at The New York Botanical Garden's Edible Academy and was Museum Educator at the Bronx Children's Museum and Morris Jumel Mansion Museum.*



## Magical Beasts and Where to Find Them

Wednesday, July 17 at 4pm

Led by the Stamford Museum and Nature Center

Magical creatures will make a visit to our library, such as a dragon, snake, or even possibly an owl! Participants will meet some animals from common fairy tales (as well as ones whose adaptations seem like they are made up) and will be introduced to some of our favorite stories that they come from!

*This workshop is presented in partnership with Stamford Museum and Nature Center. Check out a CulturePass from the library to visit the museum on your own.*



## Adventures in Storytelling Wednesday, July 24 at 4pm

Led by David Feldman

Master Puppeteer David Matthew Feldman will lead a workshop introducing children to the art of storytelling through puppetry. Using ping pong ball "puppets", participants will transform one of their own hands into a character that can move, speak, and express emotions. David will lead the group in improvised storytelling activities, bringing their characters to life.

*David Feldman is an Emmy-nominated writer and puppeteer. He has performed characters on Lazytown, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and created children's projects for PBS Kids, Pinna Audio and many others.*



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# READING PROGRAMS

Thursdays at 4pm

Read-Alouds & Book Groups for Grades K+

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**Little Owls on Vacation**  
**Thursday, July 11 at 4pm**  
Grades K-2

Children entering Grades K-2 are invited to come together at the library to participate in a read-aloud session and engage in hands-on arts and craft projects inspired by themes from the books.



**Big Picture (New!)**  
**Thursday, July 18 at 4pm**  
Grades 3-5

Picture books are not only for little ones. Upper elementary-aged children are invited to the library for a read-aloud and thoughtful discussion around complex topics and themes including identity, bias, and various social justice issues.



**Battle of the Books Discussion**  
**Thursday, July 25 at 4pm**  
Tweens (Grades 4-7)

Are you considering participating in this year's Battle of the Books? Or, do you want to read something new and talk about it with friends? During this session we will talk about two of the BoB selections: *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln and *Mabuhay!* by Zachery Sterling.

You can pick up one or both of the books at our Patron Services Desk. You do not need to be on the BoB team to join this discussion!



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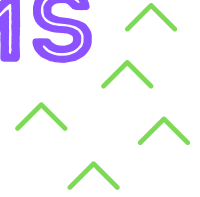
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# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

## July Storytimes & Special Events

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### Weekly Storytimes

**Lunch Bunch at the Pool**  
Tuesdays, 1 pm  
All Ages

**Little Folks & Friends**  
Wednesdays, 10:30 am  
Ages 2 and up

**Laptime for Pipsqueaks**  
Fridays, 10:30 am  
Ages 0 - 2

*Led by Rachel Izes, the Early Literacy Coordinator at Bedford Hills Free Library.*

**¡FIESTA!**  
with Flor Bromley  
Tuesday, July 16  
10:30 am  
Families

Presenting stories, music, movement, and puppetry, in both English and Spanish. An entertaining and popular program to engage young families.

*Flor Bromley is a recording artist, bilingual singer/songwriter, actress, storyteller and puppeteer. She has a degree in Acting, Musical Theatre Performance and a BA in Theatre Education. She is originally from Peru.*

**Sensory Play Saturday**  
Saturday, July 20  
10:30 am  
Ages 1-5

Engaging in sensory and art activities helps children explore the world around them, develop fine motor skills, and express themselves. In this sensory workshop, babies and toddlers will explore a variety of stations of sensory play, with support from their caregivers.

*Vitória Grimes is the founder of Arteiros Club. As a preschool teacher and caregiver she is deeply immersed in the study of child development.*

**StoryWalk Meet-Up**  
Thursday, July 25, 4pm  
Bedford Hills Memorial Park  
All Ages

Come visit the StoryWalk at Bedford Hills Memorial Park. After enjoying the book on display, join us in the pavilion area for an activity related to the themes in the book.

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# CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Select Saturdays at 11am

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## Learn about our new DIY Kits at the Library!

Whether your child is ready to learn a new craft or simply flex their creativity, they can find supplies and resources in our Children's room. From yarn crafts to zine making, origami to friendship bracelets, the possibilities are endless. As we launch each kit, we will host a Saturday workshop to introduce the materials and share a related project.

**DIY Kits will also be available for in-library use during library hours. Ask a librarian for more information!**



**Amigurumi & Pom Pom Friends**  
**Saturday, July 13, 11am-12pm**  
Grades K+

Does your child love soft, cuddly creations? Older kids can use our materials to learn the Japanese craft of Amigurumi, a 3D crochet technique used to make adorable animals and other cute plushies. Younger children will be shown how to transform yarn pom poms into cute and fuzzy creatures of their own design.



**Make a Zine!**  
**Saturday, July 27, 11am-12pm**  
Grades K+

Arts and activism unite in this open-ended workshop where children will transform a single piece of 8.5 x 11in paper into a zine on a topic of their choice. We will talk about zines as a tool for sharing ideas and as a form of artistic expression. Participants will walk away with at least one mini-book created (and up to 5 copies to share with friends and family).



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