

2026 CHALLENGE GUIDELINES:

WE CHALLENGE YOU TO READ 900 MINUTES* THIS SUMMER!

* That may sound like a lot of reading, but let's do the math:

900 minutes / 9 weeks = 100 minutes each week
OR, less than **15 minutes** each day!



Who can participate: Youth from birth to 18! Independent readers & little ones co-reading reading with a grown up.

How to participate: Keep track of how many minutes you read each day / week and log them on the Beanstack app. You will **earn virtual tickets** for our Summer Reading **prize drawings** when you reach each weekly **20 minute milestone:**

at 20, 40, 60, 80 minutes (each week) = 1 ticket
at 100 minutes (each week) = 5 tickets
at 900 minutes (cumulative) = 5 tickets

Earn a maximum of **9 virtual tickets per week** just by logging your reading, then you can earn additional **virtual tickets** by attending any of the **library programs** you see in this guide.

SIGN UP & LOG YOUR READING AT
CARNEGIEWEST.BEANSTACK.COM

Looking for a tech-free option for tracking your reading?

We get it! While the drawings will be managed virtually using the Beanstack app, we do have **paper reading logs available** - just write down your minutes read & show it to a librarian. We'll give you a stamp, log them into Beanstack, and help you enter the drawings!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The **Carnegie Carnegie Youth Summer Reading Program** could not happen without the combined efforts of our dedicated **Library staff, volunteers,** and **partner organizations,** so please join us in thanking those who have made this possible.



Thank you to **Edgar Snyder & Associates** for their generous sponsorship and support of this year's Summer Reading Program!

Thank you to **Dennis Snedden** and the attendees of his **knife-sharpening workshops.** Donations from these workshops have helped fund our Summer Reading programs since 2024.

Thank you to **Gloria Roman,** our mighty volunteer coordinator! We are lucky to have so many wonderful **volunteers** who help out in all areas of the Library & Music Hall, and Gloria's coordination efforts have been such a boon in making sure everything runs smoothly.

Thank you to all those who volunteer their time to lead or support youth library programs on a monthly or weekly basis, including:

- **Aarna Pandey,** president of Teen Library Council and all-around awesome youth library advocate
- **Alex Just,** intrepid Dungeon Master
- **B.B. the Book Fairy,** legendary literary fae-vorite
- **Kathy Prentiss,** Thursday's superstar storyteller
- **Dr. Rema Abdin,** sage multicultural educator, translator, and Trustee of the Library
- **Susan Cantwell,** exceptional educator and play advocate, best supporter of Play, Learn, Grow
- **J & J of Literacy Pittsburgh,** Lego support squad
- **Vanessa & Jimmy Schlegel,** Lego building squad
- the youth mentors and instructors of **Queens Gambit Chess Institute**
- and the many volunteers from **Citizens for Quality Care, Not Forgotten Home & Community Services, & Supportive Concepts for Families, Inc.** who help keep our children's room tidy & clean

Thank you to **Nikki Kurt & Terry Tomei** for their lovely program presentation at our Summer Reading Kick-Off!

And finally: this summer is shaping up to be one for the books - a summer full of stories, science, and lots of library visits. Thank YOU for being a part of it.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS GUIDE

JUNE 13 - AUGUST 14, 2026

SUMMER READING



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF!
WITH LOCAL AUTHORS, **NIKKI KURT & TERRY TOMEI**

SAT, JUNE 13TH, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sign your family up for the Summer Reading Challenge, play **lawn games** in Library Park, embark on a **Story Walk**®, enjoy snacks, and more.

Then at **noon**, join us for an **interactive read-aloud, musical performance, and creative activity** inspired by the book "**Nikki Kurt Lives in a Yurt**," presented by the authors!

END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION

SAT, AUGUST 15TH, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Celebrate your Summer Reading accomplishments with us and get ready for a new school year with a free school supply giveaway with **B.R.I.D.G.E. People!** Stick around for the **Summer Reading Awards ceremony at 12:30 pm** - prize winners will be announced! More information forthcoming.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (AGES 0-5)

All storytimes take place in the **Lincoln Gallery** (2nd floor) unless otherwise specified. No registration necessary!

Baby-Toddler Storytime with Miss Mikayla

Tuesdays (8 week session), **June 16 - August 4**, 10:30 am
recommended for children ages 0 - 3

Stay & Play Wednesdays (Playtime)

Every Wednesday year-round, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
recommended for children ages 0 - 5

Preschool Storytime with Miss Kathy

Every Thursday year-round, 11:30 am
recommended for children ages 3 - 5

Saturday Storytime with BB the Book Fairy

Last Saturday of every month, 11:30 am
In the Children's Library - all ages are welcome

Arabic-English Bilingual Storytime (virtual)

Fourth Monday of every month, 5:30 pm

Join Miss Mikayla and Dr. Rema Abdin live on Zoom at

us02web.zoom.us/j/83681668017

or watch a recording anytime at
[Facebook.com/CarnegieCarnegie!](https://www.facebook.com/CarnegieCarnegie!)

PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

LEGO Club (K-5)

Weekly on Tuesday afternoons, drop-in between
3:30 - 5:30 pm (in the Children's Library)

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18, 25

Summer Family Movie Nights

Fourth Mondays, starting at 6:30 pm (in the Studio)

Popcorn provided for free; B.Y.O. snacks and beverages!

June 22 - "Zootopia 2" (PG, 2025)

July 27 - "Super Mario Galaxy Movie" (PG, 2026)

August 24 - "Hoppers" (PG, 2026)

SUMMER SCHOOL-AGE SCIENCE SERIES (AGES 6+)

NOTE: All events in the Summer Science series have limited space, so **registration for each individual event is required.** See our website for registration.

Meet Mr. McSlithers

with the Allegheny County Park Rangers

Wed. June 17, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (in the Studio)

Meet our Educational Animal Mr. McSlithers, a Black Rat Snake. Learn about him & the snakes that live in our area.

Radical Reactions

with Alcosan

Mon. June 29, 1:30 - 2:30 pm (in the Lincoln Gallery)

Students will experiment with different solutions to create a chemical reaction.

Natural Dye Making

with the Children's Museum

Wed. July 8, 11:00 - 12:00 pm (in the Studio)

Students will discover where natural dyes come from and create a painting using their pigment.

History Hunters

with Mad Science Pittsburgh

Sat. July 18, 11:00 - 12:00 pm (in the Studio)

Let's put on our paleontologist hats and go looking for historical treasure! Create a 3D fossil to take home!

Marble Run Challenge

with Alcosan

Mon. July 20, 1:30 - 2:30 pm (in the Lincoln Gallery)

Students will construct a marble run by using the engineering design process.

Watershed Education

with Three Rivers Waterkeepers

Mon. August 3, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (in the Studio)

Join us for a talk about natural pigments and dyes from the riparian zone.

Intro to Archaeology

with the Allegheny County Park Rangers

Wed. August 12, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (in the Studio)

Learn about what an archaeologist does and how they use artifacts to study the past. What can we learn from the things people leave behind?

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS (AGES 10 - 17)

Anime Club

1st & 3rd Wednesdays monthly,
3:30 - 5:00 pm (in the Mezzanine)

June 3 - boba tea, mochi donuts, & make fan-zines

June 17 - no program - hang out in the Teen Space!

July 1 - movie and a craft - watch "Isle of Dogs" (PG-13) & make air-dry clay shisa (Japanese liondog) figure

July 18 - anime sampler day

July 29 - no program - hang out in the Teen Space!

August 5 - manga drawing workshop

August 19 - anime sampler day

Teen Game Time

2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly,
3:30 - 5:00 pm (in the Mezzanine)

June 10 - no program - hang out in the Teen Space!

June 24 - MarioKart Tournament

July 8 - board game day

July 22 - JackBox Party Games

August 12 - no program - hang out in the Teen Space!

August 26 - Mario Party competition

Teen Garden Club

every other Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
(outdoors, on the Mezzanine patio)

Join Miss Bri in tending to our garden! Learn gardening skills, grow food, & beautify the patio space.

June 11, 25 July 9, 23 August 6, 20

Parkside Parties

every other Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
(outdoors, in Library Park)

Hang out in the park, play games, and socialize!

June 4, 18 July 2, 16, 30 August 13, 27

Friday Movie Fright Nights

Fourth Fridays in July & August,
starting at 5:00 pm (in the Studio)

PG-13 horror; under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
Popcorn provided for free; B.Y.O. snacks and beverages!

July 31 - "Five Nights at Freddy's" (PG-13, 2023)

August 28 - "M3GAN" (PG-13, 2022)