



June 2, 2022

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Dear Parent or Caregiver:

Your children are invited to join the Douglas Public Library's Summer Library Program and attend the fun programs and events we are planning for children ages 18 months to 12 years. This summer's theme is, "*Read Beyond the Beaten Path*." We will explore all kinds of topics like camping, hiking, magic, and more. The programs are free and open to children of all ages and will run from July 5th through August 10th.

Some highlights of this summer's events include (watch for date and times):

- Kickoff – Storyteller Davis Bates* – "The Places You'll Go: A Song & Story Celebration"
- Ed Cope as Ed the Wizard* – "Easy Magic for Camping and Hiking!"
- Pumpernickel Puppets* – "Sir George and the Dragon"
- "Animal Adventures" – 8 to 10 animals will be presented. Come meet the animals and hear interesting stories and information about them. Controlled petting and touching is allowed at the discretion of the guide.
- "Everything Birds*" – Come decorate a bird house, make a pinecone bird feeder and make a journal to write down interesting information about the birds that you observe at your feeder or house. (registration required)
- Picnic finale and prize giveaway

The public library cares about your children and has planned programs to keep them reading and learning all summer. Whether counting the amount of time your children spend reading or the number of books they have read this summer, children who join the summer library program keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and ready to succeed.

These fun activities are offered this summer to motivate children to discover the personal joy of reading and to showcase the reading achievements of our community's young people. In addition to supporting the children reading independently, the program offers support to the family that reads together. All children will receive a raffle ticket when they sign up for the program. At the picnic finale tickets will be pulled at random and when their name is drawn, they will be able to choose a prize at the summer reading store sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Children unable to attend the picnic can come to the library anytime after the picnic to choose their prize. Children must register for the activities that require sign up to participate in that activity.

If you have any questions about the summer program or the Douglas Public Library services, please contact me at 508-476-2695 / deb.soderman@hotmail.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Debbie Soderman
Children's Librarian

"Read Beyond the Beaten Path" is sponsored by your local library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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