



Summer 2018 at the Eldredge Public Library

Music brings people together; throughout history and around the world, music has been a special part of people's lives, and it continues to play a fundamental role in celebrations, self-expression, communication, connection, and daily life. Whether you're a fan of classical, jazz, oldies, country, the sounds in nature, or the quiet discovered while lost in a book, the EPL has something for you and your family members this summer!

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is back, and the 2018 theme, *Libraries Rock!* -- for prereaders through grade 12 and adults, too -- provides us with an extraordinary opportunity to connect through our shared love of libraries, reading and music!

To make the most of your summer library experience, we offer these helpful tips:

- Most events and activities require pre-registration. We offer online registration. Simply go to the library website, www.eldredgelibrary.org, and look for the Calendar of Events. Registration can be completed from home or from the registration laptop set-up in the Children's Room. We are unable to register participants over the phone due to the busy activity in the Children's Room. If you registered for a program and are unable to attend, please contact a Youth Services staff member as early as possible so we may fill that coveted spot. Once we are full, a waiting list will be created. Filling the vacant spot is the responsibility of the library staff; do not offer your spot to someone else. Unregistered family members or play dates may not attend without prior approval.
- Registration for August events will open on Saturday, July 14th.
- Please respect program times. Our contracts have fixed beginning and ending times, and scheduling restrictions for our meeting rooms and staff members dictate specific time allotments. Please be courteous, as latecomers are a distraction for both the presenter and the audience. **This includes all storytimes.**
- Be mindful of age restrictions. Not every program is meant for every age. Grade assignments are based on the grade your child will be entering in the fall.
- Many of our programs offer food and beverages. If your child has an allergy or food concern, please notify a Youth Services staff member upon registration. We will do our best to accommodate your child. For the safety of and respect for all our patrons, we will not allow any registrant to bring his/her own refreshments. **No food or beverages** are allowed in the library with the exception of the Tween/Teen Room.
- If the library is closed during a scheduled event, the side, rear door will be unlocked. No library services will be available until regular business hours.
- The EPL reserves the right to cancel a program if there are less than 5 registered participants.
- While visiting the Children's Room, children 8 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all times. Additional policies are posted on the library website: www.eldredgelibrary.org.
- For your convenience, we have an infant changing table in the downstairs restroom.
- No strollers are permitted in the library, including hallways, lobbies, stairwells, and alcoves. Strollers in our busy library present a safety concern as well as a hindrance to accessing materials.

- Parking is always a challenge. Please be mindful of this to ensure prompt program attendance, and do not block the driveways or mailboxes of our neighbors!
- Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the support of the Friends of the Eldredge Public Library, all programs and activities are free.
- Cell phone use is not allowed in the library unless it is used for photographing. This is not just a noise concern; it is a distraction that inhibits adult/child interaction and attention.
- Please be respectful to all and tidy up the play areas before you leave the library.
- We are not a “shushing” library, but we do try to honor an “inside voice” rule.
- Follow, like and share us on social media. We will have program updates and a new feature this summer that you may want to take advantage of on those rainy summer days: “Pop-up Program.” This spontaneous program will be advertised on social media only. If it’s a rainy day; and we have the programming space, Youth Services will offer a spur-of-the-moment program. Stay tuned in to:



I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but must importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning. ~ Plato

Libraries Rock! Event Descriptions

2018 Collaborative Summer Library Program...Libraries Rock! Kick-off

Tuesday, July 3rd to Tuesday, August 21st -- All Ages and All Reading Abilities Welcome, Parents, too! Founded in 1987, the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide public libraries with high-quality, low-cost summer reading program materials with a unified theme. The CSLP goals are many: to celebrate recreational reading, to build upon and reinforce the skills acquired during the school year, to foster a life-long love of books, reading, and libraries, to recognize the vital role the public library plays in communities throughout Massachusetts – and to share the summer days and nights with you and your family!

Sponsored by the Eldredge Public Library, the Friends of the EPL, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, *Libraries Rock!* provides us with an opportunity explore, discover and share just what is “music to our ears!” **Registration for prereaders through Gr. 12 for *Libraries Rock!* begins immediately following our kick-off event with Alastair Mook on Tuesday, July 3rd at 1:30 pm! (There will be no online registration for our summer reading program; you must register in person.) There is no registration necessary for adult participation!**

Summer Reading Kick-off Celebration with Alastair Mook!

Tuesday, July 3rd at 1:30 for All Ages

Alastair Mook is a 2014 GRAMMY Nominee, two-time Parents’ Choice Gold Medal Winner, recipient of the ASCAP Children’s Music Award, and has twice been voted by the Fids & Kamily Industry Critics’ Poll among the Top 3 Albums of the Year. Long one of Boston’s premier folk artists, Alastair turned his attention to family music after the birth of his twin daughters in 2006. *The New York Times* calls him “a Tom Waits for kids” and *The Boston Globe* declares that, “in the footsteps of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie, Alastair Mook makes real kids music that parents can actually enjoy.”

No registration is required for the performance. Registration for the 2018 Collaborative Summer Library Program *Libraries Rock!* will immediately follow the performance.

Literary Jeopardy Grades 5 to 8 (Reading List Available June 30th)

Game Night Tuesday, July 31st at 6:30

Grab your reading list and be prepared to compete in an actual game of Jeopardy! Take on the challenge with a partner of your choice or we'll provide one. Prizes will be awarded to all participants. (We suggest "buzzer-finger" exercises, restraint, and above all knowledge of the titles!) Family, friends and *Jeopardy* fans are invited and encouraged to attend this annual event to cheer on and support the contestants. **Registration is required for contestants, and you must register with a YS staff member.** No registration is required to attend the game night.

Tuesday Night is Tween/Teen Night!

Tuesdays, July 3rd to August 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 for Students in Grades 5 to 12

Each week we'll feature a different activity for our young adult patrons.

- **Animal World Experience...**Matt Gabriel returns with live animals and a program tailored to this age group. An ice cream sundae bar will follow the presentation. (7/3)
- **Cooking with Professional Chef Liz Barbour...**Enjoy Liz's cooking program "Super Snacks for Super Teens" followed by an Iron Chef Jr. Snack-off! (7/10)
- **New Jack Trivia!**...Ooch returns with a fun evening of music and trivia. (7/17)
- **Escape from the Terrible Thicket...** solve the puzzles and find the keys – all within an hour! There will be three sessions for this event: 4:30, 6:00, and 7:30. (7/24)
- **Literary Jeopardy...**Cheer on a contestant or participate in this annual library game show. (7/31)
- **Movie Madness...**Our final Tween/Teen Night will end another great interactive movie experience. Hints and costume suggestions for the featured title will be shared throughout the summer. Parents: Please see Tammy for more information (or the movie title) if you have any concerns regarding your tween's participation. Don't forget to bring your own beach chair! (8/7)

Registration is required for each evening event.

Bean Bag Critics

Thursdays, July 5th to August 9th at 6:30 for Students in Grades 5 to 12

Are you a movie buff? Do you enjoy watching movies of all kinds and discussing them with like-minded fans? Beginning Thursday, July 5th, Sam will offer a six-week session of *Bean Bag Critics* for students in grades 5 to 12. Loosely based on Suzette Valle's *101 Movies to See Before You Grow Up*, this weekly event invites movie enthusiasts to take a more critical look at some of the best movies from classic films to modern flicks. Pizza and a beverage will be served. **Registration is required for each evening session.**

4-H Babysitting Course Part 2

Friday, June 29th and Friday July 6th from 2:00 to 6:00 for Students Grades 5 to 12

Do your tweens/teens want to babysit? Do you want to send them off prepared and confident? Register them for this invaluable two-part course taught by a 4-H professional. Subjects include child safety, first aid and emergencies, child development, feeding, discipline, entertainment, and the business of babysitting.

Participants must attend both classes and will receive an ID card and certificate upon successful completion. Registration is required.

Drop-in Storytime

Saturdays, July 7th & 21st and August 4th & 18th at 10:30 for Children 3 to 5 Yrs.

Join us for a morning of stories, songs, and theme-related activities. This program targets the younger child; however, older siblings and children are always welcome. **No registration is required.** Note: Our door for storytime will close promptly at 10:30. If the door is closed, please do not enter the room until the craft portion of the program begins as latecomers are a distraction.

Full STEAM Ahead!

Mondays, July 9th & 23rd and August 6th & 20th at 10:30 for Students in Grades K to 2 w/ Adult Companion

Join us for this new EPL storytime that features STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) themes followed by a hands-on, interactive activity. **No registration is required for this event, however, there is a limit of 12 participants. A sign-in sheet will be at the Youth Services desk at the**

start of each event, and the first 12 on the list will be good to go! No exceptions! Food allergy concerns must be addressed the week prior to the program due to the drop-in format.

Ooch is Back!

Tuesday, July 10th at 1:30 for All Ages

Brett Outchcunis returns to the EPL with music, movement and more! There is never a dull moment when Ooch is in the building, and we really can't imagine a summer celebration without him! Ooch will bring his infectious enthusiasm for music and dance for all to enjoy. **No registration is required.**

Books and Babies "Pre-Wee" Storytime/Playgroup

Wednesdays, July 11th to August 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 for Parents and Caregivers of Newborn to Pre-crawling Infants

It's never too early to share the love of reading with a child, and building early literacy skills — those skills that must be in place before reading actually begins — does, indeed, begin on the lap of a caregiver! This five-week series of classes will include an age appropriate read-aloud, songs, bounces, chants and fingerplays. In addition, early literacy tips, topics and resources will be shared each week. The "storytime" portion will last approximately 20 minutes, with parents and caregivers invited to remain after for informal social time. Healthy refreshments will be served. **Registration is required for this five-week program. The Library is closed during this program; registrants must enter the building at the side, rear door. Reminder: strollers are not permitted inside the library.**



The *Books and Babies: "Pre-Wee" Storytime/Playgroup* is brought to you through our LSTA grant, *Chatham Reads* with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Itsy Bitsy Yoga

Thursdays, July 12th to August 9th

Enjoy practicing Yoga, discovering movement, and singing IBY rhymes in a child-friendly, relaxed environment. Join certified IBY facilitator Caroline McCutcheon for this unique bonding opportunity. Three Sessions:

- Tyke @ 9:00 for 24 Mos. to 4 Yrs.
- Tot @ 10:00 for Crawlers to 24 Mos.
- Infant @ 11:00 for Newborns to Pre-crawling Infants

Registration is required for this five-week program. The Library is closed during IBY; registrants must enter the building at the side, rear door. Reminder: strollers are not permitted inside the library.

Yoga Friends

Thursdays, July 12th to August 2nd from 1:30 to 2:30 for Students in Grades 2 to 4

This one-of-a-kind, four-week session begins with a yoga-inspired craft and ends with a short relaxing visualization. In between, participants will explore breath awareness, poses, songs, stories and games that promote self-esteem, kindness, friendships and mindful awareness. **Registration and attendance at all four sessions is required.**

Wee Read Storytime/Playgroup

Fridays, July 13th to August 17th from 9:45 to 10:45 for Children 18 Mos. to 3 Yrs. with an Adult Companion

This early literacy program includes developmentally appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, craft and play activities. **Registration is required. This is not a drop-in format; by registering your child, you are committing to regular attendance for July and August.** (Siblings may accompany the Wee Reader with YS staff approval. Please speak with Tammy.) Summer visitors who cannot commit to the full session are encouraged to speak with a YS staff member to see if there is a "visitor" slot available. **The Library is closed at the start of Wee Read; registrants must enter the building at the side, rear door. Reminder: strollers are not permitted inside the library.**

Mr. Vinny's Lil' Puppet Show

Saturday, July 14th at 10:30 for All Ages

Professional silly man, Vinny Lovegrove, who is a member of the wildly popular Toe Jam Puppet Band, presents a solo performance with unique, handcrafted puppets, storytelling and lots of laughs. **No registration is required.**

Barn Babies

Tuesday, July 17th with Five Sessions (10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, and 12:00) for All Ages

Summer at the EPL would not be complete without the return of *Barn Babies*, a one-of-a-kind traveling petting zoo. *Barn Babies* is our most popular program at the EPL. **Registration is required. You may register for one session only.** Please note the following guidelines for this program:

- Once sessions are full, you may register for the waiting list.
- Those individuals with animal allergies must be aware of the nature of this program.
- Once the door is closed for the session in progress, the door remains closed due to roaming animals.
- Please use the bathroom prior to entering the room.
- Reminder: latecomers, though registered, will not be allowed in the room once the program is underway.
- If you have registered and cannot attend, please call the library as soon as possible, so we can add someone from the waiting list.
- We are contractually bound to keep the room capacity at a predetermined number in an effort to maximize the enjoyment and safety of both the children and the animals. Unregistered "guests" who accompany a registered participant will not be able to enter the room.
- The library will be closed during this program. Entrance to the building will be at the side, rear door, and you may wait for your session in the adjoining meeting room.

We offer the maximum number of sessions that our budget and animals will allow. We are truly sorry if you are unable to participate in this special event. Check out the *Barn Babies* Facebook page to see where and when the next event is scheduled.

Magic by Scott Jameson

Tuesday, July 17th at 2:00 for All Ages

Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air; a drawing will come to life, and basketballs will be spun and juggled. Which audience member will unlock telekinetic abilities?

No registration is required.

Mr. Vinny's Shadow Puppet Show

Tuesday, July 24th at 1:30 for All Ages

Join Vinny Lovegrove from the Toe Jam Puppet Band for his one-of-a-kind solo performance of shadow puppetry. This is a highly energetic, interactive, and silly program that only Mr. Vinny could present!

No registration is required.

Music with Julie

Friday, July 27th at 10:00 for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Professional musician Julie Stepanek will present fingerplays, integrated movement and sing-along songs for young children and their caregivers in this delightful morning of musical play. **No registration is required.**

Learn Ukulele with Julie Stepanek

Friday, July 27th at 4:00 for Gr. 4 and Up...Adults Welcome!

Join musician and songwriter Julie Stepanek for a ukulele lesson. Beginners learn to strum and play simple songs. Ukuleles will be provided, but you may bring your own if you have one! **Registration is required.**

Creature Teachers

Saturday, July 28th at 10:30 for All Ages

The "animal ambassadors" are back with another educational live animal show. **No registration is required.**

Lego Block Party!

Monday, July 30th and Monday, August 13th from 10:30 to 11:30 for Students in Grades K to 4
Are you a Lego Maniac? Bring your enthusiasm and join others who share your passion for building!
Registration is required for each session.

Rock Solid! with Diane Edgecomb

Tuesday, July 31st at 1:30 for All Ages

Playing with the summer reading theme Libraries Rock!, award-winning professional storyteller Diane Edgecomb presents *Rock Solid!*, an exploration of the world under our feet with animated tales from fossils to soil creatures. **No registration is required.**

Mike the Bubbleman

Tuesday, August 7th at 1:30 for All Ages

Mike Dorval aka Mike the Bubbleman brings magic and science to the stage with this interactive show. Music, choreography, comedy and bubbles – in all shapes and sizes – come alive, sparking imagination and wonder. A love for bubbles is never outgrown, especially when there's a chance to see the world from inside one! **No registration is required.**

Activated Story Theatre

Saturday, August 11th at 10:30 for All Ages

This national touring theatre will stop at the EPL to present two stories (*The Hat Seller and the Monkey*, a comic little escapade from Mali, and *Tops and Bottoms*, a trickster tale from Scandinavia) that promote our *Libraries Rock!* summer reading theme. Activated Story Theatre was our standout performance last year; you will not want to miss this one! **No registration is required.**

Toe Jam Puppet Band

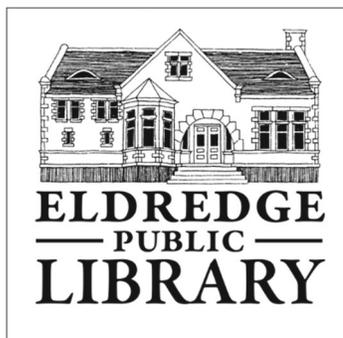
Tuesday, August 14th at 1:00 for All Ages

It wouldn't feel like summer at the library without a visit from The Toe Jam Puppet Band, and this time we have the whole band!! Sing and dance with the EPL's favorite musical group as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, storytelling, and just plain good old fun! **No registration is required.**

Didgeridoo Down Under

Tuesday, August 21st at 1:30 for All Ages

DDU is a high-energy, Australia-themed show that combines music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation. It's interactive, educational, and super fun for families of all ages. We have been trying for years to bring this amazing show to the EPL, and what a year to make it happen...*Libraries Rock!* **No registration is required.**



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