

June-July 2026

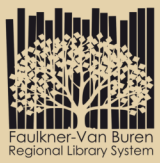
# UNEARTH A STORY™



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## SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

Faulkner County Library | Conway, AR



Faulkner-Van Buren  
Regional Library System

# WHY IS SUMMER READING IMPORTANT?

- ★ PREVENTS "SUMMER SLIDE". CHILDREN WHO DON'T READ DURING THE SUMMER CAN LOSE UP TO 2 MONTHS OF LEARNING BY THE TIME THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL IN AUTUMN.
- ★ CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AND READ A MINIMUM OF 6 BOOKS, SCORE HIGHER IN READING & MATH WHEN THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL.
- ★ PARENTS REPORT THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE MORE CONFIDENT READERS AFTER PARTICIPATING IN SUMMER READING PROGRAMS.

SUMMER READING IS FUN (NOT JUST EDUCATIONAL)! EXPERIENCE YOUR LIBRARY. THERE IS SOMETHING HERE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

*PAPER TRACKER FOR ALL AGES*

Grab your very own copy of our first ever all ages paper tracker for this summer's reading challenge! This year *you* decide your daily reading goal for 50 days while collecting stamps & entering in for a chance to win many of our raffle prizes.

*If you lose your copy, you can collect one at any of our branches or print them from our website at fcl.org*



## BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR FREE DIGITAL LIBRARY OFFERINGS!



Libby



Hoopla



Comics Plus



Kanopy



# Summer Performers

JUNE  
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## Big Poppa Bubble

Outdoor bubble extravaganza!

*\*\*Please dress accordingly & wear your sunscreen\*\**



JUNE  
10

## Under Hill, Under Dale: Subterranean Tales

Adventure with master folk tale teller, Cindy Phillips!



JUNE  
17

## mömandpöp

Sing, dance, laugh, and interact during this engaging performance for all ages!

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JUNE  
24

## Lady Chops

Engaging interactive percussion fun!



JULY  
2

\*THURS @  
10AM\*

## The Slam Crew

High-energy basketball entertainment show mixed with an inspiring message that promotes reading, education, and positive choices for ages 5+!



JULY  
8

## The Balloon Man: The Dinos Are Coming!

Dinosaur balloon comedy magic show!



JULY  
15

## Bright Star Theatre: Dinosaur Academy

Bringing audiences on a larger-than-life journey millions of years into the past!



JULY  
22

## KinderSongs

Singing. Dancing. Laughing. Learning. All things you can expect during any of their performances!



JULY  
29

## Illustration Workshop: Cretaceous Creations

Local author/illustrator, Jennifer Gentry, teaches us how to create cretaceous critters!



Performances begin at 10am on Wednesdays, except when noted.



# Butterfly Dreams

6/29/2026 at 10am

Join us for a sweet sincere morning with local author & musician, Carol Dabney, who will share her *Butterfly Dreams* story and lead us in a singalong!

*Ages elementary & under and caregivers.*



## Mother Goose on the Loose

Mondays | 9:30am, 10am, & 10:30am

Unearth literacy & learning skills through rhymes & songs creating engaging & entertaining educational experiences for infants, toddlers, and their caregivers.



## Mother Goose & Friends

6/9/2026

Come together with your friends to explore the fun of Mother Goose & her friends. We might even get to pretend to be animals in a parade!

Aimed for Elementary ages & their caregivers



## UNEARTH A STORY

Thursdays | 10:30am

Dinos of all ages will enjoy this storytime featuring books, puppets, music, movement, and other activities that encourage early literacy & learning!



# SUMMER STEAM

Unearth our world through science, technology, engineering, art, & math.

Ages 5-10 & their caregivers

Tuesdays at 10:30am  
Expect hands-on activities & a roaring good time!



# Drum & Dance



Let's stomp like dinos in the library! We'll exercise & have fun while we move our bodies and drum away on stability balls. The music and your heart rate will be **upbeat!**

Select Mondays at 2:30pm & 3:30pm | Ages 7 & up

# READ TO SUCCEED

All ages & their caregivers

REGISTER HERE



\*\*required\*\*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, AT 11AM

Let's read to succeed with Arkansas TV! Join us for lunch and activities all about the book, "Tea Rex".



ArkansasTV

# COMMUNITY COOKOUT

6/20 & 7/11 @ 11:30AM-1:30PM  
CELEBRATE SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY WITH  
FOOD & FUN FOR ALL AGES! ENJOY AN OLD-  
FASHIONED COOKOUT AND A VARIETY OF  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

BE SURE TO STOP BY & SEE KATIE  
SUNSHINE AS SHE TEACHES A HULA  
HOOP WORKSHOP ON 7/11!



## AR KIDS READ community literacy workshop LITERACY SEMINAR



Every child deserves the chance to grow into a confident reader – and families are essential to that journey. These workshops are designed to empower & equip families with tools and confidence to support reading with:

- Practical, easy-to-use strategies to support literacy at home for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade readers.
- Connections to local literacy resources, including libraries and community partners.
- Guidance on understanding school literacy assessments & standardized scores – and how to confidently advocate for their reader(s).

*This is a 1-hour interactive presentation, including dedicated time for questions and conversation. Children of participants are invited to a storytime & activity during this program. Together, we're building stronger readers and closing the literacy gap in Arkansas – one family at a time. \*\*Registration is required. See QR codes below.*



Wednesday, June 16th  
11:30am-12:30pm



Saturday, June 20th  
10:30am-11:30am

# FUN DAY FRIDAY

EVERY FRIDAY DURING SUMMER  
10AM-12PM & 2PM-4PM

PLAY-DOH, PUZZLES, SNOW CONES, PLANTERS, MUSIC ON VINYL, & MORE!

Drop-in at the stage in the morning or mid-afternoon for themed activities fun for all ages that are self-directed and celebrate the simple joys of summer.

## LUNCH & A MOVIE

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS AT 12PM

Eat a free bagged lunch (courtesy of First United Methodist Church, Toad Suck Daze, and Goodes Cash Saver) as we come together to watch our favorite films

all summer long!



Visit [fcl.org](http://fcl.org) to see the film schedule!



First United  
Methodist Church  
Conway, AR



ALL AGES WELCOME!

## ART WORKSHOP WITH RACHELLE

6/6 & 7/25 FROM 1:30PM-3PM | AGES 8+

Discover new things and grow in your creativity with these skills-building workshops. Rachelle, an art educator, will have you excited to step out of your comfort zone as you try out new creative outlets that might just become your next favorite hobby!


# FRESH FROM THE GARDEN: TASTE TEST KITCHEN

6/30 & 7/14 FROM 3:30PM-5:30PM

DIG INTO THE GARDEN AND SHARPEN YOUR COOKING SKILLS AT THIS SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION OF TASTE TEST KITCHEN. EACH SESSION WILL FEATURE A NEW RECIPE TO CREATE AND TRY USING FRUITS & VEGGIES FRESH FROM OUR VERY OWN URBAN FARM PROJECT GARDEN.

AGES 8-18

## READING DINOSAURS



Roar for reading this summer with a special spin-off of the Reading Dragons collectable card game reading challenge! There are several ways to play, including book fairs in June & July, and more chances than ever before to collect cards and celebrate reading achievements.

Readers in grades K-12<sup>th</sup> are encouraged to jump in and join! Aren't able to this summer? Reading Dragons return later this year!



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Select Fridays in July  
9am-12pm

Join Dungeon Master Daryl for DND adventures at the library for a special summer edition mini campaign!

Program intended for ages 8 to 18. \*Registration Required\*



# TEEN ART NIGHT

JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:30PM-6PM & JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4:30PM-6:30PM

Art is so much more fun when you share it with friends! Teen Art Nights include a variety of art-making projects and a mix of guided instruction and the ability to do your own thing through process art based projects.

## OPEN STUDIO

THINK - CREATE - SHARE - GROW

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12pm-2pm

Choose your own creative adventure with a variety of maker materials in this open-ended program. Materials you may use include our art cart, tech, and of course, books!

AGES 10-18

## BOOK

## Clubs



Select Tuesdays  
3pm-4:30pm

### HER RIGHT FOOT BOOK CLUB

Step into American history at this interactive book club featuring **Her Right Foot**, a "fascinating, fun take on nonfiction"! Each session will feature a variety of activities and discussion, providing fun new ways to engage with the text.

**BOOKS AVAILABLE AS SUPPLIES LAST / AGES 10+**

Select Thursdays  
4:30pm-6pm

### SPOOKY LAKES BOOK CLUB



Put on your explorer hats for this interactive book club! Learn about some seriously strange and spooky natural world happenings as we dive into discussion and STEM based activities about some mysterious lakes both near and far.

**BOOKS AVAILABLE AS SUPPLIES LAST / AGES 12+**



# UNEARTH A STORY SUMMER KICK-OFF

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm**  
Let's kick-off summer reading programming with the Mid-America Science Museum, face-painting with Isabell Creek, dinosaur adoptions, summer reading bags, & Kona Ice!

*Free family-friendly fun for all ages!*

# UNEARTH A STORY™

**END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION**

 **Saturday, August 1st**

 **10am-2pm**

Stomp by the library during this free event filled with dino-mite fun for all ages as we celebrate the end of summer with Jurassic Magic, Kratos the T-Rex, and more!



**Times, dates, & programs are all subject to change!**

Be sure to visit [FCL.ORG](http://FCL.ORG) for the most up to date information or like our Facebook page at [facebook.com/fclchildren](https://facebook.com/fclchildren)

