

THE VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM SUMMER PROGRAMS 2025

Registration begins on June 11 for Nyack School District patrons. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins June 18. Registration is required unless noted otherwise. Register online at www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, in the Children's Room, or call 845-268-7700. Please notify us of cancellations.

SUMMER READING CLUB KICKOFF: **Charlie and the Bubble Factory!**

Monday, June 30 at 6:00pm

All ages

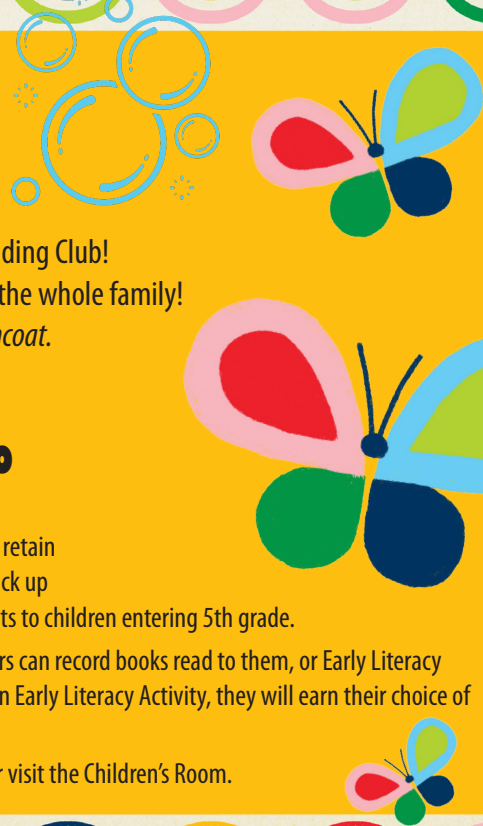
Let's unleash the power of bubbles to celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Club!
Charlie's Bubble Show will present an unforgettable magical experience for the whole family!
Note: we will get a bit messy and wet so please wear old clothes or bring a raincoat.

SUMMER READING CLUB: **Color Our World : Colorea Nuestro Mundo** **June 30–August 9**

Join the Valley Cottage Library's Summer Reading Club! Daily reading habits help children retain information they have learned. Registration and daily reading recording starts JUNE 30. Pick up Reading Logs at the library or print from online. The Club is open to all children from infants to children entering 5th grade.

Read books at home & keep track of your reading on your reading log. Younger non-readers can record books read to them, or Early Literacy Activities that they do together with an adult. For every 10 days that children read or do an Early Literacy Activity, they will earn their choice of one prize, which they can collect at the Children's Desk.

For more details, to register, and to print logs, go to www.valleycottagelibrary.org/kids, or visit the Children's Room.



Family Programs

Take and Make Crafts

Every Monday the Children's Room will have a new craft ready for pickup for children to do on their own anytime! Send a picture of your completed craft to vcikids@rcls.org to have it posted on our social media. No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Ages 12 and under. Win a prize for finding the shape of the month hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Color Our World Shape Hunt **June**

Ages 12 and under. Win a star sticker for finding all the colorful shapes hidden around the Children's Room! No registration.

Color Our World Collaborative Art **June 23–August 29**

Ages 12 and under. Drop by the Children's Desk to decorate a popsicle stick with bright colors. By the end of the Summer, stop by to see our beautiful work of collaborative art! No registration.

The Tiny Engineers Club

Tuesday, June 24 at 4:30pm

Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30am

Ages 3–7 years. Have fun while developing math, science and fine motor skills! We'll build and play with our new Magna-Tiles®, obtained through an Orange & Rockland STEM Grant. (@ORUConnect)

Clifford The Big Red Dog's Adventure Game

July

Ages 12 and under. Win a special paw sticker by finding Clifford The Big Red Dog's selfies around the Children's Room, taken around Valley Cottage. No registration.

Sun Hat Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2 & August 20 at 10:00am

Ages 18 months and up with adult(s). Meet us at Valley Cottage Hamlet Green Gazebo for an outdoor storytime! Bring your sunhat and a blanket or chairs. See online calendar for details and to register.

Family BINGO After Hours

Friday, July 11 at 5:00pm

Ages 5 and up with adult(s). Bring your family to a night of BINGO and win some prizes!

Fun Fest

Saturday, July 19 from 10:00am–12:00pm

All ages. Join us for a colorful festival full of Fun! We will have mini golf, bowling, ring toss, a paint station, a ball pit, chalk, a sponge's station, bubble wrap, and much more!!!

Family Math Game Night!

Thursday, July 24 from 6:00-8:00pm

Entering Grades K–5. Let's explore numbers, patterns, and shapes together through fun activities, puzzles, games, and books. Working with their family, children will use problem-solving skills, logical thinking and strategies to gain a deeper understanding of how math works, all while having fun together! You'll go home with a packet of ideas and games to play at home all summer.

Fun Family Storytime

Monday, July 28 at 6:00pm

Ages 2 and up with adult(s). Wear your PJs and bring your favorite snuggly friend for this fun Family Storytime.

Family Scavenger Hunt: Disney **August**

Ages 3 and up with adult(s). Enjoy a family adventure by doing a scavenger hunt together throughout the library and when it's completed come to the Children's Room to choose a Disney sticker! No registration.

Sensory Motor Class

Saturday, August 2 at 11:00am

Ages Birth–10 years with adult(s). Join us for an interactive, inclusive, fun and hands-on sensory motor class. There will be sensory stations, gross and fine motor activities, group play, and crafts. Come learn and experience all of your senses!

RAP IT UP! A Virtual Storytime & Creative Workshop

Monday, August 4 at 6:00pm

Ages 4–10 years with adult(s). Join us for a special evening at the library with author Carole Boston Weatherford, current National Young People's Poet Laureate, and her son, Jeffery Boston Weatherford, an award-winning illustrator and spoken-word artist. Co-hosted by Reid Wisely Books & Brew, this virtual event includes a reading of their new book **RAP IT UP!** followed by a fun and engaging Verses & Vibes Workshop where kids will create their own raps. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Please contact Children's staff to place a pre-order.

LEGO® Challenge, Family Style

Monday, August 11 at 6:00pm

Ages 3–12 years. Come and build with LEGO® bricks with your grownups and siblings on a group project, all together now! Share your creation with the group and then LEGOs® will be displayed temporarily in the Children's Room.



Programs for Age 6 and Younger

Open Playtime

Mondays from 10:00am–1:00pm

June 23–September 15 (Closed on September 1)

Ages 5 and under. Playtime in the Storytime Room is a great way to meet other local families while you enjoy books, games, toys and puzzles with your little one(s). No registration.

Buttercup Babies

Fridays at 10:30am

June 27–August 15 (no program July 4, July 11)

Ages 2–17 months with adult. Weekly movement, rhymes & music. Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

Toddler Tiger Lily Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30am

June 24–August 5 (no program July 15)

Ages 18–35 months with adult. Weekly storytime with books and beyond! Please make alternate arrangements for other children. Register separately for each week.

PreK Poppies Storytime

Wednesdays at 4:30pm, June 25–August 6

(no program July 16)

Thursdays at 10:30am, June 26–August 7

(no program July 17)

Please choose Wednesdays OR Thursdays.

Weekly storytimes for ages 3–5. Great books, games, songs and crafts! Parents and siblings are welcome to enter for the craft at the end of storytime. Register separately for each week.

Musical Munchkins

Mondays, June 30 & July 7 at 10:30am

Ages 1–5 years with adult. Join Miss Joanne for a fun-filled introduction to music! She'll bring her guitar and lots of instruments, props and puppets, all designed to nurture children's love of music through singing and movement. Register separately for each week.

Music with Mr. Kurt!

Mondays, July 14, 21 and 28 at 4:30pm

Ages 6 and under with adult. Join 'Mr. Kurt' Gallagher in making music with his guitar and other fun instruments; moving, stomping and singing some silly tunes. Register separately for each week.

Bi-Lingual Storytime

Tuesday, July 15 at 10:30am

Ages 2–5 years. Join us for stories, songs and movement in both Spanish and English!

Early Literacy Adventure: *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Thursday, July 17 at 11:30am

Ages 2–5 years. Parents and children will go on a station-based, fun-filled journey, aimed at nurturing your child's early literacy skills, including ABCs, 123s, colors and shapes.

Bluey's Playtime Party

Friday, August 8 at 11:30am

Ages 2–6 years. Let's celebrate Bluey with books, games, crafts, dancing and more!

Sensory Art

Fridays, August 15, 22, & 29 at 11:15am

Ages 2–3 years. Let's do a simple sensory art project, full of colors! Each week we'll experiment with unique art materials and make something colorful out on the patio, weather permitting. Register separately for each week.

PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Books will be available at the Children's Room Desk one month prior to the program.

Jory John Picture Book Club

Select Thursdays at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 1–3

July 10: *The Smart Cookie* by Jory John and illustrated by Pete Oswald. Have you ever felt that you were not a very smart cookie? We will read and follow this cookie on a journey on what it really means to be smart. Then we will do a fun activity and eat some sugar cookies!

August 14: *The Cool Bean* by Jory John and illustrated by Pete Oswald. There is no doubt that you will enjoy this fun story about a bean looking to be cool. We will read how to be a cool bean and do a fun craft!



Graphic Novel Book Club with Building

Thursday, July 17 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 3–5

Minecraft Volume 1 by Sfé R. Monster and illustrated by Sarah Graley. A cool aspect of Minecraft is building! We will discuss the book and then use jelly beans to create a structure of your choice.

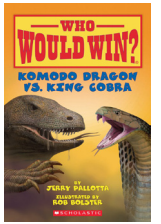


Who Would Win? Book Club

Thursday, August 7 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 2–4

Komodo Dragon vs. King Cobra by Jerry Pallotta and illustrated by Rob Bolster. We will learn about Komodo dragons and king cobras, and then we will discuss who has the advantage. Then you choose which reptile you would like to do a craft on.



S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAMS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART, MATH)

WIKKIWANDER

Tuesday, July 1 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Use your imagination and engineering skills to create an amazing marble maze out of WikkiStix, then we'll try them out!

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, July 8–August 12

Ages 5–17 and their adults as observers. Join the Chess Club, open to beginner, intermediate and expert abilities! Chess will be taught by a rated player and coach who is a parent in our community, in a program that can develop and sharpen the cognitive, academic, emotional and social skills of children.

KATHERINE APPLIGATE COLOR OUR WORLD WRITING CONTEST

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00pm

Attention readers ages 8–12! Join us for a writing workshop to help you work on your submission for this exciting contest. We will discuss the writing prompt, talk about our ideas, and workshop our stories. See valleycottagelibrary.org/vclteens for contest details and prizes.

SUMMER COLLAGE

Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 1–4. We'll read *Inch by Inch* by Leo Lionni, then we'll create a beautiful colorful summer scene with magazine pictures and other materials.

COOL COLORFUL CAMOUFLAGE

Wednesday, July 23 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 2–5. Come to the library and we'll take a look at some amazing methods of camouflage! We'll have fun testing our eyes to find some very well-hidden animals in their natural environments!

LET'S BE DRAMATIC: SHORT PLAYS

Wednesday, July 30 at 3:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Try your hand at acting in an amusing play or two! We'll choose parts, color simple costumes, and read the plays together in fun performances for our adults. Please register each child separately.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!

Thursday, July 31 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 1–3. We will make dairy free vanilla ice cream with only a BAG. How? Well, science of course! We will make ice cream and enjoy it with some toppings!

SYMMETRY DRAWING

August

Ages 5 and up. Use art and math to complete the missing half of a picture, then color it in! We will have symmetry drawings ready for pickup to do any time. Send a picture of your completed symmetry drawings to vclkids@rcls.org by the end of the month to have it posted on our social media! No registration. (Available while supplies last.)

SUMMER SWEETS

Tuesday, August 5 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 1–4. We'll read *The Donut Chef* by Bob Staake, then we'll paint our favorite summer treats from ice cream to lemonade to watermelon - so many fun choices! [Note-we will get a bit messy so please wear old clothes or bring a smock.]

AUDIOBOOK CLUB: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 at 4:30pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Come and listen to *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell, read by David Tennant, over 3 weeks as we color and talk about the (mis)adventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third.

INDOOR GAMES

Wednesday, August 13 at 4:15pm

Entering Grades 3–6. Come join us for some indoor fun! We will play musical chairs, Pictionary®, and bowling.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten: This program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and children up to Kindergarten. The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts Kindergarten. Stop by the Children's Room any time to sign up, get more information, and your first reading record.

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