

THE GREAT DINOSAUR DIG

Weds., August 12
3pm



Receive your own dinosaur dig block with hidden fossils and use excavation tools to carefully uncover the discoveries. Recommended for ages 6-10. ***Registration required.**

DINOSAUR PAR-TEA

Friday, August 14
10am



Kids and their caregivers are invited to enjoy a dino-themed morning filled with creativity, fun, and tasty treats. Recommended for ages 4-8. ***Registration required.**

LINDSAY AND HER PUPPET PALS

Friday, August 14
1pm



Lindsay's funny, fast-paced, and highly interactive variety show delights the young and the young at heart! Sponsored by the Hampstead Mother's Club.

FAMILY READERS

This program is designed for children who are read to and are aged 3 & up. Color in one dinoprint for every 20 minutes read. Once you reach a shovel, come to the library to spin the prize wheel and collect a raffle ticket! Tickets can be entered for bigger prizes, winners will be notified by 8/17. Receive a pass to Cowabunga's for every completed log.

INDEPENDENT READERS

This program is designed for children who read by themselves aged 6-11. Color in one dinoprint for every 20 minutes read. Once you reach a fossil, come to the library to spin the prize wheel and collect a raffle ticket! Tickets can be entered for bigger prizes, winners will be notified by 8/17. Receive a pass to Cowabunga's for every completed log.

STORYTIMES

Storytime is held every Monday at 9:30am. This program is best for 3-6 years old and siblings. Mother Goose on the Loose takes place every Tuesday at 9:30am. This program is best for ages 0-2 years of age. Toddler playtime takes place every other Thursday at 9:30am. This is mostly unstructured time for play based learning.

Additional Toddler Programs

Thursday, July 2 9:30am Patriotic Storytime
Thursday, July 16 9:30am Dinosaur Storytime
Friday, July 17 10am Instrument Petting Zoo
Friday, July 24 10am Ice Age Sensory Bins

CAREGIVERS

Check out the adult summer program where you can win fantastic prizes for all the books and magazines you read this summer!

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2026

HAMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

REGISTRATION & OPENING PROGRAMS

Monday, June 22



Registration for our 2026 Summer Reading Program, "Unearth a Story" begins today! Come by to sign up--and check out Touch-a-Truck and face painting between 1 and 3pm.

TAILWINDS RAPTOR EDUCATION

Monday, June 22
11am



Get up close with several raptors and owls that live in New England! Learn about bird biology, behavior, habitats, and environmental needs. Take a photo with a bird ambassador after the presentation.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE LAND BEFORE TIME

Weds, June 24
5:30pm



Join us for family movie night! We'll enjoy the movie along with free popcorn. Patrons are welcome to bring their own snacks as well if they would like!

DINOSAUR DETECTIVES

Friday, July 26
10am



Children will learn basics about paleontology, see some of the Children's Museum of NH's fossil and replica collection, and make a dinosaur diorama to take home! ***Registration appreciated.**

*PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS



Please register for indicated programs through our events calendar. Scan the QR code for all summer information!

GROOVY TIE-DYE

Weds, July 1
3pm



Join us for a colorful and creative afternoon at the library! Bring your own item to dye and we'll provide all the dye and instructions on how to make a variety of patterns.
***Registration for bandana.**

MR. AARON CONCERT

Weds., July 1
6pm



A children's favorite interactive performer and his band visit the HPL Pavilion. Brought to you by Hampstead Cable Television.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Tuesday, July 7
1:30pm



Join Animal Adventures for a live animal experience, designed to be fun and informative for all! This program will be held at **Hampstead Central School** and is open to the public.

MR. AARON PLANT AND MUSIC

Thursday, July 9
4pm



Mr. Aaron is bringing imaginative and interactive music making for all using synthesizers and plants! Great for families and kids of all ages. Funded by NH State Library Summer Learning Grant.
***Registration appreciated.**

INTRO TO INSTRUMENTS

Friday, July 10
10am



Join Let's Play Music & Make Art for this fun and engaging instrument sampler! Explore music as you get hands-on experience with keyboard, drums, violin, guitar and ukulele.
***Registration required.**

TINY ART OPEN SESSION

Monday, July 13
3-6pm



Stop by the second floor meeting room where we'll have a variety of painting supplies out so you can work on your Tiny Art canvas. Art will be displayed at the library in August.

HOW TO EAT AN ACORN

Monday, July 13,
5:30pm



Join Miss Julieann Hartley for a class on how to safely forage for acorns and the steps to process them for consumption. Miss Julieann will bring edible acorn brownies to share at the end!
***Registration required.**

REPTILE ENCOUNTER

Tuesday, July 14
3pm



Let's get wild with Rainforest Reptile Shows for a unique, live animal encounter that is educational, hands-on, and full of fun! Sponsored by the Hampstead Civic Club.

POKEMON DRAWING AND TRIVIA

Weds, July 22
3pm



Pop Up Art School is back this summer with another fun and instructional video. Join us in person for added trivia! Watch the video on your own any time from July 1st through July 30th.
***Registration required.**

ICE AGE PARTY

Friday, July 24
11am



The Ice Age is upon us! Travel through wintry hands-on craft activity stations, test your skills in snowy challenges, and learn more about the Ice Age! Snacks will also be provided.
***Registration required.**

SUB ZERO ICE CREAM DEMO

Friday, July 24
1:30pm



Fun science facts and formulas regarding Ideal Gas Law, States of Matter, Density, Pressure and more will be shared and demonstrated in kid-friendly language!
***Registration required.**

SKILLFIRE CHALLENGE

Weds., July 29
3pm



With SkillFire, children work together as a team to solve open-ended STEAM challenges designed to teach the creative process. This program is best for children ages 8-12.
***Registration required.**

HARRY POTTER PARTY

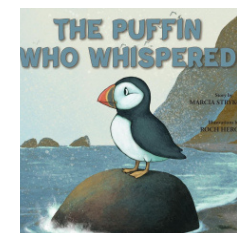
Friday, July 31
3pm



Celebrate Harry's birthday and join us for a spellbinding experience at our Harry Potter Party! Recommended for ages 8-18.
***Registration appreciated.**

MEET THE AUTHOR: THE PUFFIN WHO WHISPERED

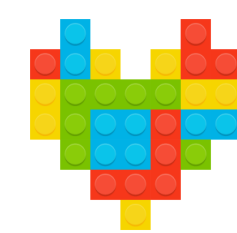
Sat., Aug 1
1-3pm



Join local author Marcia Strickland for a special drop-in event celebrating the release of her debut picture book, The Puffin Who Whispered! There will be a storytime reading at 1pm.
***Registration appreciated.**

BRICK BUDDIES LEGO CLUB

Weds., August 5
5:30pm



Join our Brick Buddies LEGO Club for an evening of creativity and fun. Builders of all skill-levels and experience are welcome to come together, share ideas, and let their imaginations run wild!
***Registration required.**

READY TO ROCK WITH LETS PLAY MUSIC

Friday, August 7
10am



Calling young rockers (ages 4-7)! Join Let's Play Music & Make Art for a Kidzrock program that will have your child playing guitar, piano, and drums while making new friends!
***Registration required.**