

# TRACK YOUR READING

Summer Reading is fun for all ages. Adults can grab a tracking card and children and teens can get a head-start on summer reading when they pick up their free book with their registration packet at their local branch, beginning June 1.

Keeping up with summer reading is easy with options for online record-keeping and paper tracking cards. Choose what works best for you. Record your reading and activities in Beanstack or turn in your tracking card by August 14 for chances to win a grand prize.

Download the Beanstack Tracker app for Android and iOS systems. One-click logging provides parents with an easy way to log progress for the whole family.

[lexcolibrary.com/summerreading](https://lexcolibrary.com/summerreading)



## SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTIES

**Gilbert-Summit Branch Library**  
Thursday, June 1 from 12–2 PM

**Chapin Branch Library**  
Thursday, June 1 from 5:30–7 PM

**Pelion Branch Library**  
Saturday, June 3 from 10 AM–12 PM

**Gaston Branch Library**  
Monday, June 5 from 4:30–6:30 PM

**Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library**  
Monday, June 5 from 5–7 PM

**Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library**  
Tuesday, June 6 from 2–4 PM

**Irmo Branch Library**  
Tuesday, June 6 from 4–6 PM

**Lexington Main Library**  
Wednesday, June 7 from 3–6 PM at  
Icehouse Amphitheater

**South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library**  
Friday, June 9 from 10 AM–12 PM

**Swansea Branch Library**  
Friday, June 9 from 2–4 PM

## PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE

**TWO MONTHS**  
OF READING SKILLS ARE LOST OVER THE SUMMER

—2022 SUMMER STATS—

**219,243**  
**TOTAL CHECKOUTS**

**98% BOOKS**

**2% AUDIOBOOKS**

**392 PROGRAMS**  
**12,109**  
**ATTENDEES**

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## All Together Now



**SUMMER READING 2023**



# YOUTH SUMMER READING

We're *All Together Now* at the library for summer reading fun and adventure. Friendship, kindness and unity are things we all need. Starting this summer, challenge yourself to make a new friend, choose kindness even when it's hard and show unity by celebrating differences. Together, we can build stronger communities and make the world a better place.

Why Summer Reading? Not only will you be building your literacy and language skills, but you'll also be preventing the dreaded summer slide that can affect school-aged children. And don't worry, this program isn't just for kids — it's perfect for teens and adults too.

Immerse yourself in the joy of reading as you explore new worlds and meet fascinating characters. From park passes to magazines, there's something for everyone to enjoy. So as you plan your summer, be sure to add a trip to the library to your itinerary.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Summer Reading begins June 1
- Begin picking up prizes June 12
- Summer Reading ends August 14

## All Together With Chad Crews

**June 12–16 | grades K–5**

Gather with friends and family as Chad Crews shares stories of togetherness, magic, music, a live animal and more.

## Hello Japan

**June 19–23 | grades K–5**

Be transported to the enchanting land of Japan by magic story artist Yasu Ishida. Witness the mystic wonder of storytelling and origami in this interactive show.

## Friendventures

**June 26–30 | grades K–5**

Celebrate the magic of storytelling with tales of friendship and adventure from our very own master tellers. Be delighted by captivating stories, puppetry and more.

## Gravity Check

**July 10–14 | grades K–5**

Catch the excitement with Gravity Check juggling and take part in the fun as they share their incredible, high-energy mix of comedy and juggling skills.

## Pantasia Steel Band

**July 17–21 | grades K–5**

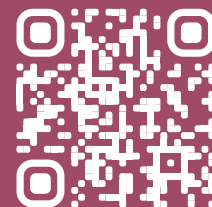
Experience calypso, soca and reggae musical selections with Pantasia Steel Band's duo interactive musical performance of steel drums and Caribbean percussion. Learn about Caribbean geography, the history of the steel drum, and historical and cultural events that led to the instrument's development in Trinidad.

## The Ant & the Grasshopper

**July 24–28 | grades K–5**

Personalities collide when a hardworking ant and a lazy grasshopper find themselves in a living situation that is too close for comfort. Porkchop Productions presents a brand new, reimagined adaptation that teaches the important lessons that hard work pays off ... and teamwork makes the dream work.

For dates, times, locations and a complete list of events for all ages, visit [lexcolibrary.com/programs](http://lexcolibrary.com/programs).



# TWEEN & TEEN SUMMER READING

## Balloonopolis | grades 4–12

Inflate and tie your very own balloon creations with expert balloon artists from Balloonopolis.

## Yoga With Friends | grades 4–12

Discover the power of your body and breath with the timeless art of yoga. Join the amazing Melissa Crook, a certified E-RYT 500 yoga instructor, and unleash your inner yogi. No worries if you're new to yoga — this is a beginner-friendly class. Just come dressed in comfy clothes and bring a cozy blanket, thick towel or yoga mat. Let's flow and find our zen together.

## Pop-Up Poetry | grades 4–12

Compose your own individual acrostic poem, then work *All Together Now* to join your lines with others to create a larger group poem. Learn poetry composition, editing techniques, piece arrangement and public speaking from local performance artist Queen It Shall Be.

## Thread Squad | grades 4–12

Create your own yarn using old T-shirts with local fiber artist Makenzye Barfield. Macrame your yarn, or trade yarn with others, to create a uniquely beautiful bracelet that you can give to your bestie or keep for yourself. All materials provided.

## Mindful Me | grades 4–12

Are you feeling overwhelmed by life's challenges? Are you struggling to focus on what's truly important? Then it's time to level up your mental game with the one and only Charity Collier. As a Master in Meditation, she's here to teach you the secrets to finding inner peace and clarity. No more confusion or stress — just pure mindfulness bliss. Discover why meditation is the ultimate superpower.



# ADULT SUMMER READING

## Author Talk: Maxwell King

**Saturday, June 10 at 2 PM | Lexington Main Library**

Fred Rogers was more than one of the seminal figures in the development of television in the 20th century. He was also a leading educator who worked to advance the development of early childhood education in the U.S. Because of his skilled use of television, Fred spread a powerful message of love, kindness and understanding to millions of children, parents and teachers throughout the country, making himself an icon for the value of kindness. He continues — 20 years after his death — to be a major influence in video, on the internet and on social media. Maxwell King, author of *The Good Neighbor*, tells some of the most compelling stories from Fred's life and work and explains his profound influence on society.

## Handmade: Jewelry

Learn how to make jewelry. Internationally published and award-winning Canadian jewelry artist and teacher Sue Charette-Hood will teach us how to create beautiful, beaded and wearable artwork.

## Lifelong Learning: Chinese Tea House

Experience the relaxing atmosphere of a traditional Chinese tea house, identify types of Chinese tea leaves and their health benefits and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of tea with delicate Chinese refreshments.

## Author Talk: Tom Poland

Friendship and kindness reveal themselves in many ways. Old graves covered with seashells, for instance, tell a story of kindness. Tom Poland's illustrated talk discusses memories of a church named Friendship, stories of kindness, the heartbreak of meanness, Sunday piano memories and a porch-sitting man who waves at passersby. Tom recalls, too, how a friendship with a photographer led to five books.

If an individual with a disability needs reasonable accommodations or support to attend a program or event, contact the branch.