

# August Newsletter

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## Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library Book Sale

**Friday, August 8, 2025 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

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**Saturday, August 9, 2025 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Support the library by shopping at the Friends August Book Sale! This is our biggest sale of the year and with such a great selection there will be something for everyone. Don't miss it! The Friends support the library by providing funding for children, teen and adult programs including arts and craft supplies, performers, reading groups, movies, museum passes and more. They are also a huge contributor to our summer reading program.

### Friends Members Exclusive Book Pre-Sale

**Thursday, August 7, 2025 - 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Thursday's sale is exclusively for Friends members. If you'd like to come be sure to [join the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library](#) volunteer organization.



WORLD BUILDING BOOK  
GROUP

**Tuesday, August 26 at  
6:30pm**

This month's book is "Lock In"  
by John Scalzi

### Library Quote of the Month

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."



Walter Cronkite  
(1916-2009. American broadcast journalist, in American Library Association  
"Libraries Change Lives" Campaign, 1995)

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Summer Reading continues through August 6.

Weekly during Summer Reading.

## **TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS**

Beginning Monday mornings and while supplies last, pick up a Take and Make craft to do at home.

Week 5 (7/28-8/2): Shrink Art Keychains

Week 6 (8/4-8/9): Cork Coasters

July 28 through August 2

## **INDOOR OBSTACLE COURSE**

Hop, skip, zig-zag, and giggle! Stop by the children's room anytime between Monday, July 28 and Saturday, August 2nd to try out our indoor obstacle course. Just follow the bright tape and see if you can do the whole course.

Friday, August 1 - 10:45 am to 11:45 am

## **FRONT LAWN FRIDAYS**

Join us for summer fun on the library lawn! We'll enjoy a short story time, and then have a round of free play with a selection of toys perfect for outdoor fun. This outdoor program is weather-dependent. In the case of inclement weather, a story time will be held in the library's meeting room. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Friday, August 1 - 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

## **OPEN CRAFTING FOR KIDS**

Stop by the library on select Friday afternoons during the summer for crafting fun! We'll set out a variety of supplies for kids to create and experiment with; all you need to bring is your imagination! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL.

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

## **MONDAY MORNING MOVIES**

Drop in to the library on Monday mornings during summer reading for a series of family friendly movies! Each fun flick will fit in with this year's summer reading theme: Level Up at Your Library. Light refreshments will be provided. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. This week's movie is "Sonic the Hedgehog".

Monday, August 4, 2025 - 3:30 pm to 4:30pm

## **MAKE-IT MONDAYS**

Join the JHPL each Monday during our 2025 Summer Reading Program for video game themed crafts and activities perfect for kids ages 5-12! Today's theme: Animal Crossing! Registration is required. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 10:45 am to 11:30 am

## **SUMMER STORY TIME**

Join the library for stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts! No registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. This outdoor program is weather-dependent. In the case of inclement weather, story time will be held in the library's meeting room.



Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

## **SUMMER READING FINALE - CONCERT AND ICE CREAM TRUCK!**

Join us for a fun family concert on the Town Common to end 2025's Summer Reading Program with a bang! Rockabye Beats will be here to get kids moving and grooving and Suzy Q's Ice Cream Truck will provide cool, sweet treats. There is no registration required to attend the concert itself. Free ice cream to the first 100 kids (12 and under) who register on-line at [sturbridgellibrary.org](http://sturbridgellibrary.org). Thank you to Cornerstone Bank for sponsoring the ice cream truck.

## **DROP IN TECH HELP**

**Wednesdays**

**5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Bring your device and get your most basic smartphone, tablet or computer questions answered.



Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - 10:45 am to 11:30 am

## **SUMMER BABY TIME**

Join us Wednesday mornings in the summer for a story time designed specifically for children 2 years and under. We'll sing songs, learn rhymes and fingerplays, read baby friendly board books, and bond with other little ones and their guardians in a nurturing and safe environment. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - 4:45 pm to 7:45 pm.

## **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME NIGHT FOR TEENS & ADULTS.**

Ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons or other tabletop role playing games (also known as RPGs) but didn't know where to start? Join us for a night of adventure, comradery, and excitement for teen and adult D&D Night! Our Dungeon Masters will lead their groups on a fantastic adventure in one evening. Character sheets will be provided to save time and to get play started quickly. Previous experience is not required and newcomers are encouraged to attend.

Monday, August 11, 2025 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

## **SNAP-ED COOKING CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Join Chiara, the SNAP-ED Garden Educator from Ascentria Care Alliance, for a fun and educational class where we will learn how to prepare delicious snacks and meals using seasonal fruits and vegetables. Registration is required.

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - Virtual - 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

## **THRILLER AND HORROR BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Not sure what to read next? Join Bookstagrammer Jody Blanchette aka @redreadreviews each month for 30 minutes of pure book recommendations - the best of horror and thrillers out there! We're sure you'll find something to like from Jody's many enthusiastic reviews. Registration is required. Go to [sturbridgellibrary.org](http://sturbridgellibrary.org).

Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## **LEGO CLUB**

Come build with Legos. Suitable for children ages 5 to 12 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

Tuesday, August 26 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

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