SUMMER EVENTS & CLASSES AT THE NRH LIBRARY
JUNE-AUGUST 2025

# THE MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CLUB

**READ BOOKS • EARN PRIZES • HAVE FUN!** 



# How to Participate in the

# MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CLUB

### **SIGN UP**

Registration is quick & easy! Head over to library.nrhtx.com/src to sign up using Beanstack, our online and app tracker. Pre-registration begins Tuesday, May 20.

Read anything you like: books, comics, audiobooks—they all count! The most important part? Have fun!

### TRACK & LOC

Use Beanstack to log your reading minutes and any activities you complete.

### EARN BADGE

As you progress through the Mayor's Summer Reading Club, you'll earn virtual badges. Some badges will earn you rewards and virtual tickets!





### READING REWARDS

As you earn badges in the Mayor's Summer Reading Club, you'll unlock fun rewards to pick up at the Library and virtual tickets to enter our grand prize drawings!

### Rewards include:

- NRH<sub>2</sub>O day passes for children and teens who read 50 hours\*
- Coupons from local businesses
- Day passes to the NRH Centre

\*NRH2O day passes are only available to children between the ages of 3-17 and high school seniors for the 2025-2026 school year. Children must be present and have a valid NRH Library card to claim NRH2O day pass.



### Fire Truck Rides

Children who read 100 hours will also be entered in a drawing for a chance to ride to school in an NRH Fire Truck!

### Eligible participants must:

- Be of elementary school age
- Live in North Richland Hills
- Attend a school within NRH or be homeschooled

Rewards are available while supplies last. All rewards must be collected by Saturday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m. No rewards will be available after this time.

### GRAND PRIZES TICKET



Every time you complete select activities in Beanstack, you'll earn virtual tickets to enter our grand prize drawings!



There are separate prize pools for kids, tweens/teens, and adults, and winners are randomly selected after the program ends.

### **How to Use Your Tickets**

- Go to the "Drawings" tab in Beanstack
- Choose your favorite prizes
- Decide how many tickets to enter for each

You can put all your tickets toward one big prize or spread them out! Even if you don't win a grand prize, there are lots of other rewards to enjoy along the way!

Grand prizes were donated by the Friends of the NRH Library and our generous sponsors.



# A Letter from the Director

### **Dear Community Members**

Welcome to our 2025 Mayor's Summer Reading Club! I'm so happy to invite you and your family to join us for a summer filled with exciting programs, opportunities to be creative, and, of course, great books centered around an art-inspired theme, "Color Our World."

Reading over the summer isn't just fun; it's also incredibly beneficial. It helps prevent the "summer slide" for students, keeps minds sharp, and fosters creativity and curiosity in readers of all ages. Whether you're discovering a new favorite author, embarking on an adventure through the pages of a book, or sharing stories with family and friends, reading opens doors to endless possibilities. Arts and crafts programs help children develop focus and problem-solving skills that support their success in other areas of their lives. Reading + Art = A Summer of Fun!

Inside this guide, you'll find activities and special events designed to help you "color" your world, with arts and crafts programs and special events from animal programs to musical performances. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff who worked hard to create these wonderful programs and events—their passion and creativity make this summer possible!

Here's to a summer full of stories, smiles, and colorful memories.

See you at the Library!

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Cecilia Barham Director of Library Services



# CHILDREN + FAMILIES

### Make-It Take-It Crafts

Wednesdays · 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Create fun, beautiful arts and crafts that will color our world! Supplies are provided for one craft per child.

### Ages 3-8

June 4	Scribble Art
June 11	Pom Pom Popsicles
June 18	Kandinsky Trees
June 25	Tissue Paper Stained Glass
July 2	Tape Resist Art
July 9	Handprint Paper Bag Butterfly Puppet
July 16	Optical Art Paper Weaving
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July 23 Circle Collages

### **LEGO Challenge**

Fridays: June 6, June 20, July 11, July 25 · 11:00 AM Explore your imagination with free-play LEGO challenges! You're welcome to bring your own LEGOs, but we'll have some on hand for anyone who needs them.

Ages 7+

### **Read with Mollie's Friends**

Third Saturday of Each Month · 10:30 AM - Noon Mollie's furry friends are ready to read with you! Reading to therapy dogs helps build confidence and strengthen reading skills in young readers. Space is limited; sign-ups begin at 10:00 AM on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ages 5-13





### Babygarten\*

Babygarten© is a fun and educational 6-week series of classes for babies and their caregivers. Each class involves songs, rhymes, activities, and free play that help babies with language and pre-literacy skills. Classes will be on break in July, but will resume in August. Sign up or learn more at library.nrhtx.com/babygarten.

\*Registration is required.

0-12 months & 13-18 months

### **Melodies & Motion**

Mondays • 11:30 AM Tuesdays • 2:30 PM

A 30-minute activity for toddlers to explore concepts and build critical motor skills. Each session will have a variety of music, dancing, and other movement activities for your toddler to enjoy.

18 months to 4 years

### **Homeschool Science**

Friday, August 1 · 11:00 AM

Enjoy hands-on STEM activities at this monthly program for homeschool families. Homeschool Science will be on break for June and July, but we'll return in August with an exciting reptile-themed session!

Ages 7-13

### **Family Art Night**

Thursdays: June 26 and July 24 · 5:00 - 6:30 PM Get ready for an evening of creativity, color, and family fun! This summer, families will work together to create a unique piece of art. In June, we'll make family portraits inspired by the bold, iconic style of Picasso. Then, in July, we'll design colorful paper mosaics using interesting shapes and patterns.

### **Family Game Night**

Thursday, July 31 · 5:00 - 6:30 PM Come relax, laugh, and play together with your favorite games. We'll have classics like Sorry, Clue, and Uno, plus some extra fun with games like Beat the Parents, Jenga, and more.



### **Toddler Time**

Thursdays · 10:30 AM

Toddlers will be introduced to sounds, letter recognition, and new words to help them grow into pre-readers.

18 months to 3 years

### **Story Time**

Wednesdays · 10:30 AM

Enjoy a variety of stories, action rhymes, and songs during this 30-minute program. Storytime provides a foundation for building a life-long love of books and reading.

Ages 3-6

### Library in the Park

Tuesdays May 20 - June 10 · 10:30 AM

Story time is coming to a park near you! Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes—plus books to check out and a takehome craft! Bring a blanket or chair and catch us at a different park each week.

Ages 3-6



May 20 · Linda Spurlock Park May 27 · Northfield Park

June 3 · Adventure World Playground

June 10 · Green Valley Park





### **Professor Brainius**

Thursday, June 5 · 3:00 PM

Get ready for a wild and wacky science adventure with Professor Brainius! He's on a mission to inspire curiosity, excite kids about science, and spark a love of learning in young minds!

### A Pair of Pirates Musical Adventure

Thursday, June 12 · 3:00 PM

No world is more colorful than the world of pirates. In music and story, Pair of Pirates will take young buccaneers on an adventure filled with singing, dancing, and making good choices as part of the crew.

### **Percussion Things**

Thursday, June 19 · 3:00 PM

Percussion Things loves sharing stories and music to inspire and delight audiences of all ages through percussion instruments and storytelling.

### Wildlife on the Move

Saturday, June 28 · 3:00 PM

Wildlife on the Move is back with *Amazing Adaptations*! Discover some of the unique ways animals are built and behave to help them survive in the wild.

### **All About Animals**

Thursday, July 3 · 3:00 PM

Nature is full of amazing colors and cool patterns—just look at cheetahs with their spots, zebras with their stripes, and all those bright, beautiful birds! Learn how animals use their colors for all kinds of clever reasons.

### **Colors of Kindness Bubble Show**

Thursday, July 10 · 3:00 PM

Step into a world of bubble magic and discovery! Kids will learn about surface tension, see bubbles inside bubbles, and even find out how to touch a bubble without popping it.

### Creature Teacher

Saturday, July 12 · 3:00 PM

Explore the animal kingdom up close! Learn fascinating facts about each animal, their natural habitats, and how they survive in the wild.

### **Hobby Horsing Around**

Thursday, July 17 · 3:00 PM Giddy up for a one-of-a-kind adventure that blends physical activity, creativity, rhythm, and fun!





CAN'T MAKE IT ON THURSDAYS?

These Saturday events are perfect for parents who work during the week!

# TWEENS/TEENS



### **Tween & Teen DIY**

Mondays • 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Get creative this summer with our Tween & Teen DIY series! Supplies are provided and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Ages 12-17

June 2 Birch Tree Painting
June 9 Rock Painting
June 16 No-Sew Fleece Pillow
June 23 Mini Flower Pot Painting
June 30 Pom-Pom Plants
July 7 Abstract Tape Art
July 14 Tie-Dye Shirts
July 21 Handmade Bookmarks

### **Teen Game Time**

Tuesdays • 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Hang out, have snacks, and enjoy board games in a relaxed and fun atmosphere! We'll supply all you need to play, so just come ready to have a good time. You're also welcome to bring your own family-friendly games to share.

Ages 13-17

### Fun with Physics\*

Fridays: June 6, June 13, July 11 · 3:00 PM We're bringing science to life through hands-on physics experiments! Each session explores a new physics concept, giving teens the chance to engage in fun, interactive activities while learning about the world around them. Registration is required for each class—just register for the classes that interest you!

Ages 11+

June 6 Candy Chromatography
June 13 Catapulting Contest
July 11 Paper Speaker

### **Car Maintenance for Teens\***

Thursday, August 7 · 11:00 AM

Teens are invited to learn basic car maintenance from a local professional! Andy Dodson, owner of Pit Stop Xpress, will teach teens essential car maintenance topics, such as checking tire pressure, changing the oil and other fluids, and properly using battery cables. Ages 15-18

### The Confident Girl Code\*

June 9-13 · 1:00 - 3:00 PM

This workshop for neurodivergent girls ages 11–14 builds confidence, communication, and social skills in a fun, supportive environment. Girls will learn to navigate friendships, express themselves, and develop essential skills while feeling empowered to be their authentic selves.

**Monday:** Intro to the Confident Girl Code **Tuesday:** Healthy Friendships & Peer Conflict

Wednesday: Emotions & Coping Strategies Thursday: Social Navigation & Etiquette Friday: Confidence & Connection Party – a chance to practice skills at a tea party! \*Registration opens on May 5.



up, please visit our online calendar at library.nrhtx.com/calendar!



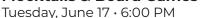
These events are intended for ages 18+.

### Puzzle Palooza

Monday, June 16 · 6:00 PM

It's Puzzle Palooza time! Jigsaw, crossword, sudoku, word puzzles—you name it! So, grab your friends and stop by the Library for some puzzling, fun, and brain-boosting challenges.

### **Mocktails & Board Games**



Add a splash of color to those long, lazy summer days as you sip fun mocktails and enjoy a great selection of board games while spending time with friends, old and new.

### **End of Summer Scrapbooking**

Monday, July 28 · 6:00 PM

Put a wrap on this summer's fun with scrapbooking and preserve the photos you've taken all summer with a bit of recycled razzle-dazzle. **Participants need to bring their own scrapbooks or scrapbook pages**, and we'll supply the fun materials and tools.

### PINTEREST PARTIES

Relaxed and social crafting events for adults—no registration or experience required! Available while supplies last.

### Stained-Glass Bookmarks

Monday, June 2 · 6:00 PM

Add some color to your summer reading with colorful faux stained-glass bookmarks using paint, food coloring, and glue.

### **Fruit Coasters**

Saturday, June 7 · 11:00 AM

Beat the heat with fun, fruity coasters made from cotton yarn and paint—perfect for your favorite summer drinks!

### **Tote Bag Painting**

Monday, June 9 · 6:00 PM

Give your old tote a fresh new look with pops of acrylic color! **Just bring a bag you'd like to upcycle**, and we'll provide the paint.

### **Tie-Dye Window Art**

Tuesday, June 24 · 6:00 PM

Brighten up your space with tie-dye window decals made from coffee filters—quick, colorful, and fun to make!

### **Cactus Car Charm**

Saturday, July 5 · 11:00 AM

Using craft wire, rope, and yarn (no pokey spines here!), you'll create a cute macrame cactus to add a little summer flair to your rearview mirror.

### **Alcohol Ink Tiles**

Monday, July 7 · 6:00 PM

Turn plain tiles into vibrant coasters using alcohol ink and straws. Bring a hair dryer or heat gun for even bolder effects.



Monday, July 14 · 6:00 PM

We're bringing back a childhood classic—for the kids in all of us! To join the fun, **just bring your own rock (or two)** and a bit of whimsy for a laid-back summer craft session.

### BOOK CLUBS

### **Book Break**

A lively lunchtime book group featuring fun discussions across a variety of genres.

Meets: Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Board Room

Jun. 18 The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Jul. 16 Facing the Enemy by DiAnn Mills

Aug. 20 Becoming Madam Secretary

by Stephanie Dray

### books + brews

Perfect for curious minds, this nonfiction book club meets monthly for deep conversations over a great drink.

Meets: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Local coffee shops and bars across NRH

Jun. 10 American Serengeti by Dan Flores

Location: False Idol Brewing

Jul. 8 Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson

Location: Kindred Coffee Co.

Aug. 12 Finite and Infinite Games by James P. Carse

Location: What's On Tap



## SATURDAY, JULY 26

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Celebrate the incredible talent of local authors over a light lunch! Hear them share insights about their work, inspirations, and writing journeys.

### **LUNCHEON | \$10**

Tickets will be available from the Friends of the NRH Library starting in June.

### **BOOK SIGNING | 12:30 PM**

Free and open to all! Meet the authors, purchase books, and get them signed—no ticket needed.





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# LOOKING FOR MAKER SPOT CLASSES?

Many of our classes in The Maker Spot are taught by volunteers, so we're always adding new ones! For the most up-to-date list of classes and equipment in The Maker Spot, please visit our website: www.library.nrhtx.com/makerspot



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# THE MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CLUB MAY 31 - JULY 26, 2025

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS LIBRARY

READER NAME

Color in a shape for every hour you spend reading, and watch the hours of fun add up!

Once you complete a page, have a grown-up help you log your hours to the Beanstack app or online tracker and print out your next tracking page. You may also come into the Library for help with adding your reading time to your Beanstack account and pick up your next tracking page.

DEADLINE FOR LOGGING HOURS & COLLECTING PRIZES: 4:00 PM ON SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025.





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# BECOME A FRIEND!

When you join the Friends of the NRH Library, you help support programs like the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and other literacy-focused events. Your membership and donations directly enhance and expand the library's services for the entire community.

Scan to join today and help shape the future of your library!





### **Library Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday 10 AM - 8 PM Wednesday, Thursday: 10 AM - 7 PM Friday, Saturday: 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday: Closed



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