

MILL VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM SUMMER 2013

JUNE 10:

Sign-ups for Mill Valley residents.

JUNE 12

Sign-ups for all others.

JUNE 24:

Summer reading begins. Pick up your reading log!

REGISTER IN PERSON, ONLINE, OR BY PHONE:

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Please read all information carefully – advance sign-ups and minimum grade requirements apply to many events.

Minimum grade requirements apply to the grade your child is entering in the fall.

July 15: Animals Galore Paper Bag Puppet Party

Come to our annual paper bag puppet party. Listen to animated animal stories and make your very own brown paper bag animal puppet.

July 22: Marvelous Magical Music!

Natasha will share stories about music, musicians, and musical instruments, then give a live musical performance.

July 29: Good Enough to Eat

Enjoy stories from around the world about eating and getting eaten. Speaking of eating, we will enjoy a special surprise snack, too.

August 5: Guest Storyteller Anne Fretes

Listen to a captivating tale from Africa about a painful conflict between a young brother and sister who have a seemingly unsolvable problem. Fantasy and adventure are woven through this story of family love and its ability to overcome loss and adversity.

August 12: Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover – Note special time: 6:30pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for an evening story time and bedtime snack; then your stuffie gets to spend the night! Pick up your stuffed friend the next day.

Sunday Specials | Family Fun All Ages, 11:00am

Enjoy selected artists and entertainers at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings. All Ages. No sign-up needed. Main Reading Room or Amphitheater Stage, as noted.

June 16: The Hipwaders

The hip and brilliant Hipwaders will wow you with their jangly, hook-infused power pop for families. They'll be bringing their bubble machine and inflatable guitars, too. Amphitheater.

July 14: Amazing Bubble Man Louis Pearl

Meet author, inventor, and expert bubbler Louis Pearl. He'll showcase the entertaining science of bubbles, including Square Bubbles, Person-Inside-a-Bubble, Edible Bubbles, and more! Main Reading Room.

$August\,25: The\, Harmonica\, Pocket$

With story-songs, hula hoops, and a suitcase full of props, The Harmonica Pocket mixes up music and dance that gets everyone on their feet, singing and swinging along. Main Reading Room.

Mondays | Stories & More All Ages, 2:30pm

Sensational stories and a little something extra: a surprise snack, a cool art project, or maybe even a special guest storyteller. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

July 1: Phil's Favorites!

Everyone knows Phil Sheridan, our much loved preschool and family story time reader, but do you know his all-time favorite stories? Come and find out.

July 8: It's Pajama Jammy Jam with Molly! Note special time: 6:30pm

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffie to this special before-bed story time in the library. Surprise bedtime snack included.

Tuesdays | Little Sprouts! for kids entering kindergarten in the fall and younger, 11:00 - 11:45am

Little Sprouts! programs require advance sign-up and parent/caregiver participation, except where noted. All programs are in the Amphitheater except where noted.

July 2: Dinosaurs Roar!

Listen to delightful dino tales and make a fun dinosaur mask. Advance sign-up required.

July 9: Mad Hatter Tea Party

Bring your best stuffed friend or doll to tea and make a crazy hat or crown. Advance sign-up required.

July 16: Yoga Sprouts

Practice the transformative art of yoga with your preschooler at the library. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 23: Groovin' to the Music

Teacher Barb and Daniel Fabulous bring a groovin' bent to the library. Their mix of rock n' roll, country, blues, and timeless children's music means an unforgettable show. No sign-up needed - everyone welcome.

July 30: Go Cars Go!

Vroom! Vroom! Come hear stories about cars and trucks and things that go, then make your own kid-sized box racer. Advance sign-up required.

August 6: The Snail People

Family fun folk music, with a fantastic green twist! Snail People will play re-imagined classics and creative originals that encourage singing and dancing along with on-the-spot music creation. No sign-up needed - everyone welcome.

$August\,13: Shake\,Your\,Sillies\,Out!$

Listen to a noisy book, make your own shaker instrument, then jam out to some crazy tunes. Advance sign-up required.

Wednesdays on Stage

Entertainment for All Ages, 3:30 pm

Wednesday programs are for all ages and begin at 3:30 pm in the Amphitheater. No sign-up needed for Wednesdays on Stage

June 26: Doug Hofkins a.k.a. the Surfing Magician

Cowabunga! This beach-loving magician will amaze you with his ever-evolving repertoire of illusions, sleight of hand, and all-around hocus pocus. Props in the show include scarves, coins, animals, playing cards, and a surfboard (!?!).

July 3: Green Golly and her Golden Flute

Rapunzel was horrified to spend her days trapped in a big old tower, but not Green Golly! She was so inspired she couldn't help but make music. This engaging introduction to the world of classical music will charm even the squirmiest of kids.

${\it July\,10: Crosspulse\,Rhythm\,Duo}$

For Keith Terry and Evie Ladin, music is everywhere. The Oakland-based duo uses everything from bells to toilet plungers to create dazzling rhythms and syncopated sounds. Stamp, clap, and sing along to their exuberant exposition of percussion and dance.

July 17: African Village Celebration

World-renowned master percussionist Onye Onyemaechi engages families in an interactive experience of African Village life. Drumming, dancing, songs, stories, and colorful native dress are all part of this lively celebration of African art and heritage.

July 24: Storyteller Muriel Johnson

Baby birds lost on an island, a leopard with no spots, and a lion without a tail? You'll hear about these and more when you take a storytelling journey with Muriel Johnson. Her animated retellings of traditional tales from around the world will captivate kids with her use of distinct character voices, dramatic gestures, and melodic refrains. These stories are guaranteed to stay with you long after the show is over!

July 31: The Keith Show

Keith of The Keith Show will thrill you with juggling, yoyo tricks, comedy, and other useless – oops! we mean amazing – skills. He's performed at Pier 39, Harvard Square, Key West, and now will dazzle the families of Mill Valley with his awesome, perhaps dubious talents.

August 7: Magical Moonshine Puppet Theatre - Puppylocks and the Three Bears

What if the Three Bears were really teddy bears and Goldilocks not a girl at all, but a mischievous little dog that wreaks havoc while the bears are away? Live music and singing accompany this very funny retelling of the traditional fairytale.

August 14: The Mark and Dre Comedy Show

Professional goofballs Mark and Dre (aka Carnival of Chaos) specialize in comedy, world class juggling, and witty repartee. Their brand of controlled chaos is guaranteed to stimulate your brain, tickle your funny bone, and whet your appetite for dangerous stunts.



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Thursdays | Earth + Art Adventures

All Thursday programs begin at 2:30pm

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June 27: Las Tortillas Son Muy Deliciosas!

Stir up incredibly simple ingredients, squish the dough with a genuine tortilla press, and pop your creation onto the griddle. Served with a little guacamole and salsa $\,$ – olé! It's Mexican soul food from scratch. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 4: Library Closed - no program.

July 11: Green Art Workshop Altered Books - Grade 4+

Create an imaginative sculpture using a discarded book that incorporates ideas of home, family life, and your relationship to the natural world. The result will be a brand new work of art made from recycled ingredients. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 18: Wildlife Associates Creepy Critters - All ages'

Crawling with excitement, this program explores the gentler side of the most misunderstood animals of the wild kingdom. You'll meet a boa, tortoise, alligator, giant lizard, and a tarantula and explore their importance in nature's diverse web of life. Amphitheater. No sign-up needed.

*Children must remain quiet and seated during the 40-minute show.

July 25: Origami Fishing Game - Grade K+

Fold some fishes, a pond, and a bowl. Add a fishing pole and you're set to play a few rounds of your very own hand-made fishing game. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

August 1: Author Amy Novesky - Grade 1+

 $\label{local children's author Amy Novesky reads from her picture book biography about Bay Area artist Imogen$ Cunningham, whose black and white images of plants and people are icons of modern photography. Participants will explore this artform by making sun prints with natural objects. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up

August 8: Mad Science Crazy Chemistry -Grade K+

A Mad Scientist will make colors change, melt a head, and coax a science genie from a bottle – all through the use of some spiffy chemical reactions. She'll even create an extra hand to help with the more complicated experiments and surprise you with an explosion of foam this is craziness you won't want to miss! Amphitheater. No sign-up needed.

Free Play Fridays | Have Fun

Friday programs begin at 2:30pm except for the Banana Slug String Band (8/9) which starts at 3:30pm.

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June 28: Cartoon Creature Creation - Grade 3+

Calling all cartoonists! Learn to draw creatures galore with professional cartoonist Brian Kolm of the Atomic Bear Press. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 5: Classic Cartoons in the Creekside! - All ages

Pillows, fresh popcorn, and your favorite classic cartoons on the big screen - what could be better on a Friday afternoon? Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

July 12: Fold, Flip, Fly - Grade 1+

Construct and decorate paper kites or gliding airplanes and test them out in the redwood grove. Don't want to fly? Fold some origami animals or blow gigantic soap bubble blimps – fun for everyone! Amphitheater. Advance sign-up required.

July 19: Sean's Shadows Puppet Show and Workshop – All ages

Musician and puppet artist Sean Powers performs his own shadowy version of The Gingerbread Boy. Shadow puppet fans can sign up for a hands-on post-performance workshop. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed for puppet show; advance sign-up is required for the after-show workshop at 3:30pm.

July 26: First Ever Lego Play Day - Grade K+

Did you know that the skills used to build with Legos support problem solving, reading, and creativity? Join us for our first ever Lego Play Day. Thanks to the many families whose generous donations of used Legos make this program possible. Creekside Room. No sign-up

August 2: Jonathan Kathrien Talks About Sharks - Grade K+

Have you ever met anyone who's been bitten by a shark? Our guest will tell us how the experience transformed his life and inspired him to teach peace and encourage respect and kindness for all creatures, human and otherwise. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

August 9: Banana Slug String Band - Special time 3:30pm

The Slugs invite you to dive in and swim on a musical odyssey into the Earth's one mysterious, marvelous – and precious – ocean. They'll showcase songs from The One and Only Ocean, their award-winning CD with music designed to help kids and families to learn about and care for the ocean. Ampthitheater. No sign-up needed.



Foundation and the Friends.

DON'T MISS our **End-of-Summer Party**

Fun for everyone! Friday, August 23 - 2:30pm Celebrate the end of summer with your friends and library staff under the redwood trees. Hula hoops crafts, bubbles, face painting, music, ice cream, and a smoothie bike will be available for your enjoyment. All ages! Amphitheater. No sign-up needed.

End-of-Summer Movie & Game Days Starting August 16th. Stay tuned...

Book Clubs

Laugh-Out-Loud Book Club - Grades 3 - 5

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:45pm, starting June 25 (group meets five times on June 25, July 9, 16, 23, and 30). This year we'll focus on Dan Gutman, prolific author of Babe and Me, The Million Dollar Shot, and many other fine and funny novels for kids. We'll read aloud Mission Unstoppable (Book 1 of The Genius Files series) which follows the adventures and misadventures of 12-year old genius twins Coke and Pepsi as they're chased across the United States by an evil nemesis. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

Pizza & Pages Book Club - Grades 6 - 8

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm. Book: Tangerine by Edward Bloor Read *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor on your own and discuss it over pizza and dessert with your fellow readers and eaters. Paul Fisher, who is legally blind, moves to Tangerine, FL., where lightning strikes at the same time every day and underground fires burn for years. When he's forced to move to a tough inner city school, he's adopted by the biggest baddies around – the soccer team. Suddenly the blind can see, geeks can be cool, and maybe a twelve-year-old kid can finally face up to his terrifying past. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

More Fun

Summer Reading Game for Readers and Listeners Pick up a reading log starting June 24!

Let the fun begin! Whether you're reading to yourself or listening to stories read aloud, you can pick up a summer reading log and start off with your first prize and stamp. Participants promise to read (or be read to) for 3 hours a week and keep track of books all summer long.

SHARE-A-Book Dogs Saturdays at 1:00pm-2:00pm June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14

The popular SHARE-A-Book dogs are back! They'll be stopping by the library on the second Saturday of every month to share their love of reading. Kids in kindergarten and older may sign up for a 15-minute appointment on the dates above.

Appointments will also be available for second Saturdays in October, November, and December. Advance sign-up required. Call for an appointment.

Get a free PeRL! Personalized Reading Lists for kids entering Grades 5 - 8

Want help deciding which books are perfect for you? Sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a librar ian and get personalized book recommendations. Participants must reside in Mill Valley and already have attended 4th grade.

IGG Jar: Guess How Many

Guess how many items are in the In-library Guessing Game Jar and you might win a book on CD!

Kids' Picks! Get Help from the Experts

Who knows best when it comes to books for kids? Teachers? Librarians? Yes, but kids are the real experts. Help your friends (and others) find the best books by filling out a Kids' Picks form. See what other kids are reading in our Kids' Picks Binder.