



**Welcome to the
Suffern Free Library
Children's Department
Summer Newsletter**

All children newborn through entering 6th grade who are residents of the Suffern Central School District are welcome to register for the many programs we offer, including storytimes, book discussions, and summer reading.

Unless otherwise noted, all registration is a week in advance and can be done by visiting our website, by calling the library, or by stopping in at the children's reference desk.

Please make sure to check out the entire newsletter for information regarding the summer reading program, *Have Book, Will Travel*, our weekly storytimes, and other great events.

Summer Loan

For Suffern/Sloatsburg patrons who like to get away for the summer and take our books with them, we offer an extended loan period on our 28-day older fiction and non-fiction books from the adult, YA, or Children's collections (not including summer reading titles). Ask at the Checkout Desk.



Summer 2023

Children's Department

June-August

"Have Book, Will Travel"

How to Participate In Summer Reading

1. Children newborn through those entering 6th grade who are residents of the Suffern Central School District may register anytime between **June 12 and July 31**.
2. You must show your Suffern or Sloatsburg Library card in order to register.
3. Three different ways to participate:
 - A. Newborn-2 years old—complete the activities and put a date on the game card. **Beginning June 27**, you can show the completed card and the child receives a prize bag.
 - B. Children 2 years old-entering 2nd grade will receive an age appropriate Bingo sheet and game sheets that parents can help them work on or they can do on their own. **Beginning June 27**, they can show their completed card to receive a prize bag and book.
 - C. Children entering 3rd grade & up will receive a Bingo sheet along with game sheets. **Beginning June 27**, they can show their Bingo sheet with one line complete (please note to complete diagonally that it must be 5 different books at the correct reading level) and receive a prize bag that includes a book. To earn a bonus prize they can complete the whole Bingo sheet.
4. Children can also ask for a reading log if they would like to keep track of the books they are reading this summer.
5. Children have the entire summer to work on their summer reading. Last day to pick up prizes is **September 10**.

Are you going away this summer?

Email Miss Jennifer your titles at: jsmith@suffernfreelibrary.org and pick up your prize when you come home.



Events for School-Age Children

You may register for most events online, over the phone or at the Library one week in advance unless otherwise noted.

Book Discussions

**sponsored by the Book Sale Group*

Tween Book Discussions

for children entering grade 4 and up

Thursdays from 4:30-5:00pm

Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

June 15 - *The Indian in the Cupboard*

registration begins May 18

July 13 - *Lemonade War*

registration begins June 15

August 17 - *Harriet the Spy*

registration begins July 13



Great Beginnings Book Discussions

for children entering grade 2 and up

Thursdays from 4:30-5:00pm

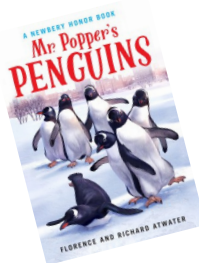
Upcoming titles and dates are as follows:

July 6 - *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

registration begins June 8

August 10 - *Freckle Juice*

registration begins July 6



Elementary Explorers

Kindergarten-2nd grade

Thursdays from 4:30-5:00pm

Join Miss Amy & Miss Barbara for two weeks to explore a new topic.

June 1 & 8: World Landmarks

Travel Bingo

For Kindergarten and up

Saturday, July 15 from 2:00-3:00pm

Join Miss Amy for a fun hour of Travel Bingo! Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each round.

Coloring Club

Entering Kindergarten and up

Thursdays from 6:30-7pm

July 13, 20, 27 & August 3, 10 & 17

Join Miss Barbara to color a different picture each week!



Animal Sand Art

Kindergarten-3rd grade

Thursday, July 27 at 4:30pm

Join us to make colorful sand art animal necklaces!

Get Ready for Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 15

from 3:00-3:30pm

Children entering kindergarten in September 2023 are invited to join Miss Jennifer for stories about starting school. Each child will receive a bag of treats for school.



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Calling All Summer Readers!!!

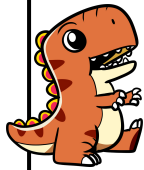
Don't forget about these fabulous fun events at the library.

All children who register for the *Summer Reading Program* will receive a bag to carry their materials and a ticket to the Opening Celebration with David Engel on June 26.

Summer Reading Opening Celebration!

"Dinosaur Safari"
with David Engel

Monday, June 26
at 11am or 2:30pm



Join us for a Dinosaur Safari!
You will be able to pick up a ticket when
you pick up your summer reading
materials.

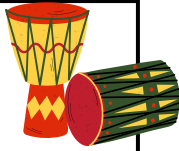


Summer Reading Closing Celebration! Jack's Petting Farm Sunday, August 6 from 11am-1pm

All children who complete their summer reading will be given a timed ticket for the Petting Zoo Closing Celebration.
Tickets available beginning July 24.

One World

Multicultural Music



Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30pm
ages 4 and up

Join Chris Merwin to explore
instruments from around the world!
He will demonstrate the instruments and
participants will get to try some of them.

Arts & Crafts For All

Wednesdays from 4:30-5:00pm

or virtual from home anytime.

Please check the website each month
for registration dates.

June 14 - Father's Day Shark Magnet

June 28 - Patriotic Dino Sign

July 12 - Smiling Sunflower Wreath

July 19 - Colorful Turtle Tissue

July 26 - Woodwind Chimes

August 9 - Walrus Handprint Sign

August 16 - Clothespin Shark

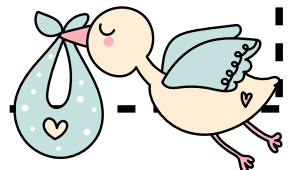
August 23 - 3D Foam Safari

NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY!!!

Has a new member of your family arrived?

Bring this coupon to the Children's Room to
receive a gift for your new child.

Start building your home library today. Suffern &
Sloatsburg cardholders only.



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Drop-In Events

Drop-In LEGO® Mania

Fourth Saturday of each month

June 24, July 22, August 26

from 10am-4:30pm

Kindergarten & up

Parents must remain with children under 10.

Younger siblings welcome only if they will not eat the LEGO® bricks. Use your imagination to create something using LEGO® bricks. We will provide the LEGO® bricks and you provide the inspiration.

2nd Saturdays Drop-In Storytimes

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, August 12

10:15-10:45am

Newborn and up

Join Miss Amy for stories, songs, and more

Drop-In Crafts

August 28 - September 1

9:30am to a half hour before closing.

Come in and be creative with leftover craft materials. All ages. Parents must remain with children.

Wish Tree

July & August

Fill out a wish tag and we will hang it on our wish tree. Will your wish come true? You never know!

Going on Vacation?

Grab a postcard & send it back to us, telling us about your summer vacation. We will decorate the Children's Room with the postcards!

Contests

Platypus Hunt

June 1-30

Hunt through the library for pictures of platypuses. Pick up a sheet at the desk and see if you can find them all, and then stop at the desk for a sweet-smelling bookmark.



Guess the Number of Gummy Worms

July 1-31

We have a jar full of Gummy Worms. Can you guess how many there are? Winner will receive a prize. In the event of a tie, winner will be chosen at random from all correct guesses.

Coloring Contest

July 1-31

Pick up a coloring sheet. Return it once completed and be entered into a contest to win a prize. All entries will be displayed in the room.

Search the Seeds

July 30-August 18

Twist and turn and look to see 10 items hidden in the jar. If you find all ten you will be entered into a random drawing for a prize.

Landmark Hunt

August 1-31

Hunt through the library for pictures of the world landmarks. Pick up a sheet at the desk. See if you can find them all to receive a sweet-smelling bookmark.



Events for Preschoolers, Toddlers & Parents

You may register for most events online, over the phone or at the Library one week in advance unless otherwise noted.

Discovery Zone

For 3-5-year-olds

Thursdays from 2:00-2:30pm

Join Miss Jennifer each month to explore a new topic. Please note you must register each month.

June 8, 15 & 22: Planes, trains & cars

July 6, 13 & 20: Pets: can a rock be a pet?

Join us to find out

August 3, 10 & 17: Dinosaurs -

How many kids fit in a dino footprint?



It's 4:30, It Must Be Storytime

Newborn-5-year-olds

Mondays 4:30-5pm

May/June Session:

5/1-6/19 (no class Memorial Day)

July/August Session: 7/10-8/21

Join Miss Jennifer for stories, songs, and more.

You must sign up for each session separately.

Register a week in advance of each session.

Jungle Tea Party

Monday, July 17, 11-11:45am

Monday, August 7, 2:30-3:15pm

2 years old & up

(parent must remain with children under 5)

Dress up as your favorite animal and join us as we read some tales, do a craft and have a snack.

You must register so we know how many to prepare for. Please tell us if your children have any food allergies.

Drop-In Pajama Storytime

Newborn-5-year-olds

Wed., June 21 at 4:30pm

Wed., August 2 at 4:30pm

Tues., August 22 at 4:30pm

Come and read stories in your coziest PJs.

Coloring Club

3-5-year-olds

July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11, 18

11:00-11:30am

Join us each week to color a different picture!



Music and Fun with Mr. Kurt

Come sing and dance along with Mr. Kurt.

Fun for the whole family.

Be ready for music & bubbles.

Sunday, June 18, 3-3:45pm -

Celebrate Father's Day!

Thursday, August 24, 3-3:45pm

Sunday, September 10, 3-3:45pm -

Celebrate Grandparents' Day

Register a week in advance for each date.



Suffern Free Library

210 Lafayette Ave.

Suffern, NY 10901

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www.suffernfreelibrary.org



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 8pm

Friday - Saturday: 9:30am to 5pm

Sunday 12pm to 5pm

(closed Sundays in July and August)

Closed: July 4, September 4 & 25

Summer Storytimes



Storytime registration begins Monday, June 12 and continues until classes are full. You may register using your current Suffern or Sloatsburg library card online (www.suffernfreelibrary.org), over the phone or at the Library.

For *Learning With You* & *Discovering With You* classes, the adult remains with the child(ren). Older or younger siblings may remain in the program with you. The child(ren) remain in the room by themselves for *Exploring On My Own*.

Summer Storytimes run from July 5 through the week of August 7.

Learning With You Newborn-2

Session A: Mondays, 10:15-10:45
Session B: Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45
Session C: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45
Session D: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45

Discovering With You Ages 2-3

(Children must be 2 by July 1, 2023)

Session A: Wednesdays, 11:15-11:45
Session B: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45

Exploring On My Own Ages 3-5

(Children must be 3 by July 1, 2023)

Session A: Tuesdays, 11:15-11:45
Session B: Tuesdays, 2:00-2:30

Evening Storytime Newborns and up

Session A: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:00

Important notes:

Parents must remain in the library and must be waiting at the craft room door to pick up their child.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Texting and taking phone calls are not acceptable.

Please eat all food in the Café Area.

Enrollment is limited. Registration is first-come, first-served (no exceptions). We can not accommodate drop-ins, please register.

Saturday Drop-In Storytimes

Held the first and third Saturdays of each month

Newborn & up: 10:15-10:45

Ages 3-5: 11:15-11:45

Great stories are waiting for you!

Limited to children who are residents
of the Suffern Central School District.

