

UNEARTH A STORY







AT THE GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Summer Reading Program 2026

Please register in advance
for all programs by calling

 518-882-6385

-  Pick up a paper log sheet & redeem hours read for prizes from our prize vending machine! Every hour that you read earns you a prize and a chance of winning **BIG PRIZES!**
-  Complete our **BINGO** cards to enter for more chances to win!
-  **Weekly Themed Storytime** for young readers with crafts & activities.
-  **End-of-summer celebration on August 20th** with treats & fun activities.

Saturday, June 20th - Summer Reading Program log sheets available for pickup.

Saturday, June 27th - Begin logging reading time and completing **BINGO** Cards.

Week 1: Red, White and Woof

Monday, June 29th 2-3pm - America's 250th Painted Rock Art (ages 5-14)

Monday, June 29th 4-5pm - Patriotic Suncatcher Craft (ages 5-12)

Tuesday, June 30th 1-2pm - "Rockets Red Glare" Homemade Stomp Rockets (ages 8-14)

Thursday, July 2nd 5:30-7:30pm - American Potluck with Colonial Games. Bring your favorite dish to share along with the recipe. Colonial era games will be available to play on the lawn. (all ages)

Week 2: Jurassic Bark

Monday, July 6th 2-3pm - Dino Dilemma, a kid's dinosaur-themed cooperative Escape Room. (ages 6-12)

Monday, July 6th 4-5pm - Lego Club: Create your own dinosaur habitat! (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, July 7th 1-2pm - The Tang Teaching Museum visits to hold a Dinosaur Print art program. (all kids)

Thursday, July 9th 8-10:15pm - TAB Presents: Outdoor Dinosaur Movie! Bring a chair/blanket and bug spray. We will provide popcorn and drinks. Program will be held indoors in the event of rain. (ages 12-18)

Saturday July 11th 10-11am - Pokemon Club: Trade, play and talk about Pokemon. Bring your Switch too! (ages 6 +)

Saturday July 11th 11am-2pm - E-sports Gaming: For teens and kids in grades 5 and up.

Week 3: Paws in the Garden

Monday, July 13th 2-3pm - Container Gardening: Learn how to grow your own plants and bring home your own garden creation. (ages 6-12)

Monday, July 13th 4-5pm - Crafternoon: Mosaics for Nature: Make artwork to hang outside for birds and squirrels to eat. (ages 6-12)

Tuesday, July 14th 1-2pm - Animal Homes Nature Walk: Explore the trails at the library and help spot where creatures live. (ages 6-14)

Thursday, July 16th 4-5pm - Chess and Checkers Club: New players always welcome! (ages 8-14)

Thursday, July 16th 6-7pm - Bo the Beaver from Wild For Life Inc! Learn about wild animal rehabilitation, conservation and the significant impact beavers have on ecosystems. (all ages)

Thursday, July 16th - Thursday, July 23rd - Makerspace: Family Tree Project (all ages)



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Week 4: Hometown Tails and Tales

Monday, July 20th 2-3pm - Keepsake Coasters: Bring a family photo, handwritten letter or other item to use to craft a keepsake and preserve family memories. (ages 8-14)

Monday, July 20th 4-5pm - Nature Club: Leaf Art using creativity and found objects to craft a picture or scene. (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, July 21st 1-2pm - Journaling Our Community History: Stop by and help us create a community journal! (all ages)

Tuesday, July 21st 5-6pm - Summer Book Battle: Contact the library to get the book to read ahead of time and come ready to snack, and test your book knowledge! (ages 10-14)

Thursday, July 23rd 6-7pm - Join special guest Darby Knizek-Neahr, Galway's Town Historian, at this family-friendly event and learn fun facts about Galway's past! (all ages)

Week 5: Rockhound Adventures

Monday, July 27th 2-3pm - Geode Smashing: It may look like a plain rock on the outside but see what awaits when you open a geode! (ages 6-14)

Monday, July 27th 4-5pm - Tech and Science Club: The Big Dig: Use science to excavate and identify rocks and fossils. (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, July 28th 1-2pm - Salt Dough Fossils: Make your own fossils using salt dough. (ages 6-14)

Thursday, July 30th 4-5pm - Edible Soil Layers: Earth science was never so tasty! (ages 5-12)

Saturday August 1st 12:30-1:30m - Join local naturalist and outdoor educator George Steele for a reading of his co-authored book and then join him on a bird/nature walk. (all ages)

Week 6: Paws Through the Past

Monday, August 3rd 2-3pm - Mint Your Own Coin: Learn how currency has been designed through the ages and then draw your own. (ages 6-12)

Monday, August 3rd 4-5pm - Lego Club: Modern Day Picture Writing - Lego Style! (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, August 4th 1-2pm - Reconstructed Pottery. Try your hand at archeological reconstruction and see if you can put all the pieces of broken pottery back together. (ages 8-14)

Thursday, August 6th 6-7pm - Family Cave Art: Work together to make your own collaborative cave painting! (all ages)

Saturday August 8th 10-11am - Pokemon Club: Trade, play and talk about Pokemon. Bring your Switch too! (ages 6 +)

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Week 7: Pirate Paws and Buried Trasure

Monday, August 10th 2-3pm - Sink the Boat: Design a tinfoil boat and learn about buoyancy with this fun STEM challenge. (ages 6-12)

Monday, August 10th 4-5pm - Crafternoon: Pirate Treasure Map and Cipher Wheel (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, August 11th 1-2pm - Compost: Treasure in the Garden. Join a guest from Cornell Cooperative Extension and learn about composting. (ages 6-14)

Saturday, August 15th - Summer Reading Program Logging ENDS! Turn in all sheets by 2 pm!

Thursday August 20th 6-7pm:

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Wrap-Up Party!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Galway Public Library: Join us as we celebrate the summer with food & fun! All are welcome.



Every Tuesday

Weekly Storytime for Young

Readers!

10:15-10:45 Baby Storytime: Join us for songs, rhymes, movement and stories for our youngest readers (ages 0-2).

11-12 PreSchool Storytime: We will read, sing, rhyme & move and will end with a themed craft (ages 3-5).



Be sure to visit our

Storywalk Trail behind the library!



Thank you for your generous support of our Summer Reading Program:

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