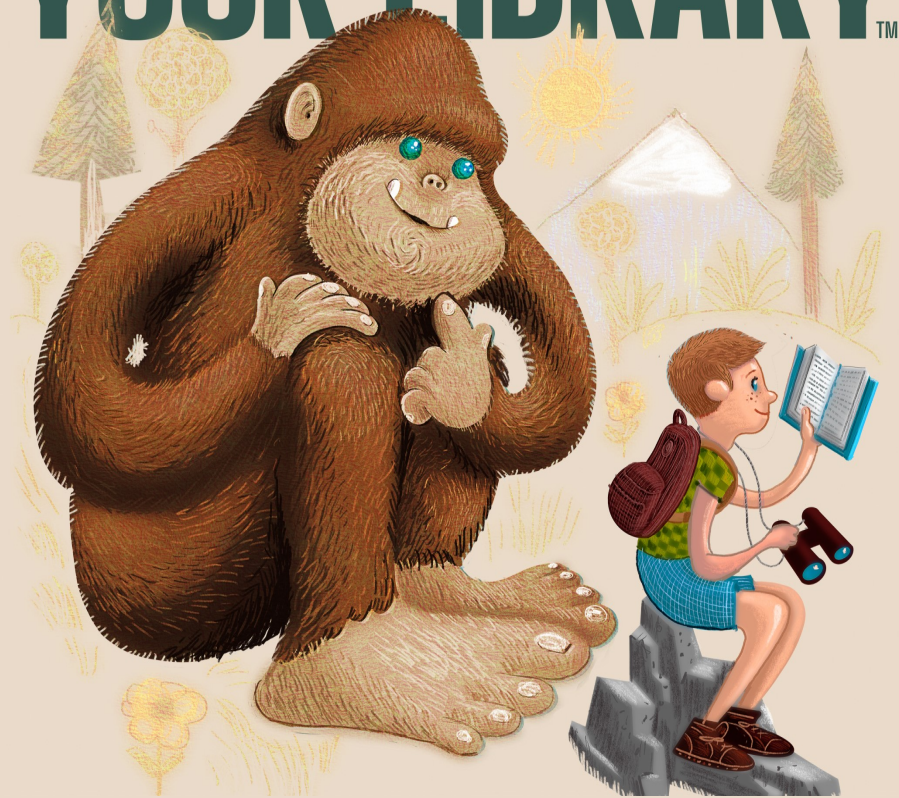


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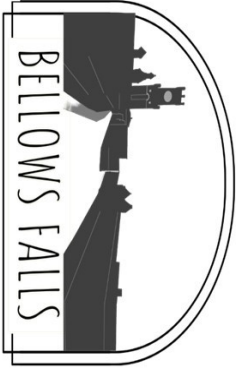


2024 SUMMER ADVENTURE PASSPORT



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Take an interactive tour
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To get started, stand in front of the
Rockingham Free Public Library and text
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Or scan the code
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WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER OF ADVENTURE!

THIS SUMMER, ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY! THE PASSPORT YOU HOLD IN YOUR HANDS IS YOUR GUIDE FOR OUR 2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

First, fill out your Passport ID on the next page - that way we can get it back to you if it gets lost. On the next pages of your passport, you'll find a schedule of events, a reading trackers, and activities for each week of Summer Reading.

As you track your reading, stop by the library to get stamps when you hit reading milestones on your tracker. Each stamp will earn you a ticket for a chance to win prizes at our Wrap-Up Party on Friday, August 14th at 5pm followed by Raptor Road Trip with VINS.

THE LAST DAY TO EARN STAMPS IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8TH.

All of our Summer of Adventure Readers are invited to join us at the Wrap-Up Party. Raffle drawings will begin at 5pm and we'll have a book for every reader.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR A SUMMER OF ADVENTURE WITH YOU!



Learn About Smokey Bear

- Read the *Story of Smokey* on smokeybear.com to learn his history.
- Draw a picture of Smokey and include one of his safety tips.
- Find out what kind of bear Smokey is and when and where he was born.
- Research some of Smokey's favorite foods (based on what kind of bear he is) then tell a friend.
- Make as many words as you can using just the letters in "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."



Campfire Safety

- Name 2 or more of Smokey's wildfire rules from smokeybear.com.
- Write a poem about campfire safety.
- Tell a friend or family member about campfire safety.
- Write a song about campfire safety.
- Make a campfire safety rule poster to take with you when you go camping.



Nature Adventure

- Visit a park, forest, or nature center and go on a hike.
- Go camping with your family.
- Choose a color and go outside. See how many things you can find that are that color.
- Observe five different kinds of leaves from outside and draw them.
- Find out the state bird, flower, and insect for your state.



Tree Exploration

- Find out the name of your state tree.
- Check out a field guide to trees from your library and see how many trees you can identify in your neighborhood.
- Identify three things that come from trees.
- Learn the word for "tree" in three different languages.
- Visit an arboretum.



Career Exploration

- Check out a book from the library on a natural resource career.
- Explore different natural resource careers at eekwi.org/engage/careers.
- Read a Fire Career Card (grades 4+) or a *Natural Inquirer* Reader (grades K-3) at naturalinquirer.org.
- Draw a picture of yourself in an environmental career, such as a forester, ranger, or biologist.
- Interview a park or forest ranger.



Wildfire Science

- Read a *Natural Inquirer* article on fire at naturalinquirer.org.
- Design a coloring book at smokeybear.com.
- List the three parts of the fire triangle.
- Download the app Smokey's Scouts and learn about how to prevent fires with a fun matching game.
- Complete at least one activity in the National Park Service's Junior Fire Ranger Activity Book at nps.gov.



Make a Difference

- Plant native flowers that attract pollinators.
- Replace a disposable item in your home with a reusable one.
- Hang your laundry outdoors instead of using a dryer.
- Talk to a friend about a book you read during this challenge.
- Volunteer for two hours in your community.



Smokey Bear Reading Challenge



Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment. Read 3 books and earn 4 badges to complete the challenge and earn your prize! Start by taking Smokey's Pledge. Badges are earned by completing at least one activity in each section. Get a stamp for each badge you complete.



Take the Smokey Bear Pledge

I, _____ pledge to:

(Your Name)

- Never play with matches, lighters, or fire.
- Always have an adult present when having an outdoor fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Always have water and a shovel to put out the campfire.
- Always camp in a designated site and use a metal fire ring for the campfire.
- Always make sure the campfire is completely out before leaving it - remember to use the Drown, Stir, Drown, and Feel method.

Log Your Books Here!

Read 3 or more books on wildfire prevention or the environment. You can choose books from Smokey's Reading list (available at smokeybear.com) or pick your own.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



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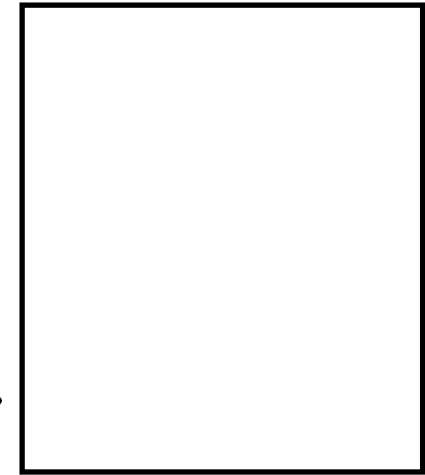
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Age _____

Favorite Color _____

Favorite Place to Travel _____

Draw a picture of yourself here!



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Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

CELEBRATE
SMOKEY
BEAR'S



Join Smokey in learning about wildfires and the environment. Read books, take action, and have fun! And remember: **only you can prevent wildfires.**

January 1 through
November 28, 2024.

Ask your local or school librarian how to get started or find out more at smokeybear.com.



Challenge is geared for ages 4 to 10, but all ages are welcome.

Read books about wildfire and the environment, take action, receive prizes, and help Smokey!

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WEEK 7

THIS WEEK'S ADVENTURE MYSTERIES & PUZZLES

This week's events:

LUNCH every weekday from 11:15am-12pm

Monday August 12, 4pm: Lego Club

Tuesday, August 13, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, August 14, 1:30pm & 4pm: Roblox Club

Wednesday, August 14, 5pm - Raptor Road Trip with VINS / Summer Reading
Wrap-Up Party

Thursday, August 15, 10:30am: Musical Infant/Toddler storytime

Friday August 16, 10:30am-12pm: Playgroup

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Create an I-Spy Bin!

What you'll need:

- shredded paper, dry rice, or dry beans
- small toys/figurines (2 of each)
- Plastic bin or bowl
- toy magnifying glass

Directions:

1. Add the shredded paper to the bin
 2. Hide one of each toy or figurine in the paper
 3. Put the second one of each toy or figurine next to the bin, so your child knows what to look for!
 4. Give them the magnifying glass and start searching!
- Tip: If you don't have duplicates of the items, you can take pictures of each so children know what to look for. If they are reading independently, write a description!

Write Secret Messages!

What you'll need:

- baking soda
- water
- Q-tip
- paintbrush
- paper
- grape juice

Directions:

1. Mix equal parts of baking soda and water in a bowl
2. Dip the Q-Tip in the mixture and write a message (or draw a picture) on the paper
3. All the paper to dry completely!
4. Reveal the secret message with grape juice! Dip the paintbrush into a small amount of juice and paint over the paper to reveal the message.

Tip: You can also use lemon juice

DIY Detective Game!

What you'll need:

- teddy bear
- paper
- crayons/markers
- 3+ players

Directions:

1. 1 child will hide the teddy bear and then write down 3 clues for the others. If they can't write yet, draw pictures
2. Hide each clue so that they progressively reveal the location like a scavenger hunt
3. Take turns!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

Tuesday, July 2, 5pm - **Southern VT Natural History Museum**

Whooh's That? Identifying Backyard Wildlife (LIVE ANIMALS!) Meet our live animal educators and learn what to look for when they (or their cousins) show up your back yard. Field marks, field guides and how to narrow down your search are all highlighted in this engaging live animal presentation.

Monday, July 22, 5pm **Safe Mushroom Foraging** (TEEN + ADULT - *Limited spots available, pre-registration is required*) Learn how to recognize different mushrooms safely.

Saturday, July 20, 1pm - **Vermont Armored Combat** (ALL AGES) - Knights in armor, sword fighting, excitement! A demonstration followed by some hands-on learning.



AT THE LIBRARY

Youth age 18 and younger can have lunch for free at the Library this summer. Stop by on weekdays and pick up a packed lunch at the Library!

There is no registration or sign-up required.

Lunch will be served from
11:15am - 12pm weekdays

During the summer reading program.

Contact the Library for more info or
go to farmtoschoolcafe.org

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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mondays 4pm: **Lego Club**

Tuesdays 10:30am: **Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays 1:30pm & 4pm:
Roblox Club There are a limited number of devices available. If your youth needs a device, pre-registration is required.

Thursdays 10:30:
Musical Infant / Toddler Storytime

Fridays 10:30am-12pm: **Playgroup**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6, 5pm - **Tie-Dye and Ice Cream Social** Bring a white cotton t-shirt to this colorful and sweet family tie-dyeing event. We'll have the dyes, materials, and know how. You bring the t-shirt and the creativity! And while your tie-dyes are soaking, enjoy some cool summer treats. *This program will take place outside, weather permitting.*

Wednesday, August 14, 5pm - **End of Summer Wrap-Up Party & Raptor Road Trip with the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS)** If you had wings like a hawk, where would you fly? Birds of prey are found all over the world, in all kinds of environments—so why don't we follow them! Join us on an imagined journey across the United States, and encounter some resident raptors in their ecosystems. We'll learn about the habitat needs of each species, as well as their range and behavior in the wild. Who knows whoooo we'll encounter?

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Vermont
Armored Combat

Whooo's That?
Identifying Backyard
Wildlife



Southern Vermont
Natural History Museum

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Musical Infant / Toddler Storytime

Fridays 10:30am-12pm: **Playgroup**

WEEK 6

THIS WEEK'S ADVENTURE CLOSE TO HOME

This week's events:

LUNCH every weekday from 11:15am-12pm

Monday August 5, 4pm: Lego Club

Tuesday, August 6, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, August 7, 1:30pm & 4pm: Roblox Club

Thursday, August 8, 10:30am: Musical Infant/Toddler storytime

Thursday, August 8, 5pm: Family Dinner

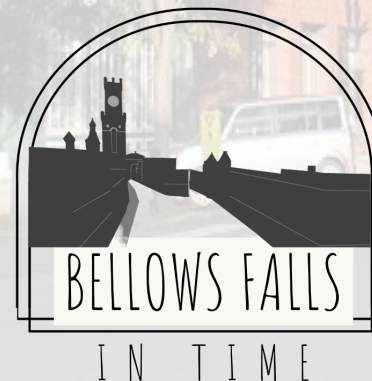
Friday August 9, 10:30am-12pm: Playgroup

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

TRAVEL TO A NEW PLACE IN ROCKINGHAM!

Have you visited.....

- Riverfront Park (start at Frank Adams Grist Mill, 20 Mill Street, Bellows Falls)
- Rockingham Meeting House (11 Meeting House Rd, Bellows Falls)
- Bellows Falls Fish Ladder (17 Bridget St, Bellows Falls)
- Walk the Rock - 5 different trails, get the map at rockinghamvt.org/walktherock
- Rockingham Recreation Center (10 Playground Rd, Bellows Falls)
- Oak Hill Cemetery (off of Pleasant St, Bellows Falls)
- Minards Pond (Bellows Falls)
- High School Forest and Bald Hill Trails (232 Covered Bridge Road, Westminster)



See the back cover
to find out how you
can play Bellows
Falls in Time!

WEEK 5

THIS WEEK'S ADVENTURE IN THE DARK

This week's events:

LUNCH every weekday from 11:15am-12pm

Monday July 29, 4pm: Lego Club

Tuesday, July 30, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, July 31, 1:30pm & 4pm: Roblox Club

Thursday, August 1, 10:30am: Musical Infant/Toddler storytime

Friday August 2, 10:30am-12pm: Playgroup

Friday, August 2, 6pm (at Main St Arts in Saxtons River): Outburst Arts (Teen)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE METEOR SHOWERS!

Delta Aquariids, July 29-30

A weaker meteor shower, the Delta Aquariids typically peak in late July. This meteor shower gets its name from the constellation Aquarius, which the meteors appear to emanate from. Meteors may be seen lower in the southern skies.

Capricornids, July 30-31

Another weaker meteor shower, with approximately 5 meteors per hour. Often, you will see bright fireballs during its active period!

Perseids, August 11-12

One of the best meteor showers to observe, with over 50 meteors per hour at its peak! This shower is called the Perseids as the meteors appear to emanate from the constellation Perseus.

More information on these and other meteor showers:



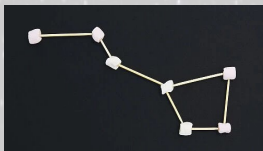
MAKE MARSHMALLOW CONSTELLATIONS

What you'll need:

- marshmallows
- toothpicks
- pictures of constellations

Directions to make the Big Dipper (pictured):

- Gather 7 toothpicks and 7 marshmallows
- Create a square with 4 marshmallows and 4 toothpicks
- Insert a 5th toothpick into the upper left corner of the upper left marshmallow; attach another marshmallow to the other end
- Insert the 6th toothpick at an angle; attach a marshmallow to the other end
- Insert the final toothpick at a stronger angle; attach a marshmallow to the other end



Full Summer Schedule Coming Soon!



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Request the Biblio Bike!

If you would like to request a Biblio Bike stop for your children age 12 and younger, contact the Library!

802.463.4270

youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org

Along with the books, the Biblio Bike also offers programs like storytime, craft projects, and hands-on STEAM activities.

Let us bring the Library to you!

TRACK YOUR



EXTRA TICKETS CHALLENGE!

There are challenges along the road - color in each one you complete to earn an extra raffle ticket!

WEEK 4

THIS WEEK'S ADVENTURE IMAGINATION

This week's events:

LUNCH every weekday from 11:15am-12pm

Monday July 22, 4pm: Lego Club

Tuesday, July 23, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, July 24, 1:30pm & 4pm: Roblox Club

Thursday, July 25, 10:30am: Musical Infant/Toddler storytime

Friday July 26, 10:30am-12pm: Playgroup

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

MAKE A FAIRY GARDEN!

What you'll need:

- moss
- small stones
- miniature furniture
- shallow dish

Directions:

1. Find a shallow dish or plate - a plant saucer, plastic plate, frisbee, etc
2. Create the base of your fairy garden with moss, small stones, twigs, bark, etc
3. Add details such as a miniature house, mushrooms, or plants



Scan this code for more inspo:



Create puppets for your favorite stories!

Example story: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Directions:

What you'll need:

- 4 wood spoons
- markers or paint
- yarn
- a copy of Goldilocks and the Three Bears

1. Find a set of wooden spoons
2. Decorate each spoons as Goldilocks, Papa Bear, Mama Bear. Use markers or paint, googly eyes, and yarn for hair! You could even glue small doll clothes or felt pieces to make outfits
3. Read the story together, then retell it using the puppets!



Scan this code for more inspo:



WEEK 3

THIS WEEK'S ADVENTURE NATURE

This week's events:

LUNCH every weekday from 11:15am-12pm

Monday July 15, 4pm: Lego Club

Tuesday, July 16, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, July 17, 1:30pm & 4pm: Roblox Club

Thursday, July 18, 10:30am: Musical Infant/Toddler storytime

Friday July 19, 10:30am-12pm: Playgroup

Saturday, July 20, 1pm - Vermont Armored Combat

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

How many of Vermont's native birds can you find in your yard from the list below? Visit the Library on Tuesday, July 2 at 5pm for live animals during "Who's there?" with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum and Wednesday, August 14th at 5:30pm for Raptor Road Trip with VINS! Scan the QR code next to each bird to hear its song!

Hermit Thrush (Vermont's State Bird)



American Goldfinch



American Robin



Dark-Eyed Junco



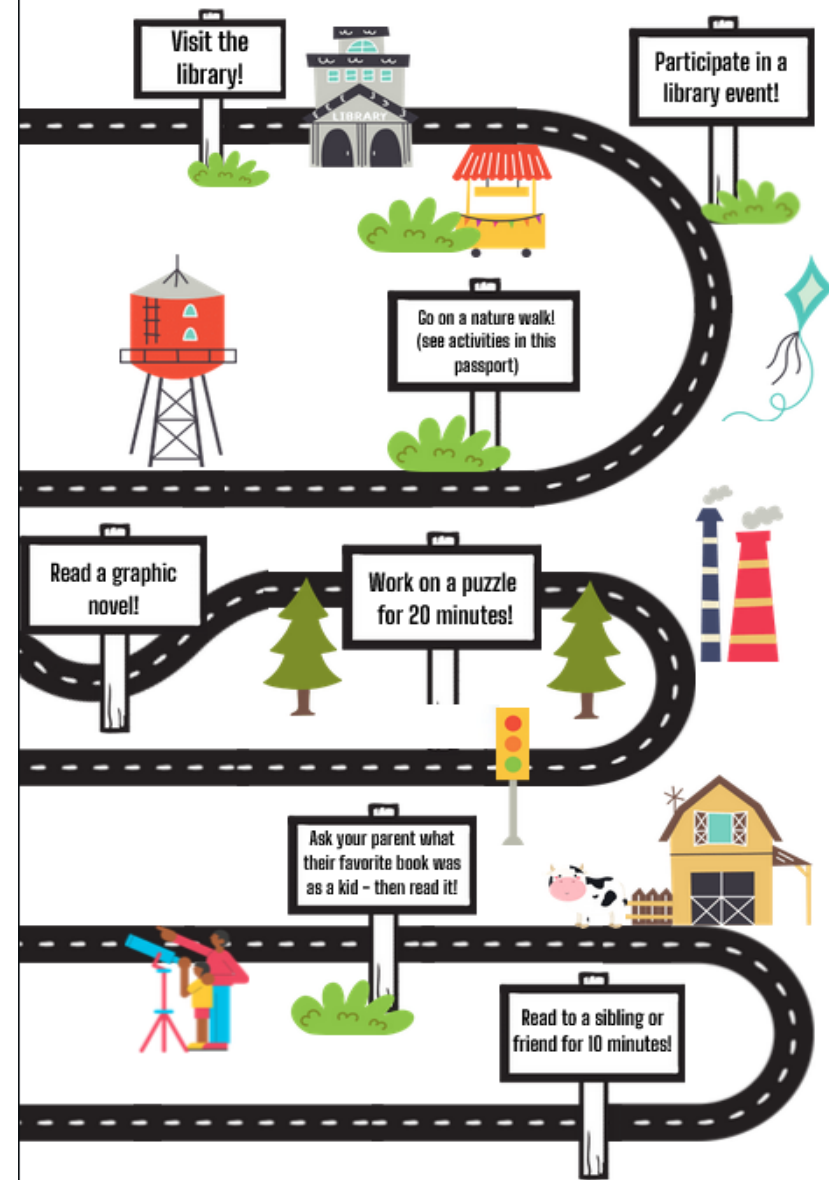
Barred Owl



Ruby-Throated Hummingbird



R READING



TRACK YOUR READING: When you read two hours OR read one book, color in a highway sign!



