

Purpose of the Summer Program

The St. Marys Public Library strives to **ignite curiosity** and **foster creativity** in children, **celebrating their achievements along the way**. That is why we are committed to offering a summer program that promotes **reading, literacy, and engaging educational activities**, aiming to make learning a **joyful adventure**.



By offering **games, crafts, and playful activities**, the program offers children a valuable chance to learn and **enhance crucial skills** in an **enjoyable and relaxed setting**. Moreover, it enables preschoolers to participate in activities aimed at **fostering literacy, physical development, and sensory abilities**, laying a robust groundwork for their future growth.

Who Are the Friends of the Library?

The St. Marys Public Library is thrilled to share the exciting news that the highly anticipated Summer Reading Program 2025 has been **made possible through the generous support of The Friends of the Library**. The Friends of the Library is a dedicated charitable organization that stands as a beacon of support for our library's vision and mission. **Through their unwavering commitment, they tirelessly raise essential funds that help bring the library programs and events to life, enriching the lives of patrons of all ages**. For those who are eager to learn more about the The Friends of the Library and how they can get involved in this noble mission, we warmly invite you to reach out to the Library directly.



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

July 7th to August 22nd



The adventures never stop at the St. Marys Public Library...



Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Programs Offered

CRAFTY KIDS

MONDAYS | 10:30am-12:00pm

A fun, hands-on crafting program where children can explore their creativity each week with a new themed project to take home. Each craft is inspired by that week's summer theme!

Sessions will run for 1.5 hours. The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max

SMPL: ADVENTURE ZONE

MONDAYS | 1:30pm-3:00pm

This drop-in program invites kids to explore, create, and play in an unstructured environment filled with themed challenges, games, and activities that change each week. Come and go as you like—there's always something new to discover!

The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max

READING HELP

TUESDAYS | 10:30am-12pm | WEDNESDAYS 1:30pm-3:00 pm

Looking to build your child's confidence with reading and language? Book a free 30-minute session with Allie, our Summer Program Coordinator, for personalized support focused on boosting vocabulary, comprehension, and literacy skills. These one-on-one sessions are tailored to school-age children and are available by appointment only—bookings open one week in advance. This is not a drop-in program.

To book your 30 minute session, register here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program

HOW CAN I STAY UPDATED ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PROGRAM?

Stay connected all summer long with our **email updates!** You'll receive the latest information about what's happening, where, and when throughout the Summer Program.

To sign up, simply **scan the QR code and select "Summer Program 2025"** (and any other newsletters you're interested in). Need help? Contact the Library and we'll be happy to assist!



WHERE DOES THE PROGRAMING HAPPEN?

This summer, **Funday Friday events will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium** at 175 Queen St. E., while **Reading in the Park will take place at Kin Park.**

All other programs will be hosted in the **upstairs room of the Library.** Directional signage will be available to help guide participants to the right location.



Summer Program FAQs

HOW DOES REGISTRATION WORK?

There is **NO registration required** for **regular weekly sessions**, including Crafty Kids, SMPL Adventure Zone, and Discovery Den.

Registration IS required for **Reading Help** appointments and **Funday Friday** events.

Participants can sign up for reading help appointments and Funday Friday events here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program



HOW OLD DO CHILDREN NEED TO BE TO ATTEND?

All programs offered throughout the summer are **aimed toward children 7+**. Children **under 7 are welcome** to attend as long as they are **accompanied by a caregiver who is at least 12 years of age**.



DISCOVERY DEN

TUESDAYS | 1:30pm-3:00pm

Join us for a program where kids explore diverse topics through hands-on experiments, creative problem-solving, and inquiry-based learning. Discovery Den sparks curiosity and encourages children to ask questions, investigate ideas, and discover something new each week.

The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30am-11:30am

Dive into an action-packed story each week and then enjoy a movie screening to compare the book and the film. Join us for fun discussions and exciting adventures on and off the page!

The recommended age is 7. Max of 20 participants.

READING IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS | 10:00am-11:00am

Join us at Kin Park (109 James Street North) for outdoor stories and fun for all ages!

Reading in the Park sessions are weather-dependent and will be canceled in case of rain. Parents or caregiver supervision is required.

FUNDAY FRIDAYS

FRIDAYS | STAY TUNED FOR TIMES

Something exciting is happening every Friday! Join us for special guests, hands-on activities, and unforgettable experiences. Call the Library or pick up a calendar to find out what's happening, when, and where.

Registration is required and can be found here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Crafty Kids 10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>Create a fun craft each week inspired by our weekly adventure theme!</p>  <p>SMPL: Adventure Zone 1:30- 3:00 pm</p> <p>Join us for hands on activities, games, and challenges</p> 	<p>Reading Help 10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>Get personalized one-on-one help to improve literacy skills</p>  <p>Discovery Den 1:30 - 3:00 pm</p> <p>A fun hands-on program exploring STEM concepts through fun experiments and activities</p> 	<p>Summer Book Club 10:30 am - 11:30 am</p> <p>Read and discuss an action-packed story each week, then enjoy a movie screening to compare the book and film!</p>  <p>Reading Help 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm</p> <p>One-on-one reading help is available again during this time. To book a spot go to: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program</p> 	<p>Reading in the Park 10:00 am - 11:00 pm</p> <p>Join us at Kin Park for outdoor stories and fun for all ages</p>  <p>Funday/Reading Help Sign-Up</p> 	<p>Funday Fridays Different times each week</p> <p>Watch for special events, guests and more fun all summer long!</p>  

Reading Tracking

The Library's Summer Reading Challenge is all about **keeping kids excited about reading while school's out**. With their very own **Adventure Book** to guide them, kids will **set goals, track their reading, and earn badges along the way**. This fun and engaging challenge encourages children to build their literacy skills all summer long, with surprises and rewards to keep them motivated!

2025 Summer Program Prizes

BADGES

As kids complete reading goals in their Adventure Book, they'll **earn badges to colour in and collect**. Some badges unlock a surprise prize—kids will get to choose from the mystery prize bag to see what they've won!



MILESTONE PRIZES

The more they read, the more rewards they earn!

- **Juniors (K–Gr. 3): 5, 10, 15 & 20 hours**
- **Seniors (Gr. 4–6): 10, 20, 30 & 50 hours**

Each milestone unlocks a prize bag filled with local gift cards and fun surprises!



GRAND PRIZES

Kids earn tickets by logging their reading—the **more they read, the more chances they have to win!**

Exciting prizes include:

- LEGO Friends Adventure Set
- Polaroid Camera with Adventure Kit