

Maplewood Memorial Library
Summer Reading Programs for Kids & Families
Oceans of Possibilities!

June 27th – August 12th, 2022

To learn more about Summer Reading: <https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/summer-reading>

Please see our events calendar for program updates: <https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/events-library-events-calendar>

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Friends of the Maplewood Library.

Families can become a Friend of the Library and continue to support library programming by clicking [here](#).

In-person children's events are at Hilton Branch Library • 1688 Springfield Ave • 973.762.1688 ext 5101

All children must be accompanied by an adult

KICK OFF: Bubble-Mania: Bubble Party for the whole family

Saturday June 25th @10:30am [rain date = tbd] • for all ages

HILTON BRANCH parking lot

Kids and families are invited to enjoy an ocean of fun. Wear a bathing suit & bring a towel to immerse yourself in a sea of bubbles. Or just bring a beach chair to watch the fun.

FINALE: Rockness Music Concert

Monday, August 8 @ 4pm • For families

SPRINGFIELD AVENUE GAZEBO • Bring something to sit on!

Join Rockness Music, for a unique, roof-raising celebration featuring live, original music, drums, guitars, world instruments, and dramatic play! Presented by Rockness Music <https://rocknessmusic.com>

EVENTS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

BabyLit: HILTON LAWN • Bring a blanket or lawn chair

Tuesday July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2 @ 10:30am

Ages birth – 2 ½ • Drop In • not designed for camp or preschool groups

Join us on the shady side lawn for stories, fingerplays, songs, & more!

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Preschool Storytime: HILTON LAWN • Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Wednesday July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3 @ 10:30am

Ages 2 ½ - 5 • Drop in • not designed for camp or preschool groups

Join us on the shady side lawn for stories and activities to encourage reading readiness

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Boogie Woogie Babies: HILTON LAWN • For caregivers with children under age 6 • Drop In

Saturday, July 2 @10:30am

Monday, July 18 @10:30am

Enjoy an outdoor music & movement class led by Ms Tiffany and Skyler! Boogie Woogie Babies is a 45 minute dance class for Baby and Me that consists of singing and dancing to encourages the development of fine motor skills. Fun for baby and their big person to learn a few new dance moves while bonding and burning a few calories.

Parents/caregivers and children should dress in comfortable exercise clothes.

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Kids' Programs-on-Demand

Early Literacy Storytime premieres on July 1 @11am

Early Literacy Storytime premieres on August 5 @11am

If you're on the go this summer, check out our On Demand programs @

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIb5KOMxFzI3OA0z0Shz41w/playlists>

Outdoor Nature Explorations

HILTON LAWN • Thursday July 14, July 28, Aug 4 @ 10:30am-11:15am

For ages pre-K to 6, with an adult

Hands-on activities, games, and stories

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Storytimes at the Maplewood Pool

MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY POOL • Thursday July 7th & July 21st @ 3pm

EVENTS FOR ALL AGES:

Family Fun Flamenco with Admission Nation

SPRINGFIELD AVENUE GAZEBO • Saturday, July 16 @11:30am • Bring a blanket or lawn chair

All ages • Drop in

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Discover the life passion and pride of flamenco! This interactive workshop will expose children to the rich history & culture of flamenco and teach basic Gypsy flamenco movements & props.

Presented by Ami Otero Minars, founder and producer of Admission Nation: <http://admission-nation.com/>

Enjoy Explore India: HILTON LAWN • Saturday, July 30 @11:30am • For families of all ages

We will gather under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

Learn Raas Garba, a lively folk dance from the state of Gujarat performed during Navratri festival. Try on and dress in colorful exquisite traditional costumes and jewelry. Dance to folk music marked by lively dholak beats.

Presented by Enjoy Explore India <https://www.enjoyexploreindia.com/>

This event made possible by a generous gift from the Woman's Club of Maplewood

Kids Take-and-Make Activity Kits

HILTON • Pick-up a project to complete at home.

July 5-7: *Egg-cellent Scuba Diver* • Explore the deep sea with this little scuba diver. (Not intended for water.)

July 18-20: *Beaded Fish Keychain* • Follow the pattern to bead your own fishy fishy friend.

August 1-3: *Paper Boats* • Create a paper boat with a few precise folds.

One per child please; while supplies last.

EVENTS FOR OLDER KIDS: [click here for teen programs](#)

Anthology 2022: Zines!

HILTON LAWN • Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25 @ 4:45 - 5:30

Ages 6 - 11 (caregiver must remain in building)

Anthology is an informal summer writing program for kids. This summer we'll create our own zines! A zine is a self-published booklet: write, draw, and trade copies of your work. You may attend one or more sessions.

We will work under the trees near the intersection of Tuscan Road & Oakland Road.

KidPower!

ONLINE: Thursday, July 14 @ 4:30 pm • For ages 8 +

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: *coming soon!*

Kid Power! Workshops are created and presented by the talented kids and teens in our community. These workshops offer our local youth an opportunity to be seen, heard, and appreciated.

This program will be presented on Zoom; registration is required.

Pop-up Sewing Studio with Ellen Lumpkin Brown

HILTON MEETING ROOM • Friday July 22nd from 2-4pm • For ages 9-12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [click here to register](#) • Limited to 10 kids/teens

Learn how to sew a project from start to finish with sewing expert Ellen Lumpkin Brown. This hands-on experience will teach you how to operate a sewing machine and sew a small personal zippered travel bag for yourself. Have fun working with the “original power tool” -- the sewing machine! No sewing experience required! <https://www.sewitworkshop.com> On Instagram @SewItWorkshop

Kids' Book Talks (virtual)

ZOOM ONLINE: Thursday, July 28 @ 4:30pm: *Title Swap*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <https://KidsBookTalkJuly28.eventbrite.com>

For elementary aged students; limited to 15 participants

What are you reading? Join us to share your favorite titles and to find your next good book. The Children's Librarian will share our new and favorite titles.

Wednesday Wonders: Outdoor Art Experiences for Kids & Families

Wednesdays evenings: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug 3, Aug 10 (times vary for each event)

Family activities designed for school-age children, but open to the whole family.

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Outdoors on the Hilton Branch lawn. Indoors if it's raining

• Wednesday Wonders: Creature Pots & Self-Portrait Vessels

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday July 6th @ 6:00-7:30pm • Wear messy clothes

A 1½ hour clay workshop for the whole family with local artist Barbara M. Bickart of [Fire in the Belly Artmaking](#) (on Instagram @FireinTheBellyArtmaking). Learn how to use air dry clay and hand-building techniques in this process-based artmaking workshop to create vessels that are half pot and half self portrait OR half pot and half creature! You decide! This is a messy activity, so please dress accordingly.

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• Wednesday Wonders: Gummy Art: edible workshop

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday July 13th @ 7:00-7:45pm

Create a one-of-a-kind mosaic "tile" using gummy candy. This workshop for all ages will feature gummies, frosting, M&Ms, and graham crackers to create an edible work of art. Make it ... eat it ... share it!

Outdoors on the Hilton Branch lawn. Indoors if it's raining

• Wednesday Wonders: Family Art Experience with MewLing Lee

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday July 20th @ 6:30-7:30pm • Wear messy clothes

Join local art teacher MewLing Lee for a hands-on art activity for the whole family. This is a messy activity, so please dress accordingly. Outdoors on the Hilton Branch lawn. Indoors if it's raining

• Wednesday Wonders: Ocean Wave Lantern

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday July 27th @ 6:30-7:30pm

For all ages. Create a luminous lantern with a glass jar, tissue paper, and a tea light.

Outdoors on the Hilton Branch lawn. Indoors if it's raining

• Wednesday Wonders: Oceans of Kindness Windsock

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday August 3rd 6:30-7:30pm

For all ages. Make a real windsock decorated with things that make people happy.

• Wednesday Wonders: Cooking with Jacob

SPRINGFIELD AVENUE GAZEBO • Wednesday August 10th 6:30-7:30pm • For all ages

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [click here to register](#) • Make butter the old fashioned way with one of Maplewood's youngest chefs. Bring your own glass jar with lid.

ON YOUR OWN:

EVERYONE HAS A STORY! Write your own book and we'll circulate it at the library so other kids can check it out. Maximum page size = 8 ½" x 11". Ask us for details

BOOK TALKERS: write a review of your favorite book on a BOOK TALKER SLIP & we'll put it in a library book that other kids can check out

VIDEO BOOK REVIEWS: film yourself reviewing a book (you can film it at the library, if you make an appointment). We'll post it on the library website & Library Youtube page. (Parental consent required)

I LOVE THE LIBRARY! create your own video of why you love the library. We'll post it on the library website & Library Youtube page. Use your phone or make an appointment to use a library MacBook. (Parental consent required)

OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE 24/7 with ebooks, audiobooks, music, and streaming movies for all ages. Visit our eLibrary page for more info: <https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/books-and-more-elibrary>

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THIS SUMMER:

Will you be away this summer? Or staying at home? We've got in-person, outdoor, and online activities for all ages. We can put together a bag of materials for you that reflects what you are looking for. Expert librarians are happy to offer you individualized help: in-person, by phone, or via email. 973.762.1688 ext 5101 kids@maplewoodlibrary.org



The Maplewood Library Children's Department is located at Hilton Branch • 1688 Springfield Avenue

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Email us: kids@maplewoodlibrary.org

Or visit us online: <https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/summer-reading>