Maplewood Memorial Library

Summer Reading Programs for Kids & Families

All Together Now!

June 24th – August 12th, 2023

Events change daily ... check our online calendar:
https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/events-library-events-calendar?view=calendar&month=06-2023

The Summer Reading Program is generously supported by the Friends of the Maplewood Library. Become a Friend of the Library for just $20 a year and continue to support library programming by clicking here.

Thank you to The Woman’s Club of Maplewood, too!

Children’s events are at Hilton Branch Library • 1688 Springfield Ave • 973.762.1688 ext 5101
All children must be accompanied by an adult • programs designed for families & not camps or preschool groups

For more info go to: https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/summer-reading

KICK OFF! – NEW DATE!

Bubble-Mania: Bubble Party for the whole family
NEW DATE = Saturday July 15th @10:30am
For all ages • HILTON BRANCH PARKING LOT
Kids and families are invited to enjoy immersive bubble fun. Bring a towel & wear a bathing suit. Or just bring a beach chair to watch the fun.

EVENTS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Lapsit Storytime
HILTON LAWN (inside if weather is too hot or rainy) • Bring a blanket or lawn chair • ages birth-18 months
Thursdays July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3 and 10 @ 10:30 am
Join us on the Hilton Branch lawn (in the shade under the trees) for stories, fingerplays, songs, & more!
Designed for individual families, not for camps or preschool groups

Toddler Storytime • HILTON LAWN (inside if weather is bad) • Bring a blanket or lawn chair
10:30 am Mondays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7 • For ages 1-3 , with an adult
Hands-on activities, games, and stories

Boogie Woogie Babies
HILTON LAWN (inside if weather is bad) • Friday July 7th & August 4th @ 10:30am • For ages 0-6, with adult
A fun, funky, and joyful music & movement class for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers ... with their adults. Led by Ms Tiffany of @BoogieWoogieBabies
Learn new dance moves while bonding with baby and burning a few calories! Dress in comfortable exercise clothes.

Night Owls
Hilton Branch (inside) • Tuesdays July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1 and 8 @ 6:30pm • ages 4-7 suggested
All ages welcome, stories and activities are geared for ages 4-7 with parent/caregiver
Fun, nature-themed stories and related activities. Topics will include camouflage, echolocation, mammals, invertebrates, and birds.
**Family Storytime** • Hilton Branch (inside) • Mondays July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7 @ 6:30pm

A family-oriented program featuring poems, rhymes, and picture books that will appeal to all age groups, with an easy hands-on activity. All ages welcome, but stories and activities are geared for ages 2-4.

**Lil Tumblez** • HILTON LAWN • Tuesday July 25th @ 10:30 • For kids ages 0-5, with participating adult (In case of rain, program will be canceled)

Join us for soft play on mats that includes climbing, crawling, bouncing, and exploring. Kids will have a blast while developing motor skills, confidence, and coordination. This fun activity is presented by Lil Tumblez Party. There is limited mat space, so we will have stories on the side while you wait for your turn.

**Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids (with Pre-K yoga instructor Dawn)**

HILTON LAWN • Wednesday July 26th @ 10:30am (inside if it rains)
For ages 3 - 5 years old, with parent/caregiver • Bring a yoga mat or large towel to lie on

An imaginative yoga class for pre-k children with certified children’s yoga instructor, Dawn Yoselowitz. Dawn has been teaching yoga and mindfulness to kids in Maplewood, South Orange, and Millburn for more than a decade. Dawn designed and developed the mindfulness rooms at Columbia High School, Maplewood Middle School, and Tuscan Elementary School.

**PoolSide Stories** • MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY POOL • Thurs July 13th & Aug 3rd @ 3pm
Stories and a hands-on activity ... at the Maplewood Community pool.
For all ages, with an adult – open to Maplewood Community Pool members

**EVENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS:**

**Balloon House Experience for school-age kids & tween** • Celebrating Pride! – **NEW DATE!**

HILTON LAWN • Monday July 17th @ 3pm.
For kids ages 6 and up, including tweens and teens! Celebrate love, pride, and the summer! Presented (with love) by Lil Tumblez
Comic Club • Hilton Branch (inside) • Friday July 7, Thursday July 20, & Friday August 4 @ 3pm
For kids ages 6-12 (caregiver must remain in building) • Have fun creating your own comics!

Lego Club • Hilton Branch (inside) • Friday 7/14, 7/28, 8/9 @ 3pm • For kids of all ages

Read to A Dog • Hilton Branch (inside) • Mon July 10- 6:30-7:30pm / Sat July 22nd 11-12 / Mon July 31st 4-5pm / Mon Aug 14th 6:30-7:30pm • For school-age kids & tweens • Read out loud to a certified therapy dog, with other kids. Depending on the number of attendees, you may have to wait your turn to read aloud. Bring something to read aloud, or arrive early enough to pick out a book to read!

Chat & Chew: Book Party with Snacks!
Hilton Branch (inside) • Wednesdays @ 4pm
For grades 4-5: Wed July 19th & August 2nd
For grades 1-3: Wed July 12th & 26th
A fun party, with snacks! Talk about books, see what other kids are reading. Bring a book you like, read aloud if you want ... or browse what other people bring. Join us to share your favorite titles and to find your next good book.

Eyes of the Wild • PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Friday July 21st @ 1:30 pm • PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED • for ages 6 and up, with adult Hilton Branch (inside)
Meet some live animals – rescued by Eyes Of The Wild who provide a home to over 175 animals and 60 different species from throughout the animal kingdom. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER Each individual needs to pre-register and show a ticket at entry.

Art on the Lawn KIDS: Explore art with all your senses
Art on the Lawn is made possible by the generous support of the Woman’s Club of Maplewood
Thursday evenings: July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Aug 3rd (times vary for each event)
Hands-on 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 weather is bad).
Supplies are limited, first come-first served!

• Art on the Lawn: Edible Art with Gummies • Thurs July 6th @ 6:30pm
• Art on the Lawn: Hidden Treasures Notebook • Thurs July 13th @ 6pm

• Art on the Lawn: Fantastic Flying Dragons • Thurs July 20th @ 6:30pm

• Art on the Lawn: Journal Making • Thurs July 27th @ 6pm
Make a beautiful Journal/Scrapbook with old postcards, and other great art materials. Get inspired by local artisan Georgette Sullivan-Bauman

• Art on the Lawn: Veggie Sushi • Thurs August 3rd @ 6:30pm • For school-aged kids, but the rest of the family is welcome to join the fun!
Learn how to make and roll your own veggie sushi, using sheets of nori, sticky rice, and vegetables ... rolled in bamboo sushi mats. Supplies are limited ... first come - first served

FINALE: African Drumming Circle for Kids (feat. Music Play Patrol!)
HILTON BRANCH MEETING ROOM • Tuesday August 22nd at 11am
An interactive, energetic, participatory drumming program for kids – ages 6 and up
Featuring Mister Boom Boom of Music Play Patrol https://www.youtube.com/musicplaypatrol

Note new date!
Drop In Saturdays!
HILTON BRANCH • Saturdays from 10:30-1:30 • for kids of all ages
Drop in for a hands on activity that you can do in the library or take home.

CHECK THE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES TO THESE EVENTS

The Maplewood Library Children’s Department is located at Hilton Branch • 1688 Springfield Avenue
Call us: 973.762.1688 ext 5101
Email us: kids@maplewoodlibrary.org
Or visit us online: https://www.maplewoodlibrary.org/summer-reading