A Universe of Stories  
By Samantha Graven, Director

We are excited about this year’s summer reading theme “A Universe of Stories.” We have activities planned for all ages and interests. Sign-up day is Friday, May 24. Let’s take a look at what you can expect this summer.

According to the American Library Association, summer reading programs began in the 1890s as a way to encourage school children to read during their summer vacation. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce a new program to encourage children to read all summer without the worry of fines. The “Read Away Your Fines” program is geared towards children and teens ages 3-17 that have fines on their library cards. They can pay for their fines by reading at the library. Be sure to ask us how this amazing program works!

Miss Willie, our Children’s Librarian, has a fun-filled summer planned for children ages 0 to 10. It will include story hour, lunch bunch, movies, craft days and STEAM programs. Miss Willie is planning a grand finale, so be sure to participate!

Sabrina, our Young Adult Librarian, plans to host STEAM Mondays, Tuesday Anime Club, movies, board game nights and pop-culture parties for teens ages 10-17. Sabrina is planning an End of Summer Party for all teens who participate.

Delores, our Adult Programming Director, plans to host book discussions, bingo, movies, and a dance night with live musical entertainment to keep the adults entertained.

Another addition we are pleased to announce: you can now receive text messages reminding you about overdue items and informing you of holds that are ready for pickup. Signing up is simple and easy. Be sure to ask us how you can sign up today!

We have so much planned for this summer and hope you join us and have a great summer! Visit our website (parsonslibrary.org) and like us on Facebook, to keep up-to-date.
Adult Events

Summer reading sign-up starts Friday, May 24th.

New Bestseller Books

May
- The Oracle, by Clive Cussler
- The Never Game, by Jeffery Deaver
- The Big Kahuna, by Janet Evanovich
- The Road Home, by Richard Paul Evans
- Hot Shot, by Fern Michaels
- Tightrope, by Amanda Quick
- Blessing in Disguise, by Danielle Steele

June
- Whiskers in the Dark, by Rita May Brown
- Unsolved, by James Patterson
- Wherever You Go, by Tracie Peterson
- Lost And Found, by Danielle Steel
- Skin Game, by Stuart Woods
- Labrynith, by Catherine Coulter
- Window on the Bay, by Debbie Macomber
- Sophia, Princess Among Beasts, by James Patterson
- Under Currents, by Nora Roberts

Reading Logs must be turned in by Aug. 3.

Join us for Adult Afternoon Movies
2 p.m. Fridays

Want to receive reminders by text when you have items due? Text 833-403-0521 to sign up for Shoutbomb. You’ll respond with your 14-digit library card number and your assigned PIN from the library.

May 31, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Kick-off Party at Forest Park
June 6, 2 p.m.
- Book Discussion of Jurassic Park
June 13, 7 p.m.
- Dance and Music at the Parsons Senior Center
June 20, 2 p.m.
- BINGO
June 27, 2 p.m.
- Word Search Game
July 11, 2 p.m.
- Yahtzee
July 18, 2 p.m.
- Book Discussion of Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death
July 25, 2 p.m.
- Dominoes
THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING THEME IS

SO BLAST OFF TO

THE PARSONS PUBLIC LIBRARY ON MAY 24 TO SIGN UP
FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES.

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No Glue DIY Hand Soap Slime

7-10 Tablespoons Cornstarch
1/3 cup hand soap (use any you like)
2-4 Tablespoons Oil (use any you like)
2 Teaspoons Food Coloring

For the Hand Soap Slime Recipe please watch the video:

Make this slime into Galaxy Slime by adding black food coloring and glitter.

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Comet Crunch Recipe

Comets are made of chunks of dust, ice, and rock. Yuck! Luckily, this snack mix is made of tastier stuff.

Ingredients:        Tools:
1 cup round cereal pieces  measuring cups
1 cup small pretzels 1-gallon zip-top plastic bag
1/2 cup yogurt covered raisins
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup peanuts

1. Measure cereal and pretzels. Put them in a zip-top plastic bag.
2. Measure and add 1/2 cup each of raisins, cranberries, and peanuts.
3. Close the plastic bag tightly. Shake the bag gently to mix the ingredients.

TIP: You can also add candy or dried fruit to the mix. Makes 2 servings

Recipe from: An Astronaut Cookbook by Sarah L. Schuette

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May

Wednesday, May 1 and 8 at 10:00am
Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00am

THERE WILL BE NO MORE STORY HOURS IN MAY!

June

Monday, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:00am
Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00am

July

Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00am
Wednesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 10:00am

THERE WILL BE NO STORY HOUR IN AUGUST. STORY HOUR WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

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Paper Plate Astronaut Helmet Craft

This astronaut craft only takes a few minutes but it can be used in two different ways! One with the photo and one without!

To make the craft you will need:

Paper plate
Silver paint
Paint brush
Flag stickers
Black sharpie
Scissors
Tape
Large photo of the child

Here's how to make it:

1. Start off by cutting out a little window in the paper plate.
2. Next grab some silver paint and paint the front of the paper plate.
3. Once your child is done painting, let the paint dry and then add some flag stickers and you can write U.S.A. or whatever country you are from on the astronaut.

http://www.toddlerapproved.com/2015/06/astronaut-photo-craft
May 1st - 25th
Hours are:

**Monday-Thursday**
9:00am—7:30pm

**Friday**
9:00am—5:00pm

**Saturday**
10:00am—4:00pm

**Sunday**
Closed

May 28th - Sept. 30
Summer Hours are:

**Monday**
9:00am—7:30pm

**Tuesday & Wednesday**
9:00am—5:30pm

**Thursday**
9:00am—7:30pm

**Friday**
9:00am—5:00pm

**Saturday**
10:00am—4:00pm

**Sunday**
Closed
YA Summer Programs

Summer Kick-Off Party—May 31 @ 6:30 PM in Forest Park

Pop Culture Parties (For all Ages)
  June 19 @ 2 PM—Dr. Who
  July 1 @ 4 PM—Guardians of the Galaxy 2
  July 17 @ 2 PM—Star Wars

YA STEAM Series
  June 10 @ 5:30 PM—Easy Photography
  June 24 @ 2 PM—Mastering the Wind
  July 8 @ 2 PM—Celestial Cooking
  July 22 @ 4 PM—Create with Java

Summer’s End Pizza Party—Aug 3 @ 12 PM

Summer Anime Club @ 2 PM
  June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, and August 6

Family Board Game Night @ 5:30 PM
  June 27 and July 25

Art Contest Entries Due July 10

Any Questions?
Call 620-421-5920
YA News Summer ‘19

New York Times Best Sellers for the First Half of 2019

1. *Five Feet Apart*, by Rachael Lippincott with Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Iaconis
2. *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas
4. *Wicked Saints*, by Emily A. Duncan
5. *The Fork, the Witch, and the Worm*, by Christopher Paolini with Angela Paolini
7. *Shout*, by Laurie Halse Anderson
8. *Children of Blood and Bone*, by Tomi Adeyemi
10. *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus

Upcoming YA Best Sellers

May

*Finale, A Caraval Novel*, by Stephanie Garber

*Aurora Rising* (The Aurora Cycle), by Amie Kaufman and Jay Cristoff

*Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection*, by Victoria Aveyard

June

*My Hero Academia Vol. 19*, by Kohei Horikoshi

*Boruto, Vol. 6, Naruto Generations*, by Ukyo Kodachi and Masashi Kishimoto

*The Rest of the Story*, by Sarah Dessen

July

*Dark Age* (Red Rising Saga, #5), by Pierce Brown

*Never Have I Ever*, by Joshilyn Jackson

*The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead

*Lock Every Door*, by Riley Sager

*The Wedding Party*, by Jasmine Guillory

*An Easy Death* (*Gunnie Rose*, #1), by Charlaine Harris

YA Art Contest

Theme: A Universe of Stories

For ages 10-18

Create an artwork based on the summer theme “A Universe of Stories”

Contest will be judged by local judges. The top 3 winners will receive a prize!

Entries are due July 10.

Contact Sabrina for full list of rules and requirements.