Shark Week

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 21, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Calling all shark fanatics! In honor of the best week of the summer, we'll be celebrating this fearsome ocean predator with games, crafts, and activities.

Solar Snacks (Sustainability Series)

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 28, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us as we construct solar ovens. Weather permitting, we'll take them outside to harness the Sun's energy and bake a tasty treat.



Summer Programs

Children's & Tween



Oceans of Possibilities Children's Summer Reading Program

For children birth-age 12

Saturday, June 4 to Saturday, July 23

Sign up in person or online through the Beanstack website or app. Track your reading online or with a paper game board and spend the summer netting all kinds of amazing prizes - just for reading.

Registration begins Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 am To register, visit rrpl.org and click on "Events," call 440-333-7610 x4,

All summer programs are subject to change in order to protect our patrons, community, and staff.

Family Events

Who's in the Garden? (drop in)

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, Rocky River Nature Center (2400 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted)

So many small creatures make it possible for plants to grow, bloom, and provide food for other animals and for us. Join RRPL and Naturalist Beth Whiteley at the Rocky River Nature Center as we search for and document the creatures we find in the gardens around the center. No Registration required.

Let's Go on a Storybook Walk (drop in) Permanent Outdoor Display, Daylight Hours, Library Lawn

Enjoy the outdoors and reading at the same time! Stop by and walk the library sidewalks while reading a picture book together. Participate June 4-12 and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a special prize. No registration required.

Read with Pride (Pride Series)

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 to 11:00 am, & Thursday, June 9, 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us as we share stories, songs, and rhymes about inclusion, acceptance, and love.

Adapted Storytime

For children with special needs and their families

Saturdays, June 11 & July 9, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Purple Room

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. Programs incorporate double visuals, a schedule board and an opportunity for play and socialization.

Curbside Crafts To Go (no registration)

Mondays, June 20 & July 11, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Lobby

Beat the heat and pick up a packet with directions and supplies to make a cool summer craft. Have fun, be festive, and create at home. All you need is glue or a glue stick. No registration required. Available while supplies last.

The Magic of Bubbles

Tuesday, June 21, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, & 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Auditorium

Sue Durante, known as the Bubble Lady, will create bubbles of all shapes and sizes by using a variety of common objects. Her grand finale is a massive cylindrical bubble so large a child can stand inside!

It Takes All Kinds: A Diverse Storytime Celebration (Pride Series)

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 to 11:00 am & 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Morley Park, Rocky River (2753 Jameston Dr)

Join Rocky River Public Library and our Teen Volunteers for a special storytime that celebrates diversity. Bring your family, and maybe a blanket, to Morley Park, and we'll bring our favorite picture books to share. Please register to participate in a family craft.

Inside Drive-in

Wednesday, July 6, Auditorium

Craft 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Finding Nemo 3:00 pm

Join us as we make cars out of cardboard boxes to create a drive-in right in our Auditorium. Even if you cannot make it for the craft, you are welcome to join us for the movie. Just keep swimming!

Mike Hemmelgarn Variety Show

Tuesday, July 12, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Auditorium

With a unique blend of comedic skills, Mike Hemmelgarn's performance includes comedy, juggling and world-class ventriloquism with a splash of magic, and of course, audience participation!

Jungle Terry's Animal Show

Tuesday, July 19, 2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Library Lawn

Grab your lawn chairs or picnic blanket and come to the Library Lawn this summer for a wild and wonderful animal show. Trainer Jungle Terry will present many exotic animals and interesting facts that will amaze children of all ages.

We are Family Storytime (Pride Series)

Tuesday, July 26, 9:30 to 10:30 am, Purple Room

Join us for stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate all types of families.

Greater Cleveland Aquarium: Virtual Oceans of Possibilities

Tuesday, July 26, 4:00 to 4:45 pm, Zoom

The ocean is an expansive oasis teeming with life and wonder. The Greater Cleveland Aquarium provides a unique virtual opportunity to see these magnificent animals up-close. Watch in awe as sharks, stingrays and other sea creatures from the pages of your books come to life on your screen. Discover other fascinating ocean-dwellers and learn all about this spectacular aquatic world.

Children's Summer Programs

Registration required.

Birth- Age 6 Storytimes and Programs

Summer Baby & Me

For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers

Mondays or Thursdays, 9:15 to 9:35 am & 10:15 to 10:35 am

Wednesdays, 6:15 to 6:35 pm & 7:15 to 7:35 pm

June 13 to July 21, skips the week of July 4

Purple Room

Snuggle up for a lapsit program of stories, songs, and rhymes. Stay and play with board books and puzzles afterward for extra fun.

Summer 2s & 3s

For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers

Tuesdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am & 10:15 to 10:45 am,

Thursdays, 6:15 to 6:45 pm & 7:15 to 7:45 pm,

June 14- to July 21, skips the week of July 4

Purple Room

Join us for a program of stories, songs, and rhymes.

Kindergarten, Here I Come

For children ages 4-6 on their own

Mondays, 1:30 to 2:15 pm & 7:30 to 8:15 pm

Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15 pm

June 13 to July 20, skips the week of July 4

Purple Room

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and activities designed to strengthen key skills for school success. Help prepare your preschooler transition into kindergarten.

Beneath the Sea: Mermaid Party!

For children ages 3-6 & their caregivers

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Purple Room

Dive right in as we make a splash with mermaid themed stories, activities, and crafts!

Messy Art @ Home

For children ages 2-5 & their caregivers

Monday, July 25

Are you brave enough to get messy at home? This kit contains everything you need to create a process-centered art project. Supplies must be picked up in person or via our drive-thru.

Play, Learn, & Grow

For children ages 6 months-3 years & their caregivers

Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 to 7:30 pm & Thursday, July 28, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Purple Room

Perfect for children and adults to enjoy some quality "together time" while playing with toys and reading books. Let's have some fun!

K-3rd Grade Programs

Reaching Readers (drop in)

For students completing grades K-6

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 6 to August 10, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, 2nd Floor

Looking for practice reading? Stop by the 2nd Floor for a 15-minute session to work on reading and comprehension skills with local college students. No registration required.

Rainbow Fun (Pride Series)

For students completing grades K-1

Wednesday, June 15, 3:00 to 3:45 pm, Purple Room

Create cool rainbow crafts and experiments in celebration of National Pride Month.

Ahoy, Mateys!

For students completing grades K-3

Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Auditorium

Train to be a pirate and travel this summer's Oceans of Possibilities. Will you be able to find the hidden treasure?

Hurricane Engineering

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 20, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Calling all budding engineers! We need your help. Hurricane season is upon us, and we are looking for future engineers to meet the challenge of creating structures to withstand hurricane season year after year. Participants will build and test their structures to see if they can withstand the harsh forces of nature.

Magical Sea Creatures

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 13, 3:00 to 3:45 pm, Purple Room

Have some fun with the Mermicorns, Purrmaids, and the Undersea Mystery Club, the magical creatures of the sea!

Boats, Boats, Boats

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 27, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Do you have what it takes to create your own functioning boat? Will it stay afloat and survive the stormy seas? Then join us as we construct scaled-down seafaring vessels and put them to the test.

Tween Programs (4th-6th Grade)

Summer Self-care

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 9, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Take care of YOU! We'll talk about tips and strategies for self-care, including making our own calming glitter jars, learning about 5-minute meditation and yoga, creating our own tough-times playlists, and more!

Castaways

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 16, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Have you ever survived being stranded at sea? Now is your chance to safely put your survival skills to the test. In this role-playing scenario, you and your fellow castaways will see if they have what it takes being left alone on the high seas.

Survive the Titanic

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 23, 2:00 to 2:25 pm, 2:30 to 2:55 pm, 3:00 to 3:25 pm, & 3:30 to 3:55 pm, Purple Room

The year is 1912 and you find yourself aboard the largest passenger vessel afloat, surrounded by wealth and luxury. Unfortunately, there is the small issue of an iceberg and the imminent sinking of the unsinkable RMS Titanic. Gather your wits, because you have only twenty-five heart pounding minutes to find your way to safety in this Titanic-themed escape room.

Wizard School 101

For students completing grades 4-6

Monday, June 27 to Wednesday, June 29, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Learn magic skills to amaze your friends and family in this 3-day workshop presented by Mr. Zap.

Wizard School 201

For those who have completed Wizard School 101

Thursday, June 30, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Upgrade your magic skills by learning advanced techniques from Mr. Zap.

Waterways and You (Sustainability Series)

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 7, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Purple Room

Have you heard of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? What about microplastics? Through hands-on activities, we will examine how our waterways are connected and the human impact we have on them, both locally and globally.