

Living Dragons with Riverside Reptiles Education Center

Thursday, August 14, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Dragons?! No, not real dragons - lizards! Meet many different species of lizards: geckos that can climb glass, skinks with bright blue tongues, a legless lizard, a cousin of the Komodo Dragon, and a snake - with claws?! Meet these and many more as we venture into the realm of living dragons. Ages 4 and up, **registration required**.

MAGIC SHOW

Magic Show with Ed Pop

Tuesday, August 19, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Join us for an end of summer Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk, a professional magician, balloon sculptor, flea circus ringmaster, and storyteller who has been entertaining children and family audiences for over 40 years! This interactive comedic show relies on audience participation and will have kids and adults alike rolling in laughter. Ages 3 and up.



Saturday, August 9

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Petting Zoo on the library's lawn before the annual **WATERFORD DAY PARADE**, which steps off at 11:00 am.



Ice Cream Party with SROs
stay tuned for the final date & time!

Join us for a back to school party where you can snack on some ice cream sandwiches and meet the School Resource Officers (SROs) for the Waterford Public Schools. Officer Fredricks, Hodges, and the rest of the SRO crew will be here so you can say hi and ask any questions about your school. For kids going into kindergarten and up.



Thank you to M&T Bank for helping us fund our summer reading program!

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Summer Reading Kickoff event is Saturday, June 14th! 11:00am - 1:00pm All ages, no registration required.



2025 Children's Summer Reading at the Waterford Public Library!

Children and teens can sign up from **June 14th to August 25th** to track their reading and complete our interactive activity sheet to win a free book and prizes! Readers can easily log their progress using the free READSquared app or the paper activity sheet - you choose!

Visit the library website for details and a full calendar of programs. Take a look inside for some fun summer highlights!

No registration is required for programs, unless specified.

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Grab & Go Crafts:

July 7th to August 1st: Sailboat



August 2nd to August 30th : Cactus

Stop by the Children's Room to pick up

supplies to make crafts at home!

Available while supplies last.

Toddler Programs: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Friday, July 25: Tape Town



Little ones can explore roads made of colorful tape with plenty of room for imagination and pretend play. Bring your own toy cars or vehicles and drive through our playful town built just for toddlers! Ages 2 to 5.

Friday, August 8: "Drive-in" Movie

Toddlers will use their creativity to transform a cardboard box into a car that they will then get to watch a movie in. Please bring a large cardboard box if you have one available. The rest of the materials will be provided. Ages 2 to 5, **registration required**.

Drop In STEM Adventures: 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Ages 6 and up.



Monday, July 28: DIY Marble Run Adventure

Monday, August 4: Roll with It: Make Your Own Dice

Book Clubs

Bring a book that fits the theme to share with the group then enjoy a fun activity. Ages 6 to 11.

'Level Up: The Book Quest' Book Club

Monday, July 21, 5:00PM – 6:00PM

'Classroom Tales' Book Club

Monday, August 18, 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Boardgame Bonanza

Tuesday, July 29, 1:00PM – 6:00PM

Tuesday, August 26, 1:00PM – 6:00PM

Stop by the meeting room anytime between 1:00 and 6:00 pm to hang out with family and friends and play some boardgames. Ages 4 and up.

Nutrition with Natalie

Tuesday, July 8, 5:00PM - 6:00PM

It's time to level up your nutrition with Ms. Natalie! Join us for an interactive session where participants will learn all about making healthier choices and have the chance to make their own delicious and nutritious snack. Ages 6 and up, **registration required**.



Puzzle Mania with John Lehet

Friday, July 11, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Drop into the library meeting room between 2:00 and 4:00 pm to try your hand at traditional jigsaw puzzles, 3D puzzles, and other unique brain teasers. Ages 4 and up.



STEMcation with UNH

Tuesday, July 15, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Wednesday, August 6, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Join Dr. Huan Gu, a chemical and biomedical engineering researcher at the University of New Haven, for an engaging STEM program exploring how scientists and engineers are using cutting-edge **biomaterials** to solve real-world problems caused by **biofilm corrosion**. Drop into the meeting room anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm for hands-on activities and demos. Ages 6 and up.

Innovative Animal Adaptations

with the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Wednesday, July 16, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Discover the world of biomimicry and learn about human inventions inspired by wildlife through hands-on activities. Meet DPNC ambassador animals and observe their innovative adaptations! Ages 4 and up.

Energy in Action

Tuesday, July 22, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

We are getting a visit from the EnergizeCT Energy in Action Mobile Interactive Exhibit! Stop by the library parking lot anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for an interactive mobile learning experience. All ages.



Art with Lyman Allyn

Tuesday, August 12, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Each participant will create their own masterpiece to take home. Ages 6 and up, **registration required**.

The Zen Zone

Monday, July 14, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Monday, August 11, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
Unplug and unwind this summer with a mix of calming puzzles, laid-back board games, and mindful activities. Whether you want to explore new games, level up your skills, socialize, or enjoy some quiet, mindful time, this is your space. Ages 10 and up.



Family Movie Matinee: 2:30PM

Friday, July 18: Inside Out 2
(2024, 100 mins, PG)

Friday, August 15: A Minecraft Movie
(2025, 101 mins, PG)



BenAnna Band Performance

Monday, August 4, 10:30AM

The amazing BenAnna Band is back! Get your dancing shoes on and join us for an energetic and inclusive family friendly performance from this popular duo. All ages welcome.

TEEN CORNER

Teen Craft Night: Shrinky Dink Spectacular!

Wednesday, July 9, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

We are having a Shrinky Dink night!



Teens can use templates or draw their own designs to bake down into key-chains. All materials will be provided. Ages 11 to 18. **Registration required**.

Teen Minute to Win It Game Night

Wednesday, August 13, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Compete among your friends in our Minute to Win It challenges! Ages 14 to 18.

Teen Drop In Craft: Summerween

Wednesday, August 20, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Can't wait for Halloween? We have you covered! Stop in to the Teen Section to make a "Summerween" craft. All materials will be provided. Ages 11 to 18.

Read to a Dog!

All ages



Read to Hodges:

Tuesday, July 1
4:30PM - 5:30PM



Read to Scout:

Saturday, July 12 & August 23
10:00AM - 11:00AM



Intro to Tabletop Role-playing Games

Wednesday, July 23, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

(This session is for ages 10-14)

Wednesday, August 6, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

(This session is for ages 14-18)

Join Miss Ashlee to learn how to play a micro tabletop role-playing game! Players will learn the basic format of RPG and play through one game. No experience necessary. **Registration required.** *If you register and are no longer able to attend, please be sure to call and cancel, as games need a specific amount of players to function.*