

## Reading Without Walls

Take the Reading Without Walls challenge (do any or all of the following):

1. Read a book about a character who doesn't look like you or live like you.
2. Read a book about a topic you don't know much about.
3. Read a book in a format that you don't normally read for fun (chapter book, graphic novel, book in verse, audio book, etc). After finishing your challenge, add a handprint to our display wall with your name and the title of your chosen book! **All ages!**

## Build a Better World

Check out our display in the children's area featuring true stories of those who have made our world a better place, stories of kindness and caring, and books of action ideas on what WE can do to build a better world! New titles will be added all summer long, so check often!

## Care for Others

This summer we will have donation boxes for the Coastal Humane Society (June 17-July 15) and Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (July 15-August 18).

Ask the library for a list of acceptable donations or visit:

[topshamlibrary.org/summer-reading](http://topshamlibrary.org/summer-reading)

## July Storytimes

### Preschool Storytime

#### Wednesdays at 10 am

At each themed Storytime we sing songs, dance, and play instruments to a guitar accompaniment, participate in action rhymes, and of course, read stories!

**Storytime lasts approximately 40-50 minutes and is for preschool children ages 3-5. Often followed by an art project!**

### Baby & Me

#### Thursdays at 10 am

Baby & Me gives your child the opportunity to hear lots of language while you spend time bonding together! **Program lasts about 15-20 minutes, and is for babies ages birth up to 23 months.**

### Music & Rhyme Time for Twos

#### Thursdays at 10:30 am

At each Music & Rhyme Time for Twos we sing songs, dance and play instruments to a guitar accompaniment, participate in action rhymes, and read one short story.

**Each lively and fun session lasts about 20-40 minutes and is just for two-year-olds and their grownup!**



## Topsham Public Library

### Summer Schedule of Children's Programming 2017

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## **Chewonki presents: Biomimicry**

**Friday, July 7 at 2:30 pm**

Many of the engineering challenges facing humans today are similar to difficulties that exist in the natural world. Plants and animals have evolved through generations of successes and failures resulting in remarkable adaptations to overcome these challenges. Join us as we explore the ways engineers have taken advantage of nature's bright ideas through biomimicry, and meet some live animals that help us draw comparisons between human-made products and animal adaptations. As we look for creative solutions to future problems, perhaps we can find inspiration by observing nature in our own backyard! **Designed for ages 8 and up, but open to anyone who can sit quietly through a presentation. Limit first 100 people.**

## **Sharks4Kids**

**Thursday, July 20 at 4:30 pm**

Sharks are one of the most important animals we have on this planet! Exploring sharks and their unique adaptations will help us learn more about their role in the ecosystem. Sharks4Kids demonstrates why we should protect these animals instead of fearing them! **Designed for ages 5-13, limit first 100 people.**

## **Lindsay & her Puppet Pals**

**Friday, July 21 at 10:30 am**

Year round, Lindsay brings her Puppet Pals, lovingly crafted, giant hand puppets and marionettes, to child and family audiences across New England. Filled with silliness, crowd participation, and unique, memorable characters, this series of charming and positive short stories will delight the young and the young at heart! **Designed for ages 3—8, limit first 100 people.**

## **Kindness Rocks**

**Saturday, July 22 from 11 am—1 pm**

Paint a message of kindness or a picture on a rock, then take with you to give as a gift or leave somewhere where someone will find it and have their day brightened! **Ages 4-12, drop-in while supplies last!**

## **Legos at the Library**

**Saturday, July 22 from 1—3 pm**

Come build with our Lego collection! We have giant bins full of Legos for older kids, and Duplos available for younger kids upon request!

## **Knit a Better World!**

**Saturday, July 22 at 2 pm**

Warm Up America collects knit or crocheted 7x9" squares and assembles them into cozy blankets. We want to send them some knit squares! On Saturday July 22 Mariah or Emma can assist you in learning the basics of knitting—then you can take your project home to finish over the summer! We will provide yarn and needles! **Designed for ages 7-12, sign up is required for the instruction/supplies. If you would like to knit squares on your own, simply knit a 7x9" square and bring it in to Mariah!**

## **Staycation**

**Saturday, July 29 starting at 9:30 am**

The fun begins with a morning full of special guest readers who will share their love of stories. At noon, enjoy a picnic lunch (please bring your own!) and we will provide free ice cream! For more information call the library, or check [www.topshamlibrary.org/staycation](http://www.topshamlibrary.org/staycation) for a full schedule of events!

## **Chewonki presents: Tide Pools**

**Thursday, August 3 at 2:30 pm**

The tide pool is a home to a variety of species whose unique adaptations allow them to maintain stability in a world that is in a constant state of change. Using this interactive traveling display, participants will dip their hands into the three zones of Maine's rocky intertidal ecosystem and touch some of the ocean's most magnificent species. **Designed for ages 4 and up, but open to anyone who can sit quietly through a presentation. Limit first 100 people.**

## **Family Concert with Matt Loosigian**

**Friday, August 11 at 10 am**

Inspired by Matt's incredibly dynamic voice and charismatic performance style, participants will sing, play, and dance along as this musical wizard pulls giggles out of his guitar! **Designed for children, but all ages welcome. Limit first 100 people.**

## **4H: Can You Candy Crush?**

**Wednesday, August 16 at 4 pm**

Create a model and discover how altitude, gravity, and other forces can change an object! We'll use candy and crush cans to make these discoveries. **Grades 3-5, space is limited – registration required!**

## **Stay & Play**

**Thursday, August 17 at 10 am**

Similar to our Parent/Child Workshop, we fill our big meeting room with educational and developmental toys, and you and your little one have fun playing together! **Ages birth—4 years. Registration required.**