

# TAILS & TALES

READ, LEARN, DO & CONNECT WITH THE SAXTON B. LITTLE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

## STORY TIME & BABY BEES

**Story Time:** Tuesdays @ 10:30. Geared for ages 2-5. Meet on the lawn in front of Yeomans Hall, weather permitting.\* Families are encouraged to bring a blanket/towel to sit on. Masks required for ages 3+. No registration necessary.

**Baby Bees Lapsit Story Time:** Fridays @ 10:30. Geared for ages 0-2. Meet on the lawn in front of Yeomans Hall, weather permitting.\* Families are encouraged to bring a blanket/towel to sit on. Masks required for ages 3+. No registration necessary.

\*Call the Library or check our Facebook page for weather cancellations.

Email [mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org) with any questions.

## AT HOME QUESTS

Check out our weekly 'Quests' for fun ideas to try at home this summer.

Photos are optional, though we'd love to see them! Please send all photos to [quests@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:quests@columbiactlibrary.org) and we will post them to the Library's Facebook page & website.

## CRAFTS

We will have Craft Kits available for pick up each week during Summer Reading. Register for a weekly Craft by calling the Library at 860-228-0350 **beginning on Monday of the week the Craft is listed**, or pick up at the front desk.

We will **ONLY ACCEPT** registration by phone OR in person.

Craft Kits will be on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

If you call to reserve a Craft Kit, staff will work with you to arrange pickup.

These kits will include most supplies and directions, but may require some basic supplies from home, for example: glue, markers, or paint.

## PARTICIPATE

If you would like to participate in any of our virtual or in-person programming this summer, email Megan at [mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org). **Include the name of the program(s), your child's name and age, and a phone number.** You'll get a confirmation that they are registered, and login information if necessary. Registration for all programs begins June 28th. **No registration required for Baby Bees or Story Time.**



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES FROM THE SAXON B. LITTLE LIBRARY

## WEEK 1: JUNE 28 - JULY 2

**QUEST:** Make a drawing turning the first letter of your name into an animal. Bonus if the animal starts with the same letter!

**CRAFT:** DIY Stuffed Animal & House

**PARTICIPATE:** Collaborative Puzzle Art! Join other SBL patrons in creating a large wall puzzle to be displayed in the library. Stop in to claim a blank puzzle piece and decorate that piece in a way that represents you!

## WEEK 2: JULY 5-9

**QUEST:** Start a backyard sketch book. Include two animals, two insects, and two plants to start, then add as much as you like! Label all your pictures.

**CRAFT:** Animal Puzzles! DIY wooden puzzle, sticker puzzles, and more!

**PARTICIPATE:** Pet Portraits: Printmaking from photos! Call or stop in to pick up supplies and watch the video on our website for instructions.

**\*Please note: The Library will be closed Saturday, July 3rd & Monday, July 5th**

## WEEK 3: JULY 12-16

**QUEST:** Paint a rock [or a few] at home and bring them into the Library to help decorate our Library Garden. Animal designs encouraged!

**CRAFT:** Sock Owls. Basic sewing skills required. Best for ages 8+

**PARTICIPATE:** Wed. July 14 at 3:00 **on Zoom** with the Our Companions Animal Rescue Sanctuary! Meet some of their adoptable pets and learn their stories!

## WEEK 4: JULY 19-23

**QUEST:** Make a bird nest or a bug hotel in your yard using sticks, rocks, leaves, etc.

**CRAFT:** Ceramic Birdfeeder

**PARTICIPATE:** Thursday, July 22nd at 3:00: Backyard Birds & Insects with the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center! Meet local species and learn how to make your yard a perfect habitat for them. All participants will be able to make a 'seed bomb' with native wildflower seeds.

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## WEEK 5: JULY 26-30

**QUEST:** Backyard birdwatching! Sit quietly for 15 minutes and write down and/or draw all the birds you spot. Don't know what they are? Look them up! Extra challenge: see if you can find and identify any feathers in your yard.

**CRAFT:** 3D Egg Carton Animal Portraits

**PARTICIPATE:** Thursday, July 29th at 4:00 **on Zoom:** Cartooning Workshop! Learn to draw cartoon animals with award winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski. Best for ages 7+, families welcome! Have a pencil and stack of paper handy.

## WEEK 6: AUGUST 2-6

**QUEST:** Fri. Aug 6th from 3:00-4:00: D.E.A.R. [Drop Everything And Read] with us on the lawn in front of Yeomans Hall OR D.E.A.R. at home!

**CRAFT:** Drawing Challenge: Complete the Animal Pictures

**PARTICIPATE:** Beach Book Giveaway: Look for Librarians at the lake sometime this week!

## WEEK 7: AUGUST 9-13

**QUEST:** Read aloud to a pet or a stuffed animal for 20 minutes. Take a photo and email it to [quests@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:quests@columbiactlibrary.org).

**CRAFT:** Color your own llama canvas pencil case for school! Each case will come filled with some starter school supplies.

**PARTICIPATE:** Aug. 12th @ 6:30 **READ WOKE** Book Club for teens & adults. Contact Megan for details.

**PARTICIPATE:** Friday Aug. 13th at 3:00: Magic Show! Ice Cream Truck immediately to follow.

## REMEMBER:

- Track your reading on your Reading Log to donate pet food, adopt a stuffed animal, earn a book plated in your name, and to enter our drawing for an Amazon Gift Card.
- Return your Reading Logs and Lingo sheets to the Library between **August 16th-27th**. Don't forget to write your **FULL NAME & PHONE NUMBER** on everything!

### Interested in joining a Book Club?

Thurs. Aug. 12th @ 6:30 READ WOKE Book Club for Teens [Grades 9+] & Adults.  
Thurs. Sept. 2nd @ 6:30 First Meeting of the Mother-Daughter Book Club [Grades 3-5].  
Wed. Sept. 8th @ 6:30 First Meeting of the Middle Grade Book Club [grades 6 - 8].  
Spots are limited. Email Megan at [mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org](mailto:mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org) for more details!