

SummerQuest

2023



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SummerQuest Programs

No registration required unless noted, but please arrive early as space is limited.

Toddler Rock 'N' Read

**Thursdays from
June 1 - Aug. 31 at 10:15 AM
and 11:15 AM**

Come enjoy the fingerplays, songs and stories with us. No event June 15. (Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Storytime in the Reading Garden

**Mondays and Thursdays from
June 1 - Aug. 31 at 10:30 AM**

No event on June 19. (Ages 0-5)
Beatley Library Reading Garden

Eric Carle Storytime Yoga

Thursday, June 1, 8 at 11 AM

Bring a towel or mat. (Ages 2-5)
Barrett Library Lawn

Girls Who Code

**Thursdays from
June 1 - July 27 at 6 PM**

Explore different programming topics designed to encourage and inspire future programmers everywhere! (Ages 8-14) *Beatley Library Story Room*

Cantaré Presents Mucha Música

Friday, June 2 at 10:30 AM

An interactive bilingual concert - sing, play percussion and learn to dance a basic Latin rhythm such as salsa or merengue. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

The Uncle Devin Show

Saturday, June 3 at 2 PM

Join Uncle Devin for an interactive musical experience that uses percussion instruments to cultivate children's minds. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Drag Story Hour with Miss Bella

Saturday, June 3 at 2 PM

What do drag queens and children have in common? They love dressing up and all things sparkly and fancy! Drag Story Hour (DSH) is just what it sounds like—drag performers reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores. Cosponsored by the Alexandria LGBTQ Taskforce as part of Alexandria Pride 2023. (Ages 3-8) *City Hall, 301 King Street*

Baby Time

**Mondays from June 5 -
Aug. 28 at 11 AM**

Fingerplays and songs for your littlest ones. No event on June 19. (Ages 0-11 months) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

PAWS to Read

**Mondays from June 5 -
Aug. 28 at 5:30 PM**

Practice your independent reading with a dog. Sign-up required. No event on June 19. (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Playtime!

**Tuesdays from June 6 -
Aug. 29 at 10:30 AM**

Meet your old friends and make new friends at an unstructured, outdoor playtime in the Library's Reading Garden! No event on July 4. (Ages 0-5) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Stories and Songs

**Tuesdays from June 6 -
Aug. 29 at 10:15 AM and
11:15 AM**

Story time with singing, dancing, and picture books. The same stories, songs and activities will be presented at both events. Please choose just one event to attend to allow more families to participate. No event June 20, July 4, or 25. (Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Butterfly Garden*

Baby and Toddler Time with Miss Lisa

**Tuesdays from June 6 -
Aug. 15 at 11 AM**

Songs, games and movement activities. No event June 27, July 4, or Aug. 8. (Ages 0-23 months) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

Preschool Storytime and Craft

**Tuesdays from June 6 -
Aug. 29 at 4 PM**

No event on July 4. (Ages 3-5)
Duncan Library Meeting Room

Tummy Time

**Wednesdays from June 7 -
Aug. 30 at 10:15 AM**

Baby storytime followed by a new parent support group. (Ages 0-12 months) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

1s and 2s Time

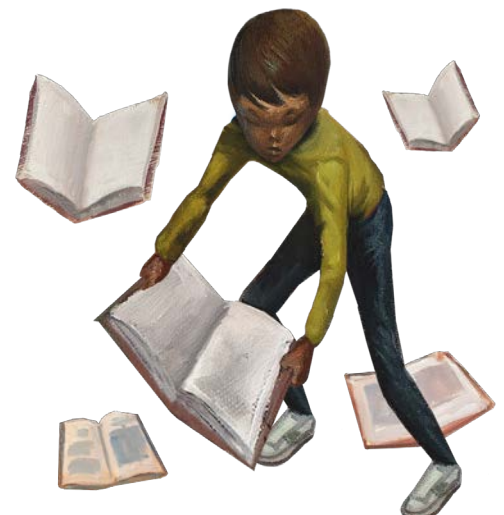
**Wednesdays from June 7 -
Aug. 30 at 11:30 AM**

Join us for stories and songs fit for active, growing little ones! (Ages 1-2) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

Pajama Storytime

**Wednesdays from June 7 -
Aug. 30 at 7 PM**

Wear your pajamas and bring a friend! (Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Children's Area*



Talewise: Dragons and The Ice Sorceress

Thursday, June 8 at 3:30 PM

This fun fantasy adventure is all about an Ice Sorceress who tries to cancel Spring ... and the two kids who use science to thwart her icy plans! (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Steel on Wheels

Friday, June 9 at 10:30 AM

Steelpan and percussion interactive performance featuring award-winning artist, composer and educator Joseanne Francis. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Lego Competition

Fridays, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, and Aug. 11 & 25 at 3:30 PM

Lego builders will be put on a team and given a prompt with one hour to complete their build! (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Kofi Dennis

Saturday, June 10 at 11 AM,

Tuesday, June 27 at 4 PM,

Friday, July 14 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy music, dance, drums, and stories highlighting West African culture! (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room (June 10), Barrett Library Lawn (June 27, Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 14)*

Tales for Young Historians

Saturday, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12 at 11 AM

Learn about African American history and icons with stories and activities to inspire young, curious minds. Cosponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum. (Ages 5-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Bar C Ranch Petting Zoo

Wednesday, June 14 from 4:30 to 6 PM

Say hello and feed friendly animals like a llama, donkey, and mini cow from Bar C Animal Ranch. (All ages) *Beatley Library*



Rocknoceros

Thursday, June 15 at 10:15 and 11:15 AM,

Thursday, Aug. 3 at 11 AM

Classic kids' songs and award-winning tunes. (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room (June 15), Barrett Library Lawn (Aug. 3)*

Outdoor Playtime

Thursday, June 15, July 13, Aug. 17 at 11 AM

Bubble toys, sidewalk chalk, rubber ducks and more. (Ages 2+) *Barrett Library Lawn*

Arts on the Horizon Presents: Arco Iris

Friday, June 16 at 10:30 AM

Iris is excited about taking a trip to el parque with Abuela! Enjoy this moving theatre performance inspired by a Zapoteca myth and Quechua legends about the rainbow. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Splatter Summer Arts

Friday, June 16 & 30, July 7 & 21, Aug. 4 & 18 at 3:30 PM

Art projects at the library to splatter your creativity all over. (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

STEM Microscope Program

Saturday, June 17 at 11 AM

Learn about optics and light microscopy, then try out a basic compound light microscope. (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Flower Pots for Tots

Saturday, June 17 at 11 AM

Decorate a flower pot to add to your garden. (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Butterfly Garden*

1 2 3 Andrés

Tuesday, June 20 at 11 AM,

Friday, June 30 at 10:30 AM

Join Grammy-winning children's musicians Andrés and Christina for an interactive musical performance in English and Spanish. (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room (June 20), Beatley Library Reading Garden (June 30)*

Toddler Tuesday

Tuesdays from June 20 -

Aug. 15 at 10:15 AM

Storytime with songs, parachute, and bubbles. No event on July 4. (Ages 1-2) *Burke Library*

Under the Sea

Tuesday, June 20 at 4 PM

Meet some of the aquatic creatures from Glen Echo Park Aquarium. (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

National Aquarium: Rain Forest Discovery

Wednesday, June 21 at 2 PM and 4:30 PM

The rain forests of South America are as fascinating and beautiful as they are wild! Learn how plant and animal species interact and adapt for survival in the South American rain forest. (Ages 6-12) *Burke Library Meeting Room (2 PM), Beatley Library Reading Garden (4:30 PM)*

Oh Susannah!

Thursday, June 22 at 11 AM

Sing along with Susannah! (All ages) *Barrett Library Lawn*

Rhythmaya Dance Troupe

Friday, June 23 at 10:30 AM

Rhythmaya is a professional contemporary dance performance group dedicated to bringing South Asian dance traditions alive throughout our global community. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Find the full list of
SummerQuest
programs online in
English and Español!
**alexlibraryva.org/
SummerQuest**



**Tidewater African
Cultural Alliance
Presents: Taste of
ACE (African Cultural
Education)**

**Friday, June 23 at 2 PM,
Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 AM
and 2 PM**

Explore one country in Africa;
learn fun facts about that country;
some new vocabulary in one of the
languages spoken in the country; a
story with a moral lesson; and dance!*

(All ages) *Burke Library (June 23),
Beatley Library Reading Garden (June
24 at 10:30 AM), Duncan Library
(June 24 at 2 PM)*

**Sing Books with Emily
Saturday, June 24 at 11 AM**

Enjoy stories sung by Emily! (Ages 0-5)
Duncan Library Meeting Room

**Family Storytime with
Fish Craft - Make a
paper plate fish!**

Saturday, June 24 at 11 AM

We will read, sing, play, and make a
special summer craft. (Ages 0-8)

Burke Library

**Bar C Ranch: Amazing
Adaptations!**

**Monday, June 26 at 10:30 AM
and 2 PM**

Meet five different live animal species
and learn about the amazing physical
and behavioral adaptations they use
to find the food, water and shelter
that they need to survive. (Ages 6-12)
*Charles Houston Rec. Center at 10:30
AM (901 Wythe St.), Nannie J. Lee
Rec. Center at 2 PM (1108 Jefferson
St.)*

**Read, See & Do at
Carlyle House**

**Mondays from June 26 -
Aug. 14 at 4 PM**

Learn about Alexandria History
through stories, activities and crafts.
No event July 3. (Ages 4-8) *Carlyle
House (121 N. Fairfax St.)*

**Baby and Toddler Time
with Kofi Dennis**

Tuesday, June 27 at 11 AM

Music, movement and more with a
Wolf Trap Baby Artsplay artist. (Ages
0-5) *Barrett Library Lawn*

A Visit to Kofi's Village

Tuesday, June 27 at 4 PM

Drummer Kofi Dennis brings us daily
life in a Ghanaian village with music
and storytelling. (Ages 6-12) *Barrett
Library Children's Area*

**Secret Garden Birds and
Bees: Backyard Hawks
and Owls**

Wed., June 28 at 4:30 PM,

Tuesday, July 25 at 4 PM

Meet real hawks and owls and learn
about what they eat, sound like, and
why we like to have them around.
(Ages 6-12) *Beatley Library Reading
Garden (June 28), Barrett Library
Children's Area (July 25)*

Dance Party

Thursday, June 29 at 11 AM

Dance to fun music with props like
scarves and shakers. (All ages)
Barrett Library Children's Area

**The Great Zucchini-
Laugh-Out-Loud Magic**

Friday, June 30 at 11 AM

(All ages) *Barrett Library Children's
Area*

**Rainbow Puppets: The
Really Radical Reptile
Revue**

**Saturday, July 1 at 10:30 AM
and 2 PM**

Meet all kinds of reptiles on the land
and in the sea and enjoy puppets
and songs. (All ages) *Beatley Library
Reading Garden (10:30 AM), Duncan
Library Meeting Room (2 PM)*

Art in the Library

**Wednesdays from July 5 -
Aug. 16 from 3 - 5 PM**

Beat the heat and drop in for weekly
process art or craft projects. (Ages
6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

**Write Your Own
American Girl Story**

Wednesday, July 5 at 4:30 PM

Writing workshop inspired by the
American Girl series. (Ages 6+)
Duncan Library Meeting Room

Wednesday We Play

**Wednesdays from July 5 -
Aug. 16 at 3:30 PM**

Join us for a maker hour to build,
explore, and be creative. (Ages 5-12)
Burke Library

**Rainbow Puppets:
Creatures Great and
Small**

Thursday, July 6 at 11 AM

Incredible puppets and original
music. (All ages) *Barrett Library
Children's Area*

Mr. Lilo

Friday, July 7 at 10:30 AM

Sing, jump, and dance with Mr. Lilo
and his guitar in English and Spanish.
(All ages) *Beatley Library Reading
Garden*

STEAM Explorers, Jr.
Tuesdays in July and August
at 4:30 PM

No event July 4 (Ages 5-8) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

Summer Yoga for Children

Saturdays, July 8-29 at 11 AM

Join yoga instructor Ms. Shelley to practice breathing and mindfulness exercises that help children feel calm and peaceful while having fun. (Ages 1-5) *Burke Library*

The Magic of "Drew Blue Shoes"

Tuesday, July 11 at 4 PM

What will Drew have "up his sleeve" today? (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

American Girl Cooking Demo

Wednesday, July 12 at 6 PM

Get cooking at an American Girl inspired food demo based on Wendy Wan-Long Shang's book "Corinne." (Ages 6+) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

Only Make Believe: Imagination Unlocked (Sensory Friendly)

Saturday, July 15 at 10:30 AM

During this interactive theatre workshop, work together to unlock your imagination. Sensory friendly performance designed for children of all abilities. (Developmental ages 5-10) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*



Mad Science: Things That Go BOOM!

Tuesday, July 18 at 4 PM

Get ready for some explosions as we learn about chemistry. (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

Make Your Own Survival Kit

Wednesday, July 19 at 4 PM

Inspired by the American Girl book "Corinne to the Rescue" by Wendy Wan-Long Shang, learn how to make your own survival kit from the author herself. (Ages 6+) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Gary Garlic: Caribbean Dreaming

Thursday, July 20 at 10 AM and 2 PM

Friday, July 21 at 10:30 AM and 2 PM

Sail the Caribbean seas on the sound waves of steel drums with Gary Garlic as he shares the history and music of many Caribbean islands. (All ages) *William Ramsay Rec. Center (5650 Sanger Ave - July 20 at 10 AM), Charles Barrett Rec. Center (1115 Martha Custis Dr. - July 20 at 2 PM), Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 21 at 10:30 AM), and Patrick Henry Rec. Center (4653 Taney Ave. - July 21 at 2 PM)*

Yoga Storytime

Thursday, July 20 at 11 AM

Bring a towel or mat. (Ages 2+) *Barrett Library Lawn*

Chris Fascione

Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 AM

Storytelling, mime, juggling and comedy. (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Groovy Nate

Tuesday, July 25 at 11 AM

Enjoy moving and grooving to Groovy Nate's music for kids! (All ages) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

Mad Science: Preschool 1,2,3s!

Thursday, July 27 at 11 AM

Watch amazing experiments! (Ages 2-5) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

Mujje: Come Together by Ssuuna

Friday, July 28 at 10:30 AM

Dance and sing with Ssuuna as he shares stories, music and instruments from his native Uganda. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Wendy Wan-Long Shang Author Visit

Saturday, July 29 at 2 PM

Love American Girl stories? Come meet an American Girl author Wendy Wan-Long Shang and hear about her books "Corinne" and "Corinne to the Rescue." (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Talewise: Saving Earth Together

Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 10 AM and 2 PM

Thursday, Aug. 17 at 3:30 PM

Audience volunteers will help two unlikely heroes conduct several exciting science experiments that bring the story to life. (Ages 6-12) *Leonard "Chick" Armstrong Rec. Center (25 West Reed Ave - Aug. 1 at 10 AM), Mount Vernon Rec. Center (2701 Commonwealth Ave. - Aug. 1 at 2 PM), Duncan Library Meeting Room (Aug. 17 at 3:30 PM)*

TAHIRA presents: Folktale Fun

Friday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 AM

Meet clever spiders, signifying monkeys, and grinnin' buzzards as TAHIRA shares some of her favorite African and African American folktales. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

Board Game Open House

Saturday, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 from 2 - 4 PM

Check out the Library's selection of tabletop games. (Ages 8-18) *Beatley Library Children's Area*

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Arts on the Horizon: Ready, Set, Go!

Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 11 AM

An interactive performance inspired by all forms of transportation. (Ages 0-5)
Barrett Library Children's Area

Kaydee Puppets

Thursday, Aug. 10 at 11 AM

(All ages) *Barrett Library Children's Area*

Lua Project: Songs and Stories of Mexilachia

Friday, Aug. 11 at 10:30 AM

A bilingual concert of songs and stories featuring an introduction to Mexican and Appalachian music, instruments and dance.* (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

The Latin Ballet presents: Dance as Therapy (Sensory Friendly)

**Thursday, Aug. 17 at 3:30 PM,
Friday, Aug. 18 at 2 PM**

Introduces children of all abilities to the joy of movement and cultures of Spain and Latin America.* (Developmental ages 5-12) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

The Latin Ballet presents: Everybody Reads!

**Thursday, Aug. 17 and
Friday, Aug. 18 at 10:30 AM**

Dance along with the Latin Ballet while enjoying stories and music from the cultures of Spain and Latin America.* (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

The Latin Ballet presents: Alma Latina

Saturday, Aug. 19 at 10:30 AM

Alma Latina is a family-oriented dance-theater production celebrating the history that influenced the rhythm, music and dance of Latin America.* (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*



Alexandria Library Branch Locations

Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library

5005 Duke St, 22304
703.746.1702

Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library

717 Queen St, 22314
703.746.1703

Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library

4701 Seminary Rd, 22304
703.746.1704

James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library

2501 Commonwealth Ave, 22301
703.746.1705



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ALL TOGETHER NOW



SUMMERQUEST JR. BABIES - RISING KINDERGARTENERS



Name: _____

Earn 20 points through reading and/or activities listed below to earn a free book! Each book or activity is 1 point. Pick up prizes by Thursday, August 31, 2023 at any Alexandria Library location. Track your progress here or online at www.alexandria.beanstack.org or with the Beanstack app. Fill in a box below for each point earned.

Activities:

- Attend a Library Program
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten: Have you signed up yet? If not, do it now and earn a badge! Already signed up? You've earned this badge, too! Books that you log (re-reads count!) will count for both your SummerQuest and 1,000 Books totals.
- Go Outside: Talk about what you see.
- Sing: Singing helps to slow down words, helping children to hear smaller sounds.
- Read Outside
- Get Rhyming: Play a rhyming game! Ask your child if they can choose words that rhyme with each other.
- Talk About It: Take one day to talk to your child about everything you do together.
- Take a Picture Walk: Choose a new book and before you read the story, flip through the pages and talk about the pictures. What do you think is happening? Then, read the story and see if you were right!

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 2023



All Together Now

SUMMERQUEST RISING 1ST - 5TH GRADERS



Name: _____

Earn 30 points through reading and/or activities listed below to earn a free book! Each 20 minute reading session or activity is 1 point. Pick up prizes by Thursday, August 31, 2023 at any Alexandria Library location. Track your progress here or online at www.alexandria.beanstack.org or with the Beanstack app. Check off a box below for each point earned.

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| • Attend a Library Program | • ACTIVITY | • ACTIVITY |
| • Recycle or Reuse | • ACTIVITY | • ACTIVITY |
| • Something Instead of Throwing It Away | • ACTIVITY | • ACTIVITY |
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