

# SUMMERQUEST

2024

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# SummerQuest Programs

No registration required unless noted, but please arrive early as space is limited. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Board Game Cafe

Saturdays, June 1 - Aug. 31  
from 2-4 PM

Check out the Library's selection of tabletop games. (Ages 5-18) *Beatley Library Children's Area*

## Alexandria Pride 2024

Saturday, June 1 from 3-6 PM

Enjoy art and poetry workshops, music, refreshments and more. Bilingual English/Spanish Drag Queen Story Hour for ages 3-8 begins at 3:30 PM. Cohosted by Alexandria Library and the Department of Community and Human Services. (All ages) *City Hall (301 King Street)*

## Baby Time

Mondays, June 3 - Aug. 26  
at 10:15 AM and 11:15 AM

No event June 10. (Ages 0-14 months) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Storytime in the Reading Garden

Mondays and Thursdays,  
June 3 - Aug. 29 at 10:30 AM

Bilingual Spanish/English storytimes on June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26. No event July 4. (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Playtime!

Tuesdays, June 4 - Aug. 27  
at 10:30 AM

Meet your old friends and make new friends at an unstructured, outdoor playtime in the Library's Reading Garden! (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Baby and Toddler Time

Tuesdays, June 4 - Aug. 6  
at 11 AM

Alternate events on July 9, 30,  
and Aug. 13

Songs, games, and movement activities. (Ages 0-2) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## Toddler Tuesday

Tuesdays, June 4 - Aug. 27  
at 10:15 AM

Join us for engaging stories, songs, and lots of movement for kids. No event July 30. (Ages 0-5) *Burke Library Meeting Room*

## Stories and Songs

Tuesdays, June 4 - Aug. 27  
at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

Come enjoy fingerplays, songs and stories with us. No event June 11, 25, July 16, 23, Aug. 6. (Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Tuesday We Play

Tuesdays, June 4 - Aug. 27  
at 4:30 PM

Join us for a play hour to build, create, and explore! (Ages 5-12) *Beatley Library Large Meeting Room*

## Baby Bounce!

Wednesdays, June 5 - Aug. 28  
at 10:15 AM

Baby storytime followed by playtime and community. No event June 19. (Ages 0-12 months) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## 1s and 2s Time

Wednesdays, June 5 - Aug. 28  
at 11:30 AM

Join us for stories and songs fit for active, growing little ones! No event June 19. (Ages 1-2) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Toddler Rock 'N' Read

Thursdays, June 6 - Aug. 29  
at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

Join us for singing, stomping and storytelling. No event July 4. (Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Nailed IT!

Thursdays, June 6 & 20, July  
11 & 25, Aug. 1 & 15 at 4:30 PM

Social group that focuses on nail painting and designs. All materials will be provided. (Ages 8-18) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Girls Who Code: Let's Learn to Program

Thursdays, June 6 - Aug. 29  
at 6 PM

Learn programming basics with books and games in addition to computers. No prior coding knowledge necessary. No event July 4. (Ages 8-12) *Beatley Library Meeting Room*

## Fun Friday

Fridays, June 7 - Aug. 30  
at 3:30 PM

Build, create, play games and win prizes! (Ages 6-12) *Burke Library Meeting Room*

## Toddler Dance Party

Friday, June 7 at 10:30 AM  
Wear your pajamas and bring a friend! (Ages 0-5) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*



## Saturday Stories: Bunmi Emenanjo

**Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 AM**  
Meet local author Bunmi Emenanjo and hear her read from her debut book, *I'll See You in Ijebu*. Presented in partnership with Hooray for Books! (Ages 4-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Mr. Gabe

**Tuesday, June 11 at 10:15 and 11:15 AM**

Sing along with Mr. Gabe to original songs and familiar tunes. (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Freegal Dance Party!

**Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 at 3 PM**

Lounge, relax, socialize, or dance the day away. (All ages) *Burke Library Meeting Room*

## Animal Encounters: Bar C Ranch Petting Zoo

**Wednesday, June 12 from 5 - 7 PM**

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

## Culture Queen: Juneteenth Jubilee

**Friday, June 14 at 10:30 AM**

Join Grammy nominated performer Culture Queen for interactive musical storytelling and learn the meaning of the Juneteenth holiday. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Lego Competition

**Fridays, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 at 3:30 PM**

Attendees will be put on a team and given a prompt with 1 hour to complete their build! Our esteemed judges will evaluate and choose a winning team. (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Pop Up, Pop In Story Time

**Saturdays, June 15, July 20, at 10:15 AM**

(Ages 0-5) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*



## Oye Palaver Hut

**Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 AM**

Interactive West African percussion performance and workshop. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Ty-Rone Travis

**Saturday, June 15 at 1 PM**

**Saturday, July 6 at 10:30 AM**

Ventriloquism and puppet performance that will inspire kids to believe in themselves and the importance of reading!\* (Ages 0-8) *Burke Library Meeting Room (June 15), Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 6)*

## American Girl Tea Party (With Your Doll)

**Monday, June 17 at 4:30 PM**

Bring your American Girl (or any other) doll—or borrow one of ours—for a fancy tea party. Snacks, crafts, and activities provided. (Ages 3-13) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Rocknoceros

**Thursday, June 20 at 11 AM**

**Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 10:15 and 11:15 AM**

Classic kids' songs and award-winning tunes. (All ages) *Barrett Library Childrens' Room (June 20), Duncan Library Meeting Room (Aug. 6)*



## Rhythmaya: Bollywood Dance

**Friday, June 21 at 10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, June 25 at 11:15 AM**

Dance along with us as Rhythmaya shares Indian culture through music, art, and movement. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden (June 21), Duncan Library Meeting Room (June 25)*

## Kuumba Dance Ensemble

**Friday, June 21 at 1 PM**

Immersive West African dance and drumming performance and workshop. (Ages 6-12) *Burke Library Meeting Room*

## Ukulele Jon & Melissa

**Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 AM**

Experience the joy of music with Ukulele Jon of The Unlikely Strummers and his daughter Melissa. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## Rainbow Rock

**Saturday, June 22 at 11 AM**

Rock the rainbow with original songs. (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together

**Monday, June 24**

**at 1 and 3:30 PM**

**Monday, July 29 at 2 PM**

**Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 2 PM**

Audience volunteers will help two unlikely heroes conduct exciting science experiments that bring the story to life. (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Recreation Center (June 24 at 1 PM at 1115 Martha Custis Dr.), Patrick Henry Recreation Center (June 24 at 3:30 PM at 4653 Taney Ave.), Mount Vernon Recreation Center (July 29 at 2701 Commonwealth Ave.), Duncan Library Meeting Room (Aug. 13)*

## Read, See, Do!

**Mondays, June 24 - July 29 at 4 PM**

Join staff from Barrett on Carlyle House's Magnolia Terrace for stories and crafts. (Ages 4-8) *Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.*

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SummerQuest](http://alexlibraryva.org/SummerQuest)



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### **Brixalof LEGO**

**Wednesdays, June 26, July 31, Aug. 7 and 14 from 3-5 PM**  
Drop-in and build. Every event will have different themed sets. (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

### **Animal Encounters: Birds of Prey**

**Wednesday, June 26 at 5 PM**  
Learn about backyard raptors (and see some in real life) with wildlife rehabilitators Secret Garden Birds and Bees. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

### **Outdoor Play**

**Thursdays, June 27, July 18 at 11 AM**  
Chalk, bubbles, a pool full of rubber ducks and boats—come and play! (Ages 2-8) *Barrett Library Lawn (Columbus Street side)*

### **Animal Encounters: My Reptile Guys**

**Thursday, June 27 at 3 PM**  
Meet 10 fascinating live reptiles. (Ages 6+) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

### **The Uncle Devin Show**

**Friday, June 28 at 10:30 AM**  
Join Uncle Devin for an interactive musical experience that uses percussion instruments to cultivate children's minds. (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

### **The Calabash Experience by Kemi**

**Friday, June 28 at 1 & 3:30 PM**  
Explore folktales and dance from all over Africa and beyond. \* (Ages 6-12) *Burke Library Meeting Room (1 PM), Duncan Library Meeting Room (3:30 PM)*

### **Kofi Dennis**

**Saturday, June 29 at 10:30 AM**  
Enjoy music, dance, drums, and stories highlighting West African culture! (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

### **Baby and Toddler Time with Kofi Dennis**

**Tuesdays, July 9, Aug. 13 at 11 AM**  
Music, movement and more with a Wolf Trap Baby Artsplay artist. (Ages 0-5) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

### **1, 2, 3 Andrés!**

**Wednesday, July 10 at 11 AM**  
**Friday, July 12 at 10:30 AM**  
Join Grammy-winning children's musicians for an interactive musical performance in English and Spanish. (All ages) *Mount Vernon Recreation Center (July 10 at 2701 Commonwealth, Ave.), Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 12)*

### **Animal Encounters: Bar C Ranch**

**Wednesday, July 10 at 3:30 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+) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

### **Kaydee Puppets**

**Thursday, July 11 at 11 AM**  
(Ages 2+) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

### **Little Miss Ann**

**Saturday, July 13 at 10:30 AM**  
**Monday, July 15 at 11 AM**  
**Tuesday, July 16 at 10 AM**  
Join Little Miss Ann as she sings both reinvented classics as well as upbeat, interactive fun originals that will inspire kids to sing, jump, clap, and dance! (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 13), William Ramsay Recreation Center (July 15 at 5650 Sanger Ave.), Duncan Library Butterfly Garden (July 16)*

### **Who Was? Experience**

**Monday, July 15 from 4:30-7:30 PM**  
Show off your history knowledge by participating in Who Was? series trivia, crafts, activities and more. In partnership with Hooray for Books! and Penguin Random House Press. (Ages 6-12) *Duncan Library*

### **American Girl Pool Party (with your doll)**

**Monday, July 15 at 4:30 PM**  
Bring your American Girl (or any other) doll—or borrow one of ours—for a play-pretend pool party. Snacks, crafts, and activities provided. (Ages 3-13) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*



## **Animal Encounters: Fur, Feathers, and Scales**

**Wednesday, July 17  
at 2:30 and 5 PM**

Why do animals have fur, feathers, or scales? Meet live mammals, birds, and reptiles and learn about their habitats and how they live. Presented by Squeals on Wheels. (All ages) *Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center (2:30 PM at 1108 Jefferson St.), Beatley Library Reading Garden (5 PM)*

## **Mad Science: Spin, Pop, BOOM!**

**Wednesday, July 17 at 4 PM**

Learn about science with a Mad Scientist! (Ages 6-12) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## **Ms. Niki**

**Friday, July 19 at 10:30 AM**

Ms. Niki sings upbeat original songs and classics with a twist you've never heard before. (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## **Saturday Stories: Meghana Narayan**

**Saturday, July 20 at 10:30 AM**

Meet local author Meghana Narayan and hear her read from her debut book, *A Little Bit of Everything*. Presented in partnership with Hooray for Books! (Ages 4-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## **Groovy Nate**

**Tuesday, July 23 at 11 AM**

Enjoy moving and grooving to Groovy Nate's music for kids! (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## **The Magic of "Drew Blue Shoes"**

**Wednesday, July 24 at 4 PM**

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

## **Animal Encounters: Around the World Showcase**

**Wednesday, July 24 at 5 PM**

Meet a different live animal from every continent and learn about its unique behaviors and adaptations. Presented by Ferrets and Friends. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## **Kids Nature Show**

**Thursday, July 25 at 11 AM**

Learn about amazing animals with "Cobra Caroline" and her puppets! (Ages 0-5) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## **Mr. Lilo**

**Friday, July 26 at 10:30 AM**

Sing, jump, and dance with Mr. Lilo and his guitar in English and Spanish. (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

## **Rainbow Puppets Presents: Beautiful Tales**

**Saturday, July 27 at 10:30 AM**

**Saturday, July 27 at 2 PM**

**Thursday, Aug. 15 at 11 AM**

Experience classic fairy tales in a new way. (Ages 0-5) *Beatley Library Reading Garden (July 27 at 10:30 AM) Duncan Library Meeting Room (July 27 at 2 PM), Barrett Library Children's Room (Aug. 15)*

## **Arts on the Horizon Presents: Journey to the Rain Forest**

**Tuesday, July 30 at 11 AM**

An interactive theater performance inspired by the rain forest. (Ages 0-5) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## **TACA Presents: Taste of ACE (African Cultural Education)**

**Tuesday, July 30 at 4 PM**

**Friday, Aug. 9 at 10:30 AM**

**Saturday, Aug. 10 at 1 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!\* (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room (July 30), Beatley Library Reading Garden (Aug. 9), Burke Library Meeting Room (Aug. 10)*

## **Animal Encounters: Fangs, Frogs, and More**

**Wednesday, July 31 at 5 PM**

Meet different live reptiles and learn about their habitats and how they live. (All ages) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*

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

**Thursday, Aug. 1 at 11 AM**

(Ages 0-8) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## **Dramatic Play Presents: Going on Safari**

**Friday, Aug. 2 at 10:30 AM**

Join Ms. Khaleshia on an interactive adventure to the African Savanna. (Ages 0-8) *Beatley Library Reading Garden*



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## Chris Fascione

**Saturday, Aug. 3 at 11AM**

Storytelling, mime, juggling, and comedy. (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## Oh Susannah!

**Thursday, Aug. 8 at 11 AM**

Sing along with Susannah! (Ages 0-8) *Barrett Library Children's Room*

## Sing Books with Emily

**Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10:15 AM and 11:15 AM**

Join Miss Emily for a singing storytime with illustrated songs. (Ages 0-8) *Duncan Library Meeting Room*

## American Girl Pajama Party (with your doll)

**Monday, Aug. 12 at 4:30 PM**

Bring your American Girl (or any other) doll—or borrow one of ours—for a cozy pajama party. Snacks, crafts, and activities provided. (Ages 3-13) *Beatley Library Large Meeting Room*

## Latin Ballet of Virginia Presents: Fiesta del Sol

**Friday, Aug. 16 at 10:30 AM**

Experience the folklore, myths, legends, and cultures of Central America and the Caribbean through dance.\* (All ages) *Beatley Library Large Meeting Room*

## Animal Encounters: Dog Days of Summer Pet Show

**Saturday, Aug. 17 at 10:30 AM**

Join fellow animal lovers for a Community Pet Show. Registration required for pet participants. (All ages) *Beatley Library*



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## 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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# 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 each. Pick up prizes at any Alexandria Library location. Track your progress here or online at [www.alexandria.beanstack.org](http://www.alexandria.beanstack.org) or with the Beanstack app.

Check off a box below for each point earned:

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### 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.
- Get Rhyming: Play a rhyming game! Ask your child if they can choose which words 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!
- Read Outside

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JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31



# SUMMERQUEST

## Rising 1st - 5th Graders

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Earn 30 points through reading and/or activities listed below to earn a free book and two free tickets to the Washington Nationals! Each 20 minutes reading or activity is 1 point each. Pick up prizes at any Alexandria Library location. Track your progress here or online at [alexandria.beanstack.org](http://alexandria.beanstack.org) or with the Beanstack app. Check a box below for each point earned:

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Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attend a Library Program
- Create Fan Art of a Favorite Book Character
- Recycle or Reuse Something Instead of Throwing It Away
- Read Aloud to an Animal or Stuffed Friend
- Read Outside

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