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SUMMER 2026 EVENTS



ROAR FOR READING

HAVE A DINO-MITE SUMMER AT THE JCC LIBRARY!



Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9AM - 5PM
 Thursdays 9AM - 7PM
 Saturdays 9AM - 1PM

2026 HAPPENINGS

Tuesdays @ 11:30AM - The Lunch Bunch Kids Time (Ages 3-5) Eat and Play with us! **Last one 6/16**
Wednesdays @ 10AM - Music in Motion for Toddlers (Ages 2-5), Move & Sing! **Last one 6/17**
Thursdays @ 10AM - Story Time & Craft (Ages 2-6). A bit of story, craft, and play! **Last one 6/18**

★ **June 2026 Reading Challenge Key Words: Box, Apple, Castle, Fool, Middle, Cold, Flight, Become** ★

SUMMER READING: ROAR FOR READING
JUNE 1ST - AUG. 15TH

It's Summer Reading time! Sign up anytime, open to all ages. All books read contribute to the Governor's Reading Challenge. This year's theme is Dinosaurs and is filled with DINO-mite programs, crafts, and stories for all ages!

Every book you read gets you a Dino Dollar to shop at our Dino Depot!

FATHERS DAY STORY HOUR
THURS, JUNE 18TH @ 10AM

Dad's are DINO-mite! Join us for a special story hour and craft to celebrate the father figure in your life.

DINO DOLLAR WALLETS
JUNE 23RD -27TH

You'll need a wallet to hold all of your Dino Dollars this summer! Drop in during library hours from June 23rd through the 27th to decorate your own wallet.

TYE DYE!
THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH @ 10AM

Bring a white shirt and get creative with colorful tye-dye designs. Wear your finished shirt to Franklin Fest and stop by the library's booth to receive a special surprise!

JURASSIC PARK TEEN/ADULT SUMMER BOOK CLUB
ALL SUMMER LONG DISCUSSION IN AUGUST

Teens and Adults! A dinosaur summer reading theme wouldn't be complete without reading *Jurassic Park*! Grab a copy, take the summer to read it, and meet us in August to discuss and watch the film!

THE GREAT DINO DIORAMA CHALLENGE
ALL SUMMER LONG PARTY IN AUGUST

Kids can read any dinosaur-themed book this summer and bring their story to life by creating an old-school shoebox diorama inspired by what they read. Work on projects in June and July, then join the fun showcase party in August to display creations!

20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH @ 10AM

Happy 20th Anniversary to us! The library has been proudly serving Franklin for 20 years this June. Join us to decorate firework cookies and kick off our anniversary project - a DIY community quilt! Decorate a square and celebrate the library's past and future!

FRANKLIN FEST! LOWER GIDDINGS PARK

TEDDY BEAR CAMPOREE!
SAT, JUNE 27TH 11 AM TO 1 PM

New Format This Year! Kids and their beloved stuffed animals are invited to the Teddy Bear Camporee at Franklin Fest. Start with a special themed story hour at 11AM and stay to enjoy camping games, crafts, prizes, and party America250 style!

All events take place at the lower Giddings Park field as part of America250 Franklin Fest!

MAGIC TREE HOUSE SUMMER SERIES FAMILY BOOK CLUB!

A special book club for kids! Join us for a discussion, craft, and snack each month @ 11AM

POP-UP BOOK SALE
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH 10AM - 1 PM

The fun continues Sunday at Franklin Fest with a pop-up book sale under the pavilion. Discover new favorites and support the Friends of the JCC Library!

June 30th
Dinosaurs Before Dark
July 28th
Revolutionary War on Wednesday
August 12th
Midnight on the Moon

THIS MONTH'S BOOK CLUBS!
 CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR TITLES

Page Turners
Thursday, June 11th @ 6:00PM
 Adult Fiction Book Club!

All Things Culinary
Thursday, June 18th @ 6:00PM
 Bring a dish based on this month's theme!

Breakfast Book Club
Wednesday, June 24th @ 9:30AM
 Non-Fiction Book Club

No Shelf Control
Thursday, June 25th @ 5:00PM
 Fiction book club for 20/30 year olds



2026 HAPPENINGS

July 2026 Reading Challenge Key Words: Fall, Sun, Boyfriend, Thousand, Shores, Country, Confession, Society

No Lunch Bunch or Music in July! Storyhour will be on Wednesdays!

STORYHOUR STOMP EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JULY

Join us for dinosaur themed stories and crafts every Wednesday at 10AM!



LAVA/TAR PIT CREATIONS THURSDAY, JULY 2ND @ 10AM

Kids will create and explore their own oobleck lava or tar pits in this hands-on science activity where chemistry comes to life in a fascinating, gooey mess!



TAKE-AND-MAKE TUESDAYS

Stop in on Tuesdays to pick up a kids take and make craft!



SPECIAL AMERICA250 MUSICAL EVENT! THURSDAY, JULY 9TH @ 5PM

Kent Besocke

Presents

Connecticut Tunes and Tales of the Revolution

Experience Connecticut's American Revolution! "Connecticut Tunes and Tales of the Revolution" is an hour of music and stories, revealing the state's hidden history, folklore, and legendary figures. Acoustic guitar, banjo, and mandolin bring to life songs and tales of heroes and pivotal moments. Join us for an unforgettable celebration of Connecticut's revolutionary spirit.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR JURASSIC PARK BOOK CLUB! GRAB A COPY!

MAGIC TREE HOUSE FAMILY BOOK CLUB TUES, JULY 28TH @ 11AM

DINO ROMP THURSDAY, JULY 16TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Bring out your inner dinosaur and romp from station to station! Stop in between 11AM and 1PM for a variety of dino-mite activities!

FREE ICE POPS!

- DINO EGG EXCAVATION!
- BUBBLES!
- CRAFT STATION
- DINO DANCE PARTY
- DINO FOOTPRINT TRACING
- DINO LAWN GAMES

EDIBLE WILD PLANTS AND MUSHROOMS OF SUMMER THURSDAY, JULY 16TH @ 6PM

Discover summer's wild flavors—berries, edible flowers, seaside plants, and fungi like chanterelles while The 3 Foragers show you how to find, harvest, and cook them with photos and tasty recipe ideas.



Sponsored by the Franklin Garden Club

KIDS COOKING CLASS! TUES, JULY 14TH @ 10AM

Kids in the Kitchen! Try out this hands-on dinosaur snack themed cooking class
RSVP by July 7th



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Thursday, July 9th @ 6:00PM

Adult Fiction Book Club!

All Things Culinary

Thursday, July 16th @ 6:00PM

Edible Plants Workshop

Breakfast Book Club

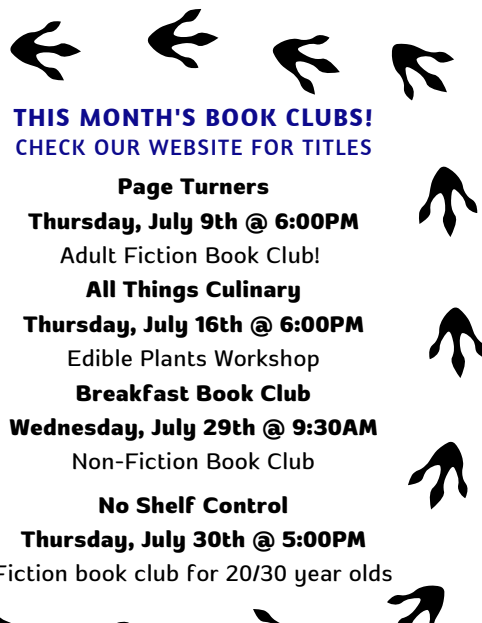
Wednesday, July 29th @ 9:30AM

Non-Fiction Book Club

No Shelf Control

Thursday, July 30th @ 5:00PM

Fiction book club for 20/30 year olds



FANTASTIC FOSSILS! THURSDAY, JULY 23RD @ 10AM

Go back to prehistoric times to discover what fantastic creatures roamed the earth! Find out what they may have looked like, acted like, and ate. Kids become a paleontologist and dissect a "rock" to find a fossil of their own to keep!



Hosted by the Niantic Children's Museum

ANIMALS AT THE LIBRARY WITH BLUE IRIS FARM THURSDAY, JULY 30TH @ TBD

Blue Iris is back with more furry friends! Come pet bunnies, guinea pigs, and mini-goats!



2026 HAPPENINGS

No Drop-In Lunch Bunch, Music, or Storyhour in August! See you in September!

★ August 2026 Reading Challenge Key Words: Matter, Spy, Roof, Missed, Zero, Enchant, Water, Point ★



**JURASSIC PARK
 SUMMER BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION AND
 FILM SHOWING
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH @ 4:00PM**

Did you read *Jurassic Park* this summer? Join us for a discussion @ 4PM! Then stay for a showing of the film at 4:30PM! Snacks provided, BYO comfy pillow or blanket suggested.

Didn't read the book but want to see the movie!? All are welcome!

**DINO-MITE CRAFT BASH
 AUGUST 8TH, 11TH, 12TH, 13TH**

Help our dinosaur crafts go extinct and come to our Dino-Mite Craft Bash! Drop in on the 8th, 11th, 12th and 13th to help us finish off the summer dinosaur crafts. Bags available to build your own take-and-make kits for later!



**DONUTS WITH DINOS
 & DIORAMA DISPLAY
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH @ 11:30AM**

Time to showcase those dino dioramas! Hear a story, have some dino-mite donut-holes, and check out everyone's diorama! They will be on display front and center until August 15th

**LIBRARIES LOVE LAKES:
 DINOSAUR EDITION
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH @ 10AM**



Libraries may love lakes, but dinosaurs did too! Visit our display, hear a story, and make your very own lake dinosaur fossil out of clay.

**TRAVELING
 STARLAB!
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 10AM**

Niantic Children's Museum will be bringing their traveling planetarium to JCLL! Kids will start with a quick lesson on the stars followed with a trip inside the planetarium to see the night sky!

Limited Seating
Registration Required by Aug 6th

**STORYTIME AT THE FARM
 AUGUST 11TH @ TBD**

Head to Blue Iris Farm (1339 Trumbull Hwy, Lebanon, CT) for a special on-site farm story hour with Ms. Julia! Visit the animals, hear a story, and learn about the great work of the rescue!

\$7 per child (pay at the farm)

**MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB
 WED, AUGUST 12TH @ 11AM**

Last meeting! We will discuss *Midnight on the Moon* with snack and craft!

**LAST DAY OF
 SUMMER READING!
 AUGUST 15TH**

**COME SPEND YOUR DINO
 DOLLARS AT THE DINO DEPOT!**

**HANDS-ON CULINARY WORKSHOP
 DINNER ROLLS
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH @ 6PM**



Our very own bread guru Janet T. will be here to teach a hands-on workshop on how to make the perfect dinner rolls. Perfect for special occasions, holidays, or just a weeknight dinner.

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