



Tails & Tales Summer Reading 2021

June 28th – August 6th

There are 2 parts to the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge:
LOGGING READING , & **THE ACTIVITIES**

LOGGING READING:

Kids & Teens can keep track of the days that they read using an online program called Beanstack. Our Beanstack program can be found at <https://agawamlibrary.beanstack.org/>

Every week that you read at least 4 days you will be automatically entered to win a weekly prize. Weekly Prize winners will be announced on Mondays through August 9th.

After you read for 25 Days you will automatically entered to win the Grand Prize. The Grand Prize Winners will also be announced on August 9th.

Step 1: Go to <https://agawamlibrary.beanstack.org/> to register.

The website will be available starting June 21st.

New this year, once you register for the Summer Reading Challenge you can come to the library to pick out a free book to keep.

Step 2: Log into the Beanstack website every couple days to record your reading.

Let us know if you have any questions. Call us at 413-789-1550 ext 3, or email pweingart@agawamlibrary.org.

THE ACTIVITIES:

We will also have lots of activities for different age groups including: crafts, Photography Contest, Short Story Contest and so much more!

Activities are listed on the next few pages



BABY TALE TIME For Age birth – 18 months & their caregivers
KITS AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 30TH, JULY 14TH & JULY 28TH.

Get a special kit that can help you share your love of reading with your child.
Call 413-789-1550 ext. 3 to request a kit.



FAMILY FUN For Age 6 and up

Have some fun outside this summer. Using books from the Backpack Explorer series, Ms. Susan goes out and about to explore nature. Watch these short videos to see what she learned. Limited copies of the Backpack Explorer books available for each activity.

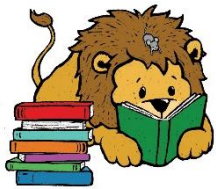
Thurs. July 8th – **BIRDS**

Thurs. July 22nd – **PARK**

Thurs. August 5th - **BEACH**

These videos will be posted at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Copies of the books will be available by calling 413-789-1550 ext. 3.

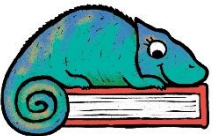


GUESS WHOSE TAIL For All Kids & Teens

JUNE 28TH – AUGUST 6TH

Each week, we will have a series of clues about an animal, starting with a picture of its tail. Send us your answer for a small prize.

Go to this website to play along: <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>



MAKE A HEDGEHOG OUT OF AN OLD BOOK For Age 11 and up

Turn an old book into a hedgehog! All it takes is some folding, a bit of glue and a little patience.

This video can be found at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> starting July 13th.

Supplies for this craft will be available starting July 13th by calling 413-789-1550 ext. 3.



PAPER ZOO: ORIGAMI ANIMALS For Age 11 and up

Watch a short video where Ms. Pamela will show you how to make origami animals!

Wed. June 30th – **ROCKIN' ROBIN**

Wed. July 14th – **DOG WITH MOVABLE HEAD**

Wed. July 28th – **SWIMMING FISH**

These videos can be found at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> & <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/>



PET PORTRAIT CONTEST For All Kids & Teens

JULY 6TH – JULY 23RD

Calling all kid & teen photographers! It's time to show off your pets! Take a picture of your current pet, or a friend's pet, or use a picture of a pet you used to have and send it to agawamchildrenslibrary@gmail.com.

Be sure to include the photographer's first and last name and age in the email.

We will put your picture on our social media pages, and our website.

Participants are allowed to enter one photo per week.

Each week, one participant will be chosen to win a small prize.

STORY TALES For Age 3-5

KITS & VIDEOS AVAILABLE ON JULY 2ND, JULY 16TH & JULY 30TH.

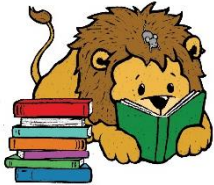


Join Ms Susan for a short online program with two stories and a simple craft.

Call 413-789-1550 ext. 3 to request storytime kits.

Go to <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> to watch the videos.

TAILS & TALES PAINTING



Enjoy a short video of Ms Rose teaching us how to paint beautiful works of art. All materials are provided.

July 7th – **WHALE SPONGE PAINTING** For ages 3-5

July 21st – **STRIPED CANVAS PAINTING** For ages 6-10

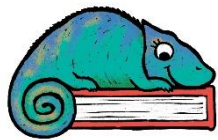
August 4th - **WATERCOLOR SILHOUETTE** For ages 11-17

These videos will be posted at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Supplies for these crafts will be available by calling 413-789-1550 ext. 3.

TELL YOUR TALE SHORT STORY CONTEST For All Kids & Teens

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This summer is your chance to tell your tale with our Short Story Contest for Kids & Teens. To submit your story go to

<https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/short-story-contest-for-kids-teens/>

Stories can be of any genre. Some examples are: autobiography, mystery,

graphic novel, science fiction, etc.

Illustrations are allowed. Stories can use words or can be told using only illustrations.

Stories cannot be longer than 3 pages. Authors can submit up to three entries during the contest. Stories must be family friendly. Winners will get a small prize.

All stories will be published online and bound into a book to be viewed at the Agawam Library.

If you have any questions please email pweingart@agawamlibrary.org.



TINY TOT TALES For Age 19 months – 36 months & their caregivers
KITS AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 28TH.
VIDEOS WILL BE POSTED ON JULY 1ST, 15TH, & 29TH.

Join Ms Rose for a short online program of nursery rhymes, songs & fingerplays.

Call 413-789-1550 ext. 3 to request a kit that will be used for all 3 storytimes.

Go to <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> to watch the videos.



VIRTUAL STICKER PUZZLE For All Kids & Teens
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Each Monday during the Summer Reading Challenge there will be a new virtual sticker puzzle that we can work on together.

These virtual sticker puzzles were created by StickTogether©

The weekly puzzles can be found at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/> & <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/>



WEEKLY CRAFTS For Age 5 and up

Mon. June 28th – **WHALE PLANTER**

Tues. July 6th – **BIRD HOUSE**

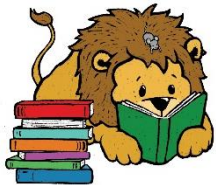
Mon. July 12th – **HANDPRINT FISH PUPPET**

Mon. July 19th – **SAND CASTLE LIGHTHOUSE**

Mon. July 26th – **MOSAIC ANIMALS**

Mon. August 2nd – **JELLYFISH PAPER CUP CRAFT**

Supplies for these crafts will be available by calling 413-789-1550 ext. 3.



WHERE WAS WENDELL THE WHALE? For All Kids & Teens

FRIDAYS, JULY 2ND, JULY 9TH, JULY 16TH, JULY 23RD & JULY 30TH

It's hard to hide a giant whale in Agawam and Feeding Hills, but we snuck out of the library and took pictures of our whale around town! Each week, tell us where Wendell is visiting for a chance to win a small prize.

New pictures posted on Fridays.

Go to this website to play along: <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

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