

May 14, 2024

Greetings parents and kids!



School is almost out for the summer! Parents and children are usually excited for the idea of a few months break from school work, but did you know that when kids don't read during summer break it can set kids back in their reading proficiency? It's called the "Summer Slide", and it's not the fun kind of slide. The Northwood Public Library wants to help! Every summer we plan a Summer Reading Program to keep kids reading during summer vacation. This year's theme is **"Read, Renew, Repeat!"** We'll be focusing on conservation and recycling themes, while celebrating that reading can be for self-improvement as well as self-care.

The summer reading program is simple: You read books and you earn prizes! The more you read the more prizes you will earn! Our kick-off party is our first big event and it's on Tuesday June 4th and Thursday June 6th. Our summer programming will conclude with a pool party at the end of July. You can stop by the library to sign up any time after June 4th. Prizes will be awarded until the end of July. We can't wait for you to join us for a summer of fun! We have plans for fun crafts, activities, story times, and a few other exciting events.

Plan ahead to attend our fun programs and activities! Included is the calendar for all programming that has been scheduled. For more details, call the library at 324-1340 or e-mail me at emily@northwood.lib.ia.us. Then join our Facebook group specific to the summer reading program and where updates will be posted <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278686796498248> or search for Northwood Public Library SRP 2024.

And finally, be sure to check out other area libraries for fun activities that are open to all!

Are you excited to take advantage of these FREE activities we've planned for you this summer? We know you'll enjoy it and have lots of fun! And remember, it's never too soon (or too late) to start reading!!!!



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June 2024

Northwood Public Library Summer Reading Events





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 1:00-4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Kickoff Party! Library	5	6 1:00-4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Kickoff Party! Library	7 10:00 a.m. Story Time! Park behind the Library	8
9	10	11 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Not-A-Book-Club" Book Club Library	12	13	14 10:00 a.m. Story Time! Park behind the Library	15
16	17	18 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Not-A-Book-Club" Book Club 1:00 p.m. Jeff Quinn: Best Library Magician! Olson Room	19	20	21 10:00 a.m. Story Time at the Fair! Community Room	22
23	24	25 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Not-A-Book-Club" Book Club Library	26	27	28 10:00 a.m. Story Time! Park behind the Library 3:00 p.m. RAO Zoo! Olson Room	29
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July 2024

Library Name Summer Reading Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Not-A-Book-Club" Book Club Library	3	4 Library closed	5 10:00 a.m. Rick Brammer Bubble Stations! Park behind the library	6
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28	29	30 Summer Reading Prize Entries DUE! Turn in reading logs at the front desk.	31			
						

Northwood Public Library Summer Reading Events

Story Time!

Summer Story Time is in the park and pavilion behind the library. We'll read a story and have a craft or activity. In the event that it is raining, we'll be inside the library. Special guests TBA!



"Not-A-Book-Club" Book Club

This is designed for bigger kids who read on their own. Come to the library around 10:30, chat for a bit with friends, then settle in with a library provided snack and some reading. Bring your own book or check out one of ours, kids will be encouraged to quietly read for 30 minutes. No assigned reading, just a fun, safe environment to encourage a love of reading.

Tuesday June 18 at 1:00 p.m: Jeff Quinn, Best Librarian Magician!

This magic show contains lots of audience participation, family-friendly humor and amazing magic all built around an ADVENTURE theme. You will experience magic involving outer space, pirates, animals and much more! Jeff will have magic kits available for sale after the show.

Friday June 28th at 3:00 p.m: RAD Zoo! Sponsored by Knudson Automotive

The RAD Zoo from Owatonna MN is bringing turtles, snakes, lizards, and maybe even a small alligator right to the library! They will provide a fun, interactive experience all while learning about reptiles and amphibians!

Friday July 5th at 10:00 a.m: Rick Brammer's Absolute Science Bubble Stations!

Bubble Stations is one of the largest Mobile Bubble Outdoor Programs in the United States. The hand-made bubble solution makes bubbles not only bigger, but longer lasting! With hundreds of wands of different shapes and sizes from all over the world, the program will allow us to have a wonderful hands-on experience that brings out the child in all of us! All ages welcome!

Friday July 19th at 7 p.m: Pool Party! Sponsored by FSB!

The perfect ending to our Summer Reading Program is with a pool party! Snacks, games, prizes, and late night swimming!

Our Kick-Off Party:

How to Sign Up for Summer Reading Sponsored by Northwood Dental

Our first library event will be a Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party! This will be on Tuesday June 3rd from 1:00-4:00 OR Thursday June 5th from 1:00-4:00.

You can come into the library and we will have a table set up with all the information you'll need. There will be a sign-up sheet with your name, grade level, reading level, and a few permission things for a parent or guardian to look at.

You will receive a reading log that looks like bookmarks. It's to help keep track of how many minutes you read. When you read for five minutes you color in a circle and when your bookmark is all colored in you bring it in for a prize!

When you come to the Kick-Off Party you will also receive a free book of your choice to get you started on your reading adventure!

Before you leave the Kick-Off Party, don't forget to grab a popsicle! Yum!

If you aren't able to come to either Kick-Off Party day, stop into the library at any time and you can still sign up!