SummerQuest 2023

Please visit the Valley Community Library website for program updates, changes, or cancellations. Online registration is required for most programs at LCLShome.org.

June Programs

Reading with Pride Monday, June 5 at 6 P.M. Families. Families will enjoy reading and discussing picture books that celebrate all families. Going beyond picture books the Library will also have middle-grade and young-adult books for the older members of the family.

Gardening Club Tuesday, June 6 and 20 at 10 A.M. All ages. Learn and help tend to our backyard garden. All ages are welcome. We will read a gardening book and then take care of the Library garden.

Cruise Into Kindergarten Thursday, June 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 11 A.M. For children entering kindergarten. Join Miss Michaela for this program supporting school readiness and the PA Pre-K Standards for literacy, math, science, and many other skills. Registration required.

Wiggle Worms Storytime Friday, June 9, 16 and 23 at 10:30 A.M. Ages newborn to 2. Our weekly storytime for babies and toddlers is where we start developing early literacy, social development, and parent-child bonding.

Valley Dino Squad Tuesday, June 13 at 5 P.M. All ages. Learn about dinosaurs with 570 Jurassic Raptors.

Blooming Butterflies Tuesday, June 20 at 12 P.M. Ages 5 and up. Come learn about the life cycle of butterflies as we prepare real caterpillars for their transformation stage. Registration required.

New Kids on the Block Tuesday, June 20 at 3 P.M. All ages. Calling all master builders! Join us for our new STEM program where we get creative with our collection of LEGO! Registration required.

Earthwise Escape Room Thursday, June 22 at 2 P.M. All ages. Can you solve the Earthwise puzzles to escape the room before it is too late? The Lackawanna County Environmental Office has a fun, environmental-focused escape room for kids in grades 1-5 welcome to participate. Registration is required.

Woven Together Thursday, June 22 at 3:30 P.M. All ages. Learn about the cultural significance of patchwork quilts and decorate a square of your very own to be added to a county wide community quilt. For all ages. Registration required.

Battle of the Books Registration and Information Drop By Friday, June 23 from 1-4 P.M. Visit the library to learn all about Battle of the Books, ask questions, and register to join a team for this Summer’s Battle of the Books!

Pokémon Go! In Real Life Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 A.M. You gotta catch ‘em all in this fun, accessible program for ages 10 and up! Registration required.

All Together Through the Woods Sunday, June 25 at 10 A.M. Explore Pinchot State Forest with the Lackawanna County Library System, the PA Sierra Club, and DCNR. All ages are welcome as we do an easy hike, learn about the State Forest in our backyard, enjoy a picnic, and read a book. Registration is required.

Musical Theatre Bootcamp Tuesday, June 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 at 2 P.M. Ages 8-12. Special guest, Act Out Theatre, presents acting classes in a week-long intensive. Registration required.

Doodling 101 Monday, June 26 at 3 P.M. All ages. Have fun learning how to draw with some of your favorite book characters. Perfect for the young artist in your family. Registration required.

Multigenerational Chess Monday, June 26 at 5 P.M. All ages. All skill levels are welcome to play.

Morning Movement Thursday, June 29 at 10:30 A.M. All ages. Wake up with a fun and energetic program to get the whole family moving.

Q-Club Thursday, June 29 at 6 P.M. Ages 11-17. This club offers a safe space to discuss current events, local happenings, volunteer opportunities, and have fun building community in partnership with QueerNEPA.

Mini Masterpieces Friday, June 30 at 2 P.M. Ages 12-17. Teens are invited to create their own Mini Masterpieces on tiny canvases at the library to celebrate the LCLS 40th Anniversary. Their works of art will travel around the county this fall to visit each library. Registration is required. *Made possible by the Lackawanna County Library System*
July Programs

Cruise Into Kindergarten Graduation Thursday, July 6 at 11 A.M. Ages 3-5.
Celebrate our five weeks of learning and preparing for kindergarten!
Registration required.

Wiggle Worms Storytime Friday, July 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 10:30 A.M. Ages newborn to 2.
Our weekly storyline for babies and toddlers is where we start developing early literacy, social development, and parent-child bonding.

Drop by LEGO Challenge Saturday, July 8 from 1-4 P.M. All ages welcome.

All Together Through the Woods Sunday, July 9 at 10 A.M. Explore Lackawanna State Park with the Lackawanna County Library System, the PA Sierra Club, and DCNR. All ages are welcome as we do an easy hike, learn about the State Park, and read a book. Registration is required.

Doodling 101 Monday, July 10 at 3 P.M. All ages. Have fun learning how to draw with some of your favorite book characters. Perfect for the young artist in your family. Registration Required.

Teen Sewing Monday, July 8 at 5:30 P.M. Ages 11 and older. Sew your own felt succulent. Space is limited, registration is required.

Gardening Club Tuesday, July 11 & 18 at 10 A.M. All ages. Learn and help tend to our backyard garden. All ages are welcome. We will read a gardening book and then take care of the library garden.

Valley Dino Squad Clean-Up Tuesday, July 11 at 5 P.M. All ages. Learn about dinosaurs and our environment before we clean up Mellow Park.

Lil Professionals Wednesday, July 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 A.M. Ages 3 and up. A new storyline series where each week we feature a special guest who will read, talk and answer your questions about their career. Registration is required.

Money Smart Kids Wednesday, July 12, 19, 26 at 3 P.M. Ages 6-11.
Amber Wendolowski, MBA, Financial Services Professional will teach kids the basics they need to know to be money smart. Registration is required.

Out of This World Chemistry with Jupiter Johnny Thursday, July 13 at 11 A.M. For families, ages 8+.
This STEM program will be full of experiments, magic, and the science behind the magic using chemistry. Registration is limited and required.

Preschool Players Friday, July 14 at 12 P.M. Ages 3-6. A fun program for preschoolers to get creative through sing-alongs, puppetry, and dance. Registration required.

Upcycled CD Suncatchers Friday, July 14 @ 2 P.M. Ages 12-17. Make fun suncatchers by using old CDs and other art supplies that will be provided. Registration required.

Adulting 101 Monday, July 17 at 5:30 P.M. Ages 12+. Amber Wendolowski, MBA, Financial Services Professional, will work with teens and young adults on basic financial skills needed for adulthood in a fun, and energetic way. Registration required.

New Kids on the Block Tuesday, July 18 at 3 P.M. All ages. Calling all master builders! Join us for our new STEM program where we get creative with our collection of LEGOs! Registration required.

Writing with Author Alison Green Myers Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 P.M. All Ages. Come write and explore the world of creating books with Alison Green Meyer author of the award-winning book A BIRD WILL SOAR. All writing experiences are welcome as we gather around and find inspiration together. Registration is required.

Steamtown Aquarium at the Library Friday, July 21 at 12 P.M. Made possible by the Lackawanna County Library System.

Art in the Park - Aylesworth Park Tuesday, July 25 from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. All Ages. Stop by the park to see all of the wonderful organizations offering free crafts and fun activities.

Anime Club Tuesday, July 25 at 5 P.M. Ages 11-18. Join us at Anime Club as we read and discuss manga, watch movies and learn more about Japanese culture!

Morning Movement Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 A.M. All ages. Wake up with a fun and energetic program to get the whole family moving.

STEM Explorers Friday, July 28 at 2 P.M. All Ages. Have fun exploring different types of STEM activities with the whole family. We will have several stations for different ages and skill levels to try out and explore.

The Wonderful World of Water Camp! Monday, July 31 through August 4 from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. Ages 7-11. Explore the wonderful world of water at this amazing week-long day camp with PA American Water and other area organizations. Must register at www.lrca.org or by calling 570-347-6311.

Q-Club Monday, July 31 at 6:00 P.M. Ages 11-17. This club offers a safe space to discuss current events, local happenings, volunteer opportunities, and have fun building community in partnership with QueerNEPA.
August Programs

Rail Riders Game Wednesday, August 2 at 6:35 P.M. All Ages. Join the staff of the Valley Community Library at PNC Field for our summer fundraising event. Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased at the library.

Doodling 101 Monday, August 7 at 3 P.M. All ages. Have fun learning how to draw with some of your favorite book characters. Perfect for the young artist in your family. Registration required.

Adulting 101 Monday, August 7 at 5:30 P.M. Ages 12+. Amber Wendolowski, MBA, Finical Services Professional, will work with teens and young adults on basic finical skills needed for adulthood in a fun, and energetic way. Registration required.

Battle of the Books- 4th & 5th Grades Tuesday, August 8 at 3:00 P.M. Cheer on our Valley Teams and all of these kids who are going to the University of Scranton to battle out their knowledge at the Lackawanna County Library Systems’ Battle of the Books!

Lil Professionals Wednesday, August 9 at 10:30 A.M. All ages. A new storyline series where each week we feature a special guest who will read, talk and answer your questions about their career. Registration is required.

Everhart Museum at the Library Thursday, August 10 at 11 A.M. Made possible by the Lackawanna County Library System.

Battle of the Books- 6-12th Grades Tuesday, August 8 at 3 P.M. Cheer on our Valley Teams and all of these kids who are going to the University of Scranton to battle out their knowledge at the Lackawanna County Library Systems’ Battle of the Books!

Wiggle Worms Storytime Friday, August 11 at 10:30 A.M. Ages newborn to 2. Our weekly storyline for babies and toddlers is where we start developing early literacy, social development, and parent-child bonding.

All Together Now End of Summer Quest Party Saturday, August 12 at 2 P.M. All Ages. Celebrate the end of Summer Quest with a party at the library. Join the Friends of the Valley Community Library, paint kindness rocks, blow bubbles, draw with chalk, get a treat from the Fidelity Ice Cream Truck, and have fun together.

Teen Sewing Monday, August 14 at 5:30 P.M. Ages 11 and older. Sew your own felt succulent. Space is limited, registration is required.

Doodling 101 Monday, August 21 at 3 P.M. All ages. Have fun learning how to draw with some of your favorite book characters. Perfect for the young artist in your family. Registration Required.

O-Club Monday, August 21 at 6 P.M. Ages 11-17. This club offers a safe space to discuss current events, local happenings, volunteer opportunities, and have fun building community in partnership with QueenNEPA.

New Kids on the Block Tuesday, August 22 at 5 P.M. All ages. Calling all master builders! Join us for our new STEM program where we get creative with our collection of LEGO! Registration required.

Multigenerational Chess Monday, August 28 at 5 P.M. All ages. All skill levels are welcome to play.

Anime Club Tuesday, August 29 at 5 P.M. Ages 11-18. Join us at Anime Club as we read and discuss manga, watch movies and learn more about Japanese culture!

Program registration can be done online at LCLSHOME.org/valley, by calling 570-489-1765, or by visiting the library.

SummerQuest at the Lackawanna County Library System June 20 - August 12

Join us this summer for a fun reading and learning challenge on Beanstack online. From June 20th to August 12th readers of all ages are invited to join this challenge and earn virtual badges for activities you complete. Everyone who completes the challenge will be entered to win one of our grand prizes! Be sure to download the Beanstack App on your smartphone or mobile device or ask our front desk staff to register you at https://lclshome.beanstack.com/reader365

Scan this QR Code to access and participate with Beanstack online

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