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## **ADVENTURE BEGINS AT THE MUSSER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Summer Reading Program brings all ages engaging experiences June 10-July 26

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – There is something for everyone this summer at Musser Public Library and HNI Community Center with a storytelling luchador wrestler, bird wranglers from Muscatine County Conservation during the raptor program, and giant cannons that shoot bubbles and turn the Musser parking lot into a foam playground.

If these programs do not float your boat, the Musser Library will also have a wide range of other programs like paddling at Deep Lakes, a magic show, all-ages ukulele lessons, weekly crafts and special story times during the 2024 Summer Reading Program #Adventure Begins at Musser Library". Registration is now open with the program running June 10 to July 16 for ages 0 to 18.





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Emerson Taylor, Youth Services Supervisor, is opening the doors to the greater community by incorporating local businesses and organizations like Good Karma Jewelry and Bread Studio, **Black Pearl Café, and West Hill Cakery** as presenters in the summer reading program. Musser Library is also partnering with Muscatine County Conservation, Iowa DNR, Iowa State Extension, and the 4-H programs of Muscatine.

"Every child is as unique as their interests, and the library is the place for them to begin their adventure," Taylor said. "This summer, Musser has formed community partnerships to highlight events that our community has to offer its youth while fostering a love of reading and learning."

This summer will also include weekly programs including Adventure Story Hike with Mr. Taylor, City Department Storytime, Infant-Toddler Swim Storytime at the Aquatic Center, and Tween Scene Craft Drop-in alongside beloved Library programs like O Baby Lapsit and Preschool Storytime.

Young Summer Readers will have the opportunity to take part in the Musser Summer Activities Challenge by attending community events to earn badges. These can include participating in a Muscatine Conservation camp (Outdoor Adventure Badge), attending a Muscatine Art Center program (Love Your Adventure Badge), checking out a "how to" book from the library (Your Learning Adventure Badge), and attending the 4th of July parade (Adventure in Your Community Badge).

The final badge is the 100 Hours Outside Parks and Rec Badge that encourages children to play outside this summer.



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"There are so many ways for youth and families to create memories both in and out of the library this summer," Taylor said. "The Musser Summer Activities challenge is a resource for families that are looking to spend quality family time within the community of Muscatine."

This summer's reading goal is 600 minutes, or 10 hours (less than 15 minutes per day). Participants can log their reading minutes and the Musser summer activities they compete in person easily on the Beanstack website/app where you can also sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Other ways to sign up include scanning the QR code above, going to the [website](#) and clicking on the banner image, or coming into the children's department at the Musser Library.

"Every person has interests and passions that will take them on life's adventures." Taylor said. "I hope the library opens a world of possibilities. Adventure awaits! Let's go!"

### **Summer reading is for adults, too!**

Whether you reach for breezy reads or dive into heady topics, summer reading is for adults, too. Challenge yourself or a friend to read five books or more this season with the Musser Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Record the titles you complete between June 1 and July 31. Complete at least five books to earn a gift card. Register today on the library's [website](#) and click on the homepage banner to take you to the Summer Reading Program page that also includes the adult program.

### **[SUMMER READING PROGRAM SCHEDULE](#)**

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