

FRIENDS NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In this edition of the newsletter, learn about two JCPL programs the Friends of the Library are proud to support: the Summer Reading Program and Math and Science Story Time.

Thanks to the funds from your annual Friendship (membership) contributions, and proceeds from the spring, fall, and ongoing book sales, the Friends of the Library organization has contributed \$3,555 to provide 5 entertainment events for the coming Summer Reading Program. The FOL also contributed \$3,000 for last winter's Math and Science Story Time, and has agreed to provide more funding to hold another session this summer. Read on to learn what these funds make possible. Thank you for being a Friend! *Your support makes a difference.*

STOCK UP ON SUMMER READING AT SPRING BOOK SALE, APRIL 26-28

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be April 26-28. Last fall's sale raised \$3,289 for the library! Hardbacks are \$3, paperbacks \$1, and all-you-can-fit tote bags are \$25. There will be a Weightiest Tome contest to see which shopper can fit the most into their FOL tote! Round out the weekend with a \$5 sack sale on Sunday (paper bags are provided or you may bring your own bag).

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM HELPS CHILDREN

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

by Shuly Cawood

This year's annual Summer Reading Program—themed “The Universe of Stories”—will kick off officially June 3, but children who will be entering first through fifth grade can register online as early as May 1 and start reading the books of their choosing.

The library's Summer Reading Program is for all ages, but I spoke with Betty Cobb, Youth Services Manager, specifically about the program for children ages 0 months through fifth grade.

“One reason we do this program is because research has shown that children go through a ‘summer slide’ in their reading when they don’t read over the summer,” said Cobb.

“A ‘summer slide’ is what happens when children slip back as far as even a grade in their reading levels if they don’t continue to read in the summer. The program is meant to encourage them to just relax and enjoy reading the books of their own choosing.”



One component of the program is children tracking the books they read (and for children who can't read yet, then tracking, or having a parent track, the number of books that people read to them). Each child gets to set their own goals for the summer—the number of books they want to read—and then gets to select the titles they want. The books don't have to come from the library. Each program participant also receives an activity card, which allows them to win prizes for reaching different goals, specific to each age group.

Another part of the Summer Reading Program is special activities that take place throughout June and July. This summer's plans include a magic show, a presentation by the Hands-On Museum, and a visit from a juggler and unicyclist, among other special events.

The program also includes story times for the younger children:

“Mother Goose” (children ages 0-18 months): TW, 9:30 a.m. (registration required)

“Toddler” (18-36 months): TWF, 10:15 a.m.

“Preschool” (3-5 years): M, 7 p.m., TWF, 11 a.m.

More activities and events are being planned for children of all ages. A full schedule will be available on the Johnson City Public Library's website. All of the activities are free and open to the public.

SUCCESSFUL MATH AND SCIENCE STORY TIME (MASST) PROGRAM RETURNED TO LIBRARY

by Shuly Cawood

The MASST program returned to the library this winter. "It's a storytime that incorporates math and science for pre-schoolers," explained Betty Cobb, Youth Services Manager of the library.

It's also a bilingual program, able to reach children whose first language is English or Spanish, as well as helping children learn words in whichever language they don't know.



One of the hopes for the program is that it will draw more Latino/a community members into the library and help them get more involved in utilizing the library's services and attending events.

Alissa Lange, ETSU Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Education, initially brought the idea to the library in the fall of 2017. The eight-week program was implemented in the summer of 2018 for the first time by Mar Carter, a bilingual teacher. The program featured Carter reading a book, in both English and Spanish, to pre-school age children and their families and then introducing and incorporating basic math and science concepts into the presentation. A craft enhancing each story time followed.



The program was so successful that the library brought it back on eight Tuesday evenings throughout several winter months in 2019. Serving the entire community and its changing needs continues to be a top priority for the library.

Spring Book Sale April 26-28!

Preview Sale for Friends of the Library:

Friday, April 26, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Sale for General Public:

Saturday, April 27 10:00-3:00

Sunday, April 28 1:00-3:00

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- Free item of equal or lesser value
- One coupon per person
- Does not apply to sets of items

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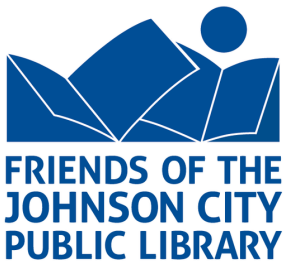
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