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Become a Reading Superhero at Your Library

The Northwest Regional Library System has once again planned a wide variety of educational, entertaining, and fun programs to help fill your summer days. Everyone is invited to join our summer reading programs for children and teens.

We've got superheroes! We've got scientists! We've got wild animals! And we've got super librarians! Not only are summer reading programs full of fun, they also help prevent the "summer reading loss." So come to the library, have fun, and keep up your reading skills over the summer!

BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the Bay County Public Library, "Every Hero Has a Story" is scheduled for Thursdays @ 2 p.m. from June 18 through July 23. Designed for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade, the summer reading program kicks off on June 18th with Heroes of Science with Mad Science of North East Central Florida. This show is jam-packed with the best heroes of science and proves that not all superheroes wear capes – some wear lab coats!

On July 2nd, we'll host Animal Avengers which will feature live, exotic wildlife from all over the world that possess very unique abilities. You will be asked to interact with the animals through "hands-on" volunteering, question and answer, and crowd participation activities. Everyone is guaranteed an up-close and personal experience!

On July 9th, we welcome special guests from a neighboring county – the Gulf County Super Librarians will lead the program!

We are hosting our annual Talent Show on July 16th, so join us for an afternoon of fun watching Bay County's talented musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, and more! Want to show off your talent? The show is limited to 20 participants so sign up now!

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To cap off the summer reading program, our Grand Finale features the Atlantic Coast Theatre on July 23rd. They will perform *Our America*, multicultural folktales and folksongs from the American experience featuring Tall Tale heroes Mike Fink and Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett.

Preschool storytime is also scheduled at the Bay County Public Library on Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. from June 18 through July 23. Suggested ages for these programs are three to five years old.

The teen program is scheduled for Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. from June 23 through July 28. "Unmask" your inner talent this summer – be creative and join us for art-filled afternoons! The suggested age for these programs is 12 to 17 years old.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. Please call 522-2118 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on summer reading programs.

PANAMA CITY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the Panama City Beach Public Library, "Heroes Read" is scheduled for Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. from June 16 through July 21. Designed for all children up to six years old, topics will include I Read -- What's your superpower?; Animal Heroes; Heroes Live @ Your Library; How to Be a Hero; Heroes in History; and Heroes Hullabaloo.

"Every Hero Has a Story" is scheduled for Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. from June 17 through July 22. The suggested age for these programs is from Kindergarten through 5th grade, and the summer reading program kicks off on June 17th with Heroes of Science with Mad Science of North East Central Florida. This show is jam-packed with the best heroes of science and proves that not all superheroes wear capes – some wear lab coats!

On June 24th, we'll have special guests from Beach Mosquito Control who will bring their helicopter (weather permitting). Dr. Magical Balloons is bringing his unique balloon art to the beach on July 1st. Then on July 8th, the Florida Public Archaeology Network will discuss Florida's archaeological heritage and provide a make-and-take craft. Art Attack will be at the library on July 15th and we'll have a blast with superhero art.

On July 22nd, Animal Avengers will be here to talk about live, exotic wildlife from all over the world that possess very unique abilities. You will be asked to interact with the animals through "hands-on" volunteering, question and answer, and crowd participation activities. Everyone is guaranteed an up-close and personal experience!

The Grand Finale will be held on July 23rd @ 10:30 a.m. with Atlantic Coast Theatre. All ages are welcome as they perform *Our America*, multicultural folktales and folksongs from the American experience featuring Tall Tale heroes Mike Fink and Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett.

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For kids in grades 6th through 12th, the “Unmask!” summer reading program will be held on Thursdays @ 10 a.m. from June 18 through July 23 and features a self-directed makerspace, props, crafts, technology support, and readers’ theater.

The Panama City Beach Public Library is located at 12500 Hutchison Boulevard in Panama City Beach. Please call 233-5055 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on summer reading programs in Panama City Beach.

PARKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Parker Public Library will offer “Every Hero Has a Story” programs on Tuesdays @ 2 p.m. from July 7 through July 28. Suggested ages are preschool through 5th grade.

The Parker Public Library is located at 4710 Second Street in Parker. Please call 871-3092 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on summer reading programs in Parker.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Springfield Public Library will offer “Every Hero Has a Story” programs on Wednesdays @ 2 p.m. from June 17 through July 22. Suggested ages are Kindergarten through 5th grade. We’ll have stories, crafts, and special guests.

The Springfield Public Library is located on 408 School Avenue in Springfield. Please call 872-7510 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on summer reading programs in Springfield.

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Summer Reading Schedule:

Bay County Public Library

Preschool Storytime (suggested ages 3-5 years) -- Thursdays June 18 – July 23 @ 10:30 a.m.
Every Hero Has a Story (suggested ages K-5th grade) -- Thursdays June 18 – July 23 @ 2 p.m.
Unmask (suggested ages 12-17 years) -- Tuesdays June 23 – July 28 @ 2 p.m.

Panama City Beach Public Library

Heroes Read (suggested ages 0-4 years) -- Tuesdays June 16 – July 21 @ 10:30 a.m.
Every Hero Has a Story (suggested ages K-5th grade) -- Wednesdays June 22 – July 23 @ 2 p.m.
Unmask (suggested ages 6th – 12th grade) -- Thursdays June 18 – July 23 @ 10 a.m.

Parker Public Library

Every Hero Has a Story (suggested ages Preschool-5th grade) -- Tuesdays July 7 – July 28 @ 2 p.m.

Springfield Public Library

Every Hero Has a Story (suggested ages K-5th grade) -- Wednesdays June 17 – July 22 @ 2 p.m.

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