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A UNIVERSE OF STORIES SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

(Panama City, Fla.) Without access to books over the summer, students can fall behind on their reading skills. Libraries are a great place to reduce the “summer slide” by providing books and a variety of engaging, educational programs that encourage discovery. This year’s Summer Reading theme is *A Universe of Stories*. A Northwest Regional Library System library card allows you to check out 20 items for 3 weeks at a time, which includes books, audiobooks, eBooks, ukuleles, dulcimers, and cake pans. Soon telescopes will be available to borrow to be able to search for constellations in your backyard!

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program has an exciting line up this year. Space crafts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs will be held at Bay County Public Library and Panama City Beach Public Library. AND the best part is that these educational and culturally enriching programs are free to attend!

PANAMA CITY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

12500 Hutchison Blvd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Phone: 850-233-5055

Website: www.nwrls.com

Summer Reading Programs for School Age Students

All Summer Reading Programs have been funded by the Panama City Beach Library Foundation.

“Out of This World” Kickoff Party

Wednesday, June 19th @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate *A Universe of Stories* by dropping in for games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and giveaways!

Star Wars: The Library Episode

Wednesday, June 26th @ 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Drop in for Jedi Training, games, crafts, and lots of fun! Wear your costume for a library parade at 1:00 p.m.

Astronomy Event

Wednesday, July 3rd @ 1:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about our awesome universe, how to use a telescope, and create a constellation craft!

All About the Sun

Wednesday, July 10th @ 1:00 p.m.

Learn about the sun from our friends at Camp Helen State Park. Create your own suncatcher!

WonderWorks Celebration

Wednesday, July 17th @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us at WonderWorks (9910 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL 32407) for an exciting adventure in science!

BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401

Phone: 850-522-2100

Website: www.nwrls.com

Summer Reading Programs for School Age Students**Break the Sound Barrier with The Wabi Sabis**

Thursday, June 13th @ 2:00 p.m.

Join The Wabi Sabis for an out-of-this-world, family friendly concert to kickoff *A Universe of Stories*. It will be a stellar performance!

Galaxy Rocks

Thursday, June 20th @ 2:00 p.m.

Come design and paint space themed rocks with Alex and Rachael. Rocks and paint will be provided.

Emerald Coast Planetarium

Thursday, June 27th @ 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Planetarium is a state-of-the-art, inflatable dome that shares select Hubble images. Craft projects will be provided while you wait to go in. Fifteen people can be in the Planetarium at a time.

Blast Off with *A Universe of Stories*

Thursday, July 11th @ 2:00 p.m.

Come explore the universe with Sandra and Tania as they spin tales of aliens and space travel!

Out of this World Talent Show

Thursday, July 18th @ 2:00 p.m.

Come join us and watch some of Bay County's most talented youth share their talent. Music, comedy, dance and much more! There is space for 20 acts. Register by July 1st to show your talent.

Galaxy Gala

Saturday, July 27th @ 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

An afternoon to celebrate Star Trek, Star Wars, Guardians of the Galaxy, and more. Enjoy inter-galactic games, crafts, and guests! Costumes are encouraged. Sponsored by the Bay County Public Library Foundation.

Summer Reading Programs for Teens (11 and up)

Planet Pillows

Tuesday, June 11th @ 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to hand sew small planet pillows while also learning fun facts about our solar system!

Galaxy Slime

Tuesday, June 18th @ 2:00 p.m.

Make cool galaxy slime while learning about real galaxies!

Constellation Party

Tuesday, June 25th @ 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon party where we learn about constellations, the Greek mythology that inspired them, and enjoy snacks!

Watercolor Galaxies

Tuesday, July 9th @ 2:00 p.m.

Paint tiny galaxies using watercolor and salt! Program for teens & adults.

Doctor Who Day

Tuesday, July 16th @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Calling all teen Whovians to join us for an afternoon of Doctor Who fun! There will be games, crafts, trivia, and snacks! Cosplay is welcome.

Summer Reading Programs for Adults and Families**Sun Salutation Stretches**

Wednesday, June 5th @ 10:00 a.m.

Start off your day with simple stretches based on yoga. This can be on your mat or in your chair! Bring your own mat if you have one. First come, first serve. Program led by Heather, BCPL Outreach Librarian.

Creative Space: Craft Supply Swap

Tuesday, June 25th @ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Clean out your craft supplies and swap your unused craft materials for something new-to-you! Can drop off unused art & craft supplies to the library earlier in the month to the front desk.

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Tuesday, July 9th @ 2:00 p.m.

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Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series

Tuesday, June 18th @ 5:30 p.m.

Film: *When We Left Earth NASA Missions: Ordinary Supermen* episode (2008) TV-G

Book: *Breaking the Chains of Gravity* by Amy Shira Teitel

Friends Presents Concert: Plutonian Burrito

Thursday, July 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

Plutonian Burrito is a local improvisational duo (Charles Pagano and Scott Bazar) who create experimental, ambient movie music. Program is a family-friendly, afterhours library concert series. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

Sidewalk Stargazing @ Your Library: Stargazing Apps

Monday, July 15th @ 5:30 p.m.

Bring your Smart phone for an introduction to Stargazing Apps!

Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series

Tuesday, July 16th @ 5:30 p.m.

Film: *The City Dark* documentary by Ian Cheney (2011) NR

Book: *The End of Night* by Paul Bogard

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Sidewalk Stargazing @ Your Library: Moongazing

Tuesday, August 13th @ 8:00 p.m.

Dress appropriately for an outdoor program. Bring binoculars or a personal telescope if you can. If poor sky-viewing conditions are present, the event will be canceled. Follow the event on Facebook.

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