

CHILL OUT AND READ



Mill Valley Public Library Children's Room Summer 2012

June 11:
Sign-ups for Mill Valley residents.

June 13:
Sign-ups for all others.

June 18:
Summer reading begins. Pick up your reading log!

Register in person or by phone.
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Please read all information carefully – advance sign-ups and minimum grade requirements apply to many events.

Minimum grade requirements apply to the grade your child is entering in the fall.

Sunday Specials | Family Fun All Ages, 11:00am

Enjoy selected artists and entertainers at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings. All Ages. No sign-up needed. Main Reading Room or Amphitheater Stage, as noted.

July 1: Magic Mike

The Bay Area's own Michael Stroud (co-author of the *The Klutz Book of Magic*) will wow you with his prestidigitation and misdirection – that's magician speak for sleight-of-hand magic tricks. Oh, and did we mention that he's bringing his magical rabbit Sweet Pea? Main Reading Room.

August 5: Orange Sherbet Sunday Morning Amphitheater Show

This tasty musical trio serves up sweet music for families that will have you tapping your toes and clapping your hands in time to delicious songs about waffles, pasta, and rutabagas. Amphitheater.

September 9: The Bubble Lady Welcome to Bubble Land!

The Bubble Lady will put a smile on your face with her amazing bubbles – this show is nothing short of bubblelicious! Main Reading Room.

Mondays | Stories & More All Ages, 2:30pm

Sensational stories and a little something extra: a surprise snack, a cool art project, or maybe even a special guest author. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

June 25: Phil's Favorites

Everyone knows Phil Sheridan, our much loved preschool and family story time reader, but we bet you don't know his all-time favorite stories. Come and find out.

July 2: Upside-Down Fairy Tales

Think you know fairy tales? Think again! We'll read some of our favorite "fractured" fables and eat snacks.

July 9: Marvelous Magical Music!

Hear stories about music, musicians, and musical instruments followed by a live musical performance.

July 16: Penguin Parade

Chill out and listen to some awesome penguin stories, enjoy a frosty refreshment, and make a cool penguin craft.

July 23: Pig Tales Paper Bag Puppet Party

Come to our annual paper bag puppet party. Listen to pig tales and make your very own brown paper pig puppet.

July 30: Monster Mashup

Hear several smashing monster stories and draw life-sized monsters on oversized paper for a creepy monster contest.

August 6: Children's Author Shirley Castro – Pelican Counting

Children's author Shirley Castro reads silly stories from The Pelican Family series. She'll also share information about pelican science and the real lives of these wonderful winged creatures. Make a pelican puppet, too. Pelican Family books will be available for purchase.

August 13: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Note special time: 6:30 – 7:15pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for an evening story time and bedtime snack; then your stuffie gets to spend the night! Pick up your stuffed friend the next day, along with a souvenir of its late-night library adventure.

August 20: Noisy Nights

Note special time: 6:30 – 7:15pm

Shouldn't bedtime be quiet and relaxing? Well, it isn't in these raucous tales! Enjoy a noisy snack after the stories.

Tuesdays | Little Sprouts!

for kids entering kindergarten in the fall and younger, 11:00 – 11:45am

All Little Sprouts! programs require advance sign-up and parent or caregiver participation.

June 26: Totally Tote Bag

Make a fashion statement about books with a stylish canvas bag that you decorate yourself. Amphitheater.

July 3: Dinosaur ROAR!

Listen to some great dino stories and make a cool dino craft. Amphitheater.

July 10: Treats for Tweets

Supply snacks for backyard birds with a pinecone feeder full of peanut butter and seeds. Amphitheater.

July 17: Polar Bear Picnic

Join our frozen summertime picnic with cool stories and a chilly treat. Brrrrrr! Amphitheater.

July 24: I Wanna be a Pirate or Mermaid

Ahoy, mateys! Listen to stories about mermaids and pirates. Make a mask and imagine you're sailing the high seas or diving deep below the waves. Amphitheater.

July 31: Bingo Schmingo

Have fun with music and develop your language skills at the same time – yay! Creekside Room.

August 7: Mad Hatter Tea Party

Bring your best stuffed friend or doll to tea and make a crazy hat or crown. Amphitheater.

August 14: Yoga Sprouts

Practice yoga with your preschooler in a creative environment – breathe! Creekside Room.

August 21: Shake Your Sillies Out

Listen to a noisy book, make your own shaker instrument, then jam out to some crazy tunes. Amphitheater.

Wednesdays on Stage*

Entertainment for All Ages, 3:30 pm

Wednesday programs are for all ages and begin at 3:30 pm in the Amphitheater. No sign-up needed for Wednesday shows.

June 20: Storyteller Michael Katz

Energetic, animated, funny – these are just a few of the words that describe this award winning storyteller's dynamic performances. He'll capture your imagination with his signature storytelling style – no Kindle or iPad needed!

June 27: Il Teatro Calamari Puppets Hansel and Gretel

You've read the story. Now experience the madness of Il Teatro Calamari's zany puppet production of this Brothers Grimm classic, complete with evil stepmother, wicked witch, and candy-coated cottage.

July 4: Library CLOSED – no program.

July 11: Carnival of Chaos

This wildly witty husband and wife team performs fast-paced comedy and zany tricks using unlikely (and dangerous) props. The unbelievable conclusion of this crazy show features a death defying stunt on a giant unicycle. Be there.

July 18: Hoopman

Native American Culture and Dance

Native American hoop dancer Edwardo Madril shares the rich traditions of America's indigenous peoples through the beautiful expression of story, song, and dance. Learn some American Indian sign language, too.

July 25: Kalaiikoil

Traditional Indian Dance

Young dancers in colorful costumes present classical Indian stories through music and movement. Clap to ancient rhythms as you discover the energetic beauty and grace of this timeless storytelling and dance tradition.

August 1: Magician Brian Scott

Magic, comedy, and PURE FUN for the whole family! That's what Brian Scott promises, and that's what he will deliver, right here on the Amphitheater stage. Don't miss it.

August 8: Andy Strain, The Trombonist

This amazing young musician will perform an improvised story using the rich and playful sounds of his trombone. Curious minds, eyes, and ears will be delighted by the beauty, power, and surprising range of sounds created by this talented boy and his trombone.

August 15: Bilingual Storyteller Megumi

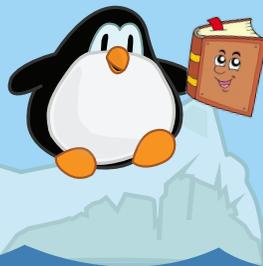
Japanese-American storyteller Megumi delights audiences with folktales from her childhood and believes that simple stories can contain messages about facing our fears, healing our wounds, and awakening our natural gifts.

August 22: Steve Chaney and Cornelius Crowe

Join Steve and his special friend Corny the Crow for a fun-filled stage show. You'll learn about the art of ventriloquism and various forms of puppetry. Steve and Corny will even turn some members of the audience into puppets.

*Wednesdays on Stage are generously sponsored by Storybooks, Mill Valley Library Foundation.

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Thursday | Art Adventures

All Thursday programs begin at 2:30pm

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June 21: Georgia in Hawaii: When Georgia O'Keeffe Painted What She Pleas - meet author Amy Novesky - Grade 1+

Children's author Amy Novesky reads from her beautiful new book about artist Georgia O'Keeffe. Kids will create a Hawaii-themed project, too. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

June 28: Cherry Hoops Hula Hoop Workshop - Grade 1+

Holy Hula Hoops! Twist and shout with a hula-hooping artist. Practice your own moves and learn some new tricks, too. Amphitheater. Advance sign-up required.

July 5: Classic Cartoon Day! - All Ages

Enjoy the art of animation with a selection of classic cartoons on the big screen in the cool Creekside Room. Popcorn and pillows provided. No sign-up needed.

July 12: Retro Recycled Time Machines Grade 1+

What can you do with an extra-large cardboard box? Add some recycled odds & ends and a touch of whimsy and you might just invent your own time machine. Don't forget to bring your imagination! Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 19: Boswick the Clown's Reading Circus - All Ages

How does a clown get dressed, made-up, and ready to make you laugh? Learn about the art of clowning when you take a journey to Boswick's Reading Circus - where laughs are guaranteed for all. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

July 26: Sean's Shadows Puppet Show All Ages

Musician and shadow puppet artist Sean Powers performs *The Magic Measuring Cup*, a shadowy story set in the Old South. Shadow puppet fans can sign up for a hands-on post-performance workshop. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed for puppet show; advance sign-up is required for the after-show workshop.

August 2: Ugly Sculpture Contest All Ages

Can you make the ugliest sculpture in the world? We'd like to see you try! Drop in and put together some truly hideous recycled parts to create the homeliest art object imaginable. We'll let people in the library vote on their favorites. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

August 9: Harry Potter Trivia - Grade 4+

Come dressed as your favorite Hogwarts character! We'll read a selection from one of the books and then you'll be 'sorted' into teams for a fun quiz. We'll finish off with a snack produced by our house elves. What would Hermione say? Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

August 16: Paper Making Madness Grade 2+

Make paper from junk mail, old letters, and colorful scraps. It's fun, easy, and oh-so-messy! Add flower petals, bits of bark, and a little glitter and you'll be amazed at your one-of-a-kind recycled artwork. Amphitheater. Advance sign-up required. Wear old clothes.

Free Play Fridays | Have Fun

All Friday programs begin at 2:30 pm

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June 22: Origami Zoo - Grade K+

Explore the ancient Japanese art of origami by learning to fold an amazing array of paper animals. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

June 29: Flip, Fly, Float - Grade 1+

Make paper kites or gliding airplanes and test them out in the redwood grove. Float some gigantic soap bubble blimps just for fun, too. Amphitheater. Advance sign-up required.

July 6: Game & Puzzle Day - All Ages

Roll the dice, spin the spinner, or pick a card. Play board games, cards, Jenga, or spend some quiet time working a big puzzle. Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

July 13: Mad Science - Fire and Ice Grade K+

Explore crazy chemical potions and the wonders of dry ice. We'll investigate the three states of matter, experience a gross, gassy taste test, and concoct a super-spectacular bubbling brew. Amphitheater. No sign-up needed.

July 20: Ane Carla Rovetta Guided Drawing - All Ages

She is a zoologist, naturalist, storyteller, visual artist, and local treasure; she also lives and works in a chicken coop. Join Ane Carla Rovetta for stories, drawings, and fascinating information about the natural world. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

July 27: Creative Drama & Improv for Kids Grade 3+

Explore creative expression through acting, improvisation, movement, and voice. This fun workshop is led by popular theater teacher Sandra Davies. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

August 3: It's Knot Just String - Grade 3+

Learn to make friendship bracelets out of lanyard, hemp, or embroidery floss. We've got all the supplies and will teach you the basics to get started making your own accessories in no time! Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

August 10: Origami Fishing Game Grade K+

First you fold five paper fishes, then you fold a fish pond and a bowl to keep them in. When you're done folding, add a fishing pole and play a few rounds of your very own hand-made fishing game.

August 17: Giants World Series Replay Day All Ages

Break out your orange and black and relive the Giants terrific win in the 2010 World Series. We'll show the very best of that Game 5 win and serve popcorn and snacks for a real baseball treat. Go Giants! Creekside Room. No sign-up needed.

DON'T MISS our End-of-Summer Party

Fun for everyone! Friday, September 7 - 2:30 pm
Celebrate the end of summer with your friends and library staff under the redwood trees. Enjoy bubbles galore with Bubble Man Mike Miller, crafts, music, ice cream, hula hooping, and more. All ages! No advance sign-up needed.

End-of-Summer Film & Game Days Start on August 27th. Stay tuned...

Book Clubs

Laugh-Out-Loud Book Club Grade 3+

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 4:45 pm, starting June 26 (group meets on June 26; July 10, 17, 24, and 31)

Our weekly book group is about anything and everything Mac Barnett. We'll read aloud as many of his hilarious books as possible starting with *The Brixton Brothers: It Happened on a Train* and his newest, zaniest picture book *Chloe and the Lion*. Creekside Room. Advance sign-up required.

Middle School Book Clubs

Thursday, July 12 at 6:30 pm: Bookends Book Discussion for 8th-9th Graders: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

Are you going into 8th or 9th grade? Do you love reading? Join us for a discussion of the book that Publisher's Weekly calls "A memorable, unpredictable journey from which it is nearly impossible to turn away." Good conversation and delicious snacks will abound! Read the book on your own by July 12. Email kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org to sign up.

Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 pm: Pizza & Pages Book Club for 6th and 7th graders: *Half Brother* by Kenneth Oppel

Read about Ben, a 13-year old boy whose family adopts an adorable baby chimp named Zan, who they plan to use in a scientific experiment. Booklist calls this book a "moving, original novel that readers will want to ponder and discuss," and that's just what we'll do. Pizza and dessert are included. Read the book on your own by July 19. Call 415-389-4292 x106 to sign up.

More Fun

Summer Reading Game for Readers and Listeners Pick up a reading log on June 18.

Let the fun begin! Whether you're reading to yourself or listening to stories read aloud, you can pick up a summer reading log and start off with your first prize and stamp. Participants promise to read (or be read to) for 3 hours a week and keep track of books all summer long.

SHARE-A-Book Dogs Saturdays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm

The popular Marin Humane Society SHARE-a-Book dogs are stopping by the library on the second Saturday of every month to share their love of reading. Kids in kindergarten and older may sign up for a 15-minute appointment on the following Saturdays.

June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8

Appointments are also available for second Saturdays in October, November, and December. Advance sign-up required.

Get a free PeRL! Personalized Reading Lists for kids in Grades 4 - 8

Want help deciding which books are perfect for you? Sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a librarian and get personalized book recommendations. Participants must reside in Mill Valley.

Kids' Picks! Get Help from the Experts

Who knows best when it comes to books for kids? Teachers? Librarians? Yes, but kids are the real experts. Help your friends (and others) find the best books ever by filling out a Kids' Picks form. See what the other kids are reading in our Kids' Picks Binder.

