



Sign-up between June 9 and July 28 at any branch. Participants will get a Learning Log with fun summer tasks and a **free book**. We have Learning Logs for pre-readers, too! Teens can sign-up at any branch to get a Summer Challenge bookmark and a free book.

Turn in completed Learning Logs or bookmarks by July 28 to get two free Nevada County Fair ride passes and to be entered into our drawing for a Sphero robot and tablet, County Fair packages, gift cards, and swag from local stores.

You do not need a library card to participate, and all our programs are free!

Big Splash Programs

Kick Off Party: Mad Science Sacramento

Saturday June 9, 1-4 pm
Let's kick it off with fun activities for children as well as a fantastic performance! Mad Science Sacramento demonstrates impressive science experiments using real fire and ice that will wow everyone present.
Grass Valley Library, All Ages

Musical Mondays at Madelyn's

Mondays, 6/11-7/23, 10-11 am
In collaboration with InConcert Sierra, we will be hosting local musicians in the Amphitheater for all ages.
Madelyn Helling Library, All Ages

Water Cycle Investigations

Bear River Library: June 12, 4-6 pm
Penn Valley Library: June 13, 12:30-2:30 pm
Grass Valley Library June 14, 1:30-3:30 pm
Madelyn Helling Library: June 20, 1-3 pm
Calling all young scientists: Join SYRCL and Detective Drizzle in hands-on activities that explore the water cycle. Come and get your hands wet as we investigate the mystery of the magical liquid upon which all life depends!
Ages 5-10

3D Watershed Maps

Penn Valley Library: June 13, 3-5 pm
Grass Valley Library: June 19, 1:30-3:30 pm
Madelyn Helling Library: June 21, 1-3 pm
Curious about where your water comes from? Or where it goes? Join SYRCL in making three-dimensional watershed maps and experimenting with how common pollutants travel through our rivers and streams.
Ages 10-13

Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release

Saturday, June 16 noon-1 pm
Get up close and personal with a group of rescued raptors. We will learn about these birds and how the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release teams is working to save local injured and orphaned animals.
Madelyn Helling Library, All Ages



Garden with Sierra Harvest

Tuesday, June 26, 1-2 pm
A special guest from Sierra Harvest will teach us all about plants, how to make things grow and what it takes to make a beautiful garden.
Grass Valley Library, All Ages

SYRCL Yuba Field Trip

Saturday, June 30 10 am-2 pm
Explore the beautiful Lower Yuba River at the Yuba River Education Center. Enjoy a walk along the riverbank, view salmon habitat, get your hands and feet wet looking for salmon food (AKA bugs!), and play games. **Register in advance online. Meet at the river (participants responsible for transportation).**
All Ages

Rivers with Sierra Harvest

Madelyn Helling Library: 7/17, 3:30-5:30 pm
Bear River Library: 7/18, 4-6 pm
A special guest from Sierra Harvest will teach us all about rivers and what they mean for the environment. This event will feature stories and activities.
All Ages

Conservation Ambassadors

Madelyn Helling Library: 7/12, 10:30-11:30
Grass Valley Library: 7/12, 1:30-2:30
Formerly known as Wild Things, featuring live animals on stage!
All Ages

Musical Storytime

Saturday, July 14 from 11-11:30 am
We'll dance, sing, read picture books about music, and best of all, have a special guest who will sing to us: Jason Adair, one half of Musical Robot!
Bear River Library, All Ages

Finale Party with Puppet Art Theater

Saturday, July 28 from 10 am-noon
Featuring all ages activities and a puppet show! Tommy and his dog Fifi are enjoying living on Alligator Island, at least until the pirates show up. Mayhem lead to fun as Tommy ends up playing pirates for real. Winners of the raffle will be announced.
Madelyn Helling Library, All Ages

Summer Lunches & Programs at Grass Valley Library

Monday-Friday

June 14-August 14, Noon-1 pm

Join us at the Grass Valley Library for free lunch and a summer activity. Participants will be provided a fresh meal and are encouraged to engage in a fun activity that changes daily. Activities include Hang Out Monday, STEAM Tuesday, Art Wednesday, Move! Thursday, and Family Friday.

No registration required, ages 0-18.



Weekly Programs

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30-11 am
Madelyn Helling Library, 3-5 year olds

Afternoon Storytime

Tuesdays 4-4:30 pm
Bear River Library, 0-5 year-olds

Mother Goose Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30-11 am
Grass Valley Library, Birth -3 year-olds

PAWS to Read

Wednesdays 3-4 pm
Practice your reading with a trained therapy dog! Drop in and sign up for a session.
Madelyn Helling Library, All ages

Art Storytime

Thursdays 11-noon
Madelyn Helling Library, All ages

Singalong

Thursdays 4-4:30 pm
Sing out with us!
Madelyn Helling Library, All Ages

STEAM Saturdays

Saturdays 11 am-2 pm
STEAM projects plus LEGO play!
Madelyn Helling Library, All Ages

Family Storytime

Saturdays 10:30-11 am
Grass Valley Library, All Ages



Bus Storytimes

Madelyn Helling Library: June 22 from 10-11 am
Grass Valley Library: June 29 from, 10-11 am
Penn Valley Library: July 13 from 1-2 pm
Bear River Library: July 17 4-5 pm

In partnership with Gold Country Transit, we're jumping on the bus for a ride around town with songs, books, and fun! We'll make bus-based art for the first half hour before boarding the bus.

Register in advance.

All Ages



Create. Connect. Inspire.



Bear River Kids' Programs

Bear River Kick-off Party

Saturday, June 9 from 9-11 am
Help us make a river flow through the library! We'll paint and craft an indoor river to help celebrate our theme. *All Ages*

Messy Art Party

Wednesday, June 20 from 4-5 pm
We're headed outside for messy art including gravity painting, and more. Wear clothes that can get painty! *All Ages*

Book Publishing Day

Saturday, June 23 from 2-3 pm
The library will have little blank books for you to fill in with your pictures and stories. *All Ages*

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Tuesday, June 26 from 4:30-5 pm
Drop off your beloved stuffed animals at this special Storytime! When you pick them up, we will have photos of their shenanigans! *All Ages*

Campfire Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, June 27 from 5-6:30 pm
Pick up your stuffed animal from the library sleepover and celebrate with crafts, refreshments, and a special storytime! *All Ages*

Painting River Rocks

Saturday, June 30 from 2-3 pm
Decorate a beautiful river rock to take home. *All Ages*

Paper Fish Craft

Tuesday, July 3 from 4:30-5:30 pm
We'll make paper fish that can flap their tails! *All Ages*

Bubble Paint Art

Tuesday, July 10 from 4:30-5:30 pm
We'll paint with bubbles to make some super cool art you can take home. *All Ages*

Watercolor River Art

Wednesday, July 11 from 4-6 pm
Create river art! There will be different stations set up for different ages: preschool, elementary, teens, and adults. *All Ages*

Read-a-thon Down the River

Saturday, July 21 from 1-3:30 pm
Lounge in inner tubes while reading on the Library's river, "floating" downstream. Finish a reading goal for a prize. *All Ages*

Mason Jar Aquarium

Tuesday, July 24 from 4:30-5:30 pm
Create your own sparkle make believe aquarium. *All Ages*

Let's Go Fishing Game

Wednesday, July 25 from 4-5 pm
Fish for surprises behind the fun curtain of flowing "water." *All Ages*

Summer Reading Finale

Saturday, July 28 from 2-3 pm
We'll have a party with refreshments and prizes to celebrate your success in our Summer Learning Program! *All Ages*



Teen Programs

Otaku Club

Thursdays from 4-5 pm
A weekly program for manga and anime fans to eat snacks, debate their favorites, and make stuff.
Grass Valley Library, Ages 12-18

Cosplay Party

Friday, June 15 from 4-7 pm
Join us for a backyard Cosplay Party for teens. We will be keeping the library open late so that you can have fun with crafts, tag, games, food, and all things fandom!
Grass Valley Library, Ages 12-18

Cupcake Competition

Friday, June 29 from 3-4 pm
Do you have what it takes to compete in the ultimate cupcake competition? We need you and your skills to decorate and complete the most outrageous and delicious cupcakes you can.
Grass Valley Library, Ages 12-18

Tiny Food Party

Friday, July 13 from 3-4 pm
Have you ever had a whole meal fit in one hand? Make bite-size meals to entertain your family and friends. Make sure you bring a big appetite for all our tiny food.
Grass Valley Library, Ages 12-18

Guerrilla Kindness

Wednesdays, July 11, 18, and 25, 11-noon
Earn community service hours with us! We will be doing random acts of kindness including making dog blankets, creating affirmations, and more. We will have snacks!
Madelyn Helling Library, Ages 12-18

Henna Designs

Friday, July 27 from 3-4 pm
Decorate yourself in beautiful Henna Designs. We will be using Henna, a powder used to create temporary tattoos. Come learn about the cultural and historical significance of Henna.
Grass Valley Library, Ages 12-18

Madelyn Helling Kids' Programs

Marble Maze Madness

Tuesday, June 19 from 3-4 pm
Build a marble maze out of recycled materials, and take them home! Can you get your marble to go fastest, or slowest? *Ages 5 & up*

Unicorn Party

Thursday, June 28 from 4:30-5:30 pm
Unicorn crafts, stories, bubbles, facepaint, and unicorn poop (rainbow slime!). *All Ages*

Messy Art Party

Friday, July 20 from 2-3 pm
We're headed outside for messy art including gravity painting, and more. Wear clothes that can get painty! *All Ages*

Flying Things Art Party

Thursday, July 12 from 4-6 pm
Create some art to hang from the Children's Library ceiling! We'll be making art about things that fly!
All Ages

Summer Movie Mondays

Mondays from 3-5:30 pm
Free popcorn and a water-themed movie! We'll do crafts at 3 pm; movie starts at 3:30. Rated G or PG.
Homeward Bound: June 11
Flipper: June 18
Finding Nemo: June 25
The Princess and the Frog: July 2
Moana: July 9
The Little Mermaid: July 16
Andre: July 23



Penn Valley Kids' Programs

Picture Book Art Club

Wednesday, June 20 from 3-4 pm
Make art based on your favorite picture book! We will be exploring different media. *All Ages*

Explore Robots

Wednesday, June 27 from 3-4 pm
Explore robots with us! We'll bring some fun robots from our Tech Lending Library. *All Ages*

Screen-free Coding

Wednesday, July 11 from 4-5 pm
Try your hand at coding without screens! Learn to think like a programmer. *All Ages*

Recycled Art Extravaganza

Wednesday, July 20 from 3-4 pm
We'll bring recycled materials and art supplies. What will you create? *All Ages*

Paper Airplane Party

Wednesday, July 25 from 3-4 pm
Explore lift and aerodynamics by making different paper airplanes! *All Ages*



Madelyn Helling Library: 530-265-1538
980 Helling Way, Nevada City

Grass Valley Library—Royce Branch: 530-470-2693
207 Mill Street, Grass Valley

Penn Valley Library: 530-432-5764
11336 Pleasant Valley Road, Penn Valley

Bear River Library: 530-271-4147
11130 Magnolia Road, Grass Valley

Truckee Library: 530-582-7846
10031 Levon Ave, Truckee

Online at mynevadacounty.com/library
Program registration at madelyn-helling.evanced.info/signup/calendar