

# PLANT A SEED, READ

SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE 2026

CHILDRENS  
0-8

MAY 26TH - JULY 11TH

## BEGINNING WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT



5/26 - 6/6



Plant a Seed, READ - at your Library!  
Join our Summer Library Challenge that is fun, free, and available for youth of all ages!  
Stop by the Youth Services desk on May 26th to pick up your log and get started!  
All you have to do is track your progress and turn in your log by July 10th to be entered into the grand prize drawing of your choice!  
All participants will earn a free book, a Godfather's pizza coupon, and a pass to the Blank Park Zoo.

### KIDS FIELD JOURNAL CRAFT STATION

6/1 - 6/6

KIDS CAN BEGIN THEIR CHALLENGE WITH A JOURNAL TO TAKE ALONG WHILE THEY EXPLORE THIS SUMMER!



FAMILY  
LEGO CLUB  
2 - 6 PM

DROP BY THE MCPL FOUNDATION ROOM TO TRY YOUR HAND AT A LEGO CHALLENGE, COLLAB WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND HAVE FUN! AGES 6 & UP.

### MASON CITY FARMER'S MARKET STORYTIME @ 10:30 AM

6/6 7/11 8/22

Join us at the Mason City Farmers Market for a short storytime, bubbles, and fun!

### SUNSHINE STORYTIME 10 - 10:30 AM

Join us on the MCPL lawn for stories, songs, movement, early literacy tips, bubbles, and tons of fun! Bring a blanket to sit on, sunscreen, and bug spray! This event will be canceled in case of rain or extreme heat. Ages 5 & under.

6/3

6/24

7/1

7/8

### KIDS BAT CRAFT STATION

6/8 - 6/13

BAT THEMED CRAFTS AVAILABLE ALL WEEK LONG WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



INCREDIBLE BATS  
10 AM & 1 PM  
6/10

JOIN KIM WHITE AS SHE TELLS US ABOUT THESE FASCINATING AND IMPORTANT CREATURES AND MEET SOME OF HER BAT FRIENDS! THESE EVENTS ARE GEARED TOWARDS AGES 5 AND UP.

### KIDS MINDFULNESS CRAFT STATION 6/15 - 6/20

MINDFUL CRAFTS AVAILABLE ALL WEEK LONG WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



### INTERACTIVE STORYTIME SOUND JOURNEY 6/15 @ 1 - 2 PM

JOIN POLINA S. AND MCPL STAFF FOR A MINDFUL SOUND EXPLORATION IN A STORYTIME FORMAT. THIS EVENT IS GEARED TOWARD AGES 4-8.

### KIDS SUMMERWEEN CRAFT STATION

6/22 - 6/27

CELEBRATE SUMMERWEEN WITH US WITH FUN THEMED CRAFTS!



### A DINOSAUR IS LOOSE IN THE LIBRARY!

6/29 @ 4 PM

JOIN AUTHOR AND IOWA NATIVE KELLY CRULL FOR AN INTERACTIVE PROGRAM BASED ON HIS BOOK, THE CHICK-O-SAURUS. A LIVELY READ-ALoud, A GUEST APPEARANCE FROM THE CHICK-O-SAURUS, A FOSSIL-DIGGING STATION, A HATCH-YOUR-OWN DINOSAUR CRAFT, FREE GIVEAWAYS, AND A BOOK SIGNING. BEST FOR AGES 5-10.



## Lime Creek Family Event 3 - 6 pm 6/17

Get ready to dig into the amazing world of plants with Lime Creek! Stop by different interactive stations to learn more about seeds, plants, and pollinators. Families can discover the different parts of a seed, how plants grow, and the importance of pollinators through hands-on activities! This event is best for ages 11 & under and their families.

## CLOSING WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT



7/6 - 7/11



TEENS  
12-18

# PLANT A SEED, READ

TWEENS  
9-11

MIDDLE GRADE  
GRAPHIC NOVEL  
CLUB: 6/8 & 7/6  
2 - 3 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST TWEEN  
GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB!  
THE ANIMORPHS: THE  
INVASION BY KATHERINE  
APPLEGATE. PHYSICAL COPIES  
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK  
OUT AT THE FIRST MEETING  
ON JUNE 8TH, AND THE BOOK  
IS ALSO ON HOOPLA. WE WILL  
HAVE DISCUSSIONS, CRAFTS,  
ACTIVITIES, AND SNACKS!  
AGES 8-12

SUN PRINT  
TAKE N'  
MAKE!

6/1 - 6/6

CYANOTYPE  
PAPER CRAFT:  
IMAGES USING  
THE SUN!  
LIMITED SUPPLY  
AGES 9 - 18

BEGINNING  
WEEK  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT

5/26 - 6/6

MAY 26TH - JULY 11TH

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JOIN OUR SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE THAT IS FUN,  
FREE, AND AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES!  
STOP BY THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK ON MAY 26TH  
TO PICK UP YOUR LOG AND GET STARTED!  
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TRACK YOUR PROGRESS AND  
TURN IN YOUR LOG BY JULY 10TH TO BE ENTERED INTO  
THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING OF YOUR CHOICE!  
ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL EARN A FREE BOOK, A  
GODFATHER'S PIZZA COUPON, AND A PASS TO THE  
BLANK PARK ZOO.

FAMILY  
LEGO CLUB  
2 - 6 PM

DROP BY THE MCPL  
FOUNDATION ROOM TO  
TRY YOUR HAND AT A  
LEGO CHALLENGE,  
COLLAB WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY,  
AND HAVE FUN!  
AGES 6 & UP.

GARDEN IN A JAR

TEENS 6/2  
TWEENS 6/3

1 - 2:30 PM

JOIN OUR TEEN  
LIBRARIANS AS WE  
MAKE OUR OWN  
PERSONAL PORTABLE  
GARDENS!

LIME CREEK PRESENTS:  
LEAVE NO TRACE  
6/16 2-3 PM

A LESSON ABOUT  
MAKING CHOICES  
THAT TREAD LIGHTLY  
ON THE LAND.  
AGES 9-18

DIY PENS  
TABLE CRAFT:

6/8 - 6/13

STOP IN ANY TIME  
DURING THE WEEK TO  
MAKE A PEN!  
LIMITED SUPPLY  
AGES 9-18

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10 AM & 1 PM

6/10

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HER BAT FRIENDS!  
AGES 5 AND UP.

DIY  
GARDEN  
FLAG  
TABLE  
CRAFT:

6/15 - 6/20

STOP IN ANY TIME  
DURING THE WEEK TO  
MAKE A GARDEN FLAG!  
LIMITED SUPPLY  
AGES 9-18

DIY GARDEN TAGS  
TABLE CRAFT:

6/22 - 6/27

STOP IN ANY TIME  
DURING THE WEEK TO  
MAKE SOME GARDEN  
TAGS! LIMITED SUPPLY  
AGES 9-18

SUMMERWEEN  
PARTIES

TEENS 6/23 TWEENS 6/24  
1 - 2:30 PM

COME CELEBRATE SUMMERWEEN!  
SPOOKY CRAFTS, SNACKS, VIBES.  
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

EMOTIONAL  
SUPPORT  
CHICKENS

TEENS 6/30  
TWEENS 7/1  
1 - 2:30 pm

JOIN OUR TEEN  
LIBRARIANS AS  
WE EACH MAKE  
OUR OWN FELT  
FEATHERED  
FRIEND!

PIZZA PARTY

TWEENS 7/8  
1 - 3 PM

JOIN US IN MAKING  
YOUR OWN PIZZA!

CLOSING WEEK  
SCAVENGER HUNT

7/6 - 7/11

PIZZA PARTY

TEENS 7/9  
1 - 3 PM

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YOUR OWN PIZZA!