2017 SUMMER PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Start time is 11:00 a.m. in our Van Zilen Community Hall.
Programs are free to attend and family friendly.

Friday, July 14th JUSTIN MAZZ - Magic!

Build a Better World with Books! This program is full of clean, all-ages comedy and amazing magic. Even better...kids will be leaving the show and heading right to the bookshelves to pick out their next book!

Friday, July 21st ROBERT RIVEST - Comic Mime!

Build a Better World! Comic mime Robert Rivest entertains audiences of all ages while joyfully motivating them to build a better inner and outer world. Using mime, comedy, and interactive playfulness, Robert shares mindful ways that we can work together to build a brighter, kinder, future. This fun family show is full of audience participation! In addition to Robert’s humorous and inspirational mime stories on how to build a better world, everyone will learn cool mime movements, awesome laughter exercises and calming mindfulness activities. Together, we will act out exciting characters and stories highlighting the summer theme: Taking Care of the Earth and Each Other with Kindness. We end with an interactive mime “poem” about the joys of reading and having fun at the library. Pure fun! Pure joy!

Friday, July 28th ANIMAL EMBASSY - Animals!

Nature’s Architects: Be amazed by the talents of a diverse group of Animal Ambassadors that build complicated structures. We’ll study the architectural feats of nest building, burrow making and web spinning as well as how structures created by some animals help others to survive. In nature, many creatures contribute to the success of others by building bird boxes and frog ponds. Library patrons will meet live Animal Ambassadors such as a Monk Parakeet, a Red Foot Tortoise, a Mandarin Duck, a Chilean Rose-Haired Tarantula, a Ferret, an Argentinian Horned Frog, an African Hedgehog or African Porcupine, and a Flower Mantis. We will also see artifacts & photographs representing one of nature’s most prolific builders, the beaver, along with bird & paper wasp nests. Together, we’ll draw parallels with our own lives while exploring how we can build a better world!

Friday, August 4th HORIZON WINGS RAPTOR REHABILITATION – A Live Eagle!

Threatened and Endangered: What do the classifications “threatened” and “endangered” really mean? We feature two American kestrels, a peregrine falcon, a northern saw-whet owl, and an eagle! What caused the drastic decline in North American peregrine falcon populations in the 1960’s? Learn which species of raptors are currently on Connecticut’s threatened and endangered list and ways in which we can help to promote their survival.

Friday, August 11th GREEN MEADOWS FARM BUG VAN - Bugs and Animals!

The Bug Van Returns! We provide an exciting hands-on program that features frogs, bugs, reptiles, fluffy chickens, bunnies, and baby animals. All animals can be safely touched and are displayed in colorful “petting boxes.” Fun farm music will be played throughout our visit. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Chicken Dance and the Hokey Pokey.

Friday, August 18th SCIENCE TELLERS - Science Show with Pirates!

Pirates! Lost at Sea (Building): Ahoy! People don’t just build on land. They build on water, too! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to build a new ship before all hope is lost ... at sea! Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help us explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure and more. Do not miss this refreshing nautical tale with a twist!