Adult Summer Reading Program 2026

JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8 **Trip to The Blowing Rock Leave from MPL @ 9am	Also on Wed., June 10 Partners Educational Lunch 12pm MPL Tech Class for Seniors 2pm MPL	10 Keep NC Weird-Oddities Presentation w/Liz Pardue 6pm MPL	11 **Apothecary Class Blend your own tea 5:30pm VPL	12 Needlework in the Morning 10am MPL	13 **Botany Class Faux Shade Garden Plant 2pm MPL
15 **DIY Clay Gargoyle 5:30pm CBH	16 Plot Hounds Book Discussion Weyward 10am VPL	17 Walking Tour & History of Obeth Cemetery Meet at Lake James Visitor's Center @ 9:45am	18 **Dragonfly in a Bottle 5:30pm VPL Crochet Cafe 6pm VPL (Teens/Adults)	**Pre-registration Required Participants may win only one prize.	-Morganton Public Library (MPL) -Valdese Public Library (VPL) -C.B. Hildebrand Public Library (CBH)
22 **Mixed-Media Monday 6pm MPL	23 **Labyrinth Walk & History 6pm Grace Episcopal Church	24 Oxymorons Book Discussion A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping 6pm MPL		26 Needlework in the Morning 10am MPL	

JULY

NO PROGRAMS JUNE 29-JULY 4

6 **Modern Pop Art Experience & Hands-On Workshop by Michael Albert 6pm MPL	7 Dragonboat Rowing Demo 6pm @ Lake James State Park Paddy's Creek Beach Area	8 Partners Educational Lunch 12pm MPL Tech Class for Seniors 2pm MPL	9 **Beginner Stained Glass Workshop 3:30pm VPL	10 Needlework in the Morning 10am MPL	
13 Wildlife Geeks Presentation/ Program 5pm R.O. Huffman Center, Drexel	14 **Mixed-Media Specimen Cards 1pm CBH	15 **Create a Mini Cabinet of Curiosities 2pm MPL	16 **Herbology/ Cooking Tomato (Nightshade) 5:30pm VPL	Read & participate in activities for a chance to win prizes! Track everything on the FREE Readsquared app, or at bcpls.readsquared.com	
20 **DIY Mini Wooden Gothic Window 6pm MPL	21 Plot Hounds Book Discussion The Echo of Old Books 10am VPL	22 Oxymorons Book Discussion The Frozen River 6pm MPL	23 **DIY Badge of Courage 5:30pm VPL Crochet Cafe 6pm VPL (Teens/Adults)	24 Needlework in the Morning 10am MPL	25 **Trip to Redbone Willy's Leave from MPL @ 10am

GAME ON! @ your library — YOUNG ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
8 ++Mega Game Night 6pm @ CBH	9 D&D @ the Library** 4:30pm (online via Discord)	10 ++NC Oddities Presentation 6pm @ MPL	11 DIY Dice Trays** 4pm @ MPL		
15 Movie & Make It Night: Mario Bro. Edition 6pm @ CBH	16 Escape Room & Murder Mystery Party** 6pm @ VPL	++SUAH Dance Presentation Monday, June 29 @ 3pm / CBH	18 Game Night 4pm @ MPL	19 ++Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club 4pm @ CBH	
22 D&D @ the Library** 4:30pm @ CBH	23 Baking Battles: Pizza Edition** 6pm @ VPL		25 LIVE Among Us Night** 6:15pm @ MPL	26 Mario Kart Club 4pm @ CBH	

Calendar Key:

MPL = Morganton Public Library
VPL = Valdese Public Library
CBH = C.B. Hildebrand Public Library
** = pre-registration is required to attend
++ = open to multiple age groups, see website for details

NO REGULAR PROGRAMMING DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH!

6 ++Modern Pop Art Experience & Hands-On Workshop by Michael Albert** 6pm @ MPL	7 D&D @ the Library** 4:30pm (online via Discord)	YAS programming is limited to rising middle, middle and high school students only unless otherwise noted. For more information contact Lizzie at 828 764 9273 or by email at lizzie.whisnant@burkenc.org.	9 Gaming Brunch 11am @ CBH	JULY 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO TRACK YOUR SRP PARTICIPATION!	
13 ++Tinker to Learn & More 5pm @ CBH	14 Baking Battles: Will It Waffle?** 5:30pm @ VPL		16 DIY Minecraft Swords** 4pm @ MPL	17 ++Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club 4pm @ CBH	18 Yu-Gi-Oh! Demo Day 2:30pm @ CBH
20 DIY Tetris & Pixel Cubes** 6pm @ CBH	21 Game Night 6pm @ VPL		23 Capture the Flag** 6:15pm @ MPL	GAME OVER	25 ++Family Game Day 2:30pm @ CBH

Track minutes read from June 4- July 31!

JUNE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			4 Summer Reading Kickoff on the Courthouse Square All ages! 5:00-8:00 pm; Thursday		6 Dinosaur Tea Party** MPL 3:00 pm 6 Years & Under Touch-A-Tale: Dinosaurumpus VPL 10:30-11:30 am Kindergarten & Under
			18 Critter Keeper Long View Rec. Center 2:30 pm	12 Family Fun Friday CBH 10:00-11:30 am All Ages	20 Dig It & MOVE! VPL 10:00-11:00 am 4 yrs to 4th grade Paintbox** MPL 3:00 pm Baby Dragon K-5
15 Tinker to Learn & Create CBH 5:30-7:00 pm All Ages	Weaving Wonders** CBH 3:30 pm K-5	17 Paintbox** MPL 4:00 pm Baby Dragon K-5		19 Diary of a Worm (KidSenses)** MPL 3:00 pm Grade 2 & Under	
22	23 Dig It LEGO Day VPL 5:30-7:00 pm All ages	Find Scavenger Hunts in June and July at the C.B. Hildebrand and Morganton locations. Valdese will have the iSpy tank up as well!		"Unearth" A New Hobby MPL 2:00-4:00 pm K-5	26 Unearthing Dinosaurs with the Schiele Museum CBH 3:00 pm All Ages
	30 Pioneer Crafts & Games Day MPL 3:30-5:00 pm All Ages	Morganton Public Library (MPL) 828-764-9274 Valdese Public Library (VPL) 828-874-2421 C.B. Hildebrand Public Library (CBH) 828-764-9283		**Due to limited space, pre-registration is required for those programs marked.	

Visit bcpls.readsquared.com or scan the QR code to register.

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No storytime groups will meet June 29 - July 4. We wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July!

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		1 Joara Archaeology** Berry Site 10:30 am	Morganton Public Library (MPL) 828-764-9274 Valdese Public Library (VPL) 828-874-2421 C.B. Hildebrand Public Library (CBH) 828-764-9283		Track minutes read through July 31st!
13 Wildlife Geeks RO Huffman Center, Drexel 5:00 pm	7 Michael Albert Collage Workshop VPL 5:00-7:00 pm K-5		9 Family-Friendly Fossil Fun CBH 3:30 pm	Family Fun Friday CBH 10:00-11:30 am All Ages	10 Fantastic Plants (KidSenses)** MPL 3:00 pm Grade 2 & Under
Tinker to Learn & Create CBH 5:30-7:00 pm All Ages	14 Dinos & Volcanoes STEAM Day VPL 4:00-5:30 pm K-5	15 Paintbox** MPL 4:00 pm Cartoon Dinosaur K-5	16 Presto Prehistoric VPL 4:30 pm All ages	17 Schiele Museum** CBH Sessions at 3 & 4 pm	18 Paintbox** MPL 3:00 pm Cartoon Dinosaur K-5
20 Do Art Productions Long View Rec. Center 5:30 pm	21	22 Cooking Club Online ** (Zoom - CBH) 3:30 pm Grades 3-5	**Due to limited space, pre-registration is required for those programs marked.		Find our storytime schedule on the Program Details brochure.
27	28 Zombie Transformation Station & Walk** MPL 3:30 pm Grades 3-5		Diggery's Dino Adventure VPL 10:30 am	30 Harry Potter's Birthday Bash** MPL 2:00-4:00 pm K-5	

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August 4 Science Heroes: Digging It LVRC: 2:00 pm MPL: 5:00 pm