📚 Ashby Free Public Library

2025 Summer Reading Program 🎤

Theme: Share Your Voice! 📅 June 21 – August 23

Celebrate a summer full of creativity, discovery, and imagination—inspired by the Smithsonian’s “Voices and Votes” exhibit coming to Ashby! From storytelling to science, music to murals, we are inviting readers of all ages to share their voices and their curiosity.

Sign up for summer reading and receive a FREE TOKEN to play a game at Voices on The Common

**All Summer Long** In coordination with the Smithsonian’s *Voices and Votes* exhibit, we’ll be exploring stories of people who have used their voices to make change—especially young people! Through books, programs, and activities, children will learn about individuals who have made an impact in the arts, sciences, humanities, and the social sphere. Kids will also be encouraged to share their own stories through writing, drawing, and other creative outlets. Come be inspired—and share your voice!

All July long each time you come to the library you can receive a free token to play a game at the August 2nd Festival on the Common

 **Tuesdays at 11 Outdoor Water Play** (Weather Permitting)
Warm sunny day? Join us outside at the library for:

* Water tables
* Mud kitchen fun
* Bubble station
* Sandbox and more!
Bring a towel and a change of clothes—just in case!

🔬 **Tuesdays at 3: Science and Nasture Fun with Rebecca**
🧪 Every Tuesday at 3:00 PM
Explore the world through experiments and creative STEM activities. Great for curious kids and future scientists!

🎨 **Art with Stephanie: 3D Art Series**Create colorful 3D masterpieces in this hands-on art workshop series!

* **Session 1: Flowers in Pots** – Wednesday, June 25 at 11:00 AM
* **Session 2: Mermaids and Trolls** – Tuesday, July 15 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
* **Session 3: Custom Nameplate**– Thursday, August 14 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
No experience needed just bring your creativity!

🍽️ **Supersized Cooking Club**Hands-on cooking fun for kids and teens!

* **Thursday, July 11 at 4:00 PM** – Summer Picnic Favorites
* **Thursday, August 7 at 4:00 PM** – Summer Dessert Favorites
* **Thursday, August 21 at 4:00 PM** – Healthy Lunchbox Favorites
All ingredients provided. Come ready to chop, mix, and taste!

🎬 **June Events**

**Thursday, June 26- Track an Animal with a Fahlo Bracelet**

🕕 Time: 5:00 PM
Adopt and follow a real animal’s journey using your bracelet and a collection of themed books.
Bracelets are limited—please register early. A second session may be added if needed.

We will be doing activities related to the animals on the bracelets and their habitats all summer!

🎬 **July Events
Friday, July 11 – Movie Night: The Minecraft Movie**
🕕 Time: 6:00 PM
Get pixel-perfect with this fun family film!

**Saturday, July 12 – Lola the Mermaid Sensory Box Craft**
🕚 Time: 11:00 AM
Preschoolers create an enchanting undersea sensory box!

**Saturday, July 12 –Bunny Yoga**
🕚 Time: 12:00 PM
After Sensory box preschoolers can enjoy some gentle movement with adorable bunnies. This is a kid yoga class, no yoga experience required.

🐍 **Tuesday, July 16-** **Reptile Day!**

🕚 Time: 4 PM
Get up close with snakes, lizards, and other amazing reptiles. Program from New England Reptile Distributors

**Tuesday, July 22 – Nightsounds with Hands on Nature**
🕞 Time: 3:30 PM
Explore the world of night animals and their amazing adaptations!

**Tuesday, July 22 –Butterfly Pinning**
🕞 Time: 5PM
Join an expert Entomologist from the Insect Asylum and learn how to pin butterflies. This is for older kids and Adults.

🎥 **August Events**
**Friday, August 1 – First Friday Movie: Paddington in Peru**
🕕 Time: 6:00 PM
Join Paddington for a delightful adventure in his homeland.

**Saturday, August 2 – Festival on the Common**
🕒 Time: All Day | 📍 Location: Ashby Common
Celebrate creativity and community with:

* A giant Instant Mural
* Live music by Dan Kirouac, Musick of the Revolution and Matt York
* Children’s authors and storytellers
* Micro-histories shared by Ashby families
* Crafters, Artists and Farmers, Food, games, a petting Zoo

**Tuesday, August 5th Vehicles Sensory Box**

TIME:3PM

Join Miss Pam and celebrate our Local First Responders with a fun sensory box afternoon.

**Wednesday, August 6 – Author Your Own Story with Debbie Davies**
⏰ Time: 3PM
Local author Debbie Davies helps kids bring their own stories to life.

**Wednesday, August 9–Goat Yoga**
🕚 Time: 5:00 PM

Do yoga with.furry friends. Bring your own yoga mat if you have one.

**Tuesday, August 13 – Birds of Prey with Wingmasters**
🕚 Time: 11:00 AM
Meet six majestic birds of prey in this unforgettable live program.

**Thursday, August 14 – Art with Stephanie: Final Session**

🕜 Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Thursday, August 14 – Kosmic Kelly Science Program**
🕡 Time: 6:30 PM
Science + magic = WOW in this high-energy interactive show!

**Tuesday, August 19 – Earthworms with Hands on Nature**
🕥 Time: 10:30 AM
Discover the wonders of worms—and even bring home one of the library’s very own worms to start your own worm-i-torium!

**Tuesday, August 19 – Animal Adventures Live Animal Show**
🕑 Time: 2:00 PM
Meet and learn about amazing exotic animals in person!

**Wednesday, August 20 – Music & Stories with Miss Julie**
🕚 Time: 11:00 AM
Sing, dance, and enjoy sweet stories with Miss Julie.

**Thursday, August 21 – Cooking Club: Healthy Lunchbox Favorites**
🕓 Time: 4:00 PM

**Saturday, August 23 – Sink & Float Sensory Box Craft**
🕚 Time: 11:00 AM
A safe and engaging sensory science activity for little ones.

🎬🍿 Grand Finale: Kids Vote Movie & Snack Party!
All summer, kids earn "votes" by reading books. At the end, they’ll vote on the final movie and snack!