

# COOL OFF AT THE LIBRARY



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The Huntsville Public Library offers a variety of free and fun programs for children, teenagers and adults all summer long to help students stay sharp and give the community a place to cool off from the Texas heat. For a full schedule of programs and events taking place at the library, visit [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

## Huntsville Public Library hosting free programs, events throughout the summer

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Cool off from the Texas heat this summer vacation by heading over to the Huntsville Public Library and participating in one of several new programs taking place through June and July.

In addition to its regularly scheduled programs, such as First Friday Book Club, Family Movie Night, Mother Goose Lapsit, Story Time and more, the library is offering new free programs to help students stay sharp while on vacation from school.

It all begins Saturday during the kickoff party for



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The regularly scheduled Story Time at the Huntsville Public Library will continue throughout the summer, and children of all ages are invited to attend. On June 13, the library will be hosting a very special Nature Discovery Story Time at 11 a.m., where children under the age of 5 can come and read alongside live rabbits.

the library's annual Summer Reading Program from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The theme for this year's program is "Libraries Rock!" and children, teens and adults are invited to participate in the six-week program.

"Don't forget that all of our events are free at the Huntsville Public Library unless they are a fundraiser," children's coordinator Rachel McPhail said. "We hope to see everyone in the library rocking the summer reading program."

During the event, interested participants can register for the program, as well as enjoy a balloon artist, meet H-E-Buddy and get a jump start on

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Children, teenagers and adults are invited to participate in the Huntsville Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program, kicking off on Saturday with a special kickoff party from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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the summer reading list. Once participants finish a book, they simply mark it on their reading log.

Once the log is complete, participants return it to the library and receive a prize pack of coupons to local restaurants, a free book from the Huntsville Kiwanis and a ticket to enter a raffle for a chance to win more prizes. Those who are unable to make it out can still register for the reading program by visit [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

Also Saturday, the Huntsville Kiwanis will be hosting its second annual barbecue fundraiser, with all proceeds going to help literacy efforts at the library. The library will also be hosting a new "Mad Science" presentation on air pressure using a hoverboard from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

On June 13, the library will be hosting a special

Nature Discovery Story Time, sponsored by the Friends of the Huntsville Public Library, at 11 a.m. for children under the age of 5. Parents and kids can come to the library to read alongside live rabbits.

Sign-up is not required, but due to limited space and animal safety concerns, the program can only host 60 kids.

The Huntsville Public Library will be hosting a new technology and design program for children and teenagers ages 9 to 17. The three-day course will be held at 3 p.m. July 11, 13 and 16 and led by Huntsville ISD robotics teacher Curtis Densmore.

Participants will learn how to build a structurally sound miniature bridge, learn the basics of video game design using Scratch and 3D printing. Those interested in participating are encouraged to register beforehand by visiting [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

For children who are curious on finding out more about their family tree and history, be sure to

participate in the library's five-week long Junior Genealogist program, which kicks off on June 21 from 3 to 4:45 p.m.

The program is geared toward children ages 9 to 12 and will continue on June 28, July 12 and July 19 at the same time. The program will be led by genealogist Johnnie Jo Dickenson, who will help guide participants on successfully researching family history and developing a binder of records.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the program. Space is limited to 20 children, so those interested are encouraged to register beforehand and as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact children's coordinator Rachel McPhail at (936) 291-5910. To register for any of the programs, and for a full schedule of summer programs and events, visit [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com).