

Escape into a Story

Summer Reading 2026

Reading Log

Presented by the
**West Hartford Public Library & the
 West Hartford Public Schools**

Reading Log for K-5th Grade:

Color in one (1) object for each book you read! This includes books, audiobooks, e-books, and being read to by an adult.

Happy reading!

Mid-Summer Pop-In:

Pop-in to any West Hartford library between **July 13-18** to pick up a summer reading prize. One (1) prize per child. Don't forget to bring your summer reading log!

When you are done coloring, you can:

Option 1: To get a FREE book, return your completed log to any West Hartford library between **August 17-22**. Going paperless?

Fill out the online log on the library's website.

Logs returned after August 25 are not eligible for a free book.

Option 2: Bring this log to your School Library Media Specialist by **September 2nd** after you return to school!



My Name: _____
My School: _____

Incoming Grade: _____
Total # of Books: _____



Summer Reading 2026 • Events

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Register for these programs at: bit.ly/WHPLChildrenSummer

Summer Reading Kickoff: Escape into a Story

Tuesday, June 23 | All Day

Help us kick off Summer Reading 2026! This year's theme is **Escape into a Story**, and we will have activities for readers and learners of any age. Stop by any WHPL location to learn about summer reading, sign up the whole family, and enjoy fun activities. Join us at Noah Webster between 4:00-6:00 pm to experience the magic of Circus Moves! Learn how to juggle, spin a plate, and more!

All ages | All Locations

Fire and Ice with the Children's Museum

Thursday, June 25 | 2:30 PM

Join us for a hot and cold learning experience! First fan the flames of learning with fiery demonstrations focused on heat and the fire triangle. Then experience the power of a liquid that is 321 degrees below zero! Program is for the child alone. Caregivers must remain in the library while their child is attending the program.

Grades 1-6 | Noah Webster Library | Registration required & opens on 6/10 at 7:00 PM

Book It! For the Library: Children's Fun Run

Saturday, July 11 | 9:15 AM

Lace up your shoes and join us for our annual children's fun run! All registered runners will receive a special gift! Races will include a Toddler Dash, ¼ mile untimed race, and 1-mile untimed race. Sterling Field is adjacent to Charter Oak International Academy, 356 Price Boulevard, West Hartford. This program is for the child and their caregiver.

Ages 2-12 | Sterling Field | Registration required & opens on 6/22 at 7:00 PM

Tie Dye and Lawn Games Mid-Summer Check In

Wednesday, July 15 | 4:00 PM

Bring a white t-shirt or other item to tie-dye. Don't forget to bring your reading log for your mid-summer check-in and to get a prize. A cool treat will be served. This program is for the child and their caregiver. *Rain date Wednesday, July 22nd.*

Grades K-5 | Faxon Outdoors | Registration required & opens on 7/1 at 7:00 PM

Summer Reading Finale with Science Heroes

Tuesday, August 18 | 6:30 PM

Join us to wrap up another amazing summer at WHPL! Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that's all around us through fun, interactive stories and hands-on experiments with Science Heroes. This program is for the child alone. Caregivers must remain in the Bishops Corner Library while their child is attending the program.

Grades K-6 | Bishops Corner Senior Center | Registration required & opens on 8/4 at 7:00 PM

Outdoor Movie @FAXON

Friday, August 28 | 7:00 PM (set up lawn chairs)

7:45 PM (movie starts)

Join us for free popcorn and an outdoor movie at the Faxon Library! Movie TBA.

All ages | Faxon Outdoors | Registration required & opens on 8/14 at 7:00 PM

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