

# Summer Challenge

# 2026

 June 1 - July 31

## Clark County Public Library



# UNEARTH A STORY™



### Main Library

#### WAVE on Wheels Shark Meet & Greet

Tuesday, June 2nd @ 2 PM

WAVE Shark Carts connect visitors with Coral Catsharks. Learn about shark adaptations and conservation. (families w/children)

#### Threatened and Endangered Raptors

Tuesday, June 9th @ 2 PM

Staff of Glen Helen will answer your many questions about raptors - three of which you will meet! (families w/children 10+)

#### Science Heroes: Digging It!

Tuesday, June 16th @ 2 PM

Unearth your curiosity with Science Heroes as they dig into incredible science wonders. Lots of audience interaction and opportunities for child volunteers. (families w/children K-5)

#### It's Wild Out There

Tuesday, June 23rd @ 2 PM

Chris Rowlands will create a woodland adventure through music, humor, puppets and participation. (families w/children K-5)

#### Animals We Love to Hate

Wednesday, July 15th @ 2 PM

Ohio Nature Education will present information on those most feared and disliked. Includes live animals. (families w/children)



Click here to view all Summer Challenge events.



### Enon Branch

#### Dancing, Dinosaurs & Discoveries w/the Collins Family

Wednesday, June 3rd @ 11 AM

Join the Collins family for a joyful, high-energy storytime sing-along adventure - a Dino-Riffic time! (ages 3-5)

#### Freddy Fossil's Dino Show: It's Pre-Hysterical!

Wednesday, June 17th @ 11 AM

Join the ultimate paleontologist on a STEAM-focused adventure into a world long since extinct. (families w/children)

#### Paul's Cool Scales Reptile Adventures

Wednesday, June 24th @ 11 AM

Come and see 15-20 live, exotic reptiles from all over the world! Enjoy a fun, educational time with animals. (families w/children)

#### Hunters of the Sky

Wednesday, July 1st @ 11 AM

Learn about 3 types of raptors and meet live educational ambassadors of Glen Helen Raptor Center. (families w/children)

#### Cool Critters Outreach

Thursday, July 9th @ 11 AM

An up-close look at snakes, lizards, geckos and more! Hands-on opportunity after educational program. (families w/children)

#### Animals We Love to Hate

Wednesday, July 15th @ 11 AM

Ohio Nature Education will present information on those most feared and disliked. Includes live animals. (families w/children)

#### Exploring Earth Science through Explosions, Excavation and the Environment

Wednesday, July 22nd @ 11 AM

Dr. Stacey Hundley of Wright State University will present and help you be a scientist for a day. (grades 1-5)

### Houston Branch

#### Magician Cody Clark

Wednesday, June 10th @ 11 AM

Cody Clark, while using the art of magic, will share what it's like to live with autism and how lives can change when differences are accepted. (all ages)

#### Paul's Cool Scales Reptile Adventure

Wednesday, June 24th @ 2 PM

Come experience the beauty of reptiles through quality, education and unforgettable, hands-on moments with Paul's Cool Scales. (all ages)

#### Dino Buddies: Dino & Reptile Encounter

Thursday, July 2nd @ 11 AM

Unearth a story and meet real animals, learn natural history and engage with lifelike dinosaur puppets that make paleontology exciting! (ages 4 & up)

#### Drawn to the Past

Monday, July 27th @ 2 PM

Meet writer, cartoonist and teacher Jeff Nicholas who will entertain us with stories, cartoons and "dinosauric" draw-along fun! (all ages)



### Northridge Branch

#### Dino Buddies: Dino & Reptile Encounter

Monday, June 22nd @ 10:30 AM

Unearth a story and meet real animals, learn natural history and engage with lifelike dinosaur puppets that make paleontology exciting! (ages 4 & up)

#### It's Wild Out There

Tuesday, June 23rd @ 11 AM

Chris Rowlands will create a woodland adventure through music, humor, puppets and audience participation. (families w/children K-5)

#### Only Owls

Tuesday, July 7th @ 2 PM

Meet three Ohio owls from Glen Helen Raptor Center and discover unique adaptations making them masters of the night. (ages 5 & up)

#### Let Our Anthem Reach the Skies: Music of the American Revolution

Thursday, July 16th @ 11 AM

Lafferty Pike Trio bring to life the music of the Revolutionary War on harp, fiddle and guitar with a variety of songs. (ages 8-adult)

#### Drawn to the Past

Monday, July 27th @ 11 AM

Meet writer, cartoonist and teacher Jeff Nicholas who will entertain us with stories, cartoons and "dinosauric" draw-along fun! (all ages)

### Park Branch

#### Boonshoft Presents Dayton's Dinos

Wednesday, June 3rd @ 11 AM

Investigate how experts piece together the past as you step into the shoes of a paleontologist! **Online registration required.** (ages 8-12)

#### Coexisting with Urban Wildlife

Friday, June 12th @ 1 PM

Coyotes and foxes live alongside us. Learn how to all exist in harmony and meet Ohio Canid's fox ambassador, Rigby! **Pick up free tickets at library.** (all ages)

#### LEGO Community Build: Baby Stegosaurus

Monday, June 15th @ 2 PM

Master builder with Brick Base will work with patrons to create a stegosaurus. Mini dinos will be given to first 30 children who take part. (age 5 & up)

#### Madcap Puppets: Monkey See, Monkey Do!

Monday, June 29th @ 2 PM

Pick up tickets at library for a show of exciting stories of monkeys exploring new exhibits at the zoo. **Pick up free tickets at library.** (children all ages)

#### Boonshoft's Dinosaur Detectives

Tuesday, July 7th @ 10:30 AM

Toddlers step into a world of paleontology, uncovering mysteries of dinos through activities, exploration and play. **Online registration required.** (ages 0-4)

#### Jr. Raptor Readers Storytime

Thursday, July 16th @ 10:30 AM

Listen to a story and sing a song about owls during this fun program presented by Glen Helen Raptor Center and visit two live raptors. (ages 2-10)



### Southgate Branch

#### Boonshoft Presents Dayton's Dinos

Tuesday, June 2nd @ 11 AM

Investigate how experts piece together the past as you step into the shoes of a paleontologist! **Registration required.** (ages 8-11)

#### Dino Buddies: Dino & Reptile Encounter

Saturday, June 6th @ 2 PM

Lifelike dinosaurs, epic storytelling and hands-on fossils. Also touch snakes, lizards, turtles and frogs. (ages 4 & up)

#### Juggling and Comedy w/Mike Hemmelgarn

Monday, June 15th @ 2 PM

Wildly entertaining show of juggling, ventriloquism and comedy emphasizing the importance of reading. (families w/children)

#### Freddy Fossil's Dino Show: It's Pre-Hysterical!

Tuesday, July 14th @ 10:30 AM

Join the ultimate paleontologist on a STEAM-focused adventure into a world long since extinct. (families w/children)

### Tuttle Branch

#### Magician Cody Clark

Wednesday, June 10th @ 2 PM

Cody Clark, while using the art of magic, will share what it's like to live with autism and how lives can change when differences are accepted. (all ages)

#### Mr. Puppet

Wednesday, June 17th @ 2 PM

Ventriloquism, marionettes and audience participation will have you laugh out loud at this interactive program. **Online registration required.** (all ages)

#### Dino Buddies: Dino & Reptile Encounter

Monday, June 22nd @ 2 PM

Unearth a story and meet real animals, learn natural history and engage with lifelike dinosaur puppets that make paleontology exciting! **Online registration required.** (ages 4 & up)

#### Cool Critters Outreach

Thursday, July 2nd @ 2 PM

An up-close look at snakes, lizards, geckos and more! Hands-on opportunity after educational program. (all ages)



Thank you to the Friends of the Clark County Public Library and the Young Woman's Mission for funding these programs.

To learn about more fun summer events, see the other side!



## **MAIN LIBRARY - 201 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield, OH (937) 328-6905**

**Little Blossoms Storytime:** Tuesdays starting June 2nd @ 9:30 AM  
Gaier Room - Learning through stories, music, movement and a simple craft to help develop fine motor skills. (ages birth to 2 1/2 years)

**Little Sprouts Storytime:** Tuesdays starting June 2nd @ 10:30 AM  
Gaier Room - Prepares preschoolers for reading success with interactive stories, songs, rhymes, crafts and more to promote early literacy. (ages 3-5)

**Preschool Yoga Storytime:** Fridays, June 5 & 19, July 17 & 31, 10:30 AM  
Gaier Room - Unwind w/stories fusing basic yoga movement and meditation. (preschoolers)

**Unearth the Summer Challenge:** Saturday, June 6th, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Gaier Room - Variety of craft stations and information on how to win cool prizes with this year's Challenge on Beanstack. Popcorn too, while it lasts. (families)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, June 7th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *Jurassic Park - 1993* (Rated PG-13). Popcorn will be provided!

**Dinosaur Planters:** Wednesday, June 10th @ 4 PM  
Lenski - Create your own dinosaur-themed succulent planter to take home. All plants and supplies provided. **Online registration required.** (ages 10-18)

**LEGO Club:** Thursdays, June 11th and July 9th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Build with supplied bricks and creations will be displayed. (ages 5-12)

**Read with the Trees - Who Lives Underground?:** Thursday, June 11th, 10 AM to 11 AM  
**Snyder Park** - Meet animals that explore underneath us. Presented by National Trail Parks and Recreation District. **Must register with NTPRD by June 9th.** (ages 4-10 w/caregiver)

**Process Art for Kids:** Fridays, June 12 & 26 and July 10 & 24 @ 10 AM  
Community Room - Kids choose what they want to create with materials provided. (ages 3-6)

**Family Storytime:** Saturdays, June 13 & 27 and July 11 & 25, 11 AM to 11:45 AM  
**Lenski** - Stories, songs (featuring ukulele), movement and group craft. (ages 2-6 w/caregiver)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, June 14th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *Night at the Museum - 2006* (Rated PG). Popcorn will be provided!

**Delicious Dinosaurs:** Monday, June 15th, 2 PM - 2:45 PM  
Lenski - Assemble your own mini-tray of dino-themed treats and share with a dinosaur friend, while listening to a dinosaur "tail" or two. **Online registration required.** (ages 4-8 w/caregiver)

**Cave Paintings in the Cavern:** Thursday, June 18th @ 5:30 PM  
Gaier - Learn about cave paintings, make one of your own and put it up in our man-made cave. Listen to a story before your take your art home. (kids of all ages)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, June 21st @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *Raiders of the Lost Ark - 1981* (Rated PG). Popcorn will be provided!

**Eat Dirt (or Sand):** Friday, June 26th, 2 PM - 2:45 PM  
Lenski - Make edible dirt and sand then enjoy it while learning about resources to get the dirt on geology and worms. **Online registration required.** (ages 8-12)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, June 28th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *The Land Before Time - 1988* (Rated PG). Popcorn will be provided!

**Dino Digstravaganza:** Tuesday, June 30th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - Use provided tools to learn what it's like to excavate fossils on your own just like a paleontologist. **Online registration required.** (ages 8-12)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, July 5th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *National Treasure - 2004* (Rated PG). Popcorn will be provided!

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, July 12th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *LEGO DC Super Heroes Aquaman Rage of Atlantis - 2018* (NR). Popcorn provided!

**Journey Into the Ruins - A D&D Adventure:** Thursday, July 16th, 2 PM - 4:30 PM  
Lenski - Follow archaeologist Bard Indigo Jiggerton into a set of ruins to uncover a special artifact and unearth treasures. **Online registration required.** (ages 9-12)

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, July 19th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *Treasure Buddies - 2012* (Rated G). Popcorn will be provided!

**Unearth a Good Movie:** Sunday, July 26th @ 2 PM  
Lenski - *The Mummy - 1999* (Rated PG-13). Popcorn will be provided!

**Read with the Trees - Insect Investigators:** Thursday, August 13th, 10 AM to 11 AM  
**Moorefield Park** - Explore world of insects! Presented by National Trail Parks and Recreation District. **Must register with NTPRD by August 11th.** (ages 4-10 w/caregiver)

## **ENON BRANCH - 209 E. Main St., Enon, OH (937) 864-2502**

**Dino-mite Day:** Thursday, June 11th, 1:30 PM to 3 PM  
Community Room - Drop in anytime for prehistoric fun with excavations, art and more! (families)

**LEGO-saurus Block Party:** Monday, June 15th @ 1 PM  
Community Room - Pter-ific building fun where anything is possible! (ages 5 & up)

**Blue Star Families Storytime:** Mondays, June 15th & July 20th @ 10:30 AM  
Community Room - Military families and civilian neighbors may attend, with limited number of books available. (toddlers/preschoolers)

**History Rocks! Patriot Songs:** Thursday, June 25th @ 1 PM  
Community Room - National Trail Parks and Recreation District will present a Patriot Songs program. **NTPRD registration required by June 23.** (ages 6-12)

**Dino Stomp Storytime:** Friday, June 26th @ 10:30 AM  
Community Room - Come stomp, chomp and roar during this active storytime. (ages 3-7)

**Parents and Paintbrushes-Prehistoric Painting:** Tuesday, July 14th, 3:30 PM to 5 PM

Community Room - Kids can let their imagination run wild while creating dinosaurs on canvas. **Online registration required.** (ages 7-13)

**Read with the Trees - Soil to Sunshine:** Thursday, July 16th, 10 AM to 11 AM  
**Galloway Park** - Explore soil, plants and gardening. Presented by National Trail Parks and Recreation District. **Must register with NTPRD by July 13th.** (ages 4-10 w/caregiver)

## **HOUSTON BRANCH - 5 W. Jamestown St., South Charleston, OH (937) 462-8047**

**Family Storytime:** Tuesdays, June 2nd and July 7th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Enjoy stories, games and crafts with Miss Chelsea. (families)

**Cookie Excavation:** Thursday, June 4th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - See if you have what it takes to be an archaeologist by excavating some chocolate chips from a crunchy cookie. (all ages)

**Dinosaur Relief Painting:** Saturday, June 6th, 11 AM to 3 PM  
Community Room - Drop in for chalk relief art using dinosaur cutouts and chalk. (all ages)

**LEGO Club:** Mondays, June 8 & 22 and July 13 @ 3:30 PM  
Community Room - Get creative with provided bricks and creations will be displayed. (all ages)

**Creative Kids Zone:** Wednesdays, June 17th & July 15th, 3 PM to 5 PM  
Community Room - Drop by for creative, crafty fun with provided supplies. (ages 7-18)

**Afternoon Movie at the Library:** Monday, June 29th @ 1 PM  
Community Room - Viewing *The Land Before Time* (Rated G) (all ages)

**Dino Family Fingerprints:** Friday, July 10th, 11 AM to 4 PM  
Community Room - Come to the library to turn those digits into dinos! (all ages)

## **NORTHRIDGE BRANCH - 4925 Middle Urbana Rd., Springfield, OH (937) 328-0203**

**LEGO Club:** Mondays, June 8 & 29 and July 13 & 27 @ 4 PM  
Community Room - Drop in to create your own LEGO masterpiece. (school-age children)

**Game Night:** Thursday, June 11th and July 9th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Drop in to enjoy a selection of board and card games. (all ages)

**Summer Storytime:** Monday, June 15th, 10:30 AM  
Community Room - Join us for a special summer storytime. (birth - 10 w/caregiver)

**Dried Flower Bookmark:** Thursday, July 23rd, 5 PM to 7 PM  
Community Room - Drop in to make a laminated dried flower bookmark. (ages 8-adult)

## **PARK BRANCH - 1119 N. Bechtle Ave., Springfield, OH (937) 322-2498**

**Summer Launch Party:** Monday, June 1st, 3 PM to 7 PM  
Community Room - Stop in to play games, create art, learn about Summer Challenge registration and pick up tickets for special summer programs. (all ages)

**Make a Fossil:** Tuesday, June 9th @ 2 PM  
Community Room - Make your own plaster trilobite in one afternoon. **Online registration required.** (ages 8-12)

**Family Game Night:** Tuesday, June 16th, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Community Room - Play a variety of dino-themed board games. (all ages - families/groups)

**Stone Painting:** Thursday, June 18th @ 2 PM  
Community Room - Transform an ordinary rock with paint and imagination. **Online registration required.** (ages 8-12)

**Fuzzy Dinosaurs:** Monday, June 22nd & Wednesday, June 24th @ 2 PM  
Community Room - Design and decorate a custom dino décor complete with fuzzy frills. **Online registration required.** (ages 5-8)

## **SOUTHGATE BRANCH - 1863 S. Limestone St., Springfield, OH (937) 322-2226**

**Henna Creations:** Thursday, June 4th, 1 PM to 2:30 PM  
Community Room - Kick off Summer Challenge with a cool hand design. (age 10 & up)

**Preschool Sensory Superstars:** Thursdays, June 25th and July 23rd, 1 PM to 3 PM  
Community Room - Hands-on interaction to boost cognitive and motor skills. (ages 1-5)

**Retro Video Game Club:** Saturdays, June 25th and July 18th, 3 PM  
Community Room - Play games from generations past - Atari to PlayStation 2 (all ages)

**Archaeologist for an Afternoon:** Wednesday, July 1st, 2 PM to 4 PM  
Community Room - Unearth a good time finding tiny buried dinosaur toys. (ages 7-12)

**Kona Ice:** Monday, July 27th, 1 PM  
Outside - Summer Challenge can be hot work so cool down with shaved ice from Kona Ice. (all)

**Face Painting:** Monday, July 27th, 12:30 PM to 2 PM  
Community Room - Get your face painted to celebrate the final week of Challenge! (ages 5-18)

**Dino Crafting:** Monday, July 27th, 11 AM to 2 PM  
Community Room - Take part in a dino-themed arts and crafts event. (ages 5 & up)

## **TUTTLE BRANCH - 191 S. Tuttle Road Springfield, OH (937) 328-0201**

**Tuttle's Creative Corner:** Wednesdays, June 3 & 17 and July 15 & 29 @ 5:30 PM  
Community Room - Bring your project or creativity and use supplies at hand to craft. (all ages)

**The Pond Evening Storytime:** Thursdays, June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 23 @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Splash in for a story, activity and a craft. (ages 2-5)

**Cyanotype Photography Craft:** Tuesday, June 23rd, 12 PM to 1:15 PM  
Community Room/Outside - Create a design using greenery stencils, set it under the sun to make the final image and then rinse! **Online registration required.** (all ages)

# Teen & Adult Programs

## **HOUSTON BRANCH**

**Movie Night at the Library:** Thursday, June 18th @ 7 PM  
Community Room - Full viewing of *Jurassic Park* (Rated PG-13) (teens and adults)

**Dungeons & Dragons at the Library:** Saturdays, June 20th and July 18 @ 1 PM  
Community Room - Embark on an exciting quest with 5th edition of classic game. (teens & adults)

**Paint Along with Lailah:** Thursday, June 25th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Unearth your inner artist and put personal touches to the canvas during this paint-along event. **Online registration required.** (adults)

**Garden Stepping Stones:** Thursday, July 9th @ 6 PM  
Community Room - Create a one-of-a-kind stepping stone for your garden using our supplies. (adults)

**Trivia Club:** Tuesday, July 21st @ 6:30 PM  
Community Room - Bring your group and see if you can win the Gold Brain Trophy. (teens and adults)

## **MAIN LIBRARY**

**The Essence of Confucianism: Core Concepts:** Wednesday, June 3rd @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - Assoc. Professor Howard Choy introduces the history, core ideas and enduring impact of Confucianism. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

**Springfield Writes: Local Author Fair:** Saturday, June 6th, 11 AM to 1 PM  
Rotunda - Local authors will be present to network with each other, promote their work and have copies of items for sale. (all ages)

**The Essence of Bahá'í: The Unity of Humanity and Religion:** Wednesday, June 10th @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - Local Bahá'ís provide introduction to the history, beliefs and practices of the Bahá'í faith. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults 13+)

**Relief Printmaking Workshop:** Thursday, June 11th @ 5:30 PM  
Warder Room - Choose between sample images or carve a unique design. Are you ready to uncover your story beneath the linoleum block? **Online registration required.** (adults)

**Film Screening of Camp Delaware:** Monday, June 15th @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - Screening of documentary which explores the formation, mustering, training and battlefield experiences centering on Camp Delaware. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

**The Way in Daoism: Religion and Philosophy:** Wednesday, June 17th @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - Assoc. Professor Howard Choy introduces the history, ideas and practices of Daoism. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

**The Golden Years: Senior Downsizing:** Thursday, June 18th, 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
Gaier Room - Organizer Lori Firsdon shares tips on parting with clutter and enjoying what's really important in life. **Online registration required.** (adults)

**Unnatural Ohio: A History of Buckeye Cryptids, Legends & Other Mysteries:** Monday, June 22nd @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - Authors M. Kristina Smith and Kevin Moore parse urban legends from history as they explore the unnatural side of Ohio's heritage. **Online registration required.** (all ages)

**Not One Story: Indigenous Lifeways, Diversity and Responsibility:** Wednesday, June 24th @ 6 PM  
Gaier Room - This program provides both historical context and contemporary application, highlighting continuity and responsibility in indigenous lifeways. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

**Stars and Stripes Charcuterie for Teens:** Thursday, July 2nd @ 2 PM & 2:30 PM  
Lenski - Create your own mini charcuterie tray to celebrate the 4th **Online registration required.** (teens)

**Author Talk — Mindy McGinnis:** Wednesday, July 8th @ 6:30 PM  
Gaier Room - Mindy McGinnis is an Edgar Award-winning novelist who will speak on mental health and how it has played a part in her books. Books will be available for purchase. (Age 16 & Up)

**Paint a Pot:** Thursday, July 9, 6 PM to 7:30 PM **OR** Friday, July 10, 10 AM to 11:30 AM  
Warder Room - Let your creativity take the lead designing pots for your purpose. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

## **PARK BRANCH**

**“Hello Summer” Wood Painting:** Tuesday, June 2nd, 6 PM to 7:45 PM  
Community Room - Paint, assemble and take home wooden décor item made on Glowforge. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

**Board Game Bonanza:** Saturday, July 18th, 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
Community Room - Come play games like Happy Little Dinosaurs or The Chameleon. (teens 12-18)

**“Goodbye Summer” Wood Painting:** Wednesday, July 22nd, 6 PM to 7:45 PM  
Community Room - Paint, assemble and take home wooden décor item made on Glowforge. **Online registration required.** (teens and adults)

## **SOUTHGATE BRANCH**

**Shake and Shimmy Beginner Belly Dance:** Wednesday, June 3rd, 5:30 PM to 7 PM  
Community Room - Kick off summer with a shake and shimmy. **Call to register.** (female teens & adults)

**Summer Paint n' Sip:** Tuesday, June 9th, 5 PM to 7 PM  
Community Room - Paint a lovely beach sunset. Non-alcoholic beverages and supplies provided. **Call/stop in to register.** (adults)

**One Piece Anime Party:** Wednesday, July 8th, 2 PM to 4 PM  
Community Room - Help us celebrate one of the most popular and longest-running anime of all time. Light refreshments provided. (ages 13-18)

## **TUTTLE BRANCH**

**Macrame Monstera Leaf Craft:** Thursday, June 18th, 3 PM to 5 PM  
Community Room - Learn to make your own Monstera macrame leaf. All supplies provided. **Online registration required.** (adults)

**Macrame Curtain Tie Back:** Thursday, July 16th, 3 PM to 5 PM  
Community Room - Learn to make your own macrame curtain tie back. All supplies provided. **Online registration required.** (adults)