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Sign up for Summer Reading Program, “It’s Showtime at Norfolk Public Library!”

NORFOLK, VA – It’s Showtime at Norfolk Public Library (NPL)! Registration for Summer Reading Program (SRP) begins on Saturday, June 29, and the program runs through Saturday, August 10. SRP is for all ages, from babies through adults, and everyone has opportunities to win prizes. Youths up to age 18 may visit any neighborhood branch beginning June 29 to sign up, or, conveniently register from the comfort home by going online to www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org. Adults can participate by visiting their favorite branch and checking out books or materials every week.

This year’s theme, “It’s Showtime at Norfolk Public Library!” is based on the performing arts, and NPL wants you to be the starring act! Attend a wide variety of programs and activities that are planned around the central theme. Take center stage in improv classes with Push Comedy Theater, learn to DJ with Music Theory Studios, sing karaoke, dance, or compete in a talent show!

NPL is also excited to welcome several partner organizations from around Hampton Roads who are bringing their special programs to the library this summer. We’ll have visits from the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Virginia Living Museum, Virginia Air & Space Museum, Mad Science, and others. The best part is—all NPL programs are free!

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to register youth for SRP to reduce “summer slide,” a phenomenon where kids who are not reading throughout the summer experience a sharp decline in their reading skills. The six weeks of Summer Reading Program are fun and exciting, but, are also key to engaging children and keeping them from regressing. Many NPL programs have been specifically designed to reinforce learning, such as STEM and STEAM programming.

Summer Reading Program isn't just for kids, adults can have fun, too! Participate in a program or take your chance at winning a weekly prize at your neighborhood branch through random drawings. You could win a gift card to Amazon, Walmart, Doumar's, IKEA, Dollar Tree or Wawa by submitting a ticket.

To get more information about Norfolk Public Library's Summer Reading Program and a complete list of summer events, go to www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org.

NPL's Summer Reading program is sponsored by the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library.

VISIT NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF EVENT BELOW!

Virginia Living Museum: Fantastic Animals and Where to Find Them

Thursday, June 27 @ 2 PM

Larchmont Branch, 6525 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508 757-441-5335

Discover the homes of some fantastic animals. Explore deserts, forests, and beyond, and meet some animal friends. (School Age & Teens)

It's Showtime @ Slover Talent Show

Saturday, June 29 @ 10 AM–1 PM

Slover Library, 235 E. Plume Street, Norfolk, VA 23510 757-431-7491 *Forum*

Kick-off the Summer Reading Program with a talent showcase! See a variety of performances and help us select the winners. Patrons wishing to perform will need to submit a video audition and form. Check www.sloverlibrary.com or call 757-431-7485 for more information. (All Ages)

Joy the Clown

Saturday, June 29 @ 1 PM

Horace C. Downing Branch, 555 E. Liberty Street, Norfolk, VA 23523 757-441-1968

Kick off our Summer Reading Program with a magic show and balloon sculptures. (School Age)

Summer Shenanigans

Saturday, June 29 @ 1 PM

Janaf Branch, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, Norfolk, VA 23502 757-441-5660

Kick off our Summer Reading Program with face painting, snacks and games! (All Ages)

Summer Reading Program Kick-off: It's Showtime!

Saturday, June 29 @ 1 PM

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch, 1425 Norchester Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23504 757-664-7328

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and get ready for a summer of fun! (All Ages)

The Magic of Chris Manucal

Saturday, June 29 @ 2 PM

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch, 111 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23503

(Family)

Virginia Living Museum: Fantastic Creatures and Where to Find Them

Wednesday, July 3 @ 2 PM

Park Place Branch, 620 West 29th Street, Norfolk, VA 23508 757-664-7330

Explore deserts, forests, and beyond and meet some animal friends.

(All Ages)

John Kingry Magic & Illusion

Wednesday, July 3 @ 3 PM

Lafayette Branch, 1610 Cromwell Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509 757-441-2842

Kick off our Summer Reading Program with a magic show!

(All Ages)

Virginia Living Museum: Fantastic Animals and Where to Find Them

Wednesday, July 10 @ 11 AM

Little Creek Branch, 7853 Tarpon Place, Norfolk, VA 23518 757-441-1751

Explore deserts, forests, and beyond and meet some animal friends.

(All Ages)

Magician John Kingry

Wednesday, July 10 @ 2 PM

Van Wyck Branch, 1368 De Bree Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23517 757-441-2844

(All Ages)

Mr. Magic, John Kingry

Thursday, July 11 @ 2 PM

Barron F. Black Branch, 6700 East Tanners Creek Drive, Norfolk, VA 23513 757-441-5806

(School Age)

About Norfolk Public Library:

The Norfolk Public Library offers access to information, books, programs, and online resources to meet the needs of our diverse community for life-long learning. The library system consists of one main library, ten branch libraries, two anchor branch libraries, and a Bookmobile. All programs are FREE of charge. Visit www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org or call us at (757) 664-READ for more information. *NPL- Creating a City of Readers.*

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