

# Friends of the Redwood City Public Library



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take the 2024  
**SUMMER**  
LEARNING CHALLENGE

## Summer Learning Challenge for Adults

The Summer Learning Challenge is not only for children and teens!

Adults 18+ are encouraged to join in the fun. This summer, Friends is encouraging adults to discover new reads, learn new skills, and win prizes for challenge completion!

Read or listen to five books, attend five library events, or learn five new Makerspace tools, **or any combination of these**, to complete the Adult Summer Learning Challenge.

Pick up a book/activity log inside the Friends Bookstore or at any library location. After you complete your five-item challenge, drop off your completed log in the red basket inside the Friends Bookstore. Then you will receive your pick from the designated summer reading giveaway books **and** be entered into the end-of-summer drawing for prizes.

You can complete as many logs as you can manage – no limit on the number of your adult log completions!

*Summer Learning Challenge is the single largest program that Friends funds each year. Thank you for your support to make this important program so successful.*

## Summer Learning Challenge 2024!

Registration for all children and teens starts on **June 1!**

For everyone under 18 years of age, the registration process includes a free book of the child's choice. After completing the challenge, each child will be entered into a drawing for a **\$1000 scholarship**.

Did you know that reading over the summer makes a big difference in a child's learning? Research shows that students who read four or more books over the summer are better prepared for the coming school year and do not go down the "summer slide" — the loss of reading and learning skills that can occur during the summer break.

Prior to the end of school, library staff will visit Redwood City School District schools to promote the Challenge, register every student, and allow each child to select their free registration book. Of course, children can also register at the library any time after June 1.

Throughout the summer, children can record the books they read on their log. Upon completion, bring the completed log to any San Mateo County library to enter the scholarship drawing.

**That is not all!** The Redwood City librarians and staff have planned a terrific entertainment series in June and July. See the back page of this newsletter for the tremendous amount of fun, exciting, and educational activities that are scheduled! Massive thanks to the staff for their exceptional hard work to make the Summer Learning Challenge come to life!

To learn more about the Summer Learning Challenge, go here:  
[www.redwoodcity.org/summerlearning](http://www.redwoodcity.org/summerlearning)

## Summer Learning Challenge 2024 Programs

**Live performances**, suitable for all ages, will be held at each library. (Note: Schaberg Branch Library performances will be held at the Magical Bridge Playground at Red Morton Park.)

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesdays: **6:30 p.m.** Magical Bridge Playground
- Wednesdays: **5:30 p.m.** and **6:30 p.m.** Redwood Shores Branch Library
- Saturdays: **11 a.m.** Downtown Library

June 25/26/29: *Happily Ever Laughter* (magic and music)

July 9/10/13: *Soul Soup* (sing, dance, play)

July 16/17/20: *Wildmind* (local animals)

July 23/24/27: *Coventry & Kaluza* (circus and laughs)

July 30/31/Aug 3: *Mr. Elephant* (music and puppets)

### Stories in the Park – All Ages 10 a.m.

**Mezes Park**, Monday, June 3 & July 1  
**Andrew Spinis Park**, Tuesday, June 11 & July 9

**Jardin de Niños**, Tuesday, June 18 & July 16

**Magical Bridge Playground**, Tuesday, June 25 & July 23

**Marlin Park**, Tuesday, July 2

**Stulsaft Park**, Tuesday, July 30

### Summer STEAM at the Library Grades 3 – 8

Downtown Library - Mondays, 3:30 p.m.

June 17 – Microscopy

June 24 – Tinkering

July 8 – Chemistry

July 15 – Earth Science

July 22 – Organic Gardening

July 29 - Entomology

*All programs sponsored by  
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## Join the Friends of the Redwood City Public Library

- Junior member, under 18 years old - \$10
- Friends - \$15
- Patrons - \$25
- Librarian's Circle - \$50
- Benefactors - \$100 or more

If you wish to make the gift in honor of a friend or loved one:

We will acknowledge 2024 Librarian's Circle and Benefactor levels in our spring 2025 Newsletter.

- Check this box if you wish for your donation to be listed as Anonymous.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Redwood City Public Library, or **donate at our website:** [www.friendsofrwclibrary.org](http://www.friendsofrwclibrary.org)

A Membership Card will be sent.

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## More Summer Programs!

- **Beginning Readers Book Club**, Grades K – 3. Saturday, June 22 & July 20, at 1 p.m. Downtown
- **Book Clubs in English and Spanish**, Grades 3 – 5. Spanish Tuesdays and English Thursdays, both online at 5 p.m.
- **Crafty Wednesdays: Tiny World**, Grades 3 – 8. Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Downtown
- **Animal Engineers**, Grades 3 – 8. Saturday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m. Downtown
- **Parent and Me Wiggles**, All Ages. Fridays at 11 a.m. Downtown
- **Stuffed Animal Olympics**, Grades 3 – 8. Friday, August 9, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring your stuffer to an Olympic-themed after-hours event.
- **Video Game Nights**, Teens. Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Downtown
- **Board Game Nights**, Teens. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Downtown
- **Juneteenth Textile Arts**, Teens. Monday, June 17, at 3 p.m. Downtown
- **StreetCode Academy Workshop**, Teens. June 17 – June 21, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown

- **Camp No Sunscreen**, Teens. July 8 – July 11, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Downtown
- **Dance Class**, Teens. Fridays, July 12 – August 16, at 2 p.m. Downtown

### Library Honey

The bees on the roof of the Downtown Library are hard at work. **Library honey** is projected to be available for sale by late June in the Bookstore!

In the **Friends Bookstore**, you will find a huge sale cart filled with **books and items for summer** – activity books, games for travel, craft items, and great books for summer reading.

Attend a summer program and stop by the store!

Excellent quality and very low prices.

