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It's a Jungle in Here! Summer Reading Unleashes the Wild Side of Your Library

From “READ on the Wild Side” reading challenges for kids, teens and adults to more than 86 beastly activities and special performers (including a Niabi Zoo show and a program on the wild side of science), the Rock Island Public Library has put boredom on the extinction list for families this summer.

READ on the Wild Side reading challenges and events for the whole family start Monday, June 8 and conclude Friday, July 17.

As if 86 events weren't enough, the library just added three more programs to an already packed lineup. New programs include an art program for teens, a reading program with dogs, and a special program featuring the “Pinkalicious” character from the children's book series. Details of the just-added programs include:

Heads & Hands Art with Gloria Burlingame—2 p.m. on Thursdays, June 18, 25, July 2 and 9. Learn to draw faces and hands in this four-day workshop. Working from mannequins and photos, learn basic structures and proportions. Create value in your pictures through shading styles that will give your drawings a 3-D look. For kids going into 8th through 12th grades. **Must register! Call 732-7360.**

Who Let the Dogs Read? Monday, June 22 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Main Library, 401 19th Street and Wednesday, June 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the 30/31 Branch Library, 3059 30th Street. Therapy dogs and their handlers from PAW'D will volunteer as reading companions for children at our library. While they can't actually read, dogs are great listeners! The non-judgmental doggy audience is a fun way for school-age kids from 1st through 6th grades to practice reading. Please register - call 732-7360.

“Pinkalicious” book party, Monday, July 13, 6 p.m. at the Main Library Children's Room. Based on the books by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann, Pinkalicious LOVED the color pink so much she actually turned pink! Enjoy the story along with pink songs and crafts for pre-kindergarten through 2nd grades.

Run Wild with Reading Challenges

Programs for pre-school through 6th grades: Programs are available both at the Read-to-Me (pre-reader) level, and the READER level. To win rewards for reading, children can just fill in the slots on

their reading logs, available at all three Rock Island Library locations. Prize pick-up is June 22 through July 22, 2009. Have questions for the Summer Reading zookeepers? Just call 309-732-7360!

Programs for pre-teens and teens: Readers in grades 7 through 12 can take a walk on the wild side of reading just by reading in six out of eight age-appropriate categories. The variety of options let teens personalize the program to their interests. To get started, young adult readers can pick up a form at any Rock Island Library. All finishers will be entered in a drawing for gift cards from Best Buy or Target.

Born to be Wild: Adult Summer Reading: Adults simply fill out a short entry form for every book read or audio book listened to between June 8 and July 17. Forms may be dropped off at the Main, 30/31 or Southwest Branch locations. You'll be entered in a drawing for prizes. Read as a family and inspire your kids and grandkids! Winners will be notified by phone.

Summer Reading is sponsored by Friends of the Rock Island Public Library, with additional support from the Milan-Blackhawk Area Public Library District and the Rock Island Library Foundation.

Weekly Activities Are Where the Wild Things Are

Wild & Wacky Story/Activity: 3 p.m., June 8 through July 16, on **Mondays** at the Main Library; **Wednesdays** at 30/31 Branch and **Thursdays** at Southwest Branch. For kids going into grades K-3.

Wild @ Art with Miss Gloria: 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 9 through July 14, Main Library. Using books and pictures, artist/teacher Gloria Burlingame will teach children how to draw native animal species. Then, using direct observation of taxidermist's animals, they will create art works in watercolor and oil pastel. A different bird or animal will be featured each week. Registration required! Call 309- 732-7360.

Heads and Hands (New!): Drawing basics for youth going into 8th through 12 grades. 2 p.m., Thursdays, June 18-July 9, Main Library

Mighty Math Club: Get wild about math. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m on Tuesdays, June 9 to July 14. Main Library Children's Room. For kids going into the 3rd through 7th grades

Drama Club: Put on a show! 1 to 3 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, June 8-July 15. Final performance is open to the public. Must register! Call 732-7360.

FEED the Beast! Book Club: 4 p.m. on **Mondays** at Main, **Wednesdays** at 30/31 Branch and **Thursdays** at Southwest Branch. The jungle is jamming' with books to read. Each week is a different style – see the schedule below. You choose the book you want to read in that style. Then come and talk with others about the books you read. Snacks provided. For kids going into 4th through 6th grades. Week of June 8th- Mystery; Week of June 15- Humor; Week of June 22- Animals; Week of June 29- Nonfiction; Week of July 6- Journals/diaries; Week of July 13- Adventure.

Weekly Storytimes: 9:30 a.m. on Mondays at Main Library; 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays at the 30/31 Branch and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Southwest Branch. Weeks of June 8- July 13. Reading and play activities for ages birth through five. Builds reading readiness! No registration required.

Scrubby Bear Visit: 9:30 a.m. on July 13 at the Main Library storytime. Meet the American Red Cross hand-washing mascot and learn how to stay healthy with Scrubby Bear's hand washing tips.

Sign-up is required for Wild about Art and Drama Club. To sign up, call 732-7360. All programs are free and open to the public. Both programs are funded by the Geifman art and drama fund of the Rock Island Public Library Foundation.

Wild about FREE Summer Reading Performers!

Niabi Zoo - Meet the animals, live and "in person" with a show from Niabi Zoo. Wednesday, June 17, at our Southwest Branch at 11 a.m. and Thursday, June 18 at our Main Library, also at 11 a.m.

Fax Gilbert: Mimes, masks and magic illusions! Experience all sorts of wild magic. Fax Gilbert uses mime, masks, magic illusions, and unique characters to create interactive stories, skits with kids and physical comedy sketches. Thursday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library.

Mad Science of Peoria: The Wild Side of Science! Experience the wild side of science with hands-on science experiments for kids ages 3 to 12. Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at our Main Library. Spark your child's imagination with experiments involving exotic animal sounds, the mad science swoosh bottle, dragon's breath and more.

DePriest Puppet Shows - See Beauty and the Beast: Award-winning puppet theater, from a master of the art with more than 40 years of puppeteering experience! Thursday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m., Main Library.

"Pinkalicious" book party, Monday, July 13, 6 p.m. at the Main Library Children's Room. Based on the "Pinkalicious" books, the party features stories, crafts and fun activities for kindergarten through 2nd grades. Wear pink!

Loony Lori - Jungle Face Painting/Balloon Animals: Wear your wild side, with paintable jungle face art for kids. Wednesday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m., Southwest Branch.

All performances are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Large groups are encouraged to call the Children's Department at 309-732-7360 with advance numbers of participants. Summer reading events and performers are listed on the library websites at www.ripl.lib.il.us or www.rockislandlibrary.org

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