

# COLOR OUR WORLD



## 2025 SUMMER CHALLENGE

  
**Fletcher  
Free  
Library**

**Burlington, VT**

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# SUMMER CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

Sign up for the "Color Our World" Summer Challenge  
all through the summer: **June 21- August 16!**

WHERE? Fletcher Free Library Kids' Area, Rec & Nutrition sites, at summer school,  
through the Beanstack app, or online at [fletcherfree.org/summer](http://fletcherfree.org/summer)



## JUNE



**The Library will be closed on Thursday, June 19  
for Juneteenth.**

### YO-YO CLUB

*SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1:00-2:00 PM*

Learn yo-yo skills from a local circus artist or show off your own tricks. Recommended for ages 8-14. Please RSVP: [fletcherfree.org/yoyo](http://fletcherfree.org/yoyo) (Main Library)

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

*MONDAYS, JUNE 2 & 9, 11:00-11:30 AM*

Start your week with storytime fun!  
Recommended for ages 2-5. (Main Library)

### SING ALONG WITH LINDA BASSICK

*TUESDAYS, JUNE 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:00-11:30 AM*

Dance, wiggle, and sing with local musician/early educator, Linda Bassick! Recommended for ages birth - 5, but all are welcome! (Main Library)

### TODDLER TIME

*WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 4 & 11, 11:00-11:30 AM*

Books, rhymes, songs, and open-ended play for toddlers & their caregivers. (Main Library)

### LEGO TIME AT THE NNE BRANCH

*SATURDAYS, JUNE 7 & 28, 11:00 AM-NOON*

Join us to design and build your very own original LEGO creations! Recommended for ages 4-11. (NNE Branch Library)

### DAD GUILD PLAYGROUP

*SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 3:30-5:00 PM*

Read books, engage in creative play, and connect with other parents. Ages birth - 5 and caregivers. (Main Library)

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

*GROUP A: SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 12:15-3:15 PM*

*GROUP B: SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 12:15-3:15 PM*

Dungeons and Dragons with DM Andrew!  
Please choose one group, A or B. Ages 9-14.  
Space limited and registration required:  
sign up/join the waitlist at [fletcherfree.org](http://fletcherfree.org).  
(Main Library)

### SUMMER CHALLENGE KICKOFF WITH VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS AND LOCAL AUTHORS

*SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 10:00 - 11:30 AM*

Sign up for the Summer Challenge and enjoy read-alouds and meet-and-greets with ballplayers, Champ, and local authors. All ages. (Main Library)

### SING ALONG WITH LINDA AT THE NNE BRANCH

*SATURDAY JUNE 21, 11:00 AM-NOON*

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### LIBRARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

*WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 6:35 pm*

Root, root, root for the home team with library staff and fellow library fans! Borrow a library pass in advance to access free admission ([fletcherfree.org/MuseumPasses](http://fletcherfree.org/MuseumPasses)), or show your library card at the box office for discounted admission. Centennial Field, 287 Colchester Avenue, Burlington. Tickets required.

### MINECRAFT CLUB AT THE NNE BRANCH

*TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 5-6:15 PM*

Drop in and meet up with fellow Minecraft enthusiasts to play together on the library's private server. Snacks will be available. Ages 7-12. (NNE Branch Library)

### READ THE RAINBOW: PRIDE STORY HOUR

*MONDAY, JUNE 30, 10:00-11:00 a.m.*

Join Fletcher Free Kids for a special storytime and art project celebrating Pride Month. Recommended for ages 2-6, but all are welcome! (Main Library)

## LIBRARY IN THE PARKS



Meet us outside! Summer Outreach staff will be visiting Burlington parks, Recreation & Nutrition sites, and schools all summer long with tons of fun activities and free books!

View full outreach schedule at:  
[fletcherfree.org/summer#outreach](http://fletcherfree.org/summer#outreach)



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# To complete the Fletcher Free Kids Summer Challenge:



- Read at least **5 hours** and/or complete at least **5 challenge activities**!
- Keep track of your reading and activities in the paper log, or on the Beanstack app ([fletcherfree.beanstack.org/reader365](https://fletcherfree.beanstack.org/reader365))
- Submit your reading log (either in-person at Fletcher Free Library or online via Beanstack) by no later than **August 16**.
- **This year, ALL participants who complete the Summer Challenge earn a prize!** Come into the library between **August 1-16** to collect your prize (first come, first served)! Prizes include Lake Champlain Chocolates, creemee coupons, and much more!
- Questions? Call the Kids' Desk at 802-865-7216 or email [fflkids@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:fflkids@burlingtonvt.gov)

# JULY



**The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4  
for Independence Day**

## SING ALONG WITH LINDA BASSICK

TUESDAYS, JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11:00-11:30 AM  
See June description. (Main Library)

## MINECRAFT CLUB AT THE NNE BRANCH

TUESDAYS, JULY 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:00-6:15 PM  
See June description. (NNE Branch Library)

## GROW PRESCHOOL YOGA

THURSDAYS, JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 11:00-11:30 AM  
Songs, movement, and other fun yoga activities! Ages 2-5.  
(Main Library)

## VERY MERRY THEATRE: "THE GREAT CIRCUS TRAIN ROBBERY" AT CITY HALL PARK

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 12:00 (noon)-1 PM

Kid spies meet many unique circus characters as they try to solve a small town mystery in this free theater performance! All ages. City Hall Park, Burlington (rain site: Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, Burlington)

## LEGO TIME AT THE NNE BRANCH

SATURDAYS, JULY 5 & 26, 11:00 AM-NOON  
See June description. (NNE Branch Library)

## YO-YO CLUB

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1:00-2:00 PM  
See June description. (Main Library)

## STORIES IN NATURE: A BTV STORYWALK® ADVENTURE

MONDAY, JULY 7, 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us at the BTV StoryWalk® in Leddy Park for a special outdoor story hour featuring our newest book installation. Recommended for ages 2-6, but all are welcome. RSVP recommended for weather/location updates.  
Rain site: NNE Branch Library.

## FROSTING FUNHOUSE: CAKE DECORATING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 6-7:15 PM

Cake decorating: where design meets delicious! Kids ages 7-12 are invited to learn tips and tricks from cake decorating pros, then create their own sweet masterpiece! All materials provided. Space limited; please register.  
(Main Library)

## How does it work?

**Challenge** yourself to complete your "Color Our World" passport by reading, writing, and completing fun activities. Submit badges through the Beanstack app, at [fletcherfree.beanstack.org](https://fletcherfree.beanstack.org), or by completing the reading log.

**Visit** the Main Library or the New North End Branch for outdoor and indoor events.

**Explore** reading material at the Main Library, the New North End Branch or online!

**Enjoy** programs inside the library and in other community spaces.

**Meet** with with library staff for activities and t-shirts (while they last) at Fletcher Free Library, Burlington schools, Burlington parks and meal sites and community centers!

**Have fun!**

## LYRIC THEATRE: "JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH" AT CONTOIS AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars—this peachy production is one you won't want to miss! Contois Auditorium (149 Church Street Burlington). All ages. Space is limited; please RSVP: [fletcherfree.short.gy/James](https://fletcherfree.short.gy/James)

## SING ALONG WITH LINDA AT THE NNE BRANCH

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 11:00 AM-NOON

See June description. (NNE Branch Library)

## DAD GUILD PLAYGROUP

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 3:30-5:00 PM

See June description. (Main Library)

## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

GROUP A: SUNDAY, JULY 13, 12:15-3:15 PM

GROUP B: SUNDAY, JULY 20, 12:15-3:15 PM

See June description. (Main Library)

## VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR PARTY

MONDAY, JULY 14, 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us for a special storytime, picnic, and art activities celebrating the iconic Eric Carle character! Recommended for children ages 2-6 and their caregivers. (Main Library)

## DIY RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES AT THE NNE BRANCH

TUESDAY, JULY 15, & FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1:30-3:00 PM

Make a chain reaction inspired by Rube Goldberg machines with materials you can find at home. Attend one or both sessions to refine your creation. Space is limited; registration required: (NNE Branch Library)



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# JULY, CONT'D

## **VERY MERRY THEATRE: "THE HOUSE AT POOH CORNER" AT CITY HALL PARK**

*THURSDAY, JULY 17, 12:00 (noon)-1:00 PM*

The second of A. A. Milne's classic Pooh books comes to life in this original Very Merry Theatre musical! All ages. City Hall Park (rain site: Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, Burlington)

## **STORIES WITH GEOFF AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*SATURDAY, JULY 19, 11:00-11:30 AM*

See June description. (NNE Branch Library)

## **YOUNG INNOVATORS KID BIZ STARTUP AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*SATURDAY, JULY 19, 4:00-6:00 PM*

Kids: Do you have a great business idea? From lemonade stands to jewelry sales, kids can earn money and gain meaningful skills through running their own Kid Biz. Join us for one of two brainstorming sessions to help you flesh out your ideas and get started building your business! Participants are invited to return to the library as vendors in November at our Library Kids' Market. Ages 7-14. Space limited; please register. (NNE Branch Library)

## **KIDS' COOKBOOK CLUB**

*SUNDAY, JULY 20, 4:00-5:30 PM*

Borrow a copy of Kids Can Cook Anything! from the Kids' desk, then come back for a potluck and cookbook discussion. Additional snacks provided. Recommended for ages 4-10 and caregivers. Space is limited; registration required. (Main Library)

## **MESSY ART MONDAY**

*MONDAY, JULY 21, 10:00-11:00 AM*

Children are invited to get messy and explore color at this active, process-oriented arts workshop! Experiment with color mixing, painting with toy cars, salad spinner art, relief painting and more! Recommended for ages 3-6 with caregiver. (Main Library)

## **FAMILY PORTRAIT PAINTING**

*WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 5:30-7:00 PM*

Kids and their grown-up paint portraits of each other in this paired activity. Take your art home to keep after a gallery walk to admire everyone's work! Painting materials and snacks provided. Ages 7-12 with caregiver. (Main Library)

## **ARTFUL GARDEN PARTY AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*MONDAY, JULY 28, 10:00-11:00 AM*

Join us for a special morning of garden-inspired stories and art making, using flowers and natural materials! Snacks provided. Recommended for ages 2-8 with caregiver. (NNE Branch Library)

## **ALYX THE MAGICIAN**

*WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 12:00 PM (noon)*

Alyx is back with more delightful illusions and lots of magical fun! All ages. (Main Library)

# AUGUST



**The Library will be closed on Friday, August 15  
for Bennington Battle Day**

## **YO-YO CLUB**

*SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1:00-2:00 PM*

See June description. (Main Library)

## **COLORFUL CREATURE SUPERPOWERS AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 10:00-11:00 AM*

Animals use colors in many fascinating ways--to blend in, to stand out, even to trick others! Children are invited to this special storytime and art workshop celebrating colorful creatures. Recommended for ages 2-8 with caregiver. (NNE Branch Library)

## **SING ALONG WITH LINDA BASSICK**

*TUESDAYS, AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 11:00-11:30 AM*

See June description. (Main Library)

## **CLIF STORYTIME AND BOOK GIVEAWAY**

*TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM (noon)*

Delight in the power of words as author/illustrator Lorian Tu from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) shares stories that celebrate our colorful world. Every child leaves with a brand-new book to keep! Recommended for ages 5 & up. (Main Library)

## **YOUNG INNOVATORS KID BIZ STARTUP AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 4:00-6:00 PM*

See July program description. Ages 7-12. Space limited; please register. (NNE Branch Library)

## **PRINTMAKERS' WORKSHOP: RELIEF PRINTS**

*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 6:00-7:00 PM*

Create custom cards, bookmarks, and more while learning printmaking techniques! Ages 7-12. Space limited; please register. (Main Library)

## **YO-YO GUY**

*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1:30 PM*

Join us for an unforgettable show as world-class yo-yo expert John Higby spins, flips, and cracks jokes faster than you can say "walk the dog." All ages. (Main Library)

## **CRAFTING TREASURES: DECOUPAGE BOXES**

*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:00-7:30 PM*

Use decoupage techniques and discarded books and magazines to make a one-of-a-kind treasure box to store your prized possessions. Ages 7-12. Space limited; please register. (Main Library)

## **GROW PRESCHOOL YOGA**

*THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 11:00-11:30 AM*

See July description. (Main Library)

## **SING ALONG WITH LINDA AT THE NNE BRANCH**

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 11:00-11:30 AM*

See June description. (NNE Branch Library)