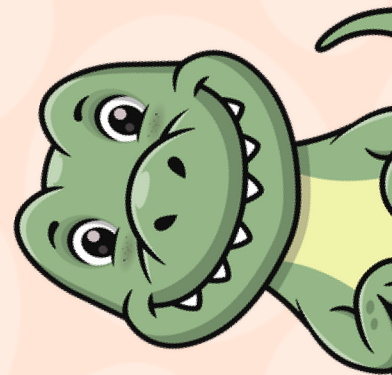
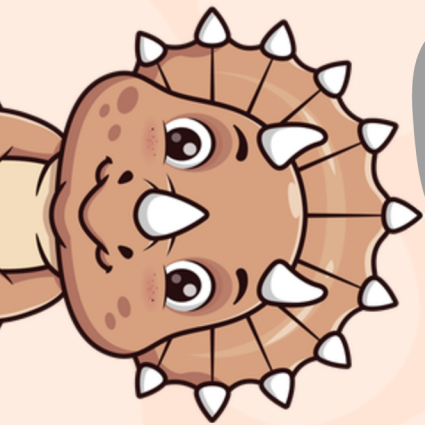


READ MORE
AND



ROAR!

with the

**Norfolk Public
Library Dinosaurs**

Join the Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program

WHAT IS SRP?

What is the Summer Reading Program?

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) is an initiative headed by the Library of Virginia that helps public libraries encourage reading and Lifelong Learning. Our SRP is supported by the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library!

What is the Summer 2026 theme?

The Summer 2026 Theme is Unearth a Story. Dinosaurs, paleontology and archaeology are high-interest topic areas for children and adults, which spark curiosity, imagination and learning.

How is Norfolk Public Library participating?

From **June 6 to Aug. 1**, discover all the ways that reading can inspire. Register on Beanstack to track your reading progress and be entered to win our awesome archaeological-themed weekly prizes! Visit your local branch to find out how youth can enter to win their dinosaur mascot.

We'll help your young ones practice their reading, listening and learning skills over the summer by encouraging them to read, log minutes and attend programs. Kids can gain and maintain valuable skills all summer long!

Express your love of reading and lifelong learning. Whether it's by physical book, ebook, magazine, audiobook or more, we can help encourage lifelong literacy with reading prizes, performers and Beanstack goals.

Read more and ROAR with us this summer!



HOW TO LOG YOUR READING MINUTES

The Importance of Reading

Avoid the Summer Slump! Children who regularly read during the summer break maintain or even enhance their reading skills.



Beanstack

Enroll in Beanstack to take part in the summer fun! The more books you explore, the higher your chances of winning prizes. To access Beanstack, download the Beanstack app from your app store. Once on the app, search for Norfolk Public Library (VA).

How It Works

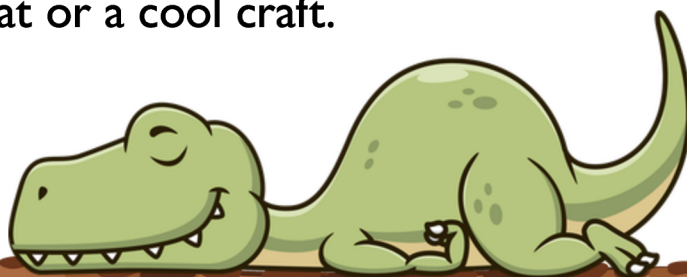
- 1 Log into your account on the NPL Beanstack site or the Beanstack app.
- 2 Participate in Norfolk Public Library's Reading Challenge (opens June 6).
- 3 Read and record your minutes to be entered into a weekly drawing to win great prizes!

Scan to
download Beanstack!



Tasty Treats & Cool Crafts!

Each week when you visit your local Norfolk Public Library branch, pick up a grab-bag filled with a tasty treat or a cool craft.





YOUTH SRP PRIZES

Log the weekly reading minute goals in Beanstack to be entered in our prize drawings.

YOUTH PRIZES



Week One: 25 mins

Pottery Wheel or Sand Dough Pottery Press



Week Two: 50 mins

2-1 Target Toss or Refresh Sports Boomerang

Week Three: 75 mins

Electronic Drum Set or Rainbow Roll-Up Piano



Week Four: 100 mins

Splash Pad or Dinosaur Sprinkler



Week Five: 150 mins

Dinosaur Terrarium Kit or Jumbo Volcano Kit

Week Six: 200 mins

Lego Dinosaur Missions: Allosaurus Transport Truck or Max Dino Adventure Dino Hunt



Week Seven: 250 mins

Nostalgia 4 qt Parlor Ice Cream Maker or The Real Cotton Candy Maker



Week Eight: 300 mins

National Geographic Rock Tumbler or 3D Asteroid Crystal Cavern

Grand Prize

OMMO Metal Detector, Excavate & Discover Layers of the Past Kit and Science of Crystal Growing Kits



All youth patrons who register on Beanstack can enter to win their home branch's dinosaur plush! Stop by your local library to find out how.



ADULT SRP PRIZES



Adults can win too! Log the weekly reading minute goals in Beanstack to be entered in our prize drawings.

ADULT PRIZES

Week One (Music Aficionado): 25 mins

High-Res Wired Headphones, Wireless Induction Speaker & Portable Karaoke

Week Two (Gardening Enthusiast): 50 mins

Basil and Mint Garden Jars & 8-Piece Garden Tools Set



Week Three (Grill Master): 75 mins

BBQ Grill Set, Smokehouse BBQ Rub Set & BBQ Apron Set

Week Four (Stationary & Scrapbooking): 100 mins

Book Stand, Birdie Sticky Notes, Phomemo Sticker Printer, Sharpie S-Note Creative Markers & 60-Page Scrapbook Album



Week Five (Rest & Relaxation): 150 mins

Weighted Blanket, Adult Coloring Book with Coloring Pencils & "Our Happy Place" 500-Piece Jigsaw Puzzle

Week Six (DIY Crafter): 200 mins

Bamboo Turntable Kit & DIY Corner Bookstore



Week Seven (Top Chef): 250 mins

Electric Salt and Pepper Shakers, Meat Thermometer, Pro Chopper, Glass Oil Sprayer & Cutting Board

Week Eight (Archaeology Discovery): 300 mins

Archeos Society Board Game & 7 Wonders Board Game



Grand Prize

LEGO Icons Natural History Museum



FREE
PERFORMANCES!

EVENTS



June 1 – 30

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt
Little Creek Branch

June 1 – Aug. 31

Importance of Chapter Books
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Wednesday, June 3

12:30 p.m. – Glow in the Dark Eggs
Blyden Branch

1 p.m. – Disguise a Dinosaur
Little Creek Branch

Thursday, June 4

3:30 p.m. – Dig Into Summer
Lafayette Branch

Friday, June 5

1 p.m. – Make Your Own Fossil
Lafayette Branch

4 p.m. – Dinosaur Origami
Park Place Branch

Saturday, June 6

10:30 a.m. – SRP Kickoff!
Downtown Branch at Slover

11 a.m. – Jurassic Journey
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

11:30 a.m. – SRP Kick Off
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

2 p.m. – Dinosaur Keychains
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Monday, June 8

11 a.m. – Best Friend's Day Picnic
Van Wyck Branch



June 8 – 13

1 p.m. – Digging Dino Discovery Box
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Tuesday, June 9

11 a.m. – Rob Westcott Magic
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

3 p.m. – Dino Skeleton Treat Time
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Wednesday, June 10

11 a.m. – Susan's Fabulous Balloon Show

Barron F. Black Branch

11 a.m. – Tidewater Skate Shop
Van Wyck Branch

1 p.m. – Comics and Graphic Novels

Little Creek Branch

1 p.m. – Make Comics Now
Park Place Branch

Thursday, June 11

1 p.m. – Earth Science Experiments

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

1 p.m. – Homeschool Q&A
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Friday, June 12

1 p.m. – Cookie Excavation
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

1:30 p.m. – Dinosaur Keychains
Blyden Branch

3:30 p.m. – Dinosaur Keychains
Van Wyck Branch

Saturday, June 13

10 a.m. – Reading with the Tides

Downtown Branch at Slover

10 a.m. – Backyard Barnyard Petting Zoo

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

Noon – Dinosaur Earrings

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

2 p.m. – Make Your Own Fossil
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Tuesday, June 16

10:30 a.m. – Dinosaurs in the Garden

Lafayette Branch

1 p.m. – Write Like an Egyptian
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

Wednesday, June 17

11 a.m. – Tidewater

Skate Shop

Barron F. Black Branch

11 a.m. – Magician: Rob Westcott

Van Wyck Branch

1 p.m. – Balloon Creatures with Susan!

Little Creek Branch

2 p.m. – Coil Bowl

Blyden Branch

4 p.m. – Calm Kids Yoga
Park Place Branch



BY DATE

FREE
PERFORMANCES!

Thursday, June 18

4 p.m. – **Dueling Dinos:
Round One**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

Tuesday, June 23

10:30 a.m. – **Children’s
Museum Visit**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial
3 p.m. – **Dino Food: Dino
‘Dirt’ Treat Cups**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Wednesday, June 24

11 a.m. – **Drum Your Dream**
Barron F. Black Branch
11 a.m. – **Drumming
FUNdamentals**
Van Wyck Branch
1 p.m. – **Bookmarks with the
Chrysler Museum**
Little Creek Branch
1 p.m. – **Nature in Action**
Park Place Branch

Thursday, June 25

3:30 p.m. – **I Dig Reading: Magic**
Lafayette Branch
4 p.m. – **Dueling Dinos:
Round One**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
4 p.m. – **Henna Workshop**
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch
6 p.m. – **Ultimate Dino-Battles**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Friday, June 26

2 p.m. – **Make Your Own Fossil**
Van Wyck Branch
4 p.m. – **Sculpey Dinosaurs**
Park Place Branch

Saturday, June 27

10:30 a.m. – **Mermaid Storytime**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
2 p.m. – **Dinosaur Origami**
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Tuesday, June 30

11 a.m. – **Books and Ballet
with Ballet Virginia**
Downtown Branch at Slover
1 p.m. – **Dig Into the Past**
Blyden Branch
2 p.m. – **Dino Faux Stained
Glass Workshop**
Downtown Branch at Slover

Wednesday, July 1

11 a.m. – **Ozobots**
Downtown Branch at Slover
11 a.m. – **Rob Westcott Magic**
Barron F. Black Branch
1 p.m. – **Dancing Fairytales**
Park Place Branch
1 p.m. – **I Dig Reading
Magic Show**
Little Creek Branch

Thursday, July 2

2 p.m. – **Rob Westcott Magic**
Janaf Branch

Monday, July 6

4:30 p.m. – **Dig into Yoga**
Lafayette Branch

Tuesday, July 7

2 p.m. – **Teeny Tiny Farm**
Blyden Branch
3 p.m. – **D.I.Y. Treasure Box**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Wednesday, July 8

11 a.m. – **757Spidey’s
Superhero Storytime**
Barron F. Black Branch
11 a.m. – **Teeny Tiny Farm:
Baby Animals**
Van Wyck Branch
1 p.m. – **Kaleidoscope Craft**
Little Creek Branch
4 p.m. – **Suicing for Treasure**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial
4 p.m. – **Princess Storytime**
Park Place Branch

Thursday, July 9

11 a.m. – **Rattling Reptilians!**
Blyden Branch
2 p.m. – **Calm Kids Yoga**
Janaf Branch
4 p.m. – **Relax and Craft:
Polymer Clay**
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Friday, July 10

1 p.m. – **Dinosaur Earrings**
Van Wyck Branch
2 p.m. – **Dueling Dinos:
Round Two**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
3 p.m. – **Dinosaur Keychains**
Little Creek Branch



**FREE
PERFORMANCES!**

EVENTS

Saturday, July 11

**11 a.m. – Dig Reading
Magic Show**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
2 p.m. – Dinosaur Keychains
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Tuesday, July 14

1 p.m. – Field Day
Blyden Branch

Wednesday, July 15

11 a.m. – JB's Rattles
Barron F. Black Branch
**11 a.m. – Balloon Creatures
by Susan**
Van Wyck Branch
**1 p.m. – Mad Science: Up, Up
and Away!**
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch
1 p.m. – Calm Kids Yoga
Little Creek Branch
1 p.m. – Plants 101
Park Place Branch
5 p.m. – Sarah's Art Party
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Thursday, July 16

**10:30 a.m. – Land Before Time
Baby Rave**
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch
**11 a.m. – Reptile Show with
JB's Rattles**
Downtown Branch at Slover
2 p.m. – Dino Day
Janaf Branch
3:30 p.m. – Paleo Treasure Dig
Lafayette Branch

Friday, July 17

**2 p.m. – Dueling Dinosaurs:
Round Two**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
Noon – Make Your Own Fossil
Little Creek Branch
**1 p.m. – Presto Prehistoric
Comedy and Magic**
Richard A. Tucker Memorial
3 p.m. – Make Your Own Fossil
Blyden Branch
3:30 p.m. – Dana Hill Magic
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Saturday, July 18

**11 a.m. – The Really Big
Dinosaur Show!**
Downtown Branch at Slover
**11 a.m. – Spin, Pop, Boom!
Science Show**
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
2 p.m. – Dinosaur Earrings
Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Monday, July 20

**11 a.m. – Spacecraft
Challenge**
Downtown Branch at Slover
1 p.m. – Dinosaur Discovery
Blyden Branch
**4:30 p.m. – Summer
Soundbath & Meditation**
Lafayette Branch

Tuesday, July 21

1 p.m. – Balloons by Susan
Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Wednesday, July 22

11 a.m. – Princess Storytime
Barron F. Black Branch
**1 p.m. – Mixed
Media Interactive**
Park Place Branch
**2 p.m. – Dino
Stop-Motion Animation**
Downtown Branch at Slover

Thursday, July 23

2 p.m. – Clay Succulent Pal
Janaf Branch

Friday, July 24

Noon – Sculpey Dinosaurs
Lafayette Branch
1 p.m. – Pasta Paleontology
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch
2 p.m. – Dinosaur Origami
Van Wyck Branch
4 p.m. – Make Your Own Fossil
Park Place Branch



BY DATE

FREE
PERFORMANCES!

Saturday, July 25

11 a.m. – 1 Dig Reading!
Magic Show

Downtown Branch at Slover

11 a.m. – Make Your
Own Fossil

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

2 p.m. – Design a Dino Head
Wall Mount

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Tuesday, July 28

1 p.m. – Pottery Puzzle Hunt
Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

Wednesday, July 29

11 a.m. – JB's Rattles

Van Wyck Branch

11 a.m. – 3rd Annual
Block Party

Barron F. Black Branch

1 p.m. – Lights, Color,
Action Workshop

Little Creek Branch

Thursday, July 30

2 p.m. – Teeny Tiny Farm

Janaf Branch

Friday, July 31

Noon – Dinosaur Earrings

Little Creek Branch

1 p.m. – Dino Bingo

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

3 p.m. – Design a Dino
Head Wall Mount

Blyden Branch

3:30 p.m. – Unearth a
Celebration!

Park Place Branch

Saturday, Aug. 1

Noon – Dinosaur Origami

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

2 p.m. – Sculpey Dinosaurs

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 4

3 p.m. – Create Your Creature:

Dinosaur Edition

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Wednesday, Aug. 5

1 p.m. – Articulated

Paper Dolls

Little Creek Branch

Thursday, Aug. 6

3 p.m. – Relax and Craft:

Perler Beads

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Friday, Aug. 7

1 p.m. – Design a Dino Head
Wall Mount

Van Wyck Branch

3 p.m. – Dinosaur Origami

Little Creek Branch

Friday, Aug. 14

1 p.m. – Design a Dino Head
Wall Mount

Little Creek Branch

4 p.m. – Dinosaur Keychains

Park Place Branch

Saturday, Aug. 15

2 p.m. – Sculpey Dinosaurs

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 19

1 p.m. – Slime Party

Little Creek Branch

3 p.m. – Learn to be
a Magician

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

Thursday, Aug. 20

11 a.m. – Dinosaur Puppet
Storytime & Craft

Richard A. Tucker Memorial



TASTY TREATS & COOL CRAFTS!

Stop by your local branch each week during the Summer Reading Program for a sweet treat or fun craft!



Week One: June 6 – 12
Dino Wind Chimes (unpainted)



Week Two: June 13 – 19
Binocular Craft Tube



Week Three: June 20 – 26
Rice Krispies Treats



Week Four: June 27 – July 3
American Flag Craft Stick Banner



Week Five: July 4 – 10
Dino Lollipops/Tattoo Suckers



Week Six: July 11 – 17
DIY Mosaic Flowers



Week Seven: July 18 – 24
Break-Your-Own Geodes



Week Eight: July 25 – Aug. 1
Fla-Vor-Ice Freezer Fruit Ice Pops

SUMMER MEALS & FREE BOOKS

NPL is providing **free USDA approved meals** and **free books** for all children 18-and-under from **June 8 – Aug. 14.**

Barron F. Black Branch

M-F @ noon to 1 p.m.

Blyden Branch

M-F @ noon to 1 p.m.

Downtown Branch at Slover

M-F @ noon to 1 p.m.

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch

M-F @ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

T-F @ 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Starting on 6/9)



Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

M-F @ 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

(Ending on 7/31)



Books generously funded by The Friends of the Norfolk Public Library.



DYNAMIC SPACES TO LEARN AND GROW

KidZones

Visit our KidZones! These are spaces where parents and children can bond through uninterrupted play, meet new friends and discover valuable skills.

Located at all NPL Branches.

Playscapes

Playscapes are stimulating environments where infants can develop essential gross motor skills through floor play.

Start your play time today!

Located at Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch, Downtown Branch at Slover and Richard A. Tucker Memorial.

Teen Zones

Hang out at these dynamic spaces with computer labs, gaming lounges, musical instruments, collaborative study rooms and chill lounge areas.

Located at Barron F. Black, Downtown Branch at Slover, Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch, Lafayette, Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch & Park Place.



DYNAMIC SPACES TO LEARN AND GROW

Randi Marston Peterson Maker Studio

Create, learn, play and explore with high-quality equipment. The RMP Maker Studio has five areas: Recording, Photo/Video, Gaming, Crafting, Textiles and Coding/Robotics. There are also programs held in the Studio!

Located at Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch.

Art Studios

Bring your family and explore your artistic side with our wide range of supplies from painting to sewing. What masterpiece will you create?

Located at Downtown Branch at Slover and Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch.

The Learning Garden at Tucker (Coming Soon)

An outdoor play area that introduces STREAM activities to children. The space will have five stations: Create and Imagine, Showcase and Grow, Gather and Play, Hear and Learn & Experience and Explore.

Located at Richard A. Tucker Memorial.



FREE BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Express Book Nooks & Little Free Libraries

Pick up free books at locations across the City of Norfolk!

<https://www.norfolk.gov/6180/FNPL-Little-Free-Libraries>



TumbleBooks and Miss Humblebee's Academy

These are online databases that we offer with exciting resources for youth!

For more information, visit <https://www.norfolk.gov/6208/Digital-Library>



STAYING ENGAGED

Early Literacy Programs

Norfolk Public Library is a Family Place Library.

We offer five 'Early Literacy' programs based on the Family Place model:

**Babygarten, 1-2-3 Play with Me, Toddler Time,
KinderSTEM and Build Bash.**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Elevate your child's success with Bluey and Friends!

We're encouraging children who are not yet enrolled in Kindergarten, along with their families and caregivers, to read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and become lifelong learners.

<https://www.norfolk.gov/6270/1000-Books-Before-Kindergarten>

Tales to Tails

Designed for struggling readers, kids can read to non-judgemental therapy dogs to develop confidence in their reading skills. Sponsored by the Friends of the Norfolk Public Library.

<https://www.norfolk.gov/6277/Tales-to-Tails>





THANK YOU!

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The Friends of The Norfolk Public Library

The Library of Virginia

The Norfolk Public Library Foundation

Norfolk Public Schools School Nutrition Department



LOCATIONS

Barron F. Black Branch

6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive
757-441-5806

Blyden Branch

879 E. Princess Anne Road
757-441-2852

Downtown Branch at Slover

235 E. Plume St.
757-431-7491

Janaf Branch

124 Janaf Shopping Center
757-441-5660

Jordan-Newby Anchor Branch Library at Broad Creek

1425 Norchester Ave.
757-823-4800

Lafayette Branch

1610 Cromwell Drive
757-441-2842

Larchmont Branch

(Closed for renovations)
6525 Hampton Blvd.
757-441-5335

Little Creek Branch

7853 Tarpon Place
757-441-1751

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch

111 W. Ocean View Ave.
757-441-1750

Park Place Branch

620 W. 29th St.
757-664-7330

Richard A. Tucker Memorial

2350 Berkley Ave. EXT
757-823-4200

Van Wyck Branch

1368 DeBree Avenue
757-441-2844

