

Hutchinson Public Library

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Excitement and fun await those who journey to the Hutchinson Public Library and participate in the summer reading program, ***Reading Takes You Everywhere***. The summer reading program is simple: in addition to reading great books, library patrons can participate in exciting programs and earn prizes. Program registration begins June 4-9 and you have until August 31 to collect your prizes. So whether you want to participate in the children's program, ages 2-12, or the teen program, ages 13-18, sign up to see where reading will take ***you***.

Here are just a few of the events planned for you to enjoy this summer:

**Stories in the Park** will be held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. from June 14-August 9. Pre-school and early elementary children along with caregivers will enjoy books and other activities together. Bring a blanket to the park in front of the library and join our guest readers. Pre-registration is not required, but shady spots go quickly.



**The library and 4-H are working together again this year to bring you the following programs:**

**Animal Talks** will be an experience filled with stories and facts from around the world that will be sure to keep you guessing throughout the entire program. I

wonder what animals will come visit us this year. Come and see! Thursday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. at the Hutchinson Library Square. *Rain Location: Agribition Building, McLeod County Fairgrounds*

**Mad Science of Minnesota** Big Top Science – This spectacular special event depends on the location and weather that day. We'll do all kinds of silly science magic. It may be a fountain of sticky soda or an avalanche of bubbles. Whatever happens, it's bound to be messy! Thursday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. at the Hutchinson Library Square. *Rain Location: Agribition Building, McLeod County Fairgrounds*



**Ralph's World** added us to his summer musical tour. His exciting live performance will be June 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Hutchinson Library Square. There may even be dancing! Rain location is McLeod County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building.

**Schiffelly Puppets** presented by the Friends of the Library for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row! "The Little Mermaid." A mystery under the sea? Something smells fishy to me. Join Ariel, King Triton and other underwater friends as they try and teach the evil Ursula a lesson about bullying. Enjoy this family friendly parody of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale filled with humor and plenty of audience participation. Once again the show will be hosted by State Theatre at 35 Washington Ave E. Please no outside food or drink.



**R.E.A.D.** Kids, grab your favorite book or choose one at the library and enjoy reading to a registered therapy dog or a therapy rabbit. We are offering the R.E.A.D. program to a limited number of children on Thursday evenings from June 21-July 26. This fills up fast! Sign up will be held June 4-9.

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a very simple program with a huge payoff. Kids may sign up at the library any time from birth until they begin kindergarten. Let's make sure each child in Hutchinson has at least a 1000 books read to

them before they start kindergarten. There are lots of reading and prizes with this program. Come check it out!

**Teen Advisory Board:** We're looking for teen voices! Meet with the Teen Services Librarian to share your ideas, thoughts, and opinions about teen materials, programs, and events. Learn leadership skills and earn volunteer hours. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-5 p.m. No registration is required.



**Maker-Space Club:** Join area tweens & teens in creating various arts, crafts, and STEM projects. Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room. All supplies and a snack will be provided. Please register for each meeting at the Hutchinson Public Library.

**Coding Club:** Tweens and teens meet to learn how to code using a variety of self-paced, self-taught online programs. Learn individually and as a group with peers to create interactive stories, games, animations, apps, and more. Let's build something awesome! Starts on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and continues every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, from 4-6 p.m. To guarantee computer access please register OR bring your own laptop or tablet.

Check out the library's Teen Corner for more awesome activities and programs!



To learn more about our fun summer program please contact Sherry Lund, Children's Librarian or Rachelle Golde, Teen Services Librarian at 320-587-2368, or email [sherry.lund@pioneerland.lib.mn.us](mailto:sherry.lund@pioneerland.lib.mn.us) or [rachelle.golde@pioneerland.lib.mn.us](mailto:rachelle.golde@pioneerland.lib.mn.us). You may also contact us through the web site: <http://www.hutchinson.lib.mn.us> . "Check us out" on Facebook or Twitter. These programs are free and open to children of all abilities. Our library is committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for all families. Hutchinson Public Library hours are Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. & Friday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.