

EVENT REGISTRATION

Registration for events this year is easier than ever—use our revamped, refreshed website, www.ransomlibrary.org! When you find the event on the calendar, simply press the *Register* button to go directly to the registration form. You can also contact us through Facebook Messenger, by phone at 269.685.8024 or by email at RDLYouthservices@gmail.com.

Events requiring registration will be marked with this shark:



Preschool and Elementary Kickoff Event Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ahoy, matey! It's time to release your inner pirate! Create your pirate persona, including a name, costume pieces, a parrot for your arm and (temporary) tattoos! There will be games to play as well. A special prize will be given to everyone who arrives in costume.

Save Our Oceans Thursday, June 16, 2-3 p.m.

Even though we are not near an ocean, our rivers and lakes flow to the sea eventually. Discover why it is important to protect our ecosystems by conserving water and reducing waste. Learn about the links between land and sea animals with **LIVE AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES!**

Fish Eyes: Story and Art Experience Monday, June 20, 2-3 p.m.

Listen to the story *Fish Eyes* by Lois Ehlert, then recreate the illustrator's style in your own art project.

SCUBA & Magic with Mr. Jim Tuesday, June 21, 1-2 p.m.

Mr. Jim Merrills, a Michigan magician, has enjoyed snorkeling and diving as a hobby all over the world. This fun-filled family program will introduce children to snorkeling & diving, with hands-on gear, a collection of sea shells, photos of his favorite water creatures, and MAGIC!

Find the Sea Turtle's Nest Wednesday, June 22, 11:15-noon (right after Story time)

Help Mother Turtle find where she laid her eggs in this scavenger hunt activity for our littlest library users.

Thar She Blows! Tuesday, June 28, 2-4 p.m.

Try making some "blow art," where you paint by blowing through a straw. Painting with bubbles will also be an option. This is a drop-in style event on the Children's Patio.

Story Time Art Detectives with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Wednesday, June 29, 10:30-11 a.m.

Join Arty Mouse as he reads *Blob* by Anne Appert. Arty will also share some of his favorite works from the KIA's collection before helping you make your own work of art. Together, we will discover that Blob - and art - can be anything!

Shipbuilder's Makerspace Thursday, June 30, 1-3 p.m. For school-age children and teens

Use our supplies to create your own water transportation. This is a drop-in style event.

Pirates of the Great Lakes Thursday, July 7, 7-8 p.m. All ages welcome.

Join us to hear about the exploits of pirates Dan Seavy and Jessie Strang.

Elementary Kids Scavenger Hunt Friday, July 8, 1-2:30 p.m.

Follow the clues to find the hidden treasure. Bring a friend!

An Ocean of Possibilities with the Air Zoo Monday, July 11, 1-2 p.m.

Dive into the ocean with the Air Zoo! Learn about a variety of sea creatures who call the ocean home, experiment with buoyancy and locomotion techniques, and create a marine critter to take home! Please register.

DATE CHANGE! Air-Dry Clay Ocean Creatures Thursday, July 14, 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 8—up.

Make fun aquatic 3-D sculptures with lightweight, colorful clay. Take them home the same day! Please register.

Movie: My Octopus Teacher Friday, July 15, 1-3 p.m.

A filmmaker begins scuba diving and meets a friendly, curious female octopus. He follows her daily for nearly a year. She plays with him and allows him into her world to see how she sleeps, lives, and eats. This film is beautiful, informative and fascinating. Don't miss it!

Coral Reef: story and art experience Thursday, July 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

Listen to the story *Coral Reef* by Jason Chin, then recreate the illustrator's style in your own art project.

Alex Thomas & Friends Puppet Show Wednesday, July 27, 5-6 p.m.

These zany Muppet-style puppets share jokes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun, and are sure to bring your imagination to life. Kids can meet the puppets after the show, too. This family event will appeal to all ages.



DATE CHANGE! Make a Fish with Cathy Green Thursday, July 28, 2-3:30 p.m. Limit 20 participants, age 8-up.

Make a clay fish in the slab style in this fun class, run by local ceramicist and Plainwell Arts Council member Cathy Green. Please register for this program.

Pirate Story Trivia Contest: Fish by Gregory Mone Tuesday, August 2, 1-2 p.m.

Read the book, remember the details and win! A fishy prize will go to the champion. There are lots of copies of this book for you to read; ask at the desk to get one.

Pond Water Under the Microscope Thursday, August 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Drop in to look through a microscope and see a world invisible to your eyes.



Light Up Angler Fish Tuesday, August 9, 2-3 p.m.

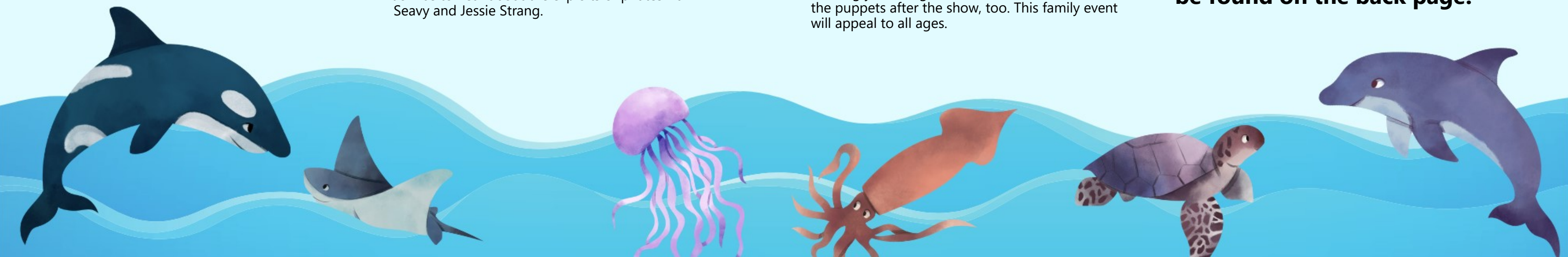
Make a simple circuit and watch this deep sea creature light up in search of prey. This activity requires fine motor skills—not recommended for children who are not of school age. Please register.



Pool Party Summer Finale Thursday, August 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m. For children in grades 1-5 ONLY

Come to the Plainwell Community Pool for water games, delicious snacks and prizes to finish off the summer's fun. Pool regulations require that only children entering grades 1-5 participate in this activity.

More event information can be found on the back page.



Story Time

Wednesdays, June 15—August 17 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Enjoy three stories, fun movement activities, songs, and shaker accompaniment.

Preschool Crafts

Ocean-themed crafts will be available in the JBS Children's Discovery Library immediately after Story Time each week.

Build-o-Rama

Monday, June 27, 3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19, 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10 3-4 p.m.

Create something ocean-themed with our Legos this summer: try a boat, a creature, or even Atlantis!

Pop Up Library Fun!

Many more activities are being planned on a "pop-up" basis. Look for these fun surprises throughout the summer!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program can be tracked through READSquared. Just register your preschooler and record the stories they listen to through the app! The paper version is still available as well.

Oceans of Possibilities

Summer 2022 Kids' Reading Program

Registration begins Monday, June 6.

Prizes will be available until Friday, August 26.

Two ways to play!

The online approach:

Sign up at rdlreads.readsquared.com. It's easy to use, and comes with its own app so you can log reading from wherever you are! This year's program features a bingo board to complete. Complete rows and earn badges for reading, attending events and completing missions. Badges make you eligible for prizes! Parents can create a login that manages their whole family, which is particularly convenient if you have young children.

The analog option:

If you don't want to track books online, we have copies of the bingo board and a "punch card" for missions and events that your child participates in throughout the summer. This analog version will be rewarded in the same way as the online method.

The Competition (optional):

Many children enjoyed the competition of tracking their reading to see who could complete the most pages in the summer. This will be offered again for *kids and teens only*, since they are the age groups that are capable of reading independently. If your child wishes to participate but you do not want them online, there is a paper tracking sheet available.

The Prizes:

There is a prize included with registration. Once you have read 5 books, you earn a mini plush ocean animal! Everyone can also earn "doubloons" (pirate coins) this year. Cash them in for a selection of prizes. There will be random prize drawings throughout the summer, and children who participate in the reading competition will aim for these three top prizes:

1st place: Lego fish tank building set

2nd place: Remote control whale shark water toy

3rd place: Aqualin, a 2 player board game

Take a look at the prizes in the Library's lobby showcase.



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