

Hitchcock Herald

News from the Hitchcock Museum & Library in Westfield, VT



A World of Adventure at Your Library

There's a misconception that "going on an adventure" means taking a big trip to somewhere far away. While I'm a fan of those adventures, my favorite adventures are on a much smaller scale. For example, simply going to work at the Hitchcock, with its various animals from around the world, can feel like going on a safari - and I didn't even have to leave Westfield!

Of course, my absolute favorite adventure is the one I can take with a book or tablet in my hands when I disappear into a good story. That's why I'm so excited about this year's summer reading theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library." This issue of the Hitchcock Herald is all about how you and the youth in your life can participate in the Hitchcock's 2024 Summer Reading Program. There will be reading adventures, reptile adventures, and more!

Whether you take a big vacation this summer or simply have a "staycation," I hope you have a marvelous adventure.

Yours,

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Summer Reading at the Hitchcock!

Summer is right around the corner, and that means that the Hitchcock is gearing up for its Summer Reading Program (SRP!) This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and we're looking forward to offering local youth a few wonderful adventures through reading and in-person experiences from June 25 to August 13.

The 2024 Hitchcock SRP is open to Jay, Westfield, and other local youth aged 6-12 and is completely free. Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School students in grades K-6 will receive an SRP bag with an informational letter, a reading log, a bookmark, and some other goodies through their school librarian towards the end of the school year, and parents/guardians can officially register their child via an online form or by stopping by the library. Older students can be registered this way as well and can receive their SRP bags by stopping by the library.



The official kick-off event for the SRP will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at 5pm (see article below!) After this event, SRP participants are welcome to stop by the library once a week with their reading logs to show the librarian and receive a prize for their progress. Photos of logs can also be emailed to the librarian and prizes can be picked up at parent/guardian convenience. A final celebration will be held mid-August to celebrate participants and the end of summer!

More information will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, feel free to call (802-744-8258) or email (hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com) with any questions!

Summer Reading Kick-Off with 802 Reptiles

We are thrilled to announce that the Hitchcock's FREE summer reading kick-off event will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 5:00pm! This program is open to everyone (not just summer reading participants.) An RSVP would be appreciated - stop by the library, call (802-744-8258) or email (hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com) to do so!

Kevin Clarkson of 802 Reptiles will be at the library for a one-hour reptile presentation. Various reptiles from around the world will be presented in a show-and-tell format. There will be time at the conclusion of the event for a question and answer session with Kevin as well as time for you to take a picture holding one of the animals!



Free pizza and drinks will be served at the end of the presentation, and any eligible student who hasn't registered for the summer reading program will be able to do so. We hope to see you there!

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