

Summer Learning

Now is the time to begin thinking about keeping the brain stimulated as well as the body moving over the summer months. The summer months are a great time for learning and enrichment activities. Summer is a time for relaxing and having fun, but be we can also balance the fun with the learning!

Parents: If you are looking for book lists, titles, or ideas for summer reading, please feel free to contact me anytime - Traci Newhouse tnewhous@sowashco.org or 651.425.3664

Park Grove Library

7900 Hemingway Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN

Monday – Thursday 9:30-8pm

Friday & Saturday 9:30-5pm

Sunday 1:00-5pm

Check the website for SUMMER reading opportunities and the EVENT calendar!

R. H. Stafford Library

8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, Minnesota

Preschool Storytime - Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-10:55 a.m.

For children preschool through kindergarten age and their caregivers. Stories, songs and fingerplays to encourage the development of early literacy skills. Siblings welcome.

Toddler Storytime - Tuesday, 10:30-10:55 a.m.

For children toddler age and their caregivers. Stories, songs and fingerplays to encourage the development of early literacy skills. Siblings welcome.

Baby Storytime - Wednesdays, 10:30-11:05 a.m.

For children from birth-2 years and their caregivers. Books, songs and fingerplays to encourage the development of early literacy skills. Followed by short play time. Siblings welcome.

Splash Pad Storytime

Join Woodbury Parks and Recreation along with the Washington County Library for Storytime at HealthEast Sports Center's Splash Pad! Each Storytime will include three or four stories, songs, rhymes and finger-plays. Storytime lasts roughly 30 minutes and will be canceled due to inclement weather. Geared toward toddlers and preschoolers, but children of all ages are welcome

HealthEast Sports Center, Splash Pad

Fridays, June 12, July 12, Aug. 9

10 a.m.

Free

Lions' Bandshell @ Ojibway Park Woodbury

Friday, June 14	11 a.m.	Tricia and the Toonies Environmental Sing-along
Friday, July 12	11 a.m.	U of M Raptor Center Bald Eagle Raptor Center
Friday, Aug. 2	11 a.m.	Mary Hall show for Pipsqueaks Kids music show

City of Cottage Grove

Check the City of Cottage Grove website for all sorts of great summer fun.
<http://www.cottage-grove.org/recreation>

CATCH OF THE DAY FISHING The Cottage Grove Recreation Department and MinnAqua have stocked Hidden Valley Pond for another great fishing season. This one-day event is open to anyone interested in fishing or wanting to learn more about fish. We have a limited number of fishing poles available. Bait will be provided. No registration necessary. Anyone 16 and younger does not need a license to fish during this event. **Ages: Everyone is welcome** **Date: July 11th** **Time: 2:00-5:00pm** **Place: Hidden Valley Pond**

NEIGHBORHOOD POND DIPPING East Metro Watershed educators will team-up with City Cottage Grove staff to host a family-friendly event to explore and learn more about our local ponds. Discover natural plants and the role these plants play in providing habitat and filtering pollution from our waters. We'll also use dip nets to get a closer look at the tiny critters – or macroinvertebrates – that are living in the lake. These tiny creatures can tell us something about how clean the lake is. It will be an easy walk, participants should wear outdoor and pond muck friendly shoes and clothes. There is no prior registration required. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages: Everyone** **Date: July 17th** **Time: 6:30pm** **Park: Highland Park** **Cost: Free**

Carpenter Nature Center

Check out CNC's Preschool Story Time! Preschool Story Times are designed to introduce young children, ages 2 through 5 (with a parent or guardian), to nature in a fun and safe environment. We'll listen to stories, spend some time outdoors, make an art or craft project and meet live animals. We will be going outside for every program so be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Please call 651-437-4359 to register. Program fee: \$5.00 per child or \$3.00 per preschooler for "Friends of CNC"; no charge for accompanying adult.

All Washington County Parks are FREE to enter this day!

Explore Washington County Parks

On the first Tuesday of every month (non-holiday), visit any Washington County Park for FREE. No vehicle permit required (June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd).

Puppet Wagon – Woodbury, MN

Celebrate the 2019 Puppet Wagon with a preview party! Catch a peek at the new puppet show, play games, create a personal puppet, munch on popsicles and more!

Wednesday, June 5th 6:30-7:30 Kinderberry Hill, Woodbury, MN FREE for ALL ages

Visit the Red Balloon
Bookshop:

www.redballoonbookshop.com

891 Grand Avenue St.Paul,
MN 55105



COIN CARNIVAL:

Join us for fun and games at this year's Coin Carnival. The day will include games and prizes, a bounce house, temporary tattoos, crazy hair, Puppet Wagon shows and lunch.

Ages 2-12 accompanied by an adult. **Blue Fields at HealthEast Sports Center Friday, July 19th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**



Camp Wonderopolis is the FREE online summer - learning destination that's full of fun, interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments. <http://camp.wonderopolis.org>

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- › Perfect for long summer days, road trips and travel - unlimited access to 35,000 books and videos
- › DIY and activity books and videos help kids read, learn and explore their interests
- › Summer Reading Lists by age and subject



Dozens of **free events are planned for the Summer of 2019** to provide all families in South Washington County with free activities and food for kids as a part of the District's No Kid Hungry Initiative. District 833's Community Education Skoolie Bus will be out offering free activities and food for kids. All are invited to attend and take part in the fun. See the full schedule below:

Mondays, 6/17-8/12

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

[Royal Oaks Elementary](#)

7335 Steepleview Rd.

Woodbury, MN 55125

Wednesdays, 6/19-8/14

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

[Pullman Elementary](#)

1260 Selby Ave.

St. Paul Park, MN 55071

Tuesdays, 6/18-8/13

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

[Newport Elementary](#)

851 6th Ave

Newport, MN 55055

Thursdays, 6/19-8/15

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

[Armstrong Elementary](#)

8855 Inwood Ave.

Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Summer SOAR

NEW and Improved Family Friendly! Summer SoWashCo Online Academic Resource. Help your child maintain reading & math skills this summer. ISD 833 teachers have developed an online summer course to help students going into grades 1-8 to preview grade level curriculum for the next school year. Help stop summer learning loss by signing up to have your child log on and participate in this fun nine week online course. They can work at their own pace whenever it fits in your family schedule. Students who complete all 9 weeks will be recognized by their classroom teacher in the fall. A code will be emailed home the week of June. Online lessons begin June 17th. Challenge their brains with these fun activities this summer.

Parents,

Please remember to read with your children over the summer months. Reading and writing shouldn't stop when school stops. We can prevent summer learning loss and one way to do this is to READ and WRITE throughout the summer months! Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment.

Remember, children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you.

2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

4. Let kids choose what they want to read!

5. Buy audio books or check them out from the local library.

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

6. Take your children to the library regularly.

Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic World*. Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, and notices.

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together. **THIS WOULD ALSO COME IN HANDY FOR WRITER'S WORKSHOP NEXT YEAR!**