

On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!

Join us at the Chester Library on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 AM as we kick off our summer reading program: [On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!](#)

Author Karen E. Rose will read her funny loving stories of chickens at Two Mountain Farm: *Pixie & Fenway* and *A Sweet Lemon*. She will then answer questions about how she became a writer and why she uses children for illustrators.

[On Your Mark, Get Set, Run!](#) Let the relay races begin. Can you carry a book on your head, hold it between your legs, balance it between a friend, or send it down a slip 'n slide?

*** [Make a bookmobile that can carry at least one paperback book down the slip 'n slide. We will see who creates the fastest boat and wins the slip 'n slide.](#)

There will be refreshments served and materials to start you off as you jump, leap, and run into great summer reading.

MONDAY STORIES AND CRAFTS: Pre-K to 2nd grade, 10:30-11:30

- June 20 **Down By The Sea** Make a seashell mobile and take home the ocean in a bottle.
- June 27 **When The Door Bell Rang:** Enjoy Chocolate cookies, make a doorknob message center.
- July 11 **Honda's Surprise** Fruit in the story, fruit for tasting, fruit on your hat.
- July 18 **Fish, Frogs, and Turtles**
- August 1 **Bugs, Bugs, and more bugs!** Starring guest **Mosey the tarantula!**
- August 8 **Fancy Nancy Party** *Read one ***Fancy Nancy*** book. Make jewelry and hats.
- No Story Time July 4th or July 25th

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS: 4:30-6:00

- June 22 **Testing The Waters!** Presented by DEP. Grades 6-8. Be a scientist. Identify microscopic creatures living in our water ways, test and measure biological and chemical elements. Create a "clean water" sample.
- June 29 **What is Ham Radio?** by Carl Nord. Grades 3-8. What would you do if you didn't have technology to communicate? Learn about "ham radio" operations and who Samuel Morse was.
- July 6 **Create your own water bottle holder.** Bring your water bottle. All ages welcome.
- July 13 **Garbage Archaeologists!** Presented by DEP. Grades 3-6
- July 20 **Build Your Own Castle** out of recycled materials. Grades 3-6. Bring your action figures so they can help you design their home.
- August 3 **Fractured Fairy Tales** Grades 3-6. Create your own board game based on the *Land of Stories* books by Chris Colfer. Reserve a copy at the circulation desk.
- August 10 **Charades!** Grades 3-6. Read a biography and write clues to stump your friends. Mrs. Nord can help you write questions ahead of time. Refreshments provided.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

[John Winthrop Middle School students, join us on Thursday, July 14 at 5:00 PM and earn credit for your summer reading!](#) Intrigue and danger hit the Chester Library as we discuss ***The Dark Game*** by Paul B. Janeczko! From Eisenhower's cows to prisoner-moles to today's eyes in the sky, we'll decode several profiles of notable spies and their games. Discussion to be held on July 14 at 5:00 at Chester Public Library. Pre-registration is mandatory. Successful student participants will receive a certificate of completion for their summer reading requirement.

Valley Regional High School students, join us on Thursday, August 11th from 5:30-7:00. Travel back in time as we explore the world of *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. There will be snails and shells (many kinds), towers and magical radio transmissions to guide us through the darkness. Join us on Thursday, August 11, at 5:30pm at the Chester Public Library for the annual Valley Regional summer book discussion. Pre-registration mandatory as space is limited. Refreshments will be served. Successful student participants will receive a certificate of completion for their summer reading requirement.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

Join us for the end of the summer reading program celebration on Saturday, August 13th.

All participants of the Chester Library summer reading program are invited to ride on the Chester Ferry. We will have a short presentation for the participants and a cool refreshment. Family members may attend this BYOP (bring Your Own Picnic) at the ferry landing beach across the river at the base of Gilette's Castle. To obtain a Chester Ferry Ride ticket, one must present your Summer Reading log* at the circulation desk **before** August 10th. The ferry leaves promptly at 9:30 AM.

*Summer Reading Log is either the stamp booklet handed out on June 18th or your Governor's Reading log filled out.