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UNEARTH A STORY™

June 1-
July 25

EXPLORE!

READ!

2026 CHILDREN'S

WIN!

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM



Mansfield/Richland County
Public Library

MRCPL thanks **The Friends of the Library** and
Directions Credit Union for their generous
support in making this program possible.



FEATURED

No registration is needed for these programs!
Just come and enjoy!

LEAPING LIZARDS ADVENTURE June 8-12

This engaging educational program connects reading, learning, and real-world discovery as participants meet fascinating reptiles and explore their habitats, adaptations, life cycles, and importance in the natural world.

Didgeridoo Down Under June 14-19

The didgeridoo has been played by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1,500 years, and it's known for its otherworldly sound. We'll explore the Outback and the Great Barrier Reef, and learn about amazing Australian creatures all while moving and grooving to the pulsing rhythms of the didge. The DDU Show is interactive, educational, and super fun for all ages!

Rockstar Magic! June 22-26

Magician Neal Chamberlain from Rockstar Magic will astonish and amaze with mind-blowing magic you must see to believe. Prepare to experience the impossible. Neal's performance will tie together spectacular magic, comedy, and storytelling.



PERFORMERS

DINO ACADEMY: A DINOSAUR DISCOVERY SHOW July 6-10

Led by the quirky and curious Dr. Sarah Tops, this action-packed adventure features life-like dinosaur puppets that stomp, roar, and charm their way into every heart. This show blends science, storytelling and imagination for an unforgettable field trip through time!

Whiz Bang science: The world of Dinosaurs! July 13-17

Dr. Dave will present an engaging and surprising show that will explore several fascinating topics, including the initial discovery of dinosaurs, how scientists learn so much about them, what caused their extinction, and the impact they have had on our world.



SLP 2026 Children's Programs

Sign-up may be required for some programs. Please check with your local branch for more information.



DINOSAUR RESCUE

Our favorite pups are going on a dinosaur rescue mission this summer. Join us as we battle lava and save dinosaurs. We will roar to the rescue with fun-filled activities.

DINORAMA

Dinos are loose at the Library and looking for a home. Can you create a mini-world for them to roam? Stomp on in and make your own mini-Prehistoric Park.

DINO-OLYMPICS

On your mark... get set... ROAR! Go for the gold and test a variety of your skills in our dino-tastic challenges.

Happy Birthday, USA!

The Semiquincentennial (or Semi-Q) of our great country will be here before you know it! We'll celebrate 250 years with birthday games, songs, stories, and crafts.

Archaeology Adventures

Discover what it takes to be an archaeologist at your library! Try real excavation techniques and puzzle-solving to uncover information about the past!

T-Rex Tea Party

What happens when dinosaurs throw a tea party? Join us for a wildly fancy program filled with dino-themed games, activities, and make-believe tea. Pinkies up. Claws out!

Unearth History

Awaken your spirit of adventure at the Library while you dig up the past, find clues, decipher puzzles, and solve some of history's great mysteries.

Dino-Mite Camping Adventure

Explorers of all ages can stomp in to join us for a Dino-mite camping adventure at the Library! We'll explore the great outdoors enjoying stories, songs, crafts, and awesome dinosaur activities.



UNEARTH A STORY™

CHILDREN'S AND EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

There are two program options with sheets specific to each choice. Please select which option you prefer based on your children's age – Early Literacy or Bingo for grades K-6.

How it works!

1. Sign up anytime between June 1 and July 25. Get your Bingo sheets or Early Literacy sheets and have fun filling them out!
2. Return a completed sheet, get a prize, and stamp your reading log. Each sheet will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.
3. When you have turned in 5 completed sheets, you can pick a free book (available beginning June 15). Each additional sheet you complete (up to 8) will get you one extra entry for the Grand Prize Drawing. Grand Prize Drawings will be at each location the week of July 27.

Our mission is for your child to have FUN with our library this summer! We have included reading goals and activities on both sheets that you are more than welcome to modify to best complement your child's interests and reading abilities.



Bellville Branch

97 Bell St., Bellville 419.886.3811

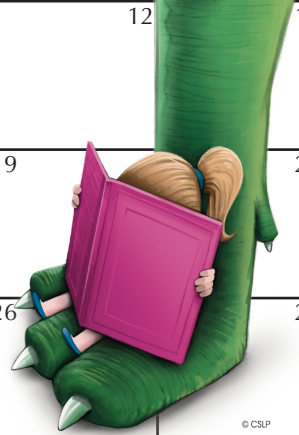
★ Registration required.

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JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SLP BEGINS 			★ Family Trivia Night @ Der Dutchman 6 PM		
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
	★ Unearth History 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	Leaping Lizards 6 PM		
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins 	★ Dinosaur Rescue 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	Didgeridoo Down Under 6 PM		
	★ T-Rex Tea Party 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	Rockstar Magic 6 PM		



JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	★ Archaeology Adventures 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	★ Family Trivia Night @ Der Dutchman 6 PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
	★ Bingo 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	Dino Academy 6 PM		Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends
	★ Dinorama 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM	Whiz Bang Science 6 PM		
	★ Dino-lympics 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Story Time 10:30 AM		Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	



Butler Branch


21 Elm St., Butler 419.883.2220

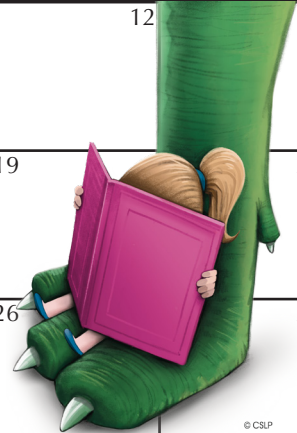
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JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SLP BEGINS 	2	3	4	5	6
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
8 Story Time 10:30 AM	9	10 Leaping Lizards 2:30 PM	11 ★ Archaeology Adventures 2:30 PM	12	13
15 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Story Time 10:30 AM	16	17 Didgeridoo Down Under 2:30 PM	18 ★ Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 2:30 PM	19	20
22 Story Time 10:30 AM	23	24 Rockstar Magic 2:30 PM	25 ★ Unearth History 2:30 PM	26	27



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JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
6 Story Time 10:30 AM	7	8 Dino Academy 2:30 PM	9 ★ Dino-lympics 2:30 PM	10	11 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
13 Story Time 10:30 AM	14	15 Whiz Bang Science 2:30 PM	16 ★ T-Rex Tea Party 2:30 PM	17	18
20 Story Time 10:30 AM	21	22	23 ★ Dinorama 2:30 PM	24 📍 Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	25 

Crestview Branch



1575 SR 96 E., Ashland 419.895.0010

★ Registration required.

➔ Event is held off site.

JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SLP BEGINS 					
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
Leaping Lizards 11:30 AM	Family Story Time 11:30 AM	T-Rex Tea Party 11:30 AM			
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Didgerdoo Down Under 11:30 AM	Family Story Time 11:30 AM	Dino-lympics 11:30 AM			
Rockstar Magic 11:30 AM	Family Story Time 11:30 AM	Dino Rescue 11:30 AM			

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Happy Birthday, America! 11:30 AM		CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
Dino Academy 11:30 AM	Family Story Time 11:30 AM	Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 11:30 AM			Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
Whiz Bang Science 11:30 AM	Family Story Time 11:30 AM	Unearth History 11:30 AM			
		Dinorama Drop-in 10 AM-12 PM		➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	

Lexington Branch

25 Lutz Ave., Lexington 419.884.2500

★ Registration required.

➔ Event is held off site.

JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SLP BEGINS 					
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM Leaping Lizards 6:30 PM	Leaping Lizards 10:30 AM	★Dino-lympics 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Leaping Lizards 10:30 AM	
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM Didgeridoo Down Under 6:30 PM	Didgeridoo Down Under 10:30 AM	★Archaeology Adventures 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Didgeridoo Down Under 10:30 AM	
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM Rockstar Magic 6:30 PM	Rockstar Magic 10:30 AM	★Happy Birthday, America! 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Rockstar Magic 10:30 AM	

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Dinorama Drop-in 10 AM-1 PM		CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM Dino Academy 6:30 PM	Dino Academy 10:30 AM	★T-Rex Tea Party 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Dino Academy 10:30 AM	Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM Whiz Bang Science 6:30 PM	Whiz Bang Science 10:30 AM	★Dinosaur Rescue 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Whiz Bang Science 10:30 AM	
Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM			➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	

Lucas Branch


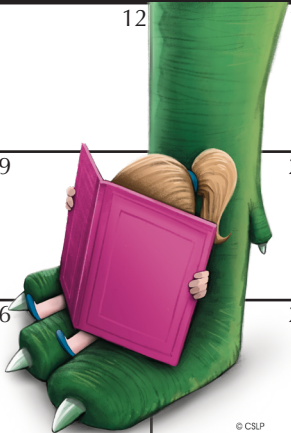
34 W. Main St., Lucas 419.892.2576

★ Registration required.

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JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SLP BEGINS 					
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
Dinorama Drop-in 1-6 PM	➔ Leaping Lizards 2:30 PM @ Lucas Comm. Center		Story Time 10:30 AM		
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins T-Rex Tea Party Drop-in 1-6 PM	➔ Didgeridoo Down Under 2:30 PM @ Lucas Comm. Center		Story Time 10:30 AM		
Dinosaur Rescue Drop-in 1-6 PM	➔ Rockstar Magic 2:30 PM @ Lucas Comm. Center		Story Time 10:30 AM		

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Unearth History Drop-in 1-6 PM			Story Time 10:30 AM	CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
Dino-lympics Drop-in 1-6 PM	➔ Dino Academy 2:30 PM @ Lucas Comm. Center		Story Time 10:30 AM		Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
Happy Birthday, America! Drop-in 1-6 PM	➔ Whiz Bang Science 2:30 PM @ Lucas Comm. Center		Story Time 10:30 AM		
Dino-Mite Camping Adventure Drop-in 1-6 PM			Story Time 10:30 AM	➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	

Madison Branch




1395 Grace St., Mansfield 419.589.7050

★ Registration required.

➔ Event is held off site.

JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SLP BEGINS 	1	2	3	4	5	6
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT						
8	9	10	11	12	13	
	★Dino-lympics 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Leaping Lizards 2:30 PM			
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins 	15	16	17	18	19	20
	★Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Didgeridoo Down Under 2:30 PM			
22	23	24	25	26	27	
	★Unearth History 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Rockstar Magic 2:30 PM			

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4
	★Happy Birthday, America! 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM		CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
6	7	8	9	10	11
	★T-Rex Tea Party 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Dino Academy 2:30 PM		Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
13	14	15	16	17	18
	★Dinosaur Rescue 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM	Whiz Bang Science 2:30 PM		
20	21	22	23	24	25
	★Dinorama 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	

Main Library


43 W. Third St., Mansfield 419.521.3130

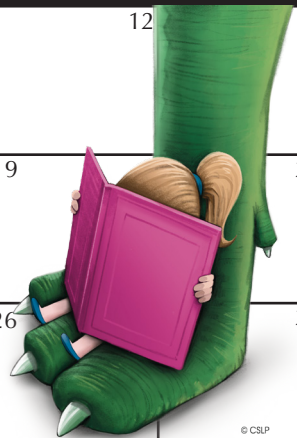
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JUNE





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SLP BEGINS 	2	3 Dino-lympics All day	4	5	6
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
8 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	9 Leaping Lizards 10:30 AM	10 Dinosaur Rescue 1 PM Leaping Lizards 6:30 PM	11 Leaping Lizards 10:30 AM	12	13
15 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Family Story Time 10:30 AM	16 Didgeridoo Down Under 10:30 AM	17 Archaeology Adventures 1PM Didgeridoo Down Under 6:30 PM	18 Didgeridoo Down Under 10:30 AM	19	20
22 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	23 Rockstar Magic 10:30 AM	24 Happy Birthday, America! 1 PM Rockstar Magic 6:30 PM	25 Rockstar Magic 10:30 AM	26	27



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JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	30	1 Bingo 1 PM	2	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
6 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	7 Dino Academy 10:30 AM	8 Unearth History 1 PM Dino Academy 6:30 PM	9 Dino Academy 10:30 AM	10	11 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
13 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	14 Whiz Bang Science 10:30 AM	15 Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 1 PM Whiz Bang Science 6:30 PM	16 Whiz Bang Science 10:30 AM	17	18
20 Family Story Time 10:30 AM	21	22 Dinorama 1 PM	23	24 ➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park	25 

Ontario Branch


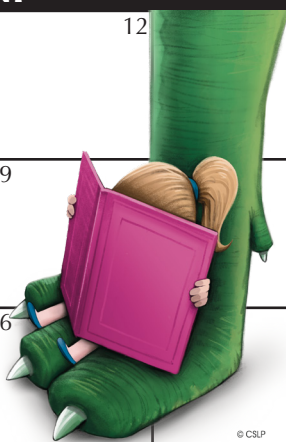
2221 Village Mall Dr., Ontario 419.529.4912

★ Registration required.

➔ Event is held off site.

JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SLP BEGINS 					
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
Leaping Lizards 6 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			
Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Didgeridoo Down Under 6 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Dinosaur Rescue 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			
Rockstar Magic 6 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Dino-lympics 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Bingo 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM		CLOSED	CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
Dino Academy 6 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Happy Birthday, America! 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
Whiz Bang Science 6 PM	Family Story Time 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM	Archaeology Adventures 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM			
		Unearth History 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM		➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park 	

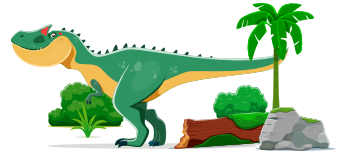
Plymouth Branch


29 W. Broadway, Plymouth 419.687.5655

★ Registration required.



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JUNE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SLP BEGINS 	2	3	4	5	6
DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT					
8 Leaping Lizards 2:30 PM	9	10 T-Rex Tea Party 2:30 PM	11 Family Story Time 11 AM	12 ➔ Story Time 10:30 AM @ Mary Fate Park	13
15 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Begins Didgeridoo Down Under 2:30 PM	16	17 Dino-lympics 2:30 PM	18 Family Story Time 11 AM	19 ➔ Story Time 10:30 AM @ Mary Fate Park	20
22 Rockstar Magic 2:30 PM	23	24 Dinosaur Rescue 2:30 PM	25 Family Story Time 11 AM	26 ➔ Story Time 10:30 AM @ Mary Fate Park	27

JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Happy Birthday, America! 2:30 PM	2	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
AMERICA 250 SCAVENGER HUNT					
6 Dino Academy 2:30 PM	7	8 Dino-Mite Camping Adventure 2:30 PM	9 Family Story Time 11 AM	10 ➔ Story Time 10:30 AM @ Mary Fate Park	11 Disguise a Dinosaur Contest Ends 
13 Whiz Bang Science 2:30 PM	14	15 Unearth History 2:30 PM	16 Family Story Time 11 AM	17 ➔ Story Time 10:30 AM @ Mary Fate Park	18
20	21	22 Dinorama Drop-in 2-4 PM	23	24 ➔ Dino Splashin' Good Time! 1:30-4 PM @ Marshall Park 	25

It's a Din&plashin' Good Time!

➔ Fri., July 24, 2026

1:30-4 PM

Marshall Park (Ontario)

Join us at Marshall Park in Ontario for a festive afternoon! Hang out with library staff and friends at the splash pad, playground, and the park area as we celebrate all the dino-tastic times we had this summer! We will have games, activities, and all kinds of FUN! Snacks will be provided while supplies last.



DISGUISE A DINOSAUR CONTEST



Pick up a coloring contest form at any location beginning June 15. Return completed entries by July 11.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Pre-K, Grades K-2, and Grades 3-5, with one winner for each age group.

All locations will have one winner per age group!

UNEARTH IS ON THE ROAD WITH THE BOOKMOBILE! A STORY™



BOOKMOBILE PERFORMERS

Didgeridoo Down Under

Fri. June 19 @ 1:30 PM

Planktown Market, 1921 Free Rd., Shiloh, OH

Join us at Planktown Market for Didgeridoo Down Under! They will be performing outside, weather permitting, or indoors in case of inclement weather. All are welcome to enjoy the show, check out items from the Bookmobile, and turn in your entries for the Summer Library Program!

Whiz Bang science: The world of Dinosaurs!

Tue. July 21 @ 5:30 PM

South Park, 100 Brinkerhoff Ave., Mansfield, OH

Join us at our monthly Bookmobile stop at South Park for some magic and comedy fun with Whiz Bang Science! Dr. Dave will be performing at the pavilion. Stop by and enjoy the show, check out items from the Bookmobile, and turn in your entries for the Summer Library Program!

Find a Bookmobile stop!



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