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Yakima Valley Libraries Launches “Color Our World” Summer Reading Program

Track your reading, win prizes, and enjoy more than 40 free programs across the Yakima Valley this summer Yakima Valley Libraries (YVL) invites readers of all ages to dive into a season of reading, creativity, and connection with the launch of its 2025 Summer Reading Program: *Color Our World*. Running from June 1 through July 31, this annual program combines a community-wide reading challenge with a vibrant calendar of free in-person programs at libraries throughout the Valley.

Read, Track, and Win with Beanstack

Participants can sign up and track their reading progress using **Beanstack**, a free website and app available to all. By logging in to read consistently, users earn badges, reach milestones, and unlock the chance to win exciting prizes!

Four age categories are available: Babies (0–5), Kids (6–12), Teens (13–18), Adults (19+)

“This year’s theme, *Color Our World*, celebrates imagination, creativity, and the shared joy of learning,” said Sully Gama, Community Engagement & Impact Manager. “We’re inviting everyone—whether they read one book or twenty—to be part of something bright and inspiring this summer.”

Summer Highlights: Free Programs for All Ages

From hands-on science to bilingual storytimes, live music, dancing, art projects, and more—there’s something for every age and interest.

JUNE EVENTS

- **June 5** – *Ichishkiin Language Learning*, Yakima Central, 4:30PM
- **June 6** – *Line Dancing (Ages 19+)*, Terrace Heights, 6:00PM
- **June 10** – *Juggling in Full Color*, Union Gap 10:30AM / Yakima Central 4:00PM

- **June 11** – *Juggling in Full Color*, Granger, 2:30PM | *History Happy Hour*, Gilbert Cellars, 6:00PM
- **June 14** – *Puzzle Race (Ages 7+)*, West Valley, 10:00AM & 2:00PM
- **June 18** – *Tiny Diamond Painting*, Granger 1:00PM / Mabton 3:00PM
- **June 20** – *Cumbia Dancing (Ages 19+)*, Terrace Heights, 6:00PM
- **June 23** – *Cowabunga Chemistry & Identity (Ages 7+)*, Yakima Central
- **June 24** – *Crime Lab (Ages 7+)*, Sunnyside, 2:00PM & 4:00PM
- **June 25** – *Tiny Diamond Painting*, Wapato 1:00PM / Toppenish 3:00PM
- **June 26** – *Cardboardpalooza!*, West Valley, 2:45PM
- **June 27** – *Sounds of the Valley: Hope Wilson*, Yakima Central, 6:00PM

JULY EVENTS

- **July 1** – *Tiny Diamond Painting*, Naches, 1:00PM
- **July 3** – *Ichishkiin Language Learning*, Yakima Central, 4:30PM
- **July 7–8** – *Wonderglobe Live Performances*, Multiple Locations
- **July 9** – *Tracks & Scat*, Wapato 11:00AM / Toppenish 2:00PM
- **July 11** – *Sounds of the Valley: Lena Lee & Rob “The Bear”*, Yakima Central, 6:00PM
- **July 12** – *Puzzle Race (Ages 7+)*, Selah, 10:30AM
- **July 14–16** – *Anthropod Exhibit*, Yakima Central, Union Gap, Moxee
- **July 17** – *Ichishkiin Language Learning*, Toppenish, 4:30PM
- **July 18** – *Salsa Dancing (Ages 19+)*, Terrace Heights, 6:00PM
- **July 21–22** – *The Reptile Lady*, Multiple Locations
- **July 23** – *Virtual Reality (Ages 19+)*, Harrah, 2:00PM
- **July 25** – *Sounds of the Valley: Brady Lamb*, Yakima Central, 6:00PM

A complete event calendar is available at www.yvl.org/srp.

Everyone’s Invited

Programs are free and open to the public. No library card is required to attend events or participate in the challenge. Readers and families are encouraged to visit any YVL branch to get started, explore themed displays, and celebrate a summer filled with color, learning, and imagination.