



Teen Summer Reading 2025

Grades 6-12 | Program Runs 6/9-9/1

Travel into Summer Reading! Are you ready to challenge yourself? Read books and log your pages. Complete activities to earn different badges. Then visit the Library to make buttons to add to your Library Lanyard.

Register at newcanaanlibrary.beanstack.org

Reading Badges



Read 79 Pages

The Roman town Pompeii was buried by ash in 79 A.D.



Read 180 Pages

Frogs first evolved 180 million years ago.



Read 221 Pages

The earliest version of the Great Wall of China was built in 221 B.C.

Prize: bookmark!



Read 476 Pages

The last emperor of Rome stepped down in 476 A.D.



Read 900 Pages

Coffee was first written about in 900 A.D.
Prize: ice cream!



Read 1750 Pages

The oldest customer complaint comes from 1750 B.C.



Read 2500 Pages

Sun-Tzu wrote *The Art of War* 2500 years ago.
Prize: Elm Street Books coupon!



Read 4390 Pages

The earliest cave art of an animal is from 43,900 years ago.



Read 5400 Pages

The earliest Egyptian hieroglyphs came from 5400 years ago.
Prize: book!

Activity Badges



Registration

Join the program on Beanstack. Earn a book and lanyard!



Bored Game

Play a card or board game made before you were born!



Butterfly Effect

Do something small outside to make the world a better place.



Go for Seconds

Make a historical dish OR bring nonperishables to the Library to donate.



Library of Alexandria

Read a banned book!
Prize: key chain



Mix Tape

Tell us your favorite song for our playlist.



NoMA

Create a piece of art, then either bring it in or email a picture to us.



Rosetta Stone

Engage with media in another language: a book, a song, or something else!



Skip to the End

Read a dystopian or post-apocalyptic book!



Stopwatch

Get moving! Participate in a 5k, go camping, or do something outdoors!



Your Year

Read a book published the year you were born!

Challenge Badges



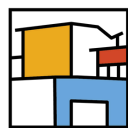
Time Traveler's Notebook

Write 3 reviews to earn this badge!



Timeline

Read 1750 pages, do the Time Traveler's Notebook badge, and complete 5 other activity badges to earn a bonus book!



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Summer Programs for Teens

Register online at newcanaanlibrary.org

Take-and-Make Craft Pickup (Ages 12-19)

Book Lamp | 6/18 Turtle Key Chain | 7/16 Cute Cats | 8/20
Swing by the Library starting at 5:00pm to pick up the supplies for a make-at-home craft! Everything you need will be in your kit, so it's perfect for a long weekend trip.

STEAM Lab

Grades 5-8 | Times may vary

7/1, 7/7, 7/18, 7/23, 8/1, 8/6, 8/14

Join us for weekly STEAM Labs this summer in the MakerLab. Each week, we will focus on a specific project.

Dungeons & Dragons Twoshot:

Emberlight Express Ages 12-18 | 7/9 & 7/23 @6:00pm

The party embarks on the incredible Emberlight Express, a train fueled by ingenuity and fiery magic. Jealous villains looking to ruin the Emberlight's reputation have sabotaged the route, sending it speeding for disaster!

Beginner Bonsai Class Ages 12-18 | 7/10 & 8/25 Times vary

Join us to learn how to pot and train new bonsai trees!

Dungeons & Dragons Oneshot: Pixel Saga -

A Retro Adventure

Ages 12-18 | 7/19 @10:30am

Your party takes the form of pixelized heroes! They must rescue an endangered princess, brave a perilous dungeon, and vanquish a dreaded vampire! Will they triumph before they run out of "lives"!?

Writing Workshop with Author

Suzanne Nelson

Grades 7-12 | 7/24 @10:00am

Join author Suzanne Nelson for this hands-on writing workshop which will focus on the methods and styles for crafting novels.

Fairfield County Dance Festival on the Green

7/29 @6:30pm

Bring chairs, blankets, and food, and join us on the Green for a glorious event. The Thomas/Ortiz Dance Company and East Coast Contemporary Ballet will perform as a part of a series of free outdoor dance performances throughout Fairfield County.

Dungeons & Dragons Twoshot: Mr. Phenomenal's Diabolical Carnival

Ages 12-18 | 8/7 & 8/21 @6:00pm

Mr. Phenomenal's circus now pulls its audience into the depths, where their souls are devoured. Will the party be able to end Mr. Phenomenal's predatory practices or will they too have their souls reaped by the Silent Partner?

Sewing Machine First Time

Ages 8-12 | 8/8 @2:00pm

Join Instructor LeeAnn for an introduction to sewing machines!

Art Exploration with Artist

Dmitri Wright

Grades 4-8 | 8/18 @3:30pm

Join Dmitri Wright as we explore the Library's Impressionist exhibition, then learn and explore watercolors with Dmitri's guidance.