

Check It Out!

Summer 2014



Reading for Fun Prevents the "Summer Slide"

We've been celebrating our first 100 years at Solano County Library, but there's a library tradition that's older than us: summer reading programs for children and teens. The first summer reading program was in the 1890's and almost every public library in North America now hosts their own.

There's a simple reason: summer reading programs like "Fizz Boom Read" for children and "Spark a Reaction" for teens keep young people into books during their long summer break, so their reading skills stay sharp, and they return to school ready to keep learning. If they don't read, they suffer the "summer slide" in reading skills and may spend precious weeks getting up to speed when school resumes.

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Get Wild in Vallejo September 3-6

Vallejo is celebrating the wildness in our own back yard as part of **Visions of the Wild: Connecting Nature, Culture and Community**. The John F. Kennedy Library's First Saturday series will be part of the festivities. Stay tuned for details at www.solanolibrary.com. For more information about **Visions of the Wild** and a full listing of events go to www.visionsofthewild.org/



For young people who get behind, the slide is likely to be steep, and it keeps getting steeper every year. Summer can be the time when the achievement gap grows wider. We need to keep them reading.

But it's not enough for kids to read, if they see reading as a chore. Summer reading also helps turns reluctant readers into enthusiastic readers. Librarians can help match kids with books that they enjoy. And with this year's reading game and our mix of activities, entertainment, and incentives, we're aiming to create a community that eagerly heads for books to explore and to enjoy. Spark a Reaction!

Fizz Boom Read!

Let the games begin.

Change a Life Through Reading



Now is the time to make a difference in the life of a motivated adult who wants to learn to read better. No teaching experience is necessary, the hours are flexible and all materials are provided by the Library's Adult Literacy Program.

For more information call **707-784-1526** and plan to attend these fall training sessions at the Fairfield Civic Center Library.

• Orientation •

Saturday, September 13
10am - 12 noon

OR Wednesday, September 17
6pm - 8pm

• Getting Ready •

Saturday, September 27
10am - 3pm

• Follow-Up •

Saturday, October 18
10am - 3pm

STEAM Up This Summer

The Library is bringing Solano youth the power of STEAM this summer.



Science

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. They're important areas of exploration and learning for children. National leaders agree they're all areas we need to improve on to be competitive globally. Well, science, technology, engineering and math, anyway.

But we all know we need art just to stay human.

Technology

Put them all together, and they spell STEAM.



And putting them all together and mixing them up is the whole point. Summer reading programs like "Fizz Boom Read" and "Spark a Reaction" are all about the STEAM.

Engineering

So check out your library for events like the Magic Science of Don O'Brien, Magic Circus and the Bubble Lady. Or the wonderful group ZunZun that teaches the science of water through

the art of music. Jeremy the Juggler makes geometry fun with unbelievably elaborate origami, and there will be live animal shows to teach us about the fascinating world of zoology.

Art

There will be opportunities to do hands-on science and engineering with the Lawrence Hall

of Science Inventor's Lab, or Family Science Night. Even the youngest children can take part,

with special STEAM-based storytimes. There's too much to tell you here. Check out the

Math

events list here or on solanolibrary.com to see what we're doing to STEAM up summer.



Sign up to play the
summer reading game,
Fizz, Boom, Read,
June 9-August 9, 2014
at your local library.



Summer Reading Events for Kids



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by the Friends
of the Library.

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Wednesdays at
3:30pm

Mad Science Fun Stations

Wednesday, June 11

Jeremy the Juggler

Wednesday, June 18

ZunZun Music and Games

Wednesday, June 25

Fratello Marionettes' "Vaudeville Follies"

Wednesday, July 2

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom

Wednesday, July 9

Magic Circus Amazing Science Whiz Show

Wednesday, July 16

Germar the Magician

Wednesday, July 23

X-treme Science Magic with Don O'Brien

Wednesday, July 30

Exploration Tables

Wednesday, August 6

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY

Fridays at 10:30am
unless otherwise
noted. No show on
July 4th

Busy Bee Dogs

Friday, June 13

Puppet Art Theater's Tommy's Pirate Adventure

Friday, June 20

ZunZun Music and Games

Friday, June 27

X-treme Science Magic with Don O'Brien

Friday, July 11

Magician Timothy James

Friday, July 18

Owen Baker-Flynn Juggling & Magic

Friday, July 25

Fratello Marionettes' Carnival of Animals

Friday, August 1

Wild Things: Real Wild Animals

Two shows at
10:30am and 1pm
Friday, August 8

RIO VISTA LIBRARY

Wednesdays at 3pm
unless otherwise noted

The Magic of Gerald Joseph

Wednesday, June 11

ZunZun Music and Games

Wednesday, June 18

Maddie Koglar Art for Kids/Teens

Wednesday, June 25

Inventor's Lab, Lawrence Hall of Science

Thursday, June 26

Sidewalk Chalk Art

Wednesday, July 2
11am

Becky's Terrariums

Wednesday, July 9

Bubbles

Wednesday, July 16
11am

Owen Baker-Flynn Juggling and Magic

Wednesday, July 23

Bohart Museum of Entomology

Wednesday, July 30

The Fratello Marionettes' 1001 Arabian Nights

Wednesday, August 6

Finding Snowy

Each week come
find Snowy, tell us
where, and receive
a prize.

FIZZ
BOOM
READ



**SUISUN CITY
LIBRARY**

Wednesdays at
10:30am

**Owen Baker-Flynn
Juggling & Magic**

June 11

Busy Bee Dogs

June 18

**X-treme Science
Magic with
Don O'Brien**

June 25

Make A Flag Day

July 2

**Germar
the Magician**

July 9

**Puppet Art
Theater's Tommy's
Space Adventure**

July 16

**Sharon's Mobile
Petting Zoo**

July 23

Aloha to Summer

July 30

**VACAVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY-
CULTURAL
CENTER**

Tuesdays at 3:30pm
unless otherwise
noted

**Owen Baker-Flynn
Juggling & Magic**

June 10

The Bubble Lady

June 17

**Tony Border's
Puppets-Critters
and Continents**

June 24

**Stuffed Animal
Sleepover**

Bring your toy to
the library Friday
and tuck it in.
Come back Saturday
for your toy and a
photo of the wild
rumpus.

Friday, June 27 and
Saturday, June 28

Make A Flag Day

Tuesday, July 1
10:30am

**Family Science
Night and
Library's 100th
Birthday Cake**

Tuesday, July 8
7pm

**Puppet Art
Theater's Tommy's
Space Adventure**

July 15

**Wild Things:
Real Wild Animals**

July 22

Amy Liz Music

July 29

**Chalk and
Goop Day!**

Tuesday, August 5
10:30am

**VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
-TOWN SQUARE**

Thursdays at 4pm
unless otherwise noted

Kick-off Party

Thursday, June 12

**Sharon's Mobile
Petting Zoo**

Thursday, June 19

ZunZun

Thursday, June 26

**Crafts for the
Holiday Week**

Thursday, July 3

**X-treme Science
Magic with
Don O'Brien**

Thursday, July 10

**Stuffed Animal
Sleepover**

Bring your stuffed
animal to the
library where the
animal can spend
the night with
friends, read stories
and play games.
Anytime.

Thursday, July 10

**Pancake
Breakfast**

Breakfast is served
the next morning
when you pick up
your animal.

Friday, July 11
10am

Busy Bee Dogs

Thursday, July 17

**Python Ron's
Reptile Kingdom**

Thursday, July 24

**Magic with
Timothy James**

Thursday, July 31

**Germar
the Magician**

Thursday, August 7

**JOHN F. KENNEDY
LIBRARY, VALLEJO**

Thursdays at
10:30am in the
Joseph Room

**Oklin Bloodworth:
Music with a
Kiddie Beat!**

Thursday, June 12

**X-treme Science
Magic with Don
O'Brien**

Thursday, June 19

**ZunZun Music
and Games**

Thursday, June 26

**Insect Songs with
Sandi & Stevie**

Thursday, July 3

**Magic with
Timothy James**

Thursday, July 10

Busy Bee Dogs

Thursday, July 17

**Python Ron's
Reptile Kingdom**

Thursday, July 24

Magic Dan

Thursday, July 31

**Images in Motion
Puppets**

Thursday, August 7

**SPRINGSTOWNE
LIBRARY, VALLEJO**

Wednesdays at
10:30am

Jeremy the Juggler

June 18

Magic Dan

June 25

Big Messy Art Day

July 2

**Python Ron's
Reptile Kingdom**

July 9

**Magic Circus
Amazing Science
Whiz Show**

July 16

**Owen Baker-Flynn
Juggling & Magic**

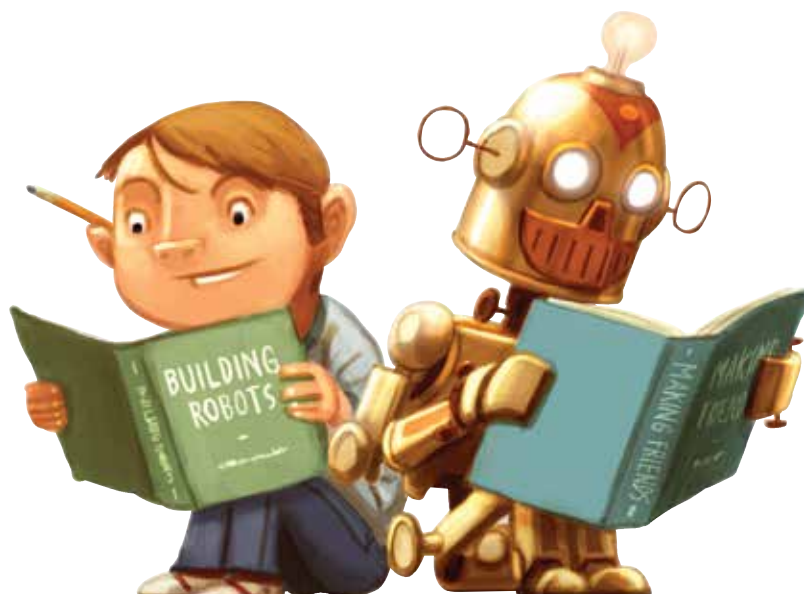
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**Wildlife Associates:
Wild Neighbors**

July 30

Busy Bee Dogs

Wednesday, August 6



Dare yourself, dare your friends.

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Thursdays
3:30-4:30pm

Spark a Reaction Kickoff Party

Smoothie Making

June 12

Candle Making Workshop

June 26

Inventor's Lab: Circuitry

July 10

Game On!

Choose from a
selection of
Wii and board
games to play.

July 24

FAIRFIELD CORDELIA LIBRARY

Thursdays at 3pm
(No event July 3)

Ice Cream Social

June 12

Teen Advisory Board

June 12 & July 10
5:30-6:30pm

Teen Writing Club

June 19 & July 17
5:30-6:30pm

Teen Book Club

June 26 & July 24
4-5pm

End of Summer Party, time TBA

(Planned by Teen
Advisory Board)

July 31

SPARK a Reaction



Play **SPARK** a Reaction, the summer
reading challenge for teens, June 9- August 9, 2014.
Sign up at your library or online at solanolibrary.com

RIO VISTA LIBRARY

Maddie Koglar Art for Kids/Teens

Wednesday, June 25
3pm

Duct Tape Crafts for Teens

Wednesday, July 16
3pm

Smoothies

Thursday, July 31
3pm

Inventor's Lab, Lawrence Hall of Science

Friday, August 8
3pm

Trivia Quiz

All summer long.
Find the questions
on teen board, fill
it out, sign your
name and turn it in
to the service desk.

SUISUN CITY LIBRARY

Thursdays from
6-8pm

Icebreakers and Making Powerballs

June 19

Zumba, Dance and Food Talk

June 26

Workout Play, Old School Games and Food Talk

July 10

Potluck and Old School Games

July 17

Ice Cream Science and Party with DJ UpperCutz

July 24

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY- CULTURAL CENTER

Duct Tape Arts and Crafts

Wednesday,
June 11
3:30pm

Recycled Jar Candle Making

Wednesday,
June 25
3:30pm

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, June 26
4pm

Tie Dye T-Shirts

Wednesday, July 9
3:30pm

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, July 24
4pm

Murder Mystery Night

Friday, August 1
6pm

VACAVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY -TOWN SQUARE

Tuesdays at
3:30pm

90's Cartoon Marathon

June 17

Candle Making

July 8

Rock 'n Read

Live bands at
our own
Read-a-palooza.
Presented by Town
Square Sonic Youth.

Saturday, July 12
11am

Play in the Snow

July 22

Mystery Magic Show - for teens alone

August 5

Book Club

Teen created
and run.
Weekly at 3pm

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY, VALLEJO

Music from Objects

Monday, June 16
4pm

Free Concert by Step Up Music

Saturday, June 28
1pm

Melted Crayon Art

Monday, July 7 4pm

Duct Tape Art

Monday, July 21
4pm

Robot Building Contest

Monday, August 4
4pm

Teen Clubhouse

Wii, Board Games,
and more
Every Saturday, 2pm

SPRINGTOWNE LIBRARY, VALLEJO

Wednesdays at
11:30am

Kick Off Party

June 11

Duct Tape Wallets

June 18

Sidewalk Chalk

July 2

Bounce Balls

July 9

Play Dough

July 23

Popcorn Balls

July 30

Games on June 25,
July 16, August 6

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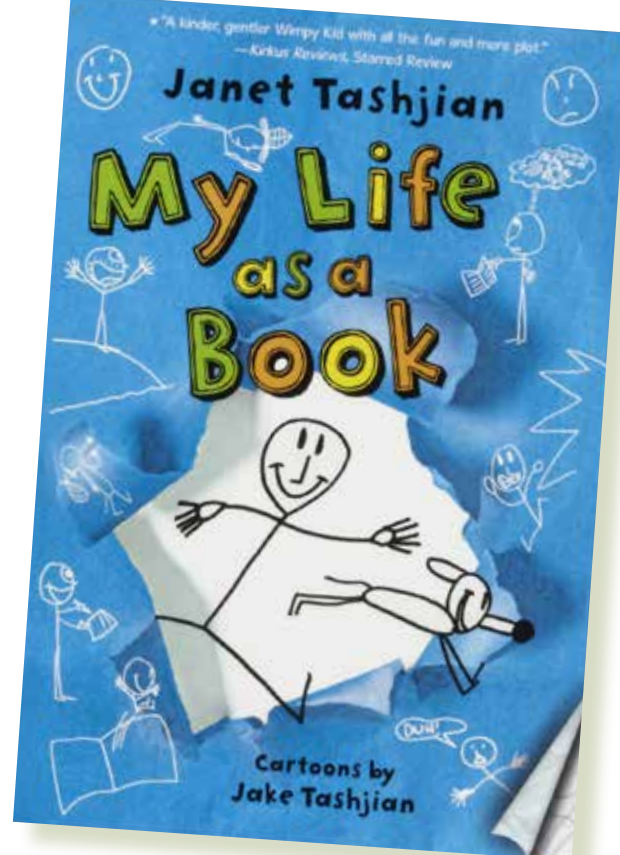


Solano County Library again asks: what if every child in the community read the same book at the same time? With this year's selection of My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian and illustrated by her son Jake Tashjian, Solano Kids Read aims for exactly that goal. The annual program sponsored by the Solano County Library Foundation, brings nationally celebrated authors to Solano County to meet with children and create memorable experiences with books and reading.



Janet Tashjian is This Year's Solano Kids Read Author

"My Life as a Book" follows Derek, a mischievous "reluctant reader," as he struggles through a summer reading assignment, uncovers a mystery about a drowned girl, and discovers that stories are all around us. With Jake Tashjian's hilarious drawings illustrating Derek's vocabulary words, this is a perfect choice for kids like Derek who struggle with reading. And kids who already love to read will be sucked in by Derek's magnetic personality and the mysteries that seem to surround him.



Both Janet and Jake Tashjian will be visiting Solano County to meet children, discuss their work, and sign books. "Kids are always so excited to meet an author 'in real life,'" said Mark Flowers, a librarian at the John F. Kennedy Library

in Vallejo. "We hear that they are inspired to write their own books and that they want to read more."

The Tashjians will visit schools and libraries in Fairfield, Suisun, Rio Vista, Vacaville and Vallejo December 9-11. Teachers interested in free class sets should call 1-866-57-ASKUS (27587).



**SOLANO
COUNTY
LIBRARY**

**Solano County Library
Headquarters**

1150 Kentucky St
Fairfield CA 94533
Tel 866-572-7587
Fax 707-421-7474
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**Fairfield
Civic Center Library**
1150 Kentucky Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Fairfield
Cordelia Library**
5050 Business Center Dr.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Suisun City Library
601 Pintail Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

Rio Vista Library
44 S. 2nd Street
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

**Vallejo-John F.
Kennedy Library**
505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Monday & Wednesday: 10-9
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-6
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Vallejo-
Springstowne Library**
1003 Oakwood Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94591

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

**Vacaville
Public Library-
Cultural Center**
1020 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

**Vacaville
Public Library-
Town Square**
1 Town Square Place
Vacaville, CA 95688

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

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