

# May 2021

## What Libraries Are Doing This Summer



### **Paine Memorial Free Library in Willsboro**

**Jam Band** will begin on Thursday, June 24th. They will meet every Thursday outside at the Bandstand from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, weather permitting. This will continue until the weather gets too cold.

**Story Hour** will begin on Friday, June 2nd at 10:00 AM outside under the tent. This will run for six weeks.

**Beginning Banjo Lessons** will start July 7th. They will meet outside the library at 3:00 PM under the tent, continuing on the first Wednesday of each month until the weather gets too cold.

**Youth Band** will also start on July 7th. They will meet outside the library at 4:00 PM under the tent,

continuing on the first Wednesday of each month until the weather gets too cold.

Book Group will meet on June 16th. They will be discussing *Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult. On July 28th, they will be discussing *Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel. All meetings are held at 5:15 PM at the Paine Memorial Free Library.

Saturday, July 10th, the Paine Memorial Free Library will hold the **24th Annual Golf Scramble**. Tee times are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. \$55.00 entry fee (includes golf cart). Call Willsboro Golf Club to register at 518-963-8989. Refreshments will be available all day. Prizes will be drawn at 5:00 PM (though you do not need to be present to win).

**Intermediate Banjo Lessons** will begin Wednesday, July 14th. They will meet outside of the library at 3:00 PM, under the tent. They will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of every month until the weather gets too cold.

**Making Music - Song Writing Workshop** will take place on Wednesday, July 28th at 10:00 AM. Children ages 8 to 18 will be able to spend some time making music with RiverJack Z (a.k.a. Jack Zucchini, the guitar-playing singer/songwriter from The Zucchini Brothers). During a 60-minute songwriting session, participants will explore the craft of writing, composing, and recording a song with Jack that is uniquely their own. This will also be held outside of the library, under the tent.

- Cheryl Blanchard, Director at Paine Memorial Free  
Library

Paine Memorial Library

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## Wells Memorial Library in Upper Jay

RiverJack Z will present a free songwriting workshop for children and families at Wells Memorial Library in Upper Jay on Wednesday, July 28th, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Participants will compose and record a unique song with a summer reading theme of animals and stories.

Wells Memorial Library is now a drop-off location for *We Are Instrumental: "Creating Positive Change in North Country Schools by Supporting Band & Orchestra"*. They collect gently-used musical instruments (except for drums), and repair and deliver them to area schools.

- Karen Rappaport, Director at Wells Memorial Library

Wells Memorial Library



## Wead Library in Malone

Although we are moving cautiously, it is exciting to be planning events again.

Our book sale will be held on our 3rd floor June 4th & 5th. We are at maximum capacity on space and can't wait to get these good books into eager

readers' hands. We will continue the sale through the month of June.



Our newest outdoor program will be the **Wead & Read Garden** spearheaded by our children's staffer, Chelsie Russo. Seedlings have been started, The garden beds have been made and prepped and volunteers of all ages will plant, water and weed the vegetables throughout the summer. The produce will then be shared with the volunteers and patrons. Volunteers are encouraged to listen to audiobooks while they work.



Our lobby hosts a new book display made by front desk clerk Karlee Martin's grandfather. It matches the library interior perfectly and will enable us to make themed displays to increase awareness and circulation. Currently we are featuring a garden theme.

The Wead Library's Summer Program will kick off on Wednesday, June 30th at 11:00 AM when we will host **Making Music with RiverJack Z** at the Gazebo across from the library. Right after July 4th, we will have biweekly outside story walks with take and make crafts keeping with the Tails and Tales theme. Online activities will be found on the children's and teen pages of [our website](#). We may even have a few guest appearances at the story walks.

- Mary MacDonald, Wead Library



## Lake Placid Public Library

The Lake Placid Public Library is preparing for the upcoming busy summer for children and families. There will be reading themes, take-away crafts, events, and more! Along with the Summer Reading log, there will be weekly themes with videos posted to [our Facebook page](#).

### Themes:

- **Get Outside!**  
Children may pick up their beach bag full of goodies to read, write, and draw outside. Available beginning June 28th while supplies last.
- **Fishy Tales!**  
Take-away activities and crafts to complement this FISHY theme. Available beginning July 19th while supplies last.
- **Create and Perform!**  
Take-away activities and crafts to create puppets, puppet theaters, and performances. Available beginning August 2nd while supplies last.

### Events:

- **Making Music with RiverJack Z**  
A songwriting workshop. August 17, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. RSVP by calling the library at 518-523-3200 prior to the event.
- **Poster Contest**  
In collaboration with The Bookstore Plus,

participants interpret the theme: Reading in Lake Placid!

- **Storybook Walk**

June through September at the John Brown Farm State Historic Site and Mirror Lake Beach.

- **Pre-K Story Time with Miss Linda**

Fridays all summer at 10:30 AM. To join in, call the library at 518-523-3200.

All programs are free!

We are happy to be looking forward again!

- *Madonna Barney, Assistant Librarian at Lake Placid Public Library*

Lake Placid Public Library



## Tupper Lake Public Library

- Beginning Tuesday, June 8th, we will host **MUNCHKIN MORNINGS: Stories in the Garden**, a storytime program for young children at the town of Tupper Lake's community garden on the grounds of the old Oval Wood Dish factory. The library itself has a garden plot and families will be able to obtain seeds from the library and check out garden tools to use. Stories in the Garden will be held every Tuesday through August at 11:00 AM.
- Beginning Thursday, June 10th, we will host **MUNCHKIN MORNINGS: Bandshell Storytime**, a storytime program for young children. This program will be held every Thursday at 11:00 am at the Flanders Park Bandshell.

- Beginning Wednesday, July 7th, we will host **MUNCHKIN MORNINGS: Boom, Toot, Jam**, a music program for kids. Participants will meet at the library and then proceed to the Flanders Park bandshell - making a joyful ruckus on the way - then join library staff and volunteers in sing-a-longs, rhythm games, and other musical explorations.
- Beginning in June, the library will also be hosting a craft program at 3:00 PM every Thursday in the library.
- Additionally, we will continue our ongoing **MUNCHKIN MORNINGS: virtual storytimes, sing-a-longs, and craft programs** which air every Saturday at 10:00 AM on the library's Facebook page.
- We are also hosting a monthly book discussion for adults. Called **Little Books for Big People**, it focuses on children's literature and early literacy development. It's the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM. Participants receive a free copy of the book under discussion.

- Ben Gocker, Director at Tupper Lake Public Library

Tupper Lake Public Library



**Belden Noble Memorial Library in Essex**





Essex resident Jim Van Hoven had the idea to create the "Wall of Literary Fame" in the Belden Noble Memorial Library in Essex. He spoke to a number of residents that he knew were published authors, and discovered additional residents - some new to town - who were also authors. The "Essex Wall of Literary Fame" was then established in the library and was made possible, in part, by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County. The Wall honors full or part-time adult residents of the Town of Essex who have successfully published, by an independent publisher, at least one print book of prose (fiction or nonfiction) or poetry for public distribution or sale.

While many of those honored on the wall are accomplished authors in their fields - some with national or worldwide reputations - others have been honored for more modest but important achievements. All have shown, through their enthusiasm for writing and the written word, a love of language and through it a desire to share their ideas, experiences, and expertise with others. Both the number and variety of those so honored in such a small town is remarkable.

Thus far, twenty five authors have been identified. They are: Laura Couchey Abate, Andrew Buchanan, Sid Couchey (1919-2020), Shirley Ross LaForest (1935-2020), Rick Dalton, George Davis, John Davis, Steven Engelhart, Morris F. Glenn, Alice P. Green, David Hislop, Harry Hutson, Steven Kellogg, Kristin Kimball, Miriam Z. Klipper, Katherine Manthorne, James Lancel McElhinney, John Mesick, Jeff Moredock (1939-2020), Dr. H. Nicholas Muller, Allison Pataki, Owen Pataki, George E. Pataki, Katherine Preston, and Richard Robbins. The library webpage has bios of each of the authors: <https://essexlibrary.org> so be sure to read them. Each of the authors- or their family members- have donated copies of their books to the library, and the books will be available in the Dorothy “Doffy” Voorhis Reading Room once they are catalogued.

*- Kathy Nadire, Board Member of the Belden Noble Memorial Library*

Belden Noble Memorial Library



**Wonderbooks by Playaway!**



Photo courtesy of [Playaway](#).

What's a Wonderbook? A Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Simply open, press play, and read along! Kids also have the ability to swap over to learning mode for literacy learning questions. Wonderbooks are a fun and interactive way to get kids reading! You can find them [on the online catalog](#) today.

Wonderbook Collection



## French Conversation Group

Anne Jobin-Picard from CEFLS will continue to facilitate a **French Conversation Group (FCG)** in collaboration with Plattsburgh Public Library. The group meets weekly on Mondays from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM via Zoom. Participants have varying levels of French language proficiency ranging from those who have a very small vocabulary and just want to listen in, to those who are fluent. Group members work together by checking in with each other and repeating the words and phrases in English and

French as needed so that everyone is able to participate.

Taking part in a language conversation group not only provides an informal way for people to practice their conversational skills, but it also has [cognitive and social benefits](#). The group shares the joy of conversing in French and learning new vocabulary through interesting discussions about current events, food, health, movies, music, tourism, local areas which are rich in French heritage, and more. They also host special guests to expand on some of these topics.

If you are interested in joining the FCG via Zoom or if you would like assistance in starting a language conversation group, please reach out to Anne at [ajobin-picard@cefls.org](mailto:ajobin-picard@cefls.org).

Email Anne

“Music is life itself. What would this world be without good music? No matter what kind it is.”

– *Louis Armstrong*

## Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact [David Fuller](#) and it could be in our next issue.

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