IT’S SHOWTIME
AT YOUR LIBRARY!
From the Director...

It’s Showtime at Handley Regional Library System!

This year’s summer reading program features an all-star line-up you won’t want to miss—and we couldn’t be more excited! You’ll experience live performances, engaging music, interactive stories, and other fun events all combined with the love of reading running all summer long, May to August.

There is literally something for every age group. Our goal is to create connections to life-long learning and entertainment and equal access to information—at Clarke County, Bowman, and Handley Libraries.

Plus, when you read, you can win! Kids log books and hours read, and get a chance to win prizes while maintaining and enhancing their reading skills for the upcoming school year.

Best of all, everything in here is free to attend! Thanks to all of our program sponsors who have committed to making an impact through materials, financial, and prize donations to the reading program. Their support is critical to the success of this program.

Now, get ready for an unforgettable summer. The show is about to begin at Handley Regional Library System!

Be Part of the Greatest Show on Earth!

Join the Valley Reads Summer Reading Program.

1. **Register Online.**
   Visit www.handleyregional.org

2. **Use Your Smartphone.**
   Download the Beanstack app to register, and keep track of your family’s progress.

3. **Register in Person.**
   Visit any library location, and staff will assist you in signing up.

4. **Get Started.**
   Pick up your registration bag with goodies from area supporters. Earn badges by attending events, completing activities, visiting participating locations, entering your school’s secret code, and more reading. Come back often to receive earned free books and tickets for prize drawings.

Valley Reads in an interactive summer reading program with special events, challenges to complete, prizes to win, and places to go. After reading for six hours or 360 minutes, the reader is eligible to receive a free book. Pre-readers need to read 30 books. Let’s read!


5. **Celebrate!**
   Come to the Finale Event at Bowman Library on August 10 at 11:00 AM to join others who have been participating and win awesome prizes! Prizes will be awarded to this summer’s top readers.

   All logging must be entered by August 7 at 11:59 PM.

**Play. Dance. Read.**
Preschool Time
Mondays, 10:30 AM, Ages 3 & Up
Location: Handley Library
Enjoy an early literacy program perfect for preschoolers who will learn through stories, rhymes, songs and more.

Toddler Time
Mondays, 11:00 AM, Ages 3 & Under
Location: Bowman Library
Build language skills; participate in music and movement activities at this lively program.

PJ Boogie
Mondays, 6:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Wiggle the sillies out as we shake, rattle and roll in your children's favorite PJs.

Baby Time
Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, 0-18 Months
Location: Handley Library
Enjoy an early literacy program for infants consisting of stories, rhymes, bounces, and more.

Theater Games Workshop
Tuesdays July 2 and July 16 at 2:00 PM, Ages 2+
Location: Handley Library
Play games, explore your voice, and pretend to be the drama llama you truly are with the Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre.

Preschool Time
Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, Ages 3 & Up
Location: Bowman Library
Join your friends for stories, puppets, dancing and songs that encourage language and pre-reading skills.

Tiny Tales
2nd Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, Ages 2-5
Location: Museum of the Shenandoah Valley
Enjoy a special storytime in the Winchester community.

KidSTEAM
3rd Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Ages 2-5
Location: Handley Library
Children and their caregivers are invited to participate in a variety of STEAM activities. *Registration required.

Preschool Time
Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Ages 3 & Up
Location: Clarke County Library
Hear great stories and have fun!

Toddler Time
Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Ages 3 & Under
Location: Handley Library
Enjoy an early literacy program designed specifically for active toddlers with stories, rhymes, songs and more.

Baby Time
Thursdays, 11:00 AM, 0-18 Months
Location: Bowman Library
Engage your little one with new sights and sounds through books, movement, songs, and rhymes.

Dance Party
Fridays, 10:30 AM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
It’s time to move and groove. Join us for an interactive dance and sing-along program. Meet the puppets, too!

Build Together
Fridays, 11:00 AM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Kids bring a grown-up to construct masterpieces using LEGO® bricks, magnet tiles, and KEVA planks.

Family Storytime
Saturdays, 10:30 AM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Saturdays, 11:00 AM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Enjoy an early literacy program for the entire family who will learn through stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime
Saturdays, June 8th, July 6th, August 3rd
11:30 AM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Enjoy an early literacy program especially geared to children on the autism spectrum and those with sensory integration challenges. *Registration required.

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten
“1000 Books Before Kindergarten" is a national program that encourages families to read 1000 books before a child begins kindergarten. Sign up at any branch. Track on our paper reading logs or through a free app.

Every time a child reads 50 books, visit the library to claim a prize and receive the next log. Once the program is completed, the child will be invited to a graduation ceremony!
Makerspace Mondays
Mondays, 4:00-6:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Handley Library
Put on your maker hats and join us for self-directed Makerspace activities to make-and-take.

Nature Surprises for Kids
2nd Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Ages 8 & Up
Location: Bowman Library
Hands-on classes presented by the Master Gardeners (NSVMGA) sponsored by the VCE.
*Registration required.
May 15: Terrariums with Ginny Smith
June 12: Fragrance in the Garden with Mary Turner
July 10: Good bugs/Bad bugs with Bob Gail
August 14: Gourds with Jeff and Nina Burke

STEAMworks
Wednesdays in June & July, 2:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Handley Library
Join us for science, technology, engineering, art and math activities for curious minds! *Registration required.

Breakerspace
4th Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Handley Library
Explore how things are made by taking apart items from old toys to old technology.

Crafternoons
Fridays in June & July, 2:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Handley Library
It’s time to get crafty! Participate in a variety of guided craft activities. *Registration required.

Read to Some Bunny
2nd Saturdays, 1:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
These patient rabbits will love to hear your stories! In partnership with Spanish Oak Therapy Rabbits.

Ukulele Summer
Saturdays in July, 3:00 PM, Ages 8–12
Location: Bowman Library
Strum along with other budding musicians as you learn the ukulele. Bring your own or play one of ours. *Registration required.

Paws for Reading
Location: Clarke County: 1st Saturdays, 2:00 PM
Location: Bowman: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 1:00 PM
Location: Handley: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 2:00 PM
Come read a book to a loving & patient therapy dog! Designed for beginning readers.

LEGO® Club
Mondays, 5:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Bowman Library
Thursdays, 3:45 PM
Location: Clarke County Library
Fridays, 4:00 PM; Saturdays, 11:00 AM
Location: Handley Library
Design and construct weekly challenges with LEGO® bricks.

Tween Game Night
June 13 & July 11, 6:00-7:30 PM, Ages 8–12
Location: Bowman Library
Tweens can play select Xbox and Wii games, board games, and eat snacks!

Storytelling Camp
June 29, July 6, July 13, July 19, July 20
10:30 AM–12:30 PM, Ages 8–12
Location: Handley Library
Learn how to enchant audiences and spark imaginations. *Registration required.

The Many Sounds of Music
Wednesdays, July 3, 17, 31, 2:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Bowman Library
Explore the science behind musical instruments, and create your own. *Registration required.
July 3: Precocious Percussion
July 17: Strumming the String Family
July 31: Wild World of Wind Instruments

Magic Camp
July 22–27 at 10:30 AM–12:30 PM, Ages 8–12
Location: Handley Library
Join us as we learn classic tricks and illusions for new magicians. *Registration required.

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Teens

Teen Sketch & Draw
1st Mondays, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Explore drawing techniques, encouragement, and sharing among teens.

Manga Art Club
3rd Mondays, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Bring your sketch book to create manga drawings. Get tips from other artists and share your work.

Anime & Pocky
4th Mondays, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Join other teens who love anime. Meet and create new friendships while enjoying some pocky and snacks.
June 24: Your Name
July 22: Mob Psycho 100
August 26: Attack on Titan

Teen Advisory Board
2nd Mondays, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
4th Mondays, 4:30 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Be part of a group open to middle and high school students that plans and presents library programs and events for teens.

Teen Music Jam
Wednesdays in July, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Bring your instrument and play modern music favorites in a band setting! Music will be decided prior to the jam to prepare in advance. *Registration required.

Graphic Novel Club
3rd Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Chat about your favorite DC and Marvel characters and enjoy snacks with our friends from Four Color Fantasies.

Game Night
3rd Fridays, 5:30-8:30 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Middle and high school students can play console, tabletop, VR & computer games. Socialize and enjoy snacks!
May 17: Graduation
June 21: Greatest Showman
July 19: Kingdom Hearts
August 16: Land of Burk

Xbox Open Video Game Play
Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 PM, Ages 8+
Location: Handley Library
Fridays, 2:00-4:00 PM, Ages 8+
Location: Bowman Library
Tweens and teens can check out a controller for 30 minutes, and play select multi-player Xbox games.

Teen Volunteer Orientation
Saturday, May 18, 4:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Learn about being a teen library volunteer at this special orientation.*Registration required.

Camp WriMo
Tuesdays, June 25–July 30, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Gather your ideas and organize them into a composition this summer at CampWriMo (Writing Month). Scripts, novels, and poetry welcome.

Theater Fundamentals Camp
July 8–12, 12:00–2:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Learn the foundational basics of theater from nailing the audition to stealing the show. Facilitated by ICE Collaborative Arts. *Registration required.

TeenSTEAM
July 19, August 2, August 16, 4:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Learn engineering and software basics by helping to build an actual 3D printer, then make creations! *Registration required.

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Visit www.handleyregional.org for a complete list of programs!
Family Game Night
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Clarke County Library
Play Scrabble, Checkers, Chess, and more!

Meet a Sheriff Series
1st Wednesdays, 4:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Get to know our local Sheriffs.
Hear a story and do an activity!
May 1: Meet a Sheriff
June 5: Game With a Sheriff
July 3: Color With a Sheriff
August 7: Build With a Sheriff

Chess
Saturdays, 10:00 AM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Families, adults, kids of all ages and skill levels are welcome to come and play.

Family Films
1st Saturdays, 12:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Join us Saturdays for a family picnic and movie.
Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.
May 11: “Inside Out”
June 1: “Incredibles 2”
July 6: “Finding Dory”
August 3: “Chicken Little”

4th Saturdays, 1:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
May 25: “Emperor’s New Groove”
June 22: “Rock Dog”
July 27: “Bug’s Life”
August 24: “Sherlock Gnomes”

Rally for Reading
Saturday, June 1, 11:00 AM
Location: Bowman Library
Join us for the launch of the Valley Reads Summer Reading Program, all are invited to sign up, receive free gifts. There will be stories, puppets, music, dancing, face painting, local authors and balloon bending!

Why should kids have all the fun?! Summer Reading is for grown-ups, too.
Register for the Adult Summer Reading Program 2019: Showtime at Your Library. Memorial Day to Labor Day.
Complete Reading Logs for chances to win the Grand Prize “Dinner and Show” Package or a Book Lover’s Bundle.
Visit handleyregional.org/adults for program and event updates. Or talk to the Adult Services staff at any Information Desk for details.

Outdoor Family Film: “Goosebumps 2”
June 19, 8:45 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Bring the family and some snacks, and we’ll set up the big, outdoor movie screen in our Reading Garden.

Read With the Winchester Royals
Tuesdays: June 4, June 18, July 6, 1:00 PM
Location: Handley Library
Thursdays: June 13, June 20, July 11, 1:00 PM
Location: Bowman Library
Saturdays: June 8 and July 6, 1:00 PM
Location: Clarke County Library
Get to know the Winchester Royals baseball team as they read some of our favorite stories and answer your questions about baseball!

Summer Reading Finale
Saturday, August 10, 11:00 AM
Location: Bowman Library
Celebrate with all summer readers where top readers will be recognized with grand prizes. The celebration party is for everyone. There will be stories, music, prizes, dancing, and puppets!
Puppeteer Training
Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Learn techniques for bringing puppets alive using arm rods, props, body movement, and stage presence.

Celebration in the Garden
Saturday, May 25, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
Celebrate the start of summer in the Outdoor Reading Garden with music, face painting, balloon twisting, games, and sign up for Valley Reads Summer Reading Program.

The Frisbee Guy
Monday, June 10, 2:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
It’s the World Freestyle Frisbee Champion, The Frisbee Guy! Learn frisbee tricks and stunts in this interactive show.

It’s Showtime with Puppets!
Wednesday, June 12, 12:00–3:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Bowman Library
Master puppeteer Penny Russell will conduct a workshop for any interested teen puppeteers. *Registration required.

Teen Field Day
Saturday, June 15, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Shenandoah University Shingleton Gym and Intramural Field
Join us for a Field Day for teens with bubble soccer, beach volleyball, and other games. *Registration required.

Robin Hood Misdirected
Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Handley Library
The classic adventure tale is given a fresh spin! Lots of adventure and action from the Winchester Little Theatre.

Stranger Things Escape Room
Friday, July 12, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM, Ages 12+
Location: Handley Library
Don’t let the Demogorgon get you in this Escape Room! *Registration required.

Discovery Museum Star Lab: Moon Walking 1969
Saturday, July 20, 11:00 AM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Climb inside the Discovery Museum’s Star Lab to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing. *Registration required.

Young Rembrandts
Tuesday, July 23, 3:00 PM, Ages 6–12
Location: Clarke County Library
Make an animal silhouette portrait and have fun!

African Storytelling with Kofi Dennis
Thursday, July 25, 2:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
This family workshop introduces many exciting ways to adapt West African traditions to every family’s daily routine through songs, rituals, and activities from other cultures.

Natsu Con!
Monday, July 29, 1:00 PM–7:30 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Natsu Con! celebrates Japanese anime and beyond. Events include an artist alley, character panels, a cosplay masquerade, and more. Cartoonist Paul Merklein, “See a Cartoonist; Be a Cartoonist!” will be held at 6:00 PM.

Meet Pete the Cat Dance Party
Saturday, August 3, 10:30 AM, Ages 0–8
Location: Handley Library
Come meet your favorite blue cat at this special Dance Party. Don’t forget to wear your white shoes!

Aliens Science Show
Wednesday, August 7, 2:00 PM, All Ages
Location: Bowman Library
Something mysterious falls from the sky toward Earth, but it’s not a shooting star. Don’t miss this alien adventure using science experiments for special effects.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Friday, August 30, 4:00 PM, Ages 0–5
Location: Clarke County Library
Drop your favorite stuffed animal off for a fun sleepover at the library. Hear a story and do an activity, then say goodnight to your friend. *Registration required.
Special Presenters

Peter McCory One Man Band for KIDS!
While strumming guitar, Peter plays harmonicas, kazoo and whistles. He plays drums, cymbals, cow bell and other percussion instruments with his feet and sings, whistles, yodels, and scats!

Clarke: Monday, June 17, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, June 17, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, June 18, 11:00 AM

Kid Pan Alley
Bringing music to children written by children. This concert will include original songs created by more than 40,000 children from all over the world.
Clarke: Monday, June 24, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, June 24, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, June 25, 11:00 AM

It’s Showtime—HRLS Puppets on Tour
Teen puppeteers of Handley Regional Library System bring a program of song and dance to audiences in our library system. It’s Showtime at Your Library comes to life!

Clarke: Monday, July 1, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, July 1, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, July 2, 11:00 AM

Impressions Theatre
Inspector Clue is on the case again, hired by Dewey the Librarian to solve a most mysterious puzzle: All of the stories are getting mixed up. Peter Pan has disappeared from Neverland, the Big Bad Wolf is running around Wonderland, and St. Nick is stuck in Little Red Riding Hood’s grandma’s chimney. Can Inspector Clue get everyone back to their rightful stories?
Clarke: Monday, July 8, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, July 8, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, July 9, 11:00 AM

Barefoot Puppets Ooey Gooey Puppetry
A lively puppet show featuring timeless, classic stories and an entertaining circus worm (who meets an unfortunate fate) and a young man named Jonathan, who ate way too much cake. A wide variety of puppets—including a “humanette” will delight young audiences. Brought to our library system by the Virginia Commission of the Arts.

Clarke: Monday, July 15, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, July 15, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 AM

Tampa Taiko Drums
An interactive program that covers the history of taiko, the music of Japan, modern drumming performance, and drum making using discarded barrels that have been recycled into taiko drums. Master Ron also demonstrates the Shakuhachi—meditative flute music.

Clarke: Monday, July 22, 10:30 AM
Handley: Monday, July 22, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, July 23, 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Great Big Faces
Cartoonist Paul Merklein presents drawing programs for all!

Clarke: Monday, July 29, 10:30 AM: How To Draw Cartoons
Handley: Monday, July 29, 2:00 PM: How To Draw Superheroes
Bowman: Tuesday, July 30, 11:00 AM: How To Draw Caricatures
Bowman: Tuesday, July 30, 2:00 PM: See A Cartoonist; Be A Cartoonist!

It’s Storytelling at Your Library!
Favorite stories are shared through drama, movement, music and audience participation.

Clarke: Monday, August 5, 10:30 AM

Rhythmaya Dance Troupe
A professional, contemporary dance group performing a beautiful blend of classical Indian dance, folk Indian dance, and current R&B, hip hop music.

Handley: Monday, August 5, 2:00 PM
Bowman: Tuesday, August 6, 11:00 AM

See more at www.handleyregional.org