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One-Man Circus-in-a-Suitcase  
Wednesday, July 10, 2 pm, ADR  

From Kevin O’Keefe’s suitcase, an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights, the boisterous ringmaster Steve Fitzpatrick, the officious Mervin Merkle, the incredible Bumbilini Family, the Magician to the Stars Clyde Zerbini, and Keefer-an innocent trying to run away and join the circus. However, the most important performers emerge from the audience.

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BubbleMania: Comedy... with a Drip!  
Thursday, August 15, 3-4 pm, BRD

The beauty, wonder, and excitement of bubbles brought to you by comic bubble artist Casey Carle. A top-notch performer who has “burst” onto stages across the nation and around the globe with an amazing one-man show fusing brilliant bubbling with jazzy music and laugh-out-loud humor. Includes fabulous, fog-filled bubbles, funky foam, a cube bubble, giant soap bubbles... and gobs more.

End of Summer Celebration  
Friday, August 16, 2-3 pm, ADR

Join us to celebrate the end of Summer Reading! Registration required.
Children

Series at Adriance
Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

Stories in the Story Nook
Mondays, July 8 - August 12, 4-4:30 pm
Join us for a storytime in the Story Nook! Recommended for grades PreK - 2. No registration required.

Crafty Adventure Thursdays!
Thursday, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2-3 pm
Drop in every week to create fun crafts and projects! While supplies last. Recommended for grades K-6. No registration required.

Kids’ Chess Club
Tuesday, July 9 - August 13, 6-8 pm, ADR
Chess is an easy game to learn, but a harder game to master. Join us weekly for meetings—the more you attend, the more your chess skills will improve! From beginners to advanced players, all are welcome to join us in the fun! Semi-formal instruction provided when available. No registration required.

Kids’ Brick Builders’ Club
Tuesday, July 16, 30, 3-4 pm
Calling all builders! Join us as we put our brick building skills to the test! Recommended for grades K-6.

Explore Ancient Egypt
Wednesday, July 31, August 7, 3-4:15 pm
Embark on a journey to the mystic land of Ancient Egypt, where you will uncover jaw-dropping facts about pharaohs, pyramids, and mummification. Unlock the secrets of hieroglyphs to write your name and create a stunning pharaoh mask that showcases your authority and creativity. Sample a honey cake and become immortal! For grades K-5. Registration required; please register once for both sessions.

Series at Boardman
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LEGO and More: Brick Building
Monday, July 22, August 12, 4-5:30 pm
Join us for a family LEGO open play. Come and build creations out of the library’s collection of bricks. All ages welcome, best for ages 5+. No registration required.

All-Ages Chess Club
Mondays, July 8 - August 12, 5-7 pm, BRD
Play against and learn from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome. No registration required.

At Adriance
Registration is required unless otherwise indicated.

All About Korea
Wednesday, July 17, 3-4 pm
Explore Korea through stories, games, and crafts! Recommended for grades 1-6.

Kids’ Open Art Studio
Tuesday, July 23, 2-3 pm
Join us for an unstructured open art studio for kids! Choose an art project to work on from a selection of materials. This is a drop-off program but parents are welcome to wait in the children's room. Recommended for grades 3-6.

Art & Stuff
Tuesday, August 13, 2-3 pm
Come make art! Use our arts and crafts supplies to express your creativity. Recommended for grades K-3.
At Boardman Road

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All-Ages Chess Club
Mondays, July 8 – August 12, 5-7 pm, BRD
Explore the enigmatic world of chess by playing against and learning from others in our community. Bring your own board, or play on one of ours! All ages welcome. No registration required.

Sonic the Hedgehog
Thursday, July 11, 4-4:50 pm
Make a Sonic the Hedgehog craft. Then join us on a Sonic scavenger hunt, where we will locate all the chaos emeralds. Recommended for grades K-5.

#TikTokChallenge Accepted
Saturday, July 13, 10:30-11:30 am
Feeling adventurous? Work together (or against each other!) while trying some trendy TikTok games. Try some unusual TikTok food trends too! Recommended for grades K-6.

Ahoy, Matey! Let’s Talk Like a Pirate!
Thursday, July 25, 4-4:50 pm
Make some pirate clothespin puppets, learn some pirate phrases, and search for pirate treasure! Recommended for grades K-5.

Velvet Art Baseball Caps
Thursday, August 1, 4-4:50 pm
A wearable coloring project with a fuzzy velvet background. Recommended for grades K-5.

Yarn Bugs
Thursday, August 8, 4-4:50 pm
Put your creative caps on and make a colorful yarn wrapped bug. Recommended for grades K-5.

A Generous Gift: Library Delivers Books for Keeps

Research shows that having books at home increases young children’s print awareness and early literacy development, skills that are vital for starting kindergarten. A recent youth outreach project spearheaded by Library Director Tom Lawrence and executed by Youth Outreach Coordinator Alison Francis resulted in the creation of a book bag filled with books and early literacy tips in English and Spanish. Each child in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program within the Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) received one of these book bags.

Many thanks go to the numerous people who made this possible.

The Friends of PPLD generously donated the funds to purchase the books and book bags; the Library District’s Advancement Department created and produced the handouts, the Rover drivers delivered the bags, and Janet Bisti, the Director of Elementary Education at PCSD, partnered with us in arranging the logistics of delivering the bags to all students in the five UPK sites within the district.

My children enjoy the wonderful selection of books and the hands-on projects, which are educational and fun.”

At SPD

Adventure Awaits Scavenger Hunt
July 5 - August 23
Can you find all nine items hidden in SPD?
No registration required – just grab a sheet!
Early Childhood

PPLD supports early literacy through high-quality programs and resources. We'll help you find the answers you need as you raise the next generation of citizens. For these programs, children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration is not required, except where noted. Closed July 4, August 31.

At Adiriance

PLC: Preschool Learning Center Story Time
Monday, July 8 - August 12, 10 - 11:15 am
Tuesday, July 9 - August 13, 10 - 11:15 am
Weekly themed stories, music and movement, sensory art activities, and developmentally open-ended play in the several centers in our Preschool Learning Center classroom. For children ages 3-5. Registration required. Please register for either a Monday or Tuesday session.

Toddler Time
Tuesday, July 9 - August 13, 10-10:50 am
A story time for 2-year-olds with books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music followed by play time.

Baby Time
Wednesday, July 10 - August 14, 10-10:50 am
Join us weekly for Baby Time! We’ll play, sing, read, listen to music, and move our bodies to help support the development of your baby’s pre-literacy, social, and motor skills. Come early or stay late to play and socialize with other babies and caregivers! Siblings are welcome. For 0 - 24 months.

Music & Movement
Thursday, July 11 - August 15, 10-10:50 am
Get ready for a wigglin’, gigglin’, toe-tappin’, hand clappin’ time! We’ll dance, sing, play instruments, and end with interactive play. For children ages 2-5.

Sensory Lab
Friday, July 12 - August 16, 10-11 am
Enhance fine motor skills through sensory exploration and play. For children ages 18 months to 5 years. Dress for the mess!

New! Baby Olympics
Saturday, July 20, 1-2 pm, MHLS Auditorium
Celebrate the opening of the Summer Olympics by competing in different fun, baby-friendly challenges like the Diaper Dash and more! Dress to represent your favorite country, and enjoy light refreshments. Ages 0-2, siblings welcome. No registration required; for more information, please contact Kayleigh Hartnett, khartnett@poklib.org or x3316.

At Boardman Road

Preschool Story Time
Monday, July 8 - August 12, 10-10:30 am
Stories, songs, action rhymes, and a small craft for ages 3-5. Parents and siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme & Play Time
Monday, July 8 - August 12, 11-11:45 am
Features songs, rhymes, finger plays, and stories. For 0-18 months.

Walk & Wiggle
Wednesday, July 10 - August 14, 10-10:50 am
This language enrichment program serves as a transitional story time for walkers as they prepare for toddler story times. The program features songs, rhymes, fingers plays, and stories. For 18-24 months.

Toddler Time
Thursday, July 11 - August 15, 10-10:30 am
A story time for 2-year-olds featuring books, rhymes, flannel board stories, and music.

Toot & Scoot & Play
Thursday, July 11 - August 15, 10:40-11:30 am
Movement and music program featuring songs, instruments, rhymes, and interactive play for children. Walkers - age 5.

“Baby Time is the best. My son loves everything about it. I love being able to talk to other moms. We have learned Spanish words and Sign Language that we use every day. Miss Kayleigh is excellent with all the babies and toddlers. This class is the highlight of my son’s week.”

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