

BOUND FOR THE STARS

Summer Learning 2026
June 1-August 31



WE'RE
CHANGING
IT UP!



A NEW DIRECTION FOR 2026

Summer is for freedom. Long days. Late nights. New adventures. However, for many kids and teens, it can also mean learning loss. Without school's structure, students can fall behind and literacy gaps grow when access to books and encouragement isn't equal.

One proven solution? Books at home.

That's why Summer Learning 2026 at Kitsap Regional Library is charting a new course.

First, we're giving away books for keeps with our **Kids & Teens: Book Boost**. Readers ages 0-18 can choose three free books, one per visit, to build their home libraries.

Second, we're offering guidelines, rather than regulations, for the **All Ages: Read Something, Do Something Challenge**. Set a goal that excites you—100 hours, chapter books without pictures, or a 7-book series. Meet your goal by August 31 to earn a Summer Learning T-shirt or pin, and entry into the end-of-summer prize drawing.

As always, library lovers of all ages can enjoy live concerts, cosmic celebrations, hands-on learning, and a weekly social media contest.

Summer Learning is for everyone. At its heart, Summer Learning helps kids grow while letting summer be summer. And when adults read, kids see that learning doesn't stop when school does.

We can't wait to see you at the Library this summer!

YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER LEARNING

Bound for the stars with Kitsap Regional Library! Summer Learning 2026 charts a different course by offering new challenges and prizes that blasts off in 3...2...1...



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3 VISITS = 3 BOOKS

Kids & Teens: Book Boost, Ages 0-18

When youth readers visit the Library this summer, they can choose three books—one on each visit—to boost their personal collection. At the help desk, pick up a stamp tracker and a book to keep! Your tracker will be stamped each time you pick up a book and reveal a hidden image. Kids and teens will also receive a voucher for two tickets to a Seattle Storm game with their first book (page 9).



2 WAYS TO READ & LEARN

All Ages: Read Something, Do Something Challenge Trackers, Pages 5-7

Plot your summer journey by setting reading and learning goals that excite and challenge you to reach for the stars. Track your progress through the open-ended Read Something, Do Something Challenge trackers in this guide, then visit the Library by August 31 to pick up your Summer Learning 2026 T-shirt or pin and enter the end-of-summer drawing!



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1 STELLAR SUMMER

Events, Pages 10-16

Come to the Library for live concerts and shows, cosmic events, and a hopping good time all summer long.

Everything you need to join in from June 1 to August 31 is here. Find all events and details on our website at KRL.org/Summer.

READ SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING CHALLENGE

Chart your course! Set reading and doing goals that challenge and inspire you to reach for the stars. Track your progress using the trackers below.

Every time you make progress on your All Ages: Read Something, Do Something goals, color in a section of the planets. For example, if your goals are to read ten books and identify ten constellations, color in a part of the planets for each book you finish and every time you go stargazing.

READ SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING

Read Something Examples

◆ Read 10 minutes a day

◆ Read out loud every day

◆ Read three new genres

◆ Read 20 hours

My Goals Are:

READ

Take notes in the logbook (page 7) to share the most exciting days of your summer journey and write about how it went after you've reached your goals. Turn in the completed form at your local branch when you come to collect your T-shirt or pin, and be entered into the end-of-summer prize drawing! See all possible prizes on page 8.



DO SOMETHING COLORING TRACKER

Do Something Examples

◆ Learn how stars form

◆ Crochet a rabbit

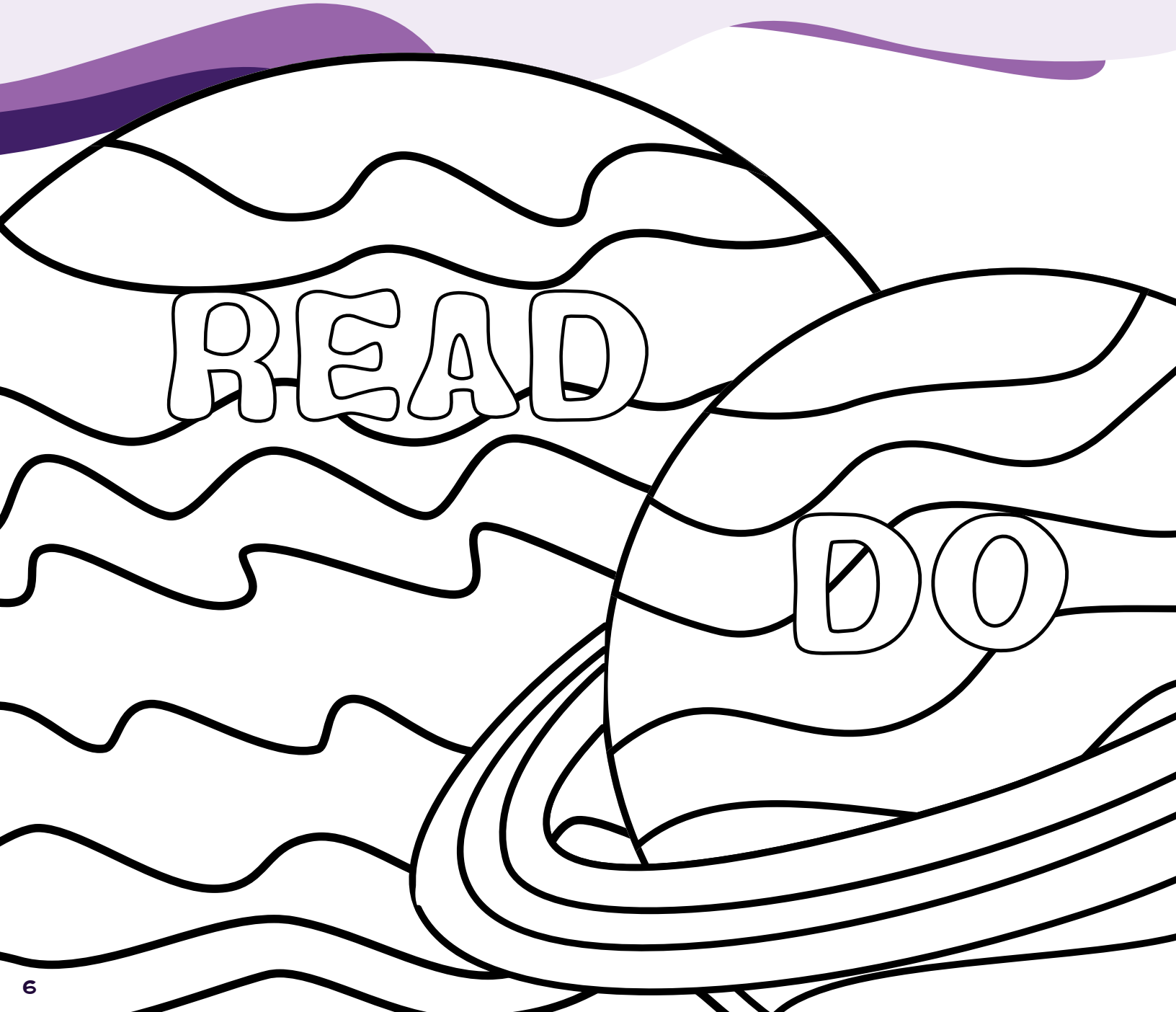
◆ Check out an astronomy kit from the library & go stargazing

PLOT YOUR GOAL & START COLORING!

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READ SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING TRACKER, CONTINUED

Need more space for your your All Ages: Read Something, Do Something goals? Keep coloring!



READ

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LOGBOOK

Use this space to write down notes and stories from your summer journey. Tell us about what you learned during the All Ages: Read Something, Do Something Challenge by answering the questions below. Then, fill out the form on the other side of this page. Bring your story into a branch to be entered into the end-of-summer drawing for an epic prize! (Make sure you answer every question to be entered to win!)

1. What All Ages: Read Something, Do Something goals did you set this summer?

2. What steps did you take to learn or investigate?
(Books you read, people who helped you, videos you watched?)

3. Tell us a short story about how you completed your challenge!
Any surprises along the way? Anything especially hard or fun?

PRIZE DRAWING ENTRY FORM

Select your preferred prize and complete the entry form below. Turn in this page at any branch **before August 31** to be entered into the drawing. Want to share more? We'd love to hear about your amazing summer of discovery! Upload photos and a summer memory at [KRL.org/SummerFieldNotes](https://www.krl.org/SummerFieldNotes).

SELECT YOUR PREFERRED PRIZE

One of each prize will be awarded at every branch.



READ LOCAL

Enjoy a \$150 certificate to your favorite local bookstore.



SWITCH IT UP

Score a Nintendo Switch Life and a \$70 download card or a new game.



SEE WORLDS

Explore the galaxy with a Pacific Science Center family membership or a telescope kit.

Name: _____ Child Teen Adult

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School or City: _____ Library Branch: _____

I give Kitsap Regional Library permission to share my experience.

Some prizes may require adult supervision. No purchase necessary to win. Promotion running June 1-Aug. 31, 2026 is presented by Kitsap Regional Library (the Library) and sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA, 98310. The Library is not a sponsor. To enter, complete challenges through forms and present completed forms at any Library location. Forms must be received by library closing, Aug. 31, 2026. Three prizes per branch worth approximately \$150-\$300 (retail value) will be awarded. No cash will be awarded. Valid for Washington residents only. Entries outside WA are ineligible. Prizes must be picked up at a Library location. Winners, selected at random, will be notified by Sept. 16, 2026; you do not have to be present to win. Names only used with permission. Request a list of winners by mail: Kitsap Regional Library, Attn: Communications, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton WA, 98310.



Photo courtesy of Seattle Storm.



SEATTLE STORM

Kids and teens, start your summer with a slam dunk! The Seattle Storm proudly supports Summer Learning, so youth readers will get a Storm ticket voucher when picking up their first book of the Kids & Teens: Book Boost (page 3).

Each participating youth can get 2 tickets, up to 6 tickets per household. Don't wait! Games are easier to book earlier in the summer, and tickets are available only while supplies last. For more information on free transportation in Seattle on game day, visit KRL.org/Summer.

YOUTH RIDE FREE!

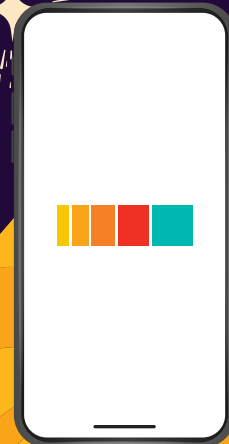
Supercharge your All Ages: Read Something, Do Something Challenge by exploring the far reaches of the Puget Sound for free! Anyone 18 or under can take public transit (bus, ferry, train, etc.) using a student ID or Youth ORCA card. Learn more at FreeYouthTransitPass.com.



SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST

SHARE & WIN!

We'd love to hear about your amazing summer of discovery! Upload photos and a summer memory at KRL.org/SummerFieldNotes. Beginning in July, we'll draw a name each week from the shared stories, and the winning entry will be awarded a \$25 gift card. At the end of each week, we'll share that week's winning story and photo(s) to our Facebook and Instagram [@KitsapLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/KitsapLibrary). Be sure to follow along so you don't miss all the fun!



COSMIC

Get ready for out-of-this-world experiences as you enjoy free, live music, dance, and magic performances this summer!



Photo courtesy of Eli Rosenblatt.



Photo courtesy of West Sound Wildlife.

Manchester Mondays

Jun. 29: Jeff Evans Magic Show
Jul. 6: Mikey the Rad Scientist
Jul. 13: Pacific Planetarium
Jul. 20: Rick Hartman, School of Toy
Jul. 27: Curious Critters by Casai
10:30-11:30 am
qa'qad Stormwater Park

Jeff Evans Magic Show

Magic and learning combine in this unforgettable show.

Jun. 30, 2-3 pm

**Greater Hansville
Community Center**

Jul. 8, 3-4 pm

Poulsbo

Jul. 22, 10:30-11:30 am

Bainbridge Island

Jul. 29, noon-12:45 pm

Bremerton, Admiral Theatre

Waterfront Wednesdays

Jul. 1: The Rhapsody Project
Jul. 8: Eli Rosenblatt
Jul. 15: West Sound Wildlife
Jul. 22: Mikey the Rad Scientist
11 am-noon
Port Orchard

School of Taiko

World-class Japanese drumming.
Jul. 15, noon-12:45 pm
Bremerton, Admiral Theatre

Jul. 28, 4-5 pm
Kingston

Jul. 30, 2-3 pm
Silverdale

CELEBRATIONS



Photo courtesy of Jeff Evans.



Photo courtesy of School of Taiko.

Eli Rosenblatt

A show of music and imagination.

Jul. 14, 11 am-noon

Kingston

West Sound Wildlife

Meet wild birds and their handlers.

Jul. 15, 2-3 pm

Poulsbo

Mikey the Rad Scientist

Science and nature come to life in this outdoor musical show.

Jul. 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Bainbridge Island

Jul. 21, 5-6 pm

Sylvan Way

Aug. 11, 11 am-noon

Kingston

Aug. 11, 1-2 pm

Greater Hansville
Community Center

The Rhapsody Project

Enjoy a musical performance that blends funk, blues, and more.

Jul. 22, noon-12:45 pm

Bremerton, Admiral Theatre

Jul. 23, 6-6:45 pm

Poulsbo

Curious Critters by Casai

Meet a variety of creatures, like a mini pig and bearded dragon, in this interactive show.

Jul. 29, 2-3 pm

Bainbridge Island

700+ EVENTS ONLINE

Visit KRL.org/Events to find all Library events... there's hundreds of options!



KIDS PREVIEW

Tinkers in Space

Apply your STEAM skills to design spaces to read, create alien puppets, and build cardboard spaceships. While supplies last.

Jun. 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Silverdale

Star Spangled Extravaganza

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with star spangled crafts.

Jul. 2, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Bainbridge Island

How to Make a Picture Book with Author Rachel Michelle Wilson

Explore the art of writing and illustrating books.

Jul. 9, 10:30-11:30 am

Poulsbo

Waterfront Wednesday: Talent Show

Kids and teens show off their talents in this annual tradition.

Jul. 13-14, noon-2 pm: Auditions

Jul. 29, 11 am-noon: Talent Show
Port Orchard

STEM Camps

In partnership with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard's STEM Outreach team. Ages 9-18.

Jul. 14, 10-11:30 am: Rockets

Jul. 15, 10-11 am: Solar Science
Sylvan Way

Kid Beach Walk

Enjoy a guided beachwalk.

In partnership with BI Land Trust and BI Beach Naturalists.

Jul. 29 10-11:30 am

Bainbridge Island,
Waterfront Park

Splashtime Foam Party

A bubbly outdoor dance party. Wear shoes and clothing that can get wet.

Aug. 1, 11 am-noon

Port Orchard, South Kitsap
Regional Park

Aug. 1, 2-3 pm

Sylvan Way

Pacific Planetarium Kids Field Trip

Enjoy a (free!) field trip to learn about our universe. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

Aug. 5, noon-3 pm

817 Pacific Ave, Bremerton

Field Day

Fun yard games, a giant parachute, and more!

Aug. 26, 3:30-5 pm

Kingston

YEAR-ROUND LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library is always a place you can go to find space to read and a hopping good time!

STORYTIMES

KRL.org/Storytime

READ TO A DOG

KRL.org/Dog

BABY BAND

KRL.org/BabyBand

LEGOS

KRL.org/LEGO

TEENS PREVIEW

Teen Makerspace

Play games, hang out, and use our materials to create.

Grades 6-12.

Jun. 23, Jul. 7, 21, Aug. 18, 2-4 pm

Poulsbo

Teen Anime Club

Watch anime, hang out, and connect with others.

Grades 6-12.

Jun. 30, Jul. 28, Aug. 11, 2-4 pm

Poulsbo

Teen Summer Sewing Camp

Learn the basics of hand sewing and using a machine to complete a simple project. Ages 13-18.

Registration required.

Jul. 6-10, 1:30-3:30 pm

Port Orchard

Be You, Be Proud, Be-Dazzling!

Get your outfit and accessories ready for Kitsap Pride. Sewing machines and materials provided.

Jul. 16, 2-4 pm

Silverdale

Tweens Paint the Stars

Bring the night sky to life through paint and LED lights. Grades 5-8. Registration required.

Jul. 21, 1-3 pm

Bainbridge Island

Solar System Collage

Use our tools to carve space-themed stamps. Create prints and patches of your stamp to be part of the collage to be displayed in the branch.

Aug. 20, 3-5 pm

Silverdale

ADULTS PREVIEW

Speed Friending: Summer Edition

Switch stations every 15 minutes to make new friends. Ages 21+.

Registration required.

Jun. 10, 6-8 pm

Bremerton, Ashley's Pub

Cosmic Creations

Craft with provided materials.

Jun. 11: Vinyl Record Wall Clock

Jul. 9: Galaxy Bath Bombs

Aug. 13: Cosmic Tote Bags

2-5 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



**Peninsula
Community
Health
Services**

Peninsula Community Health Services

Mobile clinics visit Port Orchard and Poulsbo monthly. Discuss health concerns with specialists, get help with insurance, and access community resources. Learn more at KRL.org/PCHS.

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Explore your heritage, locate missing ancestors, and review local records at the Genealogy Center in the Sylvan Way branch. Explore events and more at psgsociety.org.



TEEN SPACE

KRL.org/TeenSpace

STEM & MAKERSPACE

KRL.org/STEM

BOOK GROUPS

KRL.org/BookGroups

SO MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE! SEE ALL EVENTS &

ALL AGES SUMMER FUN

Launch Into Summer: Kickoff Party

Blast off into summer with crafts, games, and more.

Jun. 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

3, 2, 1, Summer Kickoff!

Start off your Summer Learning journey with space-themed crafts and activities.

Jun. 13, 11 am-3 pm

Bainbridge Island

Peace Chalk Party

Chalk in a giant peace sign. Enjoy live music, treats, and bubbles.

Jun. 13, 2-3:30 pm

Poulsbo

Glow-in-the-Dark Putt Putt Golf

In partnership with Mini Golf on the Go. Space limited.

Jun. 26, 6-9 pm

Port Orchard

Community Create Night

Gather with others to create, share skills, or hang out. In partnership with Wayzgoose Kitsap.

Jul. 3 & Aug. 7, 5-7 pm

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Intertidal Investigations

Go for a guided beachwalk. In partnership with WSU Kitsap Extension Beach Naturalists.

Jul. 15, 11:30 am-1 pm

Kingston, Saltair Beach

Out of This World Creation Space

Design a prop or costume using makerspace tools, then join us later at the Whaling Days Parade, Jul. 25, to show off your creation.

Jul. 23, 2-5 pm

Silverdale

Galaxy Tie-Dye

Tie-dye a bandana in galaxy colors! While supplies last.

Jul. 24, 2:30-4 pm

Kingston

TEEN FIELD TRIP: PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

Head out on a (free!) field trip to explore the Pacific Science Center and its wide variety of exhibits. Transportation, admission, and lunch provided. Registration required. Ages 13-18.

Aug. 7, All day

200 Sue Bird Court N., Seattle

REGISTER FOR YOUR FAVORITES AT [KRL.ORG/EVENTS](https://krl.org/events)



Maker Expo

Watch makerspace equipment demonstrations and try an activity.

Aug. 7, 1-4 pm

Silverdale

Movies in the Park

Seating: 8 pm. Movies start 30 minutes after sunset. In partnership with Bainbridge Island Metro Parks & Recreation District.

Aug. 7: Spaceballs

Aug. 14: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Aug. 21: Wicked: For Good

Aug. 28: Elio

8-11 pm

Bainbridge Island,
Battle Point Park

Slug Fest

Celebrate slugs with crafts, games, and more.

Aug. 8, 10 am-noon

Kingston

Outdoor Movie Night

Bring blankets and chairs for a movie on the big screen.

Aug. 21, 8:30-10:15 pm

Sylvan Way

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends raise funds for their local Kitsap Regional Library. Join a group, find a book sale, and more at [KRL.org/Friends](https://krl.org/friends).

Father's Day Salmon Bake: Presented by the Friends of the Manchester Library

Dinner includes salmon, coleslaw, baked beans, garlic bread, drink, and cookie.

Adults: \$25

Children 7-12: \$18

Children under 7: \$10

Jun. 21, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Manchester

FREE LUNCHESES IN BREMERTON AND PORT ORCHARD

Kids 18 and under can enjoy free lunches on weekdays at the Sylvan Way and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. branches, courtesy of the Bremerton School District, and at the Port Orchard Waterfront Wednesday program, provided by the South Kitsap School District. Visit [KRL.org/Summer](https://krl.org/summer) in June for all the details.

Jaxon gazes through telescope.



Meet Our 2026 Summer Learning Family at KRL.org/SummerLearningFamily.

MY EVENTS

CHART YOUR SUMMER'S COURSE

We get it, with over 700 events on our website, it's easy to feel like you're watching a meteor shower pass you by. Use My Events to save and organize all the events you want to go to this summer.

1. Log into your library account.
2. Navigate to KRL.org/Events.
3. Filter by location, age, language, or even event type.
4. Click the star on the right side of an event to save to My Events.
5. Grab a list! Go to the top, select Options > Create PDF.
6. **And just like that, you're on your way to one stellar summer!**

Use this calendar to plan an out-of-this-world summer.

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth, Library closed.	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	 Kids & Teens: Book Boost We're giving away books for keeps! Readers ages 0-18 can choose three free books, one per visit, to build their home libraries.				



JULY



Sunday

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Saturday

America 250

Celebrate the United States of America's 250th Birthday with crafts, events, and more. Join the party at KRL.org/America250.

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Independence Day, Library closed.

U.S.A. 250th Birthday.



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Reminder:
Enter the social media contest.

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Discover all things Summer Learning at KRL.org/Summer.



AUGUST



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday



Unlimited Kanopy Streaming

Stream thousands of popular, independent, and documentary films and shows. Use your library card to sign up for a free account and start streaming at [KRL.org/Kanopy](https://www.krl.org/Kanopy).

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Add to your reading list at [KRL.org/BookMatch](https://www.krl.org/BookMatch).

Look up! Perseid meteor shower.



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Check out kits at [KRL.org/BorrowMore](https://www.krl.org/BorrowMore).

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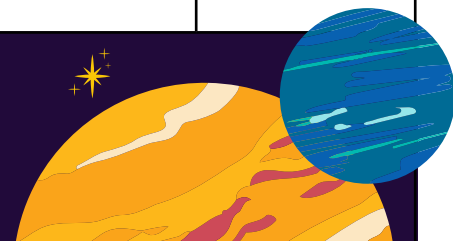
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End of Summer Learning

- Did you get all three Kids & Teens: Book Boost books?
- Did you enter the end-of-summer prize drawing?



Library closed May 25, June 19 & July 4

Bainbridge (206) 451-5050
1270 Madison Ave. N, 98110

Bremerton - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
(360) 447-5420
612 5th St., 98337

Bremerton - Sylvan Way (360) 447-5480
1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, 98310

Kingston (360) 860-5070
26159 Dulay Rd. NE, 98346

Little Boston (360) 860-5080
31980 Little Boston Rd. NE, 98346

Manchester (360) 447-5430
8067 E Main St., Port Orchard, 98366

Port Orchard (360) 447-5440
87 Sidney Ave., 98366

Poulsbo (360) 447-5450
700 NE Lincoln Rd., 98370

Silverdale (360) 447-5470
3650 NW Anderson Hill Rd., Suite 101, 98383

Mobile Services (360) 447-5505
Offering services for individuals who have challenges visiting our library branches, Mobile Services delivers library materials to those that qualify. Learn more at KRL.org/MobileServices.

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