

# Granby Library Youth Newsletter

## August & September

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:30am- 5:30pm, Thursday 10:30 - 7pm.  
Saturday 10:30am - 1:30pm Tel. 413-467-3320  
Library closing - August 30 for Labor Day.



### **Fly Away With Books!**

Finished Summer Reading and want another challenge? Pick up a "Fly Away With Books!" sheet. Read 5 picture books or 1 chapter book at home & write the title(s) on the lines in the hot air balloon. Color your hot air balloon, then return the sheet to the library for a small prize by August 29.

*For kids up to age 11years.*

**Going Back to School? Starting School?** Check out our large selection of starting school books to help your child's transition go more smoothly whether it's preschool, kindergarten or other grades.

**CFCE PLAYGROUPS** \* Summer Playgroups are held once weekly on Wednesdays through August 6. Playgroups the last week of August; August 27 Playgroup (regular, drop in) and Friday August 29 Pre K Readiness Playgroup (registration required.) No Playgroup September 3 & 5.

**Fall Playgroup dates: September 10 on, every Wednesday and Friday 10:30am -12 noon.** Join us for this free playgroup, where you & your child (birth- 5yrs.) can enjoy playtime, an activity & story circle time with Marti.

*Playgroup are made possible with funding from a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CF CE) grant from the MA Department of Early Education and Care, administered by the Collaborative for Educational Services.*

**Reading Buddies with Bright Spot Therapy Dogs**  
**Thursdays 3:30 – 5pm. Dates: August 7 & 21**  
**September 4 & 18 October 2,16, & 30**

Children in Kindergarten & up will enjoy reading aloud to gentle, comforting Reading Buddies with Bright Spot Therapy Dogs as they practice their reading. **Pre-register for a time slot.**



### **Mochi Squishy Scavenger Hunt! August 12 - 23**

Cute little Mochi Kawaii critters are fun to play with, but they are very sneaky and we've had *many of ours escape*. *Can you help us find them?* Take a find sheet, find them, then turn in your sheet for your own \*Mochi Kawaii to take home! Ages 4 – 11yrs. 1 time per child (while supplies last.)







## **Be a Kid Spy! August. 26 – September 13**

**Check out an I Spy or Look & Find type of book and get a DIY mini “I Spy” bottle kit** \*while supplies last - Ages 4 & up

**Play I SPY** Look in our I Spy aquarium, find and count the items on the Find Sheet as you go. When you’ve spied everything on this sheet, then you receive a little toy/treat!

## **September’s Read for Treats “Apples” Sheets**

Pick up a sheet & get a treat for reading! Read 5 picture or 1 chapter book at home, then write the book title(s) on the lines inside the apple. Color the apple & return the sheet to the library to redeem for a treat/toy. Ends September 23.



## **Meet a Balloon Artist – A Sensory Friendly Experience with Brie’s Balloons September 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7pm.**

Sign up for a 15-min. one-on-one balloon twisting session with Brie’s Balloons. Spaces are limited, please pre-register.

**Choose between 2 experiences with Brie’s Balloons when you register:**

**\*Exploration session (ages 3-4 years)** is great for those getting comfortable with different sensory experiences or as an introduction to balloon twisting.

**\*Balloon twisting teaching session (youth ages 5years & up)** is good for those who are ready to learn how to twist 1-2 balloon animals.



## **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten - At Home Program**

Make sure your child is as ready as they can be for one of the biggest moments of their little life - starting school. Read them 1,000 books before kindergarten & keep track with this nation-wide program. Sign up and get a folder at the library. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your child starts kindergarten.

[www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org](http://www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org)



To Granby Library patrons,

*I am retiring at the end of September. As a Youth Service Librarian I have been able to combine my love of youth and libraries in the perfect setting, Granby. The years flew by and now it is time to embark on a new adventure - Retirement! I have been touched by so many memories. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to foster a love of reading. I will miss you all and wish everyone well as you continue your library adventures!*

*With sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who has touched my life,  
Miss Janice (Janice McArdle, Youth Service Librarian)*





