**August 2019**  
**Manchester Public Library**  
**Children & Teen Programs**

*Starred programs require registration  
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Manchester, CT 06040  
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100 North Main St  
Manchester, CT 06042  
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- Orange programs are for teens  
- Green programs are at Whiton  
- Blue programs are at Cheney  

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August 2019  
All programs are FREE!

*Special Programs – Registration required  
Call 860-645-0577 for Cheney & 860-643-6892 for Whiton  
Call 860-645-0821 for teen programs

*A Universe of Stories Children’s Summer Reading Program – This program is for babies up to children entering grade 2, and young children being read to and for children reading on their own. Reading logs may be picked up at the library or printed from our website. Children who reach their first prize level can come to the library to receive an awesome summer reading t-shirt, while supplies last. Continue reading for more prizes! The last day to collect prizes is Friday, August 30th.

*STEAM Lab – Thursdays, 3:45pm at Cheney. Enjoy science, math and art activities. This program for children ages 6-10 will require weekly pre-registration beginning each Monday. Parents and siblings remain upstairs. Runs through August 15th.

Drop-in Programs – No registration required

Preschool Playgroup – Fridays from 10am-3pm at Whiton and 10am-noon at Cheney. Toys are provided and parental supervision is required. Please note, no playgroup on August 30th.

Curious Kids – Mondays, 2:30pm at Whiton & Thursdays, 6:30pm at Cheney. This fun program includes stories, activities and/or a craft around a special topic each week. This program is for children ages 3-5. Siblings welcome. Runs through August 15th.

Outdoor Picnic Storytime – Mondays, 11:30am at Cheney and Wednesdays, 11:30am at Whiton. Relax outside with stories and songs! Bring a blanket and lunch or a snack. This program will be held inside if weather is poor. Runs through August 14th.

Mother Goose Storytime – Tuesdays, 9:30am at Cheney. This program is geared towards children 0-24 months and their caregivers. Bounces, rhymes and stories are included. Runs through August 13th.

Crafts – Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30pm at Cheney and Thursdays, 2:30-3:15pm at Whiton. See what awesome space themed craft you can make each week! Runs through August 13th.

Building Space Models – Thursdays, 10:30am at Whiton. Children entering grades K-5 will work together to build space themed LEGO kits. The LEGO® Company is not affiliated with this program. Runs through August 15th.

Tremendous Tuesday Family Programs – Tuesdays, 3:30pm at Whiton & 6:30pm at Cheney. 
Bending Gravity – August 6th. A mesmerizing performance from Eric Girardi of over ten object manipulation skills choreographed to diverse music that will leave the audience smiling and in awe. Featuring world-class yo-yoing, top spinning, traditional juggling, contact juggling and more…the audience won’t be able to guess what comes next.

Didgeridoo Down Under – August 13th. Didgeridoo Down Under is a high-energy, Australia-themed show that combines music, culture, science, character building and audience participation. The didgeridoo, usually a hollow tree trunk, has been used by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1500 years and is known for its otherworldly sound. You’ll learn about Aussie culture, animals and more, all while moving and grooving to the pulsing rhythms of the didge!

Bryson Lang: The Cure for the Common Show – August 20th. Bryson Lang has entertained thousands around the world with his creative, high-energy, family-friendly comedy-juggling act! His routine mixes comedy, audience participation, ball spinning, improv and always a few surprises.

Programs for Teens

Meet Author Julia Tannenbaum – Wednesday, August 14th, 6:30pm at Cheney. Teen author and West Hartford native Julia Tannenbaum will discuss her new novel Changing Ways. Changing Ways is a YA novel about a 16-year-old girl’s struggle with mental illness and the highs and lows of her journey to overcome her disease. Julia will discuss why she started writing and how it has changed her life. Teens and Adults are welcome.

Teen Movie: Pokémon Detective Pikachu – Wednesday, August 21st, 6pm at Cheney. A movie night for teens in grades 6-12.

Learn to Play Dungeons & Dragons – Wednesday, August 28th, 6pm at Cheney. A D&D expert will be on hand to teach the basics of Dungeons & Dragons and answer questions about the game at this program for teens in grades 6-12.

Special Programs

Make a Peep Wars Diorama – Wednesday, August 7th, 6pm-7:30pm at Cheney. Children entering Grades 2 – 6 and their families can come to the library to create a space or Star Wars themed diorama for the upcoming Peep Wars Diorama Contest. The library will provide marshmallow Peeps, decoration options and a limited number of shoeboxes at the program. All while supplies last. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own shoeboxes. Dioramas will remain in the children’s room for voting during the week of August 12th.

Peep Wars Diorama Contest – If you cannot attend the program on August 7th, dioramas made at home can also be entered into the contest. Get those old marshmallow Peeps out from the pantry and turn them into an awesome Star Wars or space themed diorama. This contest is for children entering Grades 2 – 6: children may work alone or together with family members as a team. Dioramas should be dropped off at the Mary Cheney children’s room between August 5th and August 10th at 4:30pm. Voting will take place in the children’s room starting August 12th and ending the day of the Star Wars Fan Fest, August 17th.

Winners will be announced August 19th. Further details are on the entry form, found online or in the children’s room.

Star Wars Fan Fest – Saturday, August 17th, 10am-6pm at Cheney. Join us for this all ages summer reading grand finale event! Events will include a visit from the 501st Connecticut Garrison Stormtrooper group, face painting, Jedi training for ages 8+ with the Academy of Martial Arts and Personal Training, storytime, crafts, balloon twisting and more! Food trucks and vendors will also be on site. See a Star Wars Fan Fest brochure for the timing of specific events. May the Force be with you.