

Connect with Nature Summer Library Programs

Fluvanna Library Summer Program 2023

REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Registration starts Monday, May 8)

June 6 – The Bees in My Garden – Join us on Tuesday, June 6 from **10-12 noon at the Library** as Beekeepers Karen & Ken Hall, in connection with the PBS film, “My Garden of A Thousand Bees” help us learn the important role these pollinators play in our local ecosystem. We will get a close up look at a living honeybee demonstration hive, see how native bees make their homes, and make our own Orchard bee house, and learn how to improve your own gardens by planting nectar plants to take home for the bees (Age 5 & up).

June 13 – Bluebirds and a Discovery Meadow Trail Hike – Join us on Tuesday, June 13 at **10 a.m. at the Library**. We will learn about the enchanting Bluebird, its habitat, nesting and flight habits and maybe take a peek at some nesting Bluebirds. We will learn how meadows are great places for Bluebirds and other wildlife. Then as we hike along the Discovery Meadow Trail in front of the Library, we can look for all sorts of wildlife and wildlife artifacts such as feathers, antlers, and tracks. We can all share our experience with one another. Wear comfortable walking shoes (no flip flops, please) and bring a water bottle. (All ages)

June 20 – A Garden for Butterflies and Bees – Join us at the **Pleasant Grove Park Butterfly Garden** behind the Pleasant Grove House and near the Community Garden on Tuesday, June 20 at 10 a.m. We will learn why this week is National Pollinator Week, about butterflies, bees, and other pollinators and about the plants that attract them. We will go on a scavenger hunt and create native bee boxes and butterfly pudding stations. Dress for outdoors and bring a water bottle. (All ages with an adult/guardian present).

June 27 – Spiders: Fierce Foes or Amazing Friends – Join us **at the Library** on Tuesday, June 27 **at 10 a.m.** to learn more about spiders. Should we be afraid of spiders or not be afraid? We will explore some myths and fables about spiders; how ancient people felt, and people around the world today feel about spiders. We will discuss books and movies in which spiders play key roles, e.g. Charlotte’s Web, Harry Potter, and Spiderman. We will play Spider Trivia and make a special spider craft. (All ages).

July 4 – Library Closed – no program

July 11 – Fairy Gardens Galore – Join us **at the Library** on Tuesday, July 11 at **10 a.m.** to build your own fairy garden. You may bring your own special container (a flowerpot or clay saucer, a bucket, a wooden box, large bowl or other item) or we will furnish one. We will provide samples, pictures and everything else you need to get started (potting soil, a whimsical figure, small plants, pebbles, and other natural items). Let your creative juices flower! (Ages 5 & up.)

July 18 – Days of the Past – Farm Museum Tour – Join us on Tuesday, July 18 at **10 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Park Farm Museum** (behind the house and across from the bathrooms). We will tour the Farm Museum and learn about farming in Fluvanna during the 1800's and early 1900's. We will see tools and machinery used by farmer's who lived off the land and play Farm Museum Bingo for a prize. (All ages with an adult/guardian present).

July 25 – Survival Skills – Join us at the picnic shelter nearest the **Pleasant Grove Dog Park at 10 a.m.** on Tuesday, July 25 where we will see a 30-minute presentation of the 4 basic survival skill sets: shelter, water, fire, and food, followed by an hour and half of demonstrations of activities related to each skill set. Bring a lunch and water bottle. Rain or Shine event. (Ages 9 and older with an adult/guardian present).

August 1 – The Lives and Wonder of Trees Hike – Join us on Tuesday, August 1 at **10 a.m. at the Library** as we learn all about trees and their importance to us, nature, and life in a forest. We will walk the tree arboretum trail behind the Library, learn how to identify trees, and complete a scavenger hunt worksheet that you can turn in at the library for a prize. Wear comfortable walking shoes (no flip flops, please) and bring a water bottle. (Age 5 & ups).

THANK YOU to the Fluvanna Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists and their volunteers for organizing and offering these programs! Cosponsored by the Friends of the Library