

UNEARTH **A STORY™**

**2026 ALL AGES
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

**REGISTER BEGINNING MAY 25
READ, PARTICIPATE, AND EARN PRIZES**



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Food Allergy Disclaimer

Please be advised that some events may serve snacks or programs with food that may contain allergens, or may have come in contact with items containing allergens, and there is always a risk of contamination or cross-contamination. There is also a possibility that manufacturers of the commercial foods we use could change formulation or substitute at any time, without notice.

Customers concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. Chapin Memorial Library will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed, or items one may come into contact with while at Chapin Memorial Library.

Allergens: *Attention customers with food allergies. Please be aware that our food may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as dairy, eggs, wheat, soybeans, sesame, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, crustacean shellfish or wheat.*

UNEARTH A STORY™

Come to Chapin Library to pick up your **Early Literacy** activity sheet. Children ages **birth to 3 years old** must complete all **10 activities** to earn an egg-citing prize! *Activities can be substituted with 15 minutes of reading time.*

GOALS:

Stomp. Roar. Jump. Soar. **Finish all 10 activities** on the Early Literacy activity sheet throughout the summer to earn a prize.

REWARDS:

Complete an activity sheet for the chance to earn a prize and an invitation to our **Aloha Dino Dance** on Saturday, July 25!

EARLY LITERACY (Birth-Preschool) • Goals & Prizes

ALOHA DINO DANCE

Saturday, July 25 • 4-6pm
Pepper Geddings Senior Gym

Celebrate your “Jurassic” reading success at our Aloha Dino Dance! We’ll stomp the night away with delicious food, lively music, and dancing. At the end of the night, join us outside for a dino-mite foam party the whole family can enjoy!

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STORYTIMES

Babytime

Tuesdays • 9:30am

Toddler

Thursdays • 9:30am

Preschool

Thursdays • 11:00am



OUTSIDE STORYTIMES

Weather Permitting • Wednesdays • 10:00am

McLeod Park

June 3 & July 15

Savannah's Playground

June 10 & July 1

Futrell Park

June 17

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Friday, June 5 • 10:00am • Ages: 0-5

Sing, dance, stretch, and jump along in this interactive storytime perfect for little ones who learn best when their bodies are in motion. Walk-ins welcome!



ADOPT-A-DINO

Friday, June 12 • 10:00am • Ages: 2-5

Children will visit fun, interactive stations to care for their very own dinosaur! At the end, they will get to adopt their dinosaur and take it home with them! Registration required.

HAPPYFEET

Friday, June 26 • 9:30am & 10:15am • Ages: 3-5

Chapin library is hosting **HappyFeet Grand Strand**, which is an age-appropriate soccer program that uses songs, stories, nursery rhymes, and games to teach preschoolers basic soccer skills and to improve physical health. Registration required.

TOYBOX OLYMPICS

Friday, July 10 • 10:00am • Ages: 3-5

Children will jump, move, and play while attempting our obstacle course and interactive challenges using everyday household items! Registration required.

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YOUTH (Grades K-5th) • Goals & Prizes

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GOALS:

It doesn't matter how many pages you turn or the total number of books you complete. Read short stories or read epic novels. Read fast or read slow. What and how you read is up to you; just read and keep track of the time you spend doing it. Complete your **Summer Reading Challenge by July 24** to be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing.

REWARDS:

Log your reading time on your paper sheet to **complete 720 minutes or 12 hours**. For every 1 hour read, participants will receive a dinosaur egg containing a mystery prize. Once they have reached 12 hours, they can turn in their sheet for the ultimate "Jurassic" prize pack, including a medal, one prize wheel spin, and a grand prize entry. *Participants may earn extra wheel spins by attending programs, writing book reviews, and solving the Librarian's weekly prehistoric puzzles.* Be sure to check in for more information!

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KIDS ARCHAEOLOGY

Tuesday, June 9 • 3:30pm • Grades: K-5th

Learn about archaeologists and how they study objects from the past! Students will be given blocks to excavate and inspect. Presented by the **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)** and the **Heritage Trust**. Registration required.

DANA HILL MAGIC

Tuesday, June 16 • 10:00am & 4:00pm

Grades: K-12th

Step back in time for a dino-mite adventure! In this interactive magic and illusion show, kids will dig into the world of dinosaurs and archaeology while discovering the real magic hidden inside books. Walk-ins welcome!



PORKCHOP PRODUCTIONS

Wednesday, June 17 • 4:00pm • Grades: K-12th

Jamie, a charismatic prankster, discovers that claiming prehistoric creatures are rampaging through town is an excellent way to get attention, until it isn't! Colorful characters and a heartfelt message remind us that honesty is the best policy, instead of having to dig for the truth! Walk-ins welcome!

KIDS PLUNDER & PLAY

Wednesday, June 24 • 11:00am • Grades: K-5th

Ahoy, explorers! Kids will read a swashbuckling story, then hunt for treasure, play pirate games, and discover a few dino-sized surprises along the way. Registration required.



KIDS SLIME SCHOOL

Tuesday, June 30 • 4:00pm • Grades: K-5th

Get messy and creative at Slime School! Kids will learn the basics behind slime-making while mixing up their own custom slime to take home. Presented by **STAR Academy**. Registration required.



KIDS GLOW PARTY

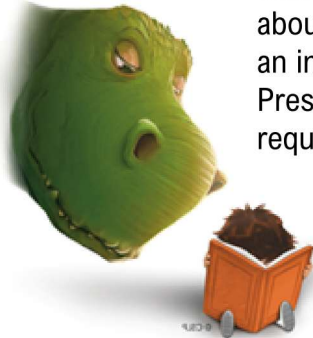
Thursday, July 2 • 10:00am • Grades: K-12th

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States with our Glow Party! The whole family can light up the room with singing and dancing. Walk-ins welcome!

KIDS IMPRINT FOSSILS

Tuesday, July 7 • 11:00am • Grades: K-5th

Identify and handle various types of fossils to learn about our past environments. Students can make an imprint fossil using shells and air-dry clay. Presented by **Horry County Museum**. Registration required.



SHARK TEETH WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 8 • 11:00am • Grades: K-12th

Join Charles from the **Myrtle Beach Shark Teeth** for a hands-on shark tooth identification experience! Examine real shark jaws and teeth up close and learn expert techniques for spotting and identifying these fascinating fossils. Walk-ins welcome!

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

Wednesday, July 15 • 2:00pm • Grades: K-12th

Do you or your group have a talent that the world needs to see? Now is your time to shine! Please email ysstaff@chapinlibrary.org with your name, age and talent. Registration is only required for participants, not guests or audience members. Registration required.

ART & BOOKS COLLIDE

with Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum

Tuesday, July 21 & Wednesday, July 22 • 3:00pm

Grades: K-5th • Space is limited • Registration required

Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum will be here to lead us in creating art based on the latest exhibit.

July 21: Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum exhibit tour.

Location: Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum
3100 S. Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

July 22: Create an art project based on Museum exhibit.

Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room at the library.

NOTES

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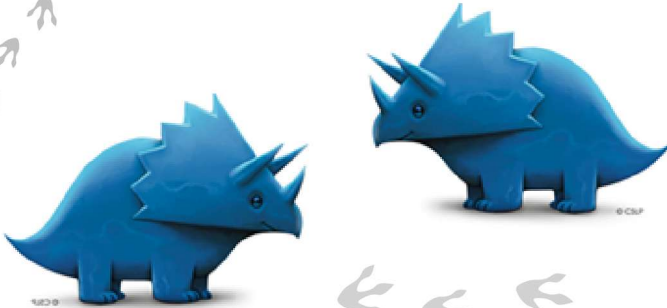
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TEEN POTTERY RE-FIT

Wednesday, June 10 • 11:00am • Grades: 6th-12th Grades

Learn about archaeologists and how they study objects from the past! Students will be provided with a small terra cotta pot which they will decorate, break, and attempt to piece back together. Presented by **Horry County Museum**. Registration required.



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Wednesday, July 1 • 4:00pm • Grades: 6th-12th Grades

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MOBI, the mobile library, is excited to announce that we will be hosting our own *exclusive* **Mobile Library Summer Reading Challenge** again this year.

Starting May 25, you can pick up a reading log at any of our stops or events. Participants are encouraged to complete as many reading forms as possible **before** the **July 27 deadline**. Each completed form is an entry into our final prize drawings, with one winner selected from each of our four age groups.

In addition to the reading program, please join us at one of our stops to dig for "fossils" and "gems" or play our dinosaur/gem matching game to win prizes (while supplies last).

Our Mobile Library staff will select and wrap books so that the titles and authors remain a surprise. Once you "unearth" (unwrap) a book, we encourage you to give it a try. When you are finished, simply return the book along with the "Unearth a New Author" bookmark to be entered into a special summer reading prize drawing.

MOBILE LIBRARY TAKE & MAKE KITS



June

Adult: Dig a Gem

Teen: Build your own Mini
Blocks T-Rex

Kids: Dino Gliders

July

Adult: Make your own Geode
Keychain

Teen: Dinosaur Sand Art

Kids: Dinosaur Suncatcher

MOBI CHAPIN'S **MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS**



Did you know that you can also go to the Mobile Library to participate in a Summer Reading Challenge? Please check the library website for the dates and times for each location. Here is the current alphabetical list of stops:

- **Boys and Girls Club**
1000 Dunbar Street, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Cape Landing Apartments**
3851 Cape Landing Drive, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Cresswind Community**
2000 Silver Spring Lane, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Futrell Park**
1073 Futrell Drive, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Grand Strand Senior Center**
1268 21st Ave. N., Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach**
Market Common, 920 Crabtree Lane, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Lyons Cove Memorial Park**
1811 Greens Blvd., Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Mary C. Canty Recreation Center**
971 Canal Street, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Patrick's Mobile Home Park**
2000 Highway 15, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Pepper Geddings Recreation Center**
3205 N. Oak Street, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Sandygate Village Apartments**
1011 Osceola Street, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Savannah's Playground**
Market Common, 3600-3640 Emmens Ave, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Seapath on 67th**
6710 Wahoo Drive, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **Valor Memorial Park**
Market Common, 1120 Farrow Parkway, Myrtle Bch, SC 29577
- **YMCA of Coastal Carolina**
5000 Claire Chapin Epps Dr., Myrtle Bch, SC 29577

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ADULTS (Ages 18+) • Goals & Prizes

GOALS:

To participate and qualify for an invitation to the **Adult Summer Reading Party**, you must be 18 or older, have a Chapin Library Card and you must complete the *Summer Reading Challenge* by earning 15 points by July 24.

Pick up your scorecard at the Customer Service desk to participate, and be sure to return the card as soon as you earn your **15 points**, or no later than **July 24, 2026**.

HOW TO EARN POINTS:

- Read 3 books/magazines or listen to 3 audiobooks = 5 points total*
- Read up to 7 additional books for a total of 10 books = 1 point per additional book.*
- Read an Unearthed Book = 3 points (one-time only)*
- Attend an event = 2 points per event
- Attend a Friday Film = 1 point per film
- Download/View/Use **Kanopy, Libby, Hoopla** = 1 point per service*
- Download/View/Use **Universal Class** and/or **Virtual Author Talk** = 1 point per service
- Use or donate to our Seedbrary = 1 point (one-time only)
- Register to receive our our digital newsletter = 5 points

*Can be combined with reading for additional points.



INVITATION ONLY **SUMMER READING PARTY**

Thursday, July 30 • Time via invite

General Robert Reed Recreation Center

Invitation will be awarded to those who complete the **15 points** on the Summer Reading Challenge.

All attendees must *EARN* an invitation and RSVP by the date noted. **No Plus Ones.**

UNEARTH A BOOK

May 25 through July 24 • Ages 18+

Select a covered book. Take the book home and unwrap it, read it, return it, and mark the enclosed ticket as “Yes, I found a treasure!” or “No, not a treasure.” You can add 3-points to your earnings with a book (*one-time only*).

AUTHOR TALK: DR. RUSSELL FIELDING

Breadfruit: Three Global Journeys of a Bountiful Tree

Wednesday, June 3 • 11:00am • Ages: 18+

Join us for an author talk with **Dr. Russell Fielding**, from Coastal Carolina University. Dr. Fielding will discuss the botanical history and breadfruit’s future as a sustainable food source. Come and taste a sample of a breadfruit recipe.

DISH-N-DESSERT

with **T.I. Lowe & Marybeth Whalen Mayhew**

Thursday, June 4 • 1:30pm • Ages: 18+

Enjoy a conversation between authors, **T.I. Lowe** and **Marybeth Whalen Mayhew**, about their latest books. **Bookends**, of North Myrtle Beach, will be here selling books written by the authors. Dessert at 1:30pm, speakers at 2:00pm.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

presented by **Dr. Fritz Hamer**

Wednesday, June 10 • 2:00pm • Ages: 18+

Dr. Hamer, former Curator of History at the SC State Museum and Historian and Archivist at the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum, will discuss the origins of South Carolina’s break with England, its key leaders on both the Patriot and Loyalist sides, and how the events transpired to the fall of Charleston in May 1780.

This program is part of the Revolutionary Perspectives Speaker Series supported by the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission and by South Carolina Humanities.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Wednesday, June 17 • 2:00pm • Ages: 12+

Saturday, July 11 • 10:00am • Ages: 12+

How well do you know your library? Join us for a fun scavenger hunt to find out! Single players or teams of up to four will follow clues to locate answers throughout the library. The first to successfully complete the hunt will win a summer reading-themed prize and all participants can choose a prize from our prize basket. Ages 12+ are welcome. Registration required, **anyone 17 years and under must be accompanied by an adult participant.**

ESCAPE ROOM

Monday, June 22 • 3:00pm • Ages: 10+

Teams of 2-5 players will have 20 minutes to work together to complete challenges and use clues to make their escape. Ages 10+ are welcome. Registration required, **anyone 17 years and under must be accompanied by an adult participant.**

PREHISTORIC TECHNOLOGY TALK

with **Dr. Carolyn Dillian**

Tuesday, July 7 • 2:00pm • Ages: 18+

Dr. Carolyn Dillian, professor of Anthropology and Geography at Coastal Carolina University, will be here to discuss prehistoric technology and the stories it reveals.

SHARK TOOTH PRESENTATION

Wednesday, July 8 • 2:00pm • Ages: 18+

Join us for a shark tooth fossil presentation for Shark Week.

TREASURE: SHOW & TELL

Monday, July 13 • 2:00pm • Ages: 18+

Bring an item that you treasure (family heirloom, a collectible, or something unique) to show and share a story about.

HISTORY OF S.C. COUNTY COURTHOUSES

presentation by **Clay York**

Thursday, July 16 • 2:00pm • Ages: 18+

Mr. Clay York will be here and discuss his beautiful collection of photos and the history of South Carolina Courthouses during this special presentation.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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Thank you to our sponsors for their generous support of our Summer Reading Challenge. Their support allows us to provide programs and prize rewards to our community for their participation in the Challenge!



An extra-special **THANK YOU!** to our **Friends of Chapin Memorial Library** for their continuing support of the Summer Reading Program and various activities throughout the year.

Would you like to become a member of our Friends group? You can register and pay online with PayPal or Venmo from our website at **chapinlibrary.org/friends** or pickup a paper application at the library and pay with cash or check.

Membership Options

- **Annual Individual — \$20**

Good for one year, October through September.

- **Lifetime Individual — \$100**

- **Lifetime Family - Option 1 — \$150**

Includes 1 Lifetime membership for 1 adult, and all children in the same residence under age 21.

- **Lifetime Family - Option 2 — \$250**

Includes 2 Lifetime memberships for 2 adults, and all children in the same residence under age 21.

DISCLAIMER

All events are subject to change, cancellation and/or rescheduling. Please check our library webpage at calendar.chapinlibrary.org or 843-918-1275 to verify the event and/or program is scheduled to occur prior to your arrival.

If you would like to participate in these activities and need disability-related accommodations, contact the library 843-918-1275.



collaborative
summer **library program**

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