



Summer Reading Fun at the Pelham Public Library

FOR CHILDREN

The Pelham Public Library is buzzing with excitement this summer—and it's not just because of books! "Color Our World", the 2025 Summer Reading Program, is packed with free, family-friendly activities to spark imagination, encourage learning, and keep kids engaged all summer.

Start each week with Mascot Mondays, where beloved characters like Grimace, Vulcan, SHORT the Squirrel, and Commander the Pelican stop by to share stories and pose for photos. "It's a fun way to kick off the week," said Library Supervisor Rebecca Thrasher Burchfield, who noted that no registration is required—show up and enjoy!

Tuesdays bring exciting performers to the library with Performer Tuesdays. Kids can rock out with dinosaurs, meet exotic animals, laugh at magical antics, and watch colorful science come to life. Highlights this June include Puppet Guy Productions, Animal Tales, The Magic of Tommy Johns, and The Science Lady—each offering something entertaining and educational.

Weekly favorites are also back! Families can enjoy Storytime (with multiple sessions), unleash creativity at LEGO Brick Builders, and explore hands-on activities with the STEAM Team (registration required for ages 8-12).

You don't have to be enrolled in the Summer Reading Program to attend events, but if you are, don't forget to log your reading minutes and collect activity badges in Beanstack!

FOR TEENS

Summer at the Pelham Public Library isn't just for little kids—teens in grades 6-12 have a full slate of fun, creative, and engaging programs to keep them learning and connecting all season long. Staying engaged over the summer helps teens retain skills and knowledge. These programs are designed to keep learning fresh and fun, so teens are ready to hit the ground running when school starts back.

Creative teens will love hands-on opportunities like building their own DIY Mini Emotional Support Library—a tiny bookshelf filled with small books, perfect for book lovers who take stories wherever they go. The library is also offering Draw the Line. This four-session art-based series helps middle and high school students explore and understand key concepts around healthy relationships, boundaries, digital safety, and self-expression.

Science-minded teens can dive into STEM-focused events, including The Science Lady: Colors of Science, where experiments meet vibrant color exploration, and a Balloon Animal Workshop with Doc Magic, combining creativity and science in a fun, hands-on way.

The library is leveling up for gamers with a weekly Nintendo Switch tournament on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Players can compete in popular games in person. Still, spots are limited—registration is required!

There's truly something for every teen at the library this June. Keep an eye on the calendar, bring a friend, and join the fun!

[Visit the Pelham Public Library's Program Calendar for complete details, including dates, times, and registration requirements.](#)

Summer Isn't Just for Kids - Check Out Adult Programs at the Library!

When most people think of summer reading programs, they often picture activities for children and teens. But at the Pelham Public Library, adults have plenty to look forward to this June—thanks to a full calendar of engaging programs led by Melanie Carden, Library Supervisor – Adult Services.

One highlight is the Brews & Views series, a summer-long documentary film event spotlighting creative visionaries like Walt Disney and Stan Lee. “These are individuals who have made an impact on how we view and appreciate the world around us,” Carden explained. Attendees can enjoy free coffee and snacks while they watch. Screenings are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on June 3, June 17, July 1, and July 15.

Looking for something hands-on? Join the Puzzle Race on June 10, where adult teams (with optional teen partners age 13+) compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle within the time limit. Winners take home a free puzzle of their own. Space is limited to five teams, and registration is required.

Also on the calendar is an Adult Art Class for Beginners on June 24, led by local artist Chris Cruz. Participants will create a festive red, white, and blue design in a small group setting. Space is limited to five adults, and registration is also required.

[To see all adult programs happening this summer, visit the Pelham Library calendar,](#) or stop by the library to pick up a printed schedule.



Let's Talk #BookTok

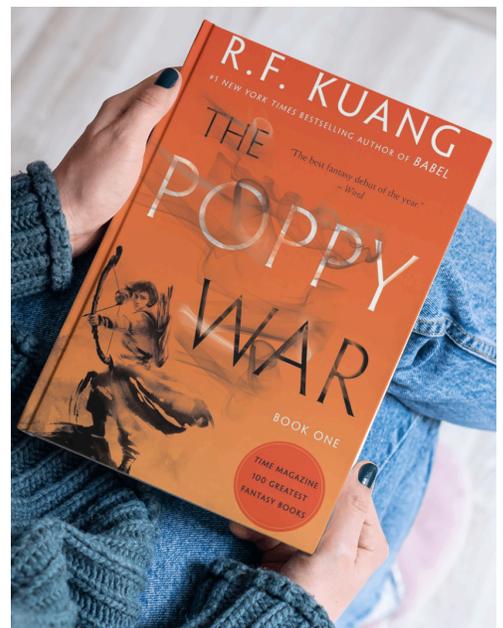
A New Chapter for Adult Readers

Calling all BookTok fans! If you've ever added a trending title to your reading list thanks to TikTok, the Pelham Public Library's "Let's Talk #BookTok" book club is for you. Geared toward adults 18 and up, this monthly meet-up brings readers together to discuss buzzy, bold, and beautifully written titles made famous by the online book community.

The club began in February and quickly became a favorite among Pelham's trend-savvy readers. Meetings are held in real life (yes, IRL!) in the Library's MakerSpace, offering a welcoming space to chat, connect, and geek out over BookTok favorites.

Up next? Join us Saturday, June 14, from 10:00–11:00 a.m., as we dive into R.F. Kuang's award-winning novel, *The Poppy War*. A dark military fantasy inspired by ancient China, the story follows war orphan Rin, whose fierce determination leads her to an elite academy—and eventually into a brutal war where she discovers terrifying powers of her own. It's the perfect pick for fans of gritty worldbuilding, morally complex characters, and high-stakes fantasy.

So grab a copy, get reading, and join the conversation—no TikTok account required. Questions? [Email Liz Winn.](#)





Make a Splash!

Splash Pad season is officially underway at Pelham City Park—and it's the perfect place to beat the heat! Open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the splash pad is easy to activate; tap the blue pole with the green top, and let the fun begin! (The water runs in 30-minute cycles.)

Please follow all posted rules to keep things safe and splashy for everyone. A few friendly reminders: proper swimwear is required, kids under 14 need an adult, and no food, pets, or wheels are allowed on the splash pad. Let's make it a great (and soggy) summer!

LET'S GATHER!

Great news—two brand-new pavilions near the splash pad at Pelham City Park are now open and ready to host your next celebration! Whether it's a birthday party, family picnic, or just a shady spot to relax, these covered spaces offer the perfect place to enjoy the park in comfort.

Reservations are now open! [Visit the Pelham Parks & Recreation website for more details and to reserve your pavilion.](#)



FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Gather the crew and get ready for a night of friendly competition at Family Kickball Night on Friday, June 13 at the Pelham Rec Center! Games begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by pizza and popsicles at 7:00 p.m. No experience necessary—just come ready to play and have fun!

- Cost: \$3 per family member
- Registration is open now through June 18
- Register online or in person (space is limited!)

Don't miss this chance to team up, make memories, and enjoy a great night out with the family!

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Join us for the first Movies Under the Stars event of the summer on Friday, June 13 at Pelham City Park behind the Rec Center! The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with games and food trucks. The movie, "Inside Out 2" (PG) will start between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m., or as soon as it's dark enough. Please note, parental guidance is advised.

This free, family-friendly event is perfect for all ages. Don't forget to bring your chairs and blankets to relax under the stars and enjoy a movie on the giant inflatable screen!





Game On! Fall Sports Registration Opens June 2

Pelham Parks & Recreation is gearing up for an exciting fall season, and registration opens June 2 for five youth sports and one fun, casual option just for adults!

For Youth:

🏈 Youth Flag Football (K–3rd grade): August–October | \$125 | Early bird ends June 23

🏐 Youth Volleyball (3rd–6th grade): August–October | \$90 | Early bird ends July 28

⚾ Fall Softball (Ages 5–10): \$105 | Early bird ends August 4

⚾ Fall Baseball (Ages 5–10): \$105 | Early bird ends August 4

⚾ T-ball (Ages 4–5): \$90 | Early bird ends August 4

For Adults:

🏐 Pick-Up Softball at Fungo Holler, Tuesdays in August | Free | Ages 18+ | Pre-registration required

Space is limited—[register early on the Pelham Parks & Recreation website.](#)

NHL Street Returns for Season Two!

Get ready! NHL Street is back for its second season! This fast-paced, fun-filled street hockey program is growing and gaining momentum with our brand-new outdoor court at City Park.

- Season: Late June–Early August
- Game Times: 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
- Ages: 6–14
- Cost: \$70
- Registration closes June 11, 2025

Register today and be part of Pelham's fastest-growing youth sports! [Sign up on the Pelham Parks & Recreation website.](#)



Level Up at E-Sports Game Night!

Get ready for some friendly competition at the Pelham Rec Center's E-Sports Game Night on Friday, July 25, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. This event is open to gamers ages 8–13 and features a fun mix of favorites like Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart 8, Minecraft, Madden, and more!

- Location: Rec Center Multipurpose Room
- Cost: \$3 per participant
- Pizza and drinks provided
- Registration opens June 1 (limited to 10 players)

[For more info, email Kyle Downey.](#) Don't miss it!



Golf for a Cause

Tee off for a great cause this Father's Day weekend. Join Warrior Wellness Group for the Father's Day Golf Tournament at Ballantrae Golf Club on Monday, June 16, 2025. Enjoy a 4-person scramble, breakfast and lunch, prizes, and contests—all for a great cause. Proceeds benefit Selah Christian Counseling and Wellness, supporting mental health services for veterans and their families.

- Check-in: 7:30 AM | Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM
- \$200/player | \$800/team
- [Register on the Warrior Wellness Group website.](#)

Let's help bring the number of veteran suicides from 44 a day to zero.





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June 20 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Adults - \$15, Children 10 & Under - \$10





Give it a try!

Adult Red Ball Tennis

We're thrilled to introduce Red Ball Tennis this summer. Adults can experience tennis in a relaxed, social, and beginner-friendly format with modified equipment to make it easier for first-time players.

Join us June 6 or June 27 at the Pelham Tennis Center. \$10 per person.

[Register online at the Pelham Racquet Club website.](#)



Summer Camps on Ice!

There's still time to register for Pelham's coolest summer camps at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena! Camps run weekly starting June 9 through July 25, offering seven sessions for fun. Activities include ice skating, water games, sports, crafts, cooking projects, and more. Snacks and drinks are provided, and lunch is available for an additional fee. *Week 4 is a special four-day camp in celebration of July 4. Multi-week discounts available.

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| Week 1: 6/9/25 - 6/13/25 | Week 5: 7/7/25 - 7/11/25 |
| Week 2: 6/16/25 - 6/20/25 | Week 6: 7/14/25 - 7/18/25 |
| Week 3: 6/23/25 - 6/27/25 | Week 7: 7/21/25 - 7/25/25 |
| Week 4: 6/30/25 - 7/3/25* | |

[Register on the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena website.](#)