

“A Universe of Stories” planned for library’s summer reading

By Carole Kelly

The sky and beyond is the limit for the Clinton-Quisenberry Library’s Summer Reading Program, which will explore the

theme of “A Universe of Stories.” A variety of stories, presentations, movies and crafts will enhance the annual program, which begins June 3 and continues through July 11.

The library’s Youth Services Department is getting ready for takeoff, with space books on display and planet and star models suspended above the circulation desk.

“We’ll be showing entertaining space movies and have craft times each week,” said Alston Curtis, who is in charge of the summer program. Curtis says adults are welcome to enjoy the movies and also to sign

in and set their reading goals along with the boys and girls and teens. He expects as many as five hundred or more to participate.

Registration continues throughout May, where young readers can choose a favorite planet, color it and place it on the window display of the department, signaling they are ready to explore “A Universe of Stories.”

“We have many wonderful books on space on hand for our readers,” Curtis says, pointing out some of the titles on display in the youth department, including *The Golden Book of Space Exploration*, *The Golden Book of Stars and Planets*, *Exploring Space*, *Amazing Space Q&A*, *Astronaut Living in Space*, *Once Upon a Starry Night*, *I Wonder Why Stars Twinkle* and *Are They All Star-Shaped?* Books on space share a variety of different topics featuring mythology, science, constellations, space travel, fiction and folk tales.

Mondays will feature space movies at 10 a.m. for all ages, and Teen Programs at 4 p.m.

A list of the movies will be posted in the library, with movie time also including popcorn and lemonade.

Super Mario Brothers Wii U games for school ages will highlight **Tuesdays** at 10 a.m. Space-craft time, also for the school ages, will be on **Fridays** at 10 a.m.

Story time with space themes are planned for toddlers on **Wednesdays**, on June 5, 12, 26, and July 3. The June 19 10 a.m. program for all ages will feature MS Smiles Dentistry space stories presented by Cristy Higdon.

The lineup of special programs at 10 a.m. includes:

Thursday, June 6: Fun Facts with NASA, all ages

Thursday, June 13: Fire Safety, all ages

Thursday, June 20 and 27: Story Time for toddlers

Wednesday, July 10: MS Museum of Natural Science presentation, all ages welcomed

“We’ll have our Summer Reading Celebration Thursday, July 11, at 11 a.m.,” said Curtis, who predicts hundreds of boys and girls will be awarded certificates for reaching their goals and will enjoy refreshments.

A calendar showing the various activities and times is available at the library at 604 East Northside Drive. For more information, call 601-924-5684 or visit jhllibrary.org.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 8; and Friday and Saturday, 10 to 4.



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