

# Colorful Activities

## Mural Painting Wednesday, July 2 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 5-12

Let's paint a collaborative mural for the 2025 Summer Reading to hang in the Children's Center!

## Foam Mosaics Tuesday, July 15 4:00-5:00pm

All ages

Use your creativity to make a mosaic using foam shapes.

## Summer Sidewalk Party Thursday, July 17 4:00-5:00pm

Families and ages 4+

Join us in the Reading Garden for sidewalk chalk, outside games, and face painting! Rain or shine; indoor/outdoor.

## Explore Color & Light Wednesday, July 23 2:00-3:00pm

All ages

Come explore color and light in the Secret Room! Discover how prisms and different kinds of light change how we see colors.

## Skittles Color Experiment Thursday, July 24 4:00-5:00pm

All ages

Come try this colorful science experiment using only skittles and water!

## Marker Chromatography Wednesday, July 30 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 4+

Come discover how colors are blended in markers with this fun experiment/art project!

## Spin Art Thursday, July 31 4:00-5:00pm

Best for ages 4+

No drawing or painting experience needed for this fun art project! Just drop some paint and see how our Spin Art machine spreads it!

## Sand Art Jars Tuesday, August 5 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 4+

Make a piece of art with colored sand in a repurposed jar!

## Color Wheel Craft Thursday, August 7 4:00-5:00pm

Best for ages 5+

Make and accessorize your own color wheel!

## Colorful Jar Lanterns Tuesday, August 12 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 4+

Make a colorful lantern with repurposed tissue paper, jars and Mod Podge!

## Paper Making Wednesday, August 13 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 5-12

Come make your own recycled paper!

## Edible Rainbow Craft Tuesday, August 19 2:00-3:00pm

All ages

Celebrate the colors of the rainbow as you create your own edible version.

## Sharpie Tie Dye Wednesday, August 20 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 5-12

Come try tie dying with colorful Sharpie markers and rubbing alcohol!

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## Summer Reading 2025

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Registration begins **Friday, June 23** • Return log by **Friday, August 8**  
**Begin your adventures with our Summer Reading Programs!**

Find great books, read, play, and create with us this summer.  
We have lots of fun planned and will have some unscheduled fun planned too!

*The Secret Room will be closed for programs and play breaks throughout the summer. Call ahead for more information.*





## Special Events

All events held in the Children's Center unless otherwise noted.



### Comic Book Art with Eugene Commodore Wednesday, July 16 2:00-3:00pm

Best for ages 8-12  
Explore the exciting world of making comics with artist Eugene Commodore. Learn techniques like character design and panel layout through fun exercises. Unleash your imagination and develop your unique comic style!

### BenAnna Band Interactive Concert Monday, July 21 10:00-10:45am Kate Gleason Auditorium

All ages  
Engage in a family-friendly live interactive concert with BenAnna!

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### RMSC Delivers: Pigment Perfection Tuesday, July 22 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 4-12  
Explore the colors of the natural world. Discover the chemistry behind plant pigments, learn how rocks get their colors, and paint with berries, leaves, and spices. Registration recommended.

### Magic with Lewis St. Andrew Monday, July 28 10:00-10:45am Kate Gleason Auditorium

All ages  
Become captivated with a live magic show!

### Seneca Park ZooMobile: Animal Movements Monday, August 4 10:00-10:30am Kate Gleason Auditorium

Best for ages 3-5  
Get an up-close, personal look at how animals move. Preschoolers will hop, slither and crawl just like the animals that they meet.



### Felting with Cornell Cooperative Extension Monday, August 4 3:00-4:00pm

Ages 5-12  
Learn about where the fiber for clothing and other textiles comes from and participate in a water felting activity utilizing alpaca fiber from a local farm. This workshop is a great way to learn about fiber animals and fiber arts.

### Thaumatrope with George Eastman Museum Wednesday, August 6 1:00-2:00pm

Best for ages 5-12  
Do you like cartoons? Learn about an early animation toy called a thaumatrope—an optical toy that creates the illusion of motion with the “persistence of vision.” You will make two images appear as one image as you create your own toy.

### Science Heroes Jr.: Adventure of the Missing Color Monday, August 11 10:00-10:35am Kate Gleason Auditorium

Best for ages 3-5  
Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, we get kids excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art!



### Japanese Paper Marbling Thursday, August 14 4:00-5:00pm

Best for ages 4+.  
Come practice ‘Suminagashi,’ which translates to ‘floating ink,’ a form of Japanese paper marbling. By dropping different colored inks in water, you can create unique swirling patterns that can then be transferred onto paper.

### Drag Story Hour with Mrs. Kasha Davis Monday, August 18 10:00-11:00am Kate Gleason Auditorium

For kids of all ages.  
You don't want to miss this special storytime with the famous, fabulous drag queen, Mrs. Kasha Davis!



## Storytimes

### Storytime at Highland Park Tuesdays: July 8, 15, 22 & 29 10:00-10:30am

Ages 5 and under  
Enjoy songs, stories, and rhymes in the park with your little one. Meet by the Highland Park Tunnel Tree, located across from the Lamberton Conservatory. In case of inclement weather, call the Children's Center at 428-8150 for cancelation information.

# Create a colorful summer at Central!



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