



MENDON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026 Teen & Tween Summer Programs

For grades 6-12,

Registration opens 3 weeks prior to each program

Open Craft Time

Thursday, 6/25, 1:00-2:30 PM

Whether you're looking for a new project, or have a craft you need space to work on, all are welcome to this open crafting event. A variety of crafting materials will be made available.

Video Game Tournament

Thursday, 7/2, 1:00-2:30 PM

It's Yoshi's time to shine in the Super Smash Bros Ultimate arena! This is a tournament for the people, ages 8-18 are all invited to register. This will be a friendly tournament with a small prize for the winner and runner-up. Be prepared to battle on one of Yoshi's home stages (location) using the library's Switch 2.

Microgreen Chia Pets

Thursday, 7/9, 1:00-2:30 PM

Come create your own special chia pet. Mold whatever type of pet you'd like out of clay, then we'll add a seed starter, wherever you'd like the green sprouts to appear. Take your chia pet home and watch as its greenery flourishes!

"Holes" Movie & Snack

Thursday, 7/16, 1:00-2:30 PM

Enjoy digging into a delicious (Oreo) dirt cake while watching the movie Holes. Based on Louis Sachar's book, Holes tells the tale of Stanley Yelnats IV as he is sent to Camp Green Lake and forced to dig holes in a dried lake bed for "character building".

Garden Picnic

Thursday, 7/23, 1:00-2:30 PM

Join us for a relaxing picnic by our new community garden! We will supply lemonade and samples of the produce grown in the library garden. Bring a book, journal or sketchbook and give yourself the opportunity to slow down and enjoy nature.

Journaling prompts, basic art supplies, and of course the library's collection of books, will also be available.

Create a Summer Time Capsule

Thursday, 7/30, 1:00-2:30 PM

A time capsule is a curated collection of items and messages, sealed in a durable, airtight container. Designed to preserve history, we are going to use a mason jar time capsule to preserve summer 2026.

Bring items from home to include, or write messages for the future, anything that reminds you of this summer. Unseal your time capsule six months later in the middle of winter, and you'll be taken back to the warm sunny days of summer.

Unearth YOUR Story

Thursday, 8/6, 1:00-2:30 PM

Creative writing can be hard to get started, so why not try using someone else's words?

We will use techniques like cut-out poetry, solo journaling RPGs, and other prompts that will get your words flowing. Free notebooks and writing implements will be provided.

Tween & Teen Volunteer Opportunities:

VolunTEEN Gardeners

Tuesdays, 6/30 - 8/4, 1:00 PM

6th-12th grade teens, make a difference while earning community service hours!

This summer we will be focusing on the library's new community garden. Help us plant, water, weed and grow delicious produce to share with our library's community.

Tornado T's

Thursday, 7/2, 1:00-2:30 PM

Tornado T's: Teen Volunteers will be running activities while program attendees wait their turn with the Tornado T's Program. We need help creating sand art, story telling, and dino dig excavating.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us independently water the garden in the AM. If interested, please email what days/times you are available to Emily at emily.english@libraryweb.org