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Reading Into Summer, Richmond!

June 2026

Welcome to Imagination Library's monthly e-newsletter. Below, you will find helpful information designed to keep you informed and connected to our community's ongoing work to promote literacy. We are thrilled to have you as part of our growing family of readers!

Visit our website by clicking [here](#).

In the News

Early Literacy Talk with Urban Baby Beginnings



This month, we partnered with Urban Baby Beginnings at their Richmond office for an inspiring early literacy talk led by children's author Christina Shawn. Families learned simple, meaningful ways to nurture development in infancy through everyday moments like, talking, reading, and play.

Urban Baby Beginnings supports families in Petersburg and Richmond with essential items like diapers, formula, and clothing, while also connecting parents to resources that help their children thrive. To learn more about their impact, visit [urbanbabybeginnings.org](#).

Community Partner Spotlight



Family Lifeline is a Central Virginia nonprofit dedicated to strengthening families, supporting children's healthy development, and helping older adults and individuals with disabilities live safely and independently in their homes. Through intensive, home-based services, Family Lifeline meets people where they are—building strong relationships and providing personalized support that creates lasting change.

From early childhood home visits through the Growing Well program to assistance for older adults through Living Well, Family Lifeline connects individuals and families to the resources they need to thrive. Their work is rooted in compassion, equity, and a deep commitment to the community—ensuring that every person has the opportunity to live well, safely, and with dignity.

Upcoming Community Partner Events

- June 4**
Craft Corner: Dinosaur Craft
📍 West End Library
🕒 3-5pm 🧡 birth-10 years
- June 5**
Dinosaur Dig
📍 Belmont Library
🕒 10:30-11:30am 🧡 2-5 years
- Rainbow Dupesets Presents: The Really Big Dinosaur Show**
📍 West End Library
🕒 11:00am-12:00pm 🧡 birth-10 years
- June 6**
Ride&Can
📍 Main Library
🕒 9:00am-4:00pm 🧡 all ages
- June 8 - July 1st**
Kindergarten OpenUp
📍 Main Library (registration required)
🕒 9:30-10:30am 🧡 children starting kindergarten Fall 2026
- June 11**
Craft Corner
📍 Main Library
🕒 4-5pm 🧡 birth-10 years
- June 12**
Tunes & Toons: Bluey
📍 Main Library
🕒 10-11am 🧡 birth-5 years
- "I Dig Reading" Magic Show**
📍 Hull Street Library
🕒 10:30-11:30am 🧡 birth-10 years
- "I Dig Reading" Magic Show**
📍 Ginger Park Library
🕒 3-4pm 🧡 birth-10 years
- June 13**
STEAM Team: Dinosaur Egg Hunt
📍 Ginger Park Library
🕒 9am-3pm 🧡 birth-10 years
- Family Movie Event: The Land Before Time (1988)**
📍 West End Library
🕒 2-3:30pm 🧡 all ages
- June 14**
Young Artists
📍 Main Library
🕒 2:45-3:15pm 🧡 3-5 years
- June 15**
AWARe Animal Program
📍 Hull Street Library
🕒 10:30-11:30am 🧡 birth-13 years
- June 17**
Father's Day Card Making
📍 Ginger Park Library
🕒 All day 🧡 birth-10 years
- June 27**
Garden Stonetime at Uplown Community Garden
📍 2201 Parkwood Ave
🕒 10:30-11:15am 🧡 birth-5 years



Have a community event you would like us to include? [Email us!](#)

For even more community events for the whole family, be sure to pick up a free copy of [Richmond Family Magazine](#), available at over 850 spots all over RVA, including [these locations](#).



We Love Our Local Libraries!

Libraries offer a variety of resources and tools - usually for FREE! Not a member of your local library? Sign up wherever you are today.

Featured Library of the Month: Westover Hills Library



Dolly joined Lisa, Westover Hills' Youth Services Librarian, for a fun photo op!

Westover Hills Library hosts weekly storytimes for children of all ages, including Book Babies (birth to 17 months) on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:00am, Toddler Time (18-36 months) on Thursdays from 10:30-11am, and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) on Thursdays from 3-3:30pm.

All Richmond Public Library locations offer programs and classes, event spaces, free wireless internet access, and public use computers. For upcoming events and additional programs at Westover Hills Library, check out the calendar [here](#).



Be Gentle with Yourself This Month!

Your June 2026 Focus on The Basics Tip



Go easy on yourself.

Life can feel overwhelming, and we all make mistakes. If you plan to read with your child, and life gets in the way? That's okay. What matters is that you keep showing up, ready to share a story and time with your little one. Remember to be gentle with yourself when things don't go to plan – and know that there is no shame in asking for help. All parents need help, and by modeling gentleness with yourself, your child will handle themselves with the same care.

Visit this principle from The Basics [here](#).

To learn more about how you can Maximize Love, Manage Stress, [click here](#).

Early childhood organizations all around the City of Richmond have joined The Basics movement, a strategy for whole communities to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun, simple, and powerful, starting at birth, The Basics are five science-based parenting and caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Each month *Read to Them* will highlight tips and strategies that will assist you in creating a sturdy foundation for school readiness for our youngest citizens.

Visit [TheBasicsVirginia.org](#) for more information.

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