CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Bill Memorial Library is a fun place for kids and their families! It was a banner year for the Library, with unprecedented program attendance and community participation. It has been a privilege to serve our patrons of all ages this year.



Blast from the past: Ky Connal-Nicolaou as T-Rex and David Rose in Revolutionary-period clothing

2025-2026 SCHOOL-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Storytime was well-attended weekly, including by several daycares and homeschool groups. Special guests included the Groton City Fire Department with a fire truck and talented musician Bill Pratt.
- Stories were brought to Riverfront Children's Center, TVCCA Head Start Preschool, and Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School.
- Music & Movement showcased local musicians including Brian Bergman, Marsha Dietrich, Tim Lambert, and John Lecce.
- World-famous axolotls made their swimmy debut at BML in April with Ashley Hunt of the ARC_Amphibian_Reptile_Center.
- Kids in grades 1-4 learned about cooking from Erica Benvenuti, Community Nutrition Educator, UCONN EFNAP + SNAP.

2026 SUMMER READING HIGHLIGHTS

Over 88 kids PreK-Gr 5 unearthed a story this past summer, actively reading and playing a fun dinosaur-themed version of our summer reading game. They read on a total of 2,042 days, an average of 23 days read per child.

We hosted several programs for children and their families, including the ever-popular Tripledale Farm Petting Zoo, Colonial Kids with Natalie and Mary Pat of the Avery-Copp House Museum, a Connecticut Rocks geology program, Ed Popielarczyks's Magic Show, a fun "Find the Dino" scavenger hunt, several painting adventures, and a 250th Birthday Celebration.

SCHOOL-YEAR PROGRAM TOTALS

Ages Birth to 5:	70 Programs
Attendance:	2,500+ Attendees
Ages 6 to 11:	29 Programs
Attendance:	1,100+ Attendees



Wheel-y fitting picture of Storytime attendants at Fire Safety Day