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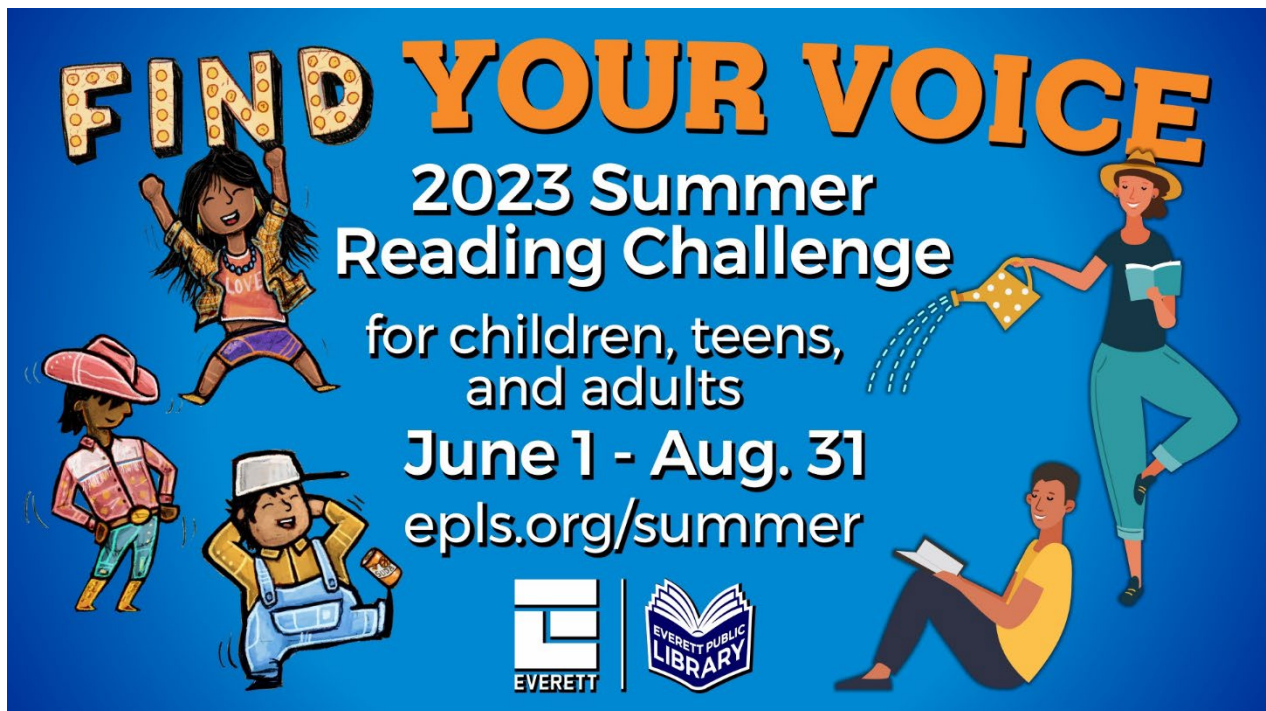
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Find your voice: Everett Public Library launches 2023 summer reading program



EVERETT, WA – Launch into summer with Everett Public Library’s summer reading program for youth and adults. The program will run from June 1 to August 31 under the theme Find Your Voice. Program information can be found at www.epls.org/summer.

Everett Public Library hopes to keep kids, teens and people of all ages reading throughout the summer months. This year’s program will feature free book giveaways, a variety of events that run the gamut from crafty to musical and, of course, plenty of reading.

The summer reading challenge for both youth and adults is a bingo card with 24 reading, learning and exploration challenges (and a free space!). Participants of all ages can earn a free book and a ticket to go to an [OL Reign](#) soccer game after completing any 5 challenges (while supplies last). Complete all 25 challenges to earn more prizes and entries into our grand prize drawings. Grand prizes include bikes for youth and Lenovo tablets for all age groups.

Don't miss our lineup of programs full of summer fun and learning for kids and teens.

- [Gems & Geology](#), Saturday, July 8. Three sessions: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m. at the Evergreen Branch, 9512 Evergreen Way. Discover the magic of rocks and minerals and the wonders of geology in this hands-on class. We'll dig into earth science concepts, explore natural resources, and interact with exciting geologic specimens that are yours to keep! For ages 7 to 12 years old, limited to 15 participants per session. Sign up [here](#) starting June 10.
- [Magic of Ladybugs and Butterflies](#), Saturday, July 15, 11:00-11:45 a.m. at the Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. Imagine you have wings and flutter and fly with two beautiful, magical garden creatures – butterflies and ladybugs! Lisa Taylor, urban farmer, and the Garden Critter puppets teach backyard science lessons using music, dance and, of course, fun! Family program, all ages welcome with adult. No registration needed.
- [Garden Doodle with Rosemary Jones](#), Thursday, July 27, 2-4 p.m. at the Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. Create a hand-lettered phrase surrounded by whimsical garden elements with local artist Rosemary Jones! For ages 8 - 17. Sign up [here](#) beginning June 29.
- [Find Your Musical Voice: Beginner Ukulele for Youth](#), Thursday, August 17, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. Find your musical voice! Dust off that neglected ukulele and make some happy noise. Please bring a ukulele. We will have a small number of loaner ukuleles available to use during the class. Please specify on the signup form if you need a loaner. For ages 8-17. Sign up [here](#) beginning July 20.
- Find the summer storytime schedules and more programs at epls.org/calendar.

Find your voice with the library's series of adult summer reading events, beginning June 6:

- [Find Your Artistic Voice: Start a Daily Sketch Practice with Jean Mann](#), Tuesday, June 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Branch, 9512 Evergreen Way. Learn simple drawing techniques from artist/musician Jean Mann and create a small ink and watercolor piece of a favorite object or photo. Each person will go home with a watercolor sketch pad. Space is limited; sign up [here](#).
- [Find Your Writer's Voice: How to Get Started and Stay Motivated](#), Tuesday, July 25, 6-7 p.m. at the Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. Join author Kelly Jones for a one-hour class on all things writing! Kelly will share tips and techniques such as timed writing sprints and short exercises for character creation. This class is suitable for teens and adults. Sign up [here](#) beginning June 27.
- [Find Your Musical Voice: Beginner Ukulele for Adults](#), Thursday, August 17, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave. Find your musical voice! Dust off that neglected ukulele and make some happy noise. Please bring a ukulele. We will have a small number of loaner ukuleles available to use during the class. Please specify on the signup form if you need a loaner. Space is limited. Sign up [here](#) beginning July 20.

- Find more summer programs for adults at [epls.org/calendar](https://www.epls.org/calendar).

Summer reading is a free public program, and a library card is not required to participate. Call adult services at 425-257-8000 or youth services at 425-257-8030 or visit www.epls.org/summer for more information about participating in summer reading.

The Everett Public Library was founded in 1894 by the Everett Woman's Book Club. The historic Main Library was built in 1934 by architect Carl Gould, and the Evergreen Branch opened in 1985. The library's two branches serve the residents of the City of Everett and nearby locales, circulating over 400,000 items per year and hosting hundreds of programs for children and adults. We connect the community to resources and services that inform, educate, and entertain. For more information about the Everett Public Library, visit www.epls.org.

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