

THE LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY OF HATTIESBURG, PETAL,
AND FORREST COUNTY PRESENTS

READ AMONG THE STARS

2025 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

MAY 31 - JULY 5

READ AMONG THE STARS

HATTIESBURG

branch Events

DATE & DAY		TIME
5/31 SATURDAY	KICKOFF PARTY	10:00-12:00 COME AND GO
6/2 MONDAY	BUILD-A-SPACESHIP PT. 1	1:00
6/3 TUESDAY	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	5:00-6:30 COME AND GO
6/4 WEDNESDAY	BUILD-A-SPACESHIP PT. 2	1:00
6/5 THURSDAY	MOVIE MATINEE: SPACE JAM (1996)	10:00
6/6 FRIDAY	GIRL SCOUTS HOST SCIENCE EXPLORATION	10:00
6/6 FRIDAY	TEEN CRAFTERNOON: PAINTING CANVAS BACKPACKS	1:00
6/7 SATURDAY	KIDS CRAFTERNOON: GALAXY IN A JAR	1:00-3:00 COME AND GO
6/9 MONDAY	TOUCH-A-TRUCK (MEET FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, AMBULANCE)	10:00-11:00 COME AND GO
6/11 WEDNESDAY	STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER	ALL DAY
6/12 THURSDAY	MOVIE MATINEE: SPACE JAM: A NEW LEGACY (2021)	10:00
6/12 THURSDAY	TEEN CRAFTERNOON: SHRINKY DINKS	1:00
6/13 FRIDAY	TEEN CRAFTERNOON: JEWELRY MAKING	1:00
6/14 SATURDAY	STORIES AND STEM: CONSTELLATIONS	1:00

DATE & DAY		TIME
6/16 MONDAY	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	5:00-6:30 COME AND GO
6/17 TUESDAY	FESTIVAL SOUTH OPERA: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD	10:30
6/18 WEDNESDAY	NASA SPEAKER	10:00
6/19 THURSDAY	MOVIE MATINEE: LIGHTYEAR (2022)	10:00
6/20 FRIDAY	MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE	10:00
6/21 SATURDAY	KIDS CRAFTERNOON: SOLAR SYSTEM MOBILES	1:00
6/24 TUESDAY	FREEDOM RANCH: RAPTORS AND FRIENDS	10:00
6/26 THURSDAY	MOVIE MATINEE: TREASURE PLANET (2002)	10:00
6/27 FRIDAY	TEEN SPACE POETRY SLAM	1:00
6/28 SATURDAY	STORIES AND STEM: BINARY CODE BRACELETS	1:00
6/30 MONDAY	HATTIESBURG ZOO	10:00, 10:45 BACK TO BACK SESSIONS
7/1 TUESDAY	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	5:00-6:30 COME AND GO
7/3 THURSDAY	MOVIE MATINEE: LILO AND STITCH (2002)	10:00
7/5 SATURDAY	END OF SRP PARTY: FEATURING OUR FAVORITE BLUE HEELER PUP!	10:00-12:00 COME AND GO

Summer Reading Program

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PETAL
branch Events

DATE & DAY		TIME
5/31 SATURDAY	KICKOFF PARTY	2:00
6/7 SATURDAY	GIRL SCOUTS HOST SCIENCE EXPLORATION	10:00
6/9 MONDAY	KIDS CRAFTERNOON: GALAXY IN A JAR	1:00- 3:00 COME AND GO
6/10 TUESDAY	TEEN CRAFTERNOON: SHRINKY DINKS	3:30
6/17 TUESDAY	FESTIVAL SOUTH OPERA: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD	3:00
6/19 THURSDAY	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	4:00- 5:30 COME AND GO
6/24 TUESDAY	KIDS CRAFTERNOON: SOLAR SYSTEM MOBILES	1:00- 3:00 COME AND GO
7/2 WEDNESDAY	STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER	ALL DAY

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SRP KICK-OFF PARTY

Join us as we kick off our 2025 Summer Reading Program: Read Among the Stars! The 501st Legion is landing at the library—come meet your favorite characters, play games, explore activities, grab snacks, and sign up for our program as we launch into a summer full of stories, science, adventures, and imagination!

HATTIESBURG

May 31

10:00 - 12:00

PETAL

May 31

2:00 - 4:00



BUILD-A-SPACESHIP

Calling all young space engineers! In this two-part mission, kids will work together to design and build a life-sized spaceship using creativity, teamwork, and imagination. Days later they'll return to decorate their spacecraft, turning it into a galactic masterpiece!

This event is intended for ages 8-12.

MISSION 1:

**Build the
Spaceship.**

June 2

1:00

MISSION 2:

**Decorate the
Spaceship.**

June 4

1:00



FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

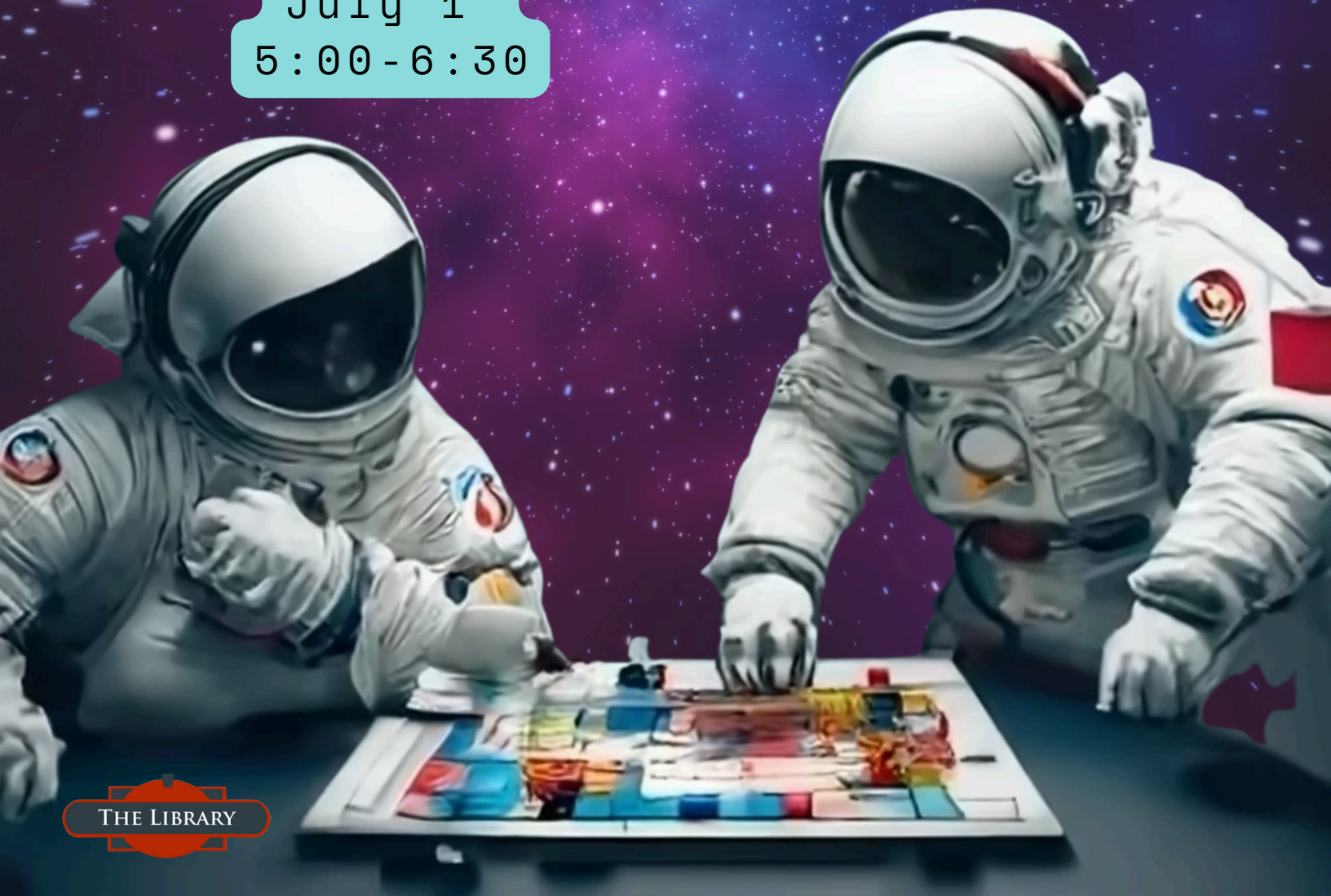
Gather your crew and report to the library for an evening of board game fun! Explore our galaxy of games or bring your own—pick your favorite and enjoy free play with family and friends. Whether you're conquering kingdoms or collecting clues, there's a game for every space explorer!

HATTIESBURG:

June 3,
June 16,
July 1
5:00 - 6:30

PETAL:

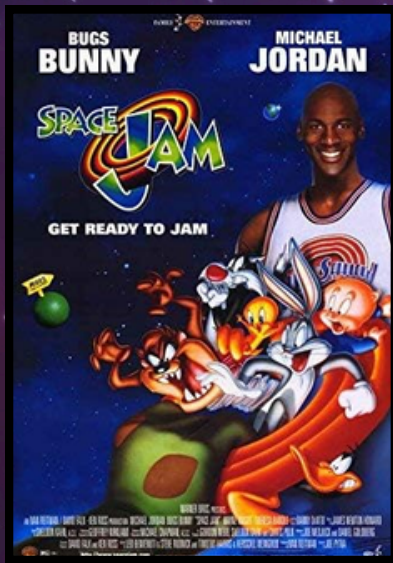
June 19
4:00 - 5:30



KIDS MOVIE MATINEES

Cool off this summer with out-of-this-world movie adventures at the library! Join us for weekly space-themed matinees, complete with popcorn, drinks, and cosmic fun. From animated journeys to galaxy-sized blockbusters, we've got something for every star traveler!

All movies are shown in the Hattiesburg Library Meeting Room



June 5
10:00



June 12
10:00



June 19
10:00



June 26
10:00



July 3
10:00

GIRL SCOUTS SCIENCE EXPLORING

Join us for an exciting science adventure as Girl Scout leaders guide kids through hands-on experiments about the sun and moon! Learn how these celestial bodies shape our world with fun activities that will have everyone feeling like a junior scientist.

HATTIESBURG:

June 6

10:00 - 11:00

PETAL:

June 7

10:00 - 11:00



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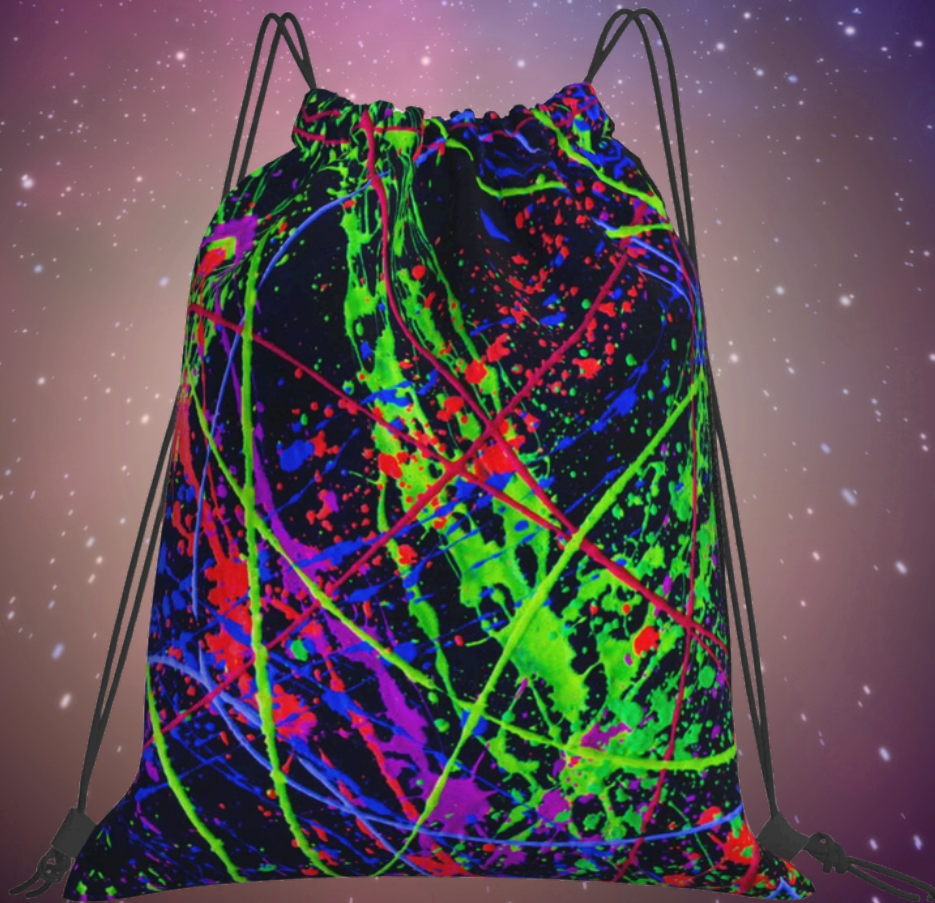
TEEN CRAFTERNOON: PAINT CANVAS BACKPACKS

Ready to create a galactic masterpiece? Teens are invited to join us to use your creativity to craft a one-of-a-kind bag that's out of this world—whether you're painting stars, galaxies, or cosmic creatures, the sky's the limit!

HATTIESBURG :

June 6

1:00 - 2:00



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KIDS CRAFTERNOON: GALAXY IN A JAR

Kids, it's time to make your own mini galaxy! Join us for a hands-on craft event where you'll create a "galaxy in a jar" to take home. Fill your jar with swirls of color and sparkle—perfect for stargazers and dreamers alike!

HATTIESBURG:

June 7

1:00 - 3:00

PETAL:

June 9

1:00 - 3:00



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TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Calling all young explorers! Join us for an exciting touch-a-truck adventure! Meet the heroes of our community—police officers, firefighters, and paramedics—as they bring their vehicles for you to explore. Ask questions, get up close with the trucks, and learn all about the amazing tools they use to keep us safe.

HATTIESBURG:

June 9

10:00-11:00



TEEN CRAFTERNOON: SHRINKY DINKS

Teens—get ready to bend space and shrink time (literally)! Join us for a cosmic Shrinky Dink craft session, where you can draw, design, and then watch your art shrink into tiny galactic treasures. Turn your creations into keychains, charms, or out-of-this-world accessories!

PETAL :

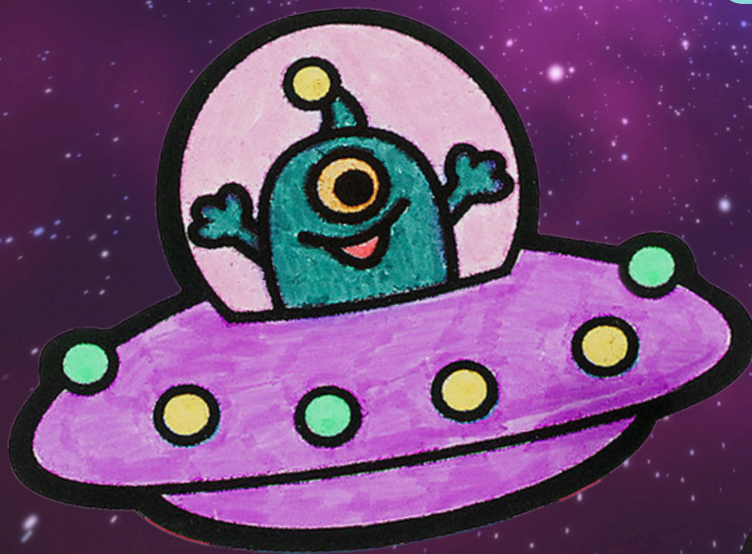
June 10

3:30 - 4:30

HATTIESBURG :

June 12

1:00 - 2:00



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Send your stuffed animal on a space mission at the library! Kids are invited to drop off their plush pals for a special overnight Stuffed Animal Sleepover. We'll make nametags, say goodnight, and then—shhh!—the real adventure begins! While the library sleeps, our cuddly crew will explore the stars (and the shelves), and we'll capture all their silly space shenanigans to share on Facebook!



HATTIESBURG:

June 11
ALL DAY

PETAL:

July 2
ALL DAY

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TEEN CRAFTERNOON: JEWELRY MAKING

Create jewelry that's truly out of this world! Teens are invited to design and craft their own accessories. Whether you're into bold statement pieces or delicate celestial charms, you'll leave with galaxy-level sparkle and a creation that's uniquely you.

HATTIESBURG:

June 13

1:00 - 2:00



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STORIES AND STEM: CONSTELLATIONS

Blast off into the stars with a special Stories & STEM session! We'll read a book about constellations, then bring the night sky to life by building our own starry shapes. A fun mix of storytelling, science, and creativity!

HATTIESBURG:

June 14

1:00



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FestivalSOUTH

FESTIVAL SOUTH PRESENTS: LITTLE RED'S MOST UNUSUAL DAY

Join us for a special live performance of Little Red's Most Unusual Day! Experience the classic tale like never before—with music, drama, and big voices that are truly out of this world. Perfect for families and young audiences!

HATTIESBURG :

June 17
10:30

PETAL :

June 17
3:00



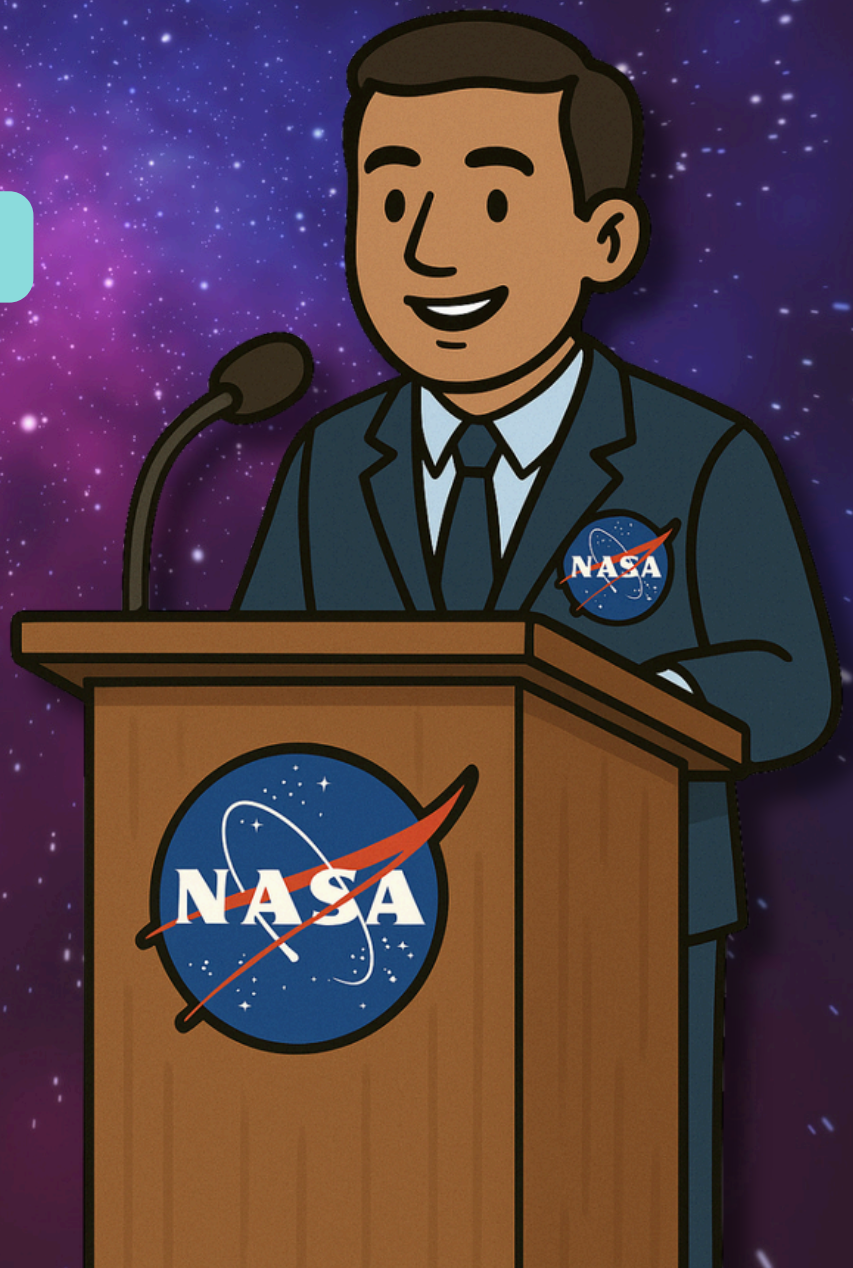
NASA SPEAKERS

Get ready for an out-of-this-world experience! Real NASA speakers are landing at the library to talk with kids about the solar system, stars, and space exploration. Learn from the experts what it's like to study the galaxies—and ask your biggest space questions!

HATTIESBURG:

June 18

10:00



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MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE VISIT

Blast off into discovery! The Museum of Natural Science's education team is landing at the library with a hands-on, interactive program that's sure to ignite young minds. With backgrounds in research and education, these science pros bring the museum experience to you—sharing amazing resources and knowledge that's truly light-years beyond the ordinary.

HATTIESBURG:

June 20
10:00

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Museum of
Natural
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KIDS CRAFTERNOON: SOLAR SYSTEM MOBILES

Get crafty among the stars! Kids are invited to design and build their very own solar system mobile, complete with planets, moons, and plenty of cosmic creativity. Hang it up at home and keep the galaxy spinning!

HATTIESBURG :

June 21

1:00 - 3:00

PETAL :

June 24

1:00 - 3:00



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FREEDOM RANCH: RAPTORS AND FRIENDS

The stars are aligning for a feathered adventure! Freedom Ranch is soaring into the library with some amazing raptor birds. Meet these incredible creatures up close and learn what makes them such powerful hunters—from talons to takeoff!

HATTIESBURG:

June 24

10:00



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TEENS: SPACE POETRY SLAM

Calling all cosmic wordsmiths! Teens will receive a space-inspired prompt, then have 5 minutes to write a poem that's bold, brilliant, or just plain out of this world. Perform your piece in front of your peers and shoot for the stars—because they'll be the judges!

HATTIESBURG:

June 27

1:00



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STORIES AND STEM: BINARY CODE BRACELETS

Decode the universe—one bead at a time! In this Stories & STEM session, we'll learn about binary code, the language of computers and space tech, then create our own binary code bracelets to wear home. It's the perfect blend of storytelling, science, and style!

HATTIESBURG:

June 28

1:00



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HATTIESBURG ZOO VISIT

Get ready for a wild encounter! Animal ambassadors from The Hattiesburg Zoo are touching down for a special visit. Meet amazing creatures up close and learn what makes them out-of-this-world awesome in an engaging, hands-on presentation.

HATTIESBURG:

June 30

10:00,

10:45

(consecutive
sessions)



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HATTIESBURG
ZOO

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY!

We're wrapping up our stellar summer with a party that's truly out of this world! Join us for games, activities, and fun as we celebrate all the amazing reading adventures you've been on. Plus, a special visit from everyone's favorite blue heeler pup—you won't want to miss it!



HATTIESBURG:

July 5

10:00 - 12:00

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