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1 Washington County Cooperative Library Services start their summer reading program today! Kids (and adults) who read for five (or more) hours can get a free book and be entered to win a grand prize. **R** ★



2 Since your kids are already doing all that reading, why not get some pizza, too? Kids whose parents download the **BOOK IT!** app can earn single-topping personal pan pizzas from Pizza Hut. Bookitprogram.com **R** ★

3 Does your family love dancing or board games? You can do both at the Smorgasbord event at the Kinton Grange in Beaverton. (The event is free, but there's optional partner dancing lessons for \$10.) Wednesday nights, 5:30- 9 pm. **R** ★



4 Explore real U.S. Navy ships during the Rose Festival's Fleet Week through June 7. Ships will be open for tours from 10 am-4 pm. **Pro tip:** It's a popular event, so plan to line up early! Visit rosefestival.org/events/2026/fleetweek for a list of do's and don'ts. ★



5 It's the last day of school for PPS. Go get ice cream with the kids for making it through another year.



6 The Rose Festival's two big parades have morphed into a mega parade all in one evening. Head downtown to see the Grand Floral Starlight Parade from 6:30-10:30 pm. Rosefestival.org ★



7 It's the last day of the Rose Festival's CityFair. Head to Tom McCall Waterfront Park for carnival rides, live entertainment, local crafters, fair foods and more. Rosefestival.org



8 School's out and that means no more free school breakfast and lunch for students. Head to the fns.usda.gov/summer/sitfinder to find places serving free meals to kids near you. **R** ★



9 Get a double dose of free fun at Pioneer Courthouse Square on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30. It's Free Art in the Park from 11:30 am-1:30 pm and live music during Noon Tunes from noon to 1 pm. **R** ★



10 Yes! Portland Parks & Recreation's splash pads turn on! Get the full list here: portland.gov/parks/recreation/splash **R** ★



11 Have you been to the amazing new East County Library yet? Today's Family Maker Time from 3:30-5 pm is the perfect excuse to go! Sign up at Multcolib.org/events/classes/kids-and-family-maker-time-2 ★



12 Have the kids ever been to a drive-in movie theater? Have you? See what's playing at Newberg's 99W Drive-In. 99w.com **R**



13 Puppets; seniors playing the 'ukulele; and that weird Old Portland vibe are on full display at Sellwood's Everything Under the Sun parade. 2 pm, starting from Llewellyn School and ending at Sellwood Park, where The Shack is celebrating its opening for summer. Everythingunderthesunparade.org ★



14 Get thee to Oregon Renaissance Fair in Canby to watch knights jousting, bards singing, puppet performances and more – and shop for everything a knight or forest fairy might need. All weekends in June. **Pro tip:** Get in the spirit and wear costumes! Oregonfaire.com **R**



15 Multnomah County Library starts its summer reading program today! Head to your local branch to sign your kids up for fun and prizes! Multcolib.org/summer-reading **R** ★

16 Get out and watch some feathered wildlife at Metro's Reimagining Birding event at Newell Creek Canyon Nature Park in Oregon City. A nature educator will explore the ways humans have forged relationships with birds. 9-11 am. ★



17 Got a zoo membership? Head to the Oregon Zoo in the evening for a members-only event that includes lawn games, family-friendly activities, food for purchase from food carts, and animal encounters. Registration required. 5-8:30 pm. **R** ★

18 Sign up the kids for two free games of bowling each day of summer with kidsbowlingfree.com. Milwaukie Bowl and Kingpins in Southeast and Beaverton are some participating local lanes. **R** ★



19 Grab your little soccer fans and venture to Lents Park to watch the Portland Cherry Bombs pre-professional women's soccer team take to the pitch. The night's theme: Grrrrl power! 7 pm. Cherrybombsfc.com **R**



20 Head to North Portland as the Clara Peoples Freedom Trail Juneteenth Parade starts at King School, marches down MLK Boulevard, and ends at a festival at Lillis-Albina Park. Find out more at Juneteenthor.com ★



21 Celebrate Father's Day at the Portland Pickles Dad's Day baseball game at Walker Stadium in Lents Park. **R**



22 Portland Parks & Recreation's (PP&R) Free Lunch + Play program kicks off today! Kids and teens 18 and younger will get free lunch and access to arts activities at 21 parks and 2 additional sites across the city. Find the full list at portland.gov/parks/freelunch. Monday through Friday through August 21 (no meal on July 3). **R** ★



23 Our buddy Mike Bennett is bringing free fun for families all summer long with his scavenger hunts. Get the scavenger hunt list from mikebennettstudios.com, then hunt for the animals around SE Division, Multnomah Village and downtown. The best part is your kids can win a free pass to the Portland Aquarium and a gift! **R** ★



24 Head out to Topaz Farm to learn about and visit with some cute farm animals at their weekly Animal Talk with Farmer Kat. Wednesdays at 10:30 am through August 28. **R** ★



25 We are huge fans of PP&R's Summer Free for All events. Go to the kick off party today at Parklane Park featuring arts activities, DJ George, Rose City Rollers, lawn games and free lunch for those 18 and younger. 11 am-1 pm. ★



26 Help your kids brush up on democracy (and grammar) at Metropolitan Performing Arts' staging of *Schoolhouse Rocks Live, Jr.* Warning: All the Gen X parents in attendance will not be able to stop themselves from singing along. Metropolitanperformingarts.org/season-16/schoolhouse-rock-live!-jr

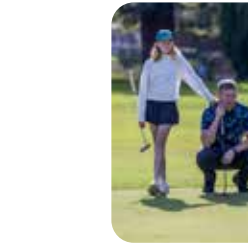
27 It's PDX Parent's Family Festival at Topaz Farm! Your family can enjoy live entertainment from Mo Phillips, Kelli Welli and Gerald "The Bard" Bardler, kids' activities, free swag, giveaways, farm animals and more. Come say hi! Pdxparent.com/family-festival ★



28 There are two quintessential Portland events happening today. Catch the ingenuity at the Rose Festival's Milk Carton Boat Race at Westmoreland Park, 11:30 am-1 pm. Then roll or stroll through East Portland during Portland Sunday Parkways, 11 am-4 pm. Find the map at portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2026 ★



29 If your tweens or teens love the video game Animal Crossing, they need to go to today's "life-sized Animal Crossing" event at Cedar Mill Library. They'll fish, find fossils, craft flowers and earn bells to buy mystery items. 2-3:30 pm. ★



30 Did you know that there's a golf course for kids in Gladstone? You can book a family tee time this summer at the Children's Course, a 3-par, 9-hole course. Thechildrenscourse.org **R**



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TOP LEFT: PORTLAND PICKLES; 4. AND 7. PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL; 9. PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE; 10, 22, AND 25. PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION; 12. BRIAN FRANCIS; 16. PORTLAND METRO; 19. PORTLAND CHERRY BOMBS; 20. JUNETEENTH OREGON; 21. PORTLAND PICKLES; 23. MIKE BENNETT; 24, 27, AND BOTTOM RIGHT: JULIA VARGA; 28. SEAN GANNON; 30. TOM HAUCK

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1 It's a Bollywood dance party at Gateway Discovery Park as DJ Anjali & The Incredible Kid spin tunes at 11:30 am (during Free Lunch + Play). **★**



2 It's Storytime with Keely at Topaz Farm. Thursdays at 10:30 am through August 28. **Pro tip:** Buy a farm-made popsicle at the farm market after storytime. **R★**

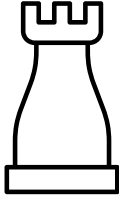


3 Listen to Alabama tribute band Roll On along with the Oregon Zoo elephants at ZooNights. There's also kids' activities, keeper chats and food carts. Fridays through August 21. Oregonzoo.org/nights **R**

4 Listen to amazing live music and see some fireworks at the Waterfront Blues Festival. Kids 12 and younger are free! July 2-4. Waterfrontbluesfest.com



5 If you and the kids play chess, head to Director Park for Checkmate and Chill, a fun all-ages event that allows new players to learn with the help of an instructor and seasoned players to find matches. Bonus: Curbside Serenade will be playing smooth jazz music, too. Sundays noon to 3 pm through September 30. **R★**



6 It's a great day to find an open swim time at one of PP&R's 11 pools! Portland.gov/parks/recreation/pools **R**



7 Is it too hot to play outside? Find a cool indoor play space. Pdxparent.com/pdx-indoor-gyms-and-pools

8 Chill out, it's National Freezer Pop Day! So snip open a freezer pop when the kids ask for a cool treat.



9 Take the family to an outdoor concert at Bethany Village. They're also happening on July 23 and August 6. 6-9 pm. **R★**



10 Celebrate the first of PP&R's summer movies in the park tonight at King School Park. *Elio* is showing in English with Spanish subtitles. The event starts at 7:30 pm with free popcorn and the screening starts at dusk. **R★**



11 It's the first evening of PP&R's East Portland Summer Arts Festival! LaRhona Steele and Conjunto Alegre will be performing at Ventura Park. Tomorrow you can hear Portland Cello Project's tribute to Stevie Wonder. 6 pm. **★**



12 Toy lovers of all ages can geek out over comics, action figures, LEGOS and more at the NW Toy Con. 9 am-4 pm. Flux Events Center, Tigard. [Instagram.com/nwtoycon](https://www.instagram.com/nwtoycon)



13 Even newbies can catch a fish at the stocked ponds at the Rainbow Trout Farm in Sandy. **Pro tip:** Make sure at least one person in your group can put a worm on a hook! March to December: Open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 am-5 pm. Rainbowtroutfarm.com **R**



14 The live-action *Moana* movie opened last week; see it today without the opening day lines. You're welcome.



15 Tweens and teens can hang at Wednesdays in the Park at Columbia City Park in Troutdale. It's a laid-back, come-and-go vibe with games, creative activities, and space to connect with friends. Wednesdays in July, 11 am-1 pm. Troutdaleoregon.gov/rec **R★**

16 For all the parents of littles who need to get out the house: Library storytimes ftw! Multnomah County has Book Babies and Toddler Storytime at several locations today. Find your new fave here: multcolib.org/events-classes **R★**

17 Enjoy creative family entertainment, a community parade, medieval fun, music and more at the Robin Hood Festival, a longtime Sherwood tradition. July 17-18. Robinhoodfestival.org **★**



18 This weekend has a theme! Head to Northwest Children's Theater's production of *Robin Hood*, which opens today and runs Saturdays and Sundays at 11am and 2pm through August 2. **R**



19 Celebrate love and community at Portland Pride weekend on the waterfront. The festival is July 18-19, and the parade is Sunday, July 19 at 11 am. Donations accepted. Portlandpride.org **★**



20 Cool off in one of PP&R's interactive fountains like the ones at Waterfront Park or Jamison Square. Portland.gov/parks/recreation/splash **R★**



21 Send your teens to OMSI's new space just for them. The Mezz is a safe spot just for teens 13 to 18, where they can create with sewing machines, photography equipment, 3D printers, a sound booth and more alongside mentors and other teens. Best of all, admission is free. **R★**



22 Calling all children of the '80s. Let the synth waves wash over you during a Blonde Neon performance at Concord Park in Milwaukie. This band celebrates the fierce female voices that defined a generation. 6:30-8:30 pm. **★**

23 Catch a kids' flick on the cheap at Regal's Summer Movie Express. Monday to Thursday, June 1 to August 13, tickets for 11 am family movies are only \$1! Regmovies.com/promotions/summer-movie-express **R**

24 The Portlandia Mermaid Parade & Festival celebrates all things mermaids and water mythology during a splashy July weekend. **Pro tip:** The festival is July 24-26, but the main parade is on Saturday, July 25. Portlandiamermaidparade.com **★**

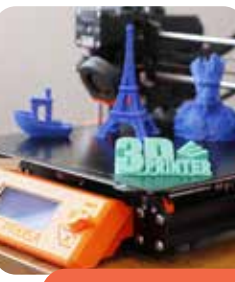


25 Music, craft vendors and family activities make the Oregon City First City Celebration a fun day in this historic downtown. 11 am-6 pm. Downtownoregoncity.org/event/first-city-celebration-2026 **★**

26 Celebrate Hawaiian arts and culture with workshops, performances, vendors, food and keiki activities during the last day of the 4 Days of Aloha in Vancouver. July 23-26. Tickets required for some programming. 4daysofaloha.com



27 Want to get into 3D printing? Head to Albina Library for an intro class - materials will be provided! Advance registration required. Class is from 2-4 pm. Multcolib.org/events-classes **★**



28 Carnival rides, fair food, live entertainment - the Washington County Fair at the Westside Commons in Hillsboro has it all. Free admission. July 24 to August 2. Bigfairfun.com



29 Listen to and learn about traditional taiko drumming at the Bethany Village Fountain from 10-10:45 am. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com **★**



30 Listen to DJ George spinning tunes at Director Park while the kiddos splash in the interactive fountain. Thursdays, noon-2 pm. **R★**



31 Does your teen love Super Smash Bros.? Register them for the Super Smash Tourney at Cedar Mill Library (for ages 10-18) from 6-8 pm. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com **★**



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1 Vroom, vroom. Get an up-close look at dozens of big rigs and other specialty vehicles at the annual Big Truck Day at Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center. The parking lot will be filled with bulldozers, fire engines, freight trucks, cranes, buses, tow trucks and more. Thprd.org/big-truck-day ★



2 It's the second to last Sunday Parkways! Head to North Portland from 11 am-4 pm and explore the neighborhood by bike, skates, skateboard, stroller, wheelchair, scooter or foot. Portland.gov/sunday-parkways ★



3 Kiddos ages 2 and older can make their own birdfeeder using craftsticks and string at Cedar Mill Library from 10:30-11:30 am. Registration required. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com ★

4 Don't miss the very Portland sports team, the Pickles, during a very Portland game: Keep Pickles Weird Night. "This one's for Portland, exactly as it is," promises organizers. Game starts at 7:05 pm. Portlandpicklesbaseball.com R



5 Let your tween or teen get a tattoo – with henna, that is! Visit Bethany Library Annex from 2-3 pm for henna designs by local artist Rashmi. Registration required. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com ★



6 Head to Broughton Beach for kids' activities – and free life jackets! – from Metro. Visit between 11 am-2 pm. **Pro tip:** Metro also will be at Oxbow Regional Park on Saturday, August 8. Oregonmetro.gov/events R ★



7 Grab and go crafts will be available (while kits last) from Cedar Mill Library and Bethany Library. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com ★

8 The Beaverton Night Market, a vibrant multicultural evening market at The Round has food, crafts and performances. From 5-10 pm. Beavertonoregon.gov/390/Beaverton-Night-Market ★



9 Get ready for a stinkin' good time during the last day of the Elephant Garlic Festival in North Plains. There's music, food and fun from August 7-9. Funstinks.com ★



10 Help a detective solve the mystery of the stolen fossil during Bridge City Children's Theater's performance of *The Case of the Bone Bandit* at Bethany Village Fountain from 10-10:45 am. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com ★

11 Jam out with Red Yarn, the Kindie Performer reigning champ of PDX Parent's annual Reader Favorites reader poll. He'll be playing at Rogers Park in Forest Grove today! Redyarnproductions.com/calendar



12 Head to Sauvie Island Blueberry Farm – one of the oldest u-pick farms on the island – to pick five different types of blueberries. This five-acre farm is family run and promises a picturesque (and tasty!) outing. Sauvieislandblueberryfarm.com R



13 Visit Howell Territorial Park, a historic orchard on Sauvie Island to harvest fruit. Portland Metro staff will be on hand to help, and provide tools and supplies. Get ready for a bounty of blackberries, apples and pears! 11 am-1 pm. Oregonmetro.gov/events ★



14 Multnomah County Library's Summer Reading program, Read, Plant a Seed, ends tomorrow! How many books has your kiddo read this summer? Reward their literary efforts with cool prizes at your local branch! Multcolib.org/summer-reading ★



15 An iconic Portland summertime event, the PDX Adult Soapbox Derby is a fun spectator sport as creative, funky, and sometimes even fast, soapbox cars wind their way down Mt. Tabor. 10 am-4 pm. Soapboxracer.org ★



16 It's like the Tour de France, but Portland style. The Portland Criterium features racers hauling it – we're talking 30 mph – on city streets. Don't miss this speedy event near the Lloyd Center. Portlandcriterium.com/lloyd_crit ★

17 It's getting hot out there! Help keep cool, while also ensuring the kids get their wiggles out, at one of these 11 playgrounds with shade. Pdxparent.com/portland-parks-with-shade-2 ★



18 Tualatin Hills Parks & Rec's Nature Mobile will be at the Cedar Mill Library with hands-on activities for kids 5 and up that explore science and nature. Cedarmillbethany.libcal.com ★

19 Stroll through almost 50 acres of Technicolor dahlias during the annual Dahlia Festival on Swan Island. Plus there's food carts, and on the weekends, live music. Dahlias.com/our-farm/annual-dahlia-festival R ★



20 Skip the parking fee today at Metro parks! Explore Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks, Broughton Beach, M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp or Chinook Landing Marine Park. ★

21 It's the last day of Portland Park & Rec's Free Lunch + Play. Stop by one of 20+ parks for free lunch for the kiddos, plus activities. Portland.gov/parks/freelunch ★



22 Don't miss the 3rd annual Apple Jam! Held at Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island, families can harvest apples, watch a cider press in action, listen to music and more. 11 am-3 pm. Oregonmetro.gov/events ★

23 Celebrate two cool countries today! Don't miss the last day of Festa Italiana featuring family-friendly activities, food, drinks, vendors and more. August 22-23. Second, is the India Festival at Pioneer Square where there will be music, dancing, food and more.

24 Join fellow Pedalpalooza riders during Mellow Monday. This week's ride leaves from Abernethy Elementary School in Southeast at 7:30 pm. Shift2bikes.org/calendar/event-23047 R ★

25 Don't miss storytime at one of Portland's cutest book stores: Green Bean Books. Weekly storytimes happen at 11 am on the store's covered patio. Greenbeanbookspdx.com R ★



26 Back to school! Back to school! It's the first day of school for most Portland Public Schools students.



27 Groove along to *The BrazilTones* at Northeast's Wellington Park – another Summer Free For All event from PP&R. 6:30 pm ★

28 Spend a tranquil morning at Topaz Farm on Sauvie Island while your little makes arts and crafts! Materials will be provided by farm staff. 10:30 am. Topazfarm.com ★



29 It's the last PP&R outdoor movie of the season! Head to Hamilton Park in Southwest to see *Wicked*. Event starts at 7:30 pm, movie starts at dusk. ★



Hit the midway, stages and petting farm at the Oregon State Fair for all kinds of fun. August 28-September 7 in Salem. Oregonexpo.org/fair

Our kid-friendly dining guide is all about great places to eat outside! Find a new favorite here: pdxparent.com/kid-friendly-outdoor-dining ★

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