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DIG INTO READING: SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK OFF TO BE HELD AT LIBRARY

Each year the Southeast Steuben County Library participates in the Summer Reading Program. The kick off launch party this year will be held July 3 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Come in to sign up for the reading club but also check out Mr. Nixon the 8 foot Triceratops skull. Learn about geology, rocks and minerals. Make some crafts and go on a scavenger hunt. If there seems to be a theme here, you're right! The kids' summer reading theme is "Dig into Reading."

The Summer Reading Program runs from July 8 through Aug. 17. There are five reading levels: read to me, beginner, chapter book, young adult and adult. Turn reading slips in for a chance to win prizes weekly in each level.

In addition to reading, the Summer Reading Program holds great shows Thursdays in the Nasser Civic Center arena at 1 p.m. except where noted. The lineup this year will get you to your feet.

The schedule is as follows:

July 11 Madcap Puppets: The Cinderella Files

The Cinderella Files: Ever wonder what would happen if Cinderella's Fairy Godmother went on vacation? In Madcap's twisted take on the classic fairy tale, it's up to her husband Ralph, the Fairy Godfather, to get Cinderella to the ball.

July 18 In Jest Comedy Variety Show

Nels Ross brings his comedy variety show with hilarious audience participation, incredible juggling, edge-of-your-seat stunts, and extraordinary, yet useless skills.

Jul 25 Encore Performing Arts, Inc.: Goowin's Balloowins

Enjoy a truly unique performance by madcap balloon artist Allynn Gooen, who will fill the stage with extraordinary balloon creations as he leads the story of Snow White and the Eight Dwarfs, The Wizard of Oz, The Story of Purim, (or any of a large variety of stories) in which children from the audience will star.

Aug. 1 with 2 shows in the library's Laura Beer Community Room 11 - 11:45 a.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. Moreland the Magician as 'Klondike Dave'

Join 'Klondike Dave' for a high-energy, 45-minute show packed with magic, comedy, mystery, puppetry, and audience participation. 'Klondike Dave' is a gold prospector from the Old West who's sure there's some sort of treasure buried at each and every library, and he's determined to dig it up! Want to help him find it? Sign up required for this showing. Call (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.

Aug 8 Howl at the Moon with a Ground-Dweller Tune!

With singer/guitarist/banjoist Tom Sieling. Includes humorous, very participatory kids' songs that will engage the entire family.

Aug 15 Doc Possum End of Summer Dance Party

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club with our annual summer dance party!

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Programs made possible by the Friends of the Library The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607) 936-3713.