

## Howe at Storrs Pond

Storrs Pond | 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
All Ages

Join the Howe Library as we go on the road to Storrs Pond. A Storrs Pond membership is not needed to attend. Registration recommended—in case of inclement weather. Please bring something to sit on.

- **July 18 – Dinosaurs with Dinoman**  
View life-sized inflatable dinosaurs up-close while being entertained with science facts and magic.
- **August 15 – Real McCoy Show**  
Brent McCoy's show combines breathtaking circus stunts, natural charisma, and lightning-fast wit.

## Family Picnic in the Park Concert Series

Wednesdays, 5:00 to 6:00 pm  
Ages: Children 10 and under with their caregivers

You bring the picnic; we will supply the entertainment. Co-sponsored by Howe Library, Hanover Parks & Recreation, Etna Library and Hopkins Center for the Arts.

*Sustainability Park, 6 School Street, Hanover*

- July 15 — Anna Adler, Storyteller
- July 22 — Andrew Silver, The Silver Circus
- July 29 — Magic Fred
- August 5 — Squam Lake Science Center
- August 19 — VINS: Raptors Up Close

*Costello Field, 195 Etna Road, Etna*

- August 12 — Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals

## Dino STEM Adventures

Children's Program Room, Howe Library | 10:30 am  
Ages: 6 to 9

The program begins with a dinosaur-themed book, followed by a fun, hands-on activity that explores science, creativity, and problem-solving. Registration required: register for one or all of the sessions

- July 7 — Dinosaur Fossil Eggs
- July 14 — Build-A-Dinosaur
- July 21 — Dinosaur Habitats

## Summer Story Times

**Simply Summer Storytime**  
Thursdays, June 25–August 6

Mayer Room, Howe Library | 10:30 to 11:00 am  
Ages: 5 and under with their caregivers

Join us for stories, songs and rhymes for children and their grownups. Stay afterwards to play and connect.

**Story Times in the Gazebo**  
Fridays, June 19–August 14

Gazebo, Etna Library | 10:00 am  
All Ages

Join us for stories, songs, activities, and socializing inside the Etna Library's new gazebo! Surrounded by nature, we'll read tales revolving around that week's theme. Story Times will not meet on July 3.

**Stories with Scooter**  
Monday, June 22 and July 27

Gazebo, Etna Library | 10:30 am  
All Ages

Stop by and enjoy a story time with Scooter the licensed therapy dog! After a group story time, kids can take a turn reading to Scooter. He's the most non-judgmental, friendliest (and furriest!) listener around!

## Touch-a-Truck

Howe Library (lower) Parking Lot | 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Ages: 8 and under with their caregivers

**Casella Waste Garbage Truck**  
June 24

See a real garbage truck in action! Watch it pick up trash, hear all the exciting noises, and climb into the driver's seat for an up-close experience. No registration required.

**Hanover Fire Truck**  
July 8

Climb aboard a real firetruck! Meet local firefighters, learn about firefighting, and explore the truck—hose, ladder, sirens, and all. No registration required. (If the truck is needed for an emergency, we may need to reschedule).



## Dinosaur Escape Room

Garden Room, Howe Library  
Ages: 8 to 12

Put your puzzle solving skills to the test to figure out this dinosaur themed escape room. The younger a child is, the more likely they will need adult support. Best experienced in groups of 4-6 people. No registration required. There may be a wait if another group is doing the puzzle.

- July 8 and 9, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- July 10, 12:00 to 4:00 pm

## D&D: The Isle of Dread

Mayer Room, Howe Library | 12:30 to 4:00 pm  
Ages: 13 to 18

Get a taste of a classic Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) adventure — The Isle of Dread — updated for 5E! The Isle of Dread will be presented in three exciting sessions — sign up for one or all three. Characters will be provided. First time players welcome! See online event listing for full details. Space limited. Registration required.

- July 12
- July 26
- August 9



## Movie Screenings

Mayer Room, Howe Library | 1:00 to 3:15 pm  
Ages: 13 to 19

**Jurassic Park**  
July 15

Experience the 1993 epic dinosaur classic, *Jurassic Park* on the Howe "big screen"!

**Jurassic World**  
July 16

The controversial dinosaur theme park is back in *Jurassic World* (2015)! The scientists learned so much from the first attempt to house live dinosaurs in a theme park, what could possibly go wrong?

Don't forget to vote on your favorite Jurassic hero, Jeff Goldblum (*Jurassic Park*) or Chris Pratt (*Jurassic World*).

## Programs for Creators

**Chalk Art Contest**  
June 22–26, during Etna Library operating hours  
Sidewalk, Etna Library | All Ages

Participate in the Etna Library's annual Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest! Come into the library for chalk and be assigned a slab of sidewalk; Then, let your creativity run wild. Gift card prizes will be awarded across multiple patriotic categories!

**Design a 4th of July Shoebox Float**  
June 29–July 2, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Children's Program Room, Howe Library  
Ages: 12 and under

Drop in to create a miniature parade float for our Fourth of July Shoebox Parade using a shoebox and patriotic decorations. All materials will be provided. Finished floats will be displayed at the library throughout the week and then brought to the Fourth of July Celebration, where their creators can march with them in the Shoebox Parade.

**Domestic Dinosaur Crafts**  
Ages: Adults and Teens | Registration required

- **June 30, 5:30 to 7:00 pm – Dinosaur Soap**  
Mayer Room, Howe Library  
Time to clean up! This Domestic Dinosaur Craft is about making soap with a hidden dinosaur inside.
- **July 21, 5:00 to 7:00 pm – Dinosaur Amigurumi**  
Murray Room, Howe Library  
Stitch your own prehistoric pal—learn the art of amigurumi by crocheting an adorable dinosaur.
- **August 11, 5:30 to 7:00 pm – Plantersaurus**  
Mayer Room, Howe Library  
Add some whimsy to your living space with a cute DIY dinosaur airplant holder!

**Dinosaur Mini Art Show**  
August 15, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Children's Program Room, Howe Library  
Ages: 12 and under

Create a Mini Masterpiece Dinosaur to submit to our Art Show! Drop in to paint these 7" dinosaur figurines. Artwork will be displayed August 15–24 in the Children's Program Room. Visitors will be invited to vote on their favorites, and prizes will be awarded. Winners will be notified via email on August 25. Want to participate but can't make it to the program? No problem—contact us at [childrenservices@thehowe.org](mailto:childrenservices@thehowe.org)

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Celebrate summer  
with the Howe  
and Etna Libraries  
June 15–August 22

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The Howe and Etna  
Libraries Summer  
Reading Program



## Summer Reading Challenges

June 15 to August 22

### Howe Library Reading Challenge

All Ages

Dive into summer reading, and you could win! Join the fun—complete the challenge and you'll be entered in a raffle for one of our grand prizes! **Youth will be eligible for a free book.** Stop by to get started!

### Etna Library Reading Challenges

All Ages

**Kids**—keep a log and stop by the Etna Library each week for a fun toy and a chance to win raffle prizes!  
**Teens & Adults**—complete a raffle slip at the library each time you read a book for chances to win big!

## Summer Reading Launch Parties

### Howe Library

June 17, 4:00 to 6:00 pm | Ages: 12 and under  
*Children's Program Room, Howe Library*

Celebrate the kickoff of Summer Reading at our Launch Party! Register for the Summer Reading Program and make fun crafts. **Participants will receive a Summer Reading T-shirt, and a pizza coupon good for one slice while supplies last.** This drop-in event is a great way to get ready for a summer full of reading and activities.

### Etna Library

June 17, 3:30 to 6:00 pm | All Ages  
*Gazebo, Etna Library*

Celebrate the start of Etna Library's Summer Reading Program with our launch party! Receive your Summer Reading Log (and become eligible to win amazing raffle prizes all summer long), have fun at our crafts table. Get a free slice of pizza, dinosaur-themed buttons, bookmarks, and a Summer Reading T-shirt, while supplies last.



Join the Howe & Etna in reading our **Summer Community Reads** book, *Otherlands: A Journey Through Earth's Extinct Worlds*, by Thomas Halliday. Pick up a free copy while supplies last! (ages: Adults)

## June 20

### Readers' Advisory Extravaganza

*Children's Program Room, Howe Library*  
12:00 to 5:00 pm | Ages: 5 to 12

Library staff will be available to recommend books for youth ages 5–12 and their families. Stop by to discover new favorites and get personalized reading suggestions.

## June 22

### Dinosauc Nuggets Tasting

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
12:00 to 1:30 pm | Ages: 13 to 19

The plan is simple. Eat nuggets and decide which sauce is the best! Try a variety of sauces alongside classic Dinosaur Chicken Nuggets and participate in a saucy face-off bracket! Vegetarian and gluten-free nuggets will be available. Registration required.

## June 23

### Morphs & Milestones Reptile Show

*Etna Library*  
3:00 pm | All Ages

Morphs & Milestones' knowledgeable staff will offer hands-on learning opportunities, like snake handling, to engage and inspire young minds.

## June 25

### Pasta Dinosaurs

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
2:00 to 3:00 pm | Ages: 9 to 12

Make a dinosaur skeleton with pasta! Registration required.

## June 25

### Dinosaur Walk

*Etna Library*  
4:00 pm | Ages: 12 and under

Create cool dinosaur feet and hats at the library and then wear them as we go on a Dinosaur Walk, reading a dino story along the way.

## June 26

### Exploring Life in 1776 Through Crafts

*Children's Program Room, Howe Library*  
2:00 to 4:00 pm | Ages: 10 and under

Step back in time and discover what everyday life was like in 1776! Through fun, hands-on crafts, kids will learn how families lived, worked, and played long ago.

## June 27

### Bicycle Parade

*Hanover Center Common,  
6 Parade Ground Road, Etna*  
9:30 to 11:00 am | All Ages

Decorate your bicycles (or tricycles, or scooters, or anything else with wheels) with the decorations provided. Then, after your bike looks perfect, join everyone else with their decorated bikes for a parade!

## July 1

### History of the Hanover Town Library

*Etna Library*  
5:30 to 7:30 pm | All Ages

The Etna Library (officially named the 'Hanover Town Library') was founded in 1898 as Hanover's original public library, with its building constructed in 1905. The library's rich past will be celebrated with a self-guided history tour, and free food (using recipes popular in the early 1900s).

## July 4

### Stars & Stripes Mini Parade with Shoebox Floats

*Dartmouth Green*  
11:45 am | Ages: 12 and under

March in the Fourth of July celebration with your handmade shoebox float! Kids are invited to show off their creations in this fun, festive mini parade. Please bring a float made in advance at the June "Design a Shoebox Float" program listed on the back cover—no materials will be available on-site.

## July 7

### Dinosaur Eggs

*Etna Library*  
11:00 am | Ages: 12 and under

Create and hatch dinosaur eggs with this fun craft.

## July 7

### Investigative Genetic Genealogy and the DNA Doe Project: A Crash Course

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
6:30 pm | Ages: Adults

Join us for a crash course in investigative genetic genealogy with Chelsea Hanrahan. In addition to using her skills to help law enforcement solve cases, Chelsea is a researcher for the New England based podcast 'Murder, She Told.'

## July 13

### T-Rex Party

*Children's Program Room, Howe Library*  
10:30 to 11:15 am  
Ages: 3 to 6 with their caregivers

It's a roaring good time for young dinosaur fans! Enjoy dino-themed stories, music, crafts, and dancing—plus a special guest appearance from the king of the dinosaurs. Registration required.

## July 15

### VINS: Birds are Dinosaurs

*Trumbull Hall, Etna*  
5:00 pm | All Ages

What did 65 million years of evolution turn the dinosaurs into? Birds! Celebrating "Unearth a Story" at your local library, we're excited to introduce you to some live birds of prey and learn all about their dinosaur ancestry together. We'll explore the ways modern birds became masters of the air, and understand the immense timescale over which these dinosaur-descendants adapted!

## July 17

### Sub-Zero STEM & Ice Cream

*Trumbull Hall, Etna*  
5:00 pm | All Ages

A fun science presentation that educates attendees using the unique properties of liquid nitrogen while making fresh and delicious ice cream to enjoy. Registration required.

## July 18

### Dinosaur Terrariums

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
2:00 to 3:00 pm | Ages: 9 to 12

Design your own prehistoric terrariums using moss, wood, and mini dinosaurs! Registration required.

## July 20

### Dino Cousins Up Close

*Front Entrance, Howe Library*  
9:30 am to 12:30 pm | All Ages

Did you know dinosaurs still have living relatives? Join us at the library to meet real-life "dinosaur cousins," including lizards, snakes, tortoises, and more!

## July 25

### Legos with C3Brix

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*

Join C3Brix for a LEGO® building session! Kids will create fun dinosaur models while exploring creativity and hands-on play. Open to all skill levels. Registration required.

- **Ages 5 to 9** | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- **Ages 10 to 13** | 1:00 to 3:00 pm

## July 25

### Wild Side of Fairy Tales

*Gazebo, Etna Library*  
1:00 to 2:00 pm | All Ages

Step into the magical world of fairy tales from around the world and hear stories and legends from long ago. Meet mischievous fairies, talking animals, and naughty trolls and discover where nature and story meet. Let your imagination go on an adventure with these stories from the wildside of once upon a time and happily ever after.

## July 29

### Excavations and Exhibitions: Digging into Archeology and the Art Museum

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
6:30 pm | Ages: Adults

Ashley Offill, Curator of Collections, Hood Museum of Art, will explore the instrumental role of archeology in forming many early museum collections, in connection with the Hood Museum exhibition Stone, Sand, and Clay: Connecting Cultures in the Ancient Mediterranean. Registration required if joining via Zoom.

## August 5

### Searching for the Oldest Animal Fossils

*Mayer Room, Howe Library*  
6:30 pm | Ages: Adults

Animals are a relatively late addition to Planet Earth. Professor Justin Strauss of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Dartmouth will guide us through the earliest evidence for animals in the fossil record and what hypotheses exist for driving early animal evolution. Registration required if joining via Zoom.

## August 22

### Ice Cream Party

*Etna Library*  
1:00 pm | All Ages

We'll conclude the summer in style, with an Ice Cream Party! Lots of flavors of ice cream, and lots of delicious toppings, will all be available for free.

