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Livingston Municipal Library

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Upcoming Events

June 1 Summer reading begins

June 7 Museum of Natural Science

June 12 "Being a Good Sport" Puppet Show

June 13 Father's Day Craft Party

June 14 Family Fun Day

June 15 Edge of Imagination Station

June 21 Hank the Cowdog Author Visit

June 22 Drawing Class

June 28 Will Parker

July 5 Julian Franklin

July 12 Funco Productions

July 19 Build a Better World Magic Show

July 19 Fishing/Casting

July 20 YFBL Fishing Tutorial

July 21 Book Sale

July 26 Build Day

July 31 Summer Reading ends

All the tools you'll need for a great summer!

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

It's time to roll up your sleeves and get reading! **Summer reading** begins **June 1**, and this year's theme encourages readers of all ages to "**Build a Better World.**" Livingston Municipal Library will offer a variety of programs and activities to help you do just that! Children age 3 and older (including teens) are welcome to participate.

The **Houston Museum of Natural Science** will visit on **June 7**, with sessions that will teach us how to "**Build It Big**" (**10:30am & 11:00am**), which will explore concepts in engineering, architecture and construction. Later that day, HMNS will present "**Renewal is Doable**" (**1:00pm**) to help us learn about various types of renewal energy sources.

On **June 12 (10:30am)**, the **Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council of East Texas** will entertain us with a puppet show about "Being a Good Sport." Honor your father with hand-made crafts created at the **Father's Day Craft Party**, presented by **Youth for Better Life** on **June 13 (1:30pm-3:00pm)**. Space is limited so please visit or call the library to reserve a spot. The festivities continue that week with the 2nd annual **Family Fun Day** at **Pedigo Park (June 14, 10:00am-11:30pm)**. Coaches from the Livingston High School will be present to teach children about a variety of sports. Refreshments will be provided.

The **Edge of Imagination Station** stops by on **June 15 (10:00am)** with its mobile stop-animation lab and children can be creative using chalk, paper, clay, and dry erase markers. This activity is appropriate for children age 10 and older. Please be sure to register.

On **June 21 (10:30am-12:30pm)**, popular author **John R. Erickson** of *Hank the Cowdog* fame will visit the library and entertain us with music and stories. The whole family is invited to attend.

Teens can sign up for a **Beginner's Art Class** on **June 22 (11:00am-12:00pm)**. All supplies will be provided, so please sign up at the circulation desk if you would like to attend. We close out the month of June with a special performance by **Will Parker**, a musician who is sure to be whimsical and entertaining (**June 28, 10:00am**).

Julian Franklin joins us on **July 5 (10:30am)** with a program on "**Simple Machines: Work Smarter, Not Harder**," filled with construction experiments and magic tricks. On **July 12 (10:30am)**, **Mick Corley** from **Funco Productions** will use books, magic, stories, and comedy to help us "Build a Better World." The fun continues on **July 19 (10:30am)** as **Rodney Rash** uses magic to teach children about building a better world through creativity and community. Also on **July 19 (1:30pm-4:30pm)**, **Melanie Justice** will teach children the basics of fishing and casting. Light refreshments will be provided.

Children can use all of the skills and ideas they've developed over the course of the summer to build a better world during a **Build Day** on **July 26 (10:00am-11:30am)**. Older children can build robots using Lego WeDo 2.0 kits, while younger children can build using gears and Legos. Help us build a mini-city using these unconventional materials. Parents are encouraged to assist with this activity.

Don't forget that the last day to turn in reading logs is July 31. In addition to the special summer reading programs, the library will still have its **Toddler Time (Tuesdays at 11:00am)** and **Baby & Me (Thursdays at 10:30am)** each week. For a complete list of all of the programs and events happening at Livingston Municipal Library this summer, please visit the library's website at <http://www.livingstonlibrary.net/news-events/lib-cal>.

Reader's Corner

If you liked *Nick & Tesla's robot army rampage*, try...

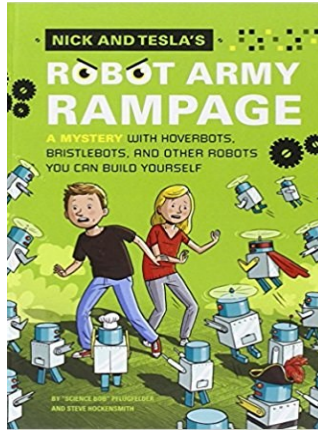
- Frank Einstein and the antimatter motor* - Jon Scieszka (JUV FIC SCI)
- Melonhead* - Katy Kelly (JUV FIC KEL)
- The wild robot* - Peter Brown (JUV FIC BRO)
- The castle behind the thorns* - Merrie Haskell (JUV FIC HAS)
- The summer I saved the world in 65 days* - Michelle Weber Hurwitz (JUV FIC HUR)
- Green thumbs-up* - Jenny Meyerhoff (ECB FIC MEY)

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Municipal Library**

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Hours
Sunday - Closed
Mon - Fri : 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday : 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The library will be closed
July 4, 2017 for
Independence Day.



Build a Case for Summer Reading Fun!

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| JUV 909.81 MOO <i>The Industrial Revolution</i> | JUV 720 PAX From mud huts to skyscrapers | EASY FIC RIN Goodnight, good-night construction site |
| JUV 720 LAT <i>Skyscrapers: investigate feats of engineering</i> | JUV 720 DIL The story of buildings | EASY FIC KIT The house on Dirty -Third Street |
| JUV 724 GRA <i>Great building designs 1900-today</i> | JUV 745.5 POP The boy mechanic: 200 classic things to build | ER 623 MAC Castle: how it works |
| EASY FIC SUT <i>Construction</i> | JUV 629.22 RIG Amazing rubber band cars | EASY FIC JOH Henry builds a cabin |

Friends of the Library

Book Sale
July 21, 2017 10am - 2pm

The Friends of the Library play a huge part in providing funds for the library's Summer Reading Program. The Friends work to provide reading incentives, special programs and presenters, as well volunteering to help when needed during these busy summer months. If you would like to learn more about how you can help or to become a part of the Friends, you are welcome to attend the group's upcoming meetings on **June 21 (11:00am)** and **July 19 (11:00am)**. The Friends look forward to seeing you there!

Find us anywhere!
www.livingstonlibrary.net

Author Spotlight: "Science Bob" Pflugfelder

(Adapted from sciencebob.com)

Juvenile Fiction

In addition to being an elementary school science teacher, maker, and presenter, "Science Bob" Pflugfelder is co-author of the popular *Nick and Tesla* series of fiction books. With the help of author Steve Hockensmith, "Science Bob" writes about the adventures of 12-year-old twins Nick and Tesla Holt, who use science and creativity to solve mind-bending mysteries.

To date, there are six books in the Nick and Tesla series, including *Nick and Tesla's high voltage danger lab*, *Nick and Tesla's robot army*, *Nick and Tesla's secret agent gadget battle*, *Nick and Tesla's super-cyborg gadget glove*, and *Nick and Tesla's special effects spectacular*. The best thing about these books? In each book, Pflugfelder includes instructions on how readers can create the gadgets Nick and Tesla use.

Today Show, *Live with Kelly*, and *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, and Dawn*.

"Science Bob," who currently lives in Newton, MA, has been a fan of science since he was six years old, and does all he can to promote "Random Acts of Science" through providing access to presentations, videos, and workshops that help caregivers, parents and teachers encourage a love of science in their children and students.



When he is not teaching or writing, "Science Bob" has demonstrated his spectacular experiments on several popular, widely-watched television shows, including *The*

To create your own Random Acts of Science, visit sciencebob.com or nickandtesla.com.