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**“OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES” ENGAGES YOUNG READERS
JULY 5 – AUGUST 12, 2022 AT CARTHAGE FREE LIBRARY
REGISTER TODAY!**

(Carthage, NY, June 13, 2022) - Keep kids and teens reading throughout the summer! Register for the Carthage Free Library Summer Reading program. This year’s theme is “Oceans of Possibilities”! Registration and a kickoff family event take place on Friday, July 1, 2022 from 3-4:30 pm, with special guest Jeff Boyer aka “The Bubble Guy” at Carthage Free Library, 412 Budd Street, Carthage, NY 13619. The Summer Reading Program takes place July 5 – August 12, 2022. Youth ages pre-K through 18 years old are eligible to sign up for the program. Individuals and families may also register by calling the library 315-493-2620, by emailing carlib@ncls.org, or by [completing this online form](#).

“We are committed to promoting children’s literacy and the Summer Reading Program is a great way to ensure that children don’t slide backwards on their literacy skills over the summer,” says Christina Bamberg, Interim Director. “This year’s programs will also include some STEM learning, (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), adding math and science to the summer bridge effort.”

“The children’s reading will be tracked a bit differently this year. Many children take home handfuls of books each week and have impressive reading lists, whereas, with reluctant readers, it is monumental if they get through just one or two books all summer. We hope to get everyone reading for the sure joy of reading, so we will be asking the children to tell us about what they read and why they chose that book. These impromptu ‘book reports’ are very insightful and help us start a dialogue with the children. One book list will be selected for the Pizza Hut Book It! Summer Reading Award,” says Ms. Bamberg.

The ocean-themed program will include stories, games, crafts, snacks, and “Story Walks”. Three Story Walk sites are scheduled - one in the village of Carthage, and two on local nature trails; Baker Woods Preserve and the Joseph A. Blake Wildlife Sanctuary. The family-friendly Story Walks at the selected sites kickoff on July 5 with one children’s book featured along each trail. The book featured on each trail will change on July 16 and again on July 30. Story Walks will end August 13, 2022. The selected children’s titles are *Big Al* by Andrew Clements Yoshi, *Inky the*

Octopus, by Erin Guendelsberger and David Leonard, and *How to Hug a Pufferfish* by Ellie Peterson.

Programs run Mondays through Thursdays, with each day for a different age group:

Mondays, grades 1 and 2 from 10 am to 12 pm;

Tuesdays, grades 3 and 4 from 10 am – 12 pm;

Wednesdays, grades 5 through 8 from 1 pm to 3 pm;

Wednesdays, teens ages 12-18 from 5 pm – 6:30 pm;

Thursdays, preschoolers and Kindergartners from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Carthage Free Library is also planning to challenge area adults to read this summer and is coming up with some creative incentives for adult readers.

The “Oceans of Possibilities” theme will be carried throughout many libraries in the North Country Library System.

The “Oceans of Possibilities” summer reading program is presented with support from the [Pratt-Northam SRP](#), [Baker Woods Preserve](#), [Tug Hill for Tomorrow Land Trust](#), [Stewarts Shops Holiday Grant](#), [North Country Spouses Club](#), [Community Campaign: Talking Is Teaching Story Walk Mini Grant](#), and [Indian River Lakes Conservancy](#).

More information can be found on the library’s website, carthagefreelibrary.org or on Facebook [@Carthage Free Library](#)

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