**Taft Public Library – Children’s Room**

June 2013- Get ready to *DIG INTO READING!*

Miss Lisa has been busy planning programs and events for this year’s Summer Reading Program. In May, she visited Clough Elementary School to discuss ideas with school librarian, Mrs. Hack, and they are both excited about sharing all the fun details with the students over the coming weeks! Here are the most important dates to keep in mind for June: Tuesday, June 18 is the first day to register for the Taft Public Library Summer Reading Program, and Thursday, June 27 is the date of our kick-off event!
*Read on for more info …*

**Registration**
The first day to register for Summer Reading is Tuesday, June 18, at the library, during regular hours. When you register you will receive a bag with all the info about tracking your time spent reading to earn prizes, along with some other fun treats and a schedule of events. You do NOT need to sign up on the first day in order to participate; registration will be ongoing throughout the summer! Once registration begins, you will also be able to sign up for some other events including the ever-popular Cardboard Boat Race, to be held on Thursday, July 18th at 6:30pm, at the Town Beach and our 6th Annual Worm Race to be held on Tuesday, August 6th at Taft Library.

**Kick-off event**On Thursday evening, June 27, we will welcome comic mime Robert Rivest to the Clough Elementary School Cafetorium. Audiences of all ages “dig” how Robert brings his favorite “underground” stories to life. This entertaining and interactive program allows everyone to learn mime, play, and have a great time! This fun family event is free to attend, and sponsored by the Friends of Taft Public Library. No need to register, show starts at 6:30.

**Storytimes**Although our weekly storytime sessions have ended for the spring, we will have a few drop-in story-and-craft sessions throughout the summer. The first one is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30am and will be called *Dad’s Rock* in time for Fathers’ Day! (and YES, that punctuation is correct… a hint about the craft activity!) The next one will be on Tuesday, July 2nd at 10:30am: *Happy Birthday, America!* There will be a Spanish Storytime held during the evening of August 13th.

**Book Clubs**The Teen Book Club, open to ages 12 and up, will meet with Andrew on Thursday, August 15th at 5:30pm to discuss *Downsiders* by Neal Shusterman. Please RSVP by calling or stopping by the library.

*The Dig Into Reading Book Club* for ages 8-12 will meet with Lisa on Tuesday, August 20 at 4:30pm, in the upstairs reading room at the library. We will discuss *HOLES* by Louis Sachar- a Newbery Medal-winning book that ties in nicely with our summer reading theme of DIG INTO READING! Students have all summer to read the book, and we will have pizza and watch the movie when we meet. Please register in advance by stopping by or calling us at 508-473-3259.

*The Magic Tree House Book Club* for ages 5-10 will meet on 4 consecutive Tuesday afternoons in July, beginning on July 9, at 1:30pm. This program does require pre-registration as space is limited and books will need to be ordered in advance. Registration begins on June 18. All the info will be included in the Summer Reading registration materials!

**Lego Club**
We will be offering 2 sessions of the Lego Club, on 6 consecutive Mondays, beginning July 15th. Please register in advance for either 3:30 or 4:45 (Club meets for one hour each week.)

**Events**

* June 18: First day to register
* June 25: First day to claim prizes
* June 27: Robert Rivest, comic mime: Clough Elementary School, 6:30pm
* July 10: Pied Potter Rick Hamelin: Dig Into Clay! Mendon Senior Center, 1pm *(must pre-register!)*
* July 18: 15th Taft Public Library Great Cardboard Boat Race (raindate July 25), Town Beach, 6:30pm *(must pre-register!)*
* July 24: Magic & More with Steve Rudolph: Mendon Senior Center, 1pm
* August 6: 6th Annual Worm Race (raindate August 13), behind Taft, 11am & 1pm *(must pre-register!)*
* August 21st: Last day to redeem hours for prizes. End-of-Summer Celebration *(more info soon!)*

**This schedule is subject to change, and more events are expected to be added soon! For updates and more info, please visit the Taft Public Library website and Facebook page, along with the next Town Crier!**

***Dig Into Reading* is sponsored by Taft Public Library, Friends of Taft Public Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.**