

## **Pawlet Public Library Launches 2018 Children's Programs**

The Pawlet Public Library launches its 2018 Children's Programs, scheduled April through December, free of charge. New this year is Play Group for parents and children birth through kindergarten, on the first four Fridays each month, beginning on April 6, from 10-11:00 a.m. The library also announces its Summer Reading Program for parents and children grades 1 through 6, running on Wednesdays, June 20-July 25 (excluding July 4), from 10-11:30 a.m. Modern Times Theater kicks off the Summer Reading Program with a puppet show and music performance on Sunday, June 17, 3-5:00 p.m.

Educator Joni Lee, West Pawlet, leads the Play Group, featuring a fresh array of activities each week that focus on play, reading and socialization, and offering parents of young children a networking opportunity. Joni is a graduate of Antioch University and a Waldorf-trained elementary and early childhood educator. She specializes in nature and place-based education and hands on learning, engaging children through multi-sensory and inquiry-based activities. Families are encouraged to arrive early for time to socialize.

The Summer Reading Program and Modern Times Theater are sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries and Stewart's Holiday Match. The program is designed to encourage elementary-aged children to keep reading during summer vacation. Hunter Bassett, Granville, orchestrates the program following the statewide theme "Libraries Rock," encompassing all things rock—from geology to rock n' roll. Hunter is a graduate of SUNY Oneonta with a B.S. degree in biology. For the past two summers she has served as counselor and director of the Granville Summer Recreation program. She is currently a Mettawee Community School paraeducator in a kindergarten classroom. While the 5-session Summer Reading Program is free, registration is required because space is limited.

The Modern Times Theater performance, which headlines the Summer Reading Program, is geared for all ages. Performers Rose Friedman and Justin Lander, co-founders of Vermont Vaudeville, present *That's What I Call Sweet Music: The Troubles and Travails of Puppetry's Favorite Loudmouth, Mr. Punch*. In addition to hand puppetry, the program features a mini concert performed on the cornet, ukulele, upright bass, five string banjo, bicycle pump and homemade instruments. The couple has performed at libraries, schools and fairs throughout Vermont and New Hampshire, Shelburne Farms, HOP Center at Dartmouth College, and Sinterklaas Festival, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

For more details and the full schedule of public programs at the Pawlet Public Library, visit [www.pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com), or call the library at 802-325-3123. The library is located at 141 School Street, Pawlet, Vt.



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