

McKinney Public Library

SUMMER READING

PROGRAM PREVIEW 2026



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Unearth a Story 2026

This summer, unearth a story with the McKinney Public Library! Readers of all ages can participate in Summer Reading either through attending our themed events or diving into a great book.

How it Works

Start by picking up a **Summer Reading Bookmark**. Each section of the bookmark represents a literary genre and corresponding library event or engagement activity. To complete the challenge, collect **all five stickers** and earn your certificate of achievement!





SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

Dino Fest – June 6th

Stomp, roar, and explore the world of dinosaurs! Enjoy crafts and activities designed to delight aspiring paleontologists.

Event will include:

- Fun Time Entertainment DFW's Dinomainia with 7ft T-Rex and games!
- Heard Museum showcasing turtles, snakes, and lizards
- Scales with Tails' presentation: Reptiles & Dinosaurs

Geology Jamboree – July 11th

Geology rocks! Dig into natural wonders with hands-on fun and discovery.

Event will feature:

- Heard Museum's presentation: Rocks, Rocks, Rocks
- Dallas Gem & Mineral Society's Glowing Rocks Activity
- A Geologist from Braun Intertec
- Stream Trailer Demonstrations on watershed stewardship

Ancient Adventures – August 1st

Journey back in time to discover ancient civilizations and hidden treasures, with a variety of crafts and activities designed to bring history and legend to life!

Event will include:

- Victorian Fencing Society's Historical Demonstrations
- Toni Simmons' African Storytelling & Songs

SUMMER AUTHOR EVENTS

Amanda Eyre Ward

Thursday, July 9, 2026 | Reception 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Author Discussion & Signing 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Amanda Eyre Ward is the New York Times bestselling author of twelve books, including *The Jetsetters*, a Reese's Book Club pick. She lives in Austin, Texas, with her family.

Shari Lapena

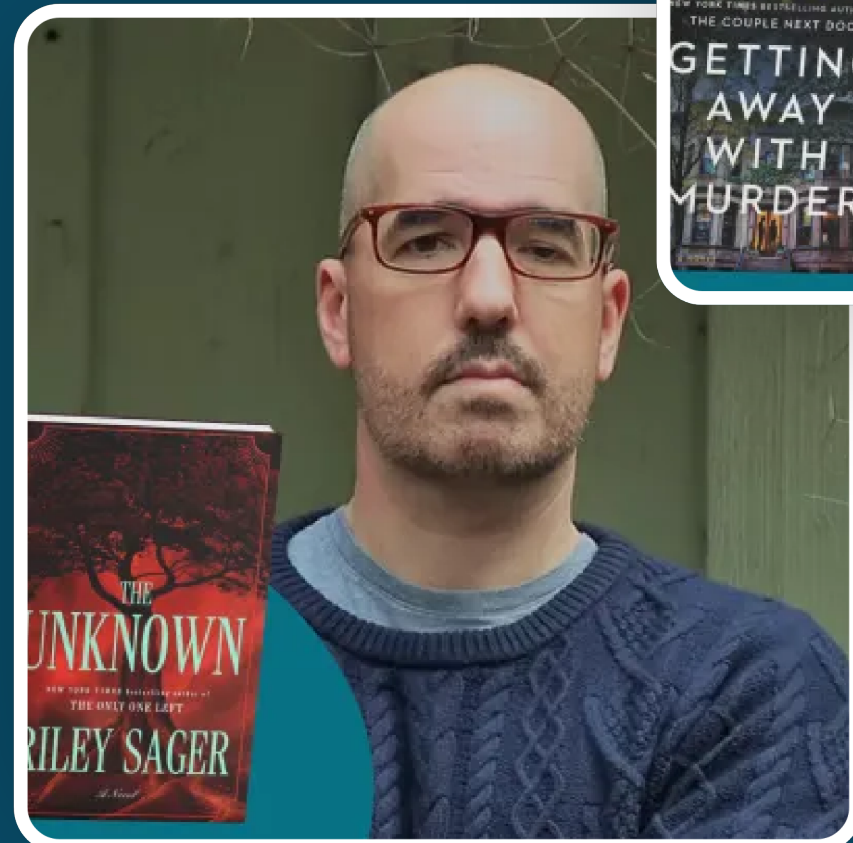
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 | Reception 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Author Discussion & Signing 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shari Lapena is the #1 internationally bestselling author of nine suspense novels, including *The Couple Next Door*, *A Stranger in the House*, and *An Unwanted Guest*. A former lawyer and English teacher, Shari now writes full-time from a farm in Ontario, where she lives with her husband.

Riley Sager

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 | Reception 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Author Discussion & Signing 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Riley Sager is the New York Times bestselling author of ten novels, most recently *With a Vengeance*, *Middle of the Night*, and *The Only One Left*. His novels have been published in 40 countries, with more than 4 million copies sold worldwide. A native of Pennsylvania, he now lives in Princeton, New Jersey.





SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Additional K–5th Program

- Lego Bricks & More; Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Adult Partnership Programs

- Guiding Growth: Supporting Children; Thursday, June 18; 7 p.m.
- How to Start a Nonprofit; Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m.
- Heartful Meditation; Saturday, July 18, 12 p.m.

Teen Afterhours Programs

- Nerf ATTCK: Friday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.
- R2D2's Art Party, Friday, July 24; 6:30 p.m.
- Video Game Trivia, Friday, August 21; 6:30 p.m.