

# Summer activities that include being in air conditioning are great

Summer is here! And if you're like me, a stay at home mom of small children, you are looking for things to do. Preferably things that are free. And things that involve air conditioning. Am I right? Of course I am. In the summertime, if you have little kids, it doesn't get any better than free and air conditioned. Unless it's free, air conditioned, and you can drop your kids off and drive away. Ha! Only kidding. Why would I want to drop my kids off and drive away from them, when I could spend every waking minute of every single swelteringly hot day entertaining them? So. You're like me, and you're jonesing for things to do. Well, it's your lucky day because the library is offering ways for you to entertain your kids this summer. For free! It's story time, baby!

Story times start up June 1 and run through July 9, and are available at most branches of the St. Tammany Parish Library. Story time is for the whole family, with different story times aimed at varying ages, from age 2 through school aged children. Baby and toddler story time is for very young children up to age 36 months. The program usually lasts about 20 minutes. Preschool story time is for young children ages 3-5, and it usually lasts for about a half hour. Story-craft is aimed at children ages 5 and up and includes longer books and stories that are more interactive, along with poetry and music. Story-craft ends with a craft and usually lasts about 45-60 minutes.

Story times and locations are as follows:  
**Slidell Branch Library**  
(Story time is June 1-July 14; call 646-6470 for more information)

*Tuesdays*

10:30 Preschool Story Time

11:30 Story-craft for ages 5 and up

*Wednesdays*

9:30 Baby and Toddler Story Time

10:30 Preschool Story Time

*Thursdays*

6:30 p.m. Family Story Time for all ages

**Pearl River Branch Library**

(Call 863-5518 for more information)

*Tuesdays*

10:30 "Paws to Read" with Pump, all ages are invited to read aloud to a trained therapy dog

*Thursdays*

10:30 Story Time for all ages



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**Lacombe Branch**

Story Time

(Call 882-7858 for more information)

*Tuesdays*

10:30 Story Time for all ages

In addition to story time, the library is offering all sorts of fun activities for kids this summer, including special guest performers, along with various programs for different age groups and interests. Call your local library branch to find out more about the library's summer activities and reading programs, or visit the St. Tammany Parish Library's Web site at [www.sttammany.lib.la.us](http://www.sttammany.lib.la.us). See you in the air conditioning!