

UNLEASH THE BEAST

Summer at the Bolton Public Library

Bugs!

Ages 0-3

Complete activities in at least 2 categories (Read, Sing, or Create), then fill out and return the form below to the library to be entered into an end of the summer raffle!

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____

Town: _____

Phone Number: _____

Read

Read any book about bugs. We recommend:

- *I'm Trying to Love Spiders* by Bethany Barton (J 595.44)
- *Dragonfly* by Aimée M. Bissonette (J 595.733 BIS)
- *Kaia and the Bees* by Maribeth Boelts (JJ B)
- *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle (BOARD C or JJ C)
- *What's Your Favorite Bug?* by Eric Carle and Friends (JJ C)
- *Some Bugs* by Angela DiTerlizzi (JJ D)
- *The Spider and the Fly* by Tony DiTerlizzi (JJ H)
- *What the Ladybug Heard* by Julia Donaldson (JJ D)
- *In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming (JJ F)
- *Yoo-Hoo, Ladybug!* by Mem Fox (JJ F)
- *Carl and the Meaning of Life* by Deborah Freedman (JJ F)
- *Among a Thousand Fireflies* by Helen Frost (JJ F)
- *Bugtown Boogie* by Warren Hanson (JJ H)
- *The Gentleman Bug* by Julian Hector (JJ H)
- *What About Worms!?* by Ryan T. Higgins (E W)
- *Lucy Lady Bug* by Sharon King-Chai (JJ K)
- *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter* by Shabazz Larkin (JJ L)
- *Ten Little Caterpillars* by Bill Martin Jr. (JJ M)
- *Not a Bean* by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez (J 595.78 MAR)
- *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner (JJ M)
- *Out of Nowhere* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros (JJ N)
- *Mosquitos Can't Bite Ninjas!* By Jordan P. Novak
- *Spider on the Floor* by Raffi
- *Tiny Little Fly* by Micheal Rosen
- *Anansi and the Bag of Wisdom* by Lesley Sims (E S)
- *Escargot* by Dashka Slater (JJ S)
- *A Way With Wild Things* by Larissa Theule (JJ T)
- *The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Iza Trapani (JJ T)
- *Garden Friends* (E 578.75)
- *The Creepy Critters* series (E 590s)

Titles in purple are available from the Bolton Public Library

Create

Celery Caterpillars

From womansday.com

Ingredients:

- celery stalks
- Peanut butter or cream cheese, at room temperature
- Grapes, blueberries, or grape tomatoes
- Candy eyes or mini chocolate chips
- Celery or radish matchsticks



DIRECTIONS

1. Fill celery stalks with peanut butter or cream cheese.
2. Top stalks with grapes, blueberries or grape tomatoes for the body and head.
3. Use peanut butter or cream cheese to glue on candy eyes and celery or radish matchstick for antennae.

Sing

Say a bug-themed rhyme or sing a bug-themed song with your child.

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the water spout	<i>(climb with finger and thumb)</i>
Down came the rain and washed the spider out	<i>(rain fingers down)</i>
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain	<i>(palms out, separate hands)</i>
So the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again	<i>(climb with finger and thumb)</i>

Verses:

The teeny, tiny spider... <i>(whisper)</i>	<i>(one finger on one finger)</i>
The big, fat spider... <i>(loud)</i>	<i>(clap hands together)</i>

For babies: Put baby on the floor and pretend they are the water spout. Caregivers climb their legs and arms with their fingers. When the rain comes down, the spider goes away; when the sun comes out, the spider goes up.

Bumblebee, Bumblebee

(Use your finger (or a small, soft object) as a bee and land on the different parts of baby's body)

Bumblebee, bumblebee,
Landing on my nose.
Bumblebee, bumblebee,
Now he's on my toes.
On my arms, on my legs, on my elbows.
Bumblebee, bumblebee,
He lands and then he goes!

Flutter, Flutter Butterfly

(Sing to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")

Flutter, flutter butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see,
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter butterfly
Floating in the summer sky.

Five Hungry Ants

(Use your fingers to represent the ants. Put one finger down at the end of each verse.)

Five hungry ants, marching in a line,
Came upon a picnic, where they could dine.
They marched into the salad,
they marched into the cake,
They marched into the pepper...
Uh oh! That was a mistake!
AHHH-CHOO!

Repeat with four, three, two, one...

Move with Me

(Sing to the tune of "Do Your Ears Hang Low")

Can you wiggle like a worm?
Can you squiggle? Can you squirm?
Can you flutter? Can you fly, like a gentle butterfly?
Can you crawl upon the ground
Like a beetle that is round?
Can you move with me?

Can you flip? Can you flop?
Can you give a little hop?
Can you slither like a snake?
Can you give a little shake?
Can you dance like a bee
Who is buzzing round a tree?
Can you move with me?

Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive
But where are the bees?
They're hiding inside where nobody sees
Watch them come out of the hive!
1, 2, 3, 4, 5
BZZZZ!

(make a fist)

(shrug shoulders)

(point at fist)

(raise fingers one at a time)

(fly fingers around or tickle baby)