

Pollinator Palooza

Sponsored by Garden Stewards/Shepherdstown Public Library

In partnership with

American Conservation Film Festival
Potomac Valley Audubon Society
HHMI Tangled Bank Studios

September 7 - 10
Final Programming

The goal of the week is to promote awareness of the relationships between plants, pollinators, and people and to provide opportunities to engage with the library. Activities will be offered throughout the day and into the evening for children and adults of all ages. All activities will be held at the Library unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, September 7

Morning

- 10:15 AM - Children/Family Program - **Illustrated Bee talk with Mike Austin**. Learn about bees and what makes them special with beekeeper and artist Mike Austin. Participants are encouraged to “draw along” and view some of the special equipment beekeepers use.
- 11:00 AM - **Children’s Program sponsored by Sue Mellott of PVAS - We are the Gardeners!** Read stories about gardening; children will receive seeds to take home and plant.

Lunch time

- 12:30 PM **Pollinator Picnic** - Bring a bag lunch and learn about the plans for the Habitat Gardens and Landscape with designer Peggy Bowers. Drinks and dessert provided by the Garden Stewards.

Afternoon

- 2:00 - 4:00 PM - **Nature Scavenger Hunt/Citizen Science sponsored by PVAS (Amy Thomas and Laurel Schwartz)** - Learn how to use iNaturalist and Seek apps to identify plants and insects that live near the Library. Contribute your data to establish a baseline as we transform the landscape of the Library to a habitat for pollinators.

Evening

- 7:30 PM – **Guided Bird Walk** – Learn to use the Merlin app, binoculars, and spotting scopes as well as the birds that live around the Library.

Thursday, September 8

Morning

- 10:15 AM - **Children’s Program sponsored by PVAS (Amy Thomas and Laurel Schwartz) - Garden Helpers: Pollinators**. Read stories and do crafts about butterflies and bees and then use insect nets to go on a butterfly and bee safari!

Afternoon

- 2:00 - 4:00 PM - **Children's Program** - after school - stories, Nature Bingo and ice cream on the patio.

Evening

- 7:00 - 8:00 PM - **Pollinator Shorts** - join us for two short films **The Power of Pollinators** and **Sym-BEE-o-sis** and explore the mysteries of pollinators, especially bees. Meet beekeeper Mike Austin and enjoy drinks and dessert provided by the Garden Stewards. **At the Byrd Center.**

Friday, September 9

Morning

- 7:30 AM - **Adult Program - Guided Bird Walk** - Learn to use the Merlin app, binoculars, and spotting scopes as well as the birds that live around the Library.
- 7:30 AM - **Children's Program - story walk (up all day)** - sponsored by PVAS - Meadowview Street and craft; draw a picture of the what the library grounds will look like.
- 10:15 AM - **Children's Program sponsored by PVAS (Amy Thomas and Laurel Schwartz) - Plants Can't Sit Still.** Read stories about the many ways seeds spread. Then explore a variety of seeds from trees and flowers.

Afternoon

- 1:00 PM - **Chalk Talk – draw along with artist Doug Pifer and create a beautiful sidewalk mural featuring bees and butterflies and dragonflies.** For all ages. Chalk provided. Learn as you go.

Evening -

- 6:00 - 10:00 PM - **Bringing Nature Home - Frank Center, Shepherd University** - featuring the Emmy nominated film *My Garden of a Thousand Bees* and presentation by Doug Tallamy. FREE. Ticket information and reservation (required) - <https://bit.ly/TallamyShepherdstown>.

Saturday, September 10

Morning

- 9:00 AM - **Family Program - BioBlitz!** Learn how to use iNaturalist and Seek to identify plants and insects that live around the library. Contribute your data to the library baseline so we can see the impact of building gardens.
- 11:00 AM - **Chalk Talk – Draw along with artist Doug Pifer and create a beautiful sidewalk mural featuring bees and butterflies and dragonflies.** For all ages. Chalk provided. Learn as you go.
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - **Planting** - refreshments provided by Garden Stewards. *If planting is not possible, seeds and pots provided to plant and take home.* Two short films, *The Power of Pollinators*, and *Sym-BEE-o-sis* and explore the mysteries of pollinators, especially bees.