

Two New Aquatic Events: Bookworms & Waterbugs and Family Fun Friday (2009)

The Outdoor Aquatic Center hosted two new events on Friday, June 26: “Bookworms & Waterbugs” and “Family Fun Friday.”

Bookworms & Waterbugs was created in partnership with the Lawrence Public Library. Children ages 3 to 8 were invited to a special story time in the library’s children’s section as the library staff shared several wet ‘n’ wild tales. The event then moved across the street for a family swim in the Aquatic Center’s children’s area before the pool opened to the public. “Bookworms” was held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm and brought in a staggering 200 children and parents for its inaugural meeting. Accommodations are currently being made at both facilities to welcome an even larger crowd for the next scheduled date, July 17. The event is free to the public. Bookworms & Waterbugs is coordinated by Aquatic Programmer Jai Hoyer and Library Youth Service Coordinator Joyce Steiner, and operated by aquatic/library management, staff, and volunteers.





Family Fun Friday was held at the Outdoor Aquatic Center from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, with live music from local band “The Color 5” starting at 6:30 pm. The night included a free craft room for kids, dollar hot dogs from the concession stand, diving contests, door prizes, and other giveaways. Daily admission was the only fee, and Family Fun Friday saw the Outdoor Pool’s biggest Friday night attendance of the season, bringing in over 350 patrons. The next Family Fun Friday is July 24. Family Fun Friday is coordinated by Aquatic Programmer Jai Hoyer and operated by aquatic lifeguards and cashiers.

