

May 21, 2025

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."

Today's Program

Linda Ramsey: Possibility Project, Key Leader Update, and Convention News (Program)

(Tentative) Presentation of the Firefighter of the Year Award

Last Week



Katie Parr, MPL director, and Jenny Claiborne, youth and children's librarian, gave Kiwanis members a preview of the excitement and learning being planned for the 2025 Summer Reading program to be held June 2 - July 25. With the theme "Color Our World,"

activities include open Makerspace projects, story hour and toddler time, art, family movies, LEGO and Anime Clubs, music classes, reader's theatre, and much, much more. Claiborne outlined the general summer schedule. She also highlighted some special weekly events that are being planned. Parr said that the Summer Reading Program is not limited to children and encouraged adults to also sign up and enjoy some good reading and fun prizes. There will also be adult cooking, sewing, and painting classes. Once again there will also be a life-sized board game for the entire family and scheduled for Saturday, July 12, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Both Claiborne and Parr encouraged to be a part of summer offerings. They noted that registering for Summer Reading is easy: go to martinpubliclibrary.readsquared.com or stop by the library.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

May 28 — Alan Laderman, local restaurateur (Program)
June 4 — Community Service at MES (no meeting at noon)
June 7 — Fishing Derby at Martin Recreation Complex
June 18— Program and Meeting at UTM, TBA
July 2— Community Engagement (TBA)
July 16 — Caroline Ideus: Martin's Farmers Market

From Clinton Smith: "What a great weekend at the Special Olympics Tennessee State Summer Games at Lipscomb University! We brought home lots of bling! More importantly, we competed to the best of our ability, made new friends, and had lots of fun! Thank you to our amazing coaches: Coach David Dabbs, Coach JD Stallion, Coach Jammie Adkisson, Kimmie Stevens, and Carey Bell. We couldn't have done it without you! This weekend would not have been possible without your donations to Upper West Tennessee - Area 7 Special Olympics! Thank you!" (Facebook Post)



Martin Elementary School teacher Stacie Hawks (second from left) was presented the Kiwanis Teacher of the Year award by Kiwanis members Laura Taylor and Anna Clark. Pictured also are Courtney Echols (third from right), director, and Ivy Horton (second from right) and Hannah Bilger (right), all from the Weakley County Prevention Coalition, which will receive a donation from Kiwanis in honor of Stacie Hawks.

The Martin Kiwanis Club is the recipient of a **District Spotlight Award** for "being on top of administrative duties!" (District Newsletter)

Active Members

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