

# GARDEN EXPLORERS

Where Children Discover the World



ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS



Thursday Mornings | 9am | June 11 - August 13 | Complimentary Garden Admission

**Sparking Curiosity through Connection and Exploration.** Garden Explorers is a ten-week interactive parent/child activity. Each week features a story time led by a community leader, followed by an activity, craft, or children’s music. Garden Explorers is appropriate for four to six-year-olds, but children of all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times.

Interactive activities led by organizations deepen engagement, encourage hands-on discovery, and strengthen community ties. Ultimately, Garden Explorers inspires families to slow down, connect with one another, and continue their exploration together in the Garden.

Date	Story Time Readers	Interactive Activities
June 11	<b>Joe Sosnowski;</b> Illinois State Representative, District 69	Kantorei, Rockford’s Premier, Coeducational Youth Choir
June 18	<b>David Vella;</b> Illinois State Representative, District 68	The Wonderland Ballet Company
June 25	<b>Aaron Wilson;</b> Morning Weather Anchor, WIFR Channel 23	The Golden Apple Foundation
July 2	<b>Mayor Tom McNamara;</b> Mayor, City of Rockford	“Hoo” Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
July 9	<b>John Gleason;</b> COO, Anderson Japanese Gardens	Wendy & DB, Award-Winning Multi-Cultural Kindie Duo
July 16	<b>Zach Meiborg;</b> CEO, Meiborg Trucking & Meiborg Companies	Todd Downing, Tall Tales & Silly Songs
July 23	<b>The GoRockford Team</b>	GoRockford Team: Stroll on State
July 30	<b>Caitlin Pusateri;</b> COO, Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	TnZ Magic, Zack Percell
August 6	<b>Brent Murray;</b> Owner/Operator, Dairyhaus Homemade Ice Cream	ScribbleMonster, Creative Music Play
August 13	<b>Ann Wasser;</b> Executive Director, Severson Dells Nature Center	Discovery Center Museum

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