



Summer Reading Farmers Market: 2026 Things to Know



Hello, potential farmers and vendors!

WCPL will host the Summer Reading Farmers Market at SOKY Center's pavilion this summer. We are opening our application process in November, and we would love to have you apply.

We hope you can join us for a vibrant and welcoming space where local farmers, makers, and community members come together to showcase products, share stories and foster connections. This farmers' market, hosted by the library, is more than just a place to shop – it's an opportunity for the public to support small businesses, learn from local experts, and engage with neighbors. Whether shoppers are looking for fresh produce, handmade goods, or unique artisan products, they will find something special here every week. We want folks to come through the market and be able to get all the ingredients they need for a full meal. We invite people to come for the produce and stay for the community!

Here are the details for this upcoming summer season. Like last year, we will continue to host our weekly market every Saturday in June and July. We will not have the market on July 4, but instead will extend the run of the market to August 1. These are the dates of the market:

June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
July 11	*July 18	July 25	August 1

*this date will NOT include art or craft vendors; see note on the bottom of page 2 under "special events" for explanation

Committing to Market Dates

When applying for the market, please list all Saturdays you are available, and select how many Saturdays you would like to join us.

We will schedule you for your number of committed Saturdays, but please list all weekend availability for the duration of the market.

If accepted to the market we will work with your availability, while also ensuring that each market date has a good balance and variety of vendors. Therefore, we will schedule vendors in a thoughtful and advantageous way.

Market Fees

A deposit is required for membership, fully refundable with perfect attendance to all of your committed dates. Additionally, a \$10 booth fee will be charged per booth each week to help cover market-day expenses.

Farmers:

- If you commit to 2-4 dates, the deposit will be \$50.
- If you commit to 5-8 dates, the deposit will be \$100.

Craft / Art vendors / Flower vendors / Gardeners / Food:

- If you commit to 2-4 dates, the deposit will be \$25.
- If you commit to 5-8 dates, the deposit will be \$50.

Upon acceptance into the market, you will receive an invoice for your deposit, which can be paid by credit card or by check. Deposits will be refunded within 14 business days after the last market day if attendance requirements are met.

Booth Fees

We charge a weekly fee for each booth to help cover market-day expenses.

If you require more than the typical 8ft x 10ft booth space, we charge an additional \$10 dollars per booth space. These fees are collected on the day of each market and can be paid in cash or by check.

- One 8ftx10ft booth space @ \$10/week
- Two 8ftx10ft booth space @ \$20/week
- Three 8ftx10ft booth space @ \$30/week

Inclement Weather

Since we are covered by the pavilion, the market will be open rain or shine. If the market is cancelled due to inclement or severe weather, you will be alerted 1 hour prior to set-up time. In cases where you may be experiencing inclement weather in your local area, please use your best judgement when deciding if you will or will not be attending the market.

Kids Vouchers

We offer a summer reading voucher program (valued at \$2) to kids who attend the market on select days. Vendors who opt in will receive signage provided by WCPL indicating participation in this program. Vouchers used at your booth will be reimbursed by the library.

Special Event: July 18 - Kids as Entrepreneurs Day

On this day, instead of having art and craft vendors, kids will instead be selling their items at vendor booths. This is a day where we encourage and empower our youth to think about entrepreneurship and give them a chance to try their hand at running a booth at our market.

Summer Reading Finale: August 1 The last Saturday of the market series will be marketed to the public as the finale for the Summer Reading Program.