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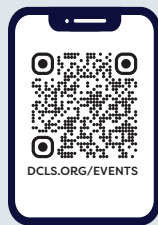
Find your direction with The Library

Compass is your guide to discovering events and programming for children, families, teens, and adults.

Our library system contains 8 libraries in Dauphin County, from Hummelstown all the way to Lykens. For your convenience, programs in the lower half of the county are listed in **blue**, programs in the upper half of the county are in **red**, and virtual programs are in **green**.

The Library encourages all people to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call The Library in advance of your participation or visit.

HOW TO REGISTER



Most events with The Library require registration, which is noted in their descriptions. **Visit dcls.org/events, or call 717-234-4961 and choose option 6 to register.** Once you're registered, you'll receive a confirmation email.



For most recurring programs, register once and you're registered for all events following.

For virtual programs, please be sure to include your email address for a library employee to contact you with more information and any links you need to join. If you registered for a recurring virtual program, you'll be contacted weekly with a link to the program.

For all programs, please be sure to include your phone number and/or email address when registering so that The Library can contact you if a program is canceled or changed.

We respect your privacy

The Library sometimes photographs or records at in-person events and programs or takes screenshots at virtual events and programs for publicity purposes. If you'd prefer that you or your children not appear in any photos, videos, or screenshots taken by The Library, please let the leader know prior to the event.

Let us know what you think or suggest a program

Email eventscoordinator@dcls.org or contact us through our website or on social media.

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Programs. Events. Discovery.

June

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SESSION 4 REGISTRATION BEGINS: Monday, May 19 at 10:00 am
SESSION 4 BEGINS: Sunday, June 1

SESSION 5 REGISTRATION BEGINS: Monday, June 30 at 10:00 am
SESSION 5 BEGINS: Sunday, July 13

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth
Friday, July 4
Independence Day

Take a StoryWalk® with The Library!



Visit our StoryWalk® locations to read a story together as you walk and play. Stories change seasonally, so come back often!

The Capital Area Greenbelt: Paxtang Parkway
Take Derry St. to Parkway Blvd. to the Paxtang Parkway Parking Lot behind the City Line Diner and follow the Greenbelt north towards Paxtang Commons Park to read *How to Bird* by Rasha Hamid.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art
Located at 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg. Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read *Miguel's Community Garden* by JaNay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Samara Hardy.

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Including You...

June: **Juneteenth**

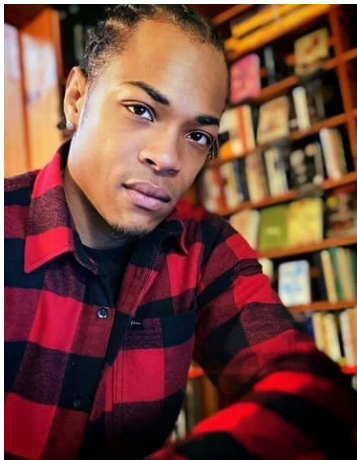


Juneteenth Jubilee

For all ages

Soldier's and Sailor's Grove, Harrisburg:
Thursday, June 19 at 12:00 pm

Join The Library at Soldiers and Sailors Grove at the Capital Complex from 12pm-6pm as we celebrate the HBG Juneteenth Jubilee. 6 hours. Free and open to the public.



My Society: Written Proof

For ages 12-18 years

MOM: Thursdays, June 5, 12 and 26, and July 3, 10, and 17 at 4:30 pm

Join us at The Library for a 6-session program to guide young writers from idea generation to a finalized written piece. Led by poet, author, speaker, and Harrisburg native Juelz Davenport, this program encourages self-expression through poetry and storytelling. The final week will allow participants to record their works at HACC's podcasting studio.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



July: **Pride**

Rainbow Artists and Makers Fair

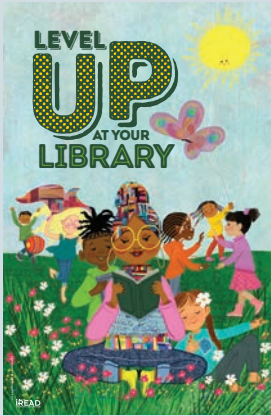
For all ages

ESA: Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 am

Join us for our 2nd annual Rainbow Artists and Makers Fair! Come celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and support local artists, makers, and creators. This free event is open to all ages. You'll find art, jewelry, books, textiles, and so much more.

4 hours. Registration is not required.

Reading Challenges



Summer Reading Challenge

For all ages
June 1 through August 31

Read along with The Library this summer during the Summer Reading Challenge! Earn points by logging reading, writing reviews, creating a picture review, and doing activities. Help us reach our community reading goals this year. Together, let's read 80,000 books and 2,900,000 minutes! The more you read, the more raffle tickets* you earn to enter for awesome prizes. Finish the challenge and you also earn a free book and are entered into a gift card drawing! Join us by either signing into your Beanstack account or registering online at dcls.org/src if you're a first-time participant.

**No purchase necessary. Earn tickets by logging your reading and completing activities.*

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25 in 2025: A Yearlong Reading Challenge

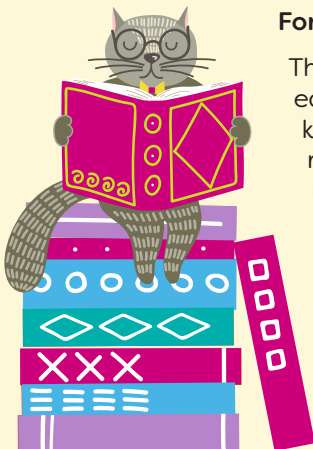
For ages 18+ years
January 1–December 31

Throughout 2025, you'll be challenged to read 25 books that fit into 25 prompts. Whether it's exploring new genres, discovering diverse authors, or diving into different themes, this challenge will push you to broaden your reading horizons. Can you complete all 25 prompts in a year? Track your progress, find new favorites, and see if you can conquer all 25 prompts by the end of the year and collect some sweet swag!

Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org. Pick up a paper log at any library, or log your reading online with the Beanstack Tracker app.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

For ages 0–5 years



The idea is simple: build a daily reading habit with your child, log your reading, and earn prizes! Register your infant, toddler, or preschooler any time before they start kindergarten and start reading. Log the books you read. What counts towards your reading? **EVERYTHING!** You can read the same book 1000 times or you can read 1000 different books. You can hear books at The Library's storytimes and they count. An older sibling or grandparent can read, and it still counts!

Read three books a day and you'll be done in less than a year! **Earn a prize book at 100 books, 500 books, and 1000 books, and sign our wall of readers at your library every time you hit a 100-book milestone.**

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Stepping Stones to Milestones

Session 4: Sunday, June 1–Saturday, July 5

Registration begins Monday, May 19 at 10:00 am

Session 5: Sunday, July 13–Saturday, August 16

Registration begins Monday, June 30 at 10:00 am

Parents and caregivers, join us for Stepping Stones to Milestones! Learn how to be your child's first teacher and prepare them for success in school.

To accommodate all members, please limit registration(s) for Stepping Stones to Milestones programs to one age-appropriate storytime (Born to Read, Toddler Storytime, or Preschool Storytime) and one All Ages Storytime per child, as needed.

Born to Read

For ages Birth–18 months

ESA: Tuesdays at 9:30 am

EV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

AFL: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

LOV: Fridays at 10:15 am

ESA: Fridays at 10:30 am



Baby, you are Born to Read! Experience songs and stories together to help your baby learn sounds, language, and a love of books. This program is for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to connect with their babies and each other.

20–30 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Preschool Storytime

For ages 3–5 years

ESA: Tuesdays at 11:00 am

AFL: Thursdays at 10:15 am

EV: Thursdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Fridays at 9:15 am



Songs, rhymes, and stories foster a love of reading and build early learning skills that will help your child succeed. Adults learn tips and tricks to continue teaching at home.

30–40 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Toddler Storytime

For ages 19–35 months

EV: Mondays at 10:15 am

AFL: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

LOV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Wednesdays at 9:30 am

EV: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Wednesdays at 11:00 am



Give your toddler a foundation for early learning and reading skills. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and stories will help your toddler develop a love of reading. Adults will learn tips and tricks to continue the learning at home.

30–40 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Mondays at 9:30 am

LOV: Thursdays at 10:15 am

ND: Fridays at 10:15 am



Children and adults will enjoy books, music, and rhymes. Early learning activities will be modeled for adults so that learning can continue at home and help your child build their skills and succeed at whatever is next.

30 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Preschool Programs

Stories at Sunset

Best for children ages 3+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 6:00 pm

Looking for an engaging program for children ages 3 and up? Join us one Tuesday each month for Stories at Sunset! Families will enjoy a cozy evening of storytelling, poetry, songs, and a themed craft activity. Each craft is designed for children to enjoy, but adults are welcome to join in the fun too.

Come create, sing, and share stories with us— we can't wait to see you there!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



Growing Gardeners

For ages 3–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (Session 4)

Stories, crafts, and garden activities will help preschoolers grow their knowledge about plants while supporting other early learning skills. Come watch seeds sprout over 5 weeks and learn about how plants grow.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 

Piggy Banks and More

For ages 4–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (Session 5)

This five-week set of programs focuses on early financial literacy skills. Children will learn about money and how it is used. Games, toys, and role-play will help children learn about spending and saving money. Early math skills will also be presented.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



Youth and Family Programs

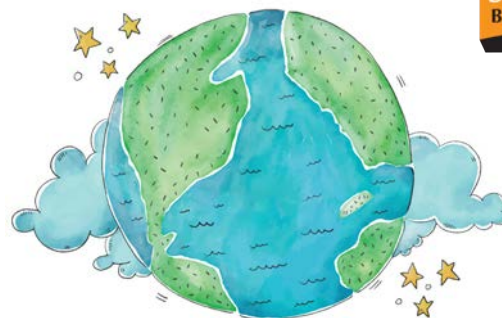
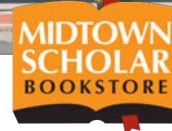
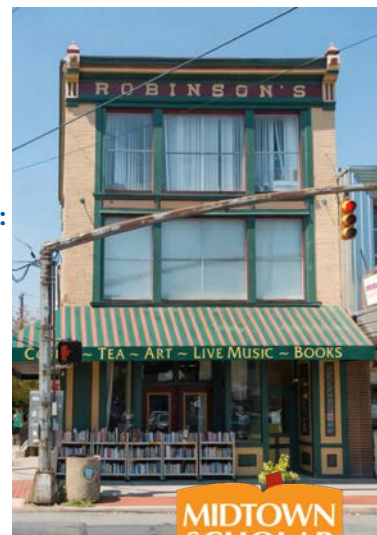
Stories at Midtown

For families with children of all ages

Midtown Scholar Bookstore (1302 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg): Saturdays, June 14, July 12, and August 9 at 10:00 am

Join staff from The Library at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore every second Saturday for stories, songs, and more.

30 minutes. Registration is not required.



Around the World in 12 Fairytales

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, June 24, July 15, and August 19 at 5:00 pm

Looking for a storytime designed for older children and adults? Join us each month as we explore a fairytale from a different part of the world. Children and their grownups will engage in discussion and activities to build community as well as a craft project.

45 minutes. Registration is required, limited, and separate for each month.

Creative Kids Art Class with the



Art Association of
HARRISBURG

For children ages 6–12 years

ESA: Thursdays at 10:30 am starting June 26

AFL: Thursdays at 3:30 pm starting June 26

In this 6-week program, young art enthusiasts will explore drawing and painting techniques with a variety of art materials. Be sure to wear clothes you can get messy in!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 



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Tween and Teen Programs

Tween Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 10–12 years

AFL: Tuesdays at 4:30 pm

Adventure? Check. Monsters? Check. An unlikely group of swashbuckling adventurers? That's where you come in. Join us on Tuesdays to battle some of the worst monstrosities that the fantasy world has to offer. We need you. No...the world needs you.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 13–18 years

Discord: Fridays at 4:00 pm

Tell stories, cast spells, defeat the bad guy with Dungeons and Dragons! For beginners or experts. No dice, books, or characters required.

You'll need a device with a microphone and optional camera to join.

2 hours. Registration is required and limited. Registrants will be emailed a Discord link and further instructions. Due to Discord's terms of service, participants must be at least 13.



Craf-tween-ess Pop-Ups

For ages 10–15 years

EV: Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 5:00 pm

For the tween-aged crafters! Join a group of creative kids to improve your crafting skills and make some cool pieces to display or gift!

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Anime Club

For ages 13–18 years

ESA: Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Join us at the East Shore Area Library to discuss your favorite anime and manga with other fans! We'll also explore Japanese culture through crafts, food, and more.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



Casual Game Club

For ages 12–18 years

MOM: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Feeling bored? Try playing a board game or card game with other teens. This club will gather weekly to connect with others over easy-to-learn games. No previous experience necessary. A light snack will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Outdoor Safety with



For ages 13–18 years

LOV: Thursday, June 12 at 5:00 pm

ND: Thursday, July 17 at 5:00 pm



The Library is partnering with AmeriHealth Caritas to offer a program on outdoor health and safety just for teens. Empower yourself to take control of your health by learning how to create and manage healthy behaviors in a supportive environment. You're worth the time it takes to care for yourself!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge
June 1-August 31

It's time to level up at The Library! Join us for the Summer Reading Challenge, filled with puzzle and game-centric programs, special presenters, and—of course—our reading challenge on Beanstack!

Log your reading to win a book prize, enter gift card drawings, and score raffle tickets* for awesome prizes all summer long. See page 5 for full details about the Beanstack challenge.

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Help us celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Challenge
by joining one of our Super Cool Book Parades!

The Library and Super Cool Book Lovers Present: The Super Cool Book Parades

Take home
FREE
books!

Walk through our book parade to pick up FREE books and activities.

Pick up FREE dinner items (tickets provided) from these vendors:

- Munche Bagz • Reign & Taij's Homemade Lemonade
+ Cookies from HACC Culinary Students...and More!

SUPER
COOL
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LOVERS



Halifax Area Middle/High School

3940 Peters Mountain Road, Halifax
Wednesday, June 4, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Salvation Army

506 S. 29th Street, Harrisburg
Wednesday, June 11, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thanks to our partner organizations:

- The Kidney Foundation of Central PA • AKA Foundation of Central Pennsylvania
- Tri-County OIC • Harrisburg (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter
- Halifax Area School District • Capital Region Literacy Council • Salvation Army

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SRC Programs



Crafting Free-For-All!

For children of all ages

AFL: Monday, June 2 at 10:30 am

MOM: Wednesday, June 25 at 2:00 pm

LOV: Wednesday, July 30 at 10:30 am

JOH: Thursday, August 14 at 10:30 am

ND: Friday, August 15 at 1:00 pm

Do the kids love making crafts, but you hate cleaning up the mess? Leave it to us! In this program, participants will get to create to their heart's content as we provide an assortment of craft supplies and some inspiration to get you started.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Unplugged Adventure

For children ages 3+ years

ESA: Thursday, June 12 at 10:30 am

LOV: Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 am

MOM: Wednesday, July 23 at 2:00 pm

AFL: Monday, July 28 at 10:30 am

Once upon a time, children learned skills or played with toys made with basic materials that encouraged imaginative play. No batteries or electricity were needed. During this program, children can craft a homemade toy, create a spin art painting, and play traditional games with other children. The fun can continue as you use your homemade toy or new game knowledge at home.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

SRC Programs



LEGO Challenge

For children ages 6–12 years

JOH: Thursday, June 5 at 5:30 pm

EV: Friday, June 6 at 10:30 am

ND: Friday, June 13 at 1:00 pm

AFL: Monday, July 14 at 10:30 am

ESA: Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 pm

MOM: Wednesday, August 6 at 2:00 pm

Do you love LEGO? We'll meet up throughout the summer to play with LEGO, hang out with friends, and even try some building challenges together.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Fun with the Sun!

For children ages 6–12 years

MOM: Wednesday, June 4 at 2:00 pm

ND: Friday, June 27 at 1:00 pm

JOH: Thursday, July 3 at 5:30 pm

EV: Friday, July 18 at 10:30 am

LOV: Wednesday, July 23 at 10:30 am

The sun is the only star in our solar system and has many unique attributes to explore. We will use a sun spotter to safely look at the sun, explore UV light with hands on activities, make sun prints, and observe shadows. Join us for some Fun with the Sun at The Library.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

STEAM Building Challenges

For children ages 6–12 years

LOV: Wednesday, June 18 at 10:30 am

AFL: Monday, June 30 at 10:30 am

ND: Friday, July 18 at 1:00 pm

JOH: Thursday, July 31 at 5:30 pm

ESA: Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 pm

What can you create? Join us at The Library to test your engineering skills as we use a wide range of recyclable materials to build and test various contraptions like egg drops, zip lines, and more. Imagination required.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Crafty Characters

For children ages 6–12 years

LOV: Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30 am

AFL: Monday, June 16 at 10:30 am

ESA: Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 pm

MOM: Wednesday, July 2 at 2:00 pm

EV: Friday, July 25 at 10:30 am

ND: Friday, August 1 at 1:00 pm

Do you love to dress up in cool costumes? Do you love crafts? Then this program is for you! Come to The Library and create a mask, hat, vest, and puppet out of household items. What story will your character tell?

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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Summer Presenters

Animal Art Forms with Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary

For families with children ages 5+ years, but children of all ages welcome

ESA: Thursday, June 5 at 6:00 pm

LOV: Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 am

MOM: Wednesday, June 11 at 2:00 pm



Reptiles are amazing artists! Each species has its own colorful way to survive, to defend territory, and to attract a mate. Can you dance like a lizard? Can you sing like an alligator? Can you camouflage your colors like a box turtle, or boast your bright colors to advertise venom, like a coral snake? You'll learn all this, and more, as you meet Jesse Rothacker and his rescued reptiles, in the *Animal Art Forms* interactive show!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Andrew's Big Show

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Monday, June 9 at 10:30 am

MRL: Monday, June 9 at 2:00 pm

LOV: Wednesday, August 13 at 10:30 am

MOM: Wednesday, August 13 at 2:00 pm



Andrew's Big Show returns to The Library! Join us for zany antics and lots of laughs as Andrew demonstrates his juggling and comedy skills. Can he squeeze through a coat hanger? Who knows?! But it's going to be a lot of fun to watch!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



For families with children of all ages

MOM: Wednesday, June 18 at 2:00 pm

AFL: Monday, August 11 at 10:30 am

MRL: Monday, August 11 at 2:00 pm

Join us at The Library as we welcome the wild and wonderful animals from ZooAmerica. Come see what makes the animals that call Pennsylvania home so special and unique.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Presents: Storybook Tales

For families with children of all ages

ND: Friday, June 20 at 1:00 pm

ESA: Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 am

Join comic duo Lenny and Mabel – “The Greatest Actors in the World” – as they bring classic tales to life! Visit Gepetto’s Italian village to learn if Pinocchio becomes real. Then, go on an adventure with the Sheriff of Nottingham, Maid Marian, and Robin Hood in England’s Sherwood Forest. Packed with laughs, lessons, and lively performances, these tales are perfect for kids and the young at heart.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Colorful Magic with Mike Rose

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Monday, June 23 at 10:30 am

MRL: Monday, June 23 at 2:00 pm

Magician Mike Rose presents *Colorful Magic*, a unique show designed just for libraries! Filled with amazing tricks, wild comedy, and a colorful theme, the show features tons of audience participation and encourages kids to read and use the

library—all while having a blast.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Bigfoot Experience: Do You Believe?

For adults and families with children of all ages

ESA: Tuesday, June 24 at 5:00 pm

Join New Jersey native Mike Familant, a producer and investigator, as he shares over 13 years of experience investigating Bigfoot across North America—from Florida’s swamps to Maine’s forests. Whether you call him Bigfoot, Sasquatch, Skunk Ape, or Big Red Eye, Mike has been on the trail to discover the truth behind North America’s most iconic cryptid.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



SRC Programs

Miss Maggie Sings

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Wednesday, June 25 at 2:00 pm

Miss Maggie returns to The Library! A children's performer who combines singing, guitar, percussion, poems and stories, Miss Maggie's music is sure to entertain and teach children of all ages (adults, too!).

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

**Captain Curiosity: Found in the Stars**

For families with children of all ages

MRL: Thursday, July 3 at 11:00 am

ESA: Thursday, July 3 at 5:00 pm

Be careful what you wish for! When Captain Curiosity wishes on a star, he's swept into space by art-loving aliens who steal his prized painting. Now, he's on a mission to get it back!

Along the way, kids explore a universe in motion—from star births to shifting light—and discover how new worlds can change us, too.

1 hour. Registration required and limited.

**Ijapu's Story Cloth with Mlanjeni Magical Theater**

For families with children of all ages

LOV: Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 am

MOM: Wednesday, July 16 at 2:00 pm

ESA: Thursday, July 17 at 10:30 am

JOH: Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm

Join Mlanjeni Magical Theatre for *Ijapu's Story Cloth*! Ijapu, the turtle, dreams of a beach blanket made of stories. With music, magic, and help from the audience, the storytellers weave a colorful hodgepodge of tales from around the world.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

The Colorful World of Bugs and Insects with

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Monday, July 21 at 10:30 am

MRL: Monday, July 21 at 2:00 pm

JOH: Thursday, July 24 at 10:30 am

Discover the colorful world of bugs and insects with Ryan "The BugMan" Bridge! Learn how bugs use color for their daily survival and get up close with live bugs in this fun, all-ages program.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Dino Dig with Roberta and Mike Straka

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Monday, August 4 at 3:00 pm



Join field paleontologists Mike and Roberta Straka for *The Ice Age Show With MASTODONS, CAVEMEN AND BEARS-OH MY!* Explore the Ice Age with real fossils, early human tools, and amazing skulls of a sabre-tooth tiger and cave bear excavated by their team. Kids can dig up a real Mastodon bone, help build a Mastodon, and play *Are You Smarter Than a Caveman?*

1 hour. Registration required and limited.

Mister Boom Boom: Color Our World with Music

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Thursday, August 7 at 10:30 am

JOH: Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm

EV: Friday, August 8 at 10:30 am

ND: Friday, August 8 at 1:00 pm

Join us for *Color Our World with Music*, a hands-on musical adventure for kids! Explore cultures from around the globe through unique instruments like the African djembe and Australian didgeridoo. With sing-alongs, rhythm games, and guided play, young explorers will celebrate music, creativity, and diversity. Let's discover and color our world with the joy of music!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.





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Adult SRC Programs



Design Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle

For ages 18+ years

EV: Thursday, June 12 at 5:00 pm

LOV: Thursday, July 24 at 3:30 pm

Get ready to turn your imagination into a puzzle! In this hands-on program, you'll design and color your own 120-piece jigsaw puzzle to create a unique keepsake or a fun challenge for friends and family. With all materials provided, all you need to bring is your creativity.

2 hours. Registration is required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, June 21 at 1:00 pm (team competition)

LOV: Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 am (solo competition)

Sure, there are competitive sports and even eating, but puzzles? Yes! Join us for a thrilling low-speed, low-stakes competition. Puzzle solo at Love Library or gather a team of up to four people at East Shore Area Library and put those jigsaw puzzle skills to the test for a puzzlin' good time! Each registered team receives the same 500-piece puzzle and will have two hours to complete as much of the puzzle as possible. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place. Spectators are welcome to come and watch the puzzles come together!

3 hours. Registration is required.

Mario Kart Tourney

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Friday, July 25 at 6:00 pm

Join us for an exciting Mario Kart Tournament at The Library! Compete against fellow gamers in a fun and friendly race to the finish line. Whether you're a seasoned racer or a casual player, this event is perfect for all skill levels. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, so rev your engines and get ready for an evening of high-speed fun!

2 hours. Registration is required.



Board Game Day

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Saturday, August 2 at 11:00 am

ESA: Saturday, August 9 at 1:00 pm

Join us for Board Game Day at The Library! Whether you're a seasoned strategist or just looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon, we have a wide selection of board games for all skill levels. Bring your friends and family or team up with fellow gamers to play classics and discover new favorites. Drop in anytime during the event and let the games begin! Refreshments will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your favorite snacks.

2 hours. Registration is not required.

Adult Programs



Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Tuesdays, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19 at 3:30 pm

ND: Wednesdays, June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, and August 6 at 1:00 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, June 24, July 29, and August 26 at 3:30 pm

Come spend a soothing afternoon with us in artistic camaraderie. Share your ideas with fellow coloring enthusiasts. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies!

1 hour. Registration is not required.



Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, June 28, July 26, and August 30 at 11:00 am

Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting! In June, we'll upcycle plastic containers into decorative storage. We'll celebrate Christmas in July with an ornament craft. And in August, we'll refashion old t-shirts into key chains. All materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

Upcycled Crafting

For ages 18+ years

ND: Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 pm

JOH: Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 pm

Join us for some creative crafting and transform everyday items into unique, upcycled art. This summer, we're turning old plastic containers into new, functional pieces. We'll create planters at Northern Dauphin Library and storage containers at Johnson Memorial Library. All supplies will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own containers.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Mosaic Art at Stain.Paint.Create

For ages 18+ years

Stain.Paint.Create, 235 Market St., Millersburg: Friday, June 27 at 6:00 pm

Unwind with us at Stain.Paint.Create! We'll spend the evening relaxing and having fun while creating a unique mosaic for you to keep. All supplies will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Fabric Art Design

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Wednesdays, August 6 and August 13 at 5:00 pm

Fabric Art really is all around us: We see it every day in the clothing we wear, the furnishings and window treatments that decorate our homes, and perhaps a quilt or wall hanging that decorates our walls.

In this two-session workshop, we will explore using fabric and textures to create unique art that reflects and celebrates that which brings each of us personal joy. All materials will be supplied and all skill levels are welcome. A light dinner will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required. Register once to be signed up for both dates. Registrants are expected to attend both dates. 🔄

The Stitch Sitch

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Mondays, June 2, July 7, and August 4 at 2:00 pm

Whether your sewing skills are superb, so-so, or just starting out, The Stitch Sitch is the group for you. Hang out, sew, and share tips and tricks with others in The Library's new sewing circle! Quilters, crafters, costumers, and all other sewists welcome. We will have basic materials (including a couple of sewing machines!) available during the program, but feel free to bring your own supplies and/or whatever you're working on.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.





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Adult Programs

Midday Getaway

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesdays, June 17 and July 15 at 12:00 pm

Bring your lunch and spend some time unwinding at The Library. We'll provide coloring pages, puzzles, and other low stress activities to enjoy.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required.

Summer Swaps

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Friday, June 13 at 11:30 am (board game/puzzles)

JOH: Tuesday, June 24 at 1:00 pm (cookbooks/kitchen supplies)

ESA: Friday, July 25 at 12:00 pm (cookbooks/kitchen supplies drop-off)

ESA: Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 am (cookbooks/kitchen supplies drop-off and swap)

LOV: Friday, August 1 at 11:30 am (art supply swap)

EV: Thursday, August 14 at 3:00 pm (art supply swap)

Join us for a series of community swaps at The Library! Bring your gently used items and find something new to take home. It's a great way to refresh your collection, reduce waste, and connect with fellow community members. Join us for a free, fun way to share and connect.

4 hours at ESA, JOH, and EV, 3 hours at LOV.

Registration is not required. Items not claimed by the end of the event are considered donated.



Summer Singalong

For all ages

ND: Thursday, June 5 at 5:30 pm

Remember all those old camp songs from when you were a kid, even the silly ones? Come join us out back at Northern Dauphin Library for an afternoon of songs, S'mores, and other snacks. Ray Holland will play music on the mountain dulcimer to help us remember the nostalgic songs of our youth. Bring your voice and a lawn chair if you wish!

1 hour. Registration is not required.

East Shore Cinema

Ages vary (see movie details below)

ESA: Monthly in June, July, and August

Find adventure on the big screen at East Shore Cinema – enjoy a free movie showing, with snacks and popcorn included! From classic movies to horror flicks, romantic revues, and seasonal fun, there's always something new (or old!) to see.

Wednesday, June 18 at 2:00 pm: *The Maltese Falcon* (1941, unrated, 1h 40m, for ages 13+ years)

Sunday, July 20 at 3:00 pm: *The Sandlot* (1993, rated PG, 1h 41m, for ages 8+ years)

Saturday, August 23 at 3:00 pm: *Barbie* (2023, rated PG-13, 1h 54m, for ages 13+ years)

Program length varies based on movie run-time. Registration is required and separate for each movie.

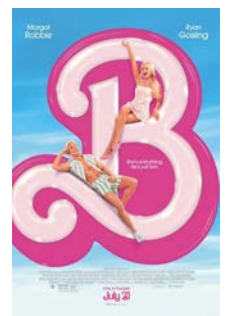
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June 18
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Sunday
July 20
at 3:00 pm



Saturday
August 23
3:00 pm

Adult Programs

Introduction to Composting

For ages 18+ years

ND: Tuesday, June 3 at 5:30 pm

Discover the magic of composting as you turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich “black gold.” Learn how to balance browns and greens to create compost right in your own kitchen. This engaging session will cover composting fundamentals, benefits, and best practices so you can reduce waste and enrich your soil naturally.

1 hour. Registration is required.

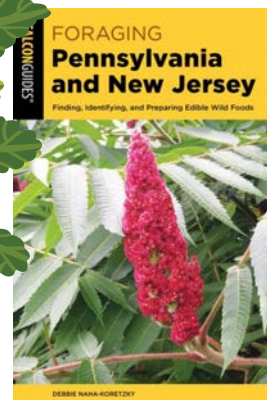


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Foraging Wild Edibles

For ages 18+ years

**Hummel Nature Trail (890 W. Main St, Hummelstown):
Wednesday, June 25 at 5:30 pm**

MOM: Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30 pm

Join us for an enlightening talk with Debbie Naha-Koretzky, the Wild Edibles Lady! Author of *Foraging Pennsylvania and New Jersey*, Debbie will share how to identify edible plants growing in the wild. A Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist and Master Naturalist, she brings expert insight into the world of wild foods. The June program will include a walk along the Hummel Nature Trail while the July program is an indoor presentation. In the case of bad weather, the June program will take place at the Alexander Family Library in Hummelstown.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Herbal Infused Vinegars with



For ages 18+ years

**JOH: Wednesday, July 2
at 5:30 pm**

Join community herbalist Sara Rose to learn how to make your own herbal infused vinegar. We will learn about the benefits of daily consumption of vinegar and common kitchen and garden herbs that can be infused into vinegar to increase its nutritional value in support overall good health.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.





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Adult Programs



Lively Minds: An Introduction to Home Food Preservation

For ages 18+ years

EV: Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30 pm

Learn the science behind safe home food preservation with an expert from Penn State Extension! This class will cover modern canning – including pressure and water bath canning – as well as freezing and drying techniques. The presenter will also dispel common myths while providing the latest safety guidelines to help you confidently preserve food at home.

2 hours. Registration is required.



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Elizabethville Library Lively Minds Series is made possible by the Carole DeSoto Endowment with support by the Friends of Elizabethville Library and benefactor Jane C. Esterline.



Becoming a Mom with



For ages 18+ years

ND: Tuesdays at 10:30 am

MOM: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Are you pregnant? Planning on becoming pregnant? You are not alone! Come out and join us for an opportunity to learn all about your pregnancy in a fun and supportive group setting! This is your chance to meet other new moms and learn how to have the healthiest pregnancy possible in a fun and relevant way. We will learn prenatal to postpartum and newborn care. More than just a class to help you feel more prepared for labor, delivery, and early parenthood, this class is an opportunity to have fun, relax and be in a supportive environment where you can connect with other expectant mothers. Light refreshments will be served.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Computer Programs



Computer Workshops

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Tuesdays, June 10 and July 8 at 10:30 am

ESA: Fridays, June 13 and July 11 at 10:30 am

1.5 hours. Registration is required, limited, and separate for each month.

June Class: Computer Basics

Completely new to using a computer, or want to brush up on old skills? Join us at The Library to learn the basic types and parts of a computer, how to interact with your computer using a mouse and keyboard, and where to find important settings, files, and more. This course focuses on Windows computers and is designed for beginners. Laptops will be provided for class use.

July Class: Internet Basics

Let's get online! This course will teach you the basics of using the internet, including how to connect to Wi-Fi, using a web browser and search engine, and navigating websites. We will also go over ways to keep yourself and your information safe online. Laptops will be provided for class use.

Hari Jones: Hidden Histories Collection and Program Series

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group

Zoom: First Saturday of each month, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group (GWG) is an informal network of amateur genealogists officially established in 2017 by Harrisburg natives Dr. Sharonn Williams, founder, and Mr. Calobe Jackson, consultant. Members are descendants of the enslaved and slaveholders, having varying degrees of experience with family history research, who gather to learn from and provide support for one another as they honor legacy and document lineage.

To receive additional information and meeting invitations and links:

- Send Email: KindredSpiritsGWG@gmail.com
- Join the Mailing List: forms.gle/9Y7zfHjMer5VkkK9 or scan the code.



Hidden Histories Program Series and Collection

The Library has partnered with the Dauphin County Commissioners to create a carefully curated, permanent Hidden Histories collection and program series that celebrates the life and work of visionary historian, Hari Jones. Both the program series and collection have been designed to foster ongoing community dialogue, discussion, and discernment.



Find more free help at dcls.org/research

FamilySearch

The largest collection of genealogy resources on the web. Some information is only viewable at our libraries.

Newsbank/The Patriot-News

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OPTION 2: For searching from late 2018 to present.

MyHeritage Library Edition

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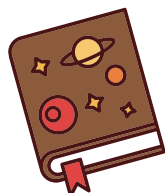
Newspapers.com Pennsylvania Edition

Provides many current and past Pennsylvania newspapers—from as far back as the 1700s up to the 2000s.

Facebook Discussion Groups

Science Fiction Book Club

Whether you enjoy the hard science fiction of Larry Niven or Alistair Reynolds or the softer science fiction of Ray Bradbury or Ursula K. Le Guin, we have the perfect discussions for you. Members choose a classic and a modern sci-fi novel for our Group Reads each month. Scan the QR code to join the Facebook group.



Science Fiction Rewatch

Whether you enjoy series like *The Expanse* and *Firefly* or movies like *Alien* or *Zathura*, this group is for you. Each week we discuss our favorite sci-fi shows and movies. We'll also discuss Season 3 of *Star Trek: Strange New World* as it airs. Scan the QR code to join the Facebook group.





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Book Clubs

Books on Tap

For ages 21+ years

Rubber Soul Brewery (136 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown):
Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, and August 12 at 6:00 pm

Books on Tap is a book club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Rubber Soul Brewery in Hummelstown. Enjoy lively discussion and great beer with fellow book lovers!

June Pick: *The Voyage of the Beagle* by Charles Darwin

July Pick: *Exadelic* by Jon Evans

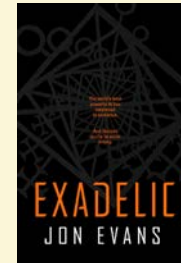
August Pick: *The Home-Maker* by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month.
No purchase is necessary to attend.

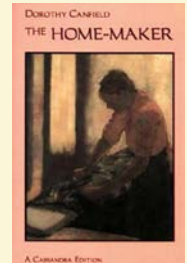
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Reading the Rainbow

For ages 18+ years

MRL: Saturdays, June 14, July 12, and August 9
at 11:00 am



Join us as we discuss LGBTQ+ books by LGBTQ+ authors. From sci-fi and contemporary, to romance and YA, we'll read it all, as long as it's good and gay!

June Pick: *The Firebourne Blade* by Charlotte Bond

July Pick: *Stars in My Pocket Like Grains of Sand* by Samuel R. Delany

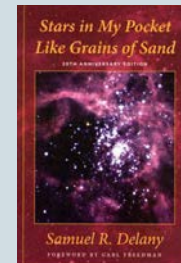
August Pick: *The Body in the Back Garden* by Mark Waddell

1 hour. Registration is not required.

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Fluff & Stuff in the Garden

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, June 26, July 24, and August 28 at 5:30 pm

Join us for our book club at Northern Dauphin Library, where we'll read lighter fare, ranging from humorous rom-coms, to spine-tingling suspense, and wonderfully witchy adventures. We'll meet monthly for fun, lively discussions, and light refreshments. When the weather allows, we'll meet out back in Mary's Garden.

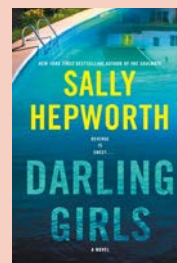
June Pick: *Darling Girls* by Sally Hepworth

July Pick: *America's Daughter* by Celeste De Blasis

August Pick: *The Once and Future Witches* by Alix E. Harrow

1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month.

JUNE



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AUGUST



Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Wednesday, July 16 and Tuesday, August 12 at 11:00 am
ESA: Thursdays, July 17 and August 21 at 3:00 pm

Come sip some tea and let's talk life, especially how we persevere, how we find hope, and how we define ourselves through it all. This book club features non-fiction titles with themes of pain, loss, love, strength, and triumph. Light refreshments will be served.

July Pick: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

August Pick: *The Woman in Me* by Britney Spears

1.5 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

JULY



AUGUST



Book Clubs

Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Saturdays, June 21, July 19, and August 16 at 10:30 am

Start your weekend off right with some quiet communal reading. Carve out a nice hour for yourself, where you can join fellow book enthusiasts for some reading time.

1 hour. Registration is not required.



Podcast

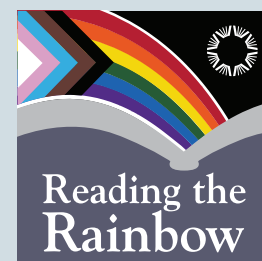
Reading the Rainbow

Dauphin County Library System

Not able to make it to the in-person book club?

You can have queer book discussion anytime with our podcast! Our Reading the Rainbow podcast features LGBTQ+ books our hosts have read and loved.

Available on most podcast platforms.



Writing Group

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturdays, June 7, July 5, and August 2 at 10:30 am

Calling aspiring fiction writers! Join our writing group, Figment Forge, to learn more about the craft of fiction writing, connect with other novice writers, and find encouragement and accountability for your writing aspirations. We'll meet monthly to focus on a different facet of writing fiction with time to practice our craft and share.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month. Please include your email when registering in order to receive writing prompts from the program instructor.





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Limelight on Local Artists • Seeds at The Library!

The Library in partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council

JULY-SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION 2025

LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, July 12 at 2:00 pm

Partnership
Program



In partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council, we invite you to The Library to meet two local artists whose work will be displayed and in the limelight this spring! Light refreshments will be served.

2 hours. Registration is not required. Artwork on display is available for purchase. Sales will occur between the seller and buyer. Ask library staff for more details.

SEEDS AT THE LIBRARY!

We're about more than lending books! We also offer seeds to our gardening members! **We have two seed libraries:** One at the Northern Dauphin Library and another at the East Shore Area Library. Come visit us and gather some seeds. You can learn more about gardening and seed libraries by asking at the desk or checking out some books. **Then go gardening!**

Lend & Tend Seed Library

Northern Dauphin's Seed Library is funded by Penn State Health—with additional funding from Rite Aid Healthy Futures.

Seed Library at ESA

Serving as his Eagle Scout Service Project, Max Wilkerson created everything needed to start the first Seed Library at ESA. This involved making the wooden units, creating flyers, developing instructions, and ensuring the Seed Library at ESA is sustainable and easy to use.

Lend & Tend Seed Library
Northern Dauphin Library, Lykens



Seed Library at ESA
East Shore Area Library, Harrisburg



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East Shore Area Library (ESA)

4501 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717.652.9380

McCormick Riverfront Library (MRL)

101 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.234.4976

Elizabethville Area Library (EV)

80 North Market Street
Elizabethville, PA 17023
717.362.9825

Northern Dauphin Library (ND)

683 Main Street
Lykens, PA 17048
717.523.0340

Johnson Memorial Library (JOH)

799 East Center Street
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