

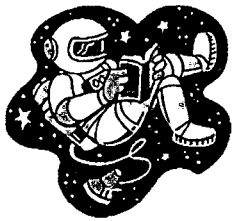
KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer 2019

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

497 S. Red Haven Lane, Dover (302) 744-1919 www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar

All programs are free and open to the public, however preregistration is required as noted. Please stop by the circulation desk or call us at (302) 744-1919 to register. You can also register online at www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar (Parent or other responsible adult must be present in the library, including during programs, for any child/youth under the age of 16.)



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES Summer Reading Program June 1 – August 7

Children, teens and adults can earn free books, free ice cream and other incentives/prizes simply by reading over the summer. Stop by the circulation desk for more information and to sign up. You can also register and track your progress online at <https://kentcounty.beanstack.org> (Registration begins June 1.)

RECURRING PROGRAMS –

(For groups of 5 or more, please give advance notice of your visit.)

Preschool Story Time – every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Dance Party with Unbranded Dance – third Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

PAWS for Reading

Thursdays, May 16, June 6, August 15 – 6:00 p.m.

Register your child to read aloud for 10 minutes to a friendly therapy dog provided by PAWS for People. Studies have shown that reading aloud to animals can actually help children improve their reading skills. This is a great opportunity for beginner, reluctant and even beginning English learners to practice in a non-judgmental environment with a book of their choice. Preregistration is required; one child per 10 minute reading slot.

Play-Doh Posse

Tuesdays, June 11, July 16, August 13 – 10:00 a.m.

Pre-K and Kindergarten STEM activities. Limited space; preregistration for each session is required.

Turtle Dance Music presents **SPACE! The Cosmos for Kids**

Monday, June 17 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a techno-space-dance-party for kids and tweens that is out of this world! Each song includes dancing, music



technology and information about our solar system set to a thumping beat. Meet aliens from outer space, talk about the different characteristics of the eight planets, sing karaoke, participate in a rap battle about the sun and more! The show is a hands-

on, visual and sensory experience designed to help kids learn and have FUN at the same time! Limited seating; first come, first served. (This program is made possible by a collaboration between the Delaware Division of the Arts and the Delaware Division of Libraries.)

New Moon Theater presents **Minwa, Japanese Folk Tales**

Thursday, June 20 – 6:30 p.m.

Master storyteller Julie Kurzava will bring to life three traditional Japanese folk tales that highlight values of kindness, generosity, acceptance and responsibility for our communities with puppets, a mock battle and LOTS of audience participation. Limited seating; first come, first served.

Reptile Wonders

Tuesday, June 25 – 6:30 p.m.

Join Reptile Wonders, "The Nature Center on the Go," for an interactive program on reptiles featuring live snakes, lizards and turtles from around the world. Limited seating; first come, first served.

Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation presents **Footsteps on the Moon**

Thursday, June 27 – 6:00 p.m.

Ages 8-12. Celebrate the monumental success of the Apollo 11 spacecraft that first placed humans on the surface of the surface of the moon. Participants will revisit that epic journey through hands-on activities such as making a straw rocket, designing a rover capable of surveying the surface of Mars, making and testing a model lunar module and creating their own modular artificial habitat for the moon and Mars. Limited seating; first come, first served.

Book-chain "dominoes" – A demonstration of gravity

Saturday, July 6 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Ages 8 and up. Join us as we commemorate the last day of the Friends of the Library annual book sale by creating a "domino" book chain from the remaining books through the library. Help us set up and video this unique demonstration of gravity (and fun). Preregistration is required. (The library will be closed for regular business during this event.)



I Am the Moon – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Thursday, July 18 – 1:00 p.m.

Ages 6 – 10. Explore the wonder and science of our closest space neighbor, the moon. Investigate the important role the moon plays in nature as it shines, tugs and pulls on our earth. Meet a

variety of live creatures, such as horseshoe crabs, from the Delaware Bay and marsh habitats that depend on the moon. Limited seating; first come, first served.

Stevens' Puppets presents *The Wizard of Oz*

Monday, July 29 – 6:00 p.m.

Lions and tigers and puppets, oh my! Children and adults of all ages will enjoy this marionette puppet production of the classic tale of Dorothy and her dog Toto who are whisked away by a cyclone to the magical Land of Oz where they befriend a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodsman and a Cowardly Lion. The program will include a short marionette demonstration after the show. Limited seating; first come, first served. (This program is made possible by a collaboration between the Delaware Division of the Arts and the Delaware Division of Libraries.)



History Alive! presents *Sally Ride: Reach for the Stars!*

Wednesday, August 28 – 6:30 p.m.

Award-winning actress and Smithsonian Scholar Mary Ann Jung presents her delightful new show, Sally Ride: Reach for the Stars! Blast off on adventure with America's first female

astronaut and learn about Dr. Ride's journey and its challenges. There will also be a game show portion where the whole audience can guess at odd, surprising facts about life in zero gravity aboard the space shuttle. Limited seating; first come, first served.

The Library and Mobile Unit will be closed:

May 25, 26, 27

July 4



Destination: Space

Kent County Public Library is honored to be the August host site for the *DEstination: Space* mobile exhibit sponsored by the Delaware Humanities Foundation. This free-standing exhibit will highlight the history of Delaware's contributions to space exploration, mainly focusing on the Apollo and shuttle programs, Delaware's first astronomers and current research being conducted in the state. The exhibit is free and will be open to the public during regular library business hours during the month of August.

SUMMER ARTS IN THE PARK

Wednesdays, May 22 through August 7 – 6:30 p.m.

Brecknock County Park, 80 Old Camden Road, Camden

Pack a picnic basket, bring a blanket or lawn chair, and join us for free, family-friendly entertainment. (Sponsored by Kent County Levy Court and the Friends of Kent County Public Library.)

May 22	Di Tierra Caliente (Latin party music)
May 29	Best Kept Soul (classic soul/R&B)
June 5	The Funsters (classic rock/pop/soul)
June 12	Wall of Cain (classic rock/originals)
June 19	Cocktails at 3 (classic pop/rock hits)
June 26	Mike Hines & the Look (dance/hip-hop)
July 3	Free Range Blue (Contemporary bluegrass)
July 10	Deb & Mike (classic pop/rock hits)
July 17	Reunion (classic rock /pop/soul)
July 24	Cascading Carlos (world-record juggler)
July 31	Bad Juju (blues/rock)
August 7	Rehoboth Summer Children's Theatre: <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> (theater troupe)

(In case of inclement weather, or if the temperature and/or heat index exceeds 95 degrees, performances will be moved inside to the Kent County Public Library, 497 S. Red Haven Lane. The status of our events will be available on our Facebook page (search "KCPLibrary") or by calling the library at (302) 744-1919 after 4:00 p.m.)

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TODDLER DANCE PARTY

With Unbranded Dance

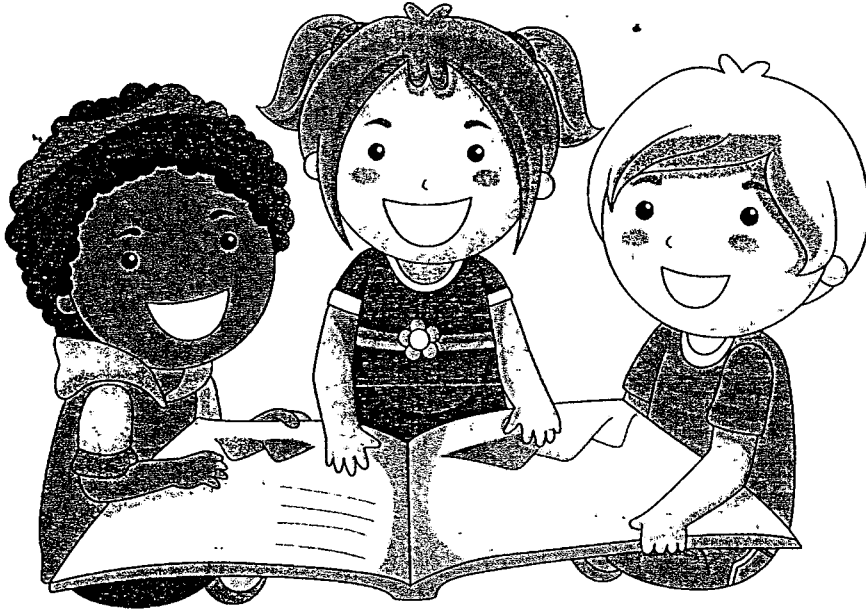


3rd Wednesday of the month
10:00 a.m.

Preschoolers are invited to join Meredith from Unbranded Dance for some basic dance and movement instruction. (For groups of 5 or more, please give advance notice of your visit.)

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STORY TIME



THURSDAYS, 10 00 A.M.

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Preschoolers are invited to join us every week
for stories, songs, crafts and fun!

Program is free and open to the public. For daycare/preschool groups of 5 or more, please give advance notice of your visit by calling 302-744-1919.

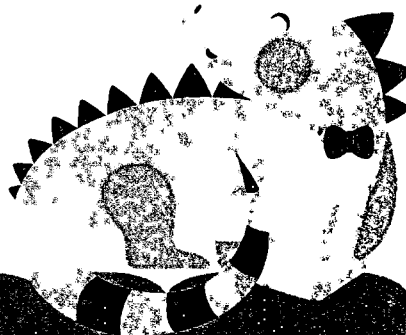
20 Ways to Raise a Book-Smart Baby

Early Literacy Experiences for Babies and Toddlers

- 1** Read to your child daily from birth on. Read several times during the day, even if it's for just a few minutes at a time.
- 2** When your baby begins to handle his own books, give him board books with heavy pages, rounded edges, and uncluttered pictures. Around 12 months, share lift-the-flap books for peekaboo experiences. When toddlers are ready, choose books with paper pages and just one or two sentences per page.
- 3** Invite your toddler to help pick out books. And yes, it's good to read her favorites over and over again, as she will begin to recognize words.
- 4** Talk about the pictures—both illustrations and photographs. Ask simple “what” questions, point to words occasionally, and eventually let your child help turn pages.
- 5** Do not attempt to teach your child to read. (No drilling or memorizing!) Your reading experiences together should always be fun.
- 6** When your baby makes sounds, imitate them. After repeating his sounds a few times, make new sounds for him to imitate.
- 7** Talk to your child during everyday activities and daily routines. Introduce new and unusual words to her.
- 8** Provide experiences that allow you to introduce new words to your child. For example, at the zoo or on a farm you can introduce animal names and sounds; on a nature walk, introduce plant and insect names.
- 9** When you are at a store, the post office, a restaurant, or any other public place, point to words on the signs that are everywhere and read them to your child.
- 10** Read, sing, and chant nursery rhymes with your child. Make up motions to go with the rhymes.

- 11 Share lap rhymes, finger and hand rhymes, toe and foot rhymes, and bounce rhymes daily. Examples are “Where Is Thumbkin?” and “This Little Piggy.” If you don’t know any, you can always make them up. Your child will love the interaction.
- 12 Sing songs with your child every day. And don’t worry about singing in tune—your child doesn’t care!
- 13 Sing songs slowly so that your child can hear the different sounds that make up each word. In children’s songs, there is a distinct note for every syllable in a word, making it easier to hear those sounds.
- 14 Sing songs that are silly and that play with language, such as “This Old Man,” “Hickory Dickory Dock,” “Skinnamarink” (also called “Skidamarink”), and “Three Little Fishies.” Make up new songs, and sing them to familiar tunes. Add motions or act out songs.
- 15 Share all kinds of music styles with your child, and let him play simple instruments, such as wrist bells, shakers, rattles, or maracas.
- 16 Share stories with your child. Tell her stories about your family, stories about things that have happened during the day, and even made-up stories about her favorite toys or stuffed animals.
- 17 Share wordless books with your child, telling the story from the pictures (a young toddler can help). You can also use a photograph as the inspiration for any story.
- 18 Turn off the TV, and play with your child every day. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no television for children younger than two years.
- 19 Provide play materials and experiences that encourage the imagination, such as water play, sand play, play dough or modeling clay activities, painting, blowing bubbles, scribbling with large crayons, and pretend play.
- 20 When grandparents, relatives, or friends ask for gift suggestions for birthdays and other occasions, recommend books!

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PROGRAM



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YOUR KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD --

YOUR KEY TO LEARNING NEW LANGUAGES!

While your Kent County Public Library card is accepted at public libraries, several colleges and universities and special collections libraries statewide, it also offers you a special benefit you can only get here – MANGO LANGUAGES!

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Mango is a resource available to anyone with a Kent County library card. From Spanish and French to Azerbaijani, English as a second language, and even Pirate or American Sign Language, the library has you covered with Mango, which provides online tutoring in over seventy languages. Mango programs make language and culture learning deliciously simple.

Mango Languages is completely self-paced. It employs a unique methodology, an engaging interface, and easy intuitive interactive tools to deliver practical conversational skills and valuable cultural insight for languages. Lessons help build language memory and critical thinking skills. Most learners take about 20-40 minutes to complete one lesson and about three months of daily study to complete a Unit.

To get started, users must have a library card issued by Kent County Public Library (KCPL) that identifies the user's home library as KCPL and/or the Kent County Bookmobile. The library card barcode, plus the user's PIN, permits access to the Mango program via the Kent County website (www.co.kent.de.us, select "Services," then "Library," and click on the Mango icon). Once the user sets up a profile, they can begin learning the language(s) of their choice! (You can bookmark the site once you set up your account, making Mango only a click away.)

Language courses offered through Mango include: American Sign Language; Arabic (Egyptian); Arabic (Iraqi); Arabic (Levantine); Arabic (MSA); Armenian; Azerbaijani; Bengali; Cherokee; Chinese (Cantonese); Chinese (Mandarin); Croatian; Czech; Danish; Dari; Dutch; Dzongkha; Farsi (Persian); Finnish; French; French (Canadian); German; Greek; Greek (Ancient); Greek (Koine); Haitian Creole; Hawaiian; Hebrew; Hebrew (Biblical); Hindi; Hungarian; Icelandic; Igbo; Indonesian; Irish; Italian; Japanese; Javanese; Kazakh; Korean; Latin; Malay; Malayalam; Norwegian; Pashto; Pirate; Polish; Portuguese (Brazil); Punjabi; Romanian; Russian; Scottish (Gaelic); Serbian; Shanghainese; Slovak; Spanish (Latin American); Spanish (Spain); Swahili; Swedish; Tagalog; Tamil; Telugu; Thai; Turkish; Ukrainian; Urdu; Uzbek; Vietnamese; and Yiddish.

English as a Second Language Courses (Learn English in your native language) include: English for Arabic (Egyptian) speakers; English for Arabic (MSA) speakers; English for Armenian speakers; English for Bengali speakers; English for Chinese (Cantonese) speakers; English for Chinese (Mandarin) speakers; English for French speakers; English for German speakers; English for Greek speakers; English for Haitian Creole speakers; English for Italian speakers; English for Japanese speakers; English for Korean speakers; English for Polish speakers; English for Portuguese (Brazil) speakers; English for Russian speakers; English for Spanish (Latin America) speakers; English for Turkish Speakers; English for Vietnamese speakers.

Have a card from another Delaware public library? No problem! We can switch your current card to one of ours. Just stop at the circulation desk, it will only take a few moments to update your information and get a new KCPL card.

If you have a smart phone or tablet, you can also download the free Mango app and continue your lessons while on the go. (Search your device's app store for "Mango".)