2012 Summer Reading Program for children up through the 5th grade, runs from June 4th through August 4th. Our summer, at the library, will be filled with books, programs, crafts, awards, prizes and parties. Don’t miss out!

Star Listeners for listeners not yet reading on their own

Join our Ready to Read Star Listeners Club. You’ll win prizes and stickers every week for 8 weeks. Details are

Star Gazers for readers through entering 5th grade

Earn a coupon for every hour that you read! You can redeem them at our Star Gazer Emporium here at the library. You’ll receive all the details, including the store hours, when you register. If you read 10 hours

**Vacation and Grandparent Kits**

Do you want some extra ideas to entertain (and educate) your children while traveling to your vacation getaway? Request a literary vacation kit! Notify the Children’s Department of your destination and departure date at least one week in advance and receive a bag to take with you. This may include fiction and non-fiction books, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs, plus our Family Vacation Fun List.

Are you looking for fun ideas to interest and occupy young children who are visiting? For those expecting a visit from kids, give us a week’s notice, if you can, and we’ll assemble books, music, and movies to share with visitors. Don’t forget to check for story times and programs your young visitors might enjoy while they are in town. Call us at 412-741-0937 or visit the Children’s Department.

**Battle of the Books: Family Style!**

What is it? A great opportunity to do something fun as a family, as you read four books this summer and then prepare for BATTLE! What do I do? Pick a name for your Family Team and gather no more than four members of your family (aunts, uncles, moms, dads, siblings, grandfolks- as long as they are FAMILY). Register your team in the Children’s Department. Read, read, read the Battle Books.

What are the books?
Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo
Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise
Dr. DeSoto by William Steig

Where can I find these books? Our Library has copies, but we can also order copies in for you from other libraries around the county. Then what happens? Bring your Team to the Library on Thursday, August 23 @ 7PM.

What will happen at the Battle? We’ll have a fun time! There you and your family will join with other families and take part in a quiz show-style game to see which family remembers the most about the books.

When can we sign up? Any time after June 1!

**Weekly Storytimes for Preschoolers**

Babies and Books Tuesdays @ 10:15 AM, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
Nursery and action rhymes, books and songs for children up to 24 months, with a caregiver. Please, no older children.

Evening Sessions @ 7PM: 6/27, 7/25, & 8/29

Two-Year-Old Storytime Wednesdays at 10:15 & 11:00 AM - A half hour of stories, songs, and fingerplays for two-year-olds with a caregiver. Please, no older children.

Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 10:15 AM & 1:30 PM
Children ages 3-5 meet in the Storytime Room for 45 minutes of stories, songs and fingerplays.

Program Registration begins on the 15th of the preceding month. Please register according to the grade you will be entering in the fall.
June Programs

Star Gazer Emporium - Saturday, June 2,
Stop in between 11AM-PM Calling all painters and crafters! It’s time for you to be our main decorators as the Children’s Department kicks off Summer Reading Club! It might get a little messy but you’ll make some fun decorations for taking home and for decorating our main wall and entrance to the Star Gazer Emporium! Music and snacks! No Registration. **Grades K-5**

¡Hola Amigos! ¡Hola Verano! -Sundays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2PM -2:45 PM -¡Hola verano! Hello summer! Our Spanish language program for little ones will include summer-themed fingerplays, songs, and stories. **Ages Birth – 5 with Adult**

Dreamcatchers! - Tuesday, June 5, 7PM-8PM - Ever wonder what a Dreamcatcher is? Join us to find out and to make one of your own! **Grades 3-5**

Dream Quilts - Thursday, June 7, 3PM-4PM - Do you have crazy dreams? Let’s transform those dreams into quilt squares! We’ll make a big one for the library and small ones for you to take home and proudly display! **Grades K-2**

Backwards Bedtime! - Saturday, June 9, 10AM - 10:45AM - Did you know that while you’re waking up to a brand new morning there are children on the others side of the world going to bed?!! **Ages 3-5**

Dream Quilts - Thursday, June 7, 3PM-4PM - Do you have a fantastic DAD? Or a super special guy in your life? Then join us to make that #1 guy a super awesome craft! **Grades K-5**

Counting Sheep - Thursday, June 14, 6:30PM-7:30PM - Early math fun for toddlers and preschoolers, including stories, activities and songs. **Ages 2-5 with Adult**

Lunch at the Library
**Grades K-2** - Mondays, June 18 and 25, 12PM-1:30PM
**Grades 3-5** - Wednesdays, June 20 and 27, 12PM-1:30PM - We will learn about some people who dared to dream, and do some dreaming of our own. Bring a Bag Lunch.

Creatures of the Night: Vampires - Monday, June 18, 7PM-8PM - Learn about the facts and legends surrounding the most mysterious creatures in literary and film history: the VAMPIRE! Oh yeah, and we’ll make fake blood! $2.00 Materials Fee. **Grades 3-5**

PJ Storytime: To Infinity and Beyond! - Wednesday, June 20, 6:30PM - 7:15PM - Do you dream of going to space? Join us as we share stories that are out of this world! We’ll also sing songs, play games, make a craft or two, and enjoy a delicious snack. Wear your jammies and bring a friend to join in the fun! **Family Storytime**

Decade Dancing! - Thursday, June 21 (1950s), 6:30PM-7:30PM - Let’s Rock around the clock! Learn the dances of the decades and join us for an evening of music and movement. **All Ages**

Gateway to the Arts - Friday, June 22, 10:30AM-11AM - Gateway to the Arts presents a story time of dramatic play and music for pre-schoolers. **Ages 3-6**

Technicolor Art - Saturday, June 23, 10AM-11AM - Do you dream in color? Then join us on an adventure in color! We’ll make a variety of crafts while exploring color theory and the role color plays in our lives! **Family Program**

The 2012 Glow Games - Tuesday, June 26, 7:15PM-8:15PM - To celebrate the 2012 Summer Olympics and Summer Reading we’ll be making and playing games that glow in the dark! Be one of the first to experience glow games at the library! $2.00 Materials Fee. **Grades 2-5**

Little Artists: Nighttime Masterpieces - Thursday, June 28, 6:30PM - We’ll explore the world of Vincent Van Gogh (Starry Night) and then create our own masterpieces, using his style as inspiration. **Ages 2-5 with Adult**

Fun with Aesop’s Fables - Friday, June 29, 1PM-2PM - Aesop’s The Tortoise and the Hare; and The Lion and the Mouse are great stories for telling. We will do these and others using puppets and other props. **Grades 1-3**

Star Spangled Spectacular - Saturday, June 30, 11AM-12PM - Join us as the library celebrates Independence Day with stories, crafts and a snack! **Family Program**

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¡Hola Amigos! ¡Hola Verano! - Sundays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2PM - ¡Hola verano! Hello summer! Our Spanish language program for little ones will include summer-themed fingerplays, songs, and stories. Ages Birth – 5 with Adult

Dream Journals - Thursday, July 5, 3PM–4PM - Do you wish you could remember your dreams? Let’s create beautiful and unique dream journals that will help you remember your dreams for years to come! Grades K-5

Captain Underpants Party! - Saturday, July 7, 11AM–12PM - Join George, Harold, and the whole gang for a party filled with games, comics and more! (Make sure you check out some of the Captain Underpants books from the library for hidden information…. ) Grades 3-5

BFG Birthday Party - Monday, July 9, 1PM–2PM - Have you ever heard of snozzcumbers or whizzpopping? Find out what these and other strange words mean when you join us for a celebration of the BFG and other books by Roahl Dahl. We’ll try out some wacky games and activities and enjoy some birthday cake while we celebrate the 30th birthday of the BFG. Grades 3-5

American Girl PJ Picnic - Tuesday, July 10, 7PM-8PM - Joins us for some PJ picnic fun the American Girl way! Feel free to wear your PJ’s and bring along a favorite doll too! Grades K-5

Juicing for You and Your Kids - Wednesday, July 11, 1PM-2PM - Tasty and healthy juices from fruits and vegetables! Come see how these juices are made and taste how yummy they are! Cecily Routman of Juice Heaven in Wexford will be demonstrating. Family Program

Shadow Play - Wednesday, July 11, 7PM-8PM - Surprises are lurking in the shadows! Join us as we make art using our own shadows and shadows made from strange and unusual objects. We’ll also practice making shadow puppets using our hands and paper. Grades K-2

Counting Sheep - Thursday, July 12, 6:30PM-7:30PM - Early math fun for toddlers and preschoolers, including stories, activities and songs. Ages 2–5 with Adult

To Bullfight or Not to Bullfight - Friday, July 13, 10AM-11AM - The Story of Ferdinand the Bull will be the focus of our interactive storyline. We will not only read and contemplate this classic book but we will make puppets to act out the story together. Grades K-2

All The World’s A Stage - Puppet Theater - Saturday, July 14, 2PM–3:30PM - All the world’s a stage – and you are going to make one! Once you have your stage you’ll need some actors! So you’ll also create a couple of puppets! Add your creative genius to put on your own awesome stage plays! Grades K-5

Fancy Nancy - Monday, July 16, 11AM-11:45AM - Join us for some fabulous fun! We’ll read about Fancy Nancy and then take an imaginary trip around the world to be fancy just like she is! You’ll even make something fancy to take home. Grades K-2

Beads, Beads and more Beads - Monday, July 16, 2PM-5PM - The library has an overabundance of pony, glass, and paper beads. Hey boys and girls, Do you need to make a gift for someone or something for yourself? Help us use the beads by creating some interesting key chains, jewelry and more. Grades 3-5

Creatures of the Night: Zombies - Monday, July 16, 7PM-8PM - We’ll explore the legend of the Undead and make cool Zombie Marshmallow snacks! Grades 3-5

PJ Storytime: The Monster under My Bed - Wednesday, July 18, 6:30PM-7:15PM - Does a monster live under your bed? Never fear, we’ll scare it away with stories, songs, and games! We’ll also make a craft or two and enjoy a snack you’re sure to gobble up! Wear your jammies and bring a friend to join in the fun! Family Storytime

Decade Dancing! - Thursday, July 19 (1970s), 6:30PM-7:30PM - Let’s get Disco Fever! Learn the dances of the decades and join us for an evening of music and movement. All Ages

Dork Diaries Party! - Saturday, July 21, 11AM-12PM - We’ll be having a Dork Diaries Party to celebrate the release of the 4th book in the series. Join us to party like Nikki and the gang! Grades 3-5

Lunch at the Library - Grades K-2 - Mondays, July 23 and 30, 12PM
Grades 3-5 - Wednesdays, July 25 and August 1, 12PM
It’s Summer Olympics time. We will learn about the Olympic Games that were held in Ancient Greece and also those being held in London this summer. Then we will try some games of our own. Bring a bag lunch.


Tuesday Night Owls - Tuesday, July 24, 7PM-7:30PM - Ever wonder what animals are up to when you’re asleep? Would you like to know what they do all night and when they go to bed? Then this is the story time for you! Ages 3-5
Little Artists: Nighttime Masterpieces - Thursday, July 26, 6:30PM-7:30PM - We’ll explore the world of Edward Hopper (Nighthawks) and then create our own masterpieces, using his style as inspiration. **Ages 2-5 with Adult**

Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Breakfast! - Friday, July 27, 7PM-8PM & Saturday, July 28, 9:30AM-10:30AM - Have your furry friends join us on Friday night. We’ll share stories, sing songs, play games, make a craft, and enjoy a bedtime snack! After storytime, stuffed animal friends are invited to stay the night inside the library! Our human friends are invited back on Saturday morning to enjoy a special breakfast with your stuffed animal friend and learn all about their nighttime adventures! Library entrance will be open from 6:45PM-7PM ONLY. **Family Program**

Worry Doll Construction - Saturday, July 28, 3PM-4PM - Do you have worries keeping you up at night? Join us as we make Guatemalan worry dolls using a variety of materials. Once finished, you can tell your worry doll all your fears, tuck them under your pillow, and dream sweetly knowing they have it all under control! **Grades K-5**

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Ice Cream Extravaganza! - Tuesday, August 7, 7PM-8PM - Our popular, annual summer event is back! Let’s hear some stories, sing some songs and get down to eating! We provide the ice cream and all the toppings, you make your own sundae creation! Same program repeats August 21. **Family Program**

If You Can Dream It, You Can Build It! Lego Edition - Wednesday, August 8, 7PM-8PM - Attention all Lego enthusiasts! Join us for a Lego building extravaganza! We’ll have building competitions that range from the wacky to the realistic. We’ll have some Lego’s to use, but please feel free to bring your own as well! **Grades K-5**

Counting Sheep - Thursday, August 9, 6:30PM-7:30PM - Early math fun for toddlers and preschoolers, including stories, activities and songs. **Ages Birth – 5 with Adult**

Fans of The Kane Chronicles - Saturday, August 11, 3PM-4PM - Carter and Sadie Kane fans are invited to share your thoughts on Rick Riordan’s The Kane Chronicles Series, especially the newest (and the last!) of the series, The Serpent’s Shadow. We’ll play a trivia game about the three books and have snacks! If you are new to this series, The Red Pyramid and The Throne of Fire are the first two books. **Grades 3-5**

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Melted Crayon Art - Wednesday, August 15, 7PM-8PM - Crayons can be used for more than coloring! Join us as we transform crayons into marvelous works of art by melting them down! **Grades 3-5**

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Sunshine & Cloudy Skies: A Weather Craft Extravaganza - Saturday, August 18, 10AM-11AM - Summer is filled with sunny skies and funny shaped clouds! Let’s explore the weather through a variety of crafts that will have you daydreaming in no time! Fun for the whole family! **Family Program**

Kindergarten Rocks - Sunday, August 19, 3:30PM-4:30PM - Getting ready to start your first day of Kindergarten? This program is just for you! Let’s celebrate with fun games and stories. **Kindergarteners in Fall, 2012**

Ice Cream Extravaganza! - Tuesday, August 21, 7PM-8PM - See August 7th Description. **Family Program**

PJ Storytime: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star - Wednesday, August 22, 6:30PM-7:15PM - Stars are shining bright inside the library! Join us for stories, songs, and games! We’ll also make a craft or two and enjoy a stellar snack! Wear your jammies and bring a friend to join in the fun! **Family Program**

Battle of the Books - Family Style - Thursday, August 23, 7PM - See the first page of the children’s newsletter for more information. **Family Program**

American Girl Back to School! - Saturday, August 25, 11AM-12PM - See what school was like for some of your favorite American Girls. We’ll also personalize some school supplies so they’ve got your own style. **Grades K-5**

Creatures of the Night: Werewolves - Monday, August 27, 7PM-8PM - The Blue Full Moon is approaching; let us look at the stories and history of the werewolf! **Grades 3-5**

Little Artists: Starry Night and other Nighttime Masterpieces - Thursday, August 30, 6:30PM-7:30PM - We’ll explore the world of Rembrandt (Night Watch) and then create our own masterpieces, using his style as inspiration. **Ages 2-5 with Adult**

**August Programs**

Dream Weavers - Thursday, August 2, 3PM-4PM - Let’s weave together some beautiful artwork! We’ll use traditional weaving techniques to make some untraditional projects! We’ll supply the materials, you bring the creativity! **Grades K-5**

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Knight Time - Monday, August 13, 7PM-8PM - Explore the words of knights and ladies! And make a catapult, too! **Grades K-5**

**Family Program**

**Ages 2-5 with Adult**

Summer Reading Club

Read on.