

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2026

Summer Reading Finale!

SUMMER RECAP

As we gear up for back-to-school season, we want to give a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Program this year! Here are some stats from the summer 2026:

64%

increase in challenge participants across all ages from 2025 to 2026

7,735

books read and logged in Beanstack May – August 2026

1,985

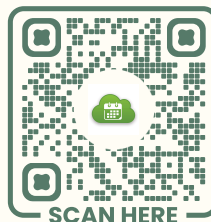
1,985 people attended Summer Reading performances & events

**THANK YOU FOR
UNEARTHING A STORY WITH US!**



Upcoming Events

- **Homeschool Hub**
 - Tues. September 8 @ 10am
- **A Book Conversation with Dr. Dana Suskind**
 - Tues. September 8 @ 3pm
 - *Presented by Delaware Libraries*
- **Closet Refresh Workshop**
 - Sat. September 12 @ 12pm
- **Engineer Early Pop-Up STEM Center**
 - Sat. September 12 @ 10am
- **The Harlem Renaissance | DE Humanities**
 - Tues. September 15 @ 6:30pm
- **Story Sprouts**
 - Thurs. September 17 @ 10:30am
- **AARP Basic Defensive Driving Course**
 - Fri. September 18 @ 10am
- **Medicare Made Easy**
 - Fri. September 18 @ 1pm
- **Mental Health & Wellness Fair**
 - Sat. September 19 @ 10am–2pm
- **Duck Creek Gardeners Meeting**
 - Tues. September 22 @ 6pm
- **Keys to Smart Money Management**
 - Thurs. September 24 @ 6pm
 - *Presented by Delaware Money School*



EVENTS CALENDAR

Go to our website or scan the QR code to see our full calendar of events!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Note: Some kids and teen programs will be taking a break until the week of Sept 14th. Please keep an eye on the calendar for any schedule changes!

Little Learners

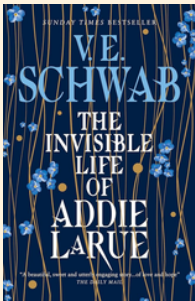
- Every Friday beginning Sept. 18th
- 10-11am
- Stories, songs, and activities all focused on a letter of the week.
- **Ages 3-5**

Sign Language (ASL) Classes

- Fall Semester beginning Sept 22nd
- Level 1: Tuesdays @ 5pm
- Level 3: Thursdays @ 5pm
- **Register using the event links on our calendar**

Construction Crew and Lego Clubs

- **New Time:** Every Fourth Thursday @ 5-6:30pm
- Construction Crew for ages 3+
- Lego Club for ages 6+
- Teens Build Lego for ages 9-18



Cover2Cover Book Club

- Every first Thursday
- In September we are reading: **The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue** by **V.E. Schwab**

Reminders

Duck Creek Regional Library will be closed:

- **Mon. Sept. 7th - Labor Day**
- **Sat. Sept. 26th - Maintenance**

Resource Spotlight

Grow with Google

Grow with Google Career Certificates

Delaware Libraries and the DE Department of Labor have partnered with Grow with Google to offer the Google Career Certificate program for free!

- 100% online
- Typically completed in 3 to 6 months part-time (5-10 hours per week).
- No prior education is required
- Applicants must have a Delaware public library card in good standing to receive a scholarship.



Learning Express

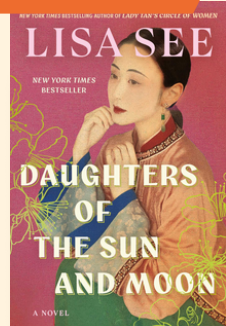
Practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want—at school, at work, or in life. Resources about topics such as:

- U.S. Citizenship
- GED Test Prep
- Professional Skills and Job Prep
- Building Resumes
- And more!



GET CONNECTED!

Learn more about resources offered by Delaware Libraries!

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Daughters of the Sun and Moon

by Lisa See

In 1870, three Chinese women arrive in the small, dusty, and violent pueblo of Los Angeles. Dove, the bound-footed daughter of an imperial scholar, is entrancing and innocent. Petal, the big-footed daughter of peasants, has grown up hungry and with dirt between her toes. In a moment of desperation, Petal's father sells her to

buy rice seed, and she is loaded onto a ship to America, where she is once again sold. Moon is married to a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine. She is educated, beautiful, and speaks fluent English, yet her failed footbinding as a child has left her with a limp that lessens her value in the eyes of many.

Each has her own desires: Love, freedom, and justice, in a society that wishes them not one ounce of good will. Brought together by hardship and heartbreak, they must use their bravery, endurance, and ability to "eat bitterness" to discover their voices, find freedom, and connect through solace and friendship. Together they are daughters of the sun and moon.

ROMANTASY

Shield of Sparrows

The gods sent monsters to the five kingdoms to remind mortals they must kneel.

I've spent my life kneeling—to their will and to my father's. As a princess, my only duty is to wear the crown and obey the king.

I was never meant to rule. Never meant to fight. And I was never supposed to be the daughter who

sealed an ancient treaty with her own blood.

But that changed the fateful day I stepped into my father's throne room. The day a legendary monster hunter sailed to our shores. The day a prince ruined my life.

Now I'm crossing treacherous lands beside a warrior who despises me as much as I despise him—bound to a future I didn't choose and a husband I barely know.

Everyone wants me to be something I'm not—a queen, a spy, a sacrifice.

But what if I refused the role chosen for me? What if I made my own rules? What if there's power in being underestimated?

And what if—for the first time—I reached for it?

Life: A Love Story

by Elizabeth Berg

As ninety-two-year-old Florence "Flo" Greene nears the end of her life, she writes a letter to Ruthie, the woman who grew up next door to her, describing the items Flo is leaving Ruthie in her will. But as it goes on, telling surprising stories about those "little" things Flo will leave behind, an unforgettable portrait of the life she has lived emerges.

The letter starts off as an autobiography in things, but it turns out to do much more than that: ultimately, it will transform Flo and those around her. In the time she has left, Flo decides to take herself up on tiny dares. She encourages Ruthie to reconsider her impending divorce by sharing a long-buried secret about her own perfect-seeming marriage. Flo has never had a pedicure before now, and as long as she's going to a beauty parlor, she arranges to have a blue streak put in her hair, too. And as these adventures lead her to make new friends, Flo helps them, too, find the fulfillment that living a full life has led her to understand.



Our Aimless Nights

by Koumori

Who says love can't bloom in the dark? Two teen opposites fall for each other during quiet nights at a convenience store in this popular digital manga — now in print for the first time in English. A sweet romance perfect for fans of Skip and Loafer.

Peppy high school girl Chika and quiet boy Waya seem like they have nothing in common. However, they share a secret. They meet every week outside the convenience store where Waya works. Slowly, the two start learning more about each other. Before either of them knows it, something begins to bloom between them in the moonlight.

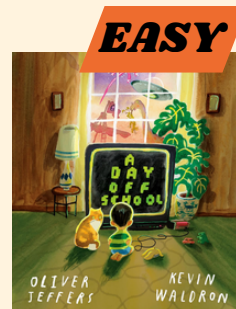


A Day Off School

by Oliver Jeffers



A whole day off school! ALL TO HIMSELF!! When Herbie has the sniffles, he stays home from school. It's exciting to have time to play Space Blasters and watch cartoons. But by lunchtime, he wonders what fun he might be missing at school. What if there's an extra playtime, a dog on the loose . . . or even A PIRATE INVASION?



STAFF PICKS

Children's Wing Grand Reopening



Written by Erica Jones-Wilson, Director

The Friends of the Duck Creek Regional Library welcomed the community back to our Children's Wing on Saturday, August 8th, with a grand reopening ceremony showcasing our new murals. The morning kicked off with a dedication of new, custom murals designed for the library's youth spaces by local artist Patti Bishop and a collaboration with the students of Smyrna High School under the guidance of art educator Shari Dierkes. Imani Kettler, Principal Artist. Amiyah Ellerbe, Painter. Lailah Coleman, Painter. Amelia Isaac, Painter.

Following the mural dedication by Rev. John Riley and Friends' President Kathy Messer, the library hosted its first-ever Children's Book Fair. The free-admission event brought together ten local Delaware authors and publishers who showcased and sold original works tailored for readers aged 0 to 17. The featured author lineup

included J.D. Milligan, Ilona Holland, John Micklos, Jr., Owl's Nest Publishers with Beth Ann Dunphy, Leigh Ann Hughes, Maria M. Hazzard, Dana Harp, Sia Dempster Willie, Lyn McDonald, and Pam Collacchi. Families filled the library to meet the authors, purchase books, and celebrate the newly enhanced children's wing.



Pictured (left to right): Lailah Coleman, Shari Dierkes, Amelia Isaac in front of their new, colorful mural in the Teen Room.



Pictured: Patti Bishop in front of 1 of her 3 woodland murals in the Children's Room.

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