

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2026

Upcoming Events

* Book Character Pumpkin Display! *

It's that time of year!

Have a favorite book character?
Craft them onto a (craft) pumpkin
and bring them into the Duck Creek
Library by **October 10th** to
participate in the Book Character
Pumpkin Display!

You can submit as an individual or
family, and the craft pumpkins can
be any size (No real pumpkins,
please!).

**PUMPKINS WILL BE ON
DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY
FROM OCT. 17TH - OCT. 31ST**



• Pumpkins and Calming: Halloween Fun

◦ Thurs. October 1 @ 5pm

• Family Game Night

◦ Thurs. October 8 @ 5pm



• Community Photo Walk

◦ Sat. October 10 @ 12pm



• Tales & Tunes with the DE Symphony Orchestra

◦ Sat. October 10 @ 11am



• Family Movie Night!

◦ Tues. October 13 @ 5:30pm

◦ *Coco* (2017)



• Homeschool Hub

◦ Tues. October 13 @ 10am

• Financial Foundations: Banking Basics for Teens

◦ Thurs. October 15 @ 5pm

• ROOTS Halloween Fun

◦ Thurs. October 15 @ 5pm

◦ Ages 4-12



• Movie Night (PG-13)!

◦ Fri. October 16 @ 5:30pm

◦ *The Addams Family* (1991)



• Healthy Relationships: Nemours Workshop

◦ Tues. October 20 @ 5:30pm

• Money Moves: From Delay to Payday

◦ Wed. October 21 @ 5pm

◦ Presented by Delaware Money School



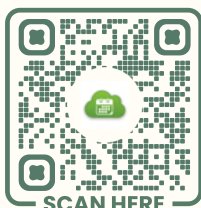
• AARP Defensive Driving Course - Refresher

◦ Fri. October 23 @ 10am

• The Delaware Poisoned Candy Murders of 1898

◦ Thurs. October 29 @ 6:30pm

◦ Presented by Delaware Humanities



EVENTS CALENDAR

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

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Engineer Early STEM Kit Distribution:

- Next Date: Fri. October 23rd

Duck Creek Writers Group

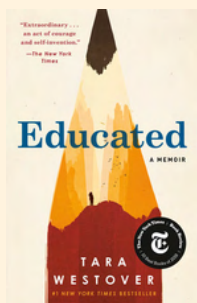
- Every Third Thursday
- 5pm
- Email **Ian Gronau at gronau.ian@gmail.com** to RSVP

Duck Creek Gardener's Club

- Every 4th Tuesday
- 6-8pm

Crochet Club

- Every other Wednesday
- Next Program: Wed. October 7
- 4-5pm
- **Ages 10-18**



Cover2Cover Book Club

- Every first Thursday
- In October we are reading: ***Educated* by Tara Westover**

October is...

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month
- Filipino American History Month
- Italian American Heritage Month
- Polish American Heritage Month

Resource Spotlight

Free Notary Services

- There is a notary in the library every third Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm.
 - **Please visit our website or call *Kimberly Logan at 302-659-7961 for more information!***
- Our Teleservices Specialist is also a certified notary. The Specialist is here every Wednesday from 9am-2pm.

CloudSource OA

- Find high-quality, peer-reviewed, academic articles covering a broad range of subject areas.
- Book chapters, reports, proceedings, dissertations, and open educational resources (OER) such as lesson plans, lectures, and lab activities are also available.
- Free full-text access through the Delaware Library Catalog (DLC). You do not need a Delaware Library Card to use this service.
- **Learn more at <https://lib.de.us/cloudsource/>**

Telescopes, blood pressure cuffs, cooktops, and more! Check out what **you** can check out from the Library of Things!





Run On Your New Legs by Wataru Midori

Shouta Kikuzato's hopes of starting on his school's prestigious soccer team are derailed when a terrible incident costs him his leg. Now in his first year of high school (again), Kikuzato has resigned himself to never reaching his athletic dreams. But when Chidori, a passing prosthetist, notices Kikuzato's artificial limb — and speed — as he races through the train station, the specialist proposes a partnership: Chidori will build Kikuzato a brand-new leg designed solely for speed. All Kikuzato has to do is run!



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Hollywood, Ending by John Green

For rising talents Kai Laramie and Juniper Castillo, being cast in the buzzy biopic *Andy Warhol Never Gets Old* is the opportunity they've both been waiting for. They're on the verge of breaking out, and maybe even falling in love. Soon, the movie is blowing up, and so are their lives—in exciting, but also terrifying, ways.

John Green artfully blends a behind-the-scenes Hollywood love story with an unflinching examination of the insatiable attention economy. Told through dual points of view, the novel brilliantly juxtaposes the on-screen study of Warhol's life at the dawn of celebrity culture with the intimate struggles of two young people figuring out who they are, both together and alone.



The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan by Jasmine Warga

Finnegan is a rescue dog with a broken heart.

Chase is a newly orphaned cheetah cub. The two animals couldn't be more different. But one day, they are brought

together for the unlikelyst of reasons: Finnegan must help Chase gain the confidence she needs to perform as part of an educational program for children at a zoo.

Finnegan and Chase have each suffered losses and have trouble trusting. Yet somehow, they are just what the other needs. But if Finnegan isn't able to help Chase overcome her fears, he won't just be letting Chase down—he could be risking his new home as well.

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The Pumpkin Thief by Alice Hemming

Squirrel and Bird are back, and this time there's a mystery in the vegetable patch! Bird's pumpkins keep disappearing, and this time there's EVIDENCE—footprints, peck-marks, a feather! There is a PUMPKIN THIEF!



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The Art of Fighting: The Transformative Power of Conflict by Priya Parker

We say we want community. Successful teams. High-performing colleagues and workplaces. Dynamic friend groups. Yet many of us don't understand the crucial element we need to forge long-lasting communities

in our lives: healthy conflict.

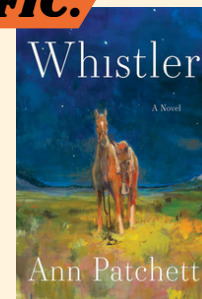
In *The Art of Fighting*, Priya Parker explains that we can't form and grow effective relationships without a fight. She rejects the idea that conflict is abnormal or that good groups don't fight. All groups change and evolve; indeed, it's because people disagree that good groups flourish.

Whether people disagree in the boardroom or the locker room, on a playground or in church, online or in person, conflict is a part of life, and understanding healthy conflict and how to harness its power is more important than ever.

Whistler by Ann Patchett

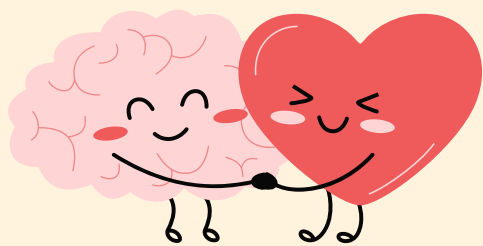
When Daphne Fuller and her husband Jonathan visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they notice an older, white-haired gentleman following them. The man turns out to be Eddie Triplett, her former stepfather, who had been married to her mother for a little more than year when Daphne was nine. Now fifty-three, Daphne hasn't seen Eddie for many years, not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives. Meeting again, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both, and now that they are reunited, they have no intention of ever being separated again.

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Community Wellness Fair



Written by Mary Jo Vazquez, A Seed of Hope Counseling Center

On September 19, the Kent County Team hosted a successful Health & Mental Health Fair at Duck Creek Regional Library in Smyrna, bringing together community members, families, and local organizations.

Held during Suicide Prevention Month, the event emphasized the importance of acknowledging mental health as a key component of overall health and understanding where to find support. Community members engaged with local resources, asked questions, and learned

about services available for individuals and families.

A highlight was seeing our vendors connect with one another—learning about each other's services, discovering opportunities to collaborate, and building stronger partnerships to better serve our community.

A Seed of Hope/TRY Prevention Program, Dover Behavioral Health System, and Duck Creek Regional Library sponsored the event. We are grateful to our vendors, community partners, volunteers, and everyone who attended and helped make the day a success!



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Response for
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302-653-4579



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Friends of DCRL

The next Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library Board Meeting is on Thursday, October 8th, 2026 at 6pm.



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Want to get involved with the Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library? Find out how at **duckcreek.lib.de.us/friends**