Build a Better World

2017 Children’s Summer Reading Program

Dover Public Library
June 10 to August 12
Cat’s Pajamas  
Friday, June 9 @ 6:30pm  
Meeting Room A  
The Cat’s Pajamas brings a musical comedy twist to high-octane-kid-rock in 3-part harmony that will knock your socks off. The audience is plunged into a wild, wonderful world of stories, puppets, props and costumes with sophisticated music that’s absolutely guaranteed to tickle the entire family’s funnybone. All Ages. No registration required.

DASEF: Think It, Build It, Test It!  
Tuesday, June 19 @ 11am  
Meeting Room C  
Children test their engineering on some cool problem solving projects. You and your child will build a test catapult, a marble roller coaster, and three bridge columns. All Ages. No registration Required.

Cascading Carlos  
Tuesday, June 27 @ 11am  
Meeting Room C  
Cascading Carlos is not a clown or magician, he is a juggler, nonetheless he clowns around and has a lot of illusions in his juggling show. You will be amazed by his juggling skills, while he teaches you how to juggle. His talent to motivate you through juggling will help you build your self-esteem, confidence and focus. All ages. No registration required.

Build it Better Shop  
Friday, July 14 @ 6:30pm  
Meeting Room C  
The audience will be transformed into engineers as they work with the owner of a Fix-it Shop, played by Rick Waterhouse, to fix various and sundry broken items that are brought to the shop by an assortment of characters that are often more interesting than the broken items they bring for repair. All Ages. No registration required.

Toad’s Escape  
Friday, July 17 @ 11am  
Meeting Room C  
Mr. Toad of Toad Hall is no ordinary amphibian. Wealthy, worldly and foolish beyond belief, Mr. Toad is a lover of motor cars, and one of the worst drivers in the English countryside. Presented by the Rehoboth Summer Children’s Theatre, audiences of all ages will be thrilled by the exploits of the amazing and outrageous Mr. Toad. Two actors play all the characters in this fun-filled production. All Ages. No registration required.

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Build It!
Sundays @ 1pm
Children’s Program Room
YOUR imagination + OUR really cool building stuff = FUN! No registration required.

Mad Scientist Mondays
Mondays @ 11am - Starts June 12th
Children’s Program Room
Join us for a variety of STEM activities and demonstrations geared towards school-age kids and tweens! No registration required.

Children’s Yoga
Wednesdays @ 10:30am - Beginning June 14th
Children’s Program Room
Children’s yoga teaches animated poses and breathing exercises that help to strengthen coordination and build body awareness. Bring your own yoga mat. Ages: 4-12. Registration is required.

Read and Make Adventure Trail
Thursday, June 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 10:30am
Children’s Program Room
Come to the Dover Public Library for a storytime, followed by a field trip across the street to the Biggs for crafts. Ages 4 and up. Registration is required.

Craft Corner
Thursdays @ 2 pm - Beginning July 6th
Children’s Program Room
Come enjoy do-it-yourself crafts. Children 10 and up. No registration is required.

Tinker Labs
Wednesdays @ 6:00pm - Beginning June 16th
Children’s Program Room
Join us for a variety of exciting STEM activities and demonstrations geared towards school-age kids and tweens! No registration required.

Super Saturdays
Saturdays @ 2pm
Children’s Program Room
Join us for fun crafts and activities for school-age kids! No registration required.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Turtle Dance Music
Thursday, July 20 @ 2pm
Meeting Room C
The sensory-friendly Music engages children with songs, comedy, robots, bubbles, music technology, and original stories about why engineers, architects, and designers rock! The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum. All ages. No registration required.

Bridge Builders
Monday, July 24 @ 2pm
Meeting Room B
Join the Marshall Steam Museum and explore and test bridge designs before building a bridge of your own using recycled materials. Ages 7-12. Registration required.

Summer Cooking Camp
July 24 through July 28 @ 1:30pm
Children’s Program Room
This program focuses on the importance of hand washing, causes of cross contamination, and safe food handling processes. This class is very interactive with games and activities, and food recipes. Cooking is involved. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Hooked on Books
Friday, August 11 @ 6:30pm
Multipurpose Room C
Mark Lohr plays mild-mannered Mr. Jones who sits down one day to enjoy a television program. He is interrupted by a public service announcement that makes him aware of the epic battle that is raging between TV and books. Mr. Jones is jolted from the comfort of his easy chair into hilarious escapades. All Ages. No registration required.

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Thursday Picnic Storytime
Thursdays @ 6pm - Between the Library and City Hall
Storytime for all ages! This program will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner! No registration required.

Friday Family Storytime
Fridays @ 10:30am - Children’s Program Room
Songs and stories for all ages! Tickets are required and can be picked up from the Children’s Department starting the Wednesday prior to that week’s storytime.

PAWS for People
Mondays @ 6:30pm - Children’s Program Room
Read aloud for 10 minutes to a friendly therapy dog provided by PAWS for People. Children can read a book of their choice to therapy dog teams at the Library. Registration is required for each session and for each child. Children should be in kindergarten or above.
***Available Dates: June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 24th, and August 14th and 28th***

Blue Hen Award
Sponsored by the Youth Services Division of the Delaware Library Association, children can vote on selected picture or chapter books. If children turn in their ballot to the Dover Public Library Children’s Department between June 10th and August 12th, they will earn a ticket for the raffle prize drawing. Ballots are available online and in the library. See the Children’s Department for more information.

A Book that Shaped Me
An essay writing contest for rising 5th and 6th graders run by the Library of Congress. Children write a one-page letter about a book that has had an impact on them. The contest runs until July 8th. Children who turn in a letter and entry form to the Dover Public Library will be entered into the national contest, where they are eligible for prizes. Additionally, participants will earn a ticket for the Library’s raffle prize. Entry forms are available online and at the library. See the Children’s Department for more information.