

# Summer 2025 @ ELANCO Library



## EVENTS CATALOG



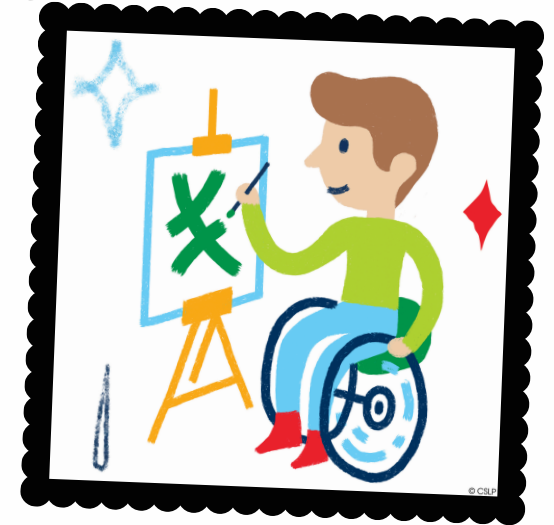
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**Summer Reading Program runs  
June 7–August 16!**  
**Call or visit for details on the reading  
challenge, prizes, and more!**



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# SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

**Saturday, June 7, 2025  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Join us at the ELANCO Library for music, food, crafts & other fun, special guests & surprises, as well as a Community Resource Fair, to celebrate the kickoff of ***Summer 2025 @ ELANCO Library: Color Our World.***

(This is also the first day you can pick up your Summer Reading Challenge Logs.)  
All ages welcome.



# Every Child Ready to Read



## Music & Movement Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. **Each month, we'll focus on a different theme:**

**June:** *Colors:* We'll read books featuring the wonderful colors that make up our world.

**July:** *Art:* We'll explore stories about art and artists of all kinds!

**August:** *Our Multi-Colored Natural World:* We'll learn about the colorful plants, animals, and minerals in our environment.

This musical storytime is designed to promote language development and reading readiness skills while providing young children with joyful introductions to a variety of music and music-making experiences. Also a great storytime experience for active children who do not enjoy sitting still! For ages 0-6; siblings welcome.



## Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, or movement activities while building language and literacy skills. For ages 4-6 and siblings.

## Toddler Thursdays Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot and hop between stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. For ages 0-3 and siblings.

**Each month, we'll focus on a different theme for Preschool Storytime and Toddler Thursdays:**

**June:** *Colors:* Join us to learn about the wonderful colors we find in our world.

**July:** *Shapes:* Join us to explore the shapes we see in the world around us.

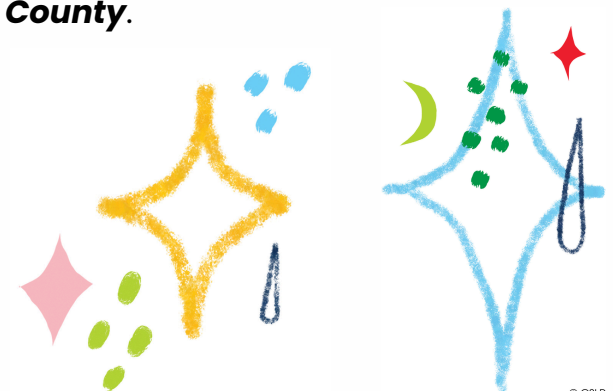
**August:** *Transportation:* Join us to investigate vehicles and other ways we navigate the world!



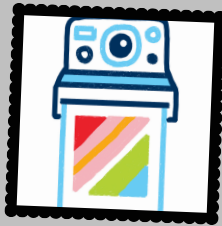
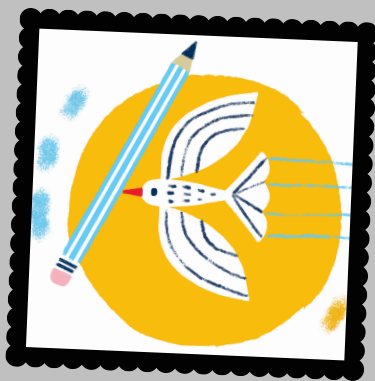
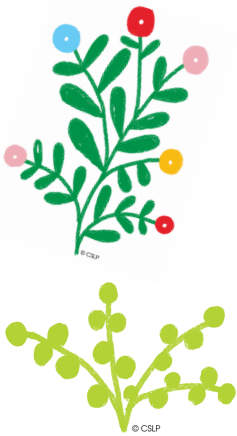
## ELANCO Area Summer Play and Learn Series – Ready for Kindergarten!

**Fridays, July 11, 18, & 25, and  
August 1 at 10 a.m.**

Join us for FREE sessions of learning through play, with information and resources to support your child's development and school readiness skills. For families with children birth to age 5. **Registration is required.** To register, email [abeck@caplanc.org](mailto:abeck@caplanc.org). Co-sponsored by **ELANCO Library, Community Action Partnership, Thrive to Five, CrossNet Ministries, ELANCO First 10, and The Basics Lancaster County.**



# Animals at the Library!



## Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!

**Saturdays, July 5 and August 2 at 2 p.m.**

Research shows that therapy dogs help people to improve attention span, focus, & well-being and that reluctant readers enjoy and benefit from reading aloud to a pup. People of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to **Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever**, who will be accompanied by **Mrs. Carol Stark**.

## Forgotten Friends Reptile Show\*

**Monday, June 9 at 2 p.m.**

Come laugh and learn with **Jesse Rothacker** of **Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary** and his scaley sidekicks, and check out some reptile books, too! All ages welcome.

## Raven Ridge Wildlife Program\*

**Thursday, July 17 at 1 p.m.**

**Raven Ridge Wildlife Center** presents a one-hour program with a little bit of everything from PA reptiles to mammals and birds of prey. They will talk about how they acquired these animals as ambassadors and how they are beneficial for the environment. They will also share some neat facts and misconceptions about some of these creatures, and they will touch on the laws and regulations of rehabilitating wildlife and the agencies they work with. All ages welcome.

**\*Space is limited for these events! Entry will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early to secure your seats.**

# New Hands-On Learning Kits: Check Them Out!

Are you looking for something to do that combines fun with learning this summer? Borrow one or more of ELANCO Library's new kits! There are:

- **28** new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Kits
- **2** new Music Kits
- **22** new Early Learning Kits
- **1** new Logic Kit
- **5** new Art/History Kits

Check out everything from a microscope, to handbells, to life cycle kits, and much more, with your library card! Each kit contains books, suggested activities, and/or guides in addition to manipulatives, tools, and other tactile learning materials! Kits suitable for ages 2 through high school are available. **Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera for a full list!**





# Special Guests for Adults

## Kathleen Hood Author Talk



**Wednesday, June 11 at 2 p.m.**

Meet author **Kathleen Hood**, the coordinator of the Lafayette200 Bicentennial, who will discuss her newly released book about Lafayette, share facts about Lafayette's journey through Lancaster County in 1825, and describe how Lafayette is being celebrated in 2025.

## Lafayette in Lancaster with Benton Webber

**Thursday, June 12 at 2 p.m.**

While but a teenager, the French aristocrat Marquis de Lafayette left his home in France and traveled to the newly formed United States of America to help it win the Revolutionary War. A half century later, in 1824 & 1825, he was invited to return as a celebrated guest of the nation and traveled across the United States for 13 months. Local historian **Benton Webber** will discuss Lafayette's 1825 visit to Lancaster as well as the special events planned to commemorate it during the 2025 Bicentennial Reenactment Tour.



## Focus on Finance: Allen Wessel Presents

**Monday, June 23 at 6 p.m.**

*Retirement by Design*

This presentation illustrates how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. You'll learn investment strategies to help design the retirement you want. We'll also discuss how you can add flexibility to your strategy to help you handle unexpected events and how you can keep your strategy on track.

**Monday, July 14 at 6 p.m.**

*Retirement:*

*Making Your Money Last*

This presentation discusses ideas to help build a reasonable and sustainable strategy for managing income and expenses during retirement. We'll explore how to address key concerns such as inflation, health care expenses, and market volatility as well as ways to prepare for things that may not go as expected.

**Thursday, August 14 at 6 p.m.**

*Social Security:*

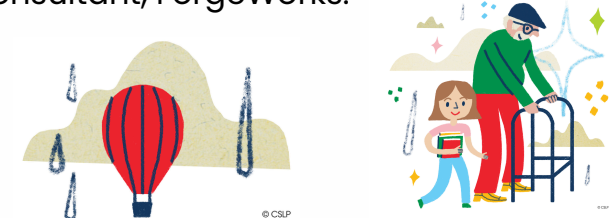
*Your Questions Answered*

Social Security likely will be the foundation of your retirement income. We'll discuss how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, when you should start taking benefits, and tax considerations. **Allen Wessel** is a Certified Financial Planner with over 25 years of experience. He currently works as a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones, New Holland.

## A Trip to the Seaside: A Book Club for Adults Experiencing Dementia or Other Brain Changes

**Wednesdays, June 25, July 16, and August 20 at 2 p.m.**

Reading is a wonderful way to engage, make connections, and activate memories. People with dementia and brain changes can enjoy reading, which is a skill rooted in our long-term memories. Don't miss an opportunity for your loved one to engage in a book club designed for people with brain changes. Book clubs can nurture social connections and deeper engagement with others dealing with brain changes. Research has shown that people with brain changes and dementia are severely underestimated in their ability to read. Being part of a book club is more than just a pleasant pastime. This book club allows people with brain changes to be lifelong learners and engage with others on a brain change/dementia journey. Come enjoy the book *A Trip to the Seaside*, written by Kate Chesters. This adult book is written and designed for adults with brain changes. Facilitated by **Janie Martin**, Dementia Educator and Consultant, ForgeWorks.

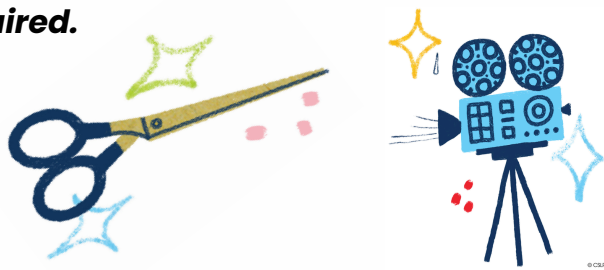


# For Teens and Tweens



## Cartooning Made Easy Wednesday, July 2 at 1 p.m.

Students will be instructed on the basics of cartooning so they can caricature the world around them, create original cartoons, and draw their favorite cartoon characters. **Ed Klein** has drawn for The Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros. Studios, Don Bluth Animation Studios, Hanna Barbera Studios, Hyperion Studios, Filmation Studios, Ross Bagdasarian Productions, Calabash Animation Studios, K.C.M.P. Productions, and numerous independent and commercial studios in New York and throughout the country. **Registration is required.**



## Experiments with Light and Color

**Wednesday, July 16 at 11 a.m.**

Come investigate the fascinating world of light and color. Participants will enjoy learning using science equipment such as prisms, prism glasses, slinkies, blacklights and more. Be prepared to be 'wowed' by light and color! Presented by **Lancaster County Parks and Recreation.**

## Trash to Treasure

**Wednesday, August 6 at 11 a.m.**

The Conestoga River runs right through Lancaster County and into the Susquehanna. Along the way, glass products find their way into the waterway and become smoothed over time making a "sea glass" of sorts. Join us in learning a little bit about our local waterways and watersheds while giving new life to waste by making a water glass hanging. When completed, take it home and hang it somewhere that will catch your eye! Presented by **Lancaster County Parks and Recreation.**



## Preparing for an Exam?

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**<https://lynx.lancasterlibraries.org/resources/mometrix>**



# Art For Adults



## Tips from the Masters: Gardening Illustrated by Fine Art

**Saturday, June 14 at 11 a.m.**

What do “old master” paintings and gardening have in common? This presentation uses fine art to illustrate a variety of gardening tips from the Master Gardener program. Topics addressed include improving soil, integrated pest management, and invasive plants. Presented by **Lois Miklas, Penn State Extension Master Gardeners.**

## Folded Book Art Class

**Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

Making folded book art involves marking and folding the pages of a book to create a three-dimensional sculpture, image, design, or word on the edge of the pages. Instructor **Jeannette Kolb** will introduce the craft, display some of her work, demonstrate basic techniques, and get you started on your own creation. Learn to transform unwanted books into stunning works of art. All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required.**



## Watercolor Workshops

*Workshop # 1:*

**Fridays, June 20 & 27 at 2 p.m.**

*Workshop # 2:*

**Fridays, July 18 & 25 at 2 p.m.**

A chance for those of you who have thought about trying your hand at painting but don't know where to start, this class will teach you different approaches to watercolor painting and the basics of how to manipulate watercolors. Some drawing may be required, but this should be a fun experience for all, no matter what level of experience. Beginners are encouraged to participate, and experienced artists are invited to enjoy the opportunity to paint in a group setting. Session One will get you started on a project and Session Two will allow you more time to complete it; but participants are welcome to join one or both sessions. **Sandra Sanders** (aka **San Hoy**, her artist name), who has been exhibiting her work in the Library, will be conducting this workshop. She works in many mediums in addition to watercolors and is a former public school art teacher. All materials will be provided. **Registration is required.**



## Beginning Origami Workshop

**Saturday, August 9 at 2 p.m.**

Origami has long been recognized for its ability to enhance concentration, reduce stress, foster creativity, and improve problem-solving skills! This workshop is sponsored by the **Center for Creative Exploration** at **Pennsylvania College of Art & Design** and presented by instructor **Kerrin Barelli**. We will delve into the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, using a single square of paper to create simple yet beautiful designs. No prior experience is required! Notes: This is a seated one-hour class. Please bring a notebook for taking notes. Supplies are provided for your use. For adults and teens aged 16+.



# Special Events for Kids & Families

## Family STEM Nights

**Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 6 p.m.**

Bring the whole family and work as a team to design, build, test, discover, and solve a different STEM challenge each week! Themes range from astronomy to zoology, and all ages are welcome.

## Let's Make Music: Play by Color!

**Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m.**

We'll team up and use color-coded handbells, chime bars, & Boomwhackers, and color-coded songs sheets, to play musical games and simple songs together. Reading music is not required, and no prior musical experience is necessary to fully participate and enjoy! Best for ages 6-10, but siblings, and persons of all ages, are welcome.

## Working on the Railroad

**Wednesday, June 25 at 11 a.m.**

Participants will be able to interact with many hands-on visual aids and artifacts, like tools, lanterns, uniform items, dining car china, and ticket punches, to explore the various jobs in railroading. Best for children under 12, but all ages are welcome. Presented by the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**.



## LEGO Creation Club

**Thursdays, June 26, July 10, and August 28 at 6 p.m.**

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed throughout the library. Recommended for ages 8+ and siblings.

## Animal Eyes and What They See

**Wednesday, July 23 at 11 a.m.**

Humans can see 7 colors in the rainbow, but did you know some animals see more and some less? Many animals can only see a few colors while others can see colors we didn't even know existed on the UV spectrum and beyond. Many animals have excellent night vision while others have no night vision at all. Join us to run a few "eyeball experiments" and learn what colors different types of animals can see. Best for ages 6-10, but all are welcome! Presented by **Lancaster County Parks and Recreation**.

## Crazy About Rainbows

**Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m.**

Rainbows are magical. When do we see rainbows and why? Put on a pair of rainbow glasses and see all the beautiful colors of light. Together we will read a rainbow book, play games, and complete a rainbow craft. Best for ages 4-6, but all are welcome. **Presented by Lancaster County Parks and Recreation.**

## "Colorful Magic" Show

**Tuesday, July 29 at 2 p.m.**

Get ready for some magic at ELANCO Library with **Magician Mike Rose**! The show consists of impossible magic tricks and off the wall comedy all themed around color. All ages welcome.

## Glitter Critters

**Wednesday, August 13 at 11 a.m.**

Learn about all that shimmers and sparkles in the animal world while looking at pictures and preserved specimens. Paint a beetle picture using natural mica glitter to take home. Best for ages 6-10, but all are welcome. Presented by **Lancaster County Parks and Recreation**.





# Other Special Events

## Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

**Mondays, June 2 and August 4 at 2 p.m.**

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for June is *Small World* by Jonathan Envision, and the book selection for August is *Riding the Bus With My Sister* by Rachel Simon. For adults.

## Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

**Mondays, June 9, July 14, and August 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us at the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. All ages welcome.

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