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THE DATE

JUNE 2025



ELANCO Library



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.

During the summer, students can lose approximately **27%** of their school-year gains in math and **20%** of their gains in reading. **Children who participate in summer reading programs and in quality educational opportunities & learning activities during the summer are the least susceptible to summer learning loss.** The impact is lasting! According to the Johns Hopkins School of Education, **"two thirds of the ninth-grade reading achievement gap can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities during the elementary school years."** For learners in low-income households, summer activities have an even greater positive influence. ELANCO Library's **Summer Reading Program** runs **June 7 to August 16, 2025**, and we are pleased to offer more than **80 educational & enriching programs & special events** this Summer. **Stop the summer slide!** Enroll your children in ELANCO Library's Summer Reading Program and attend library events with them! Encourage others to do the same.

Summer @ ELANCO Library is not just for children! The Library will offer several **art classes for adults**; a guest speaker series for adults including **lectures on historical, financial, and artistic topics**, and a **Reading Challenge for Adults**. Please join us!

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HAPPENINGS**Tips from the Masters: Gardening Illustrated by Fine Art** - Sat., June 14 at 11am

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 6:30pm

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. For adults. Registration is required.

Watercolor Workshop - Fridays, June 20 & 27 at 2pm

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. Sandra Sanders, 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. For adults.

Retirement by Design - Monday, June 23 at 6pm

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. This lecture, delivered by Allen Wessel, a Certified Financial Planner with over 25 years of experience, will be followed by time for Q & A. For adults.

Working on the Railroad - Wednesday, June 25 at 11am

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. Program is best for children under 12, but all ages are welcome. Presented by the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

A Trip to the Seaside - Wednesday, June 25 at 2pm

Adults experiencing dementia or other brain changes are invited to connect with others and enjoy *A Trip to the Seaside* by Kate Chesters, an adult book written and designed for adults with brain changes. Facilitated by Janie Martin, Dementia Educator and Consultant, ForgeWorks.

LEGO Creation Club - Thursday, June 26 at 6pm

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

Music & Movement: Colors - Mondays at 10:30am (Ages 0-6 & siblings)

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, all while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language.

Preschool Storytime: Colors - Tuesdays at 10:30am (Ages 4-6 & siblings)

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Toddler Thursdays: Colors - Thursdays at 10:30am (Ages 0-3 & siblings)

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot, and hop with stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion - Monday, June 2 at 2pm

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion about *Small World* by Jonathan Envision. For adults.

Family STEM Nights - Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6pm

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.

Forgotten Friends Reptile Show - Monday, June 9 at 2pm

Come laugh and learn with Jesse Rothacker of Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary and his scaly sidekicks, and check out some reptile books, too! All ages welcome. Space is limited, and entry will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hooks and Needles: Yarn Craft Club - Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm

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 are invited!

Kathleen Hood Author Talk - Wednesday, June 11 at 2pm

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. For adults.

Lafayette in Lancaster - Thursday, June 12 at 2pm

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. For adults.

Let's Make Music: Play by Color! - Friday, June 13 at 2pm

We'll team up and use color-coded handbells, chime bars, and 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.