



JULY EVENTS

FOR ALL AGES



SIGN UP FOR
SUMMER READING
TODAY!

Register & Log Reading June 22 - August 10

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY 2026 SUMMER READING

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Early Literacy: Ages 0 to 5 years old

This program supports the development of early literacy skills that foster a lifelong love of reading. Complete six or more activities from the CHPL Early Literacy Mission to earn a free book and one virtual raffle ticket for one of our grand prizes!

Kids: Ages 5 to 11 years old

Every minute you spend reading earns you 1 point! Reach milestones of 300, 600, 1,000, and 3,500 points to receive exciting prizes. Read every week for the chance to win a \$10 Five Below gift card. Use your points to enter raffles for one of our Prize Baskets awarded at the end of summer!

Teens: Grades 6 to 12

Earn points throughout the summer by logging minutes spent reading, writing book reviews, completing missions, and attending teen programs. Spend your points on raffle tickets for one of our amazing grand prizes! Every teen who registers for summer reading will earn a FREE gift which must be redeemed at the library.

Adults: Ages 18+ years old

Join us for a chance to win awesome prizes! Just for registering, adults will earn a spin on the Reference Department's PRIZE WHEEL. Adults can earn points for entries into the grand prize raffles by logging books, writing book reviews, completing missions, and attending select library events for adults.



Scan to register
on ReadSquared

SUMMER READING GRAND PRIZES

Grand Prizes for Early Literacy

- 👤 Eric Carle basket
- 👤 Dinosaur basket
- 👤 \$100 Inkwood Books gift card
- 👤 TonieBox 2 Bundle
(One TonieBox 2 and 4 Tonie figures)
- 👤 Please Touch Museum 1-year membership
- 👤 Cherry Hill Kids First Swim School Basket**

Grand Prizes for Kids

- 👤 \$100 Inkwood Books gift card
- 👤 \$100 Sky Zone gift card
- 👤 \$100 AMC gift card
- 👤 Edelman Fossil Museum Silver membership
- 👤 Archeology basket
- 👤 Paleontology basket
- 👤 Cherry Hill Kids First Swim School Basket**
- 👤 *Baby Sitter's Club* basket
- 👤 *Warriors* basket
- 👤 *Dog Man* basket
- 👤 Arts & Crafts Basket

Grand Prizes for Adults

- 👤 Rakuten Kobo Clara Color eReader
- 👤 \$100 Inkwood Books gift card
- 👤 \$100 Kiss and Tale Bookshop gift card
- 👤 \$100 Bookshop.org gift card
- 👤 \$100 McNaughton's gift card
- 👤 Edelman Fossil Museum Silver membership
- 👤 Ancestry.com US 12-month gift membership
- 👤 Dinosaur Island board game
- 👤 Tyrannosaurus Rex LEGO set

Grand Prizes for Teens

- 👤 \$100 Inkwood Books gift card
- 👤 \$100 Color Me Mine gift card
- 👤 Crunchyroll 12-month membership
- 👤 Adventurous Reads bundle (Fiction)
- 👤 Adventurous Reads bundle (Manga/Graphic Novel)
- 👤 Fireflies Painting To Gogh Studio kit
- 👤 LEGO Art LOVE collectible set

Certain kids and teens prizes will draw two winners for grand prizes. See Youth Services librarians for more information.

**The Swim School Baskets for both Early Literacy & Kids include vouchers for one month of free group swim lessons & one month free family swim on Sundays.

REMINDER:

The last day to log activity is
Monday, August 10.
The last day to spend raffle tickets on prizes is
Monday, August 17.



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CLOSURES:

Friday, July 3: Closed for Independence Day
Saturday, July 4: Closed for Independence Day



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JULY CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Events with an asterisk **REQUIRE REGISTRATION**. Events take place in the Story Time & Craft Room, Upper Level unless noted otherwise.



*Fourth of July Lanterns for Tweens

Wednesday, July 1 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America by creating Fourth of July Lanterns!

For **ages 8 to 12**.

Family Dance Party • Thursday, July 2 • 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Geared towards kids **ages 2 to 5**, this program is designed to get everyone up and moving. Come ready to dance and dress festively for the holiday weekend. No registration.



***Fireworks in a Jar • Thursday, July 2 • 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join us for a fun-filled STEM activity as we explore density with oil and water. The activity will produce colorful streaks in the water that look like underwater fireworks. For **ages 5 to 9 years old** (grades K-3).



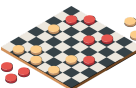
***Kids Take & Make: Dinosaur Suncatchers • Ready for Pick-up on Monday, July 6**

Create your own dinosaur suncatcher with this easy take & make kit! Recommended for kids **ages 6 to 10 years old** (grades K-5) with the help of a grown-up. You will need your own scissors.



***Tweens Make: Your Own Checkers Game Set! • Tuesday, July 7 • 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Get the chance to make your own DIY checkboard set! In this program, you will custom-make the game pieces and decorate your game board/box. For tweens **ages 8 to 12** (grades 3-6).



***Insect in Amber: Slime Craft • Wednesday, July 8 • 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Dress for a little mess in this insectastic program! You will love playing with the amber slime and seeing the insects trapped inside. This program is for **ages 6 to 12 years old** (grades K-6).



Stories in the Park: Barclay Farmstead • Friday, July 10 • 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Stroll over to Barclay Farmstead for a special outdoor story time brought to you by Cherry Hill Recreation and CHPL! This event is for **all ages**. No registration required. *Weather permitting.*



***Dino Water Explorers! • Monday, July 13 • 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. • Friendship Grove**

Dress your tots in bathing suits and sunscreen for this outdoor program! We will have toys, water tables, shallow pools, bubbles, and more for your kids to play with at this program. For **ages 12 to 36 months old**.



***Make a Dinosaur Terrarium! • Monday, July 13 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Make a dinosaur-themed terrarium using rocks, (fake) plants, moss, and a small toy dinosaur who will live inside your terrarium. For **ages 8 to 12** (grades 2-5).



***Tween Intro to Artistry Summer Series • Tuesday, July 14 • 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Want to take an art class taught by a local artist? This is the final class in our summer art series for tweens **ages 9 to 12**! Learn and practice a different art technique each month with artist/instructor Kaylee.

Backyard Story Time • Friday, July 17, 24 & 31 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. • Friendship Grove

Join us in the library's backyard for stories and fun! Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. For **all ages**. No registration required. *In case of inclement weather, story time will be moved into the Conference Center, Lower Level.*



***Let's Make a Dinosaur! • Friday, July 17 • 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

You and your child will work together to make a stuffed dinosaur. By the end of the program, you will have a new buddy to bring home and play with for years to come! For **ages 3 to 9**.



***Unearth Your Story: Fanfiction for Tweens • Saturday, July 18 • 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join us for a 1-hour writing fanfiction writing session with local author, Laura Genn. Laura will guide tweens in story structure, character creation, and help problem-shoot any issues you are having with your fanfiction. For **ages 9 to 12** (grades 4-6).



Time Capsule Workshop • Monday, July 20 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Make a time capsule that you can open in the future! Decorate your time capsule with a variety of craft supplies provided. **Participants must bring their own time capsule (shoe box, jar, etc.).** This event is for **all ages**. No registration required.



***Dinos on the Go with The Edelman Fossil Park & Museum! • Tuesday, July 21 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level**

Learn about dinosaurs and fossils with the Edelman Fossil Park & Museum! Kids will have the opportunity to engage with real scientists and touch real fossils and specimens from our active fossil quarry that are over 66 million years old. **This is a family-friendly event.**



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*Zoophoria: Kids Animal and Art Show

Wednesday, July 22 • 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Meet a variety of creatures like reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Get hands-on and learn some amazing facts about their diet, habitat, and behavior. And fuse the world of art and science by recreating my creatures using art! For **children up to 12 years old**.



*Great Dino Baby Race • Thursday, July 23 • 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Register your crawling baby for this event and have the chance to win a gift card to Tildie's Toy Box in Haddonfield! All participants will be able to pick out and take home a board book for their baby. Registration is for baby participants (not caregivers).



*Cave Painting • Friday, July 24 • 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Friendship Grove

Dress for mess at this outside program where we pretend we are prehistoric humans making art for the first time! In this program, we will learn a little bit about paleolithic art make our own. This program is for **ages 3 to 9** (grades Preschool-3).



LEGO Challenge! • Friday, July 24 • 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Come use our huge collection of LEGO building blocks to create your own masterpiece. This is a drop-in program with no registration required.



*Flying Paper Dinosaurs • Saturday, July 25 • 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us as we construct a paper pterodactyl flying puppet. For **ages 7 to 10** (grades 2-5).



*Night Owls • Monday, July 27 • 6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Can't make it to our story times during the day? Join us for an evening of great stories and songs! Improve literacy skills and encourage school-readiness with this story time. For **ages 2 to 5**.



*Fun with Fossils • Tuesday, July 28 • 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

We will make our own dinosaur and seashell fossils in air dry clay. For **ages 3 to 6**.



*Toddler and Crawl Play Hour • Wednesday, July 29 • 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. • Half Conference Center, Lower Level

Join us for a special playgroup just for toddlers! This is the perfect program to get your new walker moving and grooving. For **ages 16 to 36 months old**.



*Little Archaeologists Story Time! • Thursday, July 30 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dig into the past as we try out being archaeologists with the American Swedish Historical Museum! Learn about archaeology and museums as we get a hands-on look at archaeology through a storytime, archaeological tool exploration, and a mini dig site. Designed for **ages 2-6**.



*Thumbprint Art – Upper Elementary • Thursday, July 30 • 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Crafts for upper elementary-aged kids, **ages 8 to 10** (grades 3-5). This week, we will be creating stories or comics from thumbprint art like that of artist Ed Emberley.



*Tea-Rex Party! • Friday, July 31 • 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For kids **ages 3 to 5**, this program will have everything: a story, snacks, tea, and games! Make sure to wear your finest tea party clothes and get ready for lots of fun! *Please make sure to register all attendees (grown-ups and children) attending this program.*

JULY STORY TIMES

*Little Wiggles: Baby Story Time •

Monday, July 6 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, July 18 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Monday, July 20 • 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

This program is perfect for extra bonding time with your baby! After story time, we will have a short open play session. For babies **0 to 16 months old**.



*Rhyme Time • Tuesdays, July 7, 14 & 21 • 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Develop a baby's motor, sensory, and social skills. Join us for short books, songs, movement, and more! For infants, crawlers, and walkers. **Ages 0 to 23 months old**.



*Tales for Twos • Wednesdays, July 8, 15 & 22 • 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Enjoy this program designed just for **2-year-olds**! Develop language and pre-literacy skills with stories, songs, rhymes, and movement.



*Little Bookworm's Story Time • Thursdays, July 9, 16, & 23 • 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Improve literacy skills and encourage school-readiness with this story time for children **ages 3 to 5** featuring stories, songs, and finger plays.



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JULY TEEN EVENTS

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***Chill & Chat** • Wednesday, July 1, 15 & 29 • 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. • Friendship Grove

Let's go and touch some grass! Spend some time outside with friends and peers. Be sure to bring a book, craft, ball to toss around or anything you are working on! Light refreshments will be provided. *Event location in Friendship Grove is weather permitting. For days with severe weather, we will meet in the teen space on the YS floor.* For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Crafternoon: Toploader Deco Photocards** • Monday, July 6 • 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Show your love for your favorite celebrity, character, or anything you want by decorating a photocard! Email two photos you would like to decorate cards for to tmeza@chplnj.org BEFORE the program (Make subject line of email "Crafternoon Deco Cards" with your last name). For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Super Smah Bros. Ultimate Tournament** • Saturday, July 11 • 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Ready to go head-to-head? Choose your character and compete in this bracket-style tournament to see who is the Ultimate Super Smash Bros champion! Each registration is for one player and all competitors must register PRIOR to the event taking place. For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Teen Take & Make: Crochet Worry Worm** • Monday, July 13 • All day

Interested in Crochet? Worry Worms are an approachable project for beginners! All supplies needed will be included in your kit. For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Crafternoon: Shrinky Dink Keychains** • Monday, July 20 • 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Hang out and craft your own keychain or charm on shrinky dink paper! For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Teens Cook: Dino Dirt Cup** • Tuesday, July 21 • 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Assemble your own dinosaur themed dirt cup! Teens with allergy concerns should contact staff at teens@chplnj.org. For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Zoophoria: Careers in the Animal Field** • Tuesday, July 22 • 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

This program is for middle school and high school students with an interest in animals/biology. The program will explore different animal-centered career options. Learn from folks in different areas of work and see what interests you about animals, their care, and their preservation! You might just find your future career! For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Crafternoon: Tote Bag Painting** • Monday, July 27 • 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Beat the heat for an afternoon at the library and paint a canvas tote bag of your very own! Get creative with it! For teens entering grades 6-12.



***Mindful Art for Tweens & Teens** • Wednesday, July 29 • 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Relax your mind with some mindful art. Our art projects are meant to be simple, repetitive, and meditative, encouraging you to enjoy the creative process and focus less on the product. For **ages 9 to 18 years old (grades 4 and up)**.

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JULY ADULT EVENTS



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Must Watch Documentary – *Mr. Nobody Against Putin* • Thursday, July 2 • 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

A Russian teacher secretly documents his small town school's transformation into a war recruitment center during the Ukraine invasion. 2026 Oscar Winner for Best Documentary 1 hr. 30 min. Rated PG-13



Adult Summer Reading – Outdoor Silent Book Club • Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Friendship Grove

Join us outside in the tent for a silent book club for adults! Please bring a blanket or beach chair and your reading material. Please note: this event is weather-dependent.

*Concoctions Book Club • Thursday, July 9 • 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Mechanical Brewery 5 Perina Blvd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Join us for a book discussion of Samanta Schweblin's sci-fi horror, *Little Eyes*, at Mechanical Brewery. Do not forget to register! Mechanical Brewery is located at 5 Perina Blvd, Cherry Hill, 08003. Must be 21 and older to participate.

Needlework Meetup • Tuesday, July 14 & 28 • 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Multicultural Room, Lower Level

Do you knit, crochet, or do any needlework of any kind? Join us for an in-person meeting and work on your project. If you have any questions, please email Kristin at kredmond@chplnj.org.

*An Evening with Kevin Casey • Tuesday, July 14 • 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Join CHPL for a talk with local Philadelphia Union and FIFA World Cup stadium public address announcer Kevin Casey.

*Edelman Fossil Park & Museum: Beyond the Park • Wednesday, July 15 • 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Conference Center, Lower Level

The fossil park's connection to New Jersey's agriculture industry is key to its role as a window to earth's past. Come join us as they unearth their history alongside the fossils that are found at their site!

*Adult Craft: Lenape Clay Coil Pots Thursday, July 16 • 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Half Conference Center, Lower Level

The Lenape, indigenous people of New Jersey, are known to have crafted pottery by coiling clay. We will be using polymer clay. To set the clay, you will need to heat it in your home oven after the event. Instructions and materials will be provided.

*Rank the Desserts with LWV Camden County Saturday, July 18 • 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Voter Choice New Jersey and the League of Women Voters of Camden County invite you to a fun and informative afternoon. You'll get to sample delicious treats while learning about a better way to vote!

Movie Monday – *Jurassic World: Rebirth* • Monday, July 20 • 2 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

Five years post-*Jurassic World: Dominion* (2022), an expedition braves isolated equatorial regions to extract DNA from three massive prehistoric creatures for a groundbreaking medical breakthrough. 2 hr. 13 min. Rated: PG-13

Share Your Harvest • Wednesday, July 22 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. • Library Lobby, Main Level

Do you have a surplus of homegrown produce from your garden? Bring your extras to exchange with other patrons of CHPL!

*Introduction to Genealogy • Tuesday, July 28 • 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. • Computer Lab, Lower Level

In this two hour class taught by David Meyer, learn how to use the library's resources such as Ancestry.com and other tools to delve into your family's history. This class requires some computer knowledge, such as how to use a mouse and a keyboard.

Share Your Harvest • Saturday, July 25 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Library Lobby, Main Level

Do you have a surplus of homegrown produce from your garden? Bring your extras to exchange with other patrons of CHPL!

*Red Bank Battlefield Archaeology Project • Wednesday, July 29 • 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. • Conference Center, Lower Level

In summer of 2022, the remains of 15 Hessian soldiers were discovered during a community dig day at Gloucester County's Red Bank Battlefield Park in National Park. The park is the site of a landmark Revolutionary War battle between Patriot forces and Hessians fighting for the British crown. A national team of researchers is analyzing the remains and conducting research with the hope that one or more of the Hessian soldiers can be identified.

