

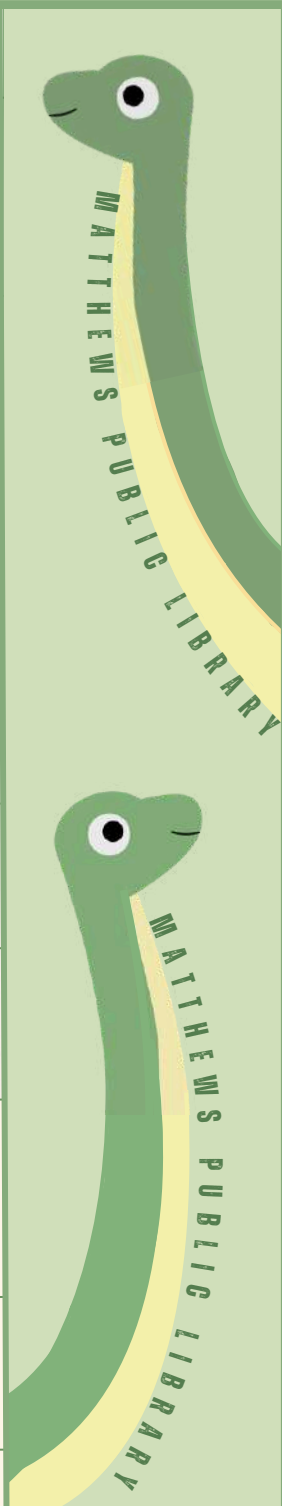
HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2026



↓ TUESDAYS @ 2PM **SUMMER FUN: UNEARTH A STORY!** THURSDAYS @ 2PM ↓

Dig into summer learning with these programs! Free! Everyone welcome! No registration necessary!

- * **June 16 - Phredd, Ukelele One-Man Band!**
The ukulele-flailing, harmonica-wailing, suitcase-drumming, kazoo-hum-humming bundle of joy and song is back!
- * **June 23 - Paleontologists Mike and Roberta Straka** present The Dinosaur Adventure Show! It's a little magic, a lot of audience participation, and stars an *Albertosarus* skull!
- * **June 30 - Go wild!** with **Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary's Jesse Rothacker** and his slithery friends! Meet some of his favorite reptiles, and get to know more about them.
- * **July 7 - ZooAmerica** We're wild about meeting our scaly, furry, or feathered friends from Hershey!
- * **July 14 - Mark DeRose's interactive musical show** will have you moving and grooving!
- * **July 21 - Raven Ridge Wildlife Center** brings Pennsylvania wildlife to life with its animal ambassadors.
- * **July 28 - Science Heroes** will unearth your love for science in this interactive S.T.E.M. show! Volunteers help us conduct exciting experiments while we celebrate scientists who work with dirt!
- * **August 4 - Andrew's Big Show** is a family-friendly, comedy juggling show with fun for all!



These Nature Explorers programs are for children **4 and up**. Free! No registration necessary.

- * **June 18 - Dinosaur Tales!**
Learn about dinosaur adaptations by reading a book with the naturalist, going on a dinosaur hunt, observing, and creating a dinosaur with unique adaptations. Play pin the tail on the dinosaurs!
- * **June 25 - Dinosaur Party!**
We'll read a story about dinosaurs, play games, and do activities to further our learning and imagination. It is sure to be a prehistoric blast!
- * **July 2 - The Science of Fossils**
Join a naturalist to learn about fossils by reading "Fossils Tell Stories" by Yu-ri Kim. Handle real specimens and make your own to take home. *This class can get messy, so wear appropriate clothing.
- * **July 9 - How Big Were The Dinosaurs**
Join a naturalist to learn just how big they were compared to modern-day creatures and landmarks by completing activities and putting your knowledge to the test!
- * **July 16 - Birds and Reptiles: Living Dinosaurs**
Dinosaurs may be a thing of the past, but there are still living dinos all around us! Learn about the ancient "terrible lizards" and their modern-day relatives: birds and reptiles.
- * **July 23 - Fun with Fossils!**
Join the Pennsylvania Geological Survey on a journey through time and discover some of the cool fossils that you can find in Pennsylvania! They'll talk about what they are, why they are here, and where to find them, and you'll make your own Play-Doh fossils to take home.
- * **July 30 - Let's Talk Birds!**
Karen and Terry Weaver of the Quittapahilla Audubon Society will show photos of common birds and talk a little about each one. Then participants can create their own colorful version of the bird they like best!



Summer Fun With 4-H!



4-H is at the library! The 4-H Program is a free, hands-on introduction to agriculture and life science. It's a fun way to learn more about topics like animal science, arts and crafts, environmental science, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). For students 5-12 years old. Registration is required. Sign up by calling the library at 717-865-5523 or by registering at the circulation desk. 4-H will meet **Monday afternoons at 2 PM on July 6, July 13, July 20, and July 27.**

Sidewalk Chalk Competition!



Let your inner artist out at our Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, **Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 1 PM!** We'll provide the chalk; you bring your creativity to our sidewalks! Contest is open to all, and judging will be for three age groups (8 years old and under; ages 9-14; and adults). Free! Work by yourself or with a partner. Call us at 717-865-5523 to register.

Come and Play!

Get your game on with Family Game Days, Monday, **November 23, 2 PM to 7 PM** and **Tuesday, November 24, 2 PM to 7 PM!** This free, drop-in activity for families is a chance to play games and solve puzzles together. No registration necessary. Bonus: Please bring a complete game or puzzle if you'd like to be part of our swap; take one, leave one!

Summer/Winter Reading Challenges

Join us for our seasonal reading challenges this year!

The Summer 2026 Reading Challenge kicks off on **Tuesday, June 2.** Stop by the circulation desk to pick up: a log/activity sheet (kids age 8 and under); a booklet to track reading and activities (kids 9-12); and/or a BINGO sheet (teens and adults). Completed activity sheets, tickets, and BINGO cards enter you into our prize drawing. Deadline to hand materials in at the circulation desk is **Saturday, August 15, 2026.**

Our Season's Readings 2026-27 reading challenge starts **Tuesday, December 1!** Stop by the circulation desk to pick up: a Readopoly gamesheet (kids age 12 and under); and/or a Tic-Tac-Toe gamesheet (teens and adults). Hand in completed gamesheets at the circulation desk by **Tuesday, February 2, 2027,** in order to be entered into the winter reading challenge prize drawings.

Ask us for reading recommendations!





Get Crafty!

Family Crafternoon is a free, drop-in crafting activity for families with children ages 4-12. No registration necessary. Sessions will be held: **Saturday, June 27, 1 PM to 3 PM; Saturday, November 21, 1 PM to 3 PM; and Saturday, December 19, 1 PM to 3 PM.**

On **Tuesday, December 29**, we're hosting the fourth annual **Tiny Art Show Sessions!** Session 1 is from **1 PM to 3 PM**; session 2 is **6 PM to 8 PM**. We provide the 4" x 4" canvas and materials to create with. Bring your ideas for a small masterpiece! Artwork will be displayed in the library throughout January 2027. Free! Registration is encouraged! Call 717-865-5523 to register.

The Big Book Sale is Back!

Our annual book sale will be held at the library from **Monday, June 1 to Saturday, June 6**. Grab your book bag, and get great bargains on books, DVDs, and CDs. Sale runs during regular library hours (**M-Th., 9 AM – 8 PM; F, 9 AM – 5 PM; S, 9 AM – 4 PM**). Cash or check preferred, no cards. \$2/bag on Saturday!

Ongoing Programs

The **Pennsylvania German Conversation Group** meets at the library **every third Wednesday at 1 PM** for conversation and fun. Free and open to the public.

Smart Start Storytime is held **Mondays at 10:30 AM** through **May 18th** and returns in September. Babies and their caregivers are welcome to join us every week for storytelling and a craft.

Preschool Storytime is held **Wednesdays at 10 AM**. Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to join us every week for storytelling and a craft.

Rummage Sales

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held **Thursday, May 7, 9 AM – 8 PM, Friday, May 8, 9 AM – 8 PM, and Saturday, May 9, 8 AM – Noon** at the Fredericksburg Community Center, 125 Tan St. in Fredericksburg. Every item is a dime on Saturday! Donation day: **Wednesday, May 6, from 9 AM-7 PM** at the Community Center.

Our Fall Rummage Sale will be held **Thursday, October 1, 9 AM – 8 PM, Friday, October 2, 9 AM – 8 PM, and Saturday, October 3, 8 AM – Noon** at the Fredericksburg Community Center, 125 Tan St. in Fredericksburg. Every item is a dime on Saturday! Donation day: **Wednesday, September 30, from 9 AM-7 PM** at the Community Center.

Clean, gently-used donations of clothing, shoes, and household goods are appreciated.

Hinkelfest!

Hinkelfest will be held **Sept. 18, 19, and 20 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)** at Fireman's Park in Fredericksburg. Proceeds benefit local nonprofits, including Matthews Public Library. Rides, games, entertainment, and food galore!



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