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Summer Reading Club

Get a Clue @ Your Library



Get out your magnifying glass and put on your deerstalker! Super sleuths and daring detectives are invited to join the **Get a Clue @ Your Library** Summer Reading Club offered at all 18 libraries in the Chester County Library System!

This year's theme will focus on mysteries and puzzles through the artwork of award-winning author/illustrator, **Mark Teague**. Libraries will feature books and activities that explore and expand the theme.

The Summer Reading Club is open to all young people. Beginning in June, readers from Preschool through Grade 9 can register to read for fun and earn prizes. Preschool children are invited to participate as Read-to-Me Club members with the assistance of their caregivers. Young Adult materials will feature the theme **YNK: You Never Know** and special prizes!

With programs, prizes, storytimes, crafts and more – the Summer Reading Club encourages children of all ages to read all summer long! Participants at each library will receive Reading Records on which they track their summer reading – usually by book title or minutes spent reading. The more they read – the greater the rewards! Rules and dates vary, so check with your local library for the details.

Science in the Summer

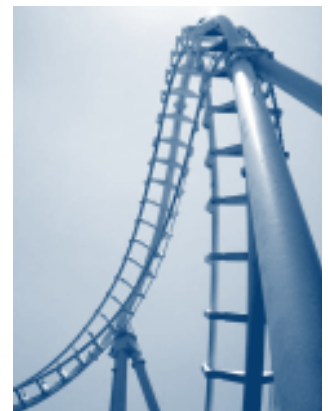
Simple Machines

Science in the Summer is a fun and free science education program, sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline and the libraries of the Chester County Library System, which helps elementary-school children in Chester County “grow into science.” Through classes held in your local public library and taught by certified teachers, this program gets kids excited about studying science with hands-on experiments. This summer, children in Chester County are invited to come learn about Simple Machines!

Machines can do amazing things – lift huge boulders, build bridges, pump water, and much more. Students will learn all about six kinds of simple machines – lever, inclined plane, screw, wheel, pulley, and gear – and how these machines help people do work more easily. They will work with other students to build pulleys to lift and move objects and learn how gears can make things move faster or slower. They will also construct simple roller coasters to understand potential and kinetic energy.

Classes are offered for two age groups – children who are entering Grades 2 and 3 and children who are entering Grades 4, 5, and 6 in Fall, 2007.

All children must be preregistered to attend Science in the Summer classes. A parent or legal guardian must come to the library in person to register her/his child. Most libraries choose participants by lottery. Science in the Summer is offered in all 18 System libraries. Please call your local library for registration information and class dates and times.



Keystone Active Zone Passport Campaign

The Chester County Health Department, along with the Chester County Library System and other county partners, is offering new opportunities for fun, education and a healthier lifestyle through the Keystone Active Zone (KAZ) Campaign.

KAZ is an initiative of Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA), a statewide coalition formed to connect people, ideas, and resources to help Pennsylvanians make healthy and active lifestyle choices. The fun-filled programs are designed to make residents of all ages more aware of the many municipal, county, and state parks and trails available to help them get, and stay, active.

The Health Department's campaign, the Passport Program, is a book of activities designed to encourage youth (ages 6 through 12) and families to visit and explore parks and trails during the spring and summer months. Families will find the activity pages fun as well as educational.

Passports can be downloaded at www.chesco.org/health/kaz. Completed Passports can be dropped off at any System library until September 4. Names will be entered into a raffle, to be held on September 7, for a chance to win a brand new 2007 Youth Bike and runner-up prizes.

For more information visit www.chesco.org/health/kaz or contact the Chester County Health Department, 610-344-6441.



The Chester County Library System has joined in an exciting new way to get answers to your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just click on the *Ask Here PA* icon on the Library System's website, www.ccls.org, and type your question. In most cases, *Ask Here PA* librarians will provide an answer online in 15 minutes or less. If your question involves lengthy research, the librarian will get you started and/or provide a referral.

Staff at System libraries have been trained to answer questions on assigned shifts, responding to questions from anywhere in the state.

We still offer *Ask A Librarian*, on our website www@ccls.org for questions about your Chester County Library System account, catalog or website.

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Free and Easy New eAudiobooks Service

The Chester County Library System (CCLS) now offers a new service for downloadable versions of eAudiobooks (similar to ones in cassette or CD format). Through Overdrive Digital Library Reserve, eAudiobooks can be downloaded to your computer and used offline. They can also be transferred to many different kinds of portable audio devices such as MP3 players, and many titles can be burned to CD. You will never have a late fee with eAudiobooks because they automatically return at the end of their lending period. Free software is available to download from the eAudiobook's website, <http://overdrive.ccls.org>.

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Call your local library if you need assistance.

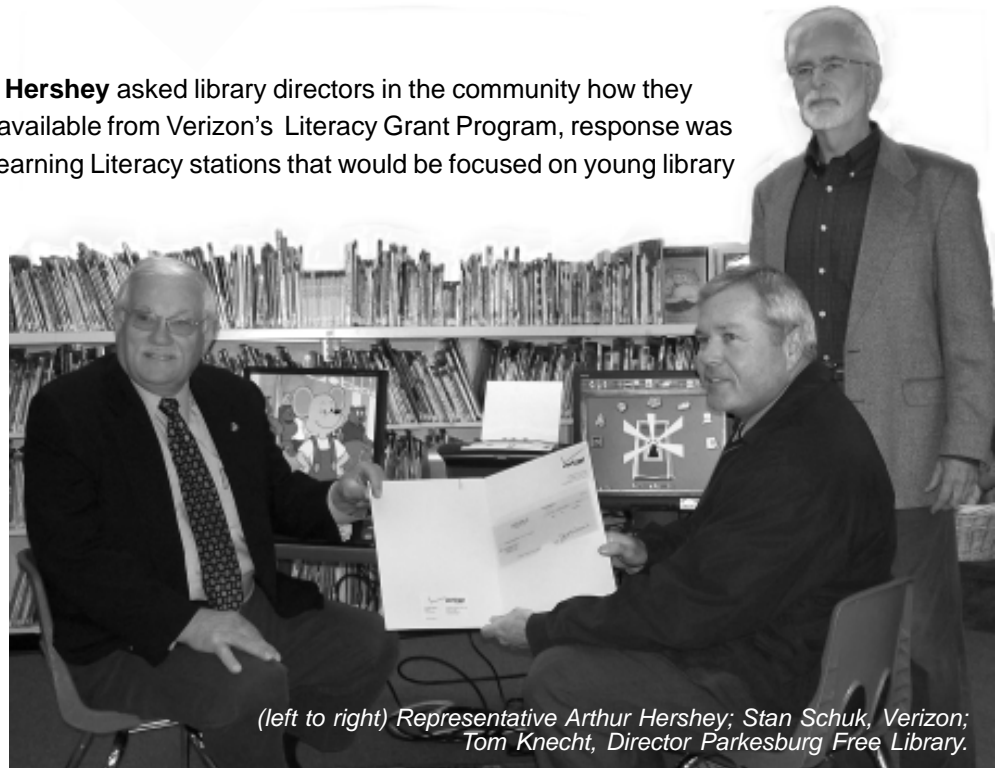
Libraries Receive Literacy Verizon Grants

When **State Representative Art Hershey** asked library directors in the community how they might be able to utilize funding available from Verizon's Literacy Grant Program, response was quick and enthusiastic. Early Learning Literacy stations that would be focused on young library patrons were recommended.

Thanks to a collaborative effort between Representative Hershey, and **Frank Buzydlowski** and **Stan Schuk** of Verizon, three \$5000 grants were awarded to the Oxford Public Library, Avon Grove Library and Parkesburg Free Library, for the purchase of two Early Literacy Stations per library.

Of great concern to librarians is the fact that many families in our communities lack the resources to help their children prepare linguistically for kindergarten. A summary of PA Department of Education statistics indicates that children who are raised in

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(left to right) Representative Arthur Hershey; Stan Schuk, Verizon; Tom Knecht, Director Parkesburg Free Library.



Let your
library be
the window
to your world.



2007 Library Book Sales

Friends of the Chester County Library
Chester County Library
450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton
 6:00-8:30 PM • Friday, November 2
 Preview Sale for Friends members
 9:30 AM-4:00 PM • Saturday, November 3
 1:00-4:00 PM • Sunday, November 4

Coatesville Area Public Library
501 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville
 Monday, December 3-Saturday, December 8
 Call the Library for hours

Friends of the Downingtown Library
Downingtown Library
330 East Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown
 7:00-8:30 PM • Friday, September 14
 Preview Sale for Friends members
 9:00-4:00 PM • Saturday, September 15



Friends of the Easttown Library
Easttown Library & Information Center
720 First Avenue, Berwyn
 Sunday, October 14-Saturday, October 20
 Call the Library for hours

Friends of the Oxford Public Library
Oxford Public Library
48 South Second Street, Oxford
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM • Saturday, August 18
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM • Saturday, October 20
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM • Saturday, December 15

Phoenixville Public Library
183 Second Avenue, Phoenixville
 Thursday, November 29-Sunday, December 2
 Call the Library for hours

Spring City Free Library
Spring-Ford Historical Society
526 Main Street, Royersford
 9:00 AM-3:00 PM • Saturday, September 15

Library System Employees Awarded Scholarships

Did you know? Over the next decade, 40 percent of America's library directors plan to retire, and over the next 16 years, 58 percent of professional librarians are also projected to retire!

This loss of skilled workers is being addressed in-part through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program, established through a 2006 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The primary goal of the Program is to increase the number of qualified, professional-level librarians particularly in youth services and positions of leadership.

The Free Library of Philadelphia, Chester County Library System (CCLS), Bucks County Library System, Delaware County Library System and Montgomery County/Norristown District Library Center collectively applied and now benefit from this grant. Five students from the CCLS were selected through a competitive application process and are now pursuing Master's degrees in Library and Information Science, on full scholarships! Congratulations to the following recipients: **Laura Doan, Marguerite Dube, Susan Farrell, Kimberly Gormley and Ken Pienkos.**

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more literate families, whose parents have large vocabularies (about 20,000 words), will begin kindergarten with vocabularies of about 2,000 words. This puts those children in an optimal position for learning as they start school. On the contrary, in families whose parent's vocabularies include about 2000 words, those children will likely begin school understanding only 600 words.

"Bridging that gap" between the more and less advantaged children of the population is the ultimate literacy goal for community libraries.

The Early Literacy Stations are equipped with special software that is geared toward the enhancement of specific learning techniques and encouragement of reading skill acquisition in young children, from ages 2-8. The new technology will serve as a tremendous supplement to the many literacy-based programs already in effect at the libraries.



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