

# WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY



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## Library Newsletter

### Love Your Library Reception

Soon after his arrival two years ago as the new Library Director, Peter Lehu wanted to hear from the community and published a Library Survey to solicit feedback not only on how the Library was doing, but also to solicit ideas for improvement. The response was overwhelming (in the best possible way)!

Since that time, Library leadership and staff have been hard at work implementing many of the ideas put forth in the survey responses.

Below are a few of the implemented suggestions:

- Offer historical & reenactor events
- Offer music events
- Offer family events
- Offer craft programs
- Offer more programs for all ages
- Expand Storytimes: evenings & Saturdays
- Offer more book clubs
- Increase the number of new books & DVDs
- Expand availability of large print books
- Expand the Museum Pass Program
- Offer foreign language instruction options
- Add some art throughout the Library

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### Happenings

- **June 4th at 7:00 pm**  
**Love Your Library Reception!**  
Join us as we introduce the NEW Library 5-year Strategic Plan & Ribbon Cutting for our new Library spaces.
- **June 15th at 2:00 pm**, Summer Reading Kick-off with **the Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler**. \*Registration required

## Letter From the Director

I want to highlight our remarkable youth services librarians who are busy preparing an exceptional summer program. Their hard work is indispensable to the educational and full-self development of our community's young people when school is out but also all year long.

As Head Librarian of Youth Services, Ann Duffy guides the development of our youth materials collections and our curriculum of activities and events. She is constantly trying out new program ideas and seeking new opportunities to partner with outside performers and educators.

With over 10 years of experience at our library, she has developed quite a following! For the second summer in a row, Ann is running a 90-Second Newbery Club. In this innovative series, kids will read a Newbery Award winner, and then write the screenplay for a super-short film version that they will then star in!

Katy Griffith provides youth services at both the Warminster Library and the William Jeanes

Library in Lafayette Hill. At Warminster, Katy orders new materials, assists patrons at our Information Service Desk, leads Storytimes, and runs clubs including Lego and Pokémon. She is our resident expert in young adult services and is currently running our afterschool gaming hangout for teens.

In 2023, almost 9,000 young people and their family members attended Storytimes, arts and science activities, club meetings, outreaches to schools, and other events. At Warminster Library, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to learn, create, socialize, and discover their talents and interests through hands-on play and experimentation.

When the school day is over, and when the school year is over, Warminster families turn to us to keep brains active, and our youth services team delivers!

Peter Lehu  
[lehup@buckslib.org](mailto:lehup@buckslib.org)

### My Favorite Outdoor Spot?

My garden.

Being a gardener, I find spring to be both a joy and a challenge. Spring clean-up in the garden is not for the faint of heart.

On the upside though, in addition to a workout better than any gym membership could provide, I get to play in the dirt and let my creativity flow designing new planting beds and plans for all of the new plants that will be arriving in late April.

FUN!

## Letter From the Editor



Spring has sprung and I am *more* than ready to get outside and enjoy the crisp spring air, warm sunshine, longer days, and all that nature has to offer as it bursts back to life over the next few weeks.

One of the many reasons that I love living in our community is the plethora of natural resources not only right here in Warminster Township, but also in neighboring townships, throughout Bucks County, and in Philadelphia.

With that in mind, this issue of the Newsletter is very outdoor centered and filled with lots of information that is sure to not only perk your interest but also provide numerous options for fun outdoor locations, activities, and events for the entire family (even the pups).

Whatever your passion, there is truly something for everyone. So get outside and enjoy! And if it's raining, grab a good book to read in your favorite chair until the sun returns; then, put on the Wellies and get outside for puddle jumping and rainbow hunting. It's sure to be magical.

- Sláinte, Kathy Dougherty

**TIP:** Download the newsletter anytime from the Library website: <https://bit.ly/wtlibnews>

## Love Your Library Reception *(continued from cover page)*

We're proud to say that the number of programs and events offered across the board has been greatly expanded. And the response to special events (historical reenactors, music, and family events) has been wonderful. Thanks to everyone who attended over the last year:

- Harriet Tubman, Living History Event (6/24/2023)
- Queen Elizabeth II Event (10/13/2023)
- Benjamin Franklin, Historical Portrayal (1/13/2024)
- Nadinah, Classical Music Performance (1/27/2024)
- Paint the Art Bus (8/12/2023)
- Family Movie Night & Ice Cream Truck, on the lawn (8/22/2023)
- StoryWalks, with Miss Ann (various dates)
- Read S'More, Family Camp-in Event (3/25/2023)
- Under the Sea Family Event (4/6/2024)

### Mango Languages AutoPlay

Download the Mango Languages App for language learning on the go!

Whether you're traveling this summer or looking to improve your English, the Mango App's AutoPlay feature allows you to listen, learn, and then practice your speaking skills while in the car, at the gym, or even folding laundry.

Choose from over 70 world languages, 20 English courses, and dozens of specialty courses such as Mandarin for Business, Arab Etiquette, and Portuguese Soccer Celebration!

Mango Languages is exclusive to Warminster Library users.

*We have lots more fun planned for 2024, so keep an eye out around the Library for event dates as they become available.*

But maybe the most exciting improvements include Library building renovations completed earlier this year. In addition to renovations to the existing restrooms, building space was reconfigured to accommodate a new single-use restroom and two new study rooms (which will be furnished and ready for reserved use this spring).

Outdoor improvements are also coming this spring when the butterfly garden will be receiving some much-needed landscape improvements. Think beautiful Hydrangea, Butterfly Bushes, stepping stones and new seating options. We hope to create a much more inviting space for everyone to enjoy the garden this year and for years to come.

We're excited about all of the positive changes and improvements achieved over this past year and hope that you are, too!

**SO, LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!**



**You are cordially invited to attend:**

**LOVE YOUR LIBRARY RECEPTION**

**Date:** Tuesday, 6/4/2024

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Where:** Warminster Library

Join us to celebrate the ribbon-cutting on our new spaces and officially introduce the **Warminster Library 5-year Strategic Plan**.

Hear from the Library Director, meet the Library Board and local officials, and celebrate with us!

*There will be music and light refreshments. All are welcome to attend (no registration required)*

## AARP Tax Aide Program Wrap-Up

This year's AARP Tax Aide Program drew to a close on Thursday, 4/4/2024. Thank you to all of the AARP volunteer tax preparers who once again enabled this valuable program to return to the Library in 2024!

The program is a free service to the community for preparation and filing of simplified Federal & PA State tax returns. This year, nearly 500 tax preparation appointments were conducted over the 9-week program timeframe from 2/5/2024—4/4/2024.

We hope to see everyone again next year!

### Helpful Tax Related Information

- Federal & State Tax filing deadline: Monday, 4/15/2024
- **The Warminster RE Tax Collector's office has a new location:**  
1100 Veterans Way, Suite #2  
Warminster, PA 18974  
(located in the Parks & Rec Bldg.)  
Same Phone#: 215.443.8282  
\*see your tax bill for office hours

### *Ann's advice to aspiring children's librarians:*

*You need to be passionate about it, be able to work with children of all ages, and enjoy learning (there's always something new to learn!)*

#### Some of Ann's Favorite Things

##### In General:

- Reading
- Writing
- Working with children

##### Types of Books:

- Children's books
- Graphic Novels

##### Authors:

- Jane Austen
- L.M. Montgomery
- Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

##### Things to Do Outside of Work:

- Family time
- Table-top RPGs with her husband
- Taking walks with son, Malcolm

## Get to Know Miss Ann

Most Warminster Library patrons with children have met our Head Librarian of Youth Services, Ann Duffy. You may know that she's been at the Library for over 10 years and clearly has a love for books, reading, learning, and working with children.

What may surprise you, though, is that Ann's joy for reading didn't really begin until high school and that her first career aspirations leaned more toward becoming a writer or a teacher.

So why the shift toward becoming a children's librarian? Simple, it seemed like the perfect composite of *all* the things that she loves.

And what does Ann enjoy *most* about her role at the Library? Working with kids, Storytime, and the diversity that the role provides. And it shows.

What's the most difficult challenge facing libraries and librarians? Funding. Libraries rely on funding (state, township, grants) and the generosity of donors to enable not only ongoing operations and maintenance of the library collection, but also to be able to provide creative programs, special events, community outreaches, a safe-spot for all, and much-needed services for surrounding communities. It's an ongoing challenge that *all* libraries and librarians face.





## Warminster Township Parks & Recreation

### Administration:

Director: Jessica Fox

Phone: 215-443-5428

### Office Locations:

- **Parks & Rec Building**

1100 Veterans Way (WCP)

Hours (subject to change):

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 am-4:30 pm

- **Township Building**

401 Gibson Avenue

Hours (subject to change):

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Links:

- [Warminsterpa.myrec.com](http://Warminsterpa.myrec.com)
- [Bark Park Info & Registration](#)
- [Parks & Rec Facebook Home](#)
- [Parks & Rec Website Home](#)
- [Five Ponds Golf Course](#)

## Golf & More!

**Five Ponds** golf course has been voted by players as the “Best of Bucks” County public golf courses for nine years straight and is one of the top public golf courses in the greater Philadelphia area!

- Take a lesson
- Book a tee time
- Book a private event
- Attend a public event
- Visit the Backyard Bar & Grille
- Shop the store

### Location:

1225 W Street Rd  
Warminster, PA

### Contact:

215.956.9727



## Warminster Parks & Recreation

You probably know that Warminster Township's Recreation Services Division provides numerous year-round special events and community services.

But, did you know that some of the best locations to get outdoors are right here, in our neighborhoods?

The Warminster Parks & Recreation Department oversees and maintains 420 acres of active and passive recreation areas in 13 parks throughout the township.

**Warminster Community Park** is the largest, 240 acres, with over 5 miles of trails. Many of the other parks are pocket parks located in neighborhoods. Parks are open from sunrise to sunset (weather permitting) and parks are officially closed during winter weather conditions.

## Bark Park for the Pups

If you're ready for some off-leash fun with the family pups, be sure to become members of the **Warminster Township Bark Park**.



Bark Park is an off-leash dog park where well-behaved and socialized canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property, local wildlife, or each other. The park is divided into two (2) separate fenced-in areas, to accommodate small breed and large breed dogs.

Dogs are required to have both a current dog license issued by the County of residence (or PA lifetime license) and a current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian.

Applicants must attend one FREE Bark Park orientation workshop PRIOR to membership acceptance/renewal and issuance of a park key fob.

Residents and non-residents are welcome to apply. There's a small annual fee and a simple online application process:

- Complete the online application
- Submit the required documents
- Pay the membership fee
- Attended the Bark Park orientation workshop

Once approved, a park key fob is issued that allows registered users unlimited usage and entry into the Bark Park during the scheduled hours of operation (sunrise to sunset, seven days/week, weather and conditions permitting).

# VISIT A WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP PARK TODAY!



Pavilions, athletic fields, and other facility rentals are available in several park locations throughout the Warminster park system. Park facilities are available for weddings, family picnics, sport activities and business gatherings. For more information about park facilities, amenities, availability, and online booking, visit [warminsterpa.myrec.com](http://warminsterpa.myrec.com).

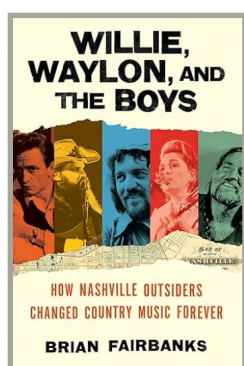
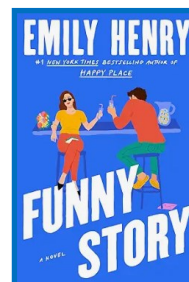
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1	Barness Park	999 Log College (Log College & Gorson Dr.)	14	Walking Trail, Natural Area
2	The Crossing	Norristown Road	14	Handicap Accessible, Walking Trail, Play-ground, Open Space, Nature Area
3	Crooked Billet Green	25 Van Horn Drive	8.2	Basketball Courts, Parking, Playground, Softball Field
4	Devonshire Court	Gorson Drive	6.8	Preserved Open Space, Nature Trail
5	Ivy Woods	Kirk Road (off Jacksonville)	12	UNDEVELOPED
6	<b>Kemper Park</b>	905 Valley Road (Valley & Sinkler Rds.)	30	Walking Trails, Nature Areas, Picnic Areas, Parking, Picnic Pavilions, Playground, Softball Field
7	Log College Park	1070 Log College Drive	26.6	Basketball Court, Nature Areas, Play-ground, Grass Volleyball Courts
8	Maple Street Park	525 Maple Street	0.6	Basketball Court, Playground
9	Meadow Run Park	700 Fairfield Drive	2.9	Picnic Area, Playground
10	<b>Munro Park</b>	1270 Newtown Road (off Bristol Road)	36	Baseball Field, Soccer Fields (lighted), Picnic Areas, Parking, Playground, Refreshment Stand (seasonal), Restrooms, Softball Fields, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Skate Spot
11	<b>Szymanek Park</b>	200 Street Road	10.8	Basketball Courts, Football Field, Parking, Restroom, Softball Field, Playground
12	<b>Warminster Community Park (WCP)</b>	1100 Veterans Way (Johnsville Blvd. & Veterans Way)	243	Walking Trails, Nature Areas, Parking, Playgrounds, Pavilions, Picnic Area, Pond, Restrooms, Fitness Trail, Baseball and Softball Fields, Basketball Courts, Bark Park, Soccer Fields, Safety Town, GaGa Pit, Bank Shot  *Soccer Field G, H & I are located at 1275 Newtown Road  *Special event entrance 350 E. Bristol Rd. (at intersection of Hatboro & Bristol Rds.)
13	<b>Werner Park</b>	100 Kirk Road (off Jacksonville)	6.8	Football Field (lighted), Picnic Areas, Parking, Playground, Refreshment Stand (seasonal), Restrooms, Softball Field

## JUST IN! NEW & UPCOMING ADULT BOOKS

### Funny Story

by Emily Henry

A children's librarian gets dumped by her fiancé and moves in with her ex-fiancé's new girlfriend's ex-fiancé. Confused? It'll make sense. It's Emily Henry! Queen of Rom-Coms!



### Willie, Waylon, & the Boys: How Nashville Outsiders Changed Country Music Forever

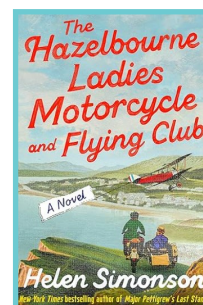
by Brian Fairbanks

Who doesn't love Outlaw Country? No seriously. Who? As a born and raised country fan, this is one I'm looking forward to most of all. This is the story of the Outlaw movement, and its influence on country music today.

### The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle & Flying Club

by Helen Simonson

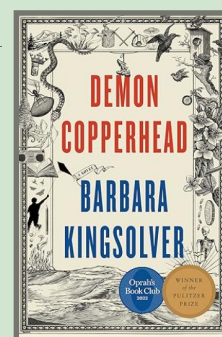
After WWI, Constance finds herself out of a job now that the men have returned. She ends up on the English seaside with a motorcycle club, a baronet's daughter who wears trousers, and said baronet's son, recently returned from the front. It sounds like a fun summer.



### RECOMMENDATION (by Peter Lehu, Library Director)

#### Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver

Set in drug-ravaged rural Virginia, Kingsolver's latest novel is a masterpiece in character development. Sure, the plot is a chapter-by-chapter retelling of Dickens' *David Copperfield*, but you don't need to be familiar with Victorian literature to be completely sucked into the story of Demon, the charming and irreverent survivor of poverty and neglect. You'll be rooting for him to beat the odds from page one. Publication Date: 10/12/2022



# ADULT PROGRAM GUIDE: APRIL



## Featured Adult Programs

### Adult Art Series: Mixed Media Bird Collage\*

**Monday, 4/15  
6:30 pm**

Join Miss Anita as she shows us step-by-step guides for fun art projects! This series is open to adults and teens only. Check our website for supplies that you'll need.

*\*Registration is required*




### DIY Series: Cupcake Liner Flowers

**Tuesday, 4/23  
6:30 pm**

Join us to make your own cupcake liner flowers!

*\*Registration is required*

## APRIL 2024

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Date	Time	Program
Tuesdays	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Stitch & Knit Adult Chess Club
Thursdays	10:30 am	Creative Writing
Mon 4/1	6:30 pm	Adult Art Series: Solar Eclipse Painting
Thur 4/4	1:00 pm	Adult Non-Fiction Book Club
Sat 4/6	4:00 pm	Under the Sea, family event <b>(SOLD OUT)</b>
Tue 4/9	6:30 pm	Romance Book Club
<b>Mon 4/15</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Art Series: Mixed Media Bird Collage</b>
Tue 4/16	6:30 pm	Evening Book Club
Wed 4/17	6:00 pm	Open Mic for Poets & Creative Writers
Thur 4/18	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Book to Movie Book Club - Movie Book to Movie Book Club - Discussion
<b>Tue 4/23</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>DIY Series: Cupcake Liner Flowers</b>
Mon 4/29	6:30 pm	Dementia Caregiver Support Group



# ADULT PROGRAM GUIDE: MAY



## Featured Adult Programs

### Adult Art Series: Colored Pencil Cherries Drawing\* Monday, 5/6 6:30 pm

Join Miss Anita as she shows us step-by-step guides for fun art projects! This series is open to adults and teens only. Check our website for supplies that you'll need.

*\*Registration is required*

### Adult Art Series: Giraffe Silhouette Painting\* Monday, 5/20 6:30 pm

Join Miss Anita as she shows us step-by-step guides for fun art projects! This series is open to adults and teens only. Check our website for supplies that you'll need.

*\*Registration is required*

## MAY 2024

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Date	Time	Program
Tuesdays	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Stitch & Knit Adult Chess Club
Thursdays	10:30 am	Creative Writing
Thur 5/2	1:00 pm	Adult Non-Fiction Book Club
Sat 5/4	2:00 pm	Movie: Priscilla
<b>Mon 5/6</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Art Series: Colored Pencil Cherries Drawing</b>
Tue 5/14	6:30 pm	Romance Book Club
Thur 5/16	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Book to Movie Book Club - Movie Book to Movie Book Club - Discussion
<b>Mon 5/20</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Art Series: Giraffe Silhouette Painting</b>
Tue 5/21	6:30 pm	Evening Book Club
<b>Mon 5/27</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Library Closed: Memorial Day</b>
Tue 5/28	6:30 pm	DIY Series: Chalkboard Photo Frame

# ADULT PROGRAM GUIDE: JUNE



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## Featured Adult Programs

### Adult Art Series: Lighthouse at Night Painting

**Monday, 6/3  
6:30 pm**

Join Anita Thomas as she shows us step-by-step guides for fun art projects! This series is open to Adults and Teens only.

*\*Registration is required*

### Adult Art Series: Sunset Bird Silhouette Painting

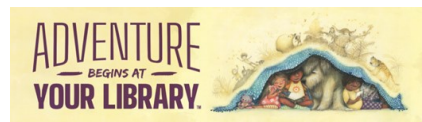
**Monday, 6/17  
6:30 pm**

Join Anita Thomas as she shows us step-by-step guides for fun art projects! This series is open to Adults and Teens only.

*\*Registration is required*

Date	Time	Program
Tuesdays	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Stitch & Knit Adult Chess Club
Thursdays	10:30 am	Creative Writing
Sat 6/1	2:00 pm	Movie: Iron Claw
<b>Mon 6/3</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Art Series: Lighthouse at Night Painting</b>
Thur 6/6	1:00 pm	Adult Non-Fiction Book Club
Tue 6/11	6:30 pm	Romance Book Club
<b>Mon 6/17</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Art Series: Sunset Bird Silhouette Painting</b>
Tue 6/18	6:30 pm	Evening Book Club
Thur 6/20	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Book to Movie Book Club - Movie Book to Movie Book Club - Discussion
Tue 6/25	6:30 pm	DIY Series: Project TBD

# Summer Reading 2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library



Summer Reading promotes literacy and a love of lifelong learning. The Warminster Township Free Library's Summer Reading program tackles the loss of academic achievement in the summer months head-on while encouraging healthy reading habits. We offer free learning opportunities all summer long through our programs and services.

The theme for this summer is **Adventure Begins at Your Library!** **Key Dates:**

- **Monday, June 10th:** Pick up a reading log any time between 6/10/24 and 7/27/24. We'll have logs for Emerging Readers (Birth-PreK), School-Age (Grades K-5), and Teens (Grades 6-12). We will also have our Adult Summer Reading Program.
- **Saturday, June 15th at 2:00 pm:** Kick-off Event, the **Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler**. *Registration for the event opens on Saturday, May 25th.* In addition to the fun, staff will be on-hand to answer any summer reading questions and there will be a drop-in activity in the Library children's area from 2:00 pm - 4:00pm.
- **Monday, June 17th through Sunday, August 4th:** 7 week program duration

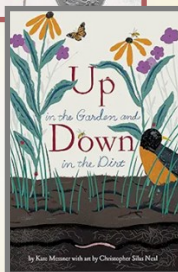
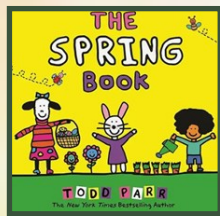
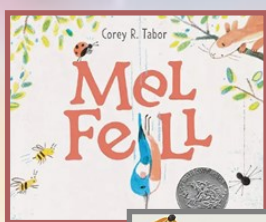
We are fortunate to have received a variety of local donations, which we will be giving away as prizes. Check back with us closer to the program's start date for a more detailed list.

**Some of the prizes we will be giving away include:** 4 tickets to Longwood Gardens, 2 adult and 2 children's tickets to Lehigh Valley Zoo, 4 tickets to a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs home baseball game, and 2 tickets to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire (for Sunday, August 25th).

**Thank you** to all of the local organizations who donated to our Summer Reading Program. And special thanks to our Friends of Warminster Library who are once again sponsoring our Summer Reading Program.

***Don't miss the Summer Reading Kick-Off Event, the Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler, on Saturday, June 15th at 2:00 pm!***

## Youth Seasonal Reads: Spring



### Emerging Readers (Spring)

- ◆ Bear Finds Eggs, by Karma Wilson
- ◆ Mel Fell, by Corey Tabor
- ◆ The Spring Book, by Todd Parr
- ◆ Plant the Tiny Seed, by Christie Matheson
- ◆ Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt, by Kate Messner

### Elementary Readers (Nature)

- ◆ The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- ◆ Echo Mountain, by Lauren Wolk
- ◆ My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George
- ◆ Wildwood, by Colin Meloy
- ◆ The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown

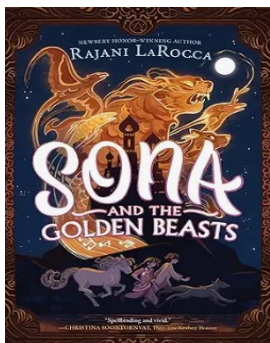
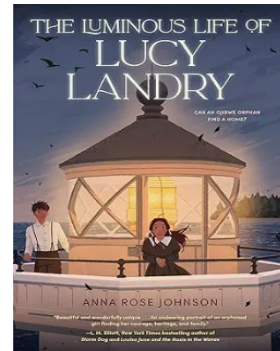


## JUST IN! NEW & UPCOMING YOUTH BOOKS

### The Luminous Life of Lucy Landry

by Anna Rose Johnson

Lucy, a spirited French-Ojibwe orphan, is sent to the stormy waters of Lake Superior to live with a mysterious family of lighthouse keepers and, she hopes, to find the legendary necklace her father spent his life seeking.



### Sona and the Golden Beasts

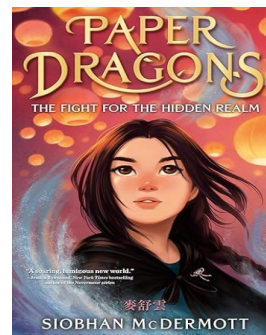
by Rajani LaRocco

From Newbery Honor and Walter Award winning author Rajani LaRocco comes a gripping middle grade fantasy perfect for fans of *The Serpent's Secret* and *The Last Mapmaker*.

### Paper Dragons: The Fight for the Hidden Realm

by Siobhan McDermott

A 12-year old girl wins an invitation to train as an apprentice to immortals in the first book of the new must-read magical series destined to take the world by storm; perfect for fans of *Amari and the Night Brothers*, *Skandar and Eragon*. Let the competition begin!



### RECOMMENDATION (by Miss Ann, Head Librarian of Youth Services)

#### We Dream of Space, by Erin Entrada Kelly

*We Dream of Space* is a coming-of-age story about 3 siblings set in 1986 Delaware, who at the start of the novel seem to be living on separate planets. The siblings, Cash, Fitch, and Bird have little in common except for their enthusiastic science teacher, Ms. Salonga.

The story is interesting in the way that it seamlessly weaves 3 narrative perspectives throughout the novel. It also keeps the focus through the children's interest in space exploration. Each of the siblings are so different that I think every child can find a piece of themselves in this book.

We are excited to be using this story for this year's 90-Second Newbery adaptation. *We Dream of Space* was the 2021 Newbery Honor Book.





# FAMILY & YOUTH PROGRAM GUIDE: APRIL



APRIL 2024						
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## Featured Family & Youth Programs

### Trash to Treasure: Recycled Art\*

**Mondays: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29**  
at 4:30 pm

Anything can become art in this creative program! We will provide the trash, recycled, or found materials; you bring the creativity. Each week we will present a problem to solve or a piece of art to make.

*\*Registration Required*

### Teen DIY: Bead Lizards\*

**Monday, 4/15**  
at 4:30 pm

Learn how to make a colorful bead lizard, and even turn it into a keychain if you want! Once you've mastered the lizard, you can create a wide variety of bead animals!

*\*Registration Required*

Day/Date	Time	Program
Mon 4/1	10:30 am 4:30 pm	Busy Baby Story Time Yth. Adv. Wkshp: Van Gogh Eclipse Paint
Tue 4/2	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Pre-K Story Time Gaming After School
Wed 4/3	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Pokémon TCG Club Kid's Chess Club
Thur 4/4	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Sat 4/6	4:00 pm	Under the Sea, family event <b>(SOLD OUT)</b>
<b>Mon 4/8</b>	10:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b>	Busy Baby Story Time <b>Trash to Treasure: Recycled Art</b>
Tue 4/9	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Pre-K Story Time Gaming After School
Wed 4/10	4:30 pm	Fun Feats of Science
Thur 4/11	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Fri 4/12	2:00 pm	Homeschool Exploration
<b>Mon 4/15</b>	10:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>	Busy Baby Story Time <b>Trash to Treasure: Recycled Art</b> <b>Teen DIY: Bead Lizards</b>
Tue 4/16	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Pre-K Story Time Gaming After School
Wed 4/17	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Lego Challenge Club Evening Story Time
Thur 4/18	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Sat 4/20	10:30 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Saturday Story Time Read to a Dog Kids Art Club (ages 7-12)
<b>Mon 4/22</b>	10:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b>	Busy Baby Story Time <b>Trash to Treasure: Recycled Art</b>
Tue 4/23	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Pre-K Story Time Gaming After School
Thur 4/25	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
<b>Mon 4/29</b>	10:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b>	Busy Baby Story Time <b>Trash to Treasure: Recycled Art</b>
Tue 4/30	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Pre-K Story Time Gaming After School



# FAMILY & YOUTH PROGRAM GUIDE: MAY



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## Featured Family & Youth Programs

### Teen DIY: Woven Yarn Coasters\* Monday, 5/13 at 4:30 pm

Learn how to do a simple weave on a cardboard loom and create a coaster to protect your desk and tables from your mugs!

*\*Registration Required*

### Gaming After School\*

**Tuesdays: 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28**  
**at 3:00 pm**

Looking for something to do after school? Drop by the Library's large meeting room every Tuesday afternoon for video games, board games, hanging out with friends, and snacks! (grades 6-12)

*\*Registration Required*

Day/Date	Time	Program
Wed 5/1	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Pokémon TCG Club Kid's Chess Club
Thur 5/2	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Mon 5/6	10:30 am 4:30 pm	Busy Baby Story Time Youth Adv. Wkshp.: Metallic Dragon Eye
<b>Tue 5/7</b>	10:30 am <b>3:00 pm</b>	Pre-K Story Time <b>Gaming After School</b>
Wed 5/8	4:30 pm	Fun Feats of Science
Thur 5/9	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Fri 5/10	2:00 pm	Homeschool Exploration
<b>Mon 5/13</b>	10:30 am <b>4:30 pm</b>	Busy Baby Story Time <b>Teen DIY: Woven Yarn Coasters</b>
<b>Tue 5/14</b>	10:30 am <b>3:00 pm</b>	Pre-K Story Time <b>Gaming After School</b>
Wed 5/15	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Lego Challenge Club Evening Story Time
Thur 5/16	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
Sat 5/18	10:30 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Saturday Story Time Read to a Dog Kids Art Club (ages 7-12)
Mon 5/20	10:30 am	Busy Baby Story Time
<b>Tue 5/21</b>	10:30 am <b>3:00 pm</b>	Pre-K Story Time <b>Gaming After School</b>
Thur 5/23	10:30 am	Toddler Story Time
<b>Mon 5/27</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Library Closed: Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tue 5/28</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Gaming After School</b>

# FAMILY & YOUTH PROGRAM GUIDE: JUNE



## Featured Family & Youth Programs

### The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler\*

**Saturday, 6/15  
at 2:00 pm**

Join us for our Kick-Off into Summer Reading Event! Experience the magic, comedy, and inspiration of America's only full-time deaf illusionist.

*\*Registration Required*

### Keep Music Alive - Instrument Petting Zoo

**Thursday, 6/27  
at 10:30 am**

This hands-on workshop invites children to see, listen, touch, and play a variety of different instruments from around the world.

## JUNE 2024

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Day/Date	Time	Program
Tue 6/4	3:00 pm	Gaming After School
<b>Sat 6/15</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler</b>
Mon 6/17	10:30 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Summer Fun Safety w/ Doylestown Hlth Yth. Adv. Wkshp.: Kawaii Noodle Bowl Code Yogis Free Coding Wkshp.
Tue 6/18	10:30 am	Fire Truck Library Visit (outside)
Wed 6/19	2:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	90-Second Newbery Lego Challenge Club Code Yogis Free Coding Wkshp.
Thur 6/20	10:30 am	Community Read Story Time (outside)
Mon 6/24	10:30 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mindfulness w/ Doylestown Hlth Tech Time Code Yogis Free Coding Wkshp.
Tue 6/25	10:30 am	Summer Story Time (on the lawn)
Wed 6/26	2:30 pm 6:00 pm	90-Second Newbery Code Yogis Free Coding Wkshp.
<b>Thur 6/27</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Keep Music Alive - Instrument Petting Zoo</b>
Fri 6/28	11:00 am	Little Monet

# FUN AROUND TOWN

## Senior Expo

**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 1:00 pm - 3:00pm

**Location:** Ben Wilson Senior Activity Center, 580 Delmont Ave, Warminster, PA

**FUN:** Goodie bags & door prizes

Over 40 vendors will be in attendance. This is a great way to find out information about products & services offered to seniors in our area. Connect with local businesses like transportation companies, continuing care retirement communities, legal services, insurance reps, in-home care services, independent living facilities, financial service providers, assisted living facilities, etc.

## Warminster Community Yard Sale

**Date:** Saturday, 4/20/2024, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Warminster Community Park, 350 East Bristol Rd, Warminster, PA 19874

## Peace Valley Native Plant Sale

**Date:** Thursday, 5/16 @10:00 am through Sunday, 5/19/2024 @4:30 pm

**Location:** Peace Valley Nature Center, 170 N. Chapman Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901

## 29th Annual Rubber Ducky Regatta

**Date:** Sunday, May 19, 2024, the fun begins at noon and the race starts at 1:00 pm

**Location:** Kemper Park, 905 Valley Rd., Warminster, PA 18974

Warminster Parks and Recreation & Victory Bank are proud to present the 29th Annual Rubber Ducky Regatta. In addition to cheering on all the rubber duckies racing along, have fun with the entire family enjoying pretzels, water ice, balloon twisting, and more.

## Bucks Arts and Barks, Pet & Family Fest

**Date:** Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Location:** Warminster Community Park, 350 East Bristol Rd, Warminster, PA 19874

A fun expo for dog lovers, artisans and foodies! Bring the family including your leashed loved ones. 80+ vendors, 8 animal rescues, K-9 Police, Bucks Bubble Foam Zone, petting zoo, kids sand art, food trucks, live music, face painting, balloon twisters, adoptable pets and more!

## Native Plant Garden Party

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024

**Location:** Central Park, 425 Wells Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901

Join in the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Native Plant Garden in Central Park, hosted by the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Enjoy hands-on educational opportunities, environmental crafts, live music, and botanical refreshments all while surrounded by the garden!

*Remember to check event websites for the most current information.*

## FUN AROUND TOWN (cont.)

### Cupcake Decorating Display & Competition

**Dates:** April 29 - May 12

**Location:** Peddlers Village, Routes 202 & 263

**Festivals & Events Calendar:** <https://peddlersvillage.com/festivals/>

Professional and amateur culinary creations are displayed in four categories: Traditional, Baker's Choice, Student, and Kids. Admission to the display is free. Housed in the Visitor & Event Center (Red Barn, located off Street Road and Peddler's Lane).

### Strawberry Festival

**Date:** Saturday/Sunday, May 4th & 5th, from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Location:** Peddlers Village, Routes 202 & 263

Celebrate berry sweet traditions at Strawberry Festival. The weekend will include strawberry-themed food, beverages, live music, food trucks, kids' activities, & shop specials. Admission and parking are free. Rain or shine. Throughout the month of May, savor strawberry-themed food & drink specials served every day in our restaurants & eateries.

*Remember to check event websites for the most current information.*

### Jazz Concert on the Riverbank 2024

**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Washington Crossing Historic Park, 112 River Rd., Washington Crossing, PA. The concert will be held on the banks of the Delaware River near the park's visitor center.

**Phone:** 215.493.4076

**Website:** [www.washingtoncrossingpark.org](http://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org)

**Event Website:** <https://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org/event/jazz-concert-on-the-riverbank-2024/>

*\* No registration is required. **Concert is FREE.** Rain date is Monday, May 27 at the same time.*

The featured jazz artist this year is **Calli Graver**. In addition to recording original music, Graver has sung with legends like Aretha Franklin, Michael Bublé, and Andrea Bocelli, & worked with several symphonies, orchestras and philharmonics spanning the nation.

Rita's Ice will be available onsite. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnic dinner, chairs, and blankets. Alcohol is not permitted in the state park. Four-legged friends are welcome but must be leashed and under control at all times.

### Lego Magic: The Art of the Brick

**Date:** February 17 - September 2, 2024

**Location:** The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Phone:** 215-448-1200

**Website:** <https://fi.edu/en/exhibits-and-experiences/art-of-the-brick>

*\*This is a ticketed event; check website for ticketing information*

All 100-plus LEGO creations on display are the handiwork of contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya, the first artist ever to build a LEGO art exhibition. The traveling exhibition expands the imagination with two immersive spaces: an exhibit hall that turns LEGOs into sophisticated works of art, & a play space that sparks creativity for kids & the young at heart.

# FUN AROUND TOWN: GET OUTDOORS EDITION

## NEARBY NATURAL RESOURCES

### Peace Valley Lavender Farm

**Website:** <https://peacevalleylavender.com/>

**Location:** 802 New Galena Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

**Contact:** (215) 249-8462

See and smell the field in bloom throughout June and July at the Peace Valley Lavender Farm! Pick your own lavender, sit and enjoy views out over Lake Galena, or explore the shop stocked with unique lavender products. Located across from Peace Valley Park and Lake Galena, the unique shop on the farm is open year-round and filled with handmade lavender gifts for home, bath, body and garden.

### Nature Centers at Silver Lake and Churchville

Nature centers offer lots of public programs and rental options for young explorers. At both Silver Lake Nature Center and Churchville Nature Center, examine a diversity of habitats with hands-on exploratory activities

- **Silver Lake Nature Center**

**Website:** <https://silverlakenaturecenter.org/>

**Location:** 1306 Bath Rd, Bristol, PA 19007

**Contact:** (215) 785-1177

- **Churchville Nature Center**

**Website:** <https://www.churchvillenaturecenter.org/>

**Location:** 501 Churchville Ln, Churchville, PA 18966

**Contact:** (215) 357-4005

### Kids Castle at Doylestown Central Park

**Website:** <https://www.savekidscastle.org/>

**Location:** 425 Wells Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

**Contact:** (215) 348-9915

A land of enchantment for kids of all ages awaits in Doylestown's 108-acre Central Park, home to Kid's Castle, where kids can climb and play on an eight-story wooden playground complete with labyrinthine passages, twisty tube slides, drawbridges, overlooks and a kids' elevator, all protected by a giant dragon.



### Ringling Rocks Park

**Location:** Ringling Rocks Rd, Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

**Contact:** (215) 757-0571

Ringling Rocks Park is a great place for wilderness exploring in Upper Black Eddy. Bring your hammer and listen to the mysterious ringing of the boulder fields when the rocks are struck. Once you're done creating your stone song, explore the rest of the sprawling 123-acre park, a dense forest for hikers, walkers, bikers and picnickers. Oh, and don't miss High Falls, the county's largest waterfall.



## FUN AROUND TOWN: GET OUTDOORS EDITION *(cont.)*

### NEARBY NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Bowman's Hill Tower & Wildflower Preserve

**Website:** <https://bhwp.org/>

**Location:** 1635 River Rd, New Hope, PA 18938

**Contact:** (215) 862-2924

Feel like you're on top of the world when you climb to the top of Bowman's Hill Tower. Then enjoy the beautiful scenery while picnicking in Washington Crossing Historic Park and hiking through 134-acres of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. Take a guided tour of the Preserve!

#### Washington Crossing Historical Park

**Website:** <https://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org/>

**Location:** 1112 River Rd, Washington Crossing, PA 18977

**Contact:** (215) 493-4076

This 500-acre park preserves the site where General George Washington and his troops made their famed crossing of the Delaware River during the Revolutionary War to New Jersey in 1776. The park contains restored 18th century buildings and homes, Revolutionary War gravesites, and Bowman's Hill Tower to climb.

#### Tyler State Park

**Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/TylerStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

**Location:** 101 Swamp Rd, Newtown, PA 18940

**Contact:** (215) 968-2021

Tyler State Park consists of 1,711 acres in Newtown, Bucks County. Park roads, trails, and facilities are carefully nestled within the original farm and woodland setting. Neshaminy Creek meanders through the park, dividing the land into several interesting sections.

#### Nockamixon State Park

**Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/NockamixonStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

**Location:** 1542 Mountain View Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951

**Contact:** (215) 529-7300

Located in northern Bucks County, Nockamixon State Park is a 5,286-acre park inclusive of Tohickon Creek, Three Mile Run, Haycock Run and Lake Nockamixon, the largest lake in southeastern PA, as well as hiking and biking trails, and a disc golf course. One highlight of the park is the large dam overflow that creates one of the most impressive man-made waterfalls in all of Pennsylvania. A viewing area for this waterfall can be found on the southern edge of the park.

## FUN AROUND TOWN: GET OUTDOORS EDITION (cont.)

### NEARBY NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow

Website: <https://www.bcas.org/>

Trail map: [https://bcas.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/BCAS Trail Map 2014.pdf](https://bcas.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/BCAS_Trail_Map_2014.pdf)

Location: 2877 Creamery Road, New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938

Phone: 215-297-5880

Email: [bcas@bcas.org](mailto:bcas@bcas.org)

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Trails are open daily, dawn to dusk.

Just around the corner from Peddler's Village, **Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow** maintains a thriving nature preserve located on 110-acres with 6 miles of trails, meadows, forests, ponds, wetlands, & streams that are open to the public from dawn to dusk every day for hiking, bird watching, or just enjoying. Also located on the property is a 1936 renovated barn that serves as the Visitor Center, as well as a historic waterwheel & spring house.

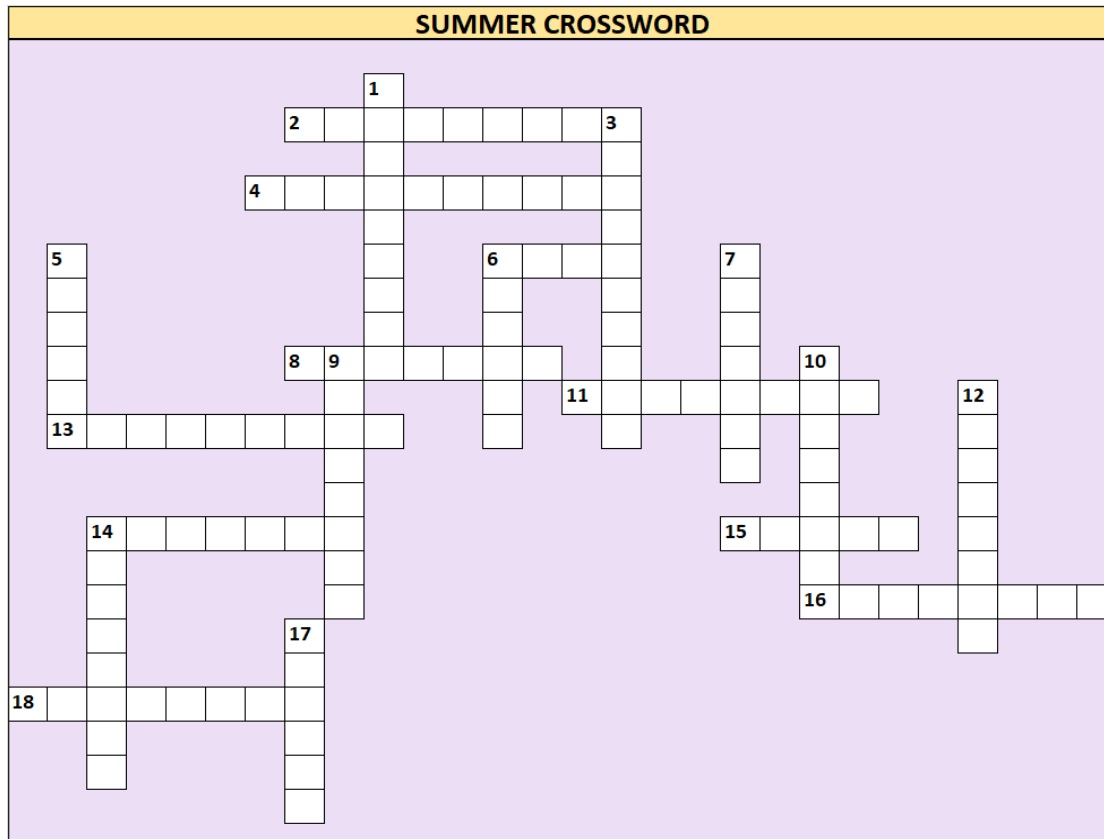
Founded in 1969 to educate & engage children & adults of the greater Bucks County region, Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. Each year Bucks Audubon provides high quality educational programs for over 5,000 people, from children at summer camp & field trips to birding trips & lectures for all ages.

*Remember to check event websites for the most current information.*

### NEARBY NATURAL RESOURCES WEBSITES

- Warminster Parks & Rec Home: <https://warminstertownship.org/recreation/>
- Warminster Parks & Rec My Rec: <https://warminsterpa.myrec.com/>
- Warminster Parks & Rec Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100084055655793>
- PA Parks & Rec Parkfinder: <https://www.goodforpa.com/park-finder/?location=18974>
- PA State Parks: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Pages/default.aspx>
- Doylestown Parks & Rec: <https://doylestownpa.org/departments/parks-recreation/>
- Doylestown Parks: <https://doylestownpa.org/departments/parks-recreation/parks/>
- Doylestown Parks Map: <https://doylestownpa.org/media/2063/park-system-map.pdf>
- Warrington Parks & Rec: <https://warringtontownship.org/departments/parks-recreation/>

# SUMMER CROSSWORD



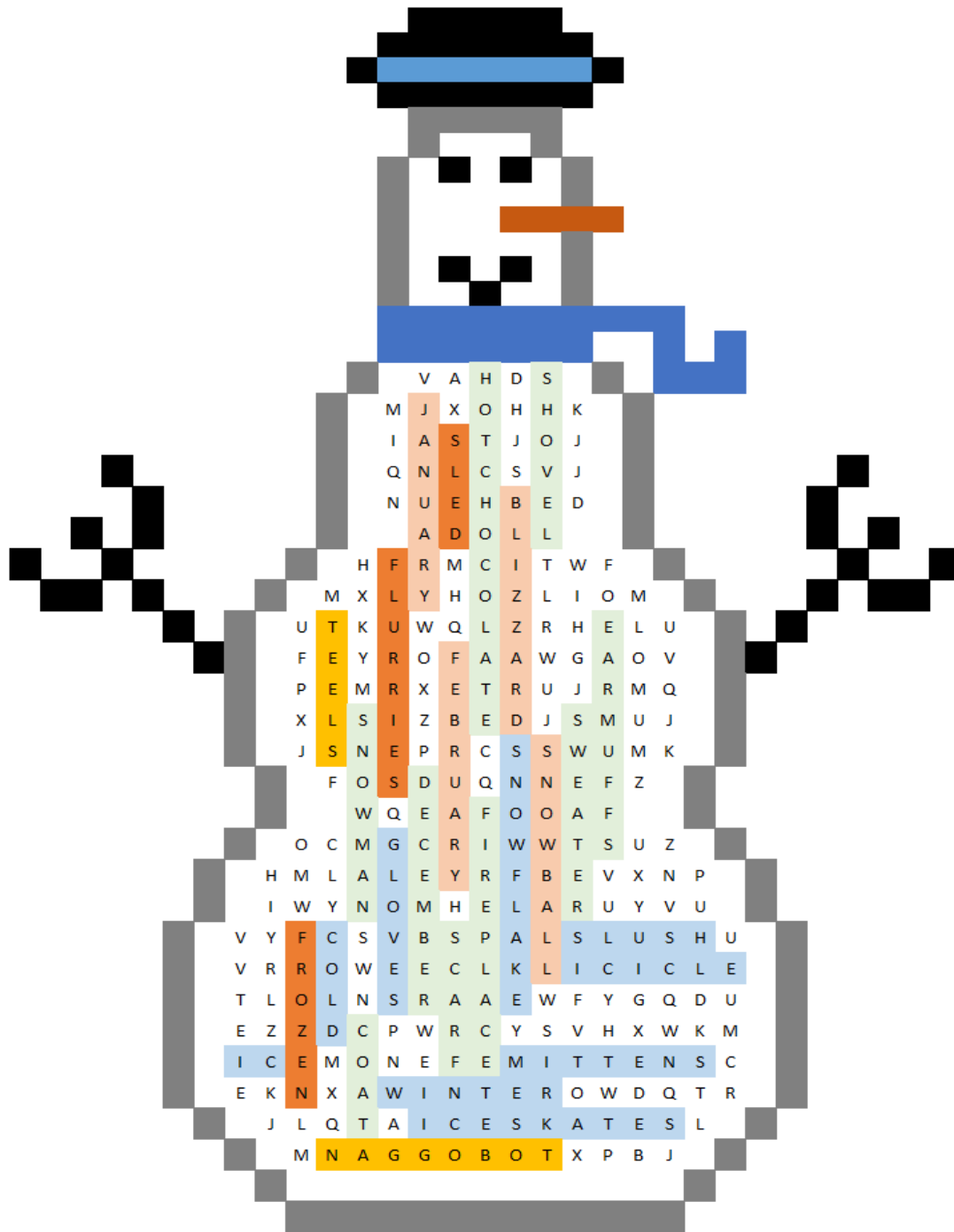
## ACROSS

2	Open-toed sandals worn during summer months
4	A refreshing fruit commonly eaten during the summer
6	A place to swim and cool off in on hot summer days
8	A popular outdoor activity often enjoyed during summer
11	A large outdoor gathering of people to celebrate cultural events, often held during the summer
13	A lotion applied to the skin to protect against sunburn
14	A popular mode of transportation and recreation during summer months
15	A popular summer destination for swimming and sunbathing
16	A refreshing summer drink made from lemon juice, water, and sugar
18	A time for relaxation and travel, often taken during the summer

## DOWN

1	A popular way to celebrate summer holidays, such as Independence Day
3	Protective eyewear that reduces the brightness and glare of sunlight
5	A type of clothing worn during summer when it's too hot for pants
6	A meal eaten outdoors, often at a park or beach, during the summer
7	A popular summer activity to enjoy the great outdoors
9	A popular frozen treat to cool down during summer
10	A popular summer sport played in many countries
12	A fun and refreshing way to cool off during hot summer days
14	A popular way to cook and eat outside during summer
17	A wide-brimmed hat worn to protect the face and head from the sun

# SOLUTION *(to last issue's Winter Word Search)*



WORDS TO FIND				
BLIZZARD	FIREPLACE	ICE SKATES	SLED	SWEATER
COAT	FLURRIES	ICICLE	SLEET	TOBOGGAN
COLD	FROZEN	JANUARY	SLUSH	WINTER
DECEMBER	GLOVES	MITTENS	SNOWBALL	
EARMUFFS	HOT CHOCOLATE	SCARF	SNOWFLAKE	
FEBRUARY	ICE	SHOVEL	SNOWMAN	

## ABOUT OUR LIBRARY

### OUR MISSION

"Warminster Library provides free access to diverse information, arts and culture, and civic resources to improve lives and foster a lifelong love of learning."

Founded in 1960, the Warminster Township Free Library is an independent Community Public Library and part of the Bucks County Library District. The Library presently has a 7-member advisory board and is governed by the Township of Warminster.

### At the Warminster Library:

- We support intellectual freedom and free access to information.
- We honor diversity and treat everyone with respect.
- We use our human, physical, and financial resources efficiently and effectively.
- We believe the best service is friendly, prompt, and accurate.

### WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY

1076 Emma Lane  
Warminster, PA 18974

**Phone:** 215.672.4362

**Director:** Peter Lehu, [lehup@buckslib.org](mailto:lehup@buckslib.org)

### Warminster Library Website:

<https://warminstertownship.org/library/>

### Bucks County Free Library Website:

<https://buckslib.org/>

### Bucks County Free Library Events Calendar Website\*:

<https://calendar.buckslib.org/>

*\* then select the Warminster Branch*



### WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY

### Library Hours:

Mon-Wed	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

