

Hello!

Montgomery County Public Libraries has had an exciting summer finding adventures and exploring Montgomery County's wonderful parks. With your help, we've had one of our highest sign-ups in MCPL history! Thanks to everyone who helped promote our Summer Reading Challenge!

Now, however, it is time to focus on the new school year. MCPL is here to help you and your students in any way that we can!

Here are a few resources to share with your students, staff and caregivers:

- Get ahead of the game with live, online tutoring and one-to-one homework help with [Brainfuse: Help Now](#).
- Need to work on a group project or just looking for a place to study? Our [collaboration rooms](#) can be reserved a week in advance, for up to two-hours a day.
- Don't know what to read? Check out [NoveList K-8](#) for book recommendations and read-a-likes OR get curated book recommendations from one of our expert librarians through: [What Do I Checkout Next?](#)
- Get your e-book and e-audio fix using [Hoopla](#) or the [Libby App](#).
- Check out [Kanopy Kids](#) or [BookFlix](#) for videos and animated books.
- [Explora Educators and Explora Primary School](#) has education resources to discover.
- Look at the next two pages for September activities.

We at White Oak Library look forward to assisting you and your faculty throughout the school year. Please feel free to reach out any time.

Best wishes,
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I encourage you to check out our online [calendar of events](#) to find out what is going on at White Oak Library and our other branches, but I've highlighted a few upcoming events at White Oak Library. Please feel free to share these with your community:

- **Jungle Safari: Saturday, September 7 at 11:00 AM, for ages 5-12:**

Our Eco safari guide will lead participants through a series of high-energy, excitement-packed, hair-raising, tests of wills and a series of challenges and dares, to face their fears, practice their teamwork, and put their determination to the test! Hold a giant hissing cockroach, wrangle a croc, hold a furry, spiky creature, do a physical challenge, or eat a bug??...YIKES and YUCK...no one said that this was going to be easy!

- **My First Book Club: Wednesday, September 11, 4:30-5:30 PM (every second Wednesday of the month), for ages Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade:**

Are you just beginning to read on your own? Are you in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade? Join White Oak's My First Book Club! Every month we will read a book together, talk about it, and do a few fun activities. **This program does not teach students how to read.** Rather we will introduce kids to some awesome books for emerging readers, get them excited about books and reading, and help them develop social skills through interacting with their peers.

Registration is required and opens September 4. Participation is limited to children in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. This is an independent learning experience. Parents and caregivers will not be present in the program room but must remain in the library building during the program.

- **Tween Time: Wednesday, September 18, 4:00-5:00 PM, (every third Wednesday of the month) for ages 10-13 years:**

Get in on the fun with Tween Time, where we'll stretch our imaginations and get creative in a monthly program just for 10-13 year olds. Some months we'll do a craft to take home, sometimes it will be a service project to donate.

Registration is required and opens September 11. Participation is limited to 10-13-year-olds.

- **Act It Out: Thursday, September 19 6:00-7:00 PM (every third Thursday of the month), for ages 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade:**

First, we'll read the story, then we'll act it out! FOR GRADES 1-3. What's better than reading a good story? Acting it out! Join in the fun as we turn a great story into an original play. We'll discuss plot, theme, and characters, then band together to bring the story to life, with giggles and fun along the way. No written scripts; we'll create our dialogue and movement as we go! Acting out a story helps young readers practice skills of listening and reading comprehension. **Registration is required and opens September 9th. Intended for 1st - 3rd graders.**

This is an independent creative learning experience. Parents and caregivers will not be present in the program room but must remain in the library building during the program.

- **Build It! Friday, September 20 4:30-5:30 PM (for ages 6-13 years)**

Join us for some fun building opportunities! We will have Legos, Duplos, Lincoln Logs, and more. We will provide all the materials for this program.

While we welcome all ages, adults should be aware that small pieces could be a choking hazard for younger children. Adults must accompany children under the age of 8.