

Montgomery County Public Libraries

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2024 Summer Reading Challenge

June 14 – August 31

Ages 0 – 12 Years Old



When? Who?

June 14—August 31

- Kids
 - Elementary School Ages 6-12 years
- Early Literacy
 - Preschooler ages birth-5 years
- Teens *(different program)*
 - Middle & High School ages 13-17 years
- Adults *(different program)*

Preregister starting May 15th!

Sign-Up Online & In-Person



Booklists

Gameboards

Videos

Partners



- Sign-up in-person at your local library branch
- Ask a parent or guardian to help you sign-up online
 - Visit the library's summer reading website:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/programs/summer-reading.html>

- GET A **FREE BOOK!**

Adventure Starts Here

- Theme for 2024: Adventure Starts Here
 - Explore and get to know your community
- Three goals this year:
 - *Increase accessibility to our parks*
 - *Preserve our county's history*
 - *Help keep our parks beautiful*



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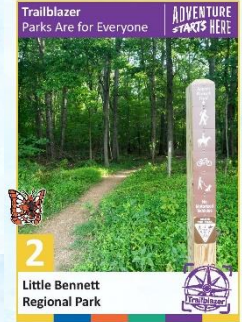
How It Works

- Complete activities on the gameboard
- Participate alone or with family or friends
- Track online to earn all three e-badges



Badge One: Parks are for Everyone

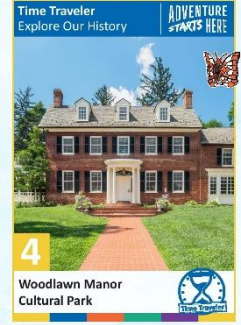
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- Complete 4 activities
- You earn a **Trailblazer** e-badge and **two** special **Collector Cards**
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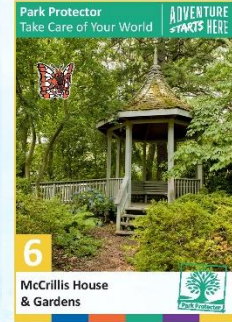
Badge Two: Explore Our History

- Opens July 7, closes August 31
- Complete 4 activities
- You earn a **Time Traveler** e-badge and **two** special **Collector Cards**
- You earn a voucher for **2 tickets** to a **Washington Nationals** baseball game.
- FOLMC and Montgomery Parks Foundation will help preserve our county's history.



Badge Three: Take Care of Your World

- Opens August 4, closes August 31
- Complete 4 activities
- You earn a **Park Protector** e-badge and two special **Collector Cards**
- You will also earn a FOLMC Bookstore voucher for a **free book**.
- FOLMC and Montgomery Parks Foundation will help make Montgomery Parks beautiful.



Early Literacy Gameboard (0-5)

Preregistration begins May 15.

Log activities June 14–August 31, 2024.

Go to: www.mcpl.link/read-squared*

Already registered? Just sign in, and select **"Adventure Starts Here."**

Don't have an account yet? Click **"Register"** then choose **"Myself and others."** Enter adult's information for Primary Account, then add Child(ren).

Visit your local library to receive a free book (while supplies last).

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Summer Reading Activities for ages 0-5

Fill in the circles for each activity completed.

Activities can be repeated.

1. Read for 30 minutes
2. Make a blanket tent
3. Explore a new playground or park
4. Listen to a song in another language
5. Build with blocks or plastic cups
6. Blow bubbles and try to catch them
7. Have a teddy bear picnic
8. Attend a storytime at the library
9. Draw a picture of an adventure you've taken or would like to go on
10. Wiggle till you giggle
11. Fly like a butterfly
12. Find things around the house that start with your favorite letter
13. Play "I Spy" shapes

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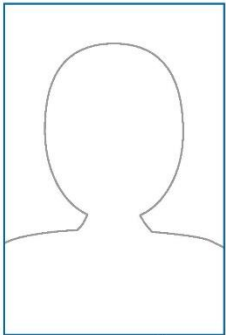
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FAVORITE BOOK _____

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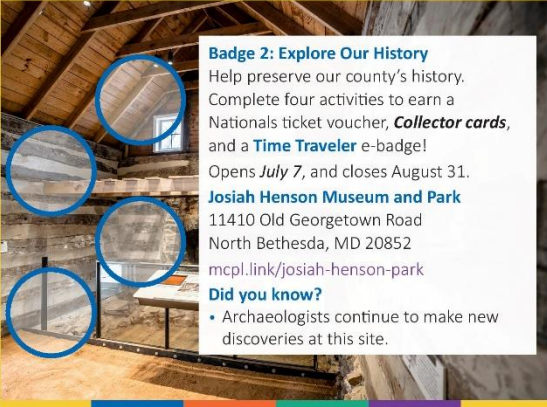
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Opens **June 14**, and closes August 31.
South Germantown Recreational Park
18041 Central Park Circle
Boys, Maryland 20841
mcpplink.com/south-gt-park
Did you know?

- This park offers a Communication Board in Spanish, English and Braille.

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Badge 2: Explore Our History
Help preserve our county's history. Complete four activities to earn a Nationals ticket voucher, **Collector cards**, and a **Time Traveler** e-badge!
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Josiah Henson Museum and Park
11410 Old Georgetown Road
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Help make Montgomery Parks beautiful. Complete four activities to earn a certificate of completion, a FOLMC Bookstore voucher, **Collector cards**, and a **Park Protector** e-badge!
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Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park
Multiple Entrances
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Elementary Gameboard (6-12)

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2. Try a new recipe with a grown-up
3. Go on a hike or neighborhood walk
4. Draw a chalk sidewalk adventure
5. Jump rope and make up a rhyme
6. Make a collage from nature walk items
7. Play hopscotch and count in a different language
8. Create a comic strip where you are the hero
9. Learn a yoga pose
10. Build something from a cardboard box
11. Explore outside and make a rub drawing
12. Visit a museum
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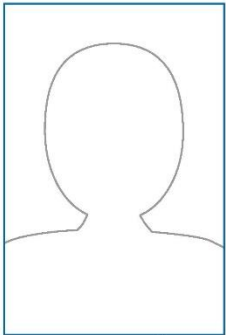
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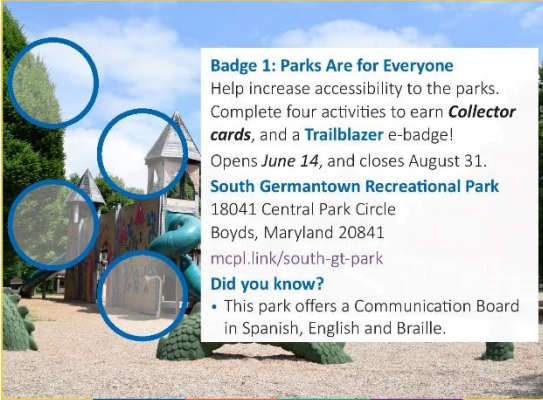
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What Can I Read?

- fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels
- e-books, audiobooks
- from home or the public library
 - choose your own
 - check out a library book bundle
 - ask an MCPL librarian for suggestions
 - choose from a booklist especially for your grade



It's a Party!

- Kick off summer right with a party!
 - 6 kickoff events across the county
 - Sign up at the library and get your free book!
 - Everyone is welcome



WHERE & WHEN:

- **White Oak Library**
6/15 @11:30-1:00pm
- **Gaithersburg Library**
6/15 @2:00-3:00pm
- **Damascus Library**
6/22 @11:30-3:30pm
- **Connie Morella Library**
6/23 @2:00-4:00pm
- **Kensington Park Library**
6/28 @11:00-12:30pm
- **Aspen Hill Library**
6/29 @10:00-2:00pm

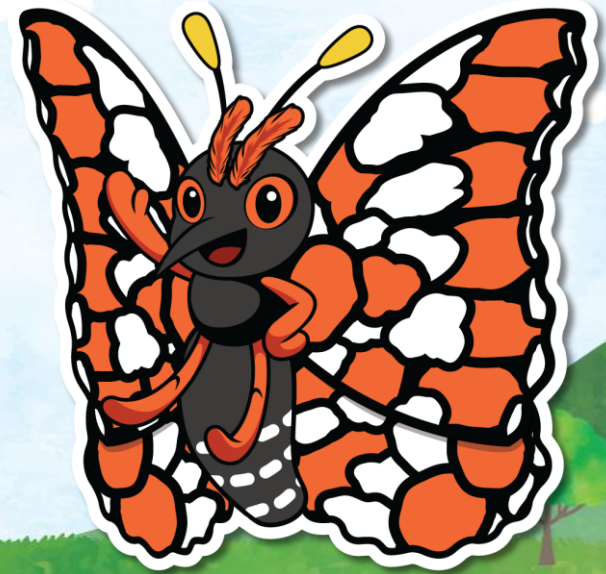
Summer Programming

There's so much fun to be had at the library!



Adventure Week

- July 28 – August 3
- Outdoors/Adventure Book Displays
- Take & Make Crafts
- Bring Mari Mariposa on vacation this summer!



Read Across Generations



- Children going into K-3 can practice their reading skills during the summer while reading one-on-one with a volunteer (50+) from the Jewish Council for the Aging Heyman Interages Center.
- The program runs for 5 weeks, from July 8 to August 10.
- In collaboration with the Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA) Heyman Interages Center.

July 8 to August 10, 2024

Mondays—White Oak Library
4:00-5:30pm

Tuesdays—Wheaton Library
1:30-3:00pm

Thursdays—Aspen Hill Library
2:00-3:30pm

Fridays—Rockville Library
11:00am-12:30pm

Saturdays—Gaithersburg Library
10:30am-12pm

Questions?



Thank you
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