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ACTIVITY GUIDE

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ARTS & CRAFTS

AFTER DARK: NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
 Days: Vary Time: 10:00am-11:59pm
 Session: 10/17-TBD AC#: ADNPI017

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Discover the creative possibilities of photography after dark in this immersive night photography course! Students will learn essential techniques for capturing stunning night-time images, including exposure settings, long exposures, composition. Using creative problem solving, students will utilize available light sources such as streetlights, car lights, and moonlight to create their images. **The first class will meet October 17th at 10am at the Dover Art League to cover foundational concepts and discuss shooting locations for the remaining three on-location sessions.** Night photography is part technique and part adventure - be ready to experiment, explore, and discover the creative possibilities that emerge after dark. ***Students should bring a digital SLR, a tripod, and a flashlight.** Must have understanding of manual camera settings. Instructor: Jarred Knorr. Min: 5, Max: 12



BEGINNER AND ADVANCED HAND CROCHET OR KNITTING DESIGN

Ages: 13 & up Fee: \$65
 Days: Tue Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Session: 10/6-10/20 AC#: CROKNI1006

Ages: 13 & up Fee: \$65
 Days: Tue Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Session: 11/10-11/24 AC#: CROKNI1110

Kent County Administrative Complex, Room 221, 555 Bay Rd, Dover. The beginner class will learn how to make a scarf and potholders, participants will keep all projects made. The advanced class will learn how to make their own projects. **Please indicate on registration form whether you are a crocheter or knitter, beginner or advanced. Parents must stay if registrant is under 18.** Instructor: Manh Nguyen, with over 40 years of teaching experience. **ONLY call for a list of class supplies if already registered for program (supplies not included), please call Manh at 302-530-9525..** Min: 3, Max: 15

BEGINNER QUILTING (HEART AND NINE PATCH)

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$80
 Days: Sat Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm
 Session: 11/7-12/5 AC#: BQUILT117

Delaware Sewing Center, 1716 S Governors Ave, Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. What says love better than hearts! Combine straight set nine-patch blocks and appliqued hearts. Participants will learn freezer paper applique by hand and basic machine pieced nine-patch. Then add a border or two and you will have a quilt top. You will finish your quilt top using basic machine quilting and then binding. Pattern and all handouts included. Please pick up supply list at Delaware Sewing Center before class. **Fabric will need to be washed before class. For more information and a list of supplies, call instructor Crystal Sweeney at 302-674-9030.** Min: 3, Max: 8



COZY CREATIONS: CANDLES & CIDER

Ages: 21 & up Fee: \$55
 Days: Sun Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
 Session: 10/25 AC#: CCCC1025

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Welcome the cozy season with candles and cider! Sip, socialize, and pour your own custom candle inspired by crisp autumn days, pumpkin spice, warm apple pie, and other comforting seasonal scents. This workshop will feature bayberry wax candles, a traditional favorite known for their rich history and festive charm. Choose a vessel from the instructor's curated collection and decorate it with seasonal accents (feel free to bring your own!). Students will learn candle-making essentials including wax types, proper pouring temperatures, fragrance blending, and how to create scent combinations that capture the warmth and nostalgia of fall. Leave with a custom candle, a new skill, and a renewed love of sweater weather. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Rebecca Walsen. Min: 5, Max: 10

CREATIVE CHAOS!

Ages: 7-12

Days: Sat

Session: 10/3-10/24

Fee: \$85

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

AC#: CC1003

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Lookerman St., Dover. Get ready to experiment, build, and bring ideas to life! In this project-based art class, kids will explore classic art materials like paint, drawing tools, and clay. They'll also discover how to transform everyday objects into imaginative works of art. Each week introduces a new creative challenge designed to encourage problem-solving, mixed media exploration, and personal expression. Students will learn to see artistic potential in everything around them, from paper scraps and recycled materials to diorama scenes and even beans! It's all about making, experimenting, and discovering how everyday objects can become something imaginative and meaningful. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Elana Bock. Min: 5, Max: 12



HOW TO DRAW YOUR FANTASY CHARACTER

Ages: 16 & up

Days: Tue

Session: 10/6-10/27

Fee: \$75

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

AC#: DYFC1006

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Lookerman St., Dover. Have you ever created a character in your head, or maybe on a role-playing character sheet and wished you could bring them to life visually so that other people could see them too? Then this class is for you! Over the course of four weeks, we will cover the skills necessary for drawing a character, including face, figure, clothing, fantasy races, shape, and color. We will cover the whole process from the simple gesture drawing to the fully detailed figure, discussing how to make the best visual choices for your unique character in the process. ***All materials included.** Students are welcome to bring their preferred drawing materials, including tablets. Instructor: Helen Hogan. Min: 5, Max: 10

MANDALA MAGIC!

Ages: 8 & up

Days: Sat

Session: 11/21

Fee: \$35

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

AC#: MM1121

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Lookerman St., Dover. What happens when watercolor, creativity, and a little color science come together? A vibrant mandala masterpiece! Students will learn the basics of color theory by mixing paints, creating secondary colors, and exploring how colors work together. They'll also discover the history and cultural significance of mandalas. These circular designs have been used in cultures around the world as symbols of balance and connection, which makes it a beautiful way to create a color wheel! Using these new skills and ideas, students will design and paint a mandala-inspired color wheel filled with unique patterns and details. This project combines watercolor techniques, color mixing, art history, and creative expression while giving students a strong foundation for future painting adventures. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Michala Messick. Min: 5, Max: 12

NO MORE AUTO: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR CAMERA!

Ages: 16 & up

Days: Sun

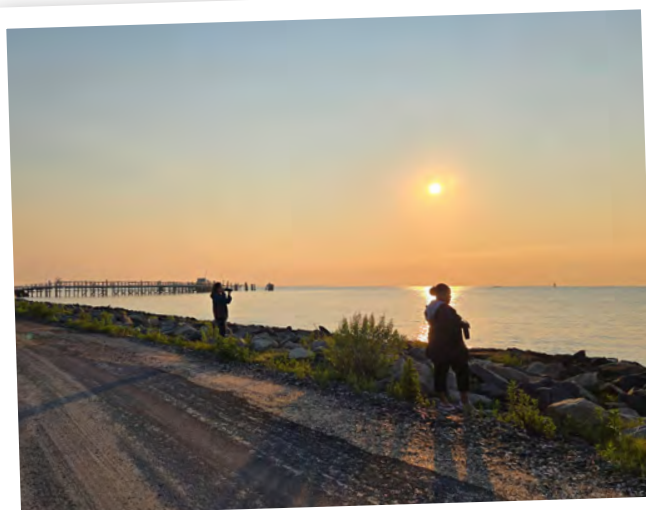
Session: 10/4-11/8

Fee: \$100

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

AC#: NMA1004

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Lookerman St., Dover. Do you have a camera, but still use the auto settings? Do you want maximum control over your images to achieve exactly what you envision? Then this class is for you! In this course, students will learn the basics of photography including: exposure, aperture, shutter speed, basic editing, and more! Students will have the opportunity during class hours to get outside and practice the techniques they learn. **All you need is a DSLR camera and a notebook!** The editing portion will be taught via a projector, but students can bring their own laptop if they'd like. Instructor: Jarred Knorr. Min: 5, Max: 15



SEWING MADE EASY AND FUN

Ages: 13 & up Fee: \$65
 Days: Mon Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Session: 10/5-10/19 AC#: SEW1005

Ages: 13 & up Fee: \$65
 Days: Mon Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Session: 11/9-11/23 AC#: SEW1109

Kent County Administrative Complex, Room 221, 555 Bay Rd, Dover. Participants will learn sewing machine basics: operation, connect fabric, sew on a button and make a buttonhole (if your machine has one). The class will also cover how to hem a skirt, pants, shorts, dress, tunnel elastic, make a tie belt and repair a garment (**supplies not included**). **Participants will need to bring their machine and instruction manual. Parents must stay if registrant is under 18.** Instructor; Manh Nguyen with over 40 years of teaching experience. **ONLY call for a list of class supplies if already registered for program (supplies not included), please call Manh at 302-530-9525.** Min: 3, Max: 12



SPOOKY SUNCATCHERS

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$85
 Days: Sun Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm
 Session: 10/4-10/11 AC#: SS1004

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Create an adorable spooky stained-glass bat suncatcher while creepin' it cute with dangling celestial charms and dreamy gothic details! This beginner-friendly 2-day workshop is open to all skill levels and offers a fun, approachable introduction to stained glass. Students will construct a whimsical hanging bat while learning the core techniques used in stained glass art. They will gain experience with grinding, foiling, soldering, and assembling hanging elements while creating a finished piece that is delightfully spooky! By the end of the workshop, you'll leave with a one-of-a-kind stained glass suncatcher perfect for adding a little creepy-cute charm to your home - for the season or year-round! We won't judge. ***All materials included.** Instructor: Lisa Stallings. Min: 5, Max: 8

T-SHIRT QUILTING

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$85
 Days: Tue Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Session: 10/13-11/17 AC#: TQUILT013
 (No 11/3)

Delaware Sewing Center, 1716 S. Governors Ave., Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. If you are like most people, you have a pile of treasured old T-shirts you just can't bear to throw away. This class is geared to turning your old clothes into lasting memories. Just think of a graduation gift, a lasting memory of a great vacation, or all those years of sports. **A sewing machine in good working order is needed. Stop by the shop to pick up a supply list or call Delaware Sewing Center at 302-674-9030. Fabric will need to be washed before class.** Min: 4, Max: 7

WIRED UP: JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$40
 Days: Sat Time: 1:00pm-3:30pm
 Session: 10/3 AC#: JMW1003

The Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Twist, bend, and shape wire into one-of-a-kind jewelry! Using simple hand tools, participants will learn how to manipulate wire to create unique earrings, pendants, and bracelets. We'll explore techniques for adding beads, creating clasps, and wrapping wire around beads or cabochons to make wearable unique pieces. Participants are welcome to bring a small object or special bead of their own to incorporate into their jewelry if they'd like. This workshop is for anyone interested in the art of jewelry making, no experience required! ***All materials included.** Instructor: Lisa Stallings. Min: 5, Max: 8



CAMPS

YOUTH PICKLEBALL CLINIC/CAMP

Ages: 8-16 Fee: \$60
Days: Mon, Tue Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Session: 12/21-12/22 AC#: YHPC1221

Ages: 8-16 Fee: \$60
Days: Mon, Tue Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm
Session: 11/23-11/24 AC#: YHPC1123

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. This camp is designed to introduce kids ages 8 – 16 to the sport of pickleball or improve the skills of those that already play. The camp will feature introductory skills, age-appropriate drills as well as learning the rules and scoring of the game. Participants should wear comfortable sneakers. **Equipment will be provided but feel free to bring your own paddle if you have one.** Instructors: Lynn Price & Kim Holden. Min: 8, Max: 24



FITNESS

AQUA AEROBICS CARDIO BLAST

Session 1
Ages: 18 & up Fee: \$75
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Session: 9/15-10/15 AC#: FMMCAQ915

Session 2
Ages: 18 & up Fee: \$75
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Session: 10/27-12/1 AC#: FMMCAQ1027
(No 11/26)

Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave, Dover. Take advantage of water's natural resistance to get an aerobic and toning workout without the wear and tear on your joints. This program focuses on cardiovascular fitness and range of motion and is a great workout for seniors. **Participants must bring their suit and towel. Note: You do not need to know how to swim.** Instructor: Betsy Gustafson, personal trainer and fitness instructor with 30+ years of experience. Min: 20, Max: 25

BODY TONING/STRENGTH TRAINING (VIRTUAL)

Session 1
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$60
Days: Mon, Wed Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Session: 9/14-10/28 AC#: VBT/ST914

Session 2
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$60
Days: Mon, Wed Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
Session: 11/2-12/16 AC#: VBT/ST112
(No 11/11 or 11/25)

Online classes, Zoom link provided for each class. This Strength and Balance Training program is designed for beginners who want to build a strong foundation for life-long fitness. Participants will develop total-body strength while improving balance, coordination, and core stability. The program emphasizes proper form, controlled movement, and gradual progression to help increase muscle strength, enhance joint stability, and support better posture and mobility. Balance-focused exercises are integrated throughout to improve body awareness and reduce the risk of injury. This class provides a supportive environment where participants can build confidence, move safely, and develop sustainable habits for long-term health and wellness. **Participants need a mat and hand weights (ranging in size).** Instructor: Kathy Kennedy-Ratajack. Min: 10, Max: 30

RHYTHM RIDE SPIN CLASS

Session 1
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$75
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 6:30pm-8:15pm
Session: 9/1-10/8 AC#: RRSC901

Session 2
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$75
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 6:30pm-8:15pm
Session: 10/20-11/24 AC#: RRSC1020

Lett's Move Fitness, 1231 S. Dupont Blvd, Suite 102, Smyrna. This mid-to-high-energy indoor cycling class, led by a motivating instructor, blends beat-based choreography, resistance drills, and full-body movement for a ride that's as fun as it is fierce. Expect climbs, sprints, tap backs, corners, and upper-body flow—all synced to a fire playlist that keeps your heart pumping and your spirit lifted. Perfect for all fitness levels. Instructors: Lindsey Kirk, Karlett Walker. Min: 5, Max: 16



YIN-YOGA PRACTICE (VIRTUAL)

Session 1

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$40
Days: Mon, Wed Time: 6:30pm-7:05pm
Session: 9/14-10/28 AC#: YINYOGA914

Session 2

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$40
Days: Mon, Wed Time: 6:30pm-7:05pm
Session: 11/2-12/16 AC#: YINYOGA112
(No 11/11 or 11/25)

Online classes, Zoom link provided for each class. This Yin Yoga class offers a slow, grounding practice designed to improve flexibility, mobility, and overall balance in both body and mind. Through a series of gentle, floor-based poses held for longer periods of time, participants target the deeper connective tissues—such as fascia, ligaments, and joints—supporting healthy range of motion and joint stability. The class emphasizes stillness, mindful breathing, and relaxed effort, allowing the body to gradually release tension while calming the nervous system. Suitable for beginners and experienced practitioners alike. Yin Yoga complements more active forms of exercise and supports recovery, stress reduction, and overall well-being. Participants will leave feeling restored, centered, and more connected to their bodies. **Participants need a mat (blocks and bolsters may be helpful).** Instructor: Kathy Kennedy-Ratajack. Min: 10, Max: 20



ZUMBA

Session 1

Ages: All Ages Fee: \$45
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm
Session: 9/1-10/8 AC#: ZUM901

Session 2

Ages: All Ages Fee: \$45
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm
Session: 10/20-11/24 AC#: ZUM1020

Let's Move Fitness, 1231 S. Dupont Blvd, Suite 102, Smyrna. ZUMBA is a fitness class that promises to be so much fun that you won't even realize you are working out! Fusing Latin and International rhythms with easy-to-follow moves; Zumba is a one-of-a-kind class designed to burn calories, boost energy, and supply a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class! **Please bring water and a hand towel.** Instructor: Karlett Walker, Licensed Zumba Instructor. Min: 5, Max: 15



ZUMBA WITH NIECY J

Session 1

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Session: 9/8-10/15 AC#: FZGP908

Session 2

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue, Thu Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Session: 10/27-12/8 AC#: FZGP1027
(No 11/3 or 11/26)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. Come join this fun and easy to follow Zumba class. This version of Zumba allows you to dance at your own pace. Incorporates verbal instruction in addition to hand cueing to further assist in the teaching process. This is a low impact dance party where you choose the intensity you want. You will groove to Latin, R/B, Oldies, Big Band, Rock, Dance Hall, Pop, and more. There is something for everyone and every fitness level. This is a no judgement zone, with tons of fun! Hope to see you there! Instructor: Denise Jackson (Niecy J). **Please call 302-744-2486 for Under 16yrs Registration.** Min: 10, Max: 30

MUSIC/DANCE

SPORT INSTRUCTION

Recreation Activities

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

Ages: 12 & up Fee: \$50
Days: Mon Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm
Session: 9/21-11/9 AC#: ECD921

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Skip a trip to the gym and try folk dancing for exercise! This class is designed for beginners, however experienced dancers are welcome to join. New steps and new dances will be taught each week. The class moves at the pace of the students. Singles and couples are welcome. All dances are taught and "called" by the instructor. **Sneakers or flat, non-marking soles are best.** English Country Dancing is seen in Colonial Williamsburg and the Jane Austen movies. This class is fun, easy and lightly aerobic. Great for homeschoolers! Great for seniors, too! Instructor: Jackie McCabe. Min: 16, Max: 30

KCRC SOUL LINE DANCE

Session 1
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$41
Days: Tue Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Session: 9/8-10/6 AC#: KCRCSLD908

Session 2
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$41
Days: Tue Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Session: 10/13-11/17 AC#: KCRCSLD1013
(No 11/3)

Session 3
Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$41
Days: Tue Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Session: 11/24-12/22 AC#: KCRCSLD1124

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Looking for a great way to burn calories, meet new people, and improve your coordination while enhancing your dance moves? Look no further; Soul Line Dancing is for you. Come out and join the fun at our beginner level classes as you learn popular dances such as the Electric Slide, Wobble, Cupid Shuffle, Uptown Funk, and many more. Instructors: Chuck & Kelly Cooper. Chuck & Kelly Cooper of C & K Soul Line Dancing will meet you in Boys & Girls Club Conference Center when you enter on the right. Min: 10, Max: 35

ADVANCE PICKLEBALL

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm
Session: 9/8-9/29 AC#: PICKADV908

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm
Session: 10/6-10/27 AC#: PICKADV1006

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm
Session: 11/10-12/1 AC#: PICKADV1110

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Are you ready to take your pickleball game to the next level? This course will cover intermediate-to-advanced pickleball skills such as: dinking, volleying, third shot drop, reset, lob, defend lob. Tactics will be taught for doubles play: serve, return of serve, transition to non-volley zone, going on attack at the non-volley zone. Instructor: Lynn Price. Min: 8, Max: 16



BEGINNER PICKLEBALL

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 8:00am-9:30am
Session: 9/8-9/29 AC#: PICKLBEG908

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 8:00am-9:30am
Session: 10/6-10/27 AC#: PICKLBEG1006

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 8:00am-9:30am
Session: 11/10-12/1 AC#: PICKLBEG1110

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. **This class is for beginners only.** Pickleball is designed for all skill and age levels and is very easy to learn. Knowledge of the game is not necessary. Basic drills, skills and rules of the game will be taught. Our indoor courts will make your Pickleball experience much more memorable. Instructor: Lynn Price. Min: 4, Max: 14

FRIDAY NIGHT FUTSAL SERIES

Fall Series – 1

Ages: 8-13 Fee: \$65
Days: Fri Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Session: 9/18-10/23 AC#: FNFS918

Fall Series – 2

Ages: 8-13 Fee: \$65
Days: Fri Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Session: 11/6-12/18 AC#: FNFS116
(No 11/27)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover.

Futsal has long been recognized as a key influence in the skill development of professional soccer players around the world. The fast-paced nature of the game challenges players to be creative, technical, and quick-thinking in tight spaces. The purpose of this program is to provide quality futsal instruction to players in our community at an affordable cost. Join us weekly during our Futsal Series for one hour of instructional fundamental skill development followed by one hour of guided game play designed to help players apply those skills in a fun, fast-moving environment. Min: 10, Max: 40

INSTRUCTIONAL LACROSSE

Ages: 6-10 Fee: \$60
Days: TBD Time: TBD
Session: TBD AC#: ILAX

Kent County Recreation Center, Turf Field, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. This clinic is designed to develop fundamental skills, techniques that will help prepare young players to bring their game to the next level. Players will participate in small-sided games and drills with modified rules. Small-sided games will greatly increase touches and skill repetition. This instructional program is for field players only. Min: 10, Max: 20

Participants must provide their own equipment: helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick.

For more information, call Joseph Paugh at 302-744-2486.

(This program is geared towards Boys Lacrosse, but girls are more than welcome to join).



INTERMEDIATE PICKLEBALL

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 10:00am-11:30am
Session: 9/8-9/29 AC#: PICKLINT908

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 10:00am-11:30am
Session: 10/6-10/27 AC#: PICKLINT1006

Ages: 16 & up Fee: \$65
Days: Tue Time: 10:00am-11:30am
Session: 11/10-12/1 AC#: PICKLINT1110

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Some previous experience of Pickleball is necessary.

This class is designed for individuals who want to expand their knowledge and skills of the game. Serving, positioning, lob shots, dinking are just some of the skills that will be taught during this class. Instructor: Lynn Price. Min: 12, Max: 14

TEEN AERIAL ARTS

Ages: 12-18 Fees: \$100
Days: Tue Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm
Session 1: 9/8-9/29 AC#: TAA0908
Session 2: 10/6-10-27 AC#: TAA1006
Session 3: 11/3-11/24 AC#: TAA1103

Floating Lotus Yoga and Aerial, 26 E. Glenwood Ave, Smyrna.

These classes are designed to introduce aerial circus arts and aerial dance to teens to build strength, confidence and an opportunity for play and self-expression in a social environment. Teens will work to acquire basic level aerial skills on aerial hammock, aerial hoop and aerial silks. Participants will be taught skills in standing, sitting and inversions (up-side-down positions). Basic aerial safety and studio rules will be covered. **Bring a water bottle, a T-shirt covering back/stomach and pants that cover the backs of the knees.**

Instructor: Jenna Lamb. Min: 3, Max: 8

TOT INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

Ages: 4-6 Fee: \$45
Days: Sat Time: 10:30am-11:30am
Session: 9/12-10/3 AC#: TBASKLG912

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover.

Introduce your little ones to the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and engaging environment! Our Tot Instructional Basketball program is designed for young children to develop basic basketball skills, coordination and teamwork. Players will be introduced to fundamental skills like dribbling, passing and shooting through fun drills and activities that build confidence and motor skills. The main goal is to have fun! Min: 10, Max: 20

TOT MULTI SPORT CLASS

Ages: 4-6
Days: Thu
Session: 9/17-10/22
Fee: \$55
Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm
AC#: TRCTMS917

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This class is a great introduction to a variety of sports for emerging athletes. This class will teach fundamentals on how to play various sports and how to play with others. A variety of sports will be covered including: Soccer, Football, Baseball, Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, etc. If you have any questions about registering, please call Parks & Recreation at 302-744-2486 or email at joseph.paugh@kentcountyde.gov. Min: 5, Max: 15

TOT & PARENT MULTI SPORT CLASS

Ages: 2-4
Days: Thu
Session: 9/17-10/22
Fee: \$55
Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm
AC#: TRCPTM917

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This is a parent and child class that is a great introduction to a variety of sports for both parents and their emerging athletes. Parents will work with their child to develop skills and a love for sports. This class will cover a variety of sports including Soccer, Football, Baseball, Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, etc. If you have any questions about registering, please call Parks & Recreation at 302-744-2486 or email at joseph.paugh@kentcountyde.gov. Min: 5, Max: 15

SPORT LEAGUES

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 13-18
Days: Sun
Session: 9/13-10/18
Fee: \$87
Time: 10:00am-11:30am
AC#: YBLAXLG913

Kent County Recreation Center, Turf Field, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the Coaching staff and will compete in games over the 6-week time frame. **Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick).** For more information, call Joseph Paugh at 302-744-2486. Min: 10, Max: 70



HARRINGTON SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 18 & up
Days: Sun
Session: 9/13-10/18
Fee: \$550
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
AC#: HSBLG913

Browns Branch County Park, 1415 Killens Pond Road, Harrington. 12 games with single-elimination tournament to end the league. Minimum of 2 girls per game. League is USSA governed. 2 divisions...D and E division and "open" division. Registration deadline is August 28, 2026. For more information, contact Brent Mollohan at 302-744-2491 or email at brent.mollohan@kentcountyde.gov. Min: 4, Max: 12



INDOOR BOYS HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 13-18
Days: Thu
Session: 11/19-12/17
(No 11/26)
Fee: \$60
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
AC#: BLAXLG1118

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the Coaching staff and will compete in games. **Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick). NO SPIKES or CLEATS!** Min: 10, Max: 80

INDOOR YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 7-13
Days: Thu
Session: 11/19-12/17
(No 11/26)
Fee: \$60
Time: 5:45pm-7:00pm
AC#: YLAXLG1118

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the Coaching staff and will compete in games. **Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick). NO SPIKES or CLEATS!** Min: 20, Max: 80

Kent County Parks & Recreation

JR NBA PRESEASON

JR. NBA PRESEASON FEATURES
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
SEPT 2 - 28

\$50

2 AGE GROUPS

7-9 6-7 PM

10-12 7-8 PM



- 60 MINUTE PRACTICES EVERY MON & WED
- 7 PRACTICE SESSIONS
- SCRIMMAGES DURING THE LAST 2 WEEKS
- T-SHIRTS PROVIDED



For More Information:

Call: 302-744-2495

www.kentcountymd.gov/Residents/Parks-and-Recreation

Email: ParksRec@Kentcountymd.gov

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JR. NBA - PRESEASON

Ages: Youth (7-9)

Days: Mon, Wed

Session: 9/2-9/28

(No 9/7)

Fee: \$50

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

AC#: JRNBAAREA902

Ages: Junior (10-12)

Days: Mon, Wed

Session: 9/02-9/28

(No 9/7)

Fee: \$50

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

AC#: JRNBAAREB902

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd.,

Dover. Players will take part in basketball skills development clinics that will teach fundamental basketball skills including ball-handling, shooting, rebounding, and passing. Players will rotate through skill development stations and participate in scrimmages to further develop skills in each division. Min: 20, Max: 50.



Kent County Parks & Rec

2026 JR. NBA

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

\$90

EARLY BIRD PRICING
ENDS 9/12/26

4 DIVISIONS

(7-8) ROOKIE

TUE 10/13 - 11/24
*NO 11/3

(9-10) YOUTH
(11-12) JUNIOR
(13-16) REC

MON/WED 9/30 - 11/18
*NO 11/11

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JR. NBA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Rookie Division (7-8)

Ages: 7-8

Fee: \$90

Days: Tue

Time: 6:30pm-7:45pm

Session: 10/13-11/24

AC#: Rookie(7-8)

(No 11/3)

Youth Division (9-10)

Ages: 9-10

Fee: \$90

Days: Mon, Wed

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session: 9/30-11/18

AC#: Youth(9-10)

(No 11/11)

Junior Division (11-12)

Ages: 11-12

Fee: \$90

Days: Mon, Wed

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session: 9/30-11/18

AC#: Junior(11-12)

(No 11/11)

Rec Division (13-16)

Ages: 13-16

Fee: \$90

Days: Mon, Wed

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session: 9/30-11/18

AC#: Rec(13-16)

(No 11/11)

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This league values diversity and inclusion at all levels and will strive to be a positive experience for its players, teams, and coaches. Players will be encouraged to play ethically, honestly, with fairness, hustle, and enthusiasm. We believe that hard work and playing to the best of one's ability is more important than the outcome of games.

Teams will play games one night a week and have practice on another. Rookie Division practices and plays on the

same day. A full schedule of team practices and games will be distributed at the beginning of the league. The first week of the league will be a player showcase and practice night (Except Rookie division). Games will have two 20-minute halves with a running clock. Jr. NBA jerseys will be provided.

All divisions are co-ed.

Additional volunteer coaches and assistants are needed. If you are over 18 and would like to volunteer, please call the Recreation Office at 302-744-2495. (Background checks are required for all coaches and assistants and will be administered free of charge.)

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Kent County Parks & Recreation

KENT YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

SEASON BEGINS
SEPTEMBER



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2026

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1683 New Burton Rd., Dover DE, 19904



KENT YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Donation-Fall 26

Ages: All Ages
Days: Daily
Session: 7/12-11/7
Fee: Donation
Time: All Day

U4-Tot & Parent-Fall26

Ages: 2-3
Days: Tue
Session: 9/29-10/27
Fee: \$40
Time: 5:00pm-5:30pm

U6-COED-Fall26

Ages: 4-6
Days: Tue, Sat
Session: 9/8-10/31
Fee: \$55
Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm

U8-COED-Fall26

Ages: 6-8
Days: Thu, Sat
Session: 9/10-10/31
Fee: \$65
Time: 5:30pm-6:15pm

U10-GIRLS-Fall26

Ages: 8-10
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-10/31
Fee: \$60
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U10-BOYS-Fall26

Ages: 8-10
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-10/31
Fee: \$60
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U12-GIRLS-Fall26

Ages: 10-12
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U12-BOYS-Fall26

Ages: 10-12
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U14-GIRLS-Fall26

Ages: 12-14
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U14-BOYS-Fall26

Ages: 12-14
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U19-BOYS-Fall26

Ages: 14-18
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

U19-GIRLS-Fall26

Ages: 14-18
Days: Tue, Thu, Sat
Session: 9/8-11/7
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:30pm-12:00am

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover.

KYSL Fall 2026 Registration OPENS MONDAY 7/13/26.

For more information about the league, visit our online information page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Registration Opens Monday, July 13th with our Early Bird Special Pricing.

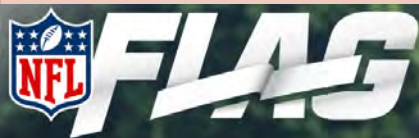
Early Bird Pricing Discount ends Sunday, August 16th at Midnight.

Following registration, **read over your receipt** for further information.

Teams will be made closer to the start of the season.

Please be patient as we gather volunteer coaches, and if you would like to help, e-mail us at KYSL@KentCountyDE.gov.





KENT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

TWO AGE DIVISIONS

- 7 - 10 DIVISION
- 11 - 14 DIVISION

COST: \$90 PER PLAYER



**LEAGUES START SEPTEMBER 18TH
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

Kent County Recreation Center Turf Field
1683 New Burton Road
Dover, DE 19904



NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

7-10 Division

Ages: 7-10

Days: Wed, Fri

Session: 9/18-11/18

Fee: \$90

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

AC#: YNFLFL918A

11-14 Division

Ages: 11-14

Days: Wed, Fri

Session: 9/18-11/18

Fee: \$90

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

AC#: YNFLFL918B

Kent County Recreation Center Turf Field, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. The largest flag football program in the nation offers a fun, non-contact football experience for boys and girls. This non-contact league emphasizes throwing and catching. Parents or guardians are encouraged to volunteer as coaches and assistant coaches. If you are over 18 and would like volunteer, please call the Recreation Office. **(Background checks are required for all coaches and assistant coaches and will be administered free of charge.)** Fee includes jersey. For more information, call Joe Paugh at 302-744-2486 or email at joseph.paugh@kentcountyde.gov Min: 20, Max: 60
Mouth Guards are REQUIRED- Players must provide their own.



PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE

Ages: 18 & up

Days: Thu

Session: 9/17-10/22

Fee: \$30

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

AC#: PBLEAG917

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. 12 people are needed for league to operate. After 12 registrations, a waiting list will be added. Every 4th person then will be added to active roster. League will play 6 weeks. Basic understanding of pickleball rules and game play is necessary. Trophies awarded to top 2 finishers.
Min: 12, Max: 24

SCRAMBLE GOLF LEAGUE

Ages: 16 & up
Days: Mon
Session: 9/14-10/19
Fee: \$80
Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm
AC#: SCRAMG914

Jonathan's Landing Golf Course, 1309 Ponderosa Dr, Magnolia. Individuals who are interested in getting on a team should call the Recreation office at 302-744-2495. League will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14. **Greens fees & cart will be \$29 per person/per week.** The 6-week season ends with a scramble tournament and golf banquet. League is handicapped by Kent County Parks and Recreation. Min: 10, Max: 26

YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE

Ages: 7-13
Days: Sun
Session: 9/13-10/18
Fee: \$87
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
AC#: YLAXLG913

Kent County Recreation Center, Turf Field, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. This pick-up league is designed to develop fundamental skills and techniques that will help prepare your game at the next level. All players will be placed on teams by the coaching staff and will compete in games over the 6-week time frame. **Players need to provide their own equipment (helmet, mouthpiece, gloves, elbow/shoulder pads and stick).** For more information, call Joseph Paugh at 302-744-2486. Min: 10, Max: 70

Make a difference in youth sports

You can make a difference in your community - one game at a time! Kent County Parks & Recreation is looking for dedicated, positive, and energetic individuals to serve as volunteer coaches for our youth sports leagues.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete or simply passionate about helping kids grow, volunteer coaching is a rewarding way to give back.

We provide the tools, training and support - you bring the enthusiasm and heart.

Ready to make an impact? Join our team of volunteers and help shape the next generation of athletes!



SPECIAL EVENTS

KCPR POWER-UP TOURNAMENT SERIES

Session - 3
Ages: 9 & up
Days: Wed
Session: 12/16
Fee: \$10
Time: 5:30pm-9:00pm
AC#: KCPUI216

Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover. Are you ready to level up your gaming experience? The Kent County Power-Up Tournament Series is here! Compete in high-energy Mario Kart tournaments on a massive 25-ft screen with an epic sound system that will bring every course, power-up and race to life! Register for either Mario Kart tournament (or both!) Game schedule will be released once registration closes. This is more than just a tournament - it's an electrifying, gaming event where skill, strategy, and fun collide! Do you have what it takes to Power-Up and claim victory? For more information call Joe Paugh or Jonathan Stewart at 302-744-2495 or check out <https://secure.recl.com/catalog> for more information. Min: 16, Max: 32

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(Console: Nintendo Switch / Game: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe)

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KENT COUNTY PARKS & REC POWER-UP! TOURNAMENT SERIES



MARIO KART TOURNAMENTS FALL 2026





KENT COUNTY RECREATION CENTER 1683 NEW BURTON RD, DOVER

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Volunteer Spotlight: COACH RAYMOND "COACH" KOTRIGHT

Behind every great youth sports program are dedicated volunteers who invest their time, knowledge, and heart into helping young athletes grow. For Kent County Parks & Recreation, Coach Raymond Kotright is one of those extraordinary individuals.

Since joining the Kent Youth Basketball League in the Spring 2022 season, after relocating from New York City, Coach Kotright has made a lasting impact on our basketball community. His coaching philosophy is rooted in hard work, fairness, and a commitment to teaching the fundamentals of the game. While developing basketball skills is important, Coach Kotright believes the greatest lessons happen beyond the scoreboard—teaching young athletes discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and respect.

His dedication is evident every week. Long before practice begins, Coach Kotright can often be found courtside reviewing practice plans to ensure every session is meaningful and engaging. Even after practice ends, he's still on the court, rebounding for players who want to take "just a few more shots." His willingness to give extra time speaks volumes about the genuine care he has for every athlete he coaches.



"WE HAVE TO HELP THE TEAM—WORK. WE'RE NOT GOING TO WIN EVERY TIME, AND IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING EVERY TIME, IT'S ABOUT IMPROVING OUR SKILL LEVEL."

Coach Kotright's influence extends well beyond the basketball court. He regularly checks in with former players as they continue their athletic journeys in school sports, celebrates their successes, and encourages them to continue working hard both academically and athletically. His passion for serving the community has also helped strengthen our programs by recruiting additional volunteer coaches and supporting the growth of new basketball opportunities for local youth.

Volunteers like Coach Kotright remind us that youth sports are about much more than wins and losses—they're about building confidence, character, and lifelong memories. Kent County Parks & Recreation is incredibly grateful for the passion, energy, and leadership he continues to invest in our community.

If you've ever considered making a difference in the life of a young athlete, we encourage you to follow Coach Kotright's example. Our programs are always looking for positive role models who are willing to share their time and enthusiasm. You don't have to be a former professional athlete to make an impact—you simply have to care.

Thank you, Coach Kotright, for everything you do. Your dedication continues to inspire our athletes, families, fellow coaches, and the entire Kent County community.



REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Registration will be accepted through mail & in-person at 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover, 19904 or on-line on a first come, first served basis. NO PHONE IN REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. Cost of activity must be paid in full when registering except when stated differently. Please follow registration procedures listed below.

Online Registration

Online Registration catalog can be accessed via secure.recl.com/DE/kent-county-de/catalog. MasterCard, Visa and Discover. **Card payments are processed through Authorize.net (which will read Kent County Levy Court on statement);** however, refunds must be processed through Kent County Parks and Recreation; allow up to 2 weeks for processing. All other refund policies apply.

Credit Card Use Policy

Kent County Parks and Recreation cares about the safety of your credit card information. We will no longer accept mailed or phoned in credit card payments. Credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) can be made via our online registration catalog (CivicRec). Kent County Parks and Recreation can only accept credit card payment by authorized account holder as displayed on the card.

Program Accommodations

The Kent County Parks and Recreation invites individuals to enjoy our programs, parks, and facilities. It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs be accessible to all individuals as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you or the person(s) you are registering need modification for your program of interest, please contact Mike Rigby at 302-744-2495 or email at michael.rigby@KentCountyDE.gov before registering to discuss this matter.

Text Message Notification

Through our registration software vendor, CivicRec, we have the capabilities of sending text message notifications directly to your mobile phone. The text message notification system would only be used for the program you are currently participating in and relate only to important messages such as cancellations, changes to schedule, or other necessary updates. In order to receive the text message notifications, you must submit your mobile carrier name when signing up for an account. If you have any questions regarding this helpful program, please call our office.

Refund Policy

Registration fees for recreation programs/activities must be paid in advance and shall be refunded in full to the payer of record if the County cancels the program/activity. If a participant cancels his/her participation in a program at least five (5) days prior to the first scheduled day, a full refund shall be paid less a \$5 processing fee pursuant to County ordinance. Refunds will not be given for any other reason.

General Information

Classes and activities are subject to cancellation for any reasonable cause.

For weather and last minute cancellation information, please view our website at kentcountyde.gov/home and [Facebook.com/KentCountyParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/KentCountyParksandRec).

Timely program cancellation notifications will be done by email or text notification from Staff.

Please make sure that the instructor is present before dropping your child off at a program.

Arrive to pick up your child at least five minutes before the program's scheduled closing. Failure to pick up your child on time may result in expulsion from the program.

A child may be expelled from a program with no refund after notifying parent of disciplinary problems. The Department may photograph programs and participants for publicity purposes, such as the brochure, Facebook, twitter, etc.

The Department has the right to adjust any of the program details in the brochure including fees, locations, instructors, times, days and starting dates.

Waiver and Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

I hereby acknowledge that in using the facilities, programs and equipment of Kent County Parks and Recreation, I do so entirely at my own risk and I assume the risk of any injury and/or damage while engaging in any physical exercise or activity or use of any facility on the premises. This assumption of the risk includes, without limitation, my use of the gymnasium, athletic courts, lobby, hallways, athletic fields, parks, sidewalk, parking lot, seating, or any equipment in the facility/park. I further agree to assume the risk in participating in any activity, class, program, instruction, or any event sponsored by Kent County Parks and Recreation (Kent County Levy Court).

By executing this Agreement, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE, Kent County Levy Court and its past, present and future administrators, partners, employees, insureds, assigns, agents, and representatives in their personal and professional capacities (collectively "Kent County Parks and Recreation"), from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, and from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of such entity, its servants, agents, or employees of any nature whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs arising out of or connection with the aforementioned activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Kent County Levy Court from any claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action, loss, liability, damage or cost which Kent County Levy Court may incur due to my presence at or use of the facility. I further agree that the foregoing warranty, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Delaware and that if any portion is deemed to be invalid, it is expressly agreed that the remaining terms shall remain in full legal force and effect.

Multi Media Release:

As part of the registration process (online and in-person), you may give officials representing Kent County, Delaware permission to photograph or record my child or myself during program activities and to use these images or recordings for promotional purposes, including brochures, presentations, and official program social-media accounts. Understand that your name or child's name will not be used without additional permission and that participation in the program is not conditioned on granting this consent. This authorization is voluntary and may be revoked in writing at any time.

REGISTRATION FORM

KENT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION - ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Important: Registration waiver must be signed by participant. If participant is under 18, parent or guardian must sign.

Mail To : Kent County Parks and Recreation, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover, DE 19904

RECEIPTS REQUESTED BY: EMAIL, OFFICE PICK UP, OR INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.

Payee Name (First, Last)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

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E-mail

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Registration procedures, see previous page.

Request Receipt YES | NO

PAYMENTS
Credit card Payments are processed through Authoriz.net which will read Kent County Levy Court on statements.

ACTIVITY CODE	ACTIVITY NAME	FIRST	PARTICIPANT'S NAME LAST	SEX	T-SHIRT SIZE	BIRTH DATE	FEE
SUB TOTAL							

SPECIAL REQUESTS (Siblings, Coaches, Teammates etc.):

FORM OF PAYMENT	
	1. CHECK #
	2. CREDIT ON ACCT
	3. MONEY ORDER

CREDIT CARD POLICY
DO NOT SEND CREDIT CARD INFO ON FORM. SEE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES ON PREVIOUS PAGE IN THIS BROCHURE FOR USE OF CREDIT CARDS.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FULL AGREEMENT ON PREVIOUS PAGE OF THIS BROCHURE AND/OR THE COUNTY WEBSITE, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION. I AM AWARE AND AGREE THAT BY EXECUTING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, I AM GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO BRING LEGAL ACTION OR ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST KENT COUNTY LEVY COURT FOR ITS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR FOR ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT THAT MAY BE IN THE FACILITY OR ON ITS PREMISES. BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THIS FOREGOING AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE. PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN FOR ANY CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OLD ENTERING A PROGRAM.

Signed:

Date:

KENT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION WITH KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DROP IN PUNCH CARD

All drop-in activities at the Kent County Recreation Center require a valid "Drop-In Punch Card" to participate. The \$25 punch card is good for 10 single drop-in activity sessions (\$2.50 per session) such as basketball, pickle-ball, soccer, volleyball, etc. (Refer to posted schedule on the website, Facebook and Office for times.) If you are pre-registered for a fee based program you do not need a drop-in punch card for those programs.

HOW TO PURCHASE

Punch Cards may be purchased in person at the Kent County Recreation Center:

Regular Business Hours – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. using Cash or Credit Card ONLY.

Non-Business Hours – **Monday through Friday after 5:00 p.m. and Weekends – subject to the following restriction; limit of 2 per purchaser, CASH ONLY (no bills greater than \$20 will be accepted.)**

Registration form must be filled out completely with each purchase.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cards are not available for online purchase, no refunds or exchanges, lost or stolen cards will not be replaced. You may use your card for guests or groups, as long as there are enough punches available.



Kent County Public Library



FALL 2026

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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FALL 2026 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

All programs are free, open to the public, and held at Kent County Public Library, 497 S. Red Haven Ln., Dover unless stated differently. **Preregistration is required as noted.** Please respect listed age requirements for programs. Stop by the circulation desk or call (302) 744-1919 to register. You can also register online at www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar (Parent or other responsible adult must be present in the library, including during programs, for any child/youth under the age of 16.)



SCAN ME

Be the first to know about new programs, events, services, and all the FUN happening at Kent County Public Library and Mobile Library. Scan the QR code with your mobile device camera to join our digital mailing list and stay connected.

The Library reserves the right to adjust program dates, times, enrollment maximums and/or program/event cancellations.

Please be courteous! If you must cancel your registration for a program, please call KCPL at (302) 744-1919, preferably 24 hours in advance, to let us know. Penalties may apply for no-shows, including restrictions and/or exclusion from future program registrations.

It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs are accessible to all qualified handicapped individuals as provided in Section 405 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you, or the person(s) you are registering, need reasonable accommodation for your program of interest, please contact the Kent County Public Library before registering to discuss the matter with the program coordinator(s).

The Library may photograph programs and participants for publicity purposes, including posting to social media sites.

The Library and Mobile Library will be closed September 5-7, November 3 & 11, and November 27 & 28. The Mobile Library will be off road the week of November 23 – November 27. The Mobile Library will also suspend service for the winter beginning December 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Your Delaware library card is good at any public library in the state, as well as several academic libraries. Borrow books, audio/visual materials, e-books, audiobooks and more! We also have special cards for children and teens. Stop by the circulation desk or mobile library unit to get your card today. Our goal is ten new cards and/or renewals each day during the month! (Proof of Delaware residency and photo ID are required. Parent or legal guardian must apply for children/youth under age 18.)

SOCKTOBER – SOCK DRIVE FOR CODE PURPLE KENT COUNTY

October 1 – October 31

Kent County Public Library will be hosting a Sock Drive to benefit Code Purple, collecting socks (all sizes) for unhoused individuals in the Kent County area. Patrons may drop off donations of new socks (pairs and/or multi-packs) during normal library business hours. Other cold weather items such as knit hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens are also welcome. (Please do not put donated items in our outside book return.)



TWO-SENTENCE HORROR STORIES

Submit entries between October 1 – 25

Pick up an "entry form" at the KCPL circulation desk to add your two-sentence horror story to our literary tree. (Entries must be appropriate for all-ages.)

ADDAMS FAMILY BINGO

Sunday, October 18 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us to play a few rounds of bingo on special Addams Family-themed cards to win a small prize. Limited supplies; first come, first served.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

All programs are free, open to the public, and will be held at the Kent County Public Library, located at 497 S. Red Haven Ln., Dover, unless stated differently. **Preregistration is required as noted.** Please respect stated program ages when registering. Stop by the KCPL circulation desk, or call (302) 744-1919 to register. You can also register online at www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar (Parent or other responsible adult must be present in the library, including during programs, for any child/youth under the age of 16.)

STORY!TIME

Fridays – 10:00 a.m.

(No program November 27 due to holiday.)

Miss Robin invites children age 6 and under, along with their accompanying adult(s), to join her each week for stories, songs, activities, crafts and more! A different theme each week. For groups of five or more, please give advance notice of your visit at (302) 744-1919.

PAWS FOR READING

Thursdays, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19 – 6:30 p.m.

Bring your child to the library to read aloud for 10 minutes to a friendly therapy dog provided by PAWS for People. Studies have shown that reading aloud to animals can actually help children improve their reading skills. This is a great opportunity for beginner, reluctant, and even beginning English learners to practice in a non-judgmental environment with a book of their choice. Teens and adults are welcome to read too. One reader per dog, per 10-minute session. First come, first served. Read for five sessions and receive a free “Goldie’s Gang” t-shirt from PAWS for People!



ADVENTURE ACADEMY

Tuesdays – 3:00 p.m.

These STEAM programs, designed for grades 4-8, will appeal to homeschoolers, and as afterschool activities. Limited space; **preregistration for each session is required.** (Sorry, but we cannot accommodate younger or older siblings during these programs.)

September 15 – Sand Art: Layers of the Estuary – Join the DNERR education team, and learn about the different layers of the estuary, and create a beautiful piece of art that represents them. Offered in partnership with the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, St. Jones Reserve. Limited seating; **preregistration required.**

October 6 – Owls in Delaware – Learn about four species of owls common to Delaware. Examine their individual structures and adaptations for survival. Offered in partnership with the Delaware Nature Society, Abbott’s Mill. Limited seating; **preregistration required.**

November 24 – Kaleidoscope Wonders – Have you ever put together a kaleidoscope? Create your own kaleidoscope and reflect dazzling designs into infinity! Limited seating; **preregistration is required – no walk-ins.**

RING THE “LITERACY BELL”

Sunday, September 27 and Saturday, November 21 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you have a child who has read their first book independently in the past year? Mark their milestone achievement by participating in KCPL’s Literacy Bell project. Young readers are invited to come to the library, ring the bell, sign the name in the Book of Readers, and receive a certificate commemorating this important milestone. Reading is a lifelong journey, and we are excited to celebrate this literary adventure! **Registration is required for each child who participates in the quarterly ceremony.** To register, stop by the KCPL circulation desk or call (302) 744-1919 during normal library business hours.

BEDAZZLED BOOKS

Monday, October 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 10-17 (firm). Bring your own hardback book, and KCPL will supply the diamond art materials, glue, tweezers and glitter. Limited space; **preregistration is required – no walk-ins.**

KCPL ANNUAL KIDS COSTUME GIVEAWAY

Saturday, October 17 – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Kent County Public Library will host a free children's costume giveaway, open to parents and their children. All costumes are donations, and will be given away "as is," and cannot be tried on. **Children must be present with their parent/legal guardian in order to select a costume.** *Limit of one costume per child (while supplies last).*

Donations of clean, gently used costumes will be accepted in person at the library during normal business hours beginning October 1 through October 10 (no wigs or masks, please). We cannot accept donations on the day of the giveaway. *(Please do not put donated costumes in the outside book return or leave them outside the library.)*

HOCUS POCUS SPELLBOOK

Sunday, October 11 – 2:00 p.m.

Ages 10-17 (firm). Decorate your own "spellbook" while the hit film *Hocus Pocus* (1993; rated PG; 1 hr. 36 min.) plays in the background. Limited space; **preregistration is required – no walk-ins.**

CEMETERIUMS

Sunday, October 18 – 2:00 p.m.

Ages 9 – 17 (firm). Create a small spooky terrarium-style scene with mini-Halloween décor including tiny skeletons, ghouls, headstones and other miniatures. Participants must provide their own clean baby food-sized glass container with a screw-on lid. All other supplies included. Limited space; **preregistration required – no walk-ins.**

GHOST-IN-A-JAR

Thursday, October 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 10-17 (firm). Take home your own "captured" ghost with this simple craft. Participants must provide their own clean baby food-sized glass container with a screw on lid. All other supplies included. Limited space; **preregistration is required – no walk-ins.**



SEARCH FOR THE BLACK CAT

October 25 – 31

Thirteen black cats will be hidden throughout the library. Find one to receive a special sticker.

HAUNTED STORY WALK

Monday, October 26 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Children preschool to Grade 3. Dress-up in your favorite costume and enjoy a special evening Spooky Story Time. Visit our "haunted" stations to receive a free treat! Limited space; **preregistration by October 11 is required – no walk-ins.** *(Sorry, but we cannot accommodate older siblings during this event.)*

COSTUME BINGO

Friday, October 30 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Show off your costume while enjoying several rounds of Bingo to win a small prize. Limited supplies; first come, first served.

BALLET THEATRE OF DOVER PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER

Saturday, November 28 – 2:00 p.m.

Kickoff the holiday season with the Ballet Theatre of Dover, as they present excerpts from their annual production of the perennial holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. Limited seating; first come, first served.



ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free, open to the public, and will be held at the Kent County Public Library, located at 497 S. Red Haven Ln., Dover, unless stated differently. **Preregistration is required as noted.** Stop by the KCPL circulation desk, or call (302) 744-1919 to register. You can also register online at www.tinyurl.com/KCPLcalendar

LIVE MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

All performances start at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of free live performances at the library. Limited seating; first come, first served.

Friday, October 6 – Mid-Del Saxophone Quartet

Friday, October 23 – First State Brass Quartet

Tuesday, November 10 – 287th Delaware National Guard Army Band

Friday, December 18 – Harpist Joy Slavens

SPOTLIGHTS ON DELAWARE HISTORY

Wednesdays – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Our “Diamond” State might be small, but it’s packed with fascinating stories from history. Join us for a unique look at the history of the First State. Limited space; **preregistration for each session required.**

September 2 – The Hundreds of Delaware

“Delaware Hundreds” are a uniquely named feature found only in Delaware. Once used as election districts, each hundred has a unique history. Learn about the history of “Hundreds,” how many there are, how they have changed, and why they are no longer prevalent.

October 21 – Forgotten Family: Pauper Records and Genealogy

Pauper records provide invaluable insights for uncovering stories of seemingly forgotten individuals. Explore the evolution of public welfare and poor relief in Delaware, the types of pauper records available to genealogists, and how to access these important resources through the Delaware Public Archives.

November 4 – Lock, Stock & Barrel: Arms and Ammunition of the American Revolution

As silly as it may seem to march into battle in brightly colored uniforms while your enemy is firing right at you, combat battle of 18th century warfare was methodical, efficient, and made the best use of the tools available. Examine the weapons of the American Revolution, how they influenced training and tactics, and how British and Continental armies supplied their troops.

AUTHOR VISIT & DISCUSSION:

TWIN TOWERS: THE LIFE OF NEW YORK CITY’S WORLD TRADE CENTER

Friday, September 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Meet Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie, Professor Emeritus of American Studies at Rutgers University, and author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Twin Towers: The Life of New York City’s World Trade Center*. Explore the history, construction, and cultural impact of the structures that became the world-recognized icons after the 9/11 attacks. Dr. Gillespie will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing after the discussion. Limited seating; first come, first served. (2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.)



AI LITERACY: AI IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Wednesday, September 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Alonda Tate will lead an introductory workshop on how AI is used in everyday life to improve efficiency, convenience, and personalization by automating tasks, offering predictive insights, and enhancing decision-making. Limited space; **preregistration is required.**

FILM SCREENING: REMEMBER ME

Friday, September 11 – 6:00 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Join us for a screening of the 2010 film, *Remember Me*, which explores family trauma and loss. Its complex characters will leave viewers emotionally invested, and contemplating its themes long after, including the importance of appreciating the people in your life and living fully, because the future is uncertain. (Rated PG-13; 1 hr., 53 min.) Limited space **preregistration is required.** (2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.)

CANCER: THRIVING & SURVIVING SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Fridays, September 11, 18 & 25, October 2, 9 & 16 – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. (6-week program)

Ages 16 and up. Learning more about living with cancer can help you prevent and/or delay health complications, deal with frustration, fatigue, pain, isolation and uncertainty, evaluate and make decisions about treatments and therapies, and communicate more effectively with family, friends, and health professionals. Participants should plan to attend all six sessions for maximum benefit. A minimum of 8 registrations is required by September 4 in order for the program to take place. Register online at HealthyDelaware.org/SelfManagement Offered in partnership with Delaware Health & Social Services/Division of Public Health/Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Section.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) [REVISED] [AGAIN]

Sunday, September 13 – 2:00 p.m.

Delaware Shakespeare will perform *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] [again]*, an uproarious comedy that takes audiences through all 36 of Shakespeare's plays in under 100 minutes. Free. Open to all. First come, first seated!

FRIDA KAHLO

Wednesday, September 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 18 and up. Artist Frida Kahlo is a global icon who viscerally explored identity, pain, and femininity – transforming lifelong suffering from a bus accident and polio, into intense, intimate art. Her work resonates as a symbol of resilience and Mexican culture. Limited seating; first come, first served. (*Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15 – October 15.*)



MEDICARE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

Mondays, September 21, October 19 or November 16 – 1:00 p.m.

Medicare Open Enrollment will be here before you know it. Join us at one of these free informational workshops to learn more about enrollment basics and guidelines, and how to select a Medicare plan that will meet your needs. Limited seating; preregistration is encouraged. Presenter: Tawanna Crooms, Licensed Medicare Advisor.

DELAWARE WARM

Mondays, September 21, October 19, November 16 – 5:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Your supply your own knitting needles and/or crochet hook, and DelaWarm will supply the yarn and instruction to create warm garment items for distribution to individuals in need.

DELAWARE HEADHUGGERS

Kent County Public Library is a drop-off center for Delaware Head Huggers. Crafters knit, crochet, and sew chemo caps – all are welcome to join. See details at <https://www.delawareheadhuggers.org>

DELAWARE HAWK WATCH

Tuesday, October 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Hawk watch stations are critical in understanding long-term population trends of migratory raptors throughout the country. Every fall, biologists, volunteers, and birdwatchers flock together to witness the spectacle of birds of prey migrating by the thousands across North America. Migratory hawk counting (or hawk watch) is the collective effort to identify and count birds of prey such as eagles, hawks, vultures, and falcons as they migrate. Learn more, and how to get involved, with Jordan Brown, Raptor, Grassland and Forest Biologist with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Limited space; preregistration is encouraged.



DEREK PIOTR: CREATING A FOLK MUSIC ARCHIVE

Friday, October 9 – 6:30 p.m.

Meet Derek Piotr: folklorist, researcher, and performer, who has collected over 1,500 recordings preserving folk ballads, hymns, tales, poems, children's songs, and interviews. In this lecture, Derek will walk you through the process of journeying everywhere -- from Iceland to Utah (and Delaware!) -- to record these musical memories as a legacy for researchers and future generations. Offered in collaboration with Delaware Friends of Folk. Feel free to share relevant musical memories with this archivist!

SPOILER ALERT!

Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up (unless stated differently). Do you love to be the first to see a movie, watch a new television program, or read the latest book? But then find yourself without anyone to share your reaction with? Spill the beans and share your thoughts with others who have also been the first to enjoy the latest in this season's anticipated entertainment. Limited seating; first come, first served.

October 13 – *Practical Magic 2* (In theaters September 18)

November 24 – *A Court of Thorns and Roses, Book 6* (Releases October 27). Ages 18+ only.

December 1 – *The Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping* (In theaters November 20)

December 22 – *Dune: Messiah, Part III* (In theaters December 18)

December 29 – *The Avengers: Doomsday* (In theaters December 18)

DIY PET PORTRAITS

Sunday, September 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Create an original pet portrait using simple glass tracing techniques. Participants should bring a clear photograph of their pet to work from. All other supplies included. Limited to 15 participants. **Preregistration required – no walk-ins.**



PUMPKINS FROM PAPERBACKS

Tuesday, September 29 – 6:30 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Join us for a fun fall DIY craft that is a budget and eco-friendly way to upcycle old, damaged, or thrifted paperback books into unique, rustic décor. Participants must supply their own 300-400 page paperback book. Limited space; **preregistration is required.**

DIY CARD-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. Participants will have the opportunity to make three homemade greeting cards from an array of materials, using a variety of techniques. All supplies included. *Limit of three cards per participant.* Limited space; **preregistration for each session is required – no walk-ins.**

September 15 – Harvest/Halloween theme

October 20 – Gratitude/Thanksgiving

November 17 – Winter/Holiday

December 15 – Thank You

NANOWRIMO GUIDANCE & INSTRUCTION WORKSHOPS

Sundays, November 8, 15, 22, 29 – 2:00 p.m.

Ages 16 and up. National Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) was an annual event where writers aimed to draft a 50,000-word novel during the month of November. While the event itself may be gone, its spirit continues to live on, with many community-led writing events, including KCPL's own series of weekly workshops to guide and inspire aspiring authors. Check out our Facebook page (search "KCPLibrary") for more details.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT: BAGS2MATS

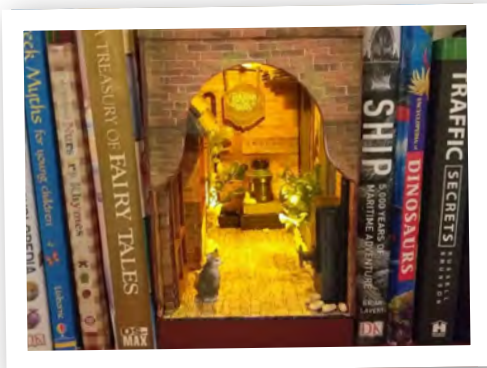
Saturday, November 7 – 10:00 am-Noon

Ages 16 and up. Learn how to make plarn – plastic yarn created from recycled plastic bags – which is then crocheted into mats for individuals experiencing homelessness. Please preregister for this Delaware Service Project offered in partnership with Bags2Mats, a Volunteer Delaware 50+ initiative.



DIY BOOK NOOK CHALLENGE**Drop off: November 9 – 29****Display at KCPL: November 30 – December 16****Pick-up: December 16–23**

Ages 16 and up. A bookshelf book nook is a miniature, often illuminated, 3D diorama designed to sit between books, adding a magical, immersive, and personalized scene to a bookshelf. While supplies last, KCPL will provide the “case” for the book nook entry (limit one per person). All other materials to create the final book nook must be supplied by the participant. Want to learn more about book nooks? Get tips and/or inspiration? Join us for an informative book nook “how to” overview on Monday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. with KCPL staff member Summer Heverin to learn more!

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS****Wednesday, November 18 – 6:30 p.m.**

Ages 16 and up. The holiday season is here, and with it comes the added pressure of shopping for the perfect gifts, hosting a flawless dinner, or scheduling the right amount of time to spend with family members. For many of us, these stressors can intensify feelings of sadness, loneliness, tension, and/or fatigue. If you feel guilty about stressing over what is supposed to be the most joyous season, know that you are not alone. Join us for a mental health workshop, facilitated by Ida Terry, LPC, to help participants cope with holiday stressors. Limited space; preregistration is required.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING:**FIRST PEOPLE, FIRST STATE: CHESWOLD'S AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY****Saturday, November 21 – 2:00 p.m.**

Ages 14 and up. The Lenape were a powerful Native American nation who inhabited much of the mid-Atlantic coast. By 1776, only small bands of Lenape remained in New Jersey and eastern Delaware, with many settled in and around the Cheswold area. Learn more about the Lenape's tribal history with a documentary screening of *First People, First State: Cheswold's American Indian Community*, produced by 302 Stories, Inc. This powerful film honors and celebrates the voices, lived experiences, and profound resilience of the Cheswold Community Elders. Limited seating; first come, first served.

WRITE YOUR LIFE: DIY MEMOIR (ONLINE PROGRAM)**Saturdays, December 5, 2026 – January 30 – 3:30 p.m.**

Ages 16 and up. Get out a notebook (paper or laptop) and join us each Saturday afternoon via the KCPL Facebook page (search “KCPLibrary”) from December 5 – January 30, for a writing prompt to capture your life's stories. Take control of narrative and structure, to create a meaningful keepsake through guided questions. (*This program is online only and will not meet in-person.*)

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Ages 16 and up. Join one – or more – of our lively book discussion groups! KCPL will have limited copies of each group's selected monthly title available for checkout (while supplies last). You can also reserve copies through the Delaware Libraries online catalog at www.lib.de.us with your library card and 4-digit PIN. Many of the titles may also be available in large print, e-book, and/or audiobook formats.

BOOKED FOR LUNCH**Mondays, September 14, October 12, November 2 and December 7 – 12:30 p.m.**

Pack a brown bag lunch, bring the book you are currently reading, or recently read, to share with the group. No assigned book.

ARTS & LETTERS**Wednesdays, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2 – 12:30 p.m.**

Explore the arts and humanities through literature. See the KCPL circulation desk for the month's selected title.

WELL-READ BOOK CLUB**Thursdays, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 – 6:30 p.m.**

Read across a broad spectrum of literature both old and new, including contemporary and classic novels, plays, poetry, and short story anthologies. See the KCPL circulation desk for the month's selected title.

REVOLUTIONARY READS**Tuesdays, September 1, October 13, November 17 – 2:00 p.m.**

Explore American history with titles selected by the Colonel John Haslet Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

September 1: *Betsy Ross and the Making of America* (Miller) Enjoy a richly woven biography of the beloved patriot Betsy Ross, and an enthralling portrait of everyday life in Revolutionary War-era Philadelphia.

October 13: *Treacherous Beauty* (Case/Jacob) Read about Peggy Shippen, the wife of American traitor Benedict Arnold. A Philadelphia society girl who secretly helped the British, Shippen is famous for acting as the mastermind behind Arnold's plot to deliver West Point to the British.

November 17: *Rebels at Sea* (Dolin) Winner of Samuel Eliot Morison Award explores how nearly 2,000 privateers played a crucial role in American victory during the Revolutionary War.

HEALING FICTION – BEFORE THE COFFEE GETS COLD (TOSHIKAZU KAWAGUCHI)**Tuesday, September 15 – 6:30 p.m.**

Discover the genre of "healing fiction," which is typically translated from Japanese and/or Korean, and features cozy contemporary settings that commonly involve libraries, bookstores, coffee shops, and cats. These cozy feel-good stories also often incorporate an element of magical realism.

FRIDAY THE 13TH BOOK CLUB**Friday, November 13 – 11:00 p.m.**

Program will meet at McGlynn's Pub, 800 S. State St., Dover. Choose your favorite werewolf novel and join us to discuss why you think it's the best of the genre.

FREE ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLY WITH YOUR KENT COUNTY-ISSUED LIBRARY CARD

Visit <https://www.kentcountyde.gov/Residents/Library-Services>

Mango Languages – Over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds. Whether it is learning a new language, or brushing up on one you already know, start the conversation today.

HelpNow – On-demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning. Features homework help, skills-building, personalized eLearning tools, 24-hour writing lab, homework send questions, adult learning center, and a foreign language lab. All services available in both English and Spanish.

JobNow – Provides job coaching every day from 2:00 – 11:00 p.m. EST. Receive live job coaching, real-time interview practice, full-service resume lab, and 24/7 access to local job resources. Other features include resume assistance, skills-building, and Spanish-speaking support.

VetNow – Connects users with an expert to learn more about eligible VA benefits and community resources. Interact with a live, real-time "veteran navigator" for job coaching, resume assistance, tutoring and testing support, career resources, skills-building, and Spanish-speaking support.



KENT COUNTY MOBILE LIBRARY

"The Friendly Library on the Highway"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1348383312440737>

Kent County Division of Libraries operates a mobile library service ("Linus"), that makes weekly stops throughout Kent County. In addition to books and audio/visual materials available for check out, you can also sign up for a library card, pick up items placed on hold, sign up for library programs (including our Summer Reading Program), use one of our public access laptops, enjoy limited printing services, and/or take advantage of our free public wi-fi hotspot.



FALL 2026 MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE

(Effective September 1 – November 30, 2026)

MONDAY		Various "lobby drops"
TUESDAY	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – Noon	Byler's Country Store (Harrington) Frederica Senior Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 – 9:45 a.m. 10:15 – 12:15 p.m. 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	Kent County Recreation Center Holy Cross High School Kent County Administration Building
THURSDAY	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Harmony at Kent Senior Living Byler's Country Store (Dover) Tre Sorelle Ice Cream Parlor
FRIDAY	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – Noon 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Spring Meadow Westminster Village DAFB Playground

The Library and Mobile Library will be closed September 1, November 3 & 11, and November 27 & 28. The Mobile Library will be off road the week of November 23 – November 27. The Mobile Library will also suspend service for the winter beginning December 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027.

FRIENDS OF KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kcplfriends>

The Friends of Kent County Public Library is a nonprofit organization made up of the library's greatest supporters, advocates, volunteers, fund-raisers, and educators. The Friends constantly seek to make Kent County Public Library better, and to spread the news about its great programs, services, and collections. June is the FOL's traditional membership drive. We hope you will consider joining this outstanding organization.

BOOK DONATIONS

Boxed donations of books and DVD/blu-ray discs in good, clean usable condition are **accepted March through November during the FIRST FIVE DAYS OF EACH MONTH** during normal library business hours. Limit of 10 banker boxes, or size-equivalent, per family/per month. **Donations are suspended December through February.** Please do not place donated items in our outside book return or leave them outside the library building or mobile library. Copies of our complete donation policy are available at the KCPL circulation desk. Thank you for your continued consideration and generosity.

NACHOS AND NOVELS

Sunday, September 27 – 1:00 p.m.

Join us for this Friends of the Library MEMBERS ONLY "book tasting" at KCPL, where you can "sample" several books from the library's collection, while enjoying some complimentary nachos, and meeting with other KCPL/Mobile Library supporters. *(Featured books will be available for checkout.)*



FRIENDS OF KCPL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 4 – 3:00 p.m.

There's a lot of activity in the next few months – come be part of the action! Find out how you can help make upcoming events a success at this organizational meeting which will focus on three upcoming public events: Holiday Bazaar and Used Book Sale (November), Literary Tea (December), and Winter Festival (December).

FRIENDS OF KCPL

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, November 7 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Masonic Union Lodge #7, 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover

Free entry! Browse used book bargains, bookish gifts, and a variety of local vendors/artisans with items for sale. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Vendor applications will open September 1, 2026. Email librarykentco@gmail.com for an application or more information. Do not call the library regarding vendor information. All questions/applications will be through this email address only. This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Kent County Public Library, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

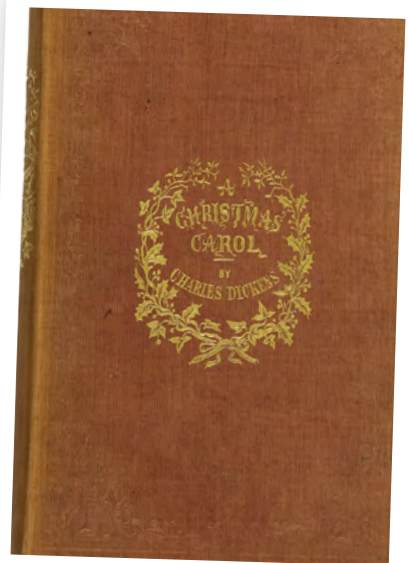
FRIENDS OF KCPL LITERARY TEA A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Saturday, December 5 – 2:00 p.m.

Masonic Union Lodge #7, 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd., Dover

Ages 14 and up. Celebrate the spirit of the season with an entertaining and unique retelling of Charles Dickens' perennial holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, while enjoying tea, scones, finger sandwiches and petite desserts. Historical presenter and actress, Alisa Dupuy, will bring Dickens' classic tale to life in her own unique way, including period clothing. Tickets are \$35 per person (general seating), or \$205 for a reserved table of six. **Tickets will be available at Kent County Public Library (497 S. Red Haven Ln., Dover) beginning Thursday, October 1** until sold out. Payment by cash or check only (payable to "Friends of KCPL").

Tickets will not be sold at the door. In addition to the tea, there will also be a basket auction (additional purchase). Dress is business casual, no athleisure wear please. Hats and period clothing welcome. Tickets are non-refundable. This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Kent County Public Library, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit.



FRIENDS OF KCPL WINTER FESTIVAL: ONCE UPON A TIME

Thursday, December 31 – 9:00 a.m. – noon

Join us at the library for family fun with live performances, costumed characters, games and activities -- all leading up to a countdown to a balloon drop at noon! Don't miss the excitement! Entry to the event is by ticket only. **Tickets are \$5 per person (all ages).** Tickets are first come, first served, and will be **available for sale at Kent County Public Library beginning Tuesday, December 1 until sold out – cash only** (non-refundable.) Tickets will not be sold at the door. (*"Lost tickets" are non-replaceable.*) Kent County Public Library will be closed to the public for this event. Only festival ticket holders will be permitted. This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Kent County Public Library, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK

The Friends of Kent County Public Library maintain ten "Little Free Libraries," in partnership with the Kent County Levy Court. Users of these stations are encouraged to "take a book and leave a book." Over 300 books are exchanged **weekly** county-wide. Please contact Hilary Welliver if you would like to volunteer to restock LFLs weekly.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES CONSULT LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES WORLD MAP AT

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/>

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| 1 Big Oak County Park | 417 Big Oak Road, Smyrna |
| 2 Bowers Beach Maritime Museum | 3357 Main St., Frederica |
| 3 Hunn Nature Trail | 1624 Sorghum Mill Rd., Dover |
| 4 Magnolia Fire Hall | 2 N. Main St., Magnolia |
| 5 Browns Branch County Park | 1415 Killens Pond Rd., Harrington |
| 6 Farmington Fire Hall | 20920 S. DuPont Hwy., Farmington |
| 7 Brecknock County Park | 80 Old Camden Rd., Camden |
| 8 Byler's Country Store | 1385-A Rose Valley School Rd., Dover |
| 9 Hartly Fire Hall | 2898 Arthursville Rd., Hartly (maintained by Hartly Ruritan Club) |
| 10 Dover Historical District | 543 S. State St., Dover |

Kent County Parks



FALL 2026

FEATURES & INFORMATION

Division of Parks & Recreation

Serving Kent County with Pride

KENT COUNTY PARK RULES

1. Park facilities are operated by Kent County as a function of County government, use of these facilities is at your own risk
2. Public use of Kent County Parks are restricted to daylight hours only, no overnight parking, vehicles towed at owners expense
3. No drugs or alcoholic beverages allowed, smoking prohibited by playgrounds and athletic fields
4. Lewd behavior prohibited
5. Amplified music is prohibited (e.g. DJ's, PA's, loudspeakers)
6. Per State Law, dogs must be on a leash and not pose a threat to any person
7. Motor vehicles restricted to designated parking areas
8. All Kent County Parks are "Carry In, Carry Out" facilities; take your trash with you, no trash cans onsite
9. Vending and business activities prohibited, no solicitation
10. Use of metal detectors and removal of antiquities prohibited
11. No water activities permitted (swimming, wading, boating, etc.)
12. Anglers must abide by State of Delaware Regulations
13. Organized team play and league practice by permit only, contact Parks and Recreation Office
14. Abuse of any recreational facility is strictly prohibited
15. Pyrotechnic displays are prohibited
16. No open fires, please use provided grills
17. No auto repair or maintenance activities in parking area
18. No golf or equestrian activities
19. Harming or removal of any animal or vegetation is prohibited
20. Use of drones or remote controlled air planes by permit only, contact Parks and Recreation Office

Additional park rules can be found in Kent County Code Chapter 168: Parks and Recreation.

PAVILION USE GUIDELINES

PAVILIONS ARE INTENDED FOR GENERAL PUBLIC USE WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

1. No individual or group may hold, reserve, rope off, or otherwise take up more space/tables than needed AT THE TIME OF OCCUPATION.
2. No individual or group may require current users to leave/vacate the pavilion.
3. Decorations (balloons, tablecloth, streamers, signs, etc.) for any gathering are prohibited.
4. Any Kent County Co-Sponsored Event will be posted with specific date of event for public notice prior to the event.
5. All park facilities are "carry-in, carry-out" facilities. Please remove all trash upon your departure.
6. Amplified music (boom boxes, DJ services, PA systems, etc.) are prohibited.

Questions? Please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 302-744-2495.

Brecknock County Park

80 Old Camden Rd, Camden DE, 19934



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| Parking | Piccadilly Castle | Butterfly Garden | Howell Mill Nature Center |
| Bathroom | Piccadilly Stage | Red Barn | Youth Ball Fields |
| ... Walking Path | Pavilion | Goggin Manor | Sand Volleyball Courts |
| | Pavilion | Tennant House | Multipurpose Fields |
| | | | Horseshoe Pits |
| | | | Fitness Station |

Kesselring County Park

1683 New Burton Rd, Dover DE, 19904



KEY

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| Parking | Kent County Recreation Center | Pavilion |
| Bathroom | Multi-Purpose fields | Multi-Purpose Fields |
| ... Walking Path | Turf Field | Boys & Girls Club |

Tidbury Creek County Park

2233 S. State St., Dover DE, 19901

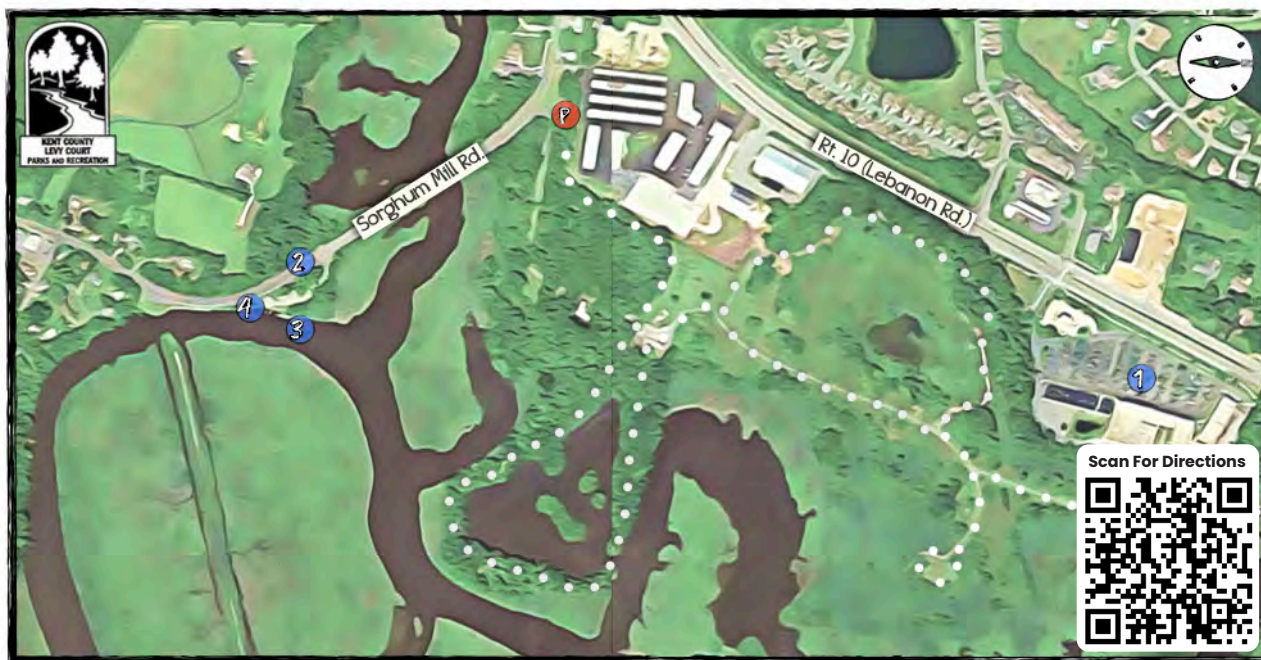


KEY

- P Parking
- 1 Fishing Pond
- 3 Playground
- 5 Dog Park
- 7 Loop Trail
- . . . Walking Path
- 2 Pavilion
- 4 Small Dog Area
- 6 Large Dog Area

Hunn Nature Park

1624 Sorghum Mill Rd., Dover DE, 19901



KEY

- P Parking
- 1 Gateway South Shopping Center
- 3 Fishing Pier
- 4 Small Boat Ramp
- . . . Walking Path
- 2 Lebanon Landing

Lebanon Landing

1400 Sorghum Mill Rd., Dover DE, 19901



KEY



Parking



Small Boat Ramp



Fishing Pier



Picnic Tables

Big Oak County Park

417 Big Oak Rd., Smyrna DE, 19977



KEY



Parking



Bathroom

... Walking Path



Large Pavilion



Fitness Station



Rocket Ship Playground



Climbing Rock



Small Kid Playground



The Lawn



Softball Complex



Multipurpose Fields



DASEF Outpost



Wetland Boardwalk



DASEF Discovery Center



Small Pavilion

Browns Branch County Park 1415 Killens Pond Rd., Harrington DE, 19952



KEY

- Parking
- Bathroom
- Walking Path
- Little Kids Playground
- Big Kids Playground
- Fitness Station
- Softball Complex
- Multipurpose Fields
- Multipurpose Fields
- Multipurpose Fields
- Horseshoe Pits
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Green Space
- Picnic Tables
- Pavilion

Kent County Park Facility Chart	Brecknock	Browns Branch	Big Oak	Kesselring	Hunn Nature	Lebanon Landing	Tidbury Creek
Location:	80 Old Camden Rd, Camden	1415 Killens Pond Rd, Harrington	417 Big Oak Rd, Smyrna	1683 New Burton Rd, Dover	1624 Sorghum Mill Rd, Dover	1400 Sorghum Mill Rd, Dover	2233 South State Street, Dover
Public Restroom	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-
Playground	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	Y
Horseshoe Pits	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-
Nature Trail	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y
Walking Trail	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y
Sand Volleyball	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y
Softball Fields	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	-
Multi-Purpose Fields	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-
Picnic Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y
Outdoor Grill	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	Y
Nature Center	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitness Area	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	-
Bike Rack	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Field Rentals	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-
Stage	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing Pond	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y
Dog Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y
Fishing Pier	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-
Boat Ramp	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-
Recreation Center	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-



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