

Unearthing a Summer of Stories

From dinosaurs to discoveries, our **Unearth a Story** summer was packed with reading, learning and fun.

This summer, our community made **45,791 library visits**, checked out **96,658 books**, and **6,487 people attended programs**.

And the reading? WOW! 360 Summer Reading participants logged more than 141,129 minutes of reading – earning 375 books and 58 prizes along the way.

Thanks for making this summer one to remember!



"Thank you so much for organizing these events. They really encourage and motivate us to keep reading and make it fun for the kids." ~Radnor Parent

Science, Slime & Serious Fun

This summer, **Science in the Summer: Be a Chemist!** brought chemistry to life and things got gloriously messy! Students in grades 2-6 tackled real world problems while stepping into the roles of cosmetic, forensic, materials, medicinal, and water chemists.

Across two sessions, young scientists experimented, investigated, *created plenty of slime*, and discovered that chemistry is *everywhere*. And the fun came with a bonus: students who completed at least four activities earned a complimentary ticket to The Franklin Institute. What a summer of science!



Celebrating 250 Years of American History

The celebration of America's 250th birthday was in full swing at RML this summer! Through a lively series of lectures presented in partnership with Radnor Historical Society, local historian Jim Segrave-Daly explored the people, places, and stories that shaped our nation – from local Founding Fathers **Aaron Burr** and **Richard Henry Lee**, to the influential **Dickinson and Livingston families**, and Philadelphia's historic **Chew family**.

History came alive for our youngest learners, too. Kids ages 5-9 stepped back into colonial life through stories, clothing, toys, and games and even signed the Declaration of Independence with a real quill pen! Adults got a taste of colonial life as well, with Dr. Clarissa Dillon sharing her expertise on 18th century cooking, farming, and gardening in Delaware County, along with an episode of her *One Cool Colonial* series.

We also celebrated the remarkable Pennsylvania women who helped make history, as Amanda Owen, author of *The Justice Bell*, shared the stories of 25 women who traveled across the state advocating for ratification of the 19th Amendment.

From quill pens and colonial kitchens to Founding Fathers and forgotten voices, our Semiquincentennial celebrations brought history to life for all ages and gave us plenty of reasons to keep digging into the past.

Summer 2026



"Thank you for being such a wonderful library!"

~ Radnor Parent

Summer 2026 BY THE NUMBERS

213
Programs

6,487
Participants



First Draft Writing Group

3,309 items
accessed in
RML Databases


35 volunteers gave
244 hours of service

"Truly appreciate
your valiant efforts
and pleasant manner
while leading all
these enlightening
library activities all
year long."

~ Radnor Grandparent

Teen Volunteers Make a BIG Difference

Our amazing teen volunteers were an essential part of summer. Roughly 30 teens donated more than 250 hours, helping organize shelves, assist with story times and programs, and, most importantly, read with kids.

Along the way, they built valuable real-world skills like communication, teamwork, responsibility, organization, and working with younger children – skills that will serve them well in future jobs and beyond.

Thank you to all of the teens who gave of their time this summer. Your energy, enthusiasm, and hard work helped make our Summer Reading program a huge success!

70,711
Physical
Materials

45,791
Library
Visitors

25,947
Digital
Items

96,658
TOTAL
CHECKOUTS

180,728
Unique
WiFi
Sessions