Fall 2021 Programs & Events

All programs are free and open to the public, and will be held at the Library located at 497 S. Red Haven Lane, Dover unless stated differently. **Preregistration is required as noted.** You can register online at [www.tinyurl.com/KCPL_calendar](http://www.tinyurl.com/KCPL_calendar) or by calling (302) 744-1919. (Parent or other responsible adult must be present in the library, including during programs, for any child/youth under the age of 16.)

The Library reserves the right to adjust program dates, times, enrollment maximums and program/event cancellations based on the current public health situation.

It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs be accessible to all qualified handicapped individuals as provided in Section 504 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.

**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, audiobooks, e-books and more! We also have special cards for children. Stop by the library circulation desk or mobile library unit to get your card today. (Proof of Delaware residency required. Parent or legal guardian must apply for children/youth under age 18.)

**CHILDRENS/FAMILY PROGRAMS**

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**IN-PERSON STORY TIME**

Thursdays beginning Sept. 9 - 10:00 a.m. (No program Nov. 11 or 25)
Preschoolers can join us at the library every Thursday for stories, songs, crafts and more! (For groups of 5 or more, please give advance notice of your visit.)

**PAWS FOR READING**

Thursdays, Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18 - 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 reading session. First come, first served.

**AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS**

Thursdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, or Nov. 4 - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - 12. Come and join us for a fun craft activity. All supplies included. Limited space; preregistration for each session is required. (Craft materials are only available during the scheduled activity.)

**PAINT THE MUSIC**

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Ages 8 - 12. Young artists will explore various artistic techniques combined with, and inspired by, well-known musical pieces. All supplies included. Limited space; preregistration for each session is required.

- **Sept. 9** - Mirror-image drawing inspired by Frida Kahlo. Music: *Spanish folk music*
- **Dec. 9** - Holiday cards exploring positive and negative space inspired by Matisse. Music: "Nutcracker Suite"

**CARTOONING**

Tuesdays (bi-weekly)
Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26 (4 sessions) - 6:30 p.m.
Ages 8 - 12. Christy Shaffer, published illustrator of more than four dozen books, will introduce youngsters to the basics of cartooning. All supplies included. Limited space; preregistration is required.
HOWELL MILL NATURE CENTER
Brecknock County Park

Howell Mill Nature Center
80 Old Camden Rd., Camden, DE 19934
302-272-9788

OPEN to the Public
Masks required.
Wednesday 9 am to 4 pm
Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

Contact Us!
302-272-9788
kara.okonewski@co.kent.de.us

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

To register for these programs and more, please call 302-272-9788. For programs with cost, please bring exact change only. Naturalist is not able to make change or accept credit cards at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Natural Connections, Ages 2 & up
FREE
Wednesday, September 1st, 11 am
Wednesday, October 6th, 11 am
Wednesday, November 3rd, 11 am
Are you looking for a way to connect your little one(s) with nature? It is easier than you think! This program is designed to help your family make connections with the outdoors, naturally. Ms. Kara will guide the group and answer questions during this 30 min. outdoor play time. Limited Space; Pre-registration required.

Trail Connections, Ages 50 & Over
FREE
Friday, September 24th, 11 am
Friday, October 29th, 11 am
Friday, November 19th, 11 am
Join Park Naturalist, Kara, on a walk through Brecknock Park as she discusses wildlife and the history of the property. Participants are welcome to bring a camera and/or binoculars. Naturalist will make frequent stops for observations. This program is for ages 50 and over and runs approx. 60 mins. Limited Space; Pre-registration required.
Children’s Halloween
DRIVE-THRU Fantasy Trail
Kent County Recreation Center
1683 New Burton Road, Dover (Tickets)
Akridge Scout Reservation (Trail Loop)
Saturday, October 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Fee is $5 (CASH ONLY) per vehicle – Tickets sold on Site
1 BAG OF CANDY PER VEHICLE

Designed for children, ages 2 to 7. Come with no tricks but to see some of your favorite cartoon and storybook characters at our Children’s Halloween DRIVE-THRU Fantasy Trail. You will travel through the enchanted forest to see your favorite characters from the safety of your vehicle.

If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering for this event, please contact Joseph Paugh at 302-744-2486.
Would your family like to learn more about joining the Cub Scouts? Visit www.bsascout.org for more information.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

BEGINNER AND ADVANCED HAND CROCHET OR KNITTING DESIGN

Ages: 13 & up
Fee: $60
Days: Tue
Hours: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sess: Sep 14 – Sep 28
AC#CROKN1914
Sess: Oct 5 – Oct 19
AC#CROKN1005

Kent County Administrative Complex, Room 117, 555 Bay Rd, Dover. This beginner class will teach you how to make a scarf and pot holders, 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 child is under 18. Minimum of 3, maximum of 15. Instructor: Manh Nguyen, with over 40 years of teaching experience. For a list of class supplies, please call Manh at 302-530-9525. Masks required.

CENTER CIRCLE WOOLEY MAT

Ages: 16 & up
Fee: $45
Days: Fri
Hours: 10:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Sess: Nov 12
AC#CCW1112

Delaware Sewing Center, Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. Come join us for an afternoon of stitching fun. This project is all sewn by hand. Learn basic embroidery stitches. Here’s a little history of a “Penny Rug,” in the 1800s, starting around the time of the Civil War, thrifty home-makers would use scraps of wool or felted wool from old clothing, blankets and hats to create designs for mats or rugs. (Thus, the name “penny” rug). Fee includes pattern, wooly kit, needle and floss. Students need a small pair of sharp scissors. Minimum of 4, maximum of 8. For more information and a list of supplies, call instructor Crystal Sweeney at 302-674-9030.

SEWING MADE EASY AND FUN

Ages: 13 & up
Fee: $60
Days: Mon
Hours: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sess: Sep 13 – Sep 27
AC#SEW1913
Sess: Oct 4 – Oct 18
AC#SEW1004

Kent County Administrative Complex, Room 117, 555 Bay Rd, Dover. Participants will learn sewing machine basics: operation, connect fabric, sew on a button and make a button hole (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. Parent must stay if child is under 18. Minimum of 3, maximum of 12. Instructor: Manh Nguyen, with over 40 years of teaching experience. For a list of class supplies, please call Manh at 302-530-9525. Masks required.

LOG CABIN FOR BEGINNERS

Ages: 16 & up
Fee: $70
Days: Tue
Hours: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sess: Sep 21 – Oct 19
AC#LGC21

Delaware Sewing Center, Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. This class is designed for someone that wants to start quilting, or just needs to brush up on quilting skills. Learn to rotary cut strips of fabric accurately. Then sew the strips into a log cabin quilt square. Add borders, machine quilt and sew on the binding. W00-H00 you have a Log Cabin Quilt. Minimum of 4, maximum of 6. A sewing machine in good working order is needed. Must purchase the Log cabin book. For information and list of supplies, call instructor Crystal Sweeney at 302-674-9030.

T-SHIRT QUILTING

Ages: 16 & up
Fee: $70 (includes handouts)
Days: Sat
Hours: 10:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Sess: Oct 23 – Nov 20
AC#TQUIL1023

Delaware Sewing Center, Rodney Village Shopping Center, Dover. If you are like most people, you have a pile of treasures 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. No quilting skills are needed. Minimum of 4, maximum of 6. A sewing machine in good working order is needed. For information and list of supplies, call instructor Crystal Sweeney at 302-674-9030.
SPORT INSTRUCTION

PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTION
Ages: 16 & up  Fee: $32
Days: Tue & Thu Hours: 10:00 a.m.–
12:00 noon
Sess: Oct 5 - Oct 28
AC#PICKLB1005
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. Take part in the fastest growing recreational activity in the nation. Pickleball is designed for all skill and age levels and is very easy to learn. The non-stop action can be played competitively or just for fun. Our indoor courts will make your pickleball experience much more memorable. Masks required.

TOT & PARENT MULTI SPORT CLASS
Ages: 2-4  Fee: $47
Days: Thu Hours: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sess: Sep 16 - Oct 21
AC#TRCTPM916
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, 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, Basketball, Volleyball, etc. Minimum of 5, maximum of 15. Masks required.

TOT INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL
Ages: 4-6  Fee: $47 (includes T-shirt)
Days: Sat Hours: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Sess: Sep 18 - Oct 23
AC#TBASKLG918
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Participants will be placed on teams by Kent County Parks and Recreation. Players will be introduced to the rules and fundamentals of basketball. First three meetings will be practice and the last three will be games. The main goal is to have fun! Minimum of 10, maximum of 40. Masks required.

TOT MULTI SPORT CLASS
Ages: 4-6  Fee: $47
Days: Thu Hours: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sess: Sep 16 - Oct 21
AC#TRCTMS916
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, 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, Basketball, Volleyball, etc. Minimum of 5, maximum of 15. Masks required.

YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY (INTERMEDIATE)
Ages: 8-12  Fees: $60
Days: Thu Hours: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Sess: Sep 16 - Oct 21
AC#INTBASE916
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This program is designed for players with 3 or more years of playing experience. The program will be a travel ball level practice and include skills and drills designed to help each athlete perform better on the field. Hitting, pitching, fielding, and base running mechanics will be incorporated into each practice. In addition, focus will be on developing position specific skills that will give your athlete a better chance to perform well next season. Minimum 15 - Maximum 30. Instructor: Eric Buckson. Masks required.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC
Ages: 7-14  Fee: $45
Days: Sat Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sess: Sep 11
AC#YVBC911
Sess: Nov 6
AC#YVBC106
Kent County Recreation Center, East Multi-Purpose Field, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. Participants will learn the fundamentals of volleyball including how to serve, dig, and SPIKE. Participants will receive instruction tailored to their individual age and ability level. Dynamic Volleyball Academy's clinics are designed specifically for the beginning male or female volleyball athlete. This program includes age-appropriate instruction, focusing on motor skills, ball skills, game skills and most importantly, fun! Minimum of 10, maximum of 20. Masks required.

YOUTH BASKETBALL ACADEMY
Ages: 7-14  Fee: $62 (includes T-shirt)
Days: Sat Hours: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Sess: Sep 18 - Oct 23
AC#YBASKLG918
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Road, Dover. Players will take part in basketball skills development clinic that will teach key fundamentals & Techniques. (Ball handling, skill development, shooting techniques and rebounding). Players will also be taught 5 of the most established moves. There will be a Hot Shot Championship, One on One Championship, 3 on 3 Championship, along with 2 to 3 games. Masks required.

YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY (NOVICE)
Ages: 6-10  Fee: $60
Days: Thu Hours: 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Sess: Sep 16 - Oct 21
AC#NOVBASE916
Kent County Recreation Center, 1683 New Burton Rd, Dover. This program is designed for 1st / 2nd year little league players and will focus on improving the basic skills needed to play baseball. The academy will include lessons/instruction on hitting, fielding, base running and pitching. Each practice will conclude with a game and focus on having fun playing ball. The main goal of the academy is to improve on the technique used to perform well in baseball at an early age. Minimum 15 - Maximum 30. Instructor: Eric Buckson. Masks required.
REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- Registration will be accepted through the mail, in-person 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 www.co.kent.de.us/parks-recreation.aspx, MasterCard, Visa and Discover Card payments are processed through Authorize.net; 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 Division invites people with and without disabilities to enjoy our programs, parks, and facilities. It is the policy of the Kent County Levy Court that all programs be accessible to all Qualified Handicapped 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@co.kent.de.us 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, activities, and trips are subject to cancellation for any reasonable cause.
- For weather and last minute cancellation information, please view our website at co.kent.de.us and facebook.com/KentCountyParksandRec. Timely program cancellation notifications will be done by phone or email 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.
### Waiver and Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the full agreement on page 18 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 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.

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### Registration Procedure (see page 18)

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