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## Library Welcomes Summer

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### **CCPL Announces Expanded Hours and Summer Reading Program**

*Carroll County, MD* – On Monday June 14, Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) will expand branch hours to Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM and Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (remaining closed on Sundays). Expanded hours come just in time for the annual Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading is an excellent way to engage the whole family in fun learning activities over the summer while fighting summer slide (the learning loss that occurs for students over the summer months). The theme for this year's program is Tails and Tales and relates reading to the animal kingdom. Families can sign up now through August 31 on the library's website or by using the summer reading app, Beanstack. To participate in the program, sign up at <https://carr.beanstack.org/reader365>, log your reading and activities, and then enter to win prizes. Summer Reading is open to all ages and is free. Everyone who completes the program will receive a book donated by lead sponsor, Penguin Random House.

Some highlights from this year's program include free take home kits, like a Zen Garden for teens, scavenger hunts, and author visits. On June 24 at 10:00 AM, the library will kick off the summer with Chris Vaughn in a virtual fitness activity for kids. The online program is accompanied by a take home kit you can sign up to get from your local branch. In partnership with A Likely Story Bookstore, the library will also present Shelli Johannes (author) and Mike Moran (illustrator), of *Theo TheSaurus* on Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 PM. *Theo TheSaurus* is for all ages will be broadcast on the library's Facebook and YouTube pages. For full info on these and all the library's virtual and in-person summer programming, visit <https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/month>.

Of the expansion in hours, the library's Executive Director Andrea Berstler said, "So many people count reading, movies, and music on their list of things to have on vacation. Our wonderful Summer Reading Program is starting, and having expanded hours will make it easier than ever to access all these things. Welcome back to the library this summer!"

For more information about the library's current services, please visit <https://library.carr.org/reopening.asp>.

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