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a monthly e-newsletter for Delaware's early childhood and school age programs



July 2018



You're here for Delaware's children and families.
We're here for YOU!



What's NEW?

Professional Development New Summer Offering

Summer Camp - A Schedule That Works for You!

We hope your summer is off to a great start with lots of fun activities planned. Why not incorporate one of our workshops into your schedule?

Because summer presents its own challenges with finding time, our

Provider Spotlight: Beginnings and Beyond

Making a Dream a Reality Through Offering Quality Child Care

When Danielle Harrison, owner of "Beginnings and Beyond" was seventeen she had a dream of having her own daycare center. In fact, her husband drew a sketch of her vision that continues to hang on her office wall.

After a career in human resources, her dream was realized when she opened the first location of "Beginnings and Beyond" in Dover, Del.



schedule now includes a "summer camp" option - morning and afternoon training that you can chose "a la carte."

Check out this fun video that gives an overview of PD's Summer Camp. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQhm4-NT1X4>

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## Introducing "Play for Development and Learning"

### *Calling All Administrators!*

Be one of the first to preview this pilot where you'll learn techniques to link learning through play-based activities.

Plus the workshops running in the Fall will include quality-assured small group coaching sessions. We'll help you incorporate what you learned in the classroom, helping teachers refine their play practices.

Want to learn more? Here's a video that provides an overview about the importance of play.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBiTy0hMWA>

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"I have always loved children," says Danielle. "And when I had my own, I knew even more what kind of child care program I wanted to create for families."

Her goals included establishing really strong connections with both her staff and the families she serves. She utilizes technology including an application that keeps families' informed as well as a lot of face-to-face communications.

"I like to be in the classroom to both connect with teachers and the children," says Danielle.

As a result, there is very low teacher turnover. And "Beginnings and Beyond" is thriving with two locations in Dover serving children from infant through preschool age. Additionally, both sites offer before and after care for school-age children.

Danielle credits Delaware Stars for providing her with fresh ideas and the resources to keep pursuing her dream.

"Stars has helped us replenish our supplies and to continually invest so we can offer quality care," adds Danielle.



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## Free Summer Activities

There are free activities happening this summer for both you and the children in your program.

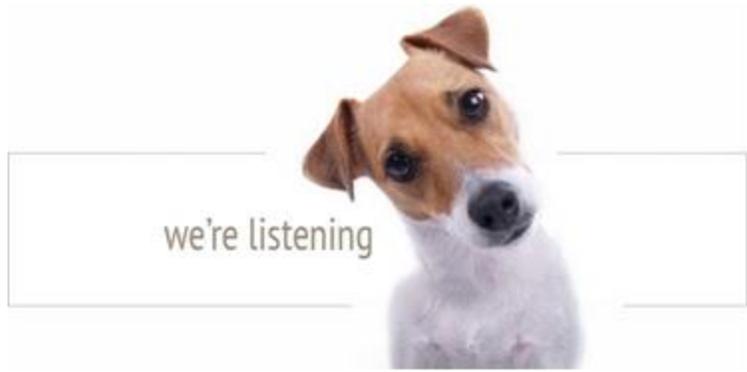
The state libraries are again offering the "Summer Library Challenge 2018" - a great way to introduce the library to your students in a fun way. The flyer includes more details and is at the end of this publication.

While you are visiting the library, join in on the "Delaware Library Card Campaign." This is the state's effort to get more Delawareans to have library cards and to generate awareness of the benefits of being a "card holder." The state initiative is aimed at bettering the current statistic of half of the state's residents having cards. Check out more details on the flyer at the end of this publication.

Finally, Delaware Project Launch, is hosting a "Financial Health" session on July 17th. The flyer is included here at the end of this publication.

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Keep up with our Quality Assured training sessions by following us on Facebook.



Share Stars Experience Now

Your Voice Counts!

As you know, the current Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is being redesigned to better serve the child care community. The QRIS Revision Team is being intentional about including all key stakeholders experiences with Delaware Stars to guide the next iteration of QRIS.

Nine "Listening Sessions" were held in June with various stakeholder groups. We hope you had an opportunity to attend.

Additionally, this past week, surveys were mailed electronically to providers and stakeholders in the child care community. We encourage you to complete the survey. This is your opportunity to influence the future framework of QRIS!

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## Educational Resources Available

### *T.E.A.C.H. Supports Early Child Care Professionals in Continuing Education*

If you've considered going back to school to pursue a degree in early childhood education but have concerns about affording it or where to begin, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood can help.



The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship is available for anyone working in a licensed child care facility in the state who makes less than \$17/hr. (\$20 for admin) and is looking to earn an early childhood degree.

T.E.A.C.H. pays 85% of your tuition, reimburses 90% of book costs, provides a \$75 travel stipend each semester and upon successful completion of each annual contract, T.E.A.C.H. provide a \$350 bonus.

T.E.A.C.H. also has funds to assist with the assessment fee for the CDA.

Registration for Fall classes has already begun at all Delaware colleges and universities. Funds are currently available, so apply now. Applications can be found on the T.E.A.C.H. website at: <https://deaeyc.org/t-e-a-c-h-early-childhood/>

Don't Forget to follow us on Social Media!



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**Delaware Stars for Early Success**  
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Visit PD at [www.dieecpd.org](http://www.dieecpd.org)  
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# Summer Library Challenge 2018

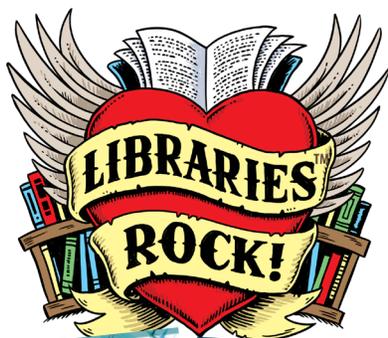
Visit [delawarelibraries.org/summerreading](http://delawarelibraries.org/summerreading) for information

## Reading Program

For all ages! You choose the books and track your learning.

### Program Benefits:

- Promotes learning during summer break in a fun way
- Sharpens literacy skills
- Encourages reluctant readers
- Fosters a passion for reading
- It's FREE!



Sign up June 1st  
in person or  
online!

For more information about summer programs visit  
[delawarelibraries.org/summerreading](http://delawarelibraries.org/summerreading)

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## Arts in the Library

Co-Sponsor: Delaware Division of the Arts

### Kick off the Summer with...

Special Guest: **First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney**

Performance: "Turtle Dance Music" with **Matt Mazure**

- Friday, June 15 – 11:00am at Route 9 Library
- Saturday, June 16 – 10:30am at Greenwood Public Library
- Saturday, June 16 – 2:00pm at Kent County Public Library



## Featured Events This Summer!



*New Moon  
Theater*



### "Unexpected Heroes: India Tales"

The audience will meet quick-witted and kind-hearted heroes who help others while helping to transform their lives. The interactive stories performed in "Unexpected Heroes: India Tales" shed light on the beauty of the Indian subcontinent.

### **Baba Bomani**

### "Rock the Mic: Hip-Hop & Literacy"

"Rock the Mic" is an interactive performance that features music videos, multi-media presentations, call and response, and rhythmic movement that will involve the entire audience. Bomani will also perform interactive songs that include tips on how to be a creative writer.

Check with your local library for dates & times or visit  
[delawarelibraries.org/artsinthelibrary](http://delawarelibraries.org/artsinthelibrary)  
for full schedules.



# Summer Library Challenge 2018

Visit [delawarelibraries.org/stem](http://delawarelibraries.org/stem) for information

## Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Programs

### Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation



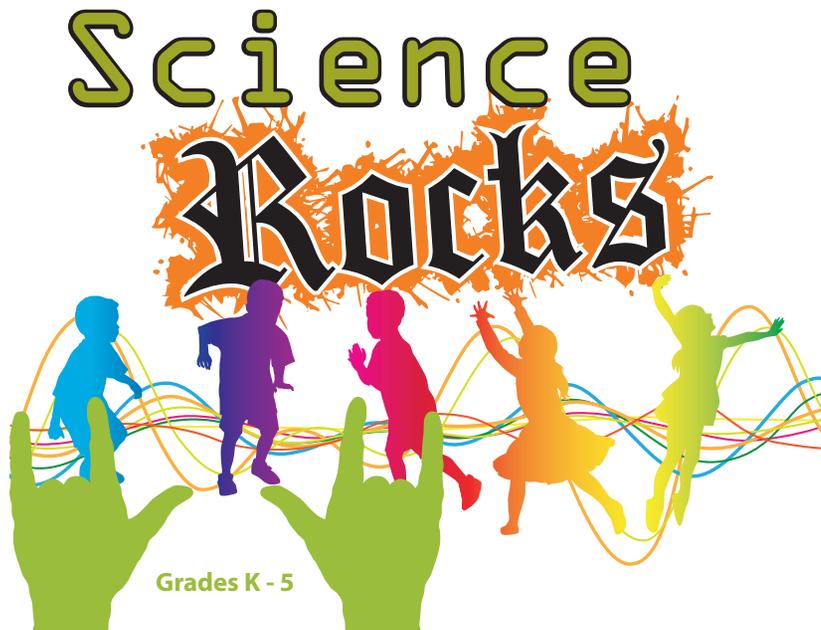
Bring your child to the library for these free programs.

#### Sounds are all around us...

loud ones, soft ones, harsh ones, pleasant ones. Bring your child to the library to learn about how sounds are made and how we hear them.

You and your child will play a guessing game with shakers, make the water in a bowl dance and splash, experiment with the sounds that a straw can make and listen to a squawking chicken! You'll also test our Boomwhackers - plastic tubes tuned to specific musical notes.

#### Science & sound go together like rock & music!



For more information visit [delawarelibraries.org/stem](http://delawarelibraries.org/stem)

### Delaware Nature Society



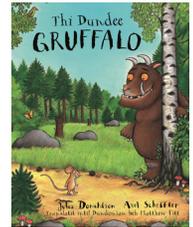
#### New Castle County Libraries

Presented by Ashland Nature Center

Reading & Hands-on Programs

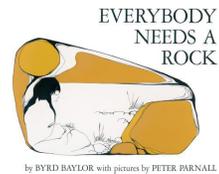
- **The Gruffalo, Arnold Lobel**

**Author: Julia Donaldson | Illustrations: Axel Scheffler**  
Mouse avoids becoming dinner for a hungry fox, owl, and snake by inventing a monster – the huge and terrible Gruffalo. But what happens when a “real” Gruffalo appears, also intent on eating Mouse? Discover the surprising answer, then meet mouse’s foes, both live and taxidermied. We will learn what makes these animals such efficient hunters, then use predator “parts” to create a fearsome Gruffalo of our own!



- **Everybody Needs a Rock**

**Author: Byrd Baylor | Illustrations: Peter Parnall**  
There’s so much to love about rocks – they can be beautiful, plain, smooth, sparkly, rough, heavy...even smelly! Journey with a special little girl who has found her perfect rock, as she outlines the ten rules for finding yours. Then, “meet” various rocks – some seemingly ordinary, some clearly unusual – and investigate their secrets: what they are made of, where they are from, how they formed.

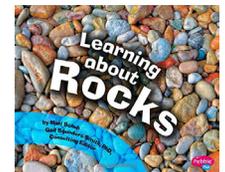


#### Kent & Sussex County Libraries

Presented by Abbott’s Mill Nature Center

- **Learning About Rocks, Author: Mari Schuh**

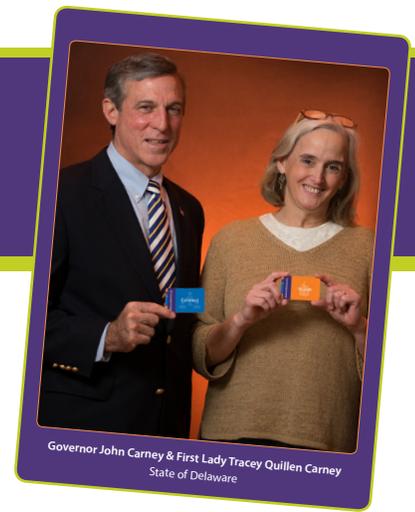
**Petrology-It Rocks!**  
Petrologists are geologists who study rocks, Rocks make arrowheads or beads or blocks, Rocks form from lava or fall off of cliffs, Rocks can be gems or fossils or schist, We’ll study those rocks, petrologists!



For more information visit [delawarelibraries.org/naturesociety](http://delawarelibraries.org/naturesociety)

# Get a Delaware library card today!

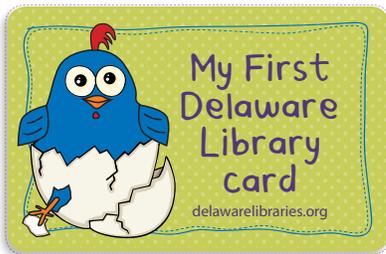
Delaware Library Card Campaign  
First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney, Honorary Chair



**Goal:** Half of Delawareans have a library card... help us reach 100% to achieve a *Stronger Delaware!*

In Delaware, only 52% of children read at grade level by third grade; that number drops to 37% in 17 low income zip codes, including Wilmington, Dover and Western/Central Sussex County.

Children who are competent and passionate readers by 3rd grade have a strong foundation for success in school and in life!



Birth to 5 Years Old  
#MyFirstLibraryCardDE

## My First Delaware Library Card

It's never too early to read to children! Read 4 books each day; a few favorites as well as a variety of books from the library! Choose books that appeal to you, so that your child senses your excitement about reading! Attend Story Times and other programs at the library to gain new experiences.

- Reading aloud to babies builds listening, attention and vocabulary skills.
- Children whose parents frequently read to them know more words by age two than children who have not been read to.

What if you read 4 picture books a day with your child in the first 5 years?

| Age          | Days  | x 1 book per day | x 4 books per day (20 to 30 minutes) |
|--------------|-------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Birth to 1   | 365   | 365              | 1,460                                |
| 2            | 365   | 730              | 2,920                                |
| 3            | 365   | 1,095            | 4,380                                |
| 4            | 365   | 1,460            | 5,840                                |
| 5            | 365   | 1,825            | 7,300                                |
| 5 Year Total | 1,825 | 1,825            | 7,300                                |



6 to 12 years old

## Kids Card

Children who read succeed! Continue to read to your children every day in addition to assisting them in building their own reading skills. Once kids develop a reading passion, they devour books like potato chips!

- Kids who are first learning to read retain more information from listening to books read aloud than from reading them independently.
- Reading aloud with kids helps build vocabulary, improves reading skills, and fosters a sense of closeness between parent and child.

## Teens and Adults, too!

Continue to set personal reading goals and track your inspiration. We're all geniuses, we just need to get organized! Visit the library regularly in person and online to learn about new programs, services & opportunities!

Visit [delawarelibraries.org/librarycardcampaign](http://delawarelibraries.org/librarycardcampaign) | #GetaLibraryCardDE



Track the books you and your children read over time, keep a list of titles and number of books. Highlight your family favorites!

Capture your children's questions as they grow, to encourage curiosity!

Tips for all ages visit [guides.lib.de.us/unleashinnergenius](http://guides.lib.de.us/unleashinnergenius)

DelawareLibraries.org



Delaware Project LAUNCH  
Community Dinner and Learning Session

# FINANCIAL HEALTH

TUESDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 6- 8PM

Money Matters: Making Sense  
of Your Dollars & Cents

With Panel Members:

Shay Frisby, \$tand By Me

Tremaine Johnson, Build A Legacy.Org

Luis Santiago, Bank of America

Hanover Presbyterian Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Education Wing  
1801 N. Jefferson Street Wilmington DE 19802

RSVP By Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

To Mindy Webb 302-757-0436 Or [mindy.webb@state.de.us](mailto:mindy.webb@state.de.us)

With Prior Request, Transportation Assistance & Limited Child Care Available.

Please Let Us Know By Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. No Walk-Ins Accepted.



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