

# SUMMER SAMPLER

Your Personal  
summer  
ACTIVITIES  
COORDINATOR

WEEK 5  
JULY 4-10



## JUST CHILL: BOOKS TO HELP YOU CATCH COLD

The summer months can be oppressive with temperatures higher than the diving board in an advanced swimmers pool. However, you mustn't allow the sun to *ray-n* on your summer parade. Let these cool-as-ice books save you from heat stroke this season – or at least from boredom!

### CHILLY FICTION

- *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
- *Boy, Snow, Bird* by Helen Oyeyemi
- *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin
- *Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons
- *A Deadly Inside Scoop* by Abby Collette
- *The Frozen Rabbi* by Steve Stern
- *The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street* by Susan Jane Gilman
- *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* by Susan Gregg Gilmore

### FREEZING NONFICTION

- *Arctic Dreams* by Barry Lopez
- *The Demon in the Freezer* by Richard Preston
- *Not Much, Just Chillin': The Hidden Lives of Middle Schoolers* by Linda Perlstein

**CREAMY GRAPE SALAD** Grape salad is an easy dessert salad that is always a crowd pleaser! Perfect for gatherings and summer picnics. It can also be a great snack or quick lunch. Find [this recipe and more from Taste of Home](#).



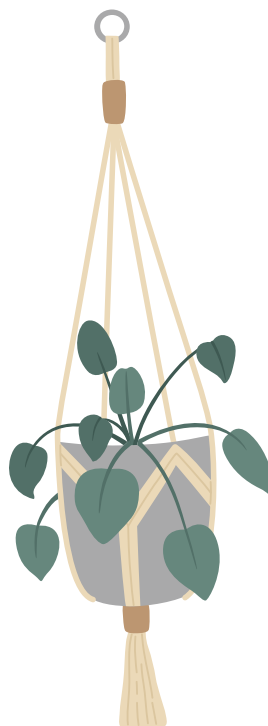
## SUN OUT WINDOWS DOWN VOLUME UP SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

Enjoy [this great 29-song playlist](#) as you're running, walking, cleaning, sunning and funning this summer! Some sample songs:

- Rihannon by Fleetwood Mac
- Ain't No Rest for the Wicked by Cage the Elephant
- Fever by the Black Keys
- Kyoto by Pheobe Bridgers
- Tongue Tied by Grouplove
- Midnight City by M83
- Goodbye Horses by Q Lazzarus
- Talk by Beabadoobee
- Heat Waves by The Glass Animals
- A-Punk by Vampire Weekend



## MACRAME IS BACK!



Maybe you are too young to remember macrame's heyday in the 70s but I'm sure you've seen some in your around as it's come back along with the Bohemian design and fashion trends! And you can make an easy macrame plant hanger. [Check out these instructions](#) from HGTV.

Find your nearest library here: [aclalibraries.org/library-finder/](https://aclalibraries.org/library-finder/)

To download a digital copy of the Summer Sampler with links, go to:  
[aclalibraries.org/summer-sampler](https://aclalibraries.org/summer-sampler)

The libraries in Allegheny County ramp up their programming for all ages in the summer. Here are some of the great things happening for grown-ups this week:

## SCRABBLE

Tuesday, July 5th | 5:00-7:00 (and every Tuesday) **Penn Hills Library**  
Meet other scrabble lovers and play a few games with us. No registration needed.

## KNITTERS GROUP

Wednesday, July 6th | 10:30-12:00 **Sewickley Public Library**  
New to the hobby or have years of experience, everyone is welcome! Join us in the library on the first and third Wednesdays of the month to work on current projects or come to learn. No registration needed.

## CARDS N'AT

Thursday, July 7th | 1:00-3:00 **Baldwin Borough Public Library**  
Drop in to play some cards or board games with your friends! We'll have coffee, decks of cards, and plenty of games. Feel free to bring along your favorite game or snack. No registration needed.

## PATRIOTIC SING-A-LONG BINGO PICNIC

Thursday, July 7th | 1:00-4:00 **Brentwood Public Library**  
We'll eat, play bingo and sing some patriotic tunes during our festive afternoon together. Please register [here](#).

## THURSDAY MOVIES

Thursday, July 7th | 1:00-3:00 **Scott Township Public Library**  
Join us for an afternoon movie! Titles announced monthly on our website. Register [here](#).

## BRINGING NATURE TO YOUR BACKYARD

Thursday, July 7th | 3:30-4:30 **Western Allegheny Community Library**  
Have you been wanting to attract more pollinators, birds, and wildlife to your backyard? Join Allegheny Land Trust for a presentation on how to make your yard a wildlife oasis. From butterflies to birds, you'll have visitors all year long! Register [here](#).

## SAVE A LIFE: B.E. F.A.S.T.

Thursday, July 7th | 6:00-7:00 **Northland Public Library** Be prepared for yourself and your loved ones by learning all about the stroke warning signs and symptoms. Join Lisa Hopkins from Encompass Health as she covers the FAST approach. Please register [here](#).

## BOOKED FOR LUNCH

Friday, July 8th | 12:00-1:00 **Cooper-Siegel Community Library** This group reads both fiction and nonfiction titles of all genres and formats and meets monthly on the 2nd Friday. This is a hybrid program so you can join in person or via Zoom. This month we're reading *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal. In August we're reading *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant* by Roz Chast. Register [here](#).

## WPL CRAFTERNOONS

Saturday, July 9th | 2:00-4:00 **Whitehall Public Library**  
Get crafty with Sarah! We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity. We'll offer a limited number of Take & Make kits of the in-person craft following the program, for anyone unable to attend. Please call (or stop in) to reserve a kit after 7/9. 16+ please. A donation is requested for materials (accepted during the event). Please register [here](#).