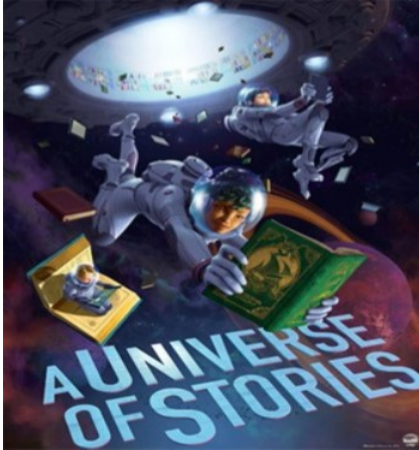


## Out of this World Summer at The Fendrick Library in Mercersburg



*A Universe of Stories* Summer Quest Reading Program had families in our community exploring the universe through books; special performances; and making discoveries in the Summer of Space STEM programs.

Over 200 area youth took on the mission to read or be read to for at least 30 minutes a day or 3 ½ hours per week. Each participant received *A Universe of Stories* PASSPORT for tracking their weekly progress. After meeting each challenge, their PASSPORTS were stamped so they could travel to local businesses to pick up and enjoy special incentives. At the end of the summer, when missions are completed, participant's stamped PASSPORTS earn them FREE Admission for one adult and child to the Discovery Station in Hagerstown, MD.

**A special thank you to this summer's Mercersburg business supporters:**

**Choice Collision; Iris Moon Salon; Mamma's Pizza; McDonalds; Mercersburg Farmers Market; One North Coffee and Bake Shop; Park Avenue Vintage; and Romeo's Pizza.**

**The Summer Quest Reading Program materials and Special Events are made possible by our Sponsors, The Mercersburg Academy and a Grant from the Nora Roberts Foundation.**

Special Summer Programs Kicked Off Wednesday June 12th at 10:00 a.m. with loads of fun for all ages provided by **Uncle Bean Magic Show**.

That evening William Brooks from JBHS directed the first **Summer of Space STEM Program, A Strange New Planet**. Great hands-on discovery program for all ages at 6:00 p.m.

Aliens in Mercersburg! On Wednesday June 19th 10:00 a.m. **ScienceTellers Program, Aliens: Escape From Earth! 10:00 For All ages**. This action- packed educational alien adventure story used science experiments for special effects!

**Adult Writers Group Kicked Off this summer** Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. under the direction of June Dove. Interested in writing? Join them for their monthly meetings.

On Wednesday June 26th **NASA took us to the Moon- 10:00 a.m.** Preschool Program and 1:00p.m. School Age Program and 6:00 pm Family Program presented by NASA ambassador, Chad Lower. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing during this special presentation and activities.

Tuesday July 2nd we headed to **Hagerstown Air Port** at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about air travel. We started with a tour of the terminal. Then outside to board a plane and tour the inside. Next we toured the Air Port Fire Station. Exciting field trip for the families.

Monday July 8th **Local History Program and Walking Tour of Historic Mercersburg** Presented by the Mercersburg Historical Society for families 6:30pm.

Wednesday July 10th **Summer of Space STEM Program** 10:00 a.m. Preschool Program and 1:00 School Age Program Hands-on program to learn more about our Universe

Wednesday July 17th **YOGA** presented by Sandy Bassin of Yoga Blend- 10:00 a.m. Preschoolers learned Yoga poses to go along with the story, Going on a Space Picnic to the Moon!

Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. **Robots and Coding presented by Ben Smith**, STEM Coordinator and Educational Technology Program Specialist for Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12. Children worked in pairs to learn how to use block based coding to program Sphero robots.

Wednesday July 17th **Touchdown STEM Program** for all ages Presented by Andy Stoner at 6:00pm. Engineering design challenge! Build a shock-absorbing system that will protect two "astronauts" when they land back on earth.

Monday July 22nd **Mars!** Presented by Brittany from the Discovery Station at 2:30 for School ages. After discussion and hands-on activities, the children drew a design for a Mars rover and then built it out of edible materials.

**Emotional Intelligence Café/Anxiety** Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. Facilitator, Michaelle Plotner. Identifying and strategies for handling anxiety.

Wednesday July 24th **Loony Lunar Phases** 10:00 a.m. Preschool Program and 1:00 p.m. School Age Program. Montgomery Elementary Teacher, Lori Kaiser used stories and activities to teach how the moon affects us on earth. Then, the children had fun learning the phases of the moon with Oreo cookies.

Wednesday July 24th **Rocking in Franklin County** 6:00pm. Miss Janet from Franklin County Visitor's Bureau helped us get creative! She brought the rocks and paints for a fun evening of Rock Painting for all ages.

Wednesday July 31st **NASA took us to Mars** 10:00 a.m. Preschool Program, 1:00 p.m. School Age and 6:00 p.m. Family program. These exciting programs and activities helped us learn more about this intriguing planet and future NASA plans for Mars. Presented by NASA ambassador, Chad Lower.

Wednesday August 7th **End of Summer Party and Captain Aesop's All-Star Galaxy Games PUPPET SHOW** presented by Adam Swartz Puppet 10:00 a.m. Everyone joined in the fun to celebrate another great summer of reading, fun and exciting programs!

**LIVE from the International Space Station** Friday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. at the Star Theatre. The Fendrick Library was invited to participate in the live streaming event as part of the Summer of Space programs provided by the partnership of Scholastic Literacy Partnership, StarNet and NASA. Great opportunity to view this exciting event on the big screen. Very inspiring for children to interact with an astronaut, hear about the work on the International Space Station, and view earth from space. Thank you to Bobbie and Marcus Abernethy for opening the Star Theatre for us and providing free popcorn.

NEW this summer at the library- **Introduction to the Art of Quilting Classes for Adults and Children.** During the six-week session adults learned basic quilting skills to make a table runner quilt of an historical design. Sewing machines and tools were available for each participant. The Children's sessions taught how to make and hand sew a small wall hanging quilt. The classes provided experience in geometry and math; helped them develop organizational skills and fine motor skills. The classes were led by Nancy Walker and Jef Savage, rostered Artists in PA.

The quilting project was supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, a state agency, through its regional arts funding partnerships. State government funding for the arts depends upon an annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and from the national Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PCA funds is administered in this region by StartSomething, Cultural Alliance of York County.

The Fendrick Library is located 20 North Main Street in Mercersburg PA.

717-328-9233 Check out our online calendar [www.fendricklibrary.org](http://www.fendricklibrary.org) for upcoming events of visit the library Monday 2:30 -8:00 ; Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00; Friday 10:00 – 8:00 and Saturday 10:00 2:00