

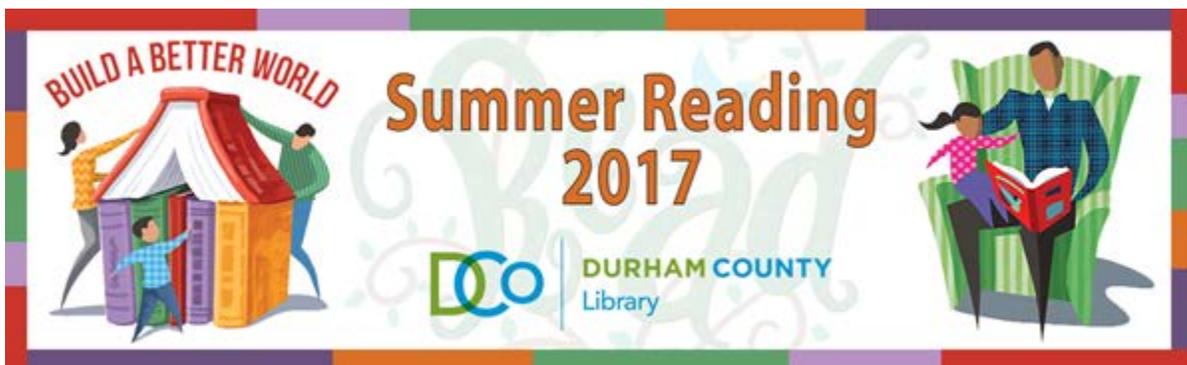


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Summer Reading!



Durham County Library Summer Reading Program

What is It?: A chance for everyone to be rewarded with prizes, just for reading throughout the summer! Durham County Library customers can participate in the program and win wonderful prizes for their schools and themselves. It is free, easy, and fun for everyone!

How does it work?: For each minute that you read, you can earn 1 point. You have your choice of reading materials - books, electronic books, magazines, and newspapers. Parents can read to younger children. Another way you can earn points is by visiting a different Durham County library, exploring electronic databases on the library's website, and volunteering in your community. Once you've hit 250, 500, 750, or 1000 points, you can come to the library and pick up a prize! At 1000 points, your name is entered into the grand prize drawing! The winner will be announced at the end of the program. For school-age children and teens participating, you can win a STEM kit for you school!

Ready to Sign-Up? Register online at durhamcountylibrary.org/summerreading, or visit any Durham County Library branch, in person, to register.

Read Down those fines. Additionally, during the Summer Reading program, customers with fines and fees on library accounts can participate in the Fine Read Down. Visit any library location, sign-in with the librarian each time, and read your library fees down. For every 10 minutes that you read in the library, you can have \$1.00 removed from your library fines.

Tips for Academic Success!



We invited Pam Goodman with K6 easy to share some practical tips for academic success. Goodman is an educational consultant who has worked with thousands of children, parents and teachers in the preschool through 6th grade age range. For more free and helpful resources, check out [facebook.com/k6easy](https://www.facebook.com/k6easy).



Today I'm sharing just one of many academic success tips I gladly tell parents about—have your librarian become your BEST resource.

It is super important for children to be reading high interest books, especially during the summer so children continue to progress and not regress. With the onslaught of technology, children and adults are using their “brain muscle” less and less every day. We are bombarded with instant responses without any need to think or retain. Same

concept as “Use it or Lose it.” If children read high interest books, they grow their “brain muscle”.

When children are reading, they are gaining fluency and comprehension while increasing their attention span. I have had many children read for fun at home and gain confidence while significantly improving their reading levels.

So, go see your BEST resource with your child. After hearing from your child on what they like and don't like, your local librarian can gather a list of books that your child will surely enjoy. Using the library's on-line retrieval system, if the books are in a series and some are checked out, they can be gathered from the other libraries into one convenient location for you.

Learn It!

In Bangladesh, they speak the Bengali language, which looks like this!

যদি আপনি এই তথ্যগুলোর যে কোন একটির সম্বন্ধে বিস্তারিত জানতে চান, অথবা আপনার নিজের ভাষাতে ব্লেব, সিডি, অডিও টেপ-এ পেতে চান তাহলে নিম্নলিখিত নম্বরে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

It may look strange to you because it isn't written in the English alphabet. Instead it is written in the Bengali alphabet. Like our alphabet, each character has its own sound!

Around 300 million people speak Bengali, making it the 10th most spoken language in the world!



Did you know the study of flags is called Vexillology? This is the flag of Bangladesh. It was first flown in March, 1971.

The green background represents the lushness of the green landscape.

The red color represents the blood shed in the fight for freedom in the Bangladesh Liberation War.

The disk itself is said to represent "the rising sun of a new country."

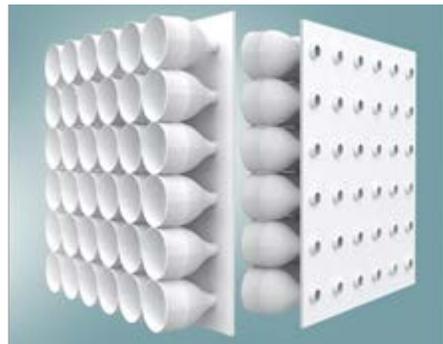
Aren't flags cool? Each color and shape is chosen to represent something special about what they stand for.

What is your favorite flag?

If you designed your own flag, what would it look like? What shapes and colors would you choose and why?



Building a Better World



Looking for creative ways to beat the summer heat? In Bangladesh, some people have figured out a way to do this, recycle, and save energy, all at the same time!

In Bangladesh (especially in rural areas,) about 70% of people live in huts made out of tin. The average temperature in Bangladesh is around 25°C (that's around 77°F) but can get up to around 30°C (86°F.) To us, that may not seem terrible, in fact, it sounds quite comfortable, but when you live in a tin hut, in a subtropical climate (with lots of rain and humidity) then things will feel a lot hotter than they actually are.

To combat the heat, some innovators have created what they are calling an "Eco-Cooler". It is made from empty plastic bottles (like you might drink out of) mounted on a board. That board is then put over a window in a hut, with the bottleneck facing in. When the wind blows through the cooler, it slightly compresses the air, making the room cooler. Up to 5°C (9°F) cooler! That change may not seem like a lot, but when it is hot and humid, even a degree's difference can make all the difference.

Try this! Hold up your hand in front of your face. First breath on your hand, as if you were trying to warm it up. Feel how warm and humid it is? Now, purse your lips and blow like you are trying to cool off some soup. Was it as warm as the first time? That's the idea behind the Eco-Cooler.



Make It!

Want to try making your own Eco-Cooler? It's entirely possible using things found around your house! Kids remember to ask parents for help!

Things You'll Need:

- Bottles (the bigger, the better!)
- 2mm medium density board (or something similar)
- tape measure
- scissors
- craft knife (x-acto knife)
- a window to put you finished cooler over! (A window on a "breezy" side of the house will work best!)

Step 1: Gather as many used soft drink and water bottles. The bigger the size difference between the body and the rim of the bottle, the better!

Step 2: Measure the window you want to make the Eco-Cooler for. Cut your board to the same size. (Make sure to keep half-an-inch flushed around all sides. This will ensure you have the perfect sized Eco-Cooler

Step 3: Cut holes in your board according to the measurement of the rim of your bottles. Make sure the cuts are spaced out, in a grid pattern, according to the size of your bottles.

Step 4: Using a pair of scissors, cut the bottles in half, along the body of the bottle.

Step 5: Cut away the top of the bottle cap (using your craft knife.) But be sure to keep enough of the cap to screw back on.

Step 6: Push the bottle from the outer side of the board and twist the cap from the inner side and tighten it to keep the bottle in place. Repeat for all remaining bottles.

Step 7: Put your Eco-Cooler in the window of your choice, with the wide part of the bottles facing out.

Step 8: Enjoy!



Find out more by going to:

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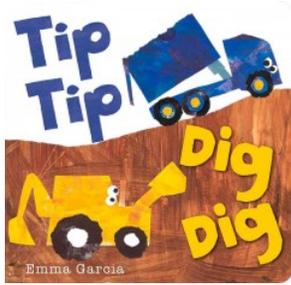
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Read It!



Easy Reader



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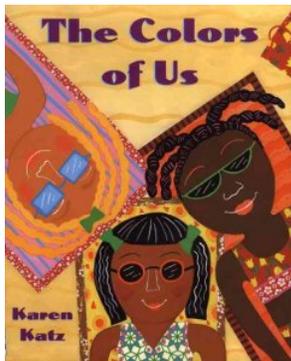
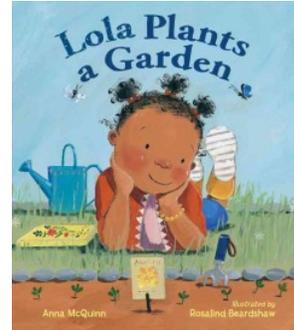
by Emma Garcia

A parade of colorful construction vehicles makes joyful noise for young enthusiasts who are invited to lift-lift with a crane, push-push with a bulldozer and roll-roll-roll with a steamroller, in a lively storybook that combines cut-collage illustrations with onomatopoeic text.

Lola plants a garden

by Anna McQuinn

A backyard adventure starring the heroine from *Lola at the Library* and *Lola Loves Stories* finds her planting flower seeds with her mother and carefully tending her garden while waiting for the flowers to grow.



The colors of us

by Karen Katz

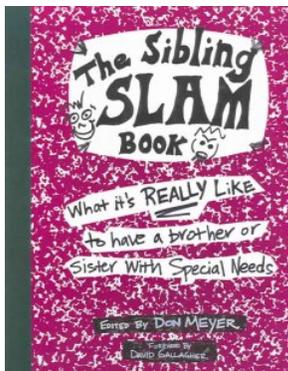
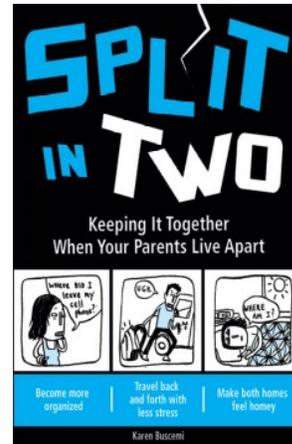
Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

Juvenile Readers

Split in two : keeping it together when your parents live apart

by Karen Buscemi

A nuts-and-bolts survival guide for teens living in a dual custody arrangement, a practical yet humorous self-help book is packed with tips and strategies to help teens deal with the frustrations of life in two households. Original.



The sibling slam book : what it's really like to have a brother or sister with special needs

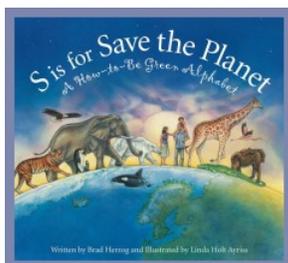
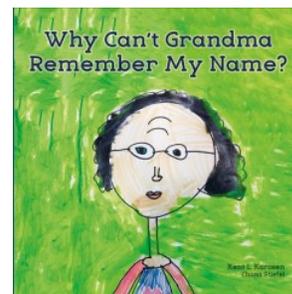
by Donald J. Meyer

Siblings of special-needs children discuss hopes, fears, frustrations, resentment, and triumphs regarding their life with their siblings

Why Can't Grandma Remember My Name?

by Kent L. Karosen

This book explains Alzheimer's disease to children in a simple and meaningful way, and features illustrations by children side-by-side with illustrations by adults with Alzheimer's in order to help children learn how the mind interprets the world.



S is for save the planet : a how-to-be green alphabet

by Brad Herzog

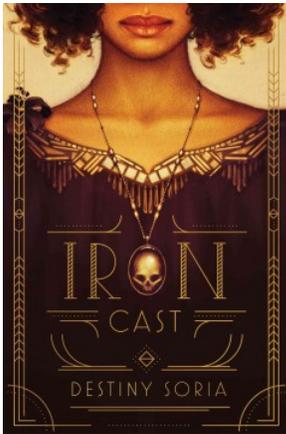
Suggestions, information, and poems about environmental issues, one for each letter of the alphabet

Teen Readers

The sun is also a star

by Nicola Yoon

A scientifically minded girl who avoids relationships to help keep her family from being deported and a dutiful student who endeavors to live up to his parents' high expectations unexpectedly fall in love and must determine which path they will choose in order to be together. By the best-selling author of *Everything, Everything*.



Iron cast

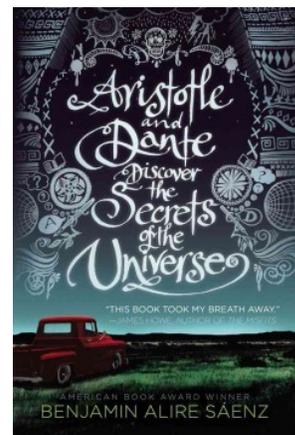
by Destiny Soria

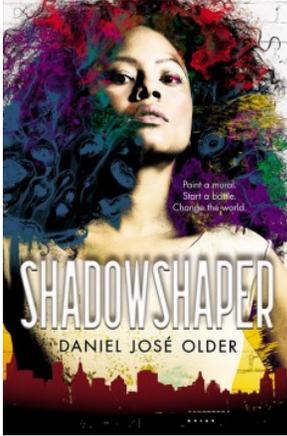
In 1919 Boston, best friends Corinne and Ada perform illegally as illusionists in an infamous gangster's nightclub, using their "afflicted" blood to con Boston's elite, until the law closes in

Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before





Shadowshaper
by Daniel José Older

When her summer plans are interrupted by creepy supernatural phenomena, Sierra and her artist friend uncover the work of a magic-wielding killer who believes Sierra's family is hiding a powerful secret. A first young adult novel.

Build It!

Our Summer Reading theme is Build a Better World. There are lots of activities that are available that you can do at home to represent your creative side without spending a lot of money. Here is one activity that you can do:



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Newspaper Towers

Materials Needed:

- Newspapers
- Masking Tape
- Ruler or Tape Measure (optional)

Use a variety of art supplies around your home to create newspaper towers. Make it a challenge, or do it just for fun, build the tallest tower made only out of newspaper and masking tape. You can use the ruler or tape measure to see how tall you have made your tower. Then show it off to your family and friends.

***CRAFT OF THE MONTH*:** Every month at Bragtown Library Family Literacy Center, you will have a chance to do a craft or take it home at your leisure. Please stop by and visit the library each month to pick up your craft!

Upcoming Events @ Bragtown Literacy Center

Back 2 School Bash

Friday, August 18, 3:00 pm

Calling all Parents! Celebrate the new school year and discover valuable resources to help your child succeed in school.

Bragtown Library Family Literacy Center

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