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Title: Color OUR World This Summer with the Allegany County Library System

[CUMBERLAND, MD] — This summer, the Allegany County Library System invites readers of all ages to join in the fun with *Summer with OUR Library 2025: Color OUR World!* From June 9 through August 9, community members can celebrate the joy of reading, learning, and exploration with programs designed for everyone—from babies to adults.

Participation is easy: pick up a reading log at any library branch or download one online. Readers can log books, audiobooks, or even bedtime stories and return completed logs to their library for a prize. Children will receive a free book, and teens and adults will receive a free tote bag. Every completed log is also entered into the Grand Prize Drawing, to be held on August 22, and participants may submit multiple logs to increase their chances of winning.

The library staff are excited to kick off *Summer with Our Library* on Wednesday, June 18 starting at 4:00 p.m. at Hoffman Park in Frostburg! This year's summer theme, *Color Our World*, promises a season bursting with creativity, imagination, and fun for the whole family. Join us for an afternoon filled with vibrant activities like face painting, friendship bracelets, and a storybook stroll. Beloved book characters Elephant & Piggie will be stopping by to say hello, and Kona Ice will be there with free snow cones to help you cool off. We'll also have raffles, fun giveaways, and on-the-spot library card sign-ups—just bring your photo ID and proof of address. It's a perfect way to kick off a colorful summer of reading and discovery with the Allegany County Library System!

Back by popular demand, the *Story Time in the Park* series returns this year, starting with an outdoor story time at the Constitution Park Amphitheater on June 12 at 10:00 a.m. Hosted by ACLS Program Specialists, these engaging story times combine literacy and nature. Families are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs and enjoy books under the open sky. Story times will continue throughout the summer in parks and green spaces across Allegany County, including at the George's Creek Parklet behind the library and Creekside Park in Westernport—both of which were recently touched by flooding.

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“We’re committed to showing up for our communities,” said Kate Metzger, Children’s Coordinator for the Allegany County Library System, “We know how meaningful these moments of connection and normalcy can be for children and families.”

For those who prefer to stay cool indoors, special summer story times will also be held at the LaVale Library on June 25, July 9, and July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

In addition to reading incentives and story times, the library will offer a full schedule of special events, including programs at Rocky Gap State Park, Read to Farm Animals at the Allegany County Fair, and more surprises along the way. Schedules and downloadable reading logs can be found at www.alleganycountylibrary.info.

Summer with OUR Library 2025 promises a season full of color, imagination, and adventure. Stop by your local branch, join the fun, and help us color our world—one story at a time.

A special thank you to the 2025 *Summer with Our Library* sponsors and community partners for supporting this vibrant summer tradition.

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