

The saying goes “Time flies when you’re having fun.” I’d add to that, “and when you’re busy.” Two of the very best things about the library are that we nearly always have fun here, and we are nearly always very busy! It seems it was only yesterday (or maybe it was the day before?) that I last shared news of the library with you. I can barely believe we’re looking forward to Summer Reading Program time again.

This year’s Summer Reading Program theme is “Every Hero Has a Story.” Among the many exciting programs planned by WCDPL’s Children’s Place led by Maria Simon, is a kick-off program featuring author/illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka on May 19. Mr. Krosoczka’s much-loved Platypus Police Squad characters are the official mascots for Summer Reading. In this issue of *Connect* you’ll learn more about Mr. Krosoczka’s visit to the library, Summer Reading Program plans and activities, and an August visit from this year’s Youth Community Reads author, Kate DiCamillo.

You’ll also find information about adult programs within the pages of this issue. Among the many programs being planned for adults is a “How-To Festival” on Saturday, May 16. Sessions will run all day and cover skills from picking the perfect dog for your family to home brewing to gardening and composting. The Adult Summer Reading Program also starts in June, with a party in the Carter House parking lot celebrating “The Superhero in Each of Us.”

See what I mean when I say we nearly always have fun at the library?

To be sure, WCDPL will be here to help you find the next good book, do research for a school project or business proposal, with weekly storytimes, and Summer Reading Programs for readers of all ages.

WCDPL values traditional roles of libraries, while also embracing the changes in the ways public libraries are used by their communities. WCDPL offers something for everyone. See you at the library!

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