



Tech and Things

The Lab

Plymouth District Library Summer Reading Program has been beautifully busy— books and activities galore for everyone. But have you had a chance to visit our lab? Well, this summer you should. The Lab is a creative space— if you can imagine it, you can make it at the library. The tools available in The Lab allow community members to design and prototype their own projects in a supportive environment. What types of tools can you expect? Cricut Cutters, Glowforge machines, 3-D printers, and even sewing and embroidery equipment.

For more details on these tools, material availability, or the cost of printing from our 3-D printers, visit our [Computer and Technology page](#) and click on “Learn More.”

Other Lab Links

[List of workshops and events in The Lab](#)

[Official booklist from The Lab to help you in your creative endeavor](#)

Summer Reading Bonus: If you are participating in our [Summer Reading Program](#), visiting our Lab is a bonus activity that gives you an extra chance at winning prizes during our monthly raffles.



Library of Things

PDL has a [vast collection of books in print, audio, and ebook formats that you can access](#), but we also have other items available for you to check out that will expand your experience, knowledge, and fun this summer and beyond: our Library of Things.

[The Library of Things](#) is an initiative in libraries where items, beyond books, are lent to patrons. The term “Library of Things” became popular around 2014 in London, England, by a group called the Share Shed, who were inspired by the Toronto Public Library Tool Library, which offered tools for community members to use. This is not a new concept. There was a library of tools in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, in the 1940s that taught people how to use the tools and lent them out as well. Good ideas keep coming back around, and now many public libraries, like ours, have a Library of Things to support their local communities. PDL’s collection includes Tech Kits with telescopes and GoPro cameras, Laptop Kits where you can check out a Chromebook and hotspot for internet access, an outdoor kit with bird-watching tools, and board games for game night.

So, while you check out your favorite mystery or biography, take a look at some of the other brilliant things we have to offer. [Click for more info on our Library of Things page.](#)

Things to Know

Library Closing: The Library will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day. Our digital collections are available 24/7. We will reopen at 10am on Friday, July 5.

Your Opinion Counts: Every few years, the library works together with the community to chart a path forward, to ensure our services line up with what you need. As we prepare to write our next strategic plan, [we want to hear from you.](#)

Summer Events and Activities

Read to a Stuffedie: June 27 | 6:30pm-8pm Build your reading skills this summer by reading to our adorable library stuffies! Bring your own book or choose from our selection for these fifteen minute reading sessions. Age Group: 5-12.

Introduction to LARA: June 27 | 6:30pm-8pm Learn about the Dept. for Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for small businesses. Age Group: Adults. [Registration required.](#)

Kam Komics: July 6 | 3pm-4:30pm Kam Komics will come out to the library to hold a comic book/manga workshop for us. Age Group: Teens, All Ages. [Registration required.](#)

Virtual Author Talks for Kids and Teens: July 9, 16 and 23 This year we have several authors online for kids and teens to enjoy: Mercy Watson and Kate DiCamillo (July 9), Max Brallier (July 16) and Elizabeth Acevedo (July 23). [Registration required.](#)

Fashion, Travel and Publishing - Oh My!: July 18 | 7pm-8pm Kelechi Uchendu, CEO of [Kay Kay's Fashion](#), and author of [Bully Friends](#), a book on identifying and tackling bullying in friendships in middle and high school, will talk about her experiences accomplishing all the amazing things she has done and discuss her book and some of its key takeaways. Age Group: Teens, Middle School. [Registration required.](#)

Nerf Blaster Battle: August 9 | 6pm-8pm Join us after-hours at the library on August 9th from 6-8pm for a NERF gun battle. Sponsored by friends of PDL. Age Group: Teens. [Registration required.](#)

Spelling Bee: August 10 | 2pm-3pm Are you up for a challenge? Join us for a spelling bee competition with prizes. Teens welcome. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: Adults & Teens. [Registration required.](#)

[More Summer Events](#)