How to start a club:
1. Choose your club idea
2. Ask an adult to make a room reservation at the library
3. Advertise and tell your friends
4. Show up and have a fun time

Club Ideas:
• Book Club
• Board Game Club
• Dungeons & Dragons Club
• Homeschool Activities Club

Teen Activity: Start a Club!

Starting a club is a wonderful way to get together and build friendships. Do you have a fun idea for a club? If so, try starting a club at your local library!

How to start a club:
1. Choose your club idea
2. Ask an adult to make a room reservation at the library
3. Advertise and tell your friends
4. Show up and have a fun time

Club Ideas:
• Book Club
• Board Game Club
• Dungeons & Dragons Club
• Homeschool Activities Club

Devotion: (Adapted for Young Adults) An Epic Story of Heroism and Friendship
by Adam Makos 951.904 MAKO
Undecided: Navigating Life and Learning After High School
by Genevieve Morgan 378.198 M848U
The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2022: Billions of Dollars in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes
by Gen Tanahe 378.34025 TANA 2022
before he flies the coop. If numbers are your game, you try your hand at a game like Outfoxed! (A Cooperative Whodunit Game), working together to outwit the fox. Among the ERC’s extensive collection, you will find the innovative Rigamajig for collaborating with friends to build simple or complex structures. From basic to sophisticated Marble Runs, you can problem solve together to make the next design bigger and better! Or try your hand at a game like culturegrams. This database includes more than 200 reports on countries and cultures and has state reports outlining the diversity and history of each U.S. state and the District of Columbia. Designed for upper elementary-aged children, type in CultureGrams in the search bar; free with your library card and pin #.

**The New Bookshelf**

**A Seed Grows**
by Antonette Portis
Picture books can cover science topics simply and effectively. Learn about the life cycle of a sunflower seed through bright illustrations. More information is included at the end of the story. Read this engaging offering over and over again with your preschooler. 2023 winner of a Theodore Geisel Honor for beginning reader books and a Sibert Informational Book Honor.

Ages 3 - 8
Science; Plant Growth; Seeds
J-ST256.68 PORT

**Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War**
by Mónica Montañés
Simple, highly illustrated chapter books are a remarkable way to learn about world history that is often glossed over. This very readable book includes notes at the beginning and end to help readers better understand what happened in Spain during this time period. It is well worth reading and talking about.

Ages 8 - 12
World History; War and Family
J-Fiction

**Farmhouse**
by Sophie Blackall
Picture books often tell family stories. Sophie Blackall did extensive research about the house that was abandoned and falling down on her purchased property. The family that lived there was big: 12 children who worked together, ate together, measured height on the back hall wall, and much more. A lovingly created offering from a two-time winner of the Caldecott Award for distinguished picture book.

Ages 4 - 10
Family Stories; Art
J-Easy

**Digestion! The Musical**
by Adam Rex
Strong readers in your house may be able to pick up this picture book and perform the musical that is written within. Preschoolers might enjoy the performance, but it is the school-aged kids who will have the most fun with the story. A glossary describes body parts that star in the book.

Ages 6 - 16
Human Digestion; Anatomy; Musical; Fun and Humor
J-Easy

**The Real Dada Mother Goose: A Treasury of Complete Nonsense**
by Jon Scieszka
This book is for kids who know their nursery rhymes and are intrigued by writing in code, as well as those with a sense of humor. It’s full of all kinds of mental puzzles that could be read and immediately put to use. A fun offering from the author of The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and The Stinky Cheeseman.

Ages 6 - 16
Mental Puzzles; Codes and Ciphers; Fun and Humor
J-Easy

**The New Books**

**PPLD Resources: Community Building and Friendship**

**Did You Know?**

We know that friends provide companionship, fun, a listening ear, etc., but did you know that having friends, whether it’s a few very close friends or a large group of friends, is good for your health? Strong friendships can help you live longer and have a better quality of life. Check out some of the benefits that friendships provide.

1. Less loneliness and social isolation
2. Reduced stress
3. Emotional support
4. Personal development/Providing a good example
5. Increased sense of belonging
6. Extra support through challenges

**Library Programs for Kids, Tweens, Teens, and Families**

**Summer Adventure**
Meet new friends at the Library! Sign up for one of our many reading, art, or STEM-related programs throughout the summer where you can meet new friends and families with common interests. Attending any program counts as an activity towards our Summer Adventure program. Please visit ppld.org/summer-adventure to discover a wide variety of fun programs across the Library District!

**CultureGrams**

ppld.org/databases
Learn about all different countries and cultures with CultureGrams! This database provides a way for you to learn how to use computers and the internet. You can learn at your own pace by using modules and tests. The goal is to help you become a responsible digital citizen. After you take a test, you’ll get personalized instruction on using technology like social media or reading the news. To get started, you’ll need to create an account if you’re a new user.

**CultureGrams in the Search Bar:**
Type in CultureGrams in the search bar; free with your library card and pin #.

**Northstar Digital Literacy**

ppld.org/databases

**Northstar-Digital-Literacy**

Northstar Digital Literacy provides a way for you to learn how to use computers and the internet. You can learn at your own pace by using modules and tests. The goal is to help you become a responsible digital citizen. After you take a test, you’ll get personalized instruction on using technology like social media or reading the news. To get started, you’ll need to create an account if you’re a new user.

**PPLD Resources:**

**Educational Resource Center**

Imagine an hour or two in a one-of-a-kind space where you can have fun with family members and other friends challenging and inspiring each other, sharing ideas, engaging in friendly competition, learning from and taking pride in each other’s skills. The Educational Resource Center is just that kind of extraordinary place to spend time exploring, discovering, and creating — especially with friends!

Among the ERC’s extensive collection, you will find the innovative Rigamajig for collaborating with friends to build simple or complex structures. From basic to sophisticated Marble Runs, you can problem solve together to make the next design bigger and better! Or try your hand at a game like Outfoxed! (A Cooperative Whodunit Game), working together to outwit the fox before he flies the coop. If numbers are your game, you and a friend might enjoy some friendly competition with a colorful round of Prime Climb. And building engineers will find dozens of electronic projects like building a security system, writing a circuit-powered LED message, or building an AM radio as you explore together using our variety of Snap Circuits sets.

Housed on the second floor of East Library, the ERC offers a thoughtfully curated collection of resources for all ages of learners. You can access the ERC during library open hours by reservation (go to ppld.org/erc for advance reservations or drop in for immediate use, depending on availability).

Bring a buddy!