

Pen Pal Program

Dear parent or guardian,

Writing is an important part of literacy, but it can be challenging to keep up during the summer. That's why we made the **Summer Reading Club: Pen Pals program!**

If you are interested in participating, please note:

- The program is for children as young as 7 and as old as 13.
- The deadline to register and return your first letter to the Library is **Friday, June 30 @ 5:00 P.M.**
- Letters should be delivered to the second-floor circulation desk.
- Those who register are expected to send at least 3 letters during July and August.
- Children are welcome to work on their letters at home or they can join us on **Thursdays @ 11:00 A.M.** in the Children's Programming Room for **Summer Reading Club: Pen Pal**. The first session will be on **Thursday, July 13**.
- If you need to drop out of the program during the summer, please contact Samantha immediately so she can find a replacement.

How it works:

1. Register for the 2023 Summer Reading Club and confirm you want to enroll in the Pen Pals programs.
2. You and your child will read the Dear Friend letter and write a Dear Friend letter about yourself!
3. Return your child's Dear Friend letter to the 2nd floor circulation desk by **Friday, June 30 @ 5:00 P.M.**
4. Your child will be matched with one of similar age or interests and you will be contacted to pick up your first letter during the **week of July 3**.
5. Your child picks up their letter from the 2nd floor circulation desk. Make sure your child includes their name and their pen pal's name.

Reward:

- For every letter your child writes in July and August, they will be rewarded with an extra ballot for the 2023 Summer Reading Club grand prizes.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!

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Dear friend,

My name is Samantha (but you can call me Sam!) and I work at the Cornwall Public Library. I am 31 years old, and I have 2 dogs named Sherlock and Watson. I have an older sister and 2 younger brothers.

Things I Love:

- I love all animals, but my favourite animals are dogs, llamas, and sloths.
- My favourite type of weather is rain because of how it smells, and autumn is my favourite season!
- My favourite colour is purple but I also love pink.
- I love pickles! On their own or when they get added to things.
- My favourite food is sushi and my favourite chocolate bar is Skor.

Things I Don't Love:

- I absolutely hate Dr. Pepper soda.
- I hate when my socks get wet.
- I am terrified of clowns!

Write me a letter introducing yourself and return it to the second-floor circulation desk at the Library so I can match you with a friend who you can write to this summer! Make sure to include your:

- Name
- Age
- 3 Things That You Love
- 2 Things That You Don't Love

Hope to hear from you soon!

Sam