COVID-19 has presented all sorts of challenges to every aspect of our daily lives. That is also true of schooling, whether students are participating in distance learning in part or in the whole. Here are some great apps that can help with the home learning experience whether your students are participating in homeschooling or distance learning … or even attending class in school.

**Brili Routines** – Visual Timer ([https://brili.com/](https://brili.com/)) helps families with children stay on task and on time every day. This easy to set up app assists parents in getting their children through morning, midday learning, and afternoon routines, saving them on average 30 minutes in each routine. With a customizable routine and reward system, the app provides a more relaxed environment for children to get their tasks done.

**Khan Academy** ([https://www.khanacademy.org/](https://www.khanacademy.org/)) offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. Lessons can be completed independently by the student or parents can watch the videos with their child and pause them to discuss/clarify concepts when needed.

**Evernote** ([https://evernote.com/](https://evernote.com/)) allows you to take notes, capture photos, create lesson plans, to-do lists and makes these notes completely searchable, whether you are at home, or on the go. You can also upload PDF files, pictures, and even audio files to Evernote. Lesson plans and notes can be shared via email with anyone, making the end of the year evaluations a simple task.

**HomeSchool Helper** ([https://homeschoolhelperperonline.com/](https://homeschoolhelperperonline.com/)) was built specifically for homeschoolers, and it allows you to track field trips, assignments, events, grades, lesson plans, and more. The app allows you to spend more time teaching and less time managing. For instance, you can keep track of attendance, grades, school subjects, and report cards. Its built-in features will even generate high school transcripts for you.

**Cozi Family Organizer** ([https://www.cozi.com/](https://www.cozi.com/)) is a calendar and organizer designed specifically for families. It comes with events, shopping lists, recipes, to-do lists, and a family journal. Information may also be shared across devices and between family members. While it’s a universal planning tool, it is also perfectly fitted for keeping track of your kids’ learning activities. around learning in the most effective manner.

**Planboard** ([https://www.chalk.com/planboard/](https://www.chalk.com/planboard/)) is a lesson planning app that allows you to organize your lessons, subjects, and semesters into a user-friendly timetable.

**Mango Languages** ([http://cumberlandlibrary.org/databases/Language%20Learning](http://cumberlandlibrary.org/databases/Language%20Learning)) is an online language-learning system that can help you learn languages like Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, Mandarin Chinese, Greek, Italian, Russian and more.

**Scholastic Book Wizard** ([https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/](https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/)) allows users to create an inventory of all the titles in your classroom library. You can also designate how many copies of the book you own and additional notes. The app allows you to manually search (by typing the name of a title, author, or keyword). Most importantly, the app has a scanner that allows you to simply scan the bar code to quickly search the database for book information.

**Reading Eggs** ([https://readingeggs.com/](https://readingeggs.com/)) is the multi-award winning learning program that helps children learn to read. In this app, students will learn how to read using interactive reading games, guided reading lessons, fun activities and over 2,000 digital story books. Reading Eggs provides a comprehensive range of research-based online reading lessons, activities and books that teach children aged 2–13 the literacy skills needed for a lifetime of reading success. 91% of home educators using Reading Eggs have seen a noticeable improvement in their child’s reading skills.

**Chore Pad** ([https://chorepad.com/](https://chorepad.com/)) lets you assign and track household tasks and motivate kids to complete them. It is easy to use chore chart app and available for mobile device and smartphone as well as on the web. If you are constantly having to nag or remind your kids about completing their chores then this app has been tailor-made for your family.

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**Did you know…?**

Besides our own virtual programming you can take advantage of our other online learning options. Mango Languages has over 50 languages to learn, even Pirate! Udemy has over 4,000 videos to learn technology, business strategy or self-improvement. Learning Express offers practice tests and tutorials for careers and college entrance exams. All of these are found at AskRI.org. Check out our own Ancestry.com and Universal Class at [http://www.cumberlandlibrary.org/all-databases](http://www.cumberlandlibrary.org/all-databases). All free with your library card.
The Second Floor

Escape Room: Escaping the Roaring Twenties
Thursday, September 10, opens Noon
Escape the Roaring Twenties! Connor has devised an escape room that will take you to Paris during the Roaring 20's-the 1920's that is. Meet Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, F. Scott Fitzgerald and more famous authors as you try to get back to the present! The link will be on our Facebook page, the adult page on our website. Register to be emailed the link when it opens.

Waking up White: How Your White Identity Impacts Your Life and the Lives of Those Around You
Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm
If you are interested in having a conversation about issues of identity, community, privilege, and racism in our lives then join us this evening for a guided discussion using the book Waking Up White by Debby Irving as our guide. Many white people are confused as to how their identity is aligned with privilege. Tonight, members of Brown University's Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) will help us to better understand the dynamics of whiteness with the intention to build our practice as anti-racists in alliances, relationships, and interactions with people of color. Copies of Waking Up White are available at the circulation desk for checkout.

General Knowledge Trivia Night
Thursday, September 24, 7:00 pm
Do you miss pub trivia? Tonight, we are filling the void! BYOB and join us for a fun evening of pub style trivia. You can work as a team or play solo. This event is for ages 16+. This event will run on Zoom, so registration is required for access. We recommend one person register for the whole team.

Begin the Fall Season with Meditation
Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 pm
Meditation has been a known healing force for hundreds of years at least. But, today's era of humanity is only beginning to understand just how powerful this tool is to the overall health and well-being of our minds AND bodies. Many people the world over are turning to meditation to help them lead peaceful and healthy lives. John Bednarik will lead this evening's program. He has a long history of both practicing meditation and leading meditation programs nationally. John can personally attest to the extraordinary effects that meditation can have on a life.

A new season is the perfect time for a new habit and routine. Make autumn your time to incorporate meditation into your life and you will experience the many benefits for yourself!
**Library Activities for Teens, September 2020**

Teen activities at the library are for youth going into grades 6-12. Some may require registration. For more info and to sign up, visit [http://bit.ly/CumberLibEvents](http://bit.ly/CumberLibEvents).

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**Teen Book Tuesday**

*(Live on Facebook and Instagram)*

Tuesdays starting September 8, 3 PM on Facebook and 4 PM on Instagram Tuesday afternoons, Teen Services Coordinator Liz will chat new and old books aimed at a teen audience. You can chat with her live or just listen for some great recommendations! No registration required.

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**Virtual Teen Volunteer Corp**

Need community service hours or just missing contributing to the library? Lucky for you, the Teen Volunteer Corp is going Virtual! Duties for the Virtual Teen Volunteer Corp will mostly consist of contributing videos, reviews, photographs, and other creative pieces for us to share on our social media pages. New members will need to fill out an application and complete a Zoom interview with Teen Services Coordinator Liz Gotauco. Current TVC members are all set to start. Contact Liz at cplteencenter@gmail.com or visit [http://bit.ly/VTVCatCPL2020](http://bit.ly/VTVCatCPL2020) for more information!

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**TBA—Homeschool Programs for Teens**

We hope to offer some educational programming for teens schooling from home this year. Please keep an eye out on our webpage and/or reach out to Liz at cplteencenter@gmail.com for info and feedback!

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**Coming up in October:**

**Creative Writing Club**—biweekly on Friday afternoons. Spend time working and sharing with other teen writers and tips from our staff!

**Scary Story Circle**—meet up to share your spookiest lore with fellow scare fiends. Event will be held outdoors, weather and COVID permitting. Check our event webpage for more info TBA!


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September Programs

In the Children’s Room

Special Events

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!!!!
Children ages 12 and under can get a free book when they show a staff member their library card! Make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

Reminders

• The library will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Ongoing Programs

**Tele-Story**  Call in!
Do you miss coming to the library and listening to a story as part of storytime? Are you looking for the perfect bedtime story? Call 401-333-2552 x8 to listen to the current story!

**Story Walk®**
StoryWalk boards are located inside the new Monastery playground in front of the library! Start your StoryWalk® fun at the entrance to the playground and follow the picture boards around the perimeter to enjoy a story in the great outdoors!
The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Presented by the Cumberland Public Library Children’s Room
Call 333-2552 ext. 3 or go to www.cumberlandlibrary.org for more information!
Outdoor Programs

**Dance with Me**  Fridays 10:30 a.m.
Children ages 4 months - 4 years old, along with a participating adult, are invited to come sing and dance with music and movement instructor, Shana, beginning September 11th.
This program will be held outside the library. In order to participate, you must bring a blanket for you and your family to sit and dance on, and everyone over the age of 2 must wear a mask All children must stay on their blankets or in their strollers, or will be asked to leave.

*If there is inclement weather, the program will be cancelled. Please check the library’s facebook page for information updates.*

**Grab and Go Programs**

**Krafty Kids**
Each week we will have grab and go craft bags available for pick up at the library to take home. They are available on a first come, first serve basis, throughout the week, beginning Monday mornings at 9 am. The grab and go bags are best suited for kids going into 5th grade and younger. Please limit one craft per child each week.

**Discovery Bags**
On the 1st of each month we will have grab and go Discovery Bags available for pick up at the library to take home. They are available on a first come, first serve basis, throughout the month beginning on the 1st of each month at 9 am. The Discovery Bags are best suited for children ages 3-12. Please limit one bag per family each month.

**Fall Storytimes**
Virtual and outdoor storytimes will be starting at the end of September. Times and dates are to be determined, Please go to http://www.cumberlandlibrary.org/childrens and complete our survey to help us finalize our Fall Storytime schedule.
The Back Page…

Looking ahead: The Library hopes to add some evening hours soon. Our very popular Friends of the Library Bookstore will be open at least one day per week. We are still offering virtual programs, but if the weather cooperates we will have some outdoor programs as well. Feel free to come in and browse or take advantage of our contactless pickup. All of our planning is with the safety of the staff and our patrons in mind. Stay safe!

Library
Temporary Hours

Monday–Friday
9:00-5:00

Stay Safe!!!!!