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Back to School

It's that time....time to get ready for school. While the library can't help with shopping for school supplies and new running shoes, we can help with some tools and resources that will get the kids in your life ready for the challenges of a new school year.

If your children have been part of our summer reading program they are less likely to have lost reading skills due to the "summer slide." According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association, "A conserva-

tive estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year...It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer."

Make it easy for your kids to refresh their reading skills with *Tumblebooks*. These animated books are fun and always available online. There is no software to install - just view online. You can save a library of their favorite books and create a custom story

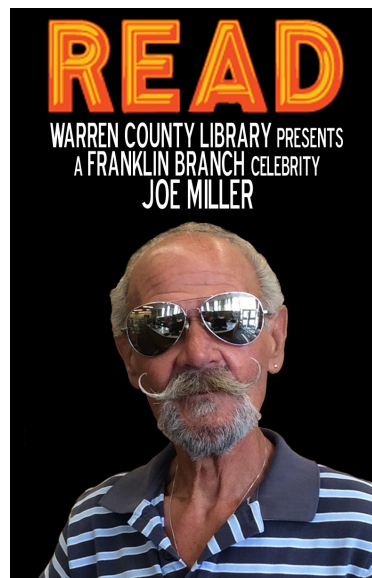
time that they will love (and you will love the boost for their reading skills). There are puzzles, read-along stories and chapter books to engage older children.

Is it raining *again*? Want to get out of the house? Come to the library to use educational software that will make learning fun. *ABC Mouse* (only available at the library) will have kids learning math, science, music and more through puzzles and games.

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We are honored
to present
READ Celebrity
Joe Miller

Joe is a movie buff and he is open to watching all genres of film and any actors. Joe tends to pop in and out of the Franklin branch while his granddaughter attends their events. He gives the library an A+ for friendly and happy service and a great selection of materials.



We welcome
Jovannah Perrot-Boyd
to the Franklin Branch.

REMINDER

Summer hours at the Franklin Branch end on Saturday, August 29.

Starting on Monday, August 31, the branch will open to the public at 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Headquarters—White Township

Planning for Adult Life Prep Club 8/3 6:30 PM

Is your child in special education? Are they 14-21? Join us as we discuss different aspects of transitioning from high school to adulthood. Learn about services for adults with special needs, and how to start them on their journey while they are still in school. Please register.

Show Time—Insurgent 8/4 6:00 PM

Side by side, Tris (Shailene Woodley) and Four (Theo James) face one

seemingly insurmountable challenge after another, as they unravel the secrets of the past and - ultimately - the future of their world.

The Writers Group of Belvidere 8/5 6:00 PM

All levels of writing experience and all genres are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your work as a writer and to get feedback. Bring something to read or just come and listen if you like. You must be 18+ to attend. Registration is required.

Mahjongg @ the Library! 8/6, 12, 21, 28 1:00 PM

Play this interesting and challenging game in our beautiful program room. Bring a friend! Registration required.

Meeting of the Friends of the Warren Co. Library HQ 8/13 11:00 AM

As the Library's support group, the Friends do everything from raising funds to helping sponsor programs. Join them as they discuss their current fundraising plans. All are welcome!

JUST FOR KIDS

Little Luau Dance Party 8/1 1:00 PM

Break out your grass skirts, because we are having a Luau! Join Kelly, Taylor, and our bubble machine as we dance, take photo booth pics, play games, and eat snacks. For ages 3 and up; please register.

Picnic with Miss Kelly 8/3, 10 11:00 AM

Join Miss Kelly for stories, songs, and a craft! Bring your lunch and a blanket. For ages 3 and up. Please register for this event.

Lapsit Story Time and Sing Along 8/4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM

Join us for a short program for babies and toddlers up to age two. We'll sing, bounce, clap, and share a story or two!

2-Year-Old Story Time 8/4, 11, 18, 25 11:00 AM

Join us for a short story time for 2-year-olds accompanied by an adult caregiver. We'll share stories, rhymes, and songs and make a craft.

Story Time with Miss Gerrie 8/4, 11, 18, 25 1:30 PM

Enjoy a variety of fun crafts, a special party or two, and stories, stories,

stories! No registration required, drop in when you can.

Banana Moon Pie Concert 8/5 2:00 PM

Zany musical antics with Banana Moon Pie! Fun for the whole family! Registration required.

Story Time 8/7, 14, 21, 28 10:30 AM

Story time features a variety of fun crafts for children, and, as always, stories, stories, stories! No registration required, drop in when you can.

Crafts with Miss Gerrie 8/7 12:00 PM

This week you can make a leather fish or swan. For ages 5 and up. Register at the front desk starting 8/3. \$1 per child, refundable day of project.

Kids Plus Knitting Club 8/7 2:00 PM

Don't miss the final session of our knitting club—we will cast off with a treat! Registration required.

Family Movie Night—Brave 8/12 6:30 PM

Enjoy this epic adventure about a skilled archer, Princess Merida, who defies a sacred custom and inadvert-

ently unleashes a beastly curse upon the kingdom. To set things right, she embarks on a perilous quest and discovers the meaning of true bravery. Please register. Rated PG.

End of Summer Reading Bash! 8/14 1:00 PM

Say so long to summer with your library friends! Join us for lots of awesome games, snacks, face painting, and balloon animals! The fun will be outdoors until 3:00pm. If it rains, we'll move the party inside. Sponsored by the Friends of the Warren County Library Headquarters. For all ages.

Pie a Librarian Friends Fundraiser 8/14 2:00pm

Has Miss Kelly sassed you one too many times? Or perhaps Miss Lina gave away all the Frozen books? Why does Mr. Guy always say no when kids ask to drive the bookmobile? Seek vengeance in the sweetest way possible; by throwing pies at our faces! Bring a dollar (or more, if you really love us) to the End of Summer Reading Bash and take aim. Money raised goes to the Friends of The Warren County Library Headquarters.

JUST FOR TEENS

Minecraft Club - HQ**8/3, 17 1:00 PM**

Are you a Minecraft machine? Creeper crazed? Stuck on Steve? Block out some time because we are bringing Minecraft to the library! We have our very own Survival Server, and we are going to build, battle, and break stuff all summer long. We provide laptops and user accounts. For kids aged 10 to 18 (strictly followed!). Registration is required.

Teen Create Club**DIY Vinyl Decals****8/6 5:00 PM**

Join Kelly and create cool projects and eat snacks! Using laptops, every teen will get to create decals on a 12"x12" sheet of interior vinyl. Please note: decals will be cut after the class and will be available within a week. For grades 6 and up, please register.

Teenagers Assemble!**End of a Super Summer Party****8/13 5:00 PM**

Let's send off summer with a super fun party! We'll play party games, fashion ourselves into comic book characters using makeup and props, and (naturally) eat lots o' snacks. For grades 6 and up. Please register.

Catherine Dickson Hofman—Blairstown

Knit Wits**8/4, 18, 25 9:00 AM**

Join us on Tuesday mornings to crochet, knit and chat while creating items to donate to community organizations.

Adult Artists**8/5, 19, 26 10:00 AM**

Let the artist in you emerge! Join other budding artists and learn techniques in water color, pastel and other mediums.

Knitters Niche Knitting Club**8/6, 13, 20, 27 4:00 PM**

Like to knit? Don't know how, but want to learn the basics? Join us and knit with a community! All ages are encouraged and welcome to attend.

1st Friday Writer's Group**8/7 7:00 PM**

Bring your writing, any genre, for friendly, frank critique...or come just to visit. We love newcomers.

Gazebo Concert**The Retro Casters****8/14 7:00 PM**

Come and enjoy a summer's night concert with a funky, bluesy roots rock band made up of 4 experienced and talented musicians from Northern NJ. If the weather does not cooperate, the concert will be held indoors.

AM Literature Group**8/17 10:00 AM**

Book lovers are invited to attend this book discussion group. The Morning Literature Group meets on the third Monday of the month.

Medicare 101 Workshop**8/17 1:00 PM**

A free workshop designed to help you navigate the A B C D's of Medicare. Learn about the new guidelines for Medicare Reform and walk through the entire Medicare maze. If you are turning 65 in the next 6

months, this workshop is a must! Call 973-875-2090 to reserve your spot; presented by Carolyn King.

Retouch Old Photos**8/17 6:30pm**

Learn how to retouch old photos using your Mac or PC.

Travel Tips**with Skylands World Travel****8/18 7:00 PM**

Get helpful travel tips. When should I go? What should I pack? How do I get around? Where should I stay? What about safety? The experts will discuss ways to make travel a more positive experience.

Adult Jeopardy**8/20 7:00 PM**

Come test your trivia knowledge on a wide variety of topics when the Library presents its own version of Jeopardy. Registration is required. Ages 18 and up.

JUST FOR KIDS

Read To A Pet**8/1 11:00 AM**

Pets love to listen to stories! Call to reserve your 10 minute spot. Pet visits are made possible by Creature Comfort - pet therapy for children - building connections through animal visitation, one cold nose at a time. Registration required.

Fly Fishing Demonstration**8/3 10:00 AM**

Would you like to learn how to fly fish? All ages are invited to stop by for a fly fishing demonstration. Learn the basics: how to fly fish, flies, equipment and more.

Story Hour**8/6, 13, 27 10:00 AM****8/5, 12, 19, 26 2:00 PM**

Listen to books read by your favorite story teller, Miss Wendy. Ages 3-5 (brothers and sisters are welcome, too!) Stories, crafts, and songs.

Catherine Dickson Hofman (continued)

Lady Bug Girl & Bumble Bee Boy Craft with Miss Lina 8/5 4:00 PM

Have fun building a cute bug! Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Kids Crafts 8/7 4:00 PM

Join the fun as the Library presents another great craft. Ages 5-12. Sign up is necessary.

Children's Gazebo Concert **Joy and the Toys** 8/10 10:30 AM

There'll be plenty of room outside when Joy and The Toys perform classic and original children's songs. Join the fun!

Collage Workshop 8/10 2:00 PM

Join local artist Doris Schwint when she instructs children ages 7-12 on the art of collage making. Registration required.

Sciensational Workshop **Jungle Robotics** 8/11, 12, 13 9:00 AM

Learn about gears, batteries and motors during this hands-on 3 day robotic workshop. You'll take home your own Jungle Robot that you've built. You'll also build other robots (to be used during workshop) that you'll race, play tug-of-war and battle with. Ages 7-12. \$99 due at sign-up. In-library registration only.

Seeing Eye Puppy Presentation 8/12 4:00 PM

Come meet the puppies that are raised to be the next generation of Seeing Eye dogs. Learn how they are raised by foster families and what it takes for them to advance to the training program.

End of Summer Reading Party 8/14 2:00 PM

Celebrate the outstanding job that all of our Super-Reading-Heroes have done with this year's Summer Reading Program. Good work fellow

readers! Join us for games, crafts, prizes, snacks, and lots of fun.

Story Hour & Lunch **with Miss Wendy** 8/20 10:00 AM

When you come to listen to books read by your favorite story teller, Miss Wendy, be sure to bring a bite to eat because she would be very happy if you joined her for lunch too. Ages 3-5.

Lego Club 8/24 4:00 PM

Join the fun and create your own Lego design. If you also build up your appetite, there will be snacks. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Children's Gazebo Concert **Peas and Carrots** 8/24 10:30 AM

A musical smorgasbord of harmony and melody with a side order of wise-cracks for all to relish. Join us for a toe tappin', song singin' good time.

JUST FOR TEENS

Justice League-Gods and Monsters 8/1 1:00 PM

In an alternative history, Zod is Superman's father, Batman is a vampiric Man-Bat, and Wonder Woman is the child of Ares, God of War. When these dark heroes form an alliance, will they save the world—or rule it? This movie rated PG-13.

Sculpt It! with Kelly 8/4 2:30 PM

We'll bring your visions to life with paper, clay, and even a deck of cards. Plus we can try our hand at sculpting while blindfolded. For grades 5 and up. Please register.

Mars Candy Making Workshop 8/6 1:00 PM

One of the sweetest heroes in our community, Mars Chocolate, will be

sending their candy makers to the library to celebrate this year's summer reading program "Every Hero Has A Story." Listen to the story of Mars and create a super duper chocolate bar. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Candy Sushi with Kelly 8/11 2:30 PM

Let's make sushi for your sweet tooth! We'll make rice krispie treats and then use lots of candy for our creations. For grades 5 and up. Please register.

End Of Summer Reading Party 8/14 2:00 PM

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Minecraft Club - CDH 8/15 1:00 PM

Are you a Minecraft machine? Creeper crazed? Stuck on Steve? Well *block* out some time because we are bringing Minecraft to the library! We have our very own Survival Server, and we are going to build, battle, and break stuff all summer long. Join us - we'll provide the laptops and user accounts for play. For kids aged 10 to 18. Registration required.

Movie dates and times
are on line or call the branch
for information.

JUST FOR TEENS

Young Adult Book Club**8/20 2:45 PM**

Discuss the latest club selection while enjoying an after-school snack.

Fandom Friday**8/21 3:00 PM**

A fandom is a community of enthusiasts for various tv shows, movies, & books. We'll celebrate a different

fandom every month with themed crafts and games. Come chat about the fandoms you love with fellow fans. Snacks provided. Registration required. Ages 8+

Franklin–Franklin Township

Knifty Knitters**8/4, 11, 25 1:30 PM**

Knitting is so knifty! Whether you are a seasoned knitter or budding beginner, all are welcome! Conversation and camaraderie are free - just bring a project to work on, or just some yarn and needles to start, and let the fun begin!

Vintage Quotation Frame**8/8 10:30 AM**

Take an ordinary wooden frame, your favorite quote, and add some special techniques to make a unique, vintage-style frame! Create an excellent gift or accessory for your home! For adults; registration is required.

Crochet Corner**8/13, 20, 27 1:30 PM**

Come one, come all! Beginner or advanced, young or "seasoned!" Our

little group does their own thing - and we're always up to the challenge of something new! If you've always wanted to learn the art of crochet, we will teach you! So join us for fun and friendship!

Page Turners**8/18 1:30 PM**

Excited about books? Love to read and share your thoughts? Enjoy good conversation and friendship? Then you'll want to join the Page Turners! This month we are excited to review *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

Evening Readers**8/19 7:00 PM**

Informal and informative! Our friendly discussions will open your mind to new thoughts about your favorite authors! This month, we will discuss *Midnight in the Garden of*

Good and Evil (a mystery) by John Berendt.

**Summer Hours
at the Franklin Branch
June 15-August 29**

Monday–Thursday

9:00 am–8:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am–6:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am–3:00 pm

JUST FOR KIDS

Two's Fun**8/4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM**

Join Miss Anne for great stories, poems and songs! It's a half-hour filled with wiggles, giggles and fun! An adult caregiver should remain with the child throughout the program. Please sign up for this event.

Rocket Picture Frames**8/4 2:00 PM**

Use your imagination and blast off with a unique rocket picture frame of your own design! Frame your favorite picture to add that special touch! For ages 6-12; registration required as space is limited.

Twos Can Too**8/5 10:30 AM**

Older kids can do crafts and fun stuff and so can twos! Join Miss Anne for a special craft designed for wee little hands. An adult must accompany the child. For ages 1-2. Please sign up.

Meet Eugene!**8/5 6:30 PM**

Welcome a super-friendly, super-strong, super-exuberant red monster Eugene and his friends puppeteer/actor Johnny Beirne and children's recording artist Yosi! Join Eugene as he learns that being different can also be fantastic! Tickets are on sale at the main desk for \$1.00 the week prior to the event and are refunded at the door.

Franklin (continued)

Summer Super Session

8/6 2:00 PM

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes - and species! But what happens when the rescuers need rescuing? Join Dr. Blease of Common Sense for Animals and learn how human heroes help our four-legged heroes. Dr. Blease explains how rescue or-

ganizations work and what they do to provide care for abused and abandoned animals. There will be a collection of pet food items for this no-kill shelter, please feel free to donate something towards the heroic efforts of animal rescuers! Please register.

Lunch with a Librarian

8/7, 14 11:00 AM

Enjoy your lunch hour at Miss Ande's story time! Bring a bag lunch to munch on while we read stories, play games and do a craft! For ages 3-7 with an adult caregiver. Please register.

JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Comic Con

8/8 1:00 PM

A.k.a: Library nerd fest!!! Celebrate superheroes, comic books, Sci-Fi and more! How much of a geek are you? Face the trivia challenge to find out! Test your superhero skills with our obstacle course. Join in our optional costume contest and dress up as your favorite fictional character! This event is for ages 8-18. Please register.

Minecraft Club - FR

8/10, 24 6:00 PM

Calling all Minecraft machines and creeper crazed kids! Block out some time this summer for Minecraft at the library! Build, battle and break stuff all summer long with Mr. Steve! Laptops provided by the library. Space is limited for this event, please register. This event is for ages 10-18.

Teens are always welcome at Knifty Knitters and Crochet Corner!

Northeast—Independence Township

Mahjongg

8/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:00 AM

Join a great group of people and play Mahjongg. Games from beginner to advanced. Beginners welcome!

Yarn-Over-Time

8/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6:00 PM

Join this crochet and knitting group designed for after work and evening crafters. All ages and experience levels welcome, including beginners. Join us to get acquainted, share ideas, techniques, and work on your own creations.

Friends Meeting

8/3 6:00 PM

Become an advocate for your library by joining a group of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss fundraising and programming for the library. Bring your ideas!

Crafty Ladies

8/6, 13, 20, 27 1:30 PM

If you like to knit and crochet, or would like to learn, join our crafty ladies!

Sunrise Seniors

8/11 9:30 AM

Start your morning with coffee, baked goods, and friendly conversation. Please register.

Origami Club

8/12 6:30 PM

Join Clyvia Ultz and learn origami! All ages are welcome to join this creative club. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Adult Craft

8/18 12:30 PM

Join Miss Breanna and Miss Jody in making a seasonal craft, all materials provided. Registration required.

Bookworms

8/19 1:30 PM

Join our monthly book club! We will be reading *Etched in Sand* by Regina Calcaterra.

Book Friends

8/19 6:30 PM

Come and enjoy a lively cafe style book club for discussion and light refreshments. We will be reading *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

JUST FOR KIDS

Radical Rocketeers**8/1 10:00 AM**

Radical Rocketeers meets the first Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm. All ages welcome! Great individual or family activity. The program starts with a short business meeting and then moves into the fun part of rocket building. Basic supplies are provided or you may bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Taiko Drums!**8/1 1:00 PM**

Spend an afternoon at the library playing DRUMS with Bash the Trash! And not just any old drums, but Taiko drums! Japanese rhythm drums! Kids and adults will be led through a fun and participatory workshop featuring homemade versions of these powerful and amazing drums. Fun for all ages! Tickets go on sale a week prior to the event. Tickets are \$1.00 each (fully refundable at the door).

Lightning Bug Kids' Craft**8/4 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM**

Create your very own glow in the dark lightning bug! Registration is required.

Super Science**8/4 6:30 PM**

Come to the Super Science Program and participate in NEW make-and-take experiments! Registration is required.

Robodyssey**8/5 4:30 PM**

Use an interactive computer program to program your robot to navigate a minefield! For kids entering fourth grade and up. Registration required.

Stories & Music**8/6, 13, 20, 27 10:30 AM**

Come listen to stories, sing songs, and color too! For kids ages 2 and up.

Picnic with the Library Ladies**8/7, 14 12:00 PM**

Listen to stories and make a fun craft while eating your lunch! Registration required.

Infant Story Time**8/7, 14, 21, 28 10:30 AM**

Bring your baby and listen to stories, sing songs and do finger plays. For infants under the age of 2.

Superhero Cupcakes**Kids' Craft****8/11 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM**

End summer reading with a sweet treat, design superhero cupcakes! Registration required.

Super Science**8/11 6:30 PM**

Design and build-a-bot to meet competition challenges in a super-bot battle and tug-o-war! Fun for ages 7-12! Registration required.

Math Hour**8/14 1:00 PM**

Math Hour's goal is to help children become excited about math. Through real world topics and simplified instruction, Math Hour assists in engaging students in their learning. Expect topic-related books, interpersonal games, integrated lessons, instructional aids, art projects, and hands-on manipulatives. This session will focus on integers. Math Hour is run by local certified teacher, Amelia Wetzel. Registration required.

Zoom Balloons**8/15 1:30 PM**

Come and enjoy the energy of an interactive show! Games, magic, balloon art, music, and dancing...all in one show! Fun for all ages. Tickets go on sale one week prior to the event. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are fully refundable at the door.

Math Hour**8/21 1:00 PM**

This session will be Elementary Math Games for grades 1-5. Math Hour is run by local certified teacher, Amelia Wetzel. Registration required.

Math Hour**8/28 1:00 PM**

This session will focus on measurements. Math Hour is run by local certified teacher, Amelia Wetzel. Registration required.

JUST FOR TEENS

Batman Projector Tween Craft**8/6 3:00 PM**

Make your own bat signal! Registration required.

Balloon Flip Flops Tween Craft**8/8 1:00 PM**

Bring a pair of flip flops to embellish with balloons! Join Miss Lindsay and Miss Christina for this craft. Ages 8-17. Space is limited; please register.

Minecraft Club-NE**8/7, 21 4:00 PM**

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18. Registration is required; please call the library at 908-813-3858 to reserve your space.

(more teen events on back)



WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY

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Maureen Baker Wilkinson
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Next Meeting of the
Warren County
Library Commission
September 24, 2015 at 5:30 pm
Conference Room/2nd Floor
Headquarters Branch
2 Shotwell Drive
Belvidere, NJ

Northeast (continued)

JUST FOR TEENS

**Gamer's Club
8/8 10:00 AM**

For ages 9-12. For those who have a passion for gaming. Any kind, any type—video games, board games, card games, anything you can think of. Registration is required.

**Gamer's Club
8/8 12:30 PM**

For ages 13-18. For those who have a passion for gam-

ing. Any kind, any type—video games, board games, card games, anything you can think of. Registration is required.

**Popcorn Cupcakes
Tween Craft
8/13 3:00 PM**

Create cupcakes that look just like movie theater popcorn, then stay for a movie! Registration required.

**Tween Book Club
8/19 6:30 PM**

Join Miss Christina for a book club specifically for tweens ages 8-14! The book discussion will be followed by a craft. Please register.

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While you're here, the kids might like to try out one of the Early Literacy computers to access fun learning activities for kids. Look for a computer with a colorful keyboard. There are activities for two age groups (2-8 and 6-12).

Make sure you find the right book for your child's reading level: one that is not too hard, not too easy...just right! If you know your child's reading level, you can use our library catalog to find a book with the correct Lexile and Accelerated Reading Levels. These numbers (along with the accelerated reader quiz numbers) will appear on items in our Kids catalog. Parents will be able to find lists of books with a reading level range through our

main catalog (by using an advanced search option). This new capability is expected to be operational on our catalog just before school starts.

Improve math and reading skills with practice tests, lessons, and study guides with *Learning Express*. This database is designed for elementary through high school (and beyond) - you can get the help you need to succeed this school year.

Learning Express also offers practice tests for college admissions, high school equivalency resources, computer and software lessons and help with career choices and finding a job.

Encyclopedias are another popular resource for any age. *Encyclopedia Britannica* is availa-

ble online and free with your library card, and is just one of many online resources provided by our library that students can use to find information. Unlike some internet content, these resources are reviewed for accuracy and are often based on actual print resources.

August is a great time for you and the kids to get acquainted with these resources and try them out before school starts. And once school is in session, remember we have educational tools and resources that you can access online—the day the assignment is given or (oops!) the night before it is due.