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COE News Roundup

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Summer reading: Not just for kids anymore

Looking for something to read while lounging at the beach or poolside? Your new favorite book is just a click away! Check out the Learning Multimedia Center's [Digital Library](#) and take a gander at the titles that have just been added, like Cameron Diaz' *The Body Book* or Piper Kerman's *Orange is the New Black*.

Kids driving you up the wall? Send them outside with a Young Adult classic like Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy or something new like the *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth. Or maybe you're the type of go-getter that likes to use the quieter summer months to get some professional development in. The Digital Library has tons of resources to help you become a better educator, leader and advocate for children.

The eBooks will work not just on a Kindle or Nook, but on any smartphone or tablet with the free library app or even your web browser. All you need to get started is your library card, so log on and get busy browsing today!



Toiletry donations accepted throughout the summer

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Changes on the way for COE art displays

This summer, you may notice walls that are newly painted or bare; our art collection will be organized into new galleries in late August. All pieces from the extensive collection will be regrouped and placements refreshed.

Please know that all art will be thoughtfully curated and a growth plan put into place. In the meantime, the good folks from the Artspiration initiative are asking for your understanding if your area does not initially have many works. Soon you will be able to enjoy the new look and curated spaces of the office as we showcase this collection for the community.



Discounts on summer fun!

You know what they say about all work and no play. The days are getting longer and the weather is nicer, so check out our [Discounts and Deals](#) page on the Intranet for ways to have fun on the cheap!

While you enjoy your summer adventures, you have a bonus opportunity to do a good deed: bring back extra hotel toiletries and drop them off in Human Resources at Ridder Park for our ongoing toiletry drive.

HR collects these items throughout the year to donate to charities during the holiday season. The charities supported include InnVision, the YWCA and Next Door, all of which provide shelter and assistance to people of all ages, including abused women and children.

Items in demand include shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, tissues, combs and deodorant. Purses, socks and other larger items are also accepted. Resealable bags for packaging the items are also needed.

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