

News from CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY & HENRIETTA HANKIN BRANCH – April 2025

Highlighted Service of the Month: Citizen Science Kits

April is Citizen Science Month! Citizen Science connects scientists with everyday people to accelerate research and discovery—from astronomy to zoology. **SciStarter.org** helps match participants with projects that align with their interests, location, and skills.

New in 2025: Chester County Library is adding **two new Citizen Science kits** for checkout at the **Jacobs Technology Center** (upstairs on the 2nd floor):

- **Firefly Atlas** – Help map firefly populations and contribute to conservation efforts.
- **eBird** – Record bird sightings and support global avian research.

Explore More Projects: Chester County Library now offers **11 Citizen Science kits** with all the equipment needed to participate in exciting projects, including:

- **Mosquito Mapping**
- **ZomBee Hunting**
- **Mushroom Observation (Mycology)**
- **e-Butterfly Data Collection**
- **Exploring Biodiversity**
- **Observing Pollinators**
- **Measuring Light in the Night**
- **Observing Tree Heights and Circumference**
- **Tree Squirrel Ecology**

Citizen Science is a fun and engaging way for families to explore the environment, and now it's easier than ever with our free kits. Borrow one today with your library card!

The 5 top checked-out titles for February 2025 were:

1. [The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah
2. [Guinness World Records](#)
3. [The Crash](#) by Freida McFadden
4. [The Four Winds](#) by Kristin Hannah
5. [Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties](#) by Dav Pilkey

Some Programs for April 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2-4pm: Citizen Science Month Kick Off (In-person Program at Chester County Library). Visit the library lobby to learn how you can join exciting, hands-on research projects. Check out one of our **10 Citizen Science Kits** and contribute real data to scientific studies using professional tools. Be among the first to try our **two new kits for 2025**—no experience needed! Register [here](#).

Tuesday, April 8, 6-7 pm: The Poetry of Emily Dickinson (Virtual Program at Henrietta Hankin Branch) Celebrate National Poetry Month by exploring Emily Dickinson! Join us for an engaging discussion led by Peter Conn, retired UPenn professor, who will provide insights into Dickinson's life and works. Read the selected poems beforehand and suggest additional poems for discussion via the link provided after registration. Register [here](#).

Saturday, April 26, 2:30-4:30 pm: Cozy Mystery Novel Tea (In-Person Program at Chester County Library) Join us for a "Novel Tea"—a cozy gathering to swap books, sip tea, and craft bead bracelets! Bring a wrapped book to swap, along with a short description attached—just enough to spark curiosity without giving too much away! To make the exchange even cozier, include a tea bag or sachet to share. Register [here](#).



What is citizen science?

Citizen science connects all of us to help accelerate research and discovery, from astronomy to zoology. SciStarter.org matches you with the right project based on your interests, location, and skills. You can make an impact!