



## Generational Pen Pals - Summer Reading 2024

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library is working with libraries around the country to connect people this Summer by pairing library patrons from different generations together as pen pals.

**Here is the rundown for important dates during this program:**

**May 1-20:** Patrons can register

**May 21-27:** We will pair pen pals and reach out to everyone participating

**May 29:** Starting this day patrons can come pick up their Pen Pal Packets. (Packets include pen pal information, paper, envelopes, and suggested writing topics)

**June 10 – August 10:** Patrons are encouraged to write at least 3 letters to their pen pals

**How it will work:**

- Patrons will register by going online to fill out the google form or by calling into the library. Once we have all the registrants, we will pair them up.
- Patrons will be given their Pen Pal's name (first name, last initial, but not their address) as well as a little bit about their pen pal.
- Once you write your letter, you will return it to the library and we will mail it to your pen pal for you! For all ages.

\* Indicates required question

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1. Email \*

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2. First and Last Name \*

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3. What is your street address? \*

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4. What is your email and/or phone number? \*

*We will only use these to contact you to let you know who you are matched with or if your pen pal letters are returned to us.*

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5. How old are you? \*

A family can sign up as one unit. This works best if you have young children who want to participate.

Mark only one oval.

- Signing up as a family
- The Greatest Generation: 96 years old or older
- The Silent Generation: 78 - 95 years old
- Baby Boom Generation: 59 - 77 years old
- Generation X: 43 - 58 years old
- Millennial Generation: 26 - 42 years old
- Generation Z: 13 - 25 years old
- Generation Alpha: 12 years old or younger

6. Who do you prefer to be matched with? \*

Please select all that apply. We cannot guarantee that you will be matched with your preference.

- A child or teen
- An adult
- A senior citizen
- A family
- Someone about my age

7. Please tell us a little bit about you and your likes! \*

This section will be shared with your pen pal. Feel free to share likes such as sports teams, hobbies, or your favorite movies and share a bit about you like if you're in school and where all you've traveled to.

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