

After much deliberation and consultation with Town Administration, the OCYL will be limiting the number of in-person programs this summer. While we wish we could accommodate the hundreds of children who typically participate each summer, we will have many fun and engaging, low cost, take home and zoom-based options for multiple age groups and interests ready for registration later this week. Please see each update below:

We will offer these home-based programs:

- 1) Try our Early Childhood “Summer Learning Bundles”, created by our teachers, using fun Literacy and Number Sense summer themes: The Ocean, Camping & Hiking, and Summer Foods. Levels A & B for ages 3-5 will be offered. The Preschool Science Bundle “Bugging Out! is for ages 4-5. Each bundle includes printed activities & materials, and interactive videos of our teachers creating fun engagement through theme introductions, storytimes and songs. After you register, links will be sent to you via email along with details on contact-less pickup of your bundles at OCYL. Check out the video for a sneak peek!
- 2) Following the successful Spring OCYL@Home STEAM Programs , these will again be offered for 6 weeks: STEAMbags and Art-to-Go with new projects. Each package contains multiple options for creating and designing. Great for innovators and artists!
- 3) Weekly Zoom-based programs with our trusted long-time teachers, including Art Club, Chess, Coding for Beginners, Girls Coding Club, Music & Movement and Private Music Lessons.

STEAM Camps:

We anticipate having a final decision very soon on running our week-long, full day STEAM camps in person.

We are working with our partners and the Town Administration to ensure a fun and healthy summer for these school-age students. Please watch for a separate announcement with specific details to confirm these camps. A COVID Prevention Plan has been developed in accordance with recommendations from the RI Dept. of Health, reopeningri.com and the CDC.

Leadership Academy will be cancelled:

The heart of this program happens when bringing together a diverse group of students from our local public and private middle schools and home-school students and a strong sense of community develops. The requirements limiting group size, restriction of activities and no field trips will inhibit this essential essence of the Academy. We look forward to seeing these middle schoolers at Youth Commission in the school year and CLA in 2021!

Next steps:

Those interested in switching into one of the new formatted programs may transfer by contacting us via email main.ocyl@gmail.com or phone (401) 475-0929 X 1. Any difference in price will be refunded.

New registrations are always welcome as long as seats are available later this week!

Parents/guardians who have already paid for a program that is not running in its original format and choose not to participate will be refunded if there is no balance due for the family.

Students registered for the week-long STEAM camps will be notified if their program is running ASAP. After confirmation that the program is running, parents will receive an emailed copy of the OCYL COVID Prevention Plan. If a family decides not to send their waitlisted or registered child, OCYL needs to be informed within 5 business days. Otherwise, payment in full will be due within 5 business days.

Thank you for your patience on what has not been an easy decision.

We are here to serve Cumberland children and do hope that one of the new offerings will be suitable for many, many families this summer. Be well! Sincerely,

~Liz Lemire, Director