



# OUR STORIES, OUR SHELVES

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# Don't Miss!



## 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are **\$1** each and can be purchased from **Conni Strittmatter** or **David Dahl!** The winner takes home half the pot.



## PUB QUIZ

Thursday, May 7  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Choptank Ballroom



## SILENT AUCTION

Visit the Silent Auction in the exhibitor hall to place your bids **before 10 a.m. on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.



## KARAOKE

Thursday, May 7  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Windjammer



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## **Once Upon a Summer: Our Stories, Our Shelves, and the Maryland Libraries Summer Ideas Toolkit**

**PRESENTER: Karen Earp, Wicomico  
Public Library**

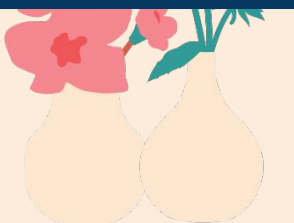
May 6-8, 2026 | Cambridge, MD

# History

**The Maryland Summer Services Goal: *The concentrated initiative of Maryland public libraries' summer services will champion literacy, reading, and family engagement.***

**Maryland libraries will do this through:**

- **intentional marketing to reach all families**
- **creation of programs that are inclusive, equitable, and responsive to community needs**



# The Toolkit

MD Summer Ideas

# Summer Ideas Toolkit

MARYLAND LIBRARIES



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Agency



## Maryland Performers App

Brought to you by the Summer Reading Advisory Council (SRAC), Maryland Performers is a collection of artists you can hire for your library. The collection is crowd-sourced and reviewed by SRAC members.

# Maryland Performers

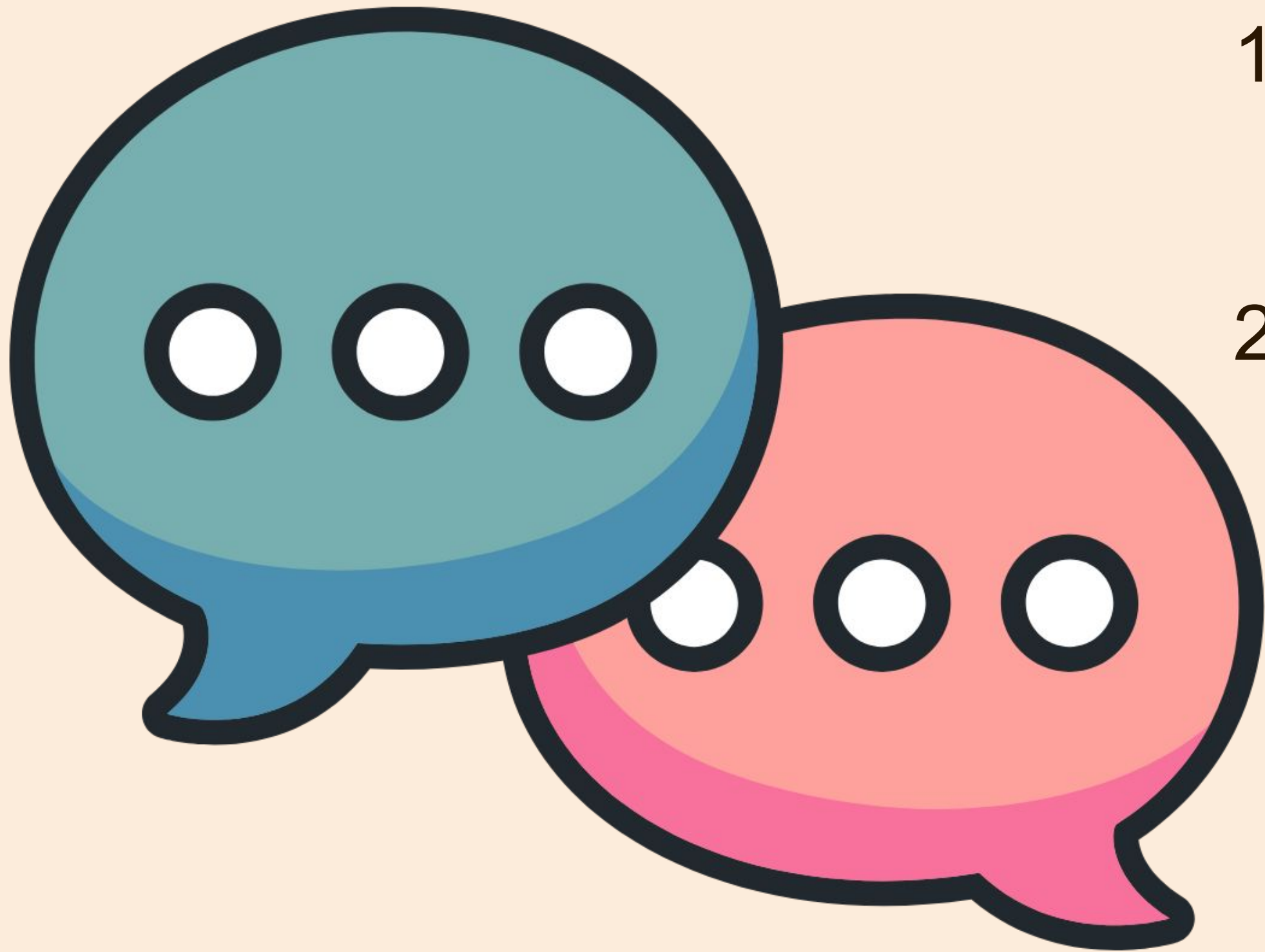


# Maryland Cross-County Performer Collaboration



# Local Partners





1. Do you have any favorite performers that should be in the Performers app?
2. Could you make use of the information in Local Partners?



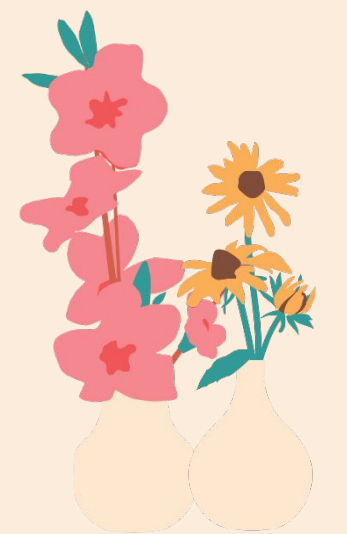
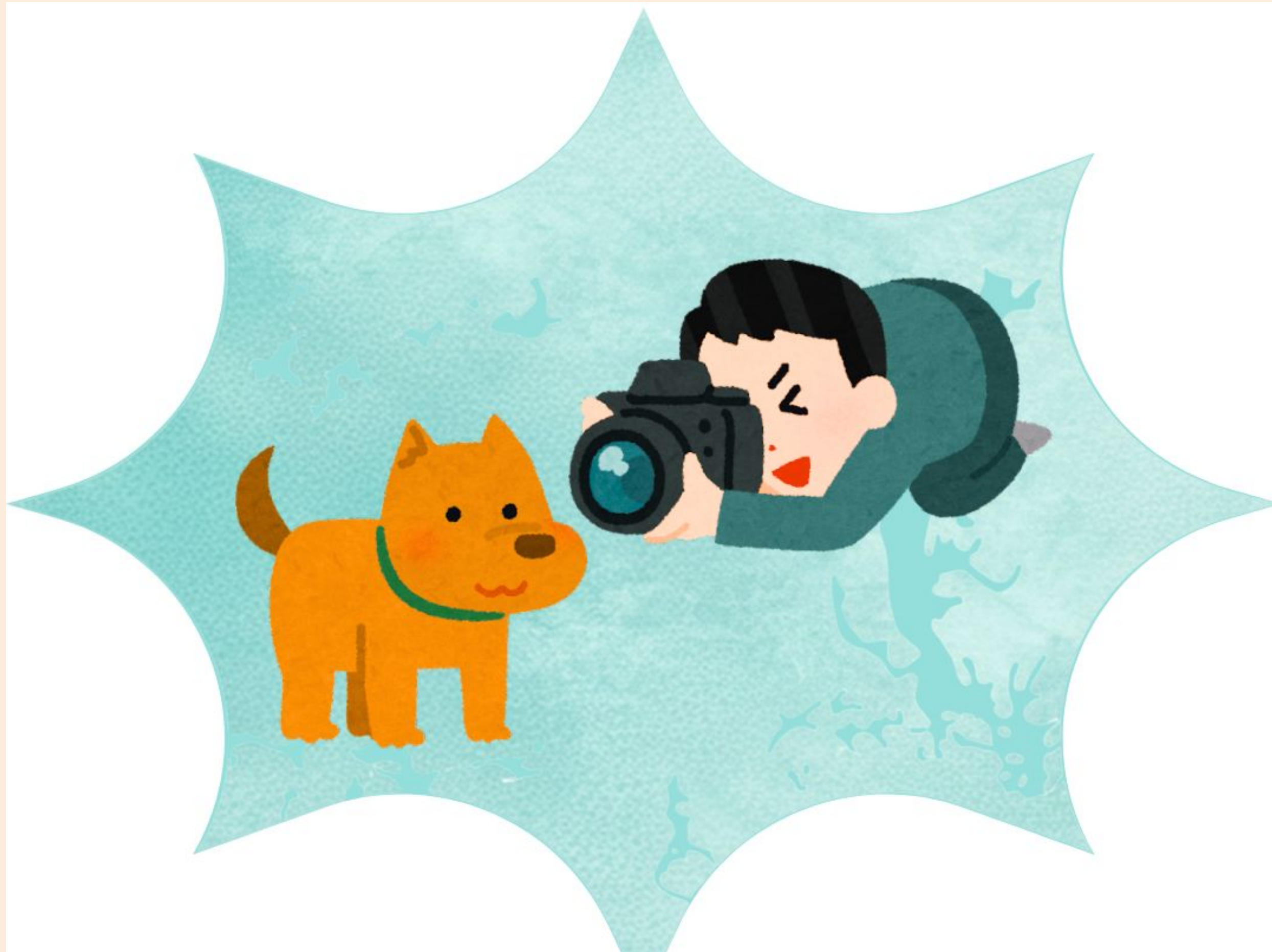
# Maryland Library Crowd-Sourced Documents

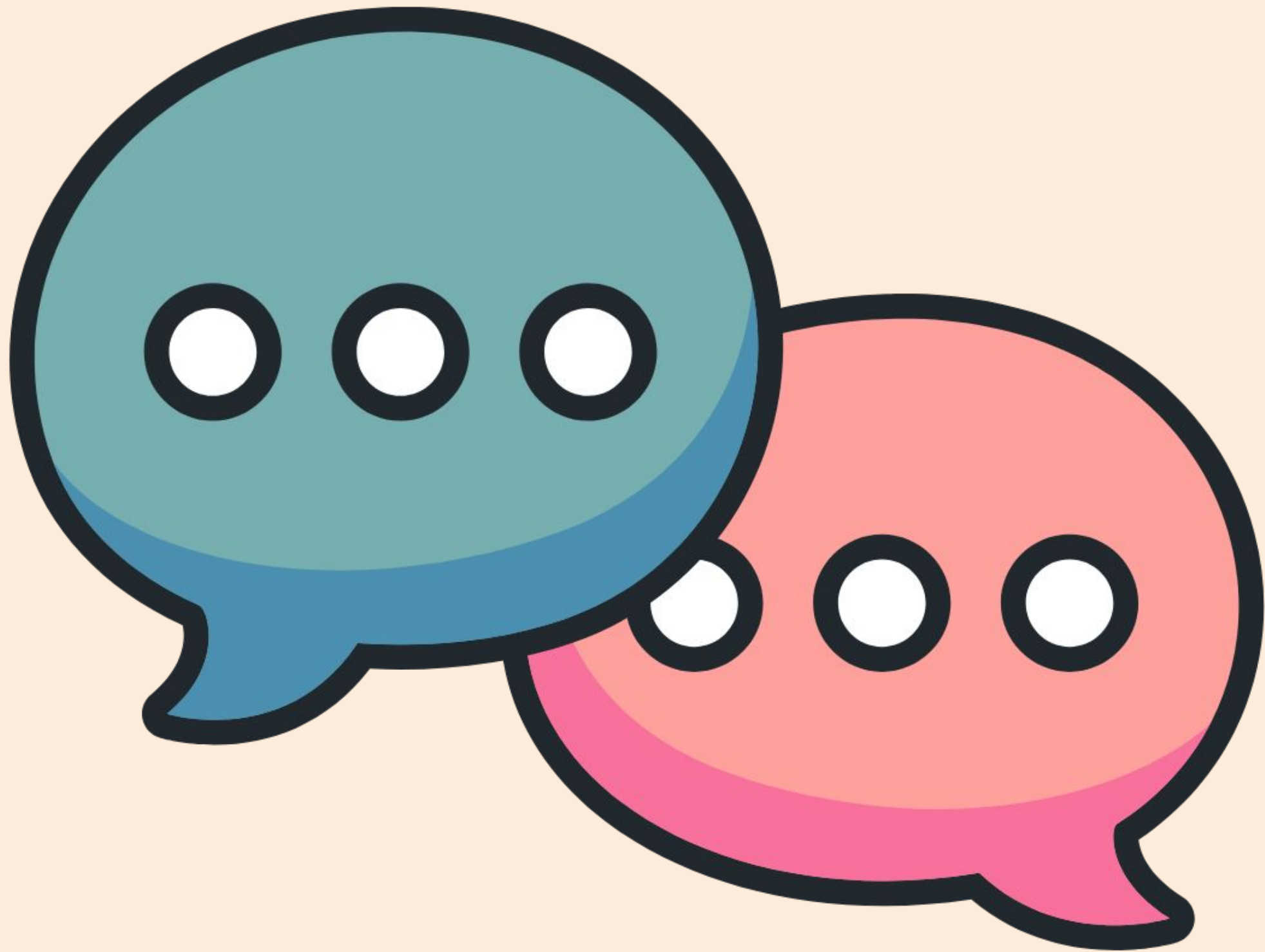


# Customer & Staff Survey Templates



# Summer Photo Share





1. Are there any other documents that you think SRAC should compile?
2. Does your system use the SurveyMonkey surveys or do you create your own?



# Summer Planning Timeline

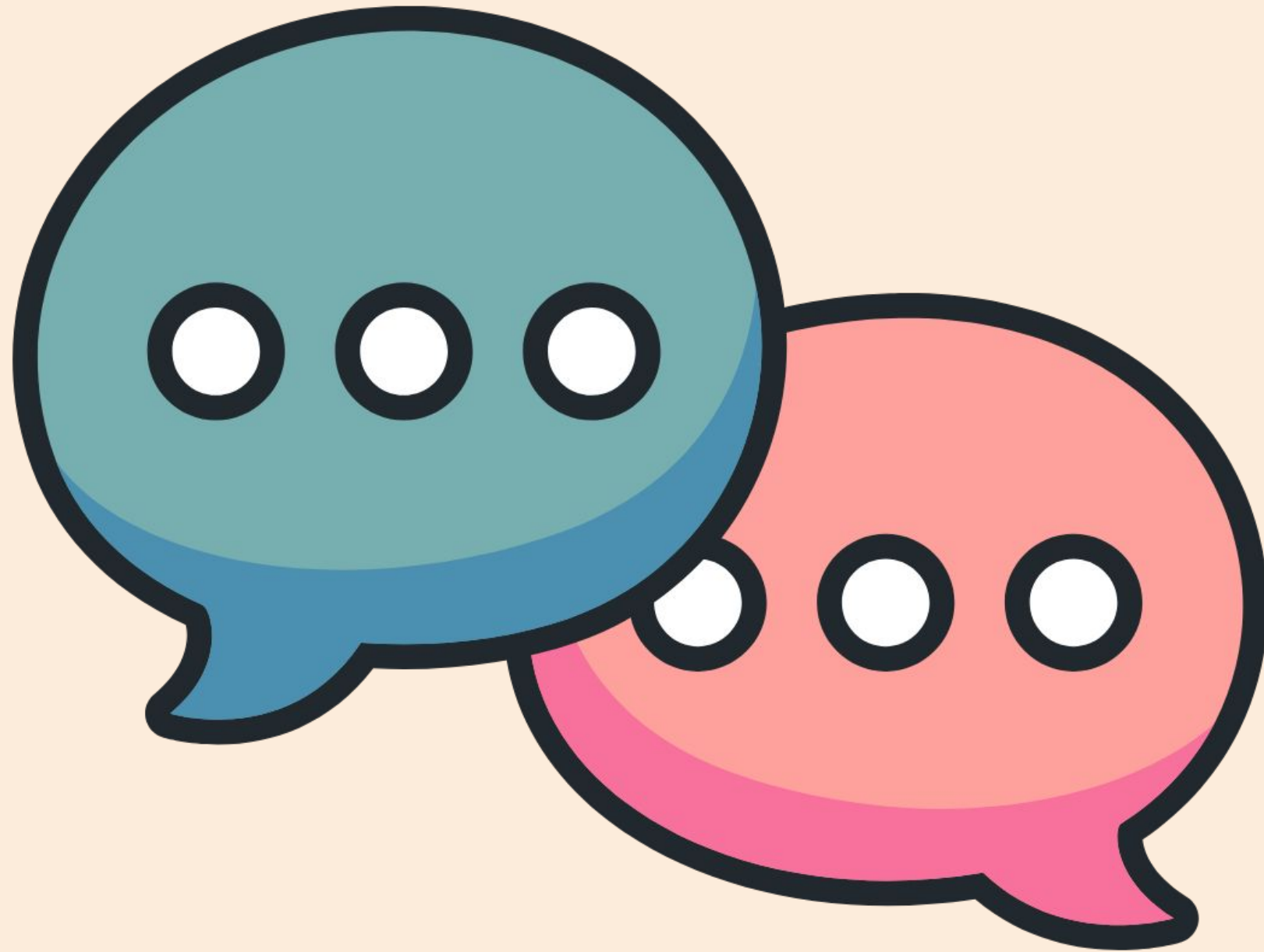


# National Summer/Youth Resources



# Tools and Software





1. How do you see yourself using the Summer Ideas Toolkit?
2. What do you think we should add to the Toolkit?
3. Would you like to be more involved in the Summer Reading Advisory Council?

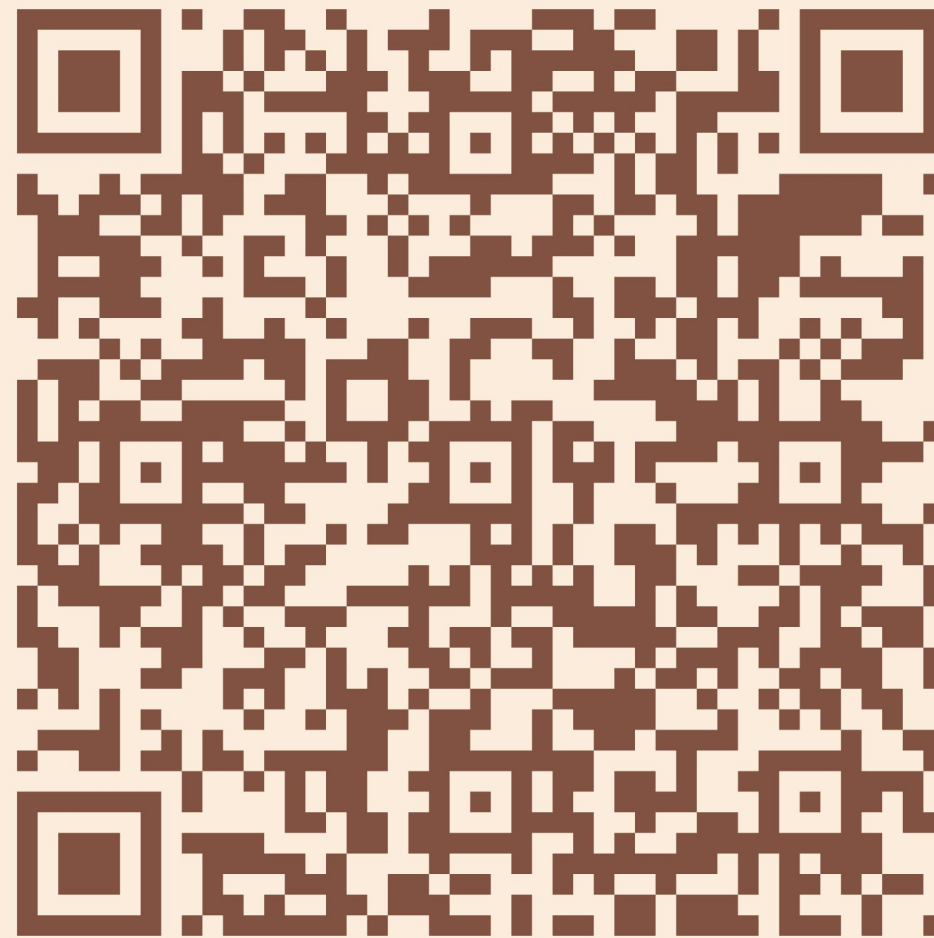


# Thank you!

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**Please take a moment to  
complete the program survey.**



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