

International Pen Pal Program Registration

Welcome to the International Pen Pal Program between Kutztown, PA and Altrip, Germany! Altrip and Kutztown will officially become sister-cities in early 2021 after a declaration from both cities. The pen pal program was created to help the members of our two cities get to know each other as our sister-city relationship develops. This program is a collaboration with the borough of Kutztown and Mayor Jim Schegel, the Kutztown Historical Society, and the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center.

The pen pal program is the first step in fostering a sense of community between our town and Altrip, Germany. Even though **we are almost 4,000 miles apart** and can't travel right now, we can explore each other's towns and countries.

At your own pace, you can write to your pen pal using our recommended question prompts, or choose your own topics. **Children ages 12 and up** can write to each other with parent supervision. Participants will **drop off completed letters (no need to stamp) at the library** to be mailed together to protect privacy. If you'd like and both participants are willing, you can email your pen pal instead. Small, light gifts that fit inside an envelope can be sent as well.

To register, fill out the bottom section of this paper with your info and any preferences you would have for a pen pal. Do you only want to write to someone of your own age or gender? Do you want to write to someone who likes to garden? We will do our best to match you with someone that fits your preferences. **Return your completed registration form to the library.**

A pen pal kit is available for \$5. It includes letter writing supplies, stickers, conversation prompts, and other fun things. Happy writing!

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Age _____ Gender Man Woman

Under 18? Yes No If yes, provide guardian's name _____

Pen pal preferences? Same age +/- 5 years Any age Age 60+ Frequent Writer
 Man Woman Any gender Occasional Writer
 English German Pennsylvania Dutch
 Other language _____

Hobbies or interests? _____
