

Winter 2025

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2ND ANNUAL BLACK MAKERS FAIR

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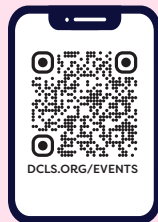
Find your direction with The Library

Compass is your guide to discovering events and programming for children, families, teens, and adults.

Our library system contains 8 libraries in Dauphin County, from Hummelstown all the way to Lykens. For your convenience, programs in the lower half of the county are listed in **blue**, programs in the upper half of the county are in **red**, and virtual programs are in **green**.

DCLS encourages all people to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please call The Library in advance of your participation or visit.

HOW TO REGISTER



Most events with The Library require registration, which is noted in their descriptions. **Visit dcls.org/events, or call 717-234-4961 and choose option 6 to register.** Once you're registered, you'll receive a confirmation email.



For most recurring programs, register once and you're registered for all events following.

For virtual programs, please be sure to include your email address for a library employee to contact you with more information and any links you need to join. If you registered for a recurring virtual program, you'll be contacted weekly with a link to the program.

For all programs, please be sure to include your phone number and/or email address when registering so that The Library can contact you if a program is canceled or changed.

We respect your privacy

The Library sometimes photographs, records, or takes screenshots at events and programs for publicity purposes. If you'd prefer that you or your children not appear in any photos, videos, or screenshots taken by The Library, please let the leader know prior to the event.

Let us know what you think or suggest a program

Email eventscoordinator@dcls.org or contact us through our website or on social media.

On the cover:

Families and friends gathered at the East Shore Area Library for the "Magic of Comic Books Gallery Opening," showcasing the artwork of the young artists from the Spring drawing workshop, led by our friend and renowned comic book artist Robert Taylor.

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Registration

Session 1: Registration begins
Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am

Session 2: Registration begins
Monday, February 3 at 10:00 am

Library Closings

Tuesday, December 24–Christmas Eve

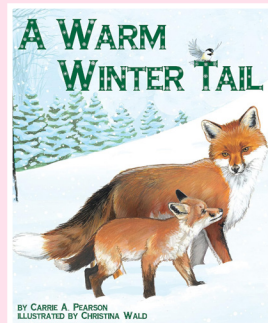
Wednesday, December 25–Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1–New Year’s Day

Monday, January 20–Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 17–Presidents’ Day

Take a StoryWalk® with The Library!



Visit our StoryWalk® locations to read a story together as you walk and play. Stories will be changed seasonally, so come back often!

The Capital Area Greenbelt: Paxtang Parkway
Take Derry St. to Parkway Blvd. to the Paxtang Parkway Parking Lot behind the City Line Diner and follow the Greenbelt north towards Paxtang Commons Park to read *Logan's Greenhouse* by JaNay Brown-Wood

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art
Located at 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg. Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read *A Warm Winter Tail* by Carrie A. Pearson

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Reading Challenges



NEW! 25 in 2025: A Yearlong Reading Challenge

For ages 18+ years
January 1–December 31

Calling all voracious readers! We heard some of you were completing our

other reading challenges in a matter of days. Get ready for our new, yearlong reading challenge. Throughout 2025, you'll be challenged to read 25 books that fit into 25 prompts. Whether it's exploring new genres, discovering diverse

authors, or diving into different themes, this challenge will push you to broaden your reading horizons. Can you complete all 25 prompts in a year? Track your progress, find new favorites, and see if you can conquer all 25 prompts by the end of the year and collect some sweet swag!

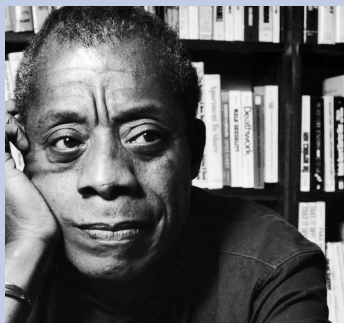
Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org. Pick up a paper log at any library, or log your reading online with the Beanstack Tracker app.



Winter Reading Challenge

For all ages
December 1–February 28

Snuggle up with The Library's Winter Reading Challenge! Track your reading, write reviews, and create fun picture reviews to earn points. Each point brings you closer to completing the challenge and earning a special prize! Learn more at dcls.org/wrc

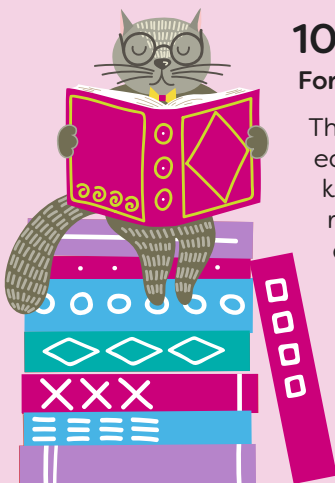


Black History Month Reading Challenge

For all ages
February 1–February 28

How many books can you read by Black authors in February? Log your reading with The Library and find out! Complete 3 badges by either reading, completing activities, or a combination of the two to win a free book.

Register and start participating February 1 on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org, and log your reading online or with the Beanstack Tracker app.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

For ages 0–5 years

The idea is simple: build a daily reading habit with your child, log your reading, and earn prizes! Register your infant, toddler, or preschooler any time before they start kindergarten and start reading. Log the books you read. What counts towards your reading? **EVERYTHING!** You can read the same book 1000 times or you can read 1000 different books. You can hear books at The Library's storytimes and they count. An older sibling or grandparent can read, and it still counts!

Read three books a day and you'll be done in less than a year! **Earn a prize book at 100 books, 500 books, and 1000 books, and sign our wall of readers at your library every time you hit a 100-book milestone.**

Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org. Pick up a paper log at any library, or log your reading online with the Beanstack Tracker app.

Stepping Stones to Milestones

Session 1: Sunday, January 5–Saturday, February 8
 Registration begins Monday, December 16 at 10:00 am

Session 2: Sunday, February 16–Saturday, March 22
 Registration begins Monday, February 3 at 10:00 am

Parents and caregivers, join us for Stepping Stones to Milestones! Learn how to be your child's first teacher and prepare them for success in school.

To accommodate all members, please limit registration(s) for Stepping Stones to Milestones programs to one age-appropriate storytime (Born to Read, Toddler Storytime, or Preschool Storytime) and one All Ages Storytime per child, as needed.

Born to Read

For ages Birth–18 months
ESA: Tuesdays at 9:30 am
EV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am
AFL: Wednesdays at 10:15 am
LOV: Fridays at 10:15 am
ESA: Fridays at 10:30 am



Baby, you are Born to Read! Experience songs and stories together to help your baby learn sounds, language, and a love of books. This program is for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to connect with their babies and each other.

20–30 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Toddler Storytime

For ages 19–35 months
EV: Mondays at 10:15 am
AFL: Tuesdays at 10:15 am
LOV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am
ESA: Wednesdays at 9:30 am
EV: Wednesdays at 10:15 am
ESA: Wednesdays at 11:00 am



Give your toddler a foundation for early learning and reading skills. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and stories will help your toddler develop a love of reading. Adults will learn tips and tricks to continue the learning at home.

30–40 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Preschool Storytime

For ages 3–5 years
ESA: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
AFL: Thursdays at 10:15 am
EV: Thursdays at 10:15 am
ESA: Fridays at 9:15 am



Songs, rhymes, and stories foster a love of reading and build early learning skills that will help your child succeed. Adults learn tips and tricks to continue teaching at home.

30–40 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages
ESA: Mondays at 9:30 am
LOV: Thursdays at 10:15 am
ND: Fridays at 10:15 am



Children and adults will enjoy books, music, and rhymes. Early learning activities will be modeled for adults so that learning can continue at home and help your child build their skills and succeed at whatever is next.

30 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Pick up a Storytime Kit, available at The Library! Use the kit to create your own storytime! Kits include a scarf, Lummi sticks, a beanbag, and a shaky egg.



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Preschool Programs

Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4–5 years

MOM: Fridays, January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21, and March 7 and 28 at 10:30 am



Is your child headed to kindergarten in Fall 2025? If so, come check out Speech Links to Literacy! Heidi Haas MS, CCC-SLP/L, a speech-language pathologist and Assistant Teaching Professor at Penn State Harrisburg, has paired with The Library to offer a special storytime focused on speech sound production and early literacy skills. You and your child will participate in activities to promote speech and language skills and learn how to use library books for a fun and rewarding experience at home. Siblings are welcome! Registered children must be at least 4 years of age and preparing to enter kindergarten in Fall 2025.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

zumbini®

For ages 0–4 years

AFL: Mondays at 10:15 am

ESA: Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Zumbini returns to the East Shore Area Library with *No Way José*, a story about a little boy who always says “no!” José says “No singing! No dancing! No! No! No!” until one day, his friends and family show him how much fun it is to celebrate with music and movement!

We’re also hosting Zumbini for the first time at the Alexander Family Library with *Kalino Finds the Music*, which is sure to get you and your little one(s) moving and grooving! We will be singing and dancing about your day-to-day activities, exploring colors, shapes, feelings, and musical instruments!

Classes incorporate Spanish and basic baby sign language. You will love the moves and music, but best of all, this series gives you more chances to bond with your little one(s)!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄



Stories at Sunset

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, and March 11 at 6:00 pm

Looking for a way for the whole family to get in on The Library fun? Try our evening storytime! Once per month, children of all ages will engage in books, songs, movement, fingerplays, rhymes, and storytelling while adults learn how to promote early literacy skills at home.

This program is designed for newborns to six-year-olds, but siblings and grownups will also enjoy participating.

30–45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Discovery Programs

Mathamagical Storytime

For ages 4–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (Session 1)

What happens when you blend fairy tales with mathematical concepts? You get Mathamagical Storytime. Each week we will share a story and then explore how math relates to that story. This hands-on program will have children learning about numbers and counting, as well as measurement and comparison.

30–45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Tunes and Tales

For ages 3–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (Session 2)

Books and music pair up for a fun time in this program. Children will sing, play, and explore rhythm instruments. Basic music vocabulary will be introduced in addition to early literacy skills.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Family Programs

There's SNOW Place Like The Library

For families with children ages 3+ years

ESA: Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

AFL: Wednesday, January 15 at 5:00 pm

ND: Tuesday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

EV: Monday, February 3 at 4:30 pm

Come in out of the cold and enjoy some snow and winter-themed crafts, STEAM activities/challenges, books, and more!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



This Program Is for the Birds

For families with children ages 3+ years

JOH: Tuesday, January 7 at 4:30 pm

ND: Thursday, January 16 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 pm

MOM: Monday, February 3 at 5:00 pm

February (most especially February 3, Feed the Birds Day) is National Bird Feeding Month. As winter food stores shrink and spring approaches, learn about our local, backyard, feathered friends and how we can safely help them survive the coldest part of the season. Activities will be available for a variety of ages and abilities.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Around the World in 12 Fairytales

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, and March 18 at 5:00 pm

Looking for a storytime designed for older children and adults? Join us each month as we explore a fairytale from a different part of the world. Children and their grownups will engage in discussion and activities to build community as well as complete a craft project.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

School Age Programs



Paws 2 Read

For ages 6-11 years

ESA: Mondays, January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24, and March 10 and 24 at 6:00 pm

AFL: Mondays, January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24, and March 10 and 24 at 5:30 pm

EV: Wednesdays, January 15 and 29, February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26 at 5:00 pm

Paws 2 Read encourages children of all reading levels to read to the easiest and most willing audience – a dog. Each attendee will read to a registered therapy dog for about 15 minutes. Registration for this program is by appointment. Reading sessions will be held outside as weather permits.

1.5 hours at ESA, 1 hour at EV and AFL. 15-minute appointments. Registration is required and limited.

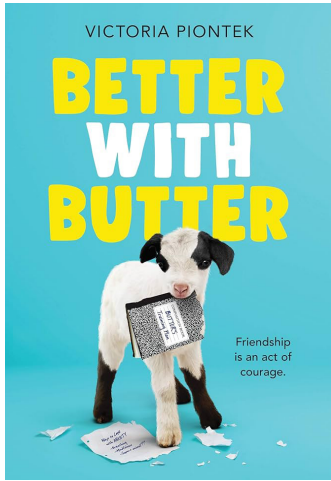




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SCAN TO REGISTER!



Disability Acceptance Through Literature

For ages 8–12 years

Zoom: Thursdays at 6:00 pm (January 16–March 6)

Students meet weekly via Zoom for facilitated discussions that center on understanding disabilities and acceptance of self and others. Conversation will follow students' interests while being grounded by values like compassion, authenticity, and diversity. DATL book studies provide participants (with and without disabilities) with a structured opportunity to connect with peers across Pennsylvania over a book. We strive to make book studies accessible with audio recordings of each chapter, vocabulary resources, adapted summaries, engaging visual content for discussions, communication tools, and by providing a physical copy of the book at no cost to families.

Join us Thursdays at 6:00 pm beginning January 16 for Disability Acceptance through Literature! The group will meet weekly via Zoom to discuss *Better with Butter* by Victoria Piontek. All learners are welcome!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. Scan the QR code above to register through The Arc of PA

Super Snowball Challenge

For ages 6–11 years

LOV: Wednesdays at 4:30 pm (Session 1)

A snowball fight in The Library?!? Over 5 weeks, participants will engineer trebuchets and catapults that they will use in an epic snowball battle—with fake snowballs of course!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Coloring Your Gray Matter

For ages 6–11 years

MRL: Monday, January 6 at 5:00 pm

LOV: Tuesday, January 14 at 4:30 pm

MOM: Thursday, February 6 at 4:30 pm

ESA: Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm

EV: Wednesday, March 5 at 5:00 pm

JOH: Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 pm

In this program, participants will complete different brain teaser STEAM challenges. There will be several stations kids can try with everything from Scattergories to robots and lots of different activities in between.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Superhero Academy

For ages 6–11 years

EV: Thursday, January 30 at 5:00 pm

ND: Wednesday, February 5 at 5:00 pm

AFL: Wednesday, February 26 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Tuesday, March 4 at 4:30 pm

LOV: Tuesday, March 18 at 4:30 pm

What do you need to do to become a superhero? Join us for some fun books, games, and activities that show us how helping others and doing what's right can make you an everyday hero. Your Official Superhero Checklist will include making superhero masks and wristbands, gathering "kryptonite" into decontamination bins, and much more! Complete the missions and get an official certificate!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Don't Rain on My Parade

For ages 6–11 years

EV: Wednesday, January 8 at 5:00 pm

JOH: Wednesday, January 15 at 4:30 pm

ESA: Tuesday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

LOV: Tuesday, February 4 at 4:30 pm

MRL: Tuesday, February 18 at 5:00 pm

MOM: Thursday, March 6 at 4:30 pm

It's time to celebrate whatever "floats" your boat at The Library! People have been organizing parades and making parade floats to commemorate their most meaningful holidays for hundreds of years across many cultures. In this program, participants will design and construct miniature parade floats on a shoe box base for either a favorite existing holiday or a newly invented holiday of their choice.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Tween and Teen Programs

HAPPY MAR10 DAY

Mar10 Day Celebration

For ages 13–18 years

ESA: Monday, March 10 at 4:00 pm

EV: Monday, March 10 at 5:00 pm

March 10 is Mario Day! This year, we're celebrating our favorite mustachioed plumber on his special day. Join us for a special screening of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*, complete with snacks, crafts, games, challenges, and – if you're lucky – prizes. Mamma Mia, you won't want to miss this!

2.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Anime Club

For ages 13–18 years

ESA: Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Join us at the East Shore Area Library to discuss your favorite anime and manga with other fans! We'll also explore Japanese culture through crafts, food, and more.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Inspiration Café

For ages 12–18 years

MOM: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Time to take chances and get messy! Work on your craft with a group of like-minded creatives; no pressure to succeed immediately. Each session will introduce a new set of craft supplies and suggested outcomes, but each participant is encouraged to select their own path! Use what we have on hand or bring your own materials from home. A light snack will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 🔄



Tween Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 10–12 years

AFL: Tuesdays at 4:30 pm

Adventure? Check. Monsters? Check. An unlikely group of swashbuckling adventurers? That's where you come in. Join us on Tuesdays to battle some of the worst monstrosities that the fantasy world has to offer. We need you. No...the world needs you.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 🔄

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 13–18 years

Discord: Fridays at 4:00 pm 🗨️

Tell stories, cast spells, defeat the bad guy with Dungeons and Dragons! For beginners or experts. No dice, books, or characters required.

You'll need a device with a microphone and optional camera to join.

2 hours. Registration is required and limited. Registrants will be emailed a Discord link and further instructions. Due to Discord's terms of service, participants must be at least 13. 🔄



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Including You...

January

Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service

Volunteer Recruitment Fair

For ages 14+ years

ESA: Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 am

In support of Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, join us at the East Shore Area Library to learn about the world of volunteerism in your community and how you can help organizations in their mission of service. Giveaways and snacks will be provided.

3 hours. Registration is not required.



February

Black History Month

The 1619 Project: Fear (Episode 5)

For ages 16+ years

ESA: Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm

Join The Library and the Harrisburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as we continue our 1619 Project discussion series. This episode explores how modern policing, surveillance, and the criminalization of Black Americans draws roots from the slavery era, fear of Black rebellion, and a centuries-long quest for freedom. Light refreshments and a panel discussion will follow.

2 hours. Registration is required.



Partnership Program



Black Makers Fair

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 am

Celebrate Black culture and innovation at the Black Makers Fair! This free event will feature a variety of Black makers, artists, and vendors. Learn about Black history and culture, support Black-owned businesses, and connect with others in our community.

4 hours. Registration is not required.

Are you an artist or maker and want to get involved? Scan the QR code to fill out our vendor form.



CALLING ALL BLACK ARTISTS AND MAKERS!



March

Women's History Month



Cooking in Colonial America

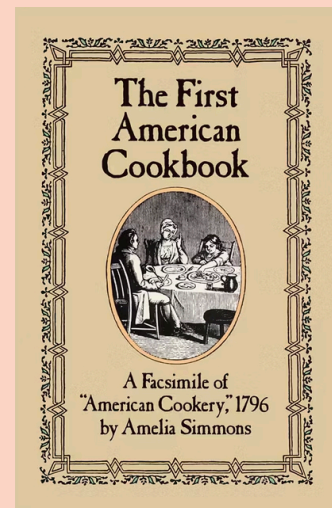
For all ages

MOM: Saturday, March 8 at 11:30 am

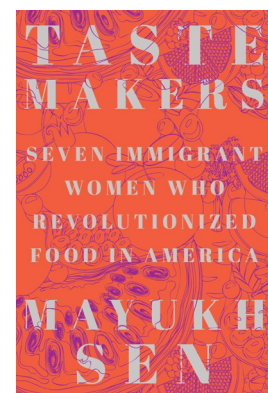
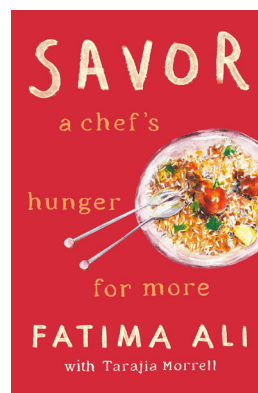
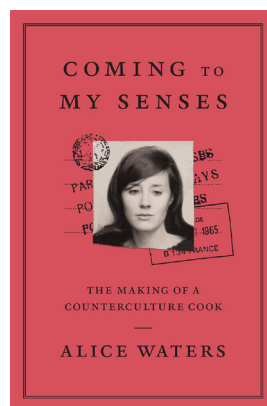
ND: Saturday, March 29 at 11:30 am

Join us at The Library as we celebrate Women's History Month by learning about the first known cookbook published in America, written by Amelia Simmons. Taste some of the early recipes used by Martha Washington when she entertained at Mount Vernon, the former residence of Martha and George Washington.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



Compliments to the chef! Despite their importance, the stories of women chefs have frequently been overlooked, but not here at The Library! Celebrate Women's History Month with a great read from The Library that explores the significant achievements of women in the culinary field. The titles below and more can be found in The Library's catalog.

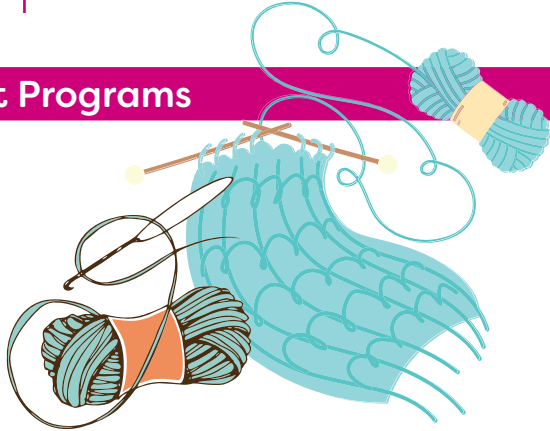




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Adult Programs



Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+ years

LOV: Saturdays, January 11, February 8, and March 8 at 10:30 am

Whether you can whip up a sweater in a day or you don't know a knitting needle from a crochet hook, this class is for you. Gather your supplies and join us for a morning of learning and conversation.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, and March 4 and 18 at 3:30 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, January 28, February 25, and March 25 at 3:30 pm

Come spend a soothing afternoon with us in artistic camaraderie. Share your ideas with fellow coloring enthusiasts. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies!

1 hour. Registration is not required.

Craft Café

For ages 15+ years

EV: Thursdays, January 9, February 13, and March 13 at 5:00 pm

Join our staff at the Elizabethtown Area Library for some relaxing crafting. In January, we'll make no-sew sock gnomes, snowmen, and penguins. In February, we'll practice forms of art meditation including neurographic art. In March, we'll create artificial floral arrangements. All materials will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

Upcycled Crafting

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Saturdays, January 18 (Snow date: January 25) and March 22 at 10:30 am

ND: Saturday, February 15 at 10:30 am

Join us for a creative crafting series where we transform everyday items into unique, upcycled art. Learn how to repurpose materials and reduce waste while unleashing your inner artist. All materials will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own scrap fabric in January or book for February or March. Refreshments will be served.

January: Scrap Fabric Wreaths

February and March: Book Safes

3 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, January 25, February 22, and March 22 at 11:00 am

Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting! In January, we'll explore decorative tile art. In February, we'll try our hand at watercolor letter art. In March, we'll make flowers from yarn and felt. All materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

Ceramics at Stain.Paint.Create

For ages 18+ years

**Stain.Paint.Create (235 Market St., Millersburg):
Friday, March 28 at 6:00 pm**

Unwind with us at Stain.Paint.Create! We'll spend the evening relaxing and having fun while painting a ceramic piece for you to keep. All supplies will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required and limited.



Adult Programs

East Shore Cinema

Ages vary (see movie details below)

ESA: Monthly from January–March

Find adventure on the big screen at East Shore Cinema – enjoy a free movie showing with snacks and popcorn included! From classic movies to horror flicks, romantic revues, and seasonal fun, there’s always something new (or old!) to see.

Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 pm: *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris* (2022, rated PG, 1h 52m, for ages 8+ years)

Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm: *The Conjuring* (2013, rated R, 1h 52m, for ages 17+ years)

Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm: *Singin’ in the Rain* (1952, rated G, 1h 43m, for ages 8+ years)

Program length varies based on movie run-time. Registration is required and separate for each movie.



Eggs 101

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 am

Boiled, poached, pickled, fried – eggs are the gift that keeps on giving. But more than that, the skills you learn by cooking eggs can be used in other areas of the kitchen to strengthen your culinary repertoire! Jump into the frying pan at East Shore Area Library for a hands-on lesson in frying the perfect egg, and learn how the same techniques can be used on veggies, meats, and more. This class is designed for beginners; no cooking experience necessary!

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Food Preservation 101 with Cultivating Roots Advocacy

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 pm

Join us for some homesteading food preparation and preservation! This workshop will include demonstrations of canning, pickling, and freezing produce to last beyond the season. Guests will have the opportunity to sample and even make their own recipes!

2 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Cooking When You Can't Even

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 am

Even when life gets busy, ingredients are expensive, and winter drags on, you still gotta eat. That’s why The Library is bringing you a cooking class for real life, where you’ll learn how to put together a hearty and nutritious, but more importantly a make-ahead, freezable, soup to keep you going. We’ll cover soup basics in this hands-on course that will have you dishing up a bowl in no time! All skill levels are welcome, including beginners.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Seed Starting Event with Cultivating Roots Advocacy

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Wednesday, March 12 at 4:00 pm

Join us for an early start to spring! At this workshop we will go over the basics for soil and seeds, when to plant, how to plant, and frost dates. Supplies will be provided, and gardeners will have the opportunity to start plants of their own and take them home!

2 hours. Registration is required and limited.





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Adult Programs



Mary-Grace Autumn (left) and Mary-Kate Spring (right)

Celtic Music

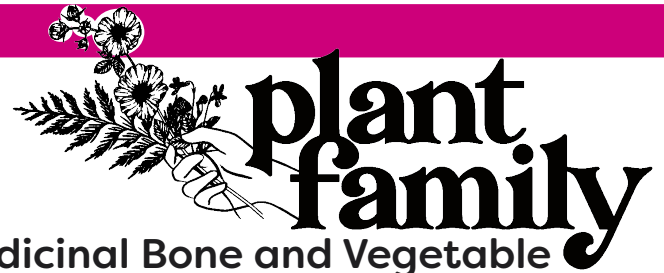
For all ages

EV: Saturday, March 15 at 11:00 am

ESA: Saturday, March 22 at 1:30 pm

Join the Lee sisters, Mary-Kate Spring and Mary-Grace Autumn, and enjoy the music of the Emerald Isle! Both sisters are award-winning Irish musicians and have competed in Ireland on their respective instruments. Besides recording multiple CDs (both solo and with their band *Seasons*) Mary-Kate and Mary-Grace both received a Master-Apprenticeship Grant from PA Council on the Arts to further delve into Irish music with master instructors. The duo will perform on the harp, hammered dulcimer, concertina, and bodhran. Be prepared to clap and sing along!

1 hour. Registration is required.



Medicinal Bone and Vegetable Broths

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, March 1 at 11:00 am

JOH: Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30 pm

Join herbalist and home chef Sara Rose to learn how to infuse your broth with medicinal herbs and mushrooms for increasing nutrition and supporting healthy immunity and overall health.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Mary Sachs Program Series: Decluttering with Carolina

For ages 18+ years

EV: Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 am

MOM: Saturday, March 29 at 10:30 am

Get organized with Carolina Harvey, organizing expert featured on A&E's *Hoarders* and owner of Cure the Clutter. Carolina will share tips on how to go from feeling overwhelmed with clutter to the daily peace that comes with an organized space.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Funding support provided by the Mary Sachs Charitable Trust.



Computer Workshops

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Fridays, February 7 and March 7 at 10:30 am

MOM: Tuesdays, February 11 and March 11 at 10:30 am

1.5 hours. Registration is required, limited, and separate for each month.

February Class: Computer Basics

Completely new to using a computer, or want to brush up on old skills? Join us at The Library to learn the basic types and parts of a computer, how to interact with your computer using a mouse and keyboard, and where to find important settings, files, and more. This course focuses on Windows computers and is designed for beginners. Laptops will be provided for class use.

March Class: Internet Basics

Let's get online! This course will teach you the basics of using the internet, including how to connect to Wi-Fi, using a web browser and search engine, and navigating websites. We will also go over ways to keep yourself and your information safe online. Laptops will be provided for class use.

Adult Programs

Financial Literacy Workshop with



For ages 18+ years

AFL: Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30 pm

Financial educators from M&T Bank will talk about credit scores and credit reports. Light refreshments will be served. **1 hour. Registration is required.**

Minds Matter Harrisburg

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 am

Join The Library and Black Girl Health Foundation for a dynamic and inclusive workshop series designed to celebrate the resilience, strength, and brilliance of Black women and girls in the realm of mental health and wellbeing.

4 hours. Scan the QR code for more details and registration.



BLACKGIRLHEALTH

Blood Drive

For ages 17+ years

ND: Tuesday, January 7 at 1:00 pm

AFL: Friday, January 10 at 11:00 am

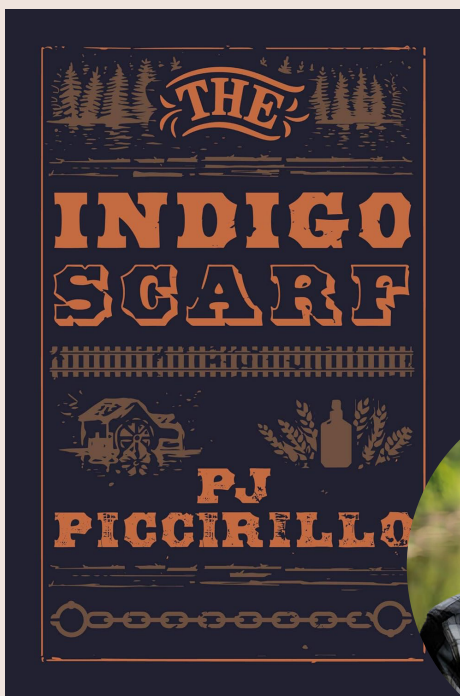
MRL: Friday, January 24 at 10:00 am

This winter, we're partnering with the American Red Cross to host blood drives at three of our libraries! Join us at our downtown Harrisburg location, or visit our libraries in Hummelstown and Lykens to donate. For the downtown event, we'll also be joined by Harrisburg Young Professionals and Young Professionals of Color Harrisburg. You must be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent.

5 hours. Registration is required. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or scan the QR code and enter the code DCLS to schedule an appointment.



American Red Cross



An Evening with PJ Piccirillo Featuring *The Indigo Scarf*

For ages 15+ years

JOH: Wednesday, February 19 at 5:30 pm

Join The Library for an evening with author PJ Piccirillo, who will talk about his book *The Indigo Scarf*, a novel based on the true story of two enslaved men who flee with white women into the wilderness of north-central Pennsylvania.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



PJ Piccirillo holds an MFA from the University of Southern Maine, is an author, editor, and adjunct professor (Butler County Community College). He is a regular presenter in the humanities, having worked for 19 years as a Literary Resident Artist for the PA Council on the Arts, and as a literary scholar for the PA Humanities Council. Piccirillo is founder of the WCoNA Writers Conference of Northern Appalachia® and *The Northern Appalachia Review*, for which he is editor-in-chief.



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Writing Groups



Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturdays, January 4, February 1, and March 1 at 10:30 am

Calling aspiring fiction writers! Join our writing group, Figment Forge, to learn more about the craft of fiction writing, connect with other novice writers, and find encouragement and accountability for your writing aspirations. We'll meet monthly to focus on a different facet of writing fiction with time to practice our craft and share.

The Plot Thickens

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, January 18, February 15, and March 15 at 10:30 am

Whether you're just starting out or you need more eyes on your work, The Plot Thickens is just what you need: a group of writer friends! Talk craft, gain accountability, and workshop with a knowledgeable, MFA-holding, published author in a laid-back, friendly environment. Bring your work and what you like to write with.

2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month. Please include your email when registering in order to receive writing prompts from the program instructor.

Book Clubs

Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Fridays, January 17, February 21, and March 21 at 3:30 pm

Join us for some quiet communal reading. Carve out a nice hour to yourself, where you can join fellow book enthusiasts for some reading time.

1 hour. Registration is not required.



Book Clubs



Reading the Rainbow

For ages 18+ years

MRL: Saturdays, January 11, February 8, and March 15 at 11:00 am

Sip delicious, caffeinated beverages with fellow readers as we discuss LGBTQ+ books by LGBTQ+ authors. From sci-fi and contemporary, to romance and YA, we'll read it all, as long as it's good and gay!

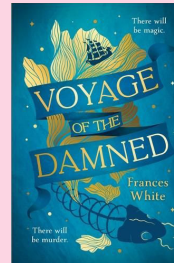
January 11: *Voyage of the Damned* by Frances White

February 8: *MissSettl* by Kamden Ishmael Hilliard

March 15: *Dirt Creek* by Hayley Scrivenor

1 hour. Registration is not required.

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Books on Tap

For ages 21+ years

Rubber Soul Brewery (136 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown): Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, and March 11 at 6:00 pm

Books on Tap is a book club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Rubber Soul Brewery in Hummelstown. Enjoy lively discussion and great beer with fellow book lovers!

January 14: *The Expendable Man* by Dorothy B. Hughes

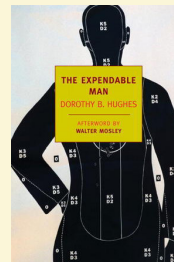
February 11: *The Courage to Be Disliked* by Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga

March 11: *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff

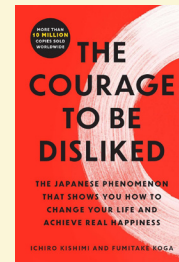
1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month.

No purchase is necessary to attend.

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Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, January 23, February 27, and March 27 at 5:30 pm

Join us for our book club at Northern Dauphin Library, where we'll read lighter fare, ranging from humorous rom-coms, to spine-tingling suspenses, and wonderfully witchy adventures. We'll meet monthly for fun, lively discussions, and light refreshments.

January 23: *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon

February 27: *The Guncle Abroad* by Steven Rowley

March 27: *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month.

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Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Thursdays, January 16, February 20, and March 20 at 3:00 pm

Come sip some tea and let's talk life, especially how we persevere, how we find hope, and how we define ourselves through it all. This book club features non-fiction titles with themes of pain, loss, love, strength, and triumph. Light refreshments will be served.

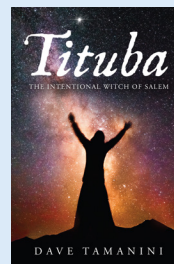
January 16: *Tituba: The Intentional Witch of Salem* by Dave Tamanini

February 20: *Finding Me* by Viola Davis

March 20: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt

1.5 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

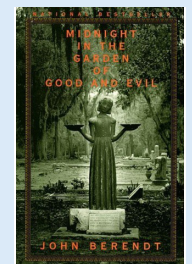
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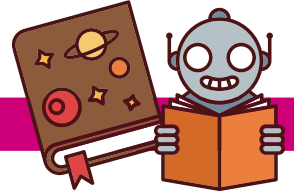
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Facebook Discussion Groups

Science Fiction Book Club

Whether you enjoy the hard science fiction of Larry Niven or Alistair Reynolds or the softer science fiction of Ray Bradbury or Ursula K. Le Guin, we have the perfect discussions for you. Members choose a classic and a modern sci-fi novel for our Group Reads each month. Scan the QR code to join the Facebook group.



Science Fiction Rewatch

Whether you enjoy series like *The Expanse* and *Firefly* or movies like *Alien* or *Zathura*, this group is for you. Each week we discuss our favorite sci-fi shows and movies. We'll also discuss Season 3 of *Star Trek: Strange New World* as it airs. Scan the QR code to join the Facebook group.



Art Exhibition

LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

January-March Exhibition
Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, January 25 at 2:00 pm

In partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council, we invite you to The Library to meet two local artists whose work will be displayed and in the limelight this winter! Light refreshments will be served.

2 hours. Registration is not required. Artwork on display is available for purchase. Sales will occur between the seller and buyer. Ask library staff for more details.




Podcast
Reading the Rainbow
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Not able to make it to the in-person book club?

You can have queer book discussion anytime with our podcast! Our Reading the Rainbow podcast features LGBTBQ+ books our hosts have read and loved.

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Friends of The Library



AFL Friends

Novel Thoughts Book Club

AFL: Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, and March 4 at 6:00 pm

Novel Thoughts Too Book Club

AFL: Wednesdays, January 21, February 18, and March 18 at 1:00 pm

Friends Meeting

AFL: Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm

EV Friends

Looking For a Book Club? Come Join Us!

EV: Thursdays, January 16, February 20, and March 20 at 5:30 pm

Monthly book club for adults every third Thursday of the month. Contact Emily Degnitz at 717-422-1614 or sports4emily@hotmail.com.

January 16 – *Educated* by Tara Westover

February 20 – *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

March 20 – *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Friends of the Library Board Meetings

EV: Thursdays, January 2, February 6, March 6 at 6:30 pm

Open to all Friends members and the public to observe and learn more about the board's activities and operations.

LOV Friends

Book Bingo

For all ages

LOV: Thursdays, January 2, February 6, and March 6 at 5:30 pm

Bingo! Come play this classic with your family and friends. There will be books and other prizes for players of all ages. Picture Bingo will be available for the little ones.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Friends of Love Library Board Meetings

LOV: Thursdays, January 16, February 20, and March 20 at 5:30 pm

Dr Seuss Celebration

For families with children of all ages

LOV: Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 am

The Friends of Love Library will celebrate National Read Across America by hosting a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party.

2 hours. Registration is required.

The Happy Bookers Virtual Book Club

For ages 18+ years

Zoom: Monday, January 20, Tuesday, February 17, and Tuesday, March 17 at 2:00 pm

Membership is open to all who love reading and discussing a good book. To join or to learn more about The Happy Bookers, contact Jo Sheppard at josheppa@gmail.com or call or text 717-512- 5729.

ND Friends

Friends of Northern Dauphin Library Board Meetings

ND*: Wednesdays, January 8, February 5, and March 5 at 5:30 pm

*To attend via Zoom, contact Michelle Shutt via text at 717-440-8241 to request the Zoom link.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser: A Friends of the Northern Dauphin Library Benefit

ND: Saturday, March 1 at 12:00 p.m.

New products will be available to see. Scan the QR code to browse or purchase. For questions, contact friendsofnd683@gmail.com or text Michelle at 717-440-8241.



1.5 hours. Registration is not required and purchases can be made now through June 2025.

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