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LIBRARY SYSTEM
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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.



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.



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Library Closings

Sunday, December 24–Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25–Christmas Day

Monday, January 1–New Year's Day
Monday, January 15–Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 19–Presidents' Day

Warm Hands



Warm Hearts

A Community Effort

Donate hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets at any of The Library's locations. This project helps our community stay warm during the cold winter months. Donations can be new or homemade. Blue baskets will be set up in the libraries for people to drop off donations or take what they need.



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Stepping Stones to Milestones

Parents and caregivers, join us for Stepping Stones to Milestones to learn how to be your child's first teacher and help them to successfully prepare for school.

Winter Session 1: Sunday, January 7 – Saturday, February 10

Registration begins Monday, December 18 at 10:00 am

Winter Session 2: Sunday, February 18 – Saturday, March 23

Registration begins Monday, February 5 at 10:00 am

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

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 to 30 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 9:30 am

Songs, rhymes, and stories help your child develop 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 to 40 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



Toddler Storytime

For ages 19 – 35 months

AFL: 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 toddlers develop a love of reading. Adults will learn tips and tricks to continue the learning at home.

30 to 40 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Mondays at 10:00 am

MRL: Tuesdays at 11:00 am

KL: 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 to build their skills to be ready to succeed at whatever is next.

About 30 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



Pick up a Storytime Kit, available at The Library!

Use the kit to participate in The Library's storytime at home or create your own storytime! Kits include a scarf, Lummi sticks, a beanbag, and a shakey egg.

Preschool Programs



zumbini®

For ages 0 – 4 years

ESA: Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Zumbini is here for the winter! Featuring new music and a new storybook! *Kalino Finds the Music* is sure to get you and your little one(s) moving and grooving!

Our 6-week series will take you on an imaginary ride to the farm, beach, or jungles of Africa and have you jumping like a kangaroo. We will be singing and dancing about your day-to-day activities, exploring colors, shapes, feelings, and musical instruments! The 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)!

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

Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4–5 years

Winter Session:

January 4 – March 22

Registration begins December 18 at 10:00 am

ESA: Thursdays, January 4, 18, 25, February 8, 15, and March 7, 21 at 9:30 am

MOM: Fridays, January 5, 19, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 10:30 am

Is your child headed to kindergarten in the Fall of 2024? If so, come check out Speech Links to Literacy! Heidi Haas MS, CCC-SLP/L, a speech-language pathologist at Capital Area Intermediate Unit, has paired with The Library to offer a special story time 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 to make reading together a fun and rewarding experience at home. Siblings are welcome to attend! Due to the instructional level of the program, registered children must be at least 4 years of age and preparing to enter kindergarten in Fall 2024.

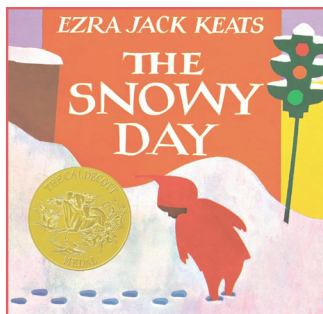
1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited. 🔄



StoryWalk®

Take a StoryWalk® with The Library!

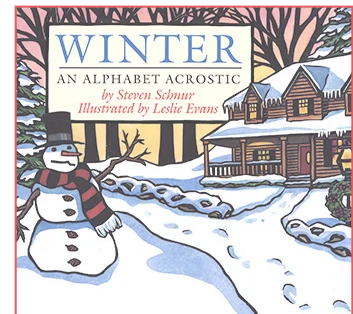
Visit our StoryWalk® locations to read a story together as you walk and play. Stories will be changed seasonally, so come back often!



The Capital Area Greenbelt:
Cameron Parkway, Harrisburg
Park on Elliot Street across from Quigley's Tavern. Cross over Cameron Street at the crosswalk and follow the Greenbelt along Spring Creek to read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats.



The Capital Area Greenbelt:
Paxtang Parkway, Harrisburg
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 *Hello Winter!* by Shelley Rotner.



Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, 176 Water Company Road, Millersburg
Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read, *Winter: An Alphabet Acrostic* by Steven Schnur.



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Family Programs

The Year of Ghibli

For families and people of all ages

ESA: Sundays, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, and March 10, 24 at 2:30 pm

Join us throughout 2024 as we celebrate some of Studio Ghibli's most famous films. Each month will feature a different film by the Japanese production company, Studio Ghibli. All are welcome to join us. Some may not be suitable for very young children. Ratings are noted based on the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

January: *My Neighbor Totoro* (rated G)

February: *Whisper of the Heart* (rated G)

March: *The Cat Returns* (rated G)

About 1.5 - 2 hours. Registration is required and limited.



Stories at Sunset

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Tuesdays, January 16, February 13, and March 12 at 6:00 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, and March 19 at 5:30 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.

Paws with a Cause

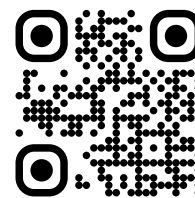
For families with children ages 3+ years

ESA: Monday, February 12 at 6:00 pm

AFL: Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm

EV: Wednesday February 28 at 5:30 pm

Join us as we help our four-legged friends who are waiting for forever homes! Stop by The Library to make a blanket, water bottle crinkle toy, and a braided tug toy to give to a local shelter! Families can also bring items to donate directly to a shelter. The shelters we are supporting are the Humane Society of Harrisburg, Sepranza Animal Rescue Mechanicsburg, and Homeward Bound. Learn what these shelters need by scanning the code below. Paws 2 Read volunteer teams may be present when possible, so dogs could be on site. **45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.**



Sensory Storytime

For ages 3 – 7 years

AFL: Saturdays, January 6, February 3, and March 2 at 10:30 am

Sensory Storytime is intended for children with sensory and communications challenges. Sensory storytime is an inclusive space where participants refine their communication and social skills through books, crafts, and hands-on, sometimes messy, activities. We welcome children to get involved with storytelling while encouraging them to engage in as little or as much stimulation as desired.

30 – 45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Family Programs

Support Our Pollinators!

For families with children of all ages

MOM: Monday, March 25 at 10:30 am

EV: Monday, March 25 at 4:30 pm

Learn about our local pollinators featuring bees, bats, hummingbirds, beetles, dragonflies and butterflies. These important critters help pollinate our orchards, backyard gardens, and our rain forests.

How do we build a habitat to help our pollinators? What time of year should we mow our fields that is most beneficial to pollinators? What about all those dandelions that first appear in the spring? Learn about it, and more with this fun, educational program!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Our Amazing Butterflies!

For families with children of all ages

KL: Monday, March 25 at 1:30 pm

Audiences will see wonderful slides of our local butterflies presented by Jerry Schneider, creator of the award-winning Butterfly Game. Audiences will answer questions. What is a good butterfly habitat? How can we attract more butterflies into our community? When, how, and why do monarch butterflies go to Mexico? In addition to answering these questions, we will learn interesting butterfly characteristics. (Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet?)

Jerry brings displays of butterflies and moths, cocoons, and sometimes caterpillars. The second half of the program is a wonderful tee shirt craft. Tee shirt and craft supplies will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

School Age Programs

Paws 2 Read

For ages 6 – 11 years

ESA: Mondays, January 8, 22, February 5, and March 4, 18 at 6:00 pm

EV: Wednesdays, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, and March 6, 20 at 5:00 pm

ND: Tuesdays, January 16, 30, February 13, 27, and March 12, 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.

1.5 hours at ESA, 1 hour at ND and EV. 15-minute appointments. 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.



scan to register or
visit dcls.org/paws



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Teen Programs



Studio Ghibli Podcast

For ages 15 – 19 years

ESA: Wednesdays, January 17, 31, February 14, 28, March, 13, 27 at 4:00 pm

Do you love Studio Ghibli films? Would you like to talk about them on a podcast? Each month throughout 2024, The Library will be screening Studio Ghibli films, and we'd like to invite you to join us for our podcast after each showing. In order to participate, you will need to have viewed the film we'll be discussing either at The Library or on your own. In this program you will learn the ins and outs of podcasting from recording to editing.

About 2 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. 🔄

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. 🔄

Teen Gaming Club

For ages 11 – 18 years

KL: Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

Come play games with your friends and make new ones at The Library.

2 hours. Registration is not required.

Thanks to a partnership with Video Game Clubs of America (VGCUSA) and the PASmart Advancing Grant.

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STEAM Saturdays

For ages 11 – 18 years

KL: Saturdays, December 30, January 27, February 24, and March 30 at 10:30 am

Join fellow creators at The Library as we design Dungeons and Dragons characters, build gaming PCs, learn to build robots, become a better content creator, and so much more. Check the description each month to learn more about what is going on!

2.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

December 30- Building a Gaming PC

Learn to assemble a basic Gaming PC using individual hardware components, such as a processor, graphics card, and memory. Ever wanted to design your own gaming PC; this is your chance to learn how!

January 27- 3D Design of Dungeons and Dragons

Learn about crafting intricate and immersive landscapes, characters, and objects that come to life with 3D design.

February 24- OBS for Streaming

Learn about OBS (Open Broadcaster Software). This is an open-source application used for capturing, streaming, and recording multimedia content from a computer screen or external sources.

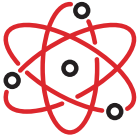
March 30- Content Creation with iPad

Learn to express your creativity and expertise through content creation. Use various mediums like writing, video, or art to engage and resonate with your audience.

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McCormick Riverfront Library STEAM Programs

Winter Session 1: Sunday, January 7 – Saturday, February 10
Registration begins Monday, December 18 at 10:00 am

Winter Session 2: Sunday, February 18 – Saturday, March 23
Registration begins Monday, February 5 at 10:00 am

Unless otherwise noted, programs will run during both sessions.

Saturday Family Playtime

For ages 0 – 5 years

MRL: Saturdays, January 6, February 3, and March 2 at 10:00 am

Caregivers, are you looking for time to play with your little ones and talk to other parents? Join Miss Brie at the McCormick Riverfront Library for a play date! We will have guided group and free choice play options. Building challenges and other STEAM activities included.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Around the World in Five Weeks!

For ages 6 – 12 years

MRL: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm (Session 1)

Explore the world, deciding each week what countries you would like to visit, design your own passport, and fill the pages with adventures from your travels. You will use interactive AR (augmented reality) technology for this travel experience.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Travel the Tropics

For ages 6-12 years

MRL: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm (Session 2)

In this program, we'll use interactive AR (augmented reality) technology to explore the tropics without leaving The Library! Each week, we'll explore different countries and cultures, and you'll make a passport to keep track of all your experiences.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Game On! Coding Challenge

For ages 7 – 12 years

MRL: Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Each week, you will continue to code and edit a game using the *Scratch* coding program. No prior *Scratch* experience necessary. We will take turns playing each other's games at the end of the five-week session.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Light the Way, Lewis Latimer!

For ages 8 – 12 years

MRL: Wednesdays 4:00 pm

Learn about Lewis Latimer's contributions to the story of electricity. Each week, we will be using Franklin's Lab on interactive AR (augmented reality) technology, as well as Snap Circuits to build and complete our own circuit boards.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Fiber Arts Club

For ages 12 – 18 years

MRL: Mondays at 3:30 pm (Session 1)

Calling all teens interested in fiber arts! In this program, we'll lean into the STEAM aspects of multiple textile arts, learning techniques, such as spinning yarn, felting, dyeing and weaving. Materials will be provided for each session, although participants are welcome to incorporate their own materials from home. Registrants will receive some tools to continue their craft at home.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

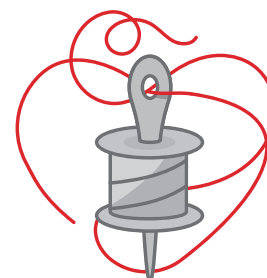
Sewing Club

For ages 12-18 years

MRL: Mondays at 3:30 p.m. (Session 2)

Calling all teens interested in sewing! In this program, we'll create simple sewing machine projects and learn about upcycling items into new pieces. Fabric will be provided for guided projects. Participants are welcome to bring clean garments for mending or upcycling projects as well.

About 1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



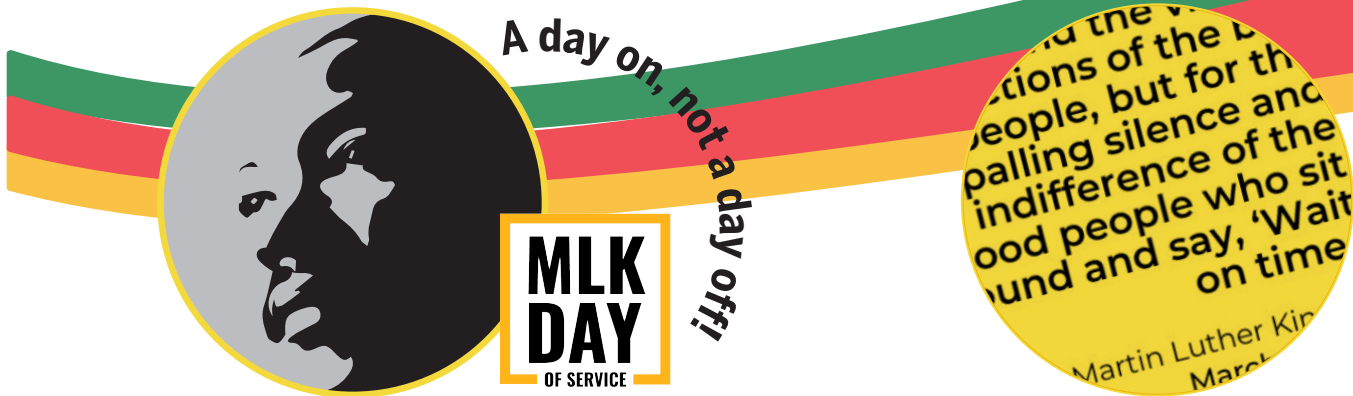


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The Library is FREE and open to all!

Join us this winter for these enriching celebrations.



JANUARY: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

MLK Volunteer Fair

For ages 14+ years

ESA: Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 am

In support of Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service, come out to East Shore Area Library to learn more about the volunteer work being done by members of our community. Explore different area agencies and organizations and learn how to serve your community through volunteering. Giveaways and snacks will be provided.

3 hours. Registration is not required.

Escape The Library: The Missing Sermon

For families with children ages 10+ years

KL: Thursday, January 18 at 4:00 pm

ESA: Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 am

There are rumors that a missing sermon written by Dr. King is hidden somewhere in The Library, and it's up to you to find it. Bring your family, call your friends, and find the missing sermon, but hurry, if you can't find it within the time limit, it might be lost forever.

2 hours at KL, 5 hours at ESA.

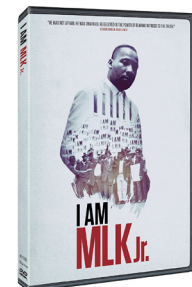
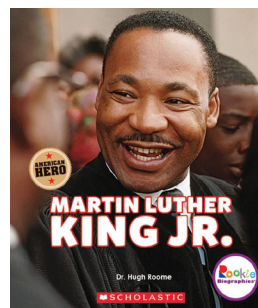
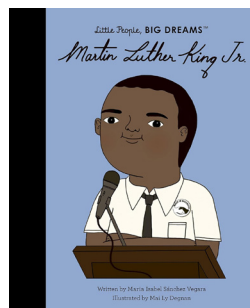
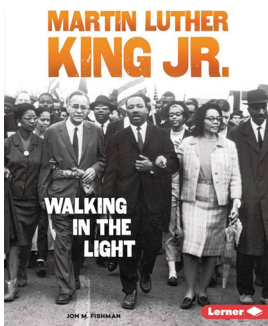
20-minute appointments. Registration is required and limited.

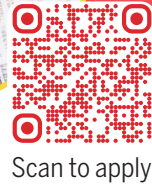


Check out Martin Luther King, Jr. resources in The Library's collection.



Escape The Library
SCAN TO REGISTER





FEBRUARY: Black History Month

Black History Month Reading Challenge

For all ages

Join the Black History Month Reading Challenge and earn a free book! See details on page 12.



Check out the Black History Month resources in The Library's collection. Or search the terms "Black History", "African American"

Black Makers Fair

For all ages

MRL: Saturday, February 17 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.

6 hours. Registration is not required.

Loving Movie Screening

For ages 13+ years

ESA: Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 pm

Join us at The Library as we screen the movie *Loving*, which details the true story of Richard and Mildred, the plaintiffs of the 1967 Supreme Court Decision that invalidated state laws making interracial marriages illegal.

2.5 hours. Registration is required.

Partnership Program



MARCH: Women's History Month

Women's History Quilt Square Program

For all ages

ND: Saturday, March 2 at 12:00 pm

KL: Saturday, March 16 at 12:00 pm

Come into The Library to design a quilt square based on historical heroines. Your square will be sewn into a quilt displayed in our libraries.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Scan for resources honoring women's history and culture.

Invisible Beauty Documentary Screening

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm

The essential memoir of fashion pioneer Bethann Hardison, *Invisible Beauty* shines a spotlight on one of the fashion industry's most influential icons. As a pioneering Black model, modeling agent and entrepreneur, Hardison has pushed the boundaries of fashion culture and has been at the forefront of progress throughout her career. In her lifetime, the singular and unapologetic industry icon has seen the pendulum swing toward and away from the Black model. At every setback, she spoke up and rallied her colleagues and clients in the industry to advance change. Now in her 70s, the Brooklyn native is writing her memoir and taking stock of her own legacy at a moment when the fashion industry is shaken by a racial reckoning.

2.5 hours. Registration is required.

The 1619 Project: Race

For ages 16+ years

ESA: Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 pm

Join the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a screening of episode 2 of *The 1619 Project*. Explore the political invention of race and trace the impact of slavery on Black women's bodies and reproductive lives. Drs. Bernadette Gilbert and Anne Valerie Allen Bakare will lead a panel discussion following the viewing. Light refreshments will be served.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

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Winter Reading Challenge

December 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024

Cozy up on the couch and read along with The Library this winter. Earn points by logging your reading, writing reviews, and creating picture reviews. Points allow you to choose your own winter reading adventure. Complete the challenge to earn a prize!

Kids and teens 18 and under

Earn 100 points to complete the program!

For the 5 and under crowd, we recommend logging the number of books read. Sign up for both the Winter Reading Challenge and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and make your reading count double. Kids and teens ages 6 to 18, log your reading by either minutes or books, and write reviews to build up your points.

Adults

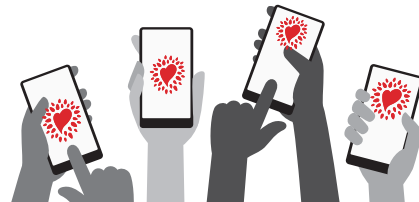
Earn 30 points to complete the program!





Adults ages 18+, your goal is to earn 30 points. We recommend adults log their reading by books. One book and one review per month will earn you all the points you need to complete the challenge.

Everyone

Register and log however works for you:

- Go to dcls.org/wrc and either sign back into your Beanstack account or create one for the first time.
- Download the Beanstack Tracker app (available for iOS and Android; just search for "Beanstack Tracker") and either sign back into your Beanstack account or create one for the first time.
- Stop by any library location to register!



Logging		Write Reviews	Picture Reviews
			
1 book	10 minutes	1 review	1 picture review

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.

Black History Month Reading Challenge

For all ages

February 1 through February 29

How many books can you read by Black authors in February? Log along with The Library and find out! Complete 3 badges by either reading, completing activities, or a combination of both to win a free book. Register on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org, and log your reading online or with the Beanstack Tracker app.



Scan to learn more about the reading challenges or visit dcls.org/readingchallenges

LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

January – March Exhibition



Reshmi Khatun



Spero Lappas

Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 pm

In partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council, we invite you to The Library to meet Reshmi Khatun and Spero Lappas, two local artists whose work will be on display and in the limelight this winter! Light refreshments will be served, as well as alcoholic beverages for people ages 21+ years.

2 hours. Registration is not required.

Reshmi Khatun

Hello this is Reshmi. I consider myself an artist and I do art out of my passion. It's something that comes out of me naturally. I always dreamt of being an artist, but I started doing art extensively only after getting married and upon following my husband's encouragement to follow my dream. I recently relocated from Austin, TX to the Lower Paxton area with my husband for his new job. It was a big move for us but now that we have settled down in the area, I want to be part of this great community and bring to the table my passion.

You will see some of my artwork hanging on the walls of the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center (HMAC), at the Fall Membership Exhibition at the Art Association of Harrisburg and the Nyeusi Art Gallery near downtown Harrisburg. I am also looking forward to exhibiting my work at the Yellow Bird Café (downtown Harrisburg) beginning March 15, 2024.

Thanks to Lower Paxton Township Arts Council and the East Shore Area Library for giving me yet another great opportunity to exhibit my work.

Spero Lappas

Dr. Spero T. Lappas, is a prize-winning photographer whose work has appeared in solo exhibitions at the WITF Public Media Center, LSJ Studio, the Dauphin County Courthouse, Reservoir Mansion, Gamut Theatre, Penn State Harrisburg, Harrisburg Magazine and is currently in numerous personal and corporate collections.

A world traveler, he takes inspiration from the exotic and the mundane and has created photographic studies of dozens of urban, archeological, and natural locations on four continents.

He is the best-selling author of *Conquer Life's Frontiers*, *The Seventh Name of Happiness*, and *New Tricks for Old Dogs*. His first legal thriller, *The Widow on the Ledge*, is scheduled for an early 2024 publication. The judges at *Writer's Digest Magazine* have praised his writing as "gorgeous," "beautiful," and "elevated."

He is a tournament Scrabble champion and a former, nationally ranked, three-weapon fencer. Most importantly, he is a father, father-in-law, and grandfather.

Dr. Lappas lives in Lower Paxton Township in a house with a dog and ten thousand books.

Artwork on display is available for purchase.
Sales will occur between the seller and buyer.
Ask library staff for more details.

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Adult Programs

GAMING

Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 18+ years

Zoom Group 1: Thursdays, January 11, February 8, and March 7 at 7:00 pm 

Zoom Group 2: Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, and March 19 at 7:00 pm 

Calling all dungeoneers of Dauphin County! Register for our virtual D&D sessions to begin adventuring with The Library's guild. Never played a tabletop game? That's okay! We're more than happy to help you learn.

1 hour. Registration is required. Registrants will be emailed further instructions to join virtual programs. 

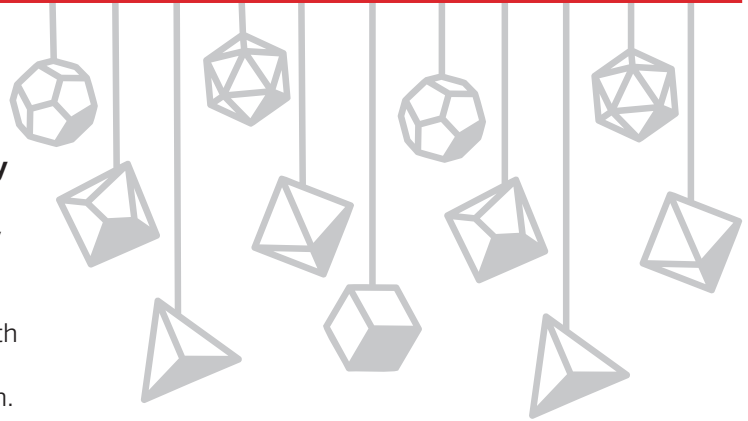
A Tabletop for the Season

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Sunday, February 11 at 1:00 pm

Join our Library Adventurers for a standalone tabletop roleplaying session inspired by the current season! Together, we'll eat treats, slay monsters, and have an incredible adventure. Costumes are more than welcome *and* encouraged! All skill levels are invited to attend, and all game mechanics will be explained before the session begins. This Valentine's season, we'll be playing *Thirsty Sword Lesbians*, an innovative and narrative-focused game geared toward telling melodramatic queer stories with friends.

2.5 hours. Registration is required.



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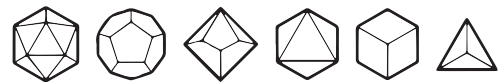
Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners

If you're interested in learning how to play Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start, we have just the program for you!

During Dungeons and Dragons for Beginners, you'll learn all the basic ins and outs of D&D, and you'll get a chance to flex your newfound skills in a fun and exciting one-shot session, tailored specifically to new players.

Questions are expected, welcome, and encouraged!

More details coming in Spring 2024 Compass.



COLORING

Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

KL: Tuesdays beginning January 23 at 3:30 pm

MOM: Wednesdays, January 31, February 28, and March 27 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.

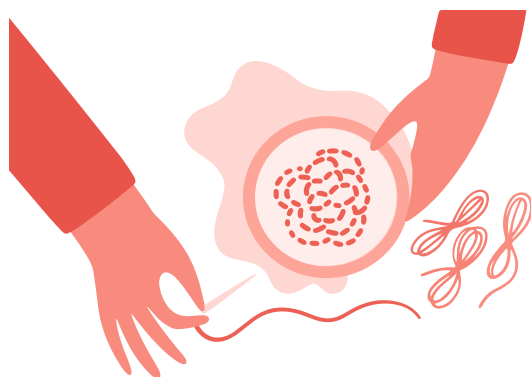
Paint-by-Number for Grownups

For Ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm

You don't need to be a prodigy to paint a masterpiece! Join us at The Library, where we'll have a variety of paint-by-number kits depicting famous works of art. Choose your favorite and in time, you'll recreate a classic! No skill required, just come, have fun, and paint (mostly) inside the lines!

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



CRAFTING

Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+ years

KL: Saturdays, January 13, February 10, and March 9 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.

Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, January 27, February 24, and March 23 at 11:00 am

We know that the daily grind can be stressful – that's why we're setting aside time each month for a fun and relaxing craft! Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting. All skill levels are more than welcome to come and enjoy.

In January, we'll ice-dye a pair of crew socks; in February, we'll be making fairy lanterns; and in March, we'll be trying our hand at iris folding. All materials will be provided.

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



Craft Café

For ages 18+ years

EV: Saturdays, January 13, February 10, and March 9 at 11:00 am

Join our staff at the Elizabethville Area Library for some relaxing crafting! In January and February, we'll create book nooks. And in March, we'll craft up some bee baths. All materials will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

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



Winter Teas and Herbs with Plant Family

Herbal Tea for Winter

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, January 20 at 11:00 am

KL: Tuesday, February 20 at 5:00 pm

In this workshop, we'll talk about the benefits of nourishing your body through daily tea practice.

In this class we'll cover:

- The benefits of bringing a daily herbal infusion or tea into your self-caring routine
- Beneficial herbs for the winter season
- Various methods of brewing medicinal herbs into tea and why we do different things for different herbs.

Tea to sample and enjoy will be provided.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Dream Pillows: A Holistic Approach to Sound Sleep

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, February 17 at 11:00 am

EV: Saturday, March 30 at 12:00 pm

Join long-time massage therapist, yoga teacher, and community herbalist Sara Rose in exploring herbs and practices for sound sleep. In this workshop, we'll make an aromatic, herb-filled dream pillow, learn about calmativ herbs, and cover a few other practices for preparing the body for deep rest, such as self-massage, breathwork, and gentle stretching. All participants will walk away with their own herb-filled eye pillow.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



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Writing Groups

The Plot Thickens

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, January 13, February 10, and March 9 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. Light refreshments will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required. Register once and you're signed up for all January-March dates. 

- Please include your email when registering in order to receive writing prompts from the program instructor.

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturdays, January 27, February 17, and March 16 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. Bring a laptop (or borrow one from The Library) or take advantage of the provided notebooks and pens. Light refreshments will be provided.

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.

Spanish Language Conversation Group

Grupo de conversación en español

For ages 15+ years

Zoom: Wednesdays, January 17 and March 13 at 6:00 pm 

Join us for an hour of Spanish conversation, facilitated by Dr. Hector Ortiz. Each month, we'll begin our session with a short grammar lesson before branching out into discussion. Whether you speak Spanish fluently or you are just beginning to learn the language, we welcome you to come together in community and conversation.

1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month. Registrants will be emailed further instructions to join virtual programs.



Blood Drive

For ages 17+ years

MRL: Friday, January 12 at 10:00 am

The American Red Cross is partnering with The Library, Harrisburg Young Professionals, and Harrisburg Young Professionals of Color to accept blood donations. 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 visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HYP to schedule an appointment.



Minds Matter Harrisburg with Black Girl Health Foundation

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, January 20, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

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.

For more details and registration, please visit mindsmatter.blackgirlhealthfoundation.org.



Book Clubs

Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, January 25, February 29, and March 28 at 5:30 pm

Join us for our new book club, where we'll read lighter fare, ranging from humorous rom-coms, to spine-tingling suspenses, and wonderfully witchy adventures. We'll meet on the last Thursday of each month for fun, lively discussions, and light refreshments.

January Pick: *The Ex Hex* by Erin Sterling

February Pick: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

March Pick: *An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor

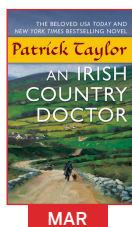
1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month.



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Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Thursdays, January 18, February 15, and March 21 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 Pick: *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel

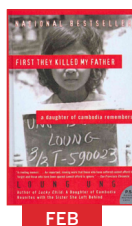
February Pick: *First, They Killed My Father* by Loung Ung

March Pick: *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

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



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Reading the Rainbow Book Club

For ages 18+ years

E **Elementary Coffee Co., 256 North Street, Harrisburg: Saturdays, January 13, February 10, and March 9 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 Pick: *You Better Be Lightning* by Andrea Gibson

February Pick: *Alice Isn't Dead* by Joseph Fink

March Pick: *World Running Down* by Al Hess

1 hour. Registration is recommended and separate for each date. No purchase is necessary to attend.



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Mamas 'n Dramas

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Mondays, January 8, February 12, and March 11 at 11:00 am

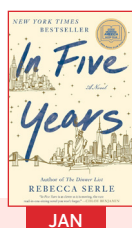
For all the Mamas who love dramas, there's a book club for you. Join other moms as we canvass the lives of some fictional families, who probably could use our insight. In turn, we could probably pick up a few tips, along with surprises, from these stories. Activities will be provided for the kiddos. Together we'll debate life choices and together we'll define strength. Light refreshments will be served. Not a mama? We'd love to see you anyway!

January Pick: *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle

February Pick: *Calling for a Blanket Dance* by Oscar Hokeah

March Pick: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

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



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Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

KL: Fridays beginning February 9 at 3:30 pm

Join us at Kline Library as we do 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.

Silent
BOOK CLUB



Winter Programming 2024

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group

**Zoom: First Saturday of each month
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.** 

When possible, in-person workshops will resume at Madeline Olewine Memorial Library.

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group (GWG) is an informal network of amateur genealogists officially established in 2017 by Harrisburg natives Dr. Sharonn Williams, founder, and Mr. Calobe Jackson, consultant. Members are descendants of the enslaved and slaveholders, having varying degrees of experience with



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family history research, who gather to learn from and provide support for one another as they honor legacy and document lineage.

To receive additional information and meeting invitations and links:

- Send Email: KindredSpiritsGWG@gmail.com
- Join the Mailing List: forms.gle/9Y7zfiHjMer5VkkK9

Hidden Histories Program Series and Collection:

The Library has partnered with the Dauphin County Commissioners to create a carefully curated, permanent Hidden Histories collection and program series that celebrates the life and work of visionary historian, Hari Jones. Both the program series and collection have been designed to foster ongoing community dialogue, discussion and discernment.



Technology Programs at The Library

Pinterest Basics

For ages 17+ years

**ND: Tuesday, February 27 at 11:00 am and
Wednesday, March 6 at 5:00 pm**

Learn how you can use Pinterest to create a virtual bulletin board to share recipes, craft ideas, images, and other things you love in this introductory class.

At the end of the session, you will be able to:

- Explain the benefits of using Pinterest and how it works.
- Identify the two main pages where Pinterest users interact.
- Understand basic pinning etiquette and settings.
- Create an account.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Computer Basics

For ages 18+ years

**JOH: Wednesdays, January 24 & February 21 at 3:45 pm
January Class: Windows 10 Basics**

This workshop is for those who are new to using a PC or want to build more confidence using the Windows 10 operating system. You will learn how to navigate the Windows 10 operating system, manage applications using the task manager, find and manage files and folders, save and delete files, and more.

February Class: Internet Basics

In this introductory workshop, you will learn internet basics. By the end of the session, you will be able to navigate the internet, use a web browser, use a search engine, and navigate a website.

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

Facebook Book and Film Discussion Groups

Science Fiction Book Club (SFBC)

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 at the Science Fiction Book Club (SFBC). The SFBC is a group on Facebook that has over 11,500 members all around the world that discuss science fiction literature. Every month both a classic and a modern sci-fi novel are chosen by members as Group Reads. And, we also discuss a short fiction story each week that is always available to read online for free. In addition to that, people talk about whatever books they are reading, ask for recommendations, share recent finds, and many other discussions.

Join the group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sciencefictionbookclub>

Star Trek Rewatch

Our continuing mission, to watch classic and new *Star Trek* episodes and discuss them with fellow fans, to boldly go where no one has gone before.... *Star Trek* Rewatch is a group on Facebook where members watch and discuss an episode of a classic *Star Trek* series every other day. Currently, we are going through *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Join the group on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StarTrekRewatch>





Friends Book Bingo

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 am

EV: Saturday, January 20, February 17, and March 23 at 11:00 am

***KL:** Thursday, January 4, February 1, and March 7 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 for KL.

Alexander Family Library Friends

Novel Thoughts Book Club

AFL: First Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, and March 5 at 6:00 pm in Room B

Please call AFL to find out each month's book selection.

Novel Thoughts Too

AFL: Third Wednesdays, January 16, February 20, and March 19 at 1:00 pm in Room B

Please call AFL to find out each month's book selection.

Friends of Alexander Family Library Meeting

AFL: Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm in Room B

Friends of Kline Library

Friends of Kline Library Board Meetings

KL: Thursdays, January 18, February 15, and March 21 at 5:30 pm

Dr. Seuss Celebration

For families with children of all ages

KL: Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 am

The Friends of Kline 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 22, Tuesday, February 20, and Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm. Registration is not required.

Contact Jo Sheppard at josheppa@gmail.com or 717.512.5729.

Friends of the Elizabethville Area Library

Looking For a Book Club? Come Join Us!

EV: Third Thursdays at 5:30 pm in basement meeting room

January 18 - *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve

February 15 - *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

March 21 - *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini

Contact Emily Degnitz at 717.422.1614 or sports4emily@hotmail.com.

Friends of the Elizabethville Area Library Board Meetings

EV: Thursdays, January 4, February 1, and March 7 at 6:30 pm

Author on the Road Program

Meet & Greet with Jordan Sonnenblick

For all ages

EV: Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 pm

Please join The Friends of Elizabethville Area Library in welcoming children's book author Jordan Sonnenblick. Stop by The Library for a meet and greet with the author. Books will be available for purchase and can be signed by the author. This is a family event open to parents, teachers, students, and the public. A dessert bar will be provided by the Friends.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required.

2024 Friends of Elizabethville Area Library Membership Drive

Contact Karen at 717.576.3616 or www.dcls.org/ev_friends/

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