

Spring 2026

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CALLING ALL LGBTQ+ ARTISTS AND MAKERS !
We need you for the Rainbow Makers Fair!
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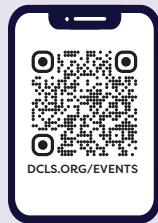
Find your direction with The Library

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 or hybrid programs are in **green**.

The Library 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 or records at in-person events and programs or takes screenshots at virtual 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: This past fall, Ted Tessler, a geologist with the Pennsylvania Geological Survey, joined us to host PA Geology Rocks! Participants learned about rocks and minerals right here in PA and all went home with a real fossil to keep.

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March

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SESSION 3 BEGINS: Sunday, March 29-Saturday, May 2
REGISTRATION BEGINS: Monday, March 16 at 10:00 am

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday
 Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

Free Screenings



Early Intervention Screenings

For families with infants and toddlers
EV: Monday, May 4 at 10:00 am
ND: Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00 am

Dauphin County Early Intervention and Northern Dauphin County's libraries are partnering! We're offering **FREE** developmental information and screenings for your infants and toddlers. If you have questions or concerns about your child's development, we're here to help!

2 hours. 20-minute appointments. Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment. For any questions, please contact Tammy with Dauphin County Early Intervention at tshoff@dauphincounty.gov or 717.780.7048.

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Stepping Stones to Milestones

Session 3: Sunday, March 29-Saturday, May 2

Registration begins Monday, March 16 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. 🔄

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

LOV: Thursdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Fridays at 9:15 am

ND: Fridays at 10:15 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. 🔄

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

ND: Thursdays at 10:15 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. 🔄

All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Mondays at 9:30 am

MOM: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

**NEW
Storytime
at MOM!**

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. 🔄



Preschool Programs



Mini World Explorers

For ages 4-6 years
 ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am

Join us for a five-week program exploring the world. This program helps preschoolers learn about other cultures and key geography concepts like continents, countries, and mountains amongst other topics via songs, stories, crafts, and experiments.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Tunes and Tales

For ages 3-6 years
 ND: Thursdays at 11:30 am

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 learning.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Stories at Sunset

Best for children 3 years and older
 ESA: Tuesdays, April 14 and May 12 at 6:00 pm

Looking for an engaging program for children ages 3 and up? Join us one Tuesday each month for Stories at Sunset! Families will enjoy a cozy evening of storytelling, poetry, songs, and a themed craft activity. Each craft is designed for children to enjoy, but adults are welcome to join in the fun too. Come create, sing, and share stories with us. We can't wait to see you there!

45 minutes. Registration is required, limited, and separate each month.

For ages 0-4 years
 ESA: Thursdays at 10:15 am

Zumbini is back! The series of *TJ and His PJs* features new music and a new storybook! TJ's music is sure to get you and your little one(s) moving and grooving!

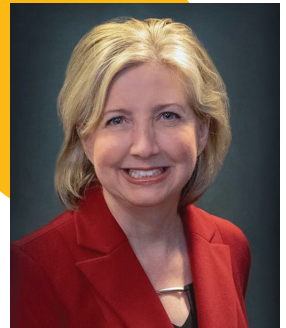
In this series, we will enter the world of opposites, sing and dance to different genres of music from around the world, jump around to a Celtic Hawk song, and dance to an uplifting bhangra-style song from the Punjab region of India. We will explore nature, sing about our pets, body parts, and feelings, and use musical instruments. The classes incorporate Spanish and basic baby and toddler sign language. Best of all, this series gives you more chances to bond with your little one(s) through music and movement!

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4-5 years
 MOM: Fridays, April 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 am

Is your child headed to kindergarten in the fall of 2026? 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 to make reading together at home a fun and rewarding experience. 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 2026.



1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



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Family Programs

Take a StoryWalk® with The Library!

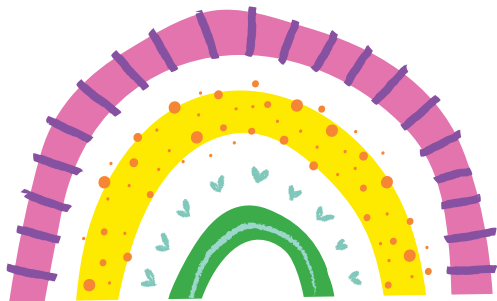
Visit our StoryWalk® locations to read a story together as you walk and play. Stories change seasonally, so come back often!



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 *One Little Lot: The 1-2-3's of an Urban Garden* by Diane C. Mullen, illustrated by Oriol Vidal.



Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art
Located at 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg. Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read *You Are a Wildlife Warrior! Saving Animals and the Planet* by Bindi Irwin and Smriti Prasadam-Halls, illustrated by Ramona Kaulitzki.



Once Upon a Rainbow

For families with children 10 years and under
LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front St., Harrisburg)
Saturdays, April 4 and May 2 at 11:00 am

The Library is teaming up with the LGBT Center to offer a monthly storytime for LGBTQ+ families and allies! Join us for stories, snacks, and solidarity! Each month we'll explore early literacy techniques and celebrate our diverse community with books, crafts, and more.
1 hour. Registration is not required.



Springtime Family Game Night

For families with children ages 4+ years
EV: Wednesday, April 8 at 5:00 pm
ND: Thursday, April 16 at 5:00 pm
MOM: Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm
AFL: Monday, May 11 at 4:30 pm

Join other library families for an hour of fun, springtime-themed games: Spring-O, Pictionary, Scattergories, and more.
1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



School Age Programs

Design and Draw!

For ages 6-12 years

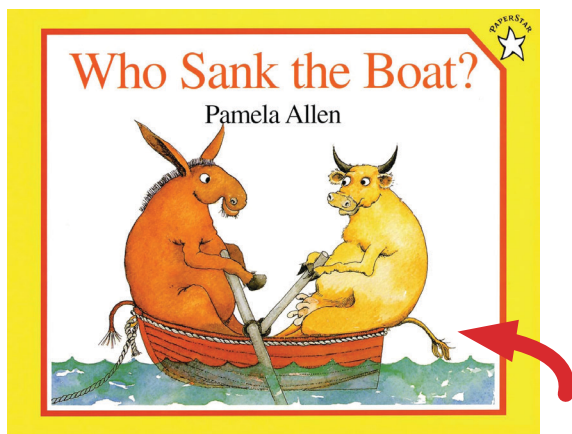
LOV: Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30 pm

AFL: Monday, April 13, at 5:00 pm

EV: Monday, May 4 at 5:00 pm

Do you like drawing? Do you collect stickers? Come to The Library and create a directed drawing of a favorite book character! After you practice, you can use the techniques we learned to make your own stickers!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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Who Sank the Boat?

For ages 6-12 years

MRL: Thursday, April 9 at 4:30 pm

ESA: Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 pm

EV: Tuesday, May 5 at 5:00 pm

JOH: Monday, May 11 at 4:00 pm

Can you design a boat that floats and holds mass? How can you change your design if your boat does not work? Come explore buoyancy and figure out who sank the boat.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Paws 2 Read

For ages 6-11 years

ESA: Mondays, March 30, April 13 and 27, and May 11 at 6:00 pm

EV: Wednesdays, April 1, April 15, and April 29 and May 13 at 5:00 pm

AFL: Mondays, April 6 and 20 and May 4 and 18 at 5:30 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 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.

Around the World in 12 Fairytales

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, April 21 and May 19 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 grown-ups will engage in discussion and activities to build community as well as completing a craft project.

About 45 minutes. Registration is required, limited, and separate for each month.



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Tween and Teen Programs

Craf-tween-ess Club

For ages 10-15 years

EV: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm

For our tween-aged crafters! Join a group of creative kids to improve your crafting skills and make some cool pieces to display or gift! We will work on a cumulative project over the 5-week session, as well as smaller, weekly crafts.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Stained-Glass Suncatchers

For ages 13-18 years

ESA: Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 pm

Celebrate the return of longer days with a suncatcher! During this program, you will learn how to use puffy paint and alcohol markers to replicate the classic stained-glass look. Take these techniques home with you and turn your world into a kaleidoscope!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Coloring for Teens

For ages 12-18 years

MOM: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Breathe in and color! Take a brain break and center yourself at Coloring for Teens. We'll provide adult-level coloring books, art supplies, and a relaxed atmosphere. Just bring yourself and a touch of creativity. A light snack will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Teen Crafting Club

For ages 12-18 years

LOV: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Come and be crafty with us at The Library! You can choose from many different art materials to create your own masterpiece.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

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Spring Clothing Swap

For ages 13-18 years

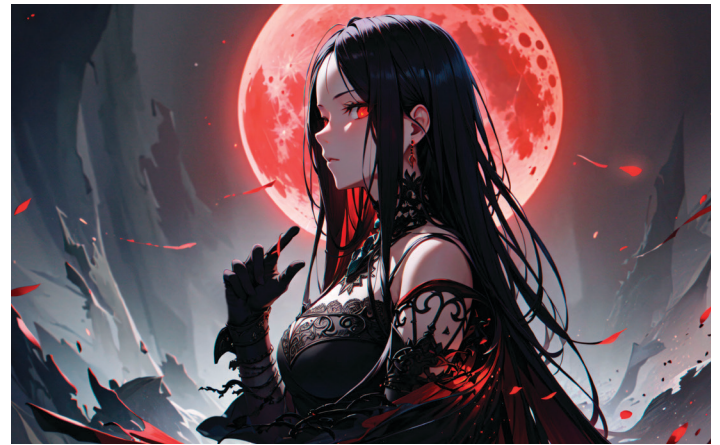
ESA: Saturday, April 25 at 12:00 pm

MOM: Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 am

EV: Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 am

Feeling uninspired when you look at your closet? Refresh your wardrobe at The Library with the Spring Clothing Swap! Bring gently used clothes you don't wear anymore and find something new to take home.

4 hours. Registration is not required.



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.

1.5 hours. 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...

Call for LGBTQ+ Artists and Makers of all kinds!

We're hosting our 3rd annual Rainbow Makers Fair at the East Shore Area Library on Saturday, June 20.

★ Save the date!



Follow the QR code to apply to be a vendor.

Calling all Zinesters!

The Library is hosting Harrisburg's first ever Zine Festival! Join us on Saturday, September 12! Whether you've made zines for years or you have no idea what a zine is, come out for a day of community, self-expression, and empowerment.

Want to table? Follow this QR code to apply! All ages welcome!



Reading Challenges

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.

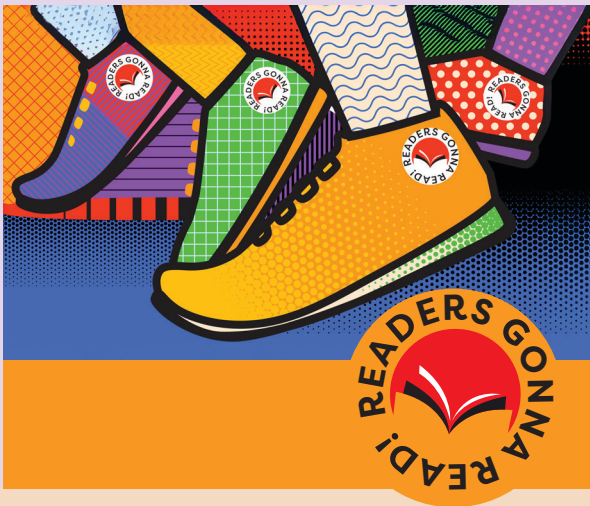
Yearlong Reading Marathon 2026

For ages 18+ years

January 1 to December 31, 2026

Ever wanted to run a marathon, but 26.2 miles just seemed so... long? Now you can read a marathon! This year, we're bringing you an even bigger, yearlong reading challenge—just make sure to pace yourself. Read 26 books in 2026 (don't worry, we'll forgive you the .2) to complete the challenge, become a bronze medalist, and earn a prize. But your momentum doesn't have to stop there: read 35 books total to become a silver medalist, or show us your grit and read 50 books this year to become a gold medal champion.

Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org.



Something BIG is coming to The Library this summer!
Come see a sneak peek of what you can expect.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Unearth a Story!

June 1 through August 31

Read, write reviews, and complete activities to earn points and badges. Registration begins on May 1. Join us by either signing into your Beanstack account from last year or registering online at dcls.org/src if you're a first-time participant.



Dinosaur Expedition Adventure: Unearth a Story

For families with children ages 6+ years

AFL: Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 am

EV: Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 am

ESA: Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 am

Join Mike and Roberta Straka as they share how they became scientists through an interactive, fossil-filled presentation featuring an Albertosaurus skull. Explore dinosaur traits, dig up a real Triceratops bone, and help build a life-size cut-out dinosaur. Audience participation, a bit of magic, rare fossils, and a mini-museum make this a program worth digging into!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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Adult Programs

Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+ years

LOV: Saturdays, April 11 and May 9 at 10:30 am

ND: Wednesdays, April 15 and May 20 at 5:30 pm

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. Limited supplies will also be on hand for anyone who wants to try it out.

2 hours at LOV and 1 hour at ND. Registration is required and separate for each month.

The Stitch Sitch

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27 and May 25 at 2:00 pm

EV: Thursdays, April 23 and May 28 at 5:00 pm

Whether your sewing skills are superb, so-so, or just starting out, The Stitch Sitch is the group for you. Hang out, sew, and share tips and tricks with others in The Library's sewing circle! Quilters, crafters, costumers, and all other sewists welcome. We will have basic materials (including a couple of sewing machines!) available during the program, but feel free to bring your own supplies and/or whatever you're working on.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required but encouraged and includes all spring dates.

Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Tuesdays, April 28 and May 26 at 3:30 pm

Come spend a soothing afternoon with us in artistic camaraderie and 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.

Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 am

Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting! In April, we will make book page flowers. All materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

2 hours. Registration is required.

Upcycled Crafting

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesdays, April 7 and May 5 at 6:00 pm

Join us for some creative crafting and transform everyday items into unique, upcycled art. In April, we'll be making coasters out of old CDs and DVDs. In May, we'll make a can vase or pencil holder. All supplies will be provided.

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

Craft Café

For ages 15+ years

EV: Thursdays, April 9 and May 14 at 5:00 pm

Join our staff at the Elizabethtown Area Library for some relaxing crafting. In April, we'll make a folded book vase with paper flowers. For May's craft, we'll create textured paint art. All materials will be provided.

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

Crafting with the Classics

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, and 28 and May 26 at 10:00 am

Turn on your listening ears, grab whatever project you're working on, and join us for a relaxing morning of crafting and classic literature! Bring your own craft and we'll put on a classic audiobook to work through week by week while you knit, color, crochet, sketch, and create to your heart's content. Can't make it every week, or can't stay the whole time? We'll have a synopsis of what you missed, so you can jump right back into the story at any time.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required.

Weekday Getaway

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesdays, April 21 and May 19 at 4:30 pm

EV: Thursdays, April 2 and May 7 at 12:00 pm

Take time out of your busy schedule and unwind at The Library. We'll provide coloring pages, puzzles, and other low-stress activities to enjoy. Light refreshments provided.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required.

Adult Programs

East Shore Cinema

Ages vary (see movie details below)

ESA: Monthly in April and May

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.

Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 pm: *Clue* (1985, rated PG, 1h 34m, for ages 8+ years)

Wednesday, May 27 at 2:00 pm: *Strangers on a Train* (1951, rated PG, 1h 41m, for ages 10+ years)

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



April 25



May 27



Paint a Birdhouse

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Tuesday, April 21 at 4:30 pm

Welcome warmer weather and feathered friends at Love Memorial Library! Come paint your very own decorative birdhouse and add some spring color to your surroundings. All supplies will be provided, and all skill levels are welcome. **1 hour. Registration is required.**

Ace That Job App

For ages 18+ years

MRL: Mondays, April 13 and May 11 at 11:00 am

Struggling with job applications or a resume? We can help! If filling out job applications or constructing a resume feels overwhelming, don't worry—our staff is here to guide you through the basics and help you take that next step toward employment. No appointment needed—just stop by! Help is available on a first-come, first-served basis. **2 hours. Registration is not required.**



Intro to Zines

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Fridays, April 17 and May 15 at 3:30 pm

Welcome to the world of zines: mini magazines on any topic you can imagine, made by you! Join us at The Library to learn about different zines and zine techniques and get started with making your very own. All skill levels are welcome, whether you're a complete zine newbie or a seasoned pro.

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



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Try-It Yoga with CommUNITY Yoga

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 pm

LOV: Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 pm

AFL: Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 pm

Come to The Library for a beginner-friendly class designed for anyone curious about yoga. Participants will be guided through simple poses, gentle stretching, and basic breathing techniques in a relaxed, supportive environment. No prior experience or special flexibility is required—just come as you are. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. This session offers a great introduction to yoga while helping you unwind, move comfortably, and explore the benefits of mindful movement.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Time for Tea

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Wednesday, April 22 at 5:00 pm

Enjoy a journey of flavor through 6 different teas. Learn more about the history of tea, the surprising health benefits of tea, as well as some fun facts.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Chess Club

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Saturdays, April 4 and 18 and May 2, 16, and 30 at 11:00 am

ESA: Wednesdays, April 8 and 22 and May 6 and 20 at 12:00 pm

Whether you're brand new to the game or already familiar with the moves, join us for an engaging session of strategy and fun! Learn the basics, sharpen your skills, and enjoy friendly matches with other adult players in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Chess sets will be provided, and all experience levels are encouraged to attend. Attendees may show up any time during the program to participate.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required but encouraged and separate for each date.



DIY Incense Making

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Wednesday, May 13 at 5:15 pm

Explore the art and tradition of crafting your own natural incense. This hands-on program covers basic ingredients, blending techniques, and scent profiles. Perfect for beginners and creative makers, this workshop offers a relaxing and aromatic introduction to incense making at home.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Pennsylvania's Cryptids

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Tuesday, May 19 at 5:15 pm

Pennsylvania's Cryptids explores the eerie and fascinating creatures said to lurk in the Keystone State's forests, mountains, and rivers. From the eerie Squonk and the mysterious Raystown Ray to Bigfoot sightings in the Alleghenies, this program blends folklore and local history to uncover why Pennsylvania is a hotspot for these legendary beasts. Perfect for fans of the strange, spooky, and unexplained.

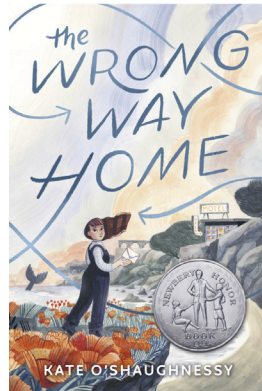
1.5 hours. Registration is required.



Lively Minds



Elizabethville Library Lively Minds Series is made possible by the Carole DeSoto Endowment with support by the Friends of Elizabethville Library and benefactor Jane C. Esterline.



Lively Minds: Author on the Road Program Featuring Kate O'Shaughnessy

For all ages

EV: Wednesday, April 15 at 5:00 pm

Meet Kate O'Shaughnessy, the award-winning author of middle grade novels *The Wrong Way Home*, *Lasagna Means I Love You*, and *The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane*. Her books have won numerous distinctions and awards, including a Newbery Honor, the Northern California Book Award, and the Vermont State Book Award. Her work has been nominated for over thirty state award reading lists and recognized on best-of lists by places and publications such as the New York Public Library, Bank Street College of Education, *Booklist*, and *Kirkus Reviews*. When she's not writing, Kate can be found attempting to grow vegetables in her container garden, hiking in the woods with her dog, and chronically mispronouncing words. She lives in California with her family.

1.75 hours. Registration is not required. For any questions, please contact Carolyn Kocher with the Friends of the Elizabethville Area Library at 717-805-0606.

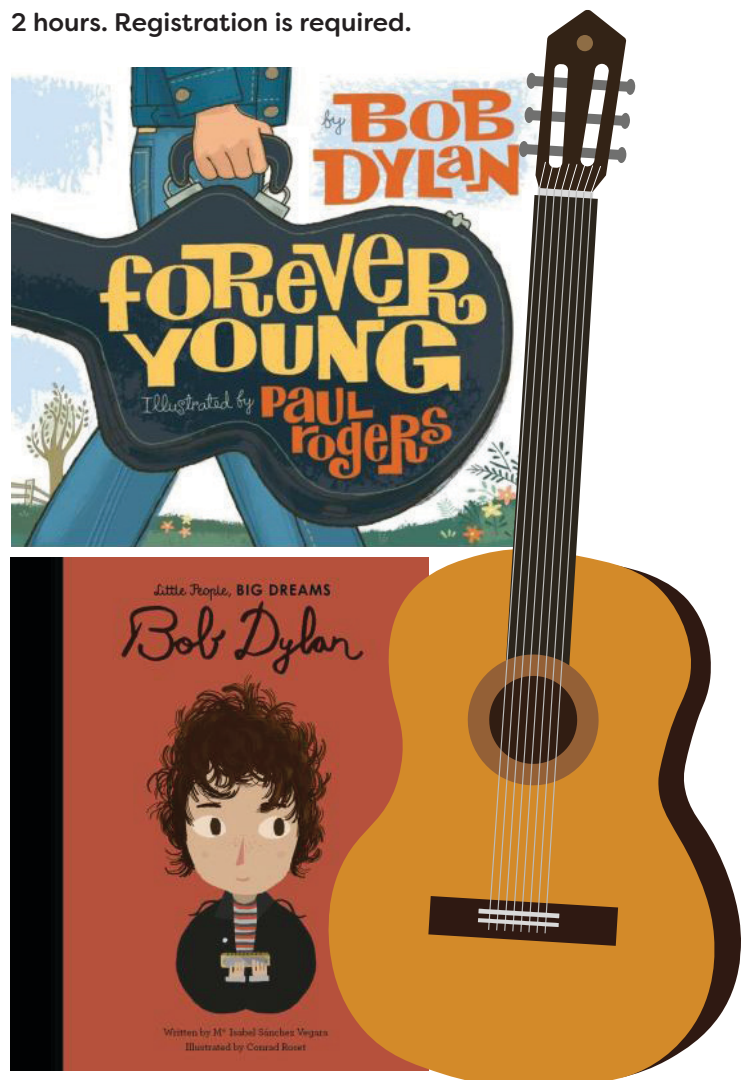
Lively Minds: Happy Birthday, Bob Dylan!

For ages: 18+ years

EV: Saturday, May 9 at 11:30 am

Honor the life and legacy of Bob Dylan for his 85th birthday through music, images, and storytelling with Dr. Doug Morris of West Chester University. The iconic American singer-songwriter and poet rose to fame as a voice of the 1960's counterculture movement. Known for hits such as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Like a Rolling Stone," Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016.

2 hours. Registration is required.





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Book Clubs

Books on Tap

For ages 21+ years

Rubber Soul Brewing Company (136 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown): Tuesdays, April 14 and May 12 at 6:00 pm

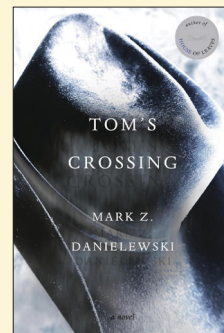
Books on Tap is a book club that meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Rubber Soul Brewing Company in Hummelstown. Enjoy lively discussion and great beer with fellow book lovers!

April Pick: *Tom's Crossing* by Mark Z. Danielewski

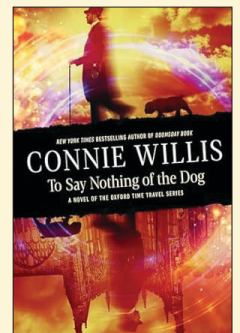
May Pick: *To Say Nothing of the Dog* by Connie Willis

1 hour. Registration is required and separate for each month. No purchase is necessary to attend.

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Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Thursday, April 16 at 3:00 pm

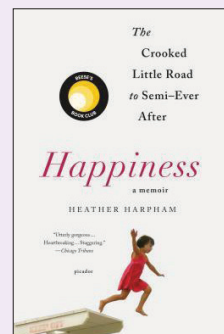
St. Thomas Roasters (5951 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg): Thursday, May 21 at 3:00 pm

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.

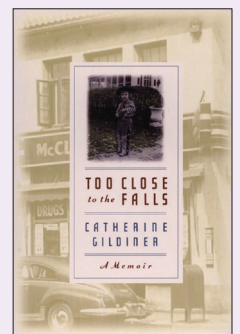
April Pick: *Happiness: A Memoir: The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever After* by Heather Harpham

May Pick: *Too Close to the Falls: A Memoir* by Catherine Gildiner
1.5 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

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Reading the Rainbow

For ages 18+ years

LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front Street, Harrisburg): Saturdays, April 11 and May 9 at 11:00 am

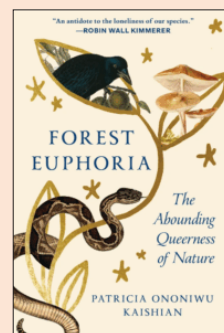
Join us as we discuss LGBTQ+ books by LGBTQ+ authors. From sci-fi and contemporary, to romance and YA, we'll read it all, as long as it's good and gay!

April Pick: *Forest Euphoria* by Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian

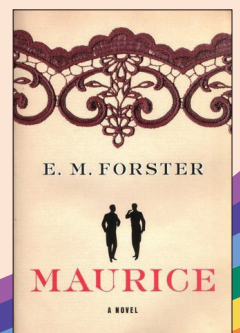
May Pick: *Maurice* by E. M. Forster

1 hour. Registration is not required.

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Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, April 23 and May 28 at 4:00 pm

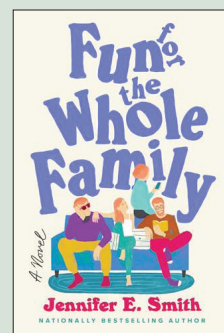
Join us for our book club at Northern Dauphin Library, where we'll read lighter fare, ranging from humorous rom-coms to spine-tingling suspenses and wonderfully witchy adventures. We'll meet monthly for fun, lively discussions, and light refreshments.

April Pick: *Fun for the Whole Family* by Jennifer E. Smith

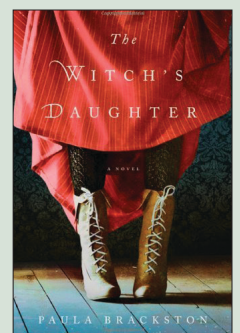
May Pick: *The Witch's Daughter* by Paula Brackston

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

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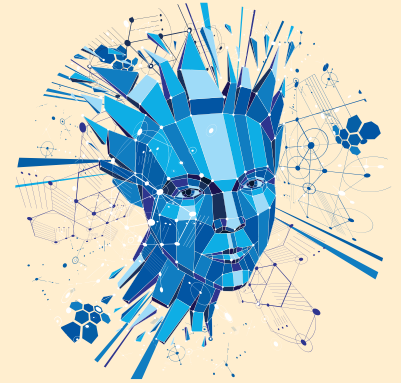
Otherworldly Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV and Zoom: Saturdays, April 4 and May 2 at 12:00 pm 

Otherworldly Book Club invites sci-fi and fantasy lovers to explore the multiverse of stories on their terms. Instead of reading a single assigned title, participants choose any book within these genres and gather monthly to share insights, recommendations, and favorite moments. Whether you're into starships, sorcery, or something in between, all books are welcome. Come for the stories, stay for the conversation!

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



Writing Groups

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturday, April 4 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 focus on a different facet of writing fiction with time to practice our craft and share.

2 hours. Registration is required.



Write On!

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Saturdays, April 25 and May 30 at 11:00 am

Tired of writing all alone, holed up at your desk? Or maybe you're struggling to carve out the time to write. Come join this casual group as we chat, commiserate, and—most importantly—write!

Whether you're working on a short story, the next Great American Novel, poetry, or a memoir, all genres and skill levels are welcome.

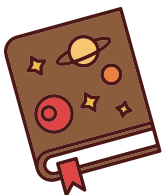
2 hours. Registration is required and separate for each month.

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

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. Scan the QR code to join the Facebook group.





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Partnership Programs

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group

Zoom: First Saturday of each month, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

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 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: <https://tinyurl.com/zpdbxsr5>



Hari Jones
HIDDEN HISTORIES PROGRAM

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.

LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

April-June Exhibition

Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, April 4 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 spring! 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.

Partnership Program



LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP ARTS COUNCIL



American Red Cross Blood Drive

For ages 17+ years

AFL: Friday, May 8 at 11:00 am

The Red Cross is partnering with The Library to accept blood donations. You must be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent to donate. Donors are encouraged to sign up for time slots in advance, but walk-ins are welcome!

4.5 hours. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter DCLS to schedule an appointment.



National Library Week

Find *YOUR* Joy at the Library!

National Library Week April 19-April 25

April 20 – Right to Read Day

April 21 – National Library Workers Day

April 22 – National Library Outreach Day

April 23 – Take Action for Libraries Day



Visit dcls.org or check out our socials to find out more!



SRC Preview

Something BIG is coming to The Library this summer!
Come see a sneak peek of what you can expect.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Unearth a Story!

June 1 through August 31

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Read, write reviews, and complete activities to earn points and badges. **Registration begins on May 1.** Join us by either signing into your Beanstack account from last year or registering online at dcls.org/src if you're a first-time participant.



Dinosaur Expedition Adventure: Unearth a Story

For families with children ages 6+ years

AFL: Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 am

EV: Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 am

ESA: Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 am

Join Mike and Roberta Straka as they share how they became scientists through an interactive, fossil-filled presentation featuring an Albertosaurus skull. Explore dinosaur traits, dig up a real Triceratops bone, and help build a life-size cut-out dinosaur. Audience participation, a bit of magic, rare fossils, and a mini-museum make this a program worth digging into!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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717.566.0949

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Harrisburg, PA 17110
717.232.7286

East Shore Area Library (ESA)

4501 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717.652.9380

McCormick Riverfront Library (MRL)

101 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.234.4976

Elizabethville Area Library (EV)

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Elizabethville, PA 17023
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Northern Dauphin Library (ND)

683 Main Street
Lykens, PA 17048
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