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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. For more information, please see our Member Privacy and Confidentiality Policy.

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: Library staff leading storytime at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore. For more information on this monthly program, see page 6.

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SESSION 1:

Monday, December 15 at 10:00 am

SESSION 1 DATES:

Sunday, January 4-Saturday, February 7

SESSION 2:

Monday, February 2 at 10:00 am

SESSION 2 DATES:

Sunday, February 15-Saturday, March 21

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 19

President's Day – Monday, February 16

Warm Hands, Warm Hearts

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

Session 1: Sunday, January 4-Saturday, February 7

Registration begins Monday, December 15 at 10:00 am

Session 2: Sunday, February 15-Saturday, March 21

Registration begins Monday, February 2 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

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. 



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. 



All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Mondays at 9:30 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. 



Preschool Programs

Parachute Adventures

For ages 3-6 years

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

Join us for fun parachute games, stories, songs, and movement. We will focus on building early literacy and social skills, practice following directions, and enjoy exercising our bodies and minds. **45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.** 

**Piggy Banks and More (Financial Literacy for Preschoolers)**

For ages 4-6 years

ND: Thursdays at 11:30 am (Session 1)

This five-week set of programs focuses on early financial literacy skills. Children will learn about money and how it is used. Games, toys, and role-play will help children learn about spending and saving money. Early math skills will also be presented.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. **Mini Makers**

For ages 3-6 years

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

We're bringing a maker space to The Library for our preschool-aged friends! Our mini makers will use both high- and low-tech objects to learn, invent, create, and discover. Watch their imaginations soar at this exciting program.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. **Full STEAM Ahead**

For ages 4-6 years

EV: Tuesdays at 11:30 am (Session 2)

Science, technology, engineering, art, and math will each be featured during one week of this program that combines stories, songs, and activities designed to engage and educate preschoolers.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. **Speech Links to Literacy**

For ages 4-5 years

MOM: Fridays, January 23 and 30, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, and March 6 and 20 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. **Zumbini**

For ages 0-4 years

ESA: Thursdays at 10:15 am

Zumbini is back! Hili and the Dance features new music and a new storybook! Hili's music is sure to get you and your little one(s) moving and grooving!

Our 8-week series will take you on an imaginary train ride where we will sing and dance to different genres of music from around the world including Indigenous, Arabic, Italian, and Flamenco songs. Gallop like a horse, explore transportation, get in touch with feelings, and learn about day-to-day activities through music and movement. The class incorporates Spanish and basic baby sign language. You will love the new 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**

Best for children 3 years and older

ESA: Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, and March 10 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!

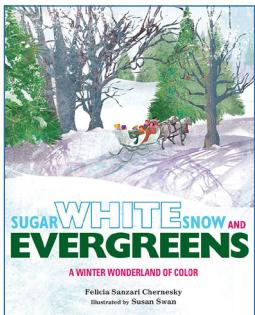
45 minutes. Registration is required, limited, and separate each month.



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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 *Sugar White Snow and Evergreens: A Winter Wonderland of Color* by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, illustrated by Susan Swan.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art

Located at 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg. Take Smitty's Locust Loop Trail to read *When the Snow Falls* by Linda Booth Sweeney illustrated by Jana Christy.



Once Upon a Rainbow

For families with children 10 years and under

LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front St., Harrisburg) Saturdays, January 3, February 7, and March 7 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.



Winter PJ Party

Best for families with children 3 years and older

ND: Wednesday, January 21 until 5:30 pm (stuffy drop off) and Thursday, January 22 at 5:30 pm (program and stuffy pick up)

JOH: Monday, January 26 until 5:30 pm (stuffy drop off) and Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 pm (program and stuffy pick up)

Join us at The Library for a night of cozy fun! First, drop off your stuffed animal to spend the night at The Library, then join us the following evening to see what they did while you were gone. Cozy up and enjoy a night filled with stories, hot cocoa, cookies, and crafts. Put on your PJs and be ready to party. We hope to see you there!

1 hour for the program. Stuffy drop off anytime during business hours until 5:30 pm the day prior to program. Registration is required and limited for the program.

Family Puzzle Challenge: Escape Room

Best for families with children 5 years or older

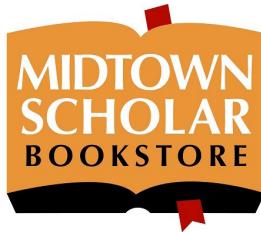
EV: Wednesday, February 11 at 5:00 pm

MOM: Monday, February 23 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Monday, March 2 at 6:00 pm

No need to escape, we'll let you go freely! If your family likes puzzles, this is the program for you! Spend an hour completing challenges and gathering clues to solve the final "boss" puzzle and gain a certificate and library-themed swag.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Stories at Midtown

For families with children of all ages

Midtown Scholar Bookstore (1302 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg): Saturdays, January 10, February 14, and March 14 at 10:00 am

Join staff from The Library at the Midtown Scholar Bookstore every second Saturday for stories, songs, and more.

30 minutes. Registration is not required.

School Age Programs

Around the World in 12 Fairytales

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, January 20, February 17, and March 17 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 a craft project.

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

Paws 2 Read

For ages 6-11 years

EV: Wednesdays, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, and March 4 and 18 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Mondays, January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9 and 23 at 6:00 pm

AFL: Mondays, January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9 and 23 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 15 minutes by appointment.

1.5 hours (ESA), 1 hour (AFL and EV).

15-minute appointments. Registration is required and limited.



Snapology at The Library

For ages 5-12 years

EV: Monday, January 12 at 5:00 pm

MRL: Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 pm

JOH: Tuesday, February 10 at 5:00 pm

LOV: Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 pm

ND: Tuesday, March 10 at 5:00 pm

MOM: Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00 pm

Explore the wide-open world of STEM with us! In this STEM workshop, you will use LEGO® bricks to create a variety of structures, robots, and machines. This program utilizes teamwork, communication, and creative problem-solving as an essential part of creating a fun and productive atmosphere where students can learn, challenge themselves, and practice their social skills

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



Exploring Egypt

For ages 6-12 years

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

Let's travel in time together to experience Egypt from ancient times to today. We will be writing hieroglyphs on a cartouche, creating papyrus, constructing pyramids, making a sistrum, and more! Each week, come listen to stories and participate in activities that share the history, science, and culture of an amazing people and place.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 

The Skin We Live In

For ages 6-12 years

MOM: Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 pm

EV: Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 pm

Let's hear it for our largest organ—skin! Learn why we need our skin and how it protects our body on the outside and inside. We'll explore this unsung hero of the human body in creative ways such as art, models, and experimentation.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Bored Builders Needed!

For ages 6-12 years

AFL: Monday, January 5 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm

JOH: Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 pm

Can you engineer the tallest tower? Design a strong bridge that stretches over a roadway? Can you design a marble run with only wooden planks or foam blocks? Use the Engineering Design Process to build structures, brainstorming different designs for the best results! You can choose from a variety of building materials.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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Tween and Teen Programs



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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

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.**



Crafting with the Classics: Frankenstein

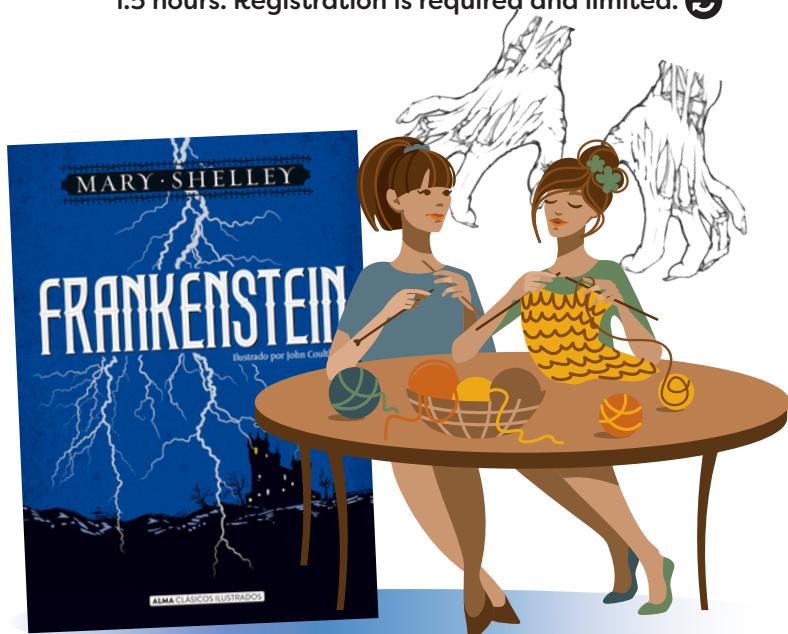
For ages 15-18 years

ESA: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

(Session 1; last day February 10)

Are you a crafter who loves listening to audiobooks? We have just the program for you. Join us for Crafting with the Classics, where we'll sit in companionable silence and listen to an audiobook while we work on independent projects. Bring a work in progress or use our supplies to make something new. Each book we listen to comes from the recommended reading list for the AP Literature exam. Light refreshments will be served and limited craft materials will be available.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



Tween and Teen Programs

Coloring for Teens

For ages 12-18 years

MOM: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 1)

LOV: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 2)

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. 



Zines for Teens

For ages 12-18 years

LOV: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 1)

MOM: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 2)

Get creative and express yourself with personalized zines! Zines (rhymes with teens) are miniature magazines about whatever you're hyped about. Use words and art to tell the world what matters most to you. No previous experience or drawing ability necessary. A light snack will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 



“Marvel”ously Nerdy Teen Trivia

For ages 13-17 years

EV: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm (both sessions)

Get your nerd on with the Youth Services Staff at weekly trivia nights! Test your knowledge of trivia from Marvel to Star Wars and everything in between. Light refreshments will be served.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 

Bring Your Own Book Club

For ages 13-18 years

JOH: Mondays, January 12, February 23, and March 16 at 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of reading, conversation, and crafts! Bring the book you are currently reading to The Library and share your thoughts and feelings while participating in a craft! In a reading rut? No worries! Come learn what others are reading and see if anything sparks your interest! Snacks and crafts provided.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. 



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Including You...

JANUARY IS Financial Wellness Month

Financial Wellness with Rose Financial Associates

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Wednesdays, January 14, January 21, and January 28 at 1:00 pm

Financial wellness is more than just your bank account. Learn how to manage, budget, save, and plan for the future with Rose Financial. Each session will cover a different topic so you can feel more comfortable and confident in your financial habits. See page 16 for additional programs.

January 14: Secure Your Future: Retirement Income Planning

January 21: Investing with Confidence

January 28: Life Insurance Essentials: Planning for Every Stage

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



ROSE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATES
Simplifying Retirement Planning

Piggy Banks and More (Financial Literacy for Preschoolers)

For ages 4-6 years

ND: Thursdays at 11:30 am (Session 1)

This five-week set of programs focuses on early financial literacy skills. Children will learn about money, and how it is used. Games, toys, and role-play will help children learn about spending and saving money. Early math skills will also be presented.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited 



Including You...

FEBRUARY IS



Black Makers Fair

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, February 21
at 11:00 am

Celebrate Black culture and innovation at our 3rd annual Black Makers Fair! This free event will feature a variety of makers, artists, and vendors. Come support local businesses and craftspeople and connect with other amazing creators in our community.

Are you an artist or maker and want to get involved? Email welisten@dcls.org for more information, or scan the QR code and submit an application.

3 hours. Registration is not required.



The 1619 Project: Capitalism (Episode 4)

For ages 16+ years

ESA: Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 pm

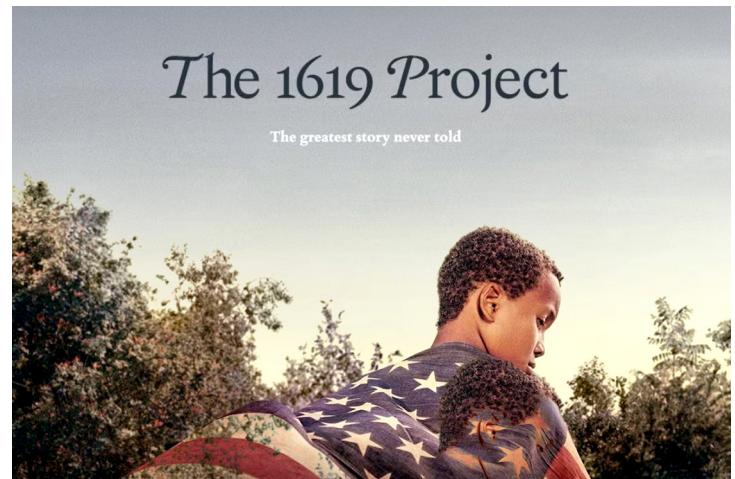
Join The Library and the Harrisburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. as we continue our 1619 Project discussion series. The final episode in this series will explore how slavery built modern American capitalism and how its echoes are still being felt. Light refreshments and a panel discussion will follow.

2.5 hours. Registration is required.



The 1619 Project

The greatest story never told



DriveHer Knowledge

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm

Katrina Leader, founder of DriveHer Knowledge, will teach women about basic car care, including fluids, dash lights, and common warning sounds in this one-hour presentation designed to help women join the car-care conversation.

1 hour. Registration is required.

March Is Women's HISTORY MONTH





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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.



Winter Reading Challenge – For All Ages!

December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026

Join Team Library for our favorite Winter Olympic event—reading! Show us what you've got in this three-month challenge to beat the winter blues. Earn points by logging your reading, writing reviews, and creating picture reviews. Though we won't be awarding any medals, complete the challenge to earn a fun prize!

Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org and log your reading online with the Beanstack Tracker app.



Yearlong Reading Marathon 2026

For ages 18+ years

January 1 to December 31, 2026

Since you all did so well with our 25 in 2025 reading challenge, we're upping the stakes with another year-long reading marathon for 2026! We don't want to spoil the fun just yet—log on to Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org or stop by any library location this January for more details.

Adult Programs

Weekday Getaway

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Wednesdays, January 21, February 18, and March 18 at 4:00 pm

EV: Thursdays, January 8, February 5, and March 5 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.

Dungeons & Dragons: Subastral Hold

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, January 6 and 20, February 3 and 17, and March 3, 17, and 31 at 5:00 pm

This is a dungeon like you've never seen before. Mechanical monsters and shifting landscapes will keep you on your guard at every turn as you and your party navigate a unique fantasy world and meet the characters, both friend and foe, who inhabit it. This game is open to all skill levels, beginners included. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice.

2 hours. Registration is required. Attendees are expected to attend all 7 dates.



January 18



February 25



March 7

East Shore Cinema

Ages vary (see movie details below)

ESA: Monthly in January, February, and 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 18 at 2:00 pm: *The Sound of Music* (1965, rated G, 2h 54m, for ages 8+ years)

Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 pm: *Young Frankenstein* (1974, rated PG, 1h 46m, for ages 12+ years)

Friday, March 27 at 7:00 pm: *The Fantastic Four: First Steps* (2025, rated PG-13, 1h 54m, for ages 13+ years)

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

Computer Workshop Series

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, and March 10 at 3:00 pm

January 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.

February 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.

March Class: Information Basics

With social media, "fake news," and all sorts of advertisements and profit-motivated content, it can be difficult to find information that you trust—more importantly, information that you should trust. This course will cover misinformation and disinformation, finding reputable sources, identifying AI-generated content, and more to get you searching like a pro in no time.

1.5 hours. Registration is required, limited, and separate for each month. Attending all 3 dates is not required, but recommended. Laptops will be provided for class use.

Ace That Job App

For ages 18+ years

MRL: Mondays, January 12, February 9, and March 16 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.



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Adult Programs

Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+ years

LOV: Saturdays, January 10, February 14, and March 14 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.



The Stitch Sitch

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Mondays at 2:00 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.



Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

ND: Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, and March 11 at 1:00 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, January 27, February 24, and March 31 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: Saturdays, January 3, February 7, and March 7 at 11:00 am

Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting! In January, we'll be making a galvanized truck decoration; for February, we will craft magazine hearts; and in March, we're making wooden flowers and birds. All materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

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



Craft Café

For ages 15+ years

EV: Thursdays, January 8, February 12, and March 12 at 5:00 pm

Join our staff at the Elizabethville Area Library for some relaxing crafting. In January, we'll be making foamboard snowmen and bunnies. In February, join us for custom stamp carving. In March, we will paint and decoupage treasure boxes. All materials will be provided.

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

Upcycled Crafting

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursday, February 19 at 5:00 pm

JOH: Wednesday, February 25 at 5:00 pm

Join us for some creative crafting and transform everyday items into unique, upcycled art. This February, we will be making folded book art in the shape of a heart. All supplies will be provided.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Pigment of Your Imagination

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Sundays, February 22 and March 29 at 2:00 pm

You don't have to imagine you're an artist because you are one! At least, for a few hours. Join us for several artist workshops, taught by local artists, and come turn your imagination into beautiful work. Each class, we will try different art mediums and you can quit imagining and just do. Refreshments will be provided. All learners are welcome.

February 22: Intro to Watercolors with Shelly Lipscomb Echeverria

March 29: Alcohol Ink with Laurie Holmes

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

Adult Programs



Build Your Own Terrarium

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, January 24 at 11:00 am

Winter blahs have you down? Studies have shown that plants reduce stress and promote a sense of well-being. Low maintenance plants like succulents are a great way to get this benefit, regardless of your gardening skills. We'll have all the substrates, plants, and decor you need to craft your perfect mini-oasis: just bring your own container.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



Mary Sachs Series: Sourdough for Beginners

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 am

Join The Library and Kelsey Smoker of Smoker Sourdough Co. for a beginner-friendly class on all things sourdough! We will make a loaf together as a class to see all steps of the process, and each attendee will take home their very own sourdough starter.

3 hours. Registration is required.



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TBR Jars

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Thursday, January 29 at 4:00 pm

Start the year off right—with reading! Most of us have a TBR—that is, a “to-be-read” list. Join us at The Library to put your TBR in a jar and make picking your next read fun and easy. All materials will be provided; just bring your reading list!

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Junk Journaling

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 pm

Receipts, food labels, ticket stubs, notes scrawled on scrap paper... our “junk” can tell a lot of stories about our lives. Learn how to harness this junk with a new type of journaling that will let your artistic side fly! All materials—junk included—will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



Intro to Zines

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Friday, March 20 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.



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Partnership Programs

Blood Drives

For ages 17+ years



American
Red Cross



AFL: Friday, January 9 at 11:00 am
ND: Tuesday, January 27 at 11:00 am

This winter, we're partnering with the American Red Cross at Alexander Family Library and the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank at Northern Dauphin Library to host blood drives and accept blood donations. You must be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent.

7 hours at ND and 4.5 hours at AFL. For ages 17+ years.
Registration is required.

To register for AFL, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter DCLS to schedule an appointment.

To register for ND, please call 1-800-771-0059 or go to www.717GiveBlood.org and click on 'Donate Now'

Taking Care of Your Financial Future with ROSE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATES

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Wednesdays, February 11 and March 4 at 1:00 pm

AFL: Wednesdays, February 25 and March 11 at 1:00 pm

Join us for a series of informative programs designed to build financial confidence and preparedness. Topics include investing basics, understanding beneficiary rights, life insurance planning, and managing assets for a secure retirement. Light refreshments will be served.

February 11: Retirement 101

February 25: Beneficiary Essentials: Your Rights, Responsibilities and How to Claim What's Yours

March 4: I Am 59 ½. What Now?

March 11: Assets Under Management and What It Means for Your Retirement and Financial Future

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

Minds Matter Harrisburg



For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, January 17 at 11:00 am

Join The Library and The BGH Foundation for Minds Matter Harrisburg—a powerful and inclusive workshop series celebrating the resilience, strength, and brilliance of women and girls on their mental health and wellness journey. This 3.5-hour experience will inspire, connect, and empower participants through engaging discussions and activities centered on mental wellbeing. A light lunch will be provided.

3.5 hours. For full details and registration, visit mindsmatter.bghf.org.

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LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

Meet and Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, January 10 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.



kindredspiritsGWG@gmail.com

KINDred Spirits GWG 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:

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

Hidden Histories Program Series and Collection



**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.

Writing Groups

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturdays, January 3, February 7, and March 7 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.

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.

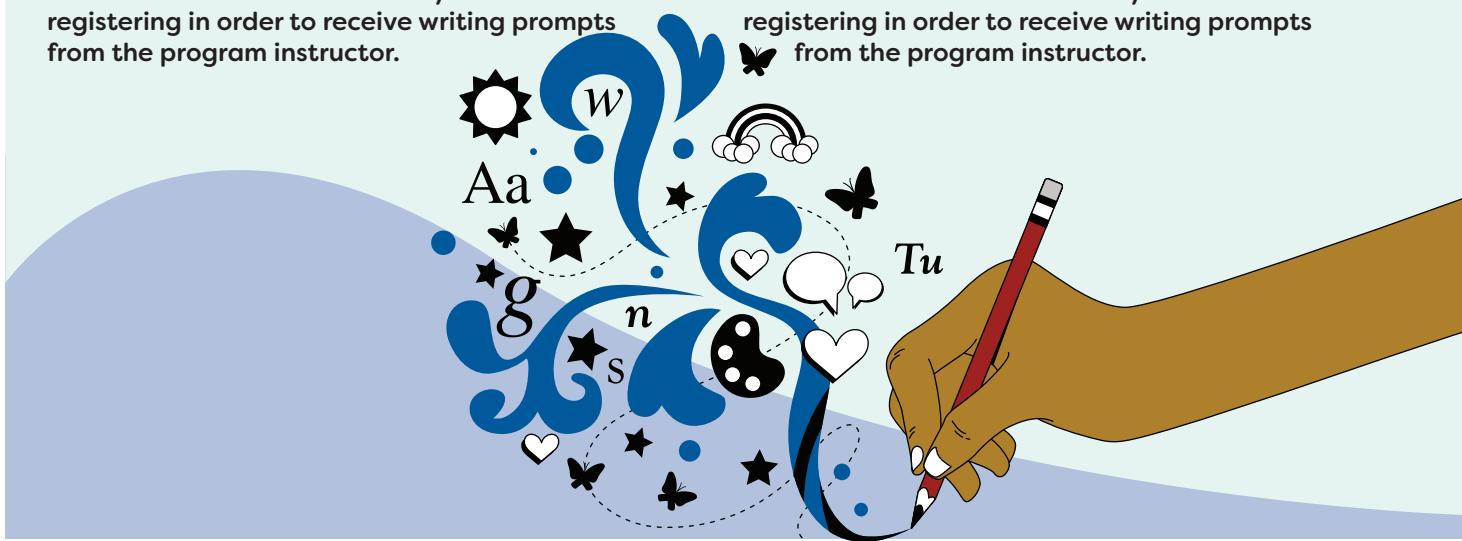
Write On!

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Saturdays, January 31, February 28, and March 28 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.

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Facebook Discussion Groups

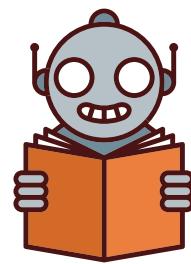
Science Fiction Book Club

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.





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Book Clubs

Books on Tap

For ages 21+ years

Rubber Soul Brewing Company (136 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown): Tuesdays, January 13, February 10, and March 10 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!

January Pick: *The Last Unicorn* by Peter S. Beagle

February Pick: *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron

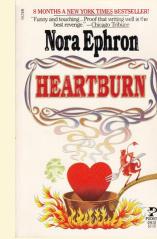
March Pick: *Memento Mori* by Muriel Spark

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: Thursdays, January 15, February 19, and March 19 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: *The Moth: 50 True Stories* by various authors

February Pick: *The Beautiful Struggle: A Father, Two Sons, and an Unlikely Road to Manhood* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

March Pick: *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy

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

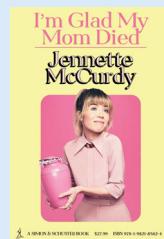
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Reading the Rainbow

For ages 18+ years

LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front St., Harrisburg): Saturdays, January 10, February 14, and March 14 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!

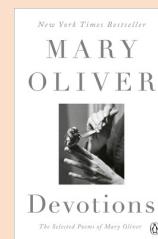
January Pick: *Devotions* by Mary Oliver

February Pick: *Less is Lost* by Andrew Sean Greer

March Pick: *The Ruthless Lady's Guide to Wizardry* by C.M. Waggoner

1 hour. Registration is not required.

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Book Clubs

Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, January 22, February 26, and March 26 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.

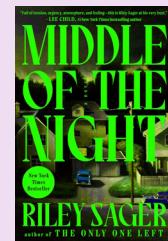
January Pick: *Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager

February Pick: *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood

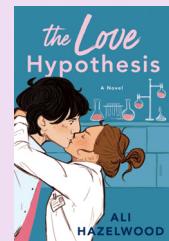
March Pick: *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon

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

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Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Saturdays, January 17, February 21, and March 21 at 10:30 am

Start your weekend off right with some quiet communal reading. Carve out a nice hour for yourself, where you can join fellow book enthusiasts for some reading time.

1 hour. Registration is not required.



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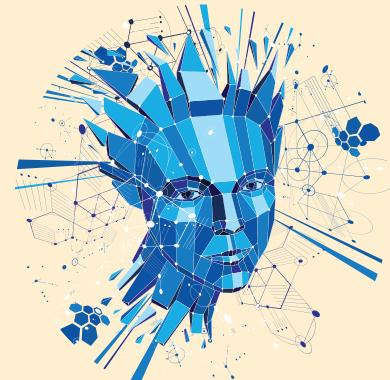
Otherworldly Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV and Zoom: Saturdays, January 3, February 7, and March 7 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.



Podcasts

Reading the Rainbow Podcast

For ages 18+ years

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 LGBTQ+ books our hosts have read and loved.

Available on most podcast platforms.



Our Robots, Our Shelves: A Science Fiction Podcast

Join The Library's own John Grayshaw and Damian Mac Choiigh, a professor from Ireland, as they explore their shared passion for science fiction literature. This series will speculate on all things speculative fiction as we attempt to answer the question: what is science fiction? Join us for a journey through the differences between sci-fi books and movies, the tropes that we love (and loathe), and facets of the genre that have endured time and space.

Available on most podcast platforms.

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