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Spring 2024

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**Celebrate National
Poetry Month
and National Library
Week in April.**

**Look for MARCO
in the community.**

Details inside.



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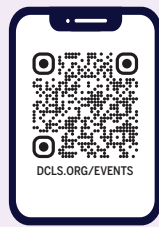




Find your direction with The Library

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.



April

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Library Closing : Monday, May 27–Memorial Day

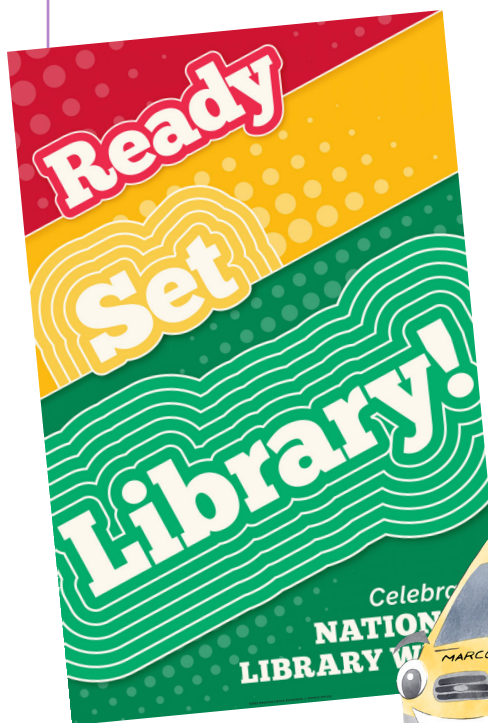
Ready, Set, Library!

Celebrate National Library Week with us from April 7-13. MARCO will be at five locations around the county during the week.

See the schedule on page 10 and also at dcls.org/events.

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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.

To accommodate all members, please limit registration(s) for children's programs to one age-appropriate storytime and one all-ages storytime per child, as needed.

Spring Session: Sunday, March 31 – Saturday, May 4

Registration begins: Monday, March 18 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

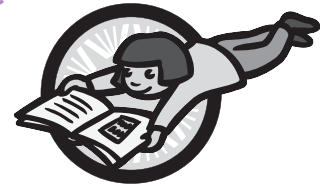
AFL: Thursdays at 10:15 am

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

EV: Mondays at 10:15 am

AFL: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

KL: 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

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 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)!

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

Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4–5 years

ESA: Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30 am

MOM: Fridays, April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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. 🔄

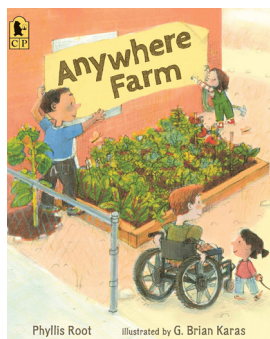


Take a StoryWalk® with The Library! Visit our StoryWalk® locations to read a story together as you walk and play. Stories will be changed seasonally, so come back often!



The Capital Area Greenbelt: Cameron Parkway

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 *Hello Spring!* by Shelley Rotner.



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 *Anywhere Farm* by Phyllis Root.



Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art

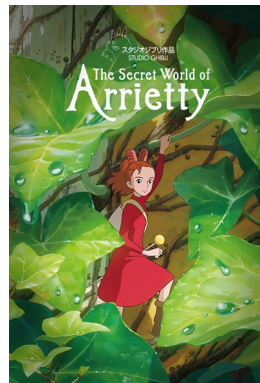
Located at 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg. Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read *An Alphabet Acrostic* by Steven Schnur.



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Family Programs



The Year of Ghibli

For families and people of all ages

ESA: Sundays, April 14 and 28 and May 26 at 2:00 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).

April 14 and 28: *Spirited Away* (rated PG, long runtime, and some scary scenes which may not be suitable for young children)

May 26: *The Secret World of Arrietty* (rated G, some scenes may be difficult for young viewers)

About 2 hours. Registration is required and limited. For teens ages 15-19 years, there are separate and monthly registrations for the Studio Ghibli Podcast (see pg. 8).

Stories at Sunset

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Tuesdays, April 9 and May 7 at 6:00 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, April 16 and May 21 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.

Sensory Storytime

For ages 3 – 7 years

AFL: Saturdays, April 6 and May 4 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.



The Science of Stuff

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Thursday, April 11 at 5:00 pm

EV: Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 am

ESA: Saturday, April 27 at 2:30 pm

Can you unbake a cake? Should you (or could you) build your house out of gumdrops? Join Gretna Theatre and our hosts Chad and Nina as they act out a live TV program about the building blocks of life. Complete with commercials!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop for Families

Families with children 6+ years

MRL: Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 am

AFL: Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 pm

ND: Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 am

ESA: Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 pm

Attendees will get an overview of what mindfulness means and how they can practice it to regulate emotions and cope with stress. Activities will include a yoga lesson and crafts inspired by the five senses and grounding techniques.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Family Programs (cont.)

“Happy Little Accidents”

For families with children 6+ years

ESA: Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 pm

MRL: Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 am

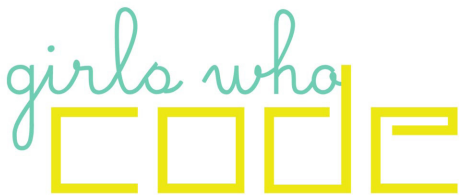
MOM: Tuesday, April 23 at 5:00 pm

EV: Monday, April 29 at 5:00 pm

It's never too early to celebrate the world of art! Join the Youth Services team to paint with the greats and get those creative juices flowing. An art piece by a well-known artist will be projected and families will be given paints and a canvas to copy the piece, a part of the piece, or they could work together to paint something completely different, inspired by the piece! Canvas and paint will be provided.

About 1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

School Age Programs



Scan for more information.

For children in grades 3-5

ESA: Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

Girls Who Code is for anyone interested in learning to code and closing the gender gap in STEAM. Participants will use an online *Scratch* account to work through coding lessons and will set up their accounts the first day with grown-up help. While the program focuses on empowering girls, children of all gender identities are welcome to join this safe space, where they'll develop their coding skills, build their overall confidence, and foster a sense of community with other participants.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



SCAN TO REGISTER

Paws 2 Read

For ages 6 – 11 years

ESA: Mondays, April 1, 15, 29 and May 13 at 6:00 pm

ND: Tuesdays, April 9, 23 and May 7, 21 at 5:00 pm

EV: Wednesdays, April 3, 17 and May 1, 15, 29 at 5:00 pm

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

1.5 hours at ESA, 1 hour at 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.



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Teen Programs

Studio Ghibli Podcast


For ages 15 – 19 years

ESA: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

April 17 and May 1: *Spirited Away* (rated PG)

May 29: *The Secret World of Arrietty* (rated G)

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. 

Film Screening Information: Screenings will be held at the East Shore Area Library. Registration is required and separate for each film screening date. Please see page 6 for dates and times.

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. 

Fiber Arts Club: Weaving

For ages 12 – 18 years

MRL: Mondays at 3:30 pm

Calling all teens interested in fiber arts! In this program, we'll lean into the STEAM aspects of textile arts, such as dyeing and weaving. Materials will be provided for each session, although participants are welcome to incorporate their own materials from home.

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

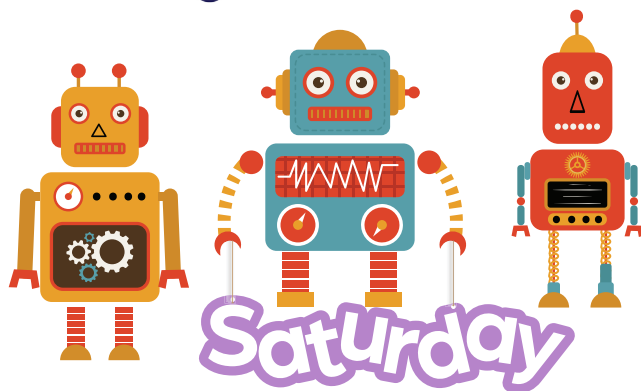
For ages 11-18 years

KL: Wednesdays in April at 2:00 pm

Come play board and video 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.



STEAM Saturdays

For ages 11-18 years

KL: Saturdays, April 27 and May 25 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.

April 27-Video Game Soundtrack Design

Learn how composing and arranging audio tracks dynamically enhances gameplay, evokes emotions, and immerses players in the virtual worlds they love so much.

May 25-How to Podcast Like a Pro with Austin Neville

Learn how to podcast like a pro! Starting a podcast involves creating audio content on a chosen topic, recording and editing episodes, and then distributing them to online platforms, allowing you to share your expertise, stories, or discussions with a global audience. Learn how to turn your passion into a riveting podcast.

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Reading Challenges

Celebrate National Poetry Month!



National Poetry Month Reading Challenge

For all ages

April 1 through April 30

Celebrate National Poetry Month with The Library—all while earning badges on a virtual bingo card! Mark off bingo squares by completing poetry-related activities. Get BINGO! to be entered for a drawing for one of nine poetry gift baskets. Complete the full card to earn an extra entry!

Poem in Your Pocket Day

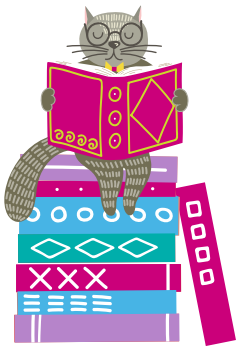
For all ages

Thursday, April 25

Celebrate the wonderful world of poetry with The Library and area businesses on April 25. Stop by during business hours and pick up a poem to read! Tuck that poem away in your pocket and carry it with you to revisit throughout the day.

Pick up a poem with your book at any library location or with your coffee at one of these area coffee shops:

- Peace of Mind Café
306 Market St., Millersburg
- Yellow Bird Café
1320 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg
- Elementary Coffee Co.
256 North St., Harrisburg
- Wildflower Coffee
Inside McCormick Riverfront Library
- The Tiger Eye
3418 Derry St., Harrisburg
- BrewBoxx Coffee
1677 US-209, Millersburg
- Hungry Time
7817 US-209, Williamstown



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.

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY

Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 through August 31.

Registration begins May 1

Read, write reviews, and complete activities to earn points and badges. 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.

What else is going on at The Library this summer? Kids and families, come into The Library for a variety of performers throughout the summer and enjoy music, live animals and insects, and more. For adults, join a book club, attend an in-person program, and more.



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Including You...



APRIL is National Library Week

**National Library Week 2024:
Ready, Set, Library!**
For all ages
April 7 – April 13

In our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at your library's storytimes, workshops, and book clubs.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.



MARCO will make five stops throughout the county during National Library Week. If MARCO's in your neighborhood, stop by to say "hi!" and leave with some library swag and a free book!

MARCO Tour Schedule

Mon. April 8

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Cumberland Court
Apartments
1111 Capital St.
Harrisburg

Tue. April 9

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Rutherford Park
Townhouses
337 Brokas Dr.
Hummelstown

Wed. April 10

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Upper Dauphin Human
Services
727 Main St.
Lykens

Thu. April 11

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Felton Lofts
100 S. Front St.
Steelton

Fri. April 12

3:00 – 5:00 pm
Hall Manor
100 Hall Manor Pl.
Harrisburg

Mental Health Awareness Month



Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop for Families

Families with children 6+ years

MRL: Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 am

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ESA: Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 pm

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1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Asian American & Pacific Islander Programs

AAPI Reading Festival

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am

Join us at The Library as we celebrate the contribution of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our community. There will be music, crafts, community groups and information, giveaways, and other activities for adults and children of all ages to enjoy.

6 hours. Registration is not required.

Taste the World Featuring Upohar World Kitchen

For all ages

AFL: Saturday, May 25 at 11:30 am

Take a wonderful culinary tour of all Asia has to offer with Sri Dasgupta and Upohar World Kitchen. Meaning 'gift' in Bengali, Upohar showcases both the global appeal of Asian cuisine and the diversity within it. Because many different food allergens may be present during cooking, please contact library staff if you have any concerns.

1 hour. Registration is required.



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Adult Programs

Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 18+ years

Zoom: Thursdays, April 4 and May 2 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, May 5 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.

Spring has returned, but it's undeniable that something very strange has been happening lately with the flora and fauna. Most people don't believe in monsters, but you know the truth. They're real, and it's your task to bring them down. This month, our game is *Monster of the Week*, a roleplaying game where hunters must solve all manner of mysteries before they can save the day.

2.5 hours. Registration is required.

Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

KL: Tuesdays in April beginning April 2 at 3:30 pm

MOM: Wednesdays, April 24 and May 29 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.

Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, April 20 and May 4 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 April, we'll be making hand-painted keepsake rocks, and in May, we'll create flowers out of yarn and felt. All materials will be provided.

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

Craft Café

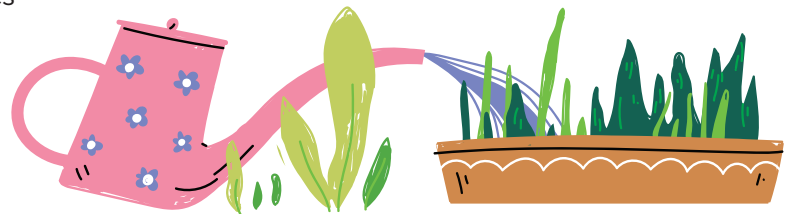
For ages 18+ years

EV: Thursdays, April 11 and May 9 at 5:00 pm

Join our staff at the Elizabethville Area Library for some relaxing crafting!

In April, we'll host an introduction to knitting and crocheting. In May, we'll learn how to make macrame necklaces, bracelets, and keychains. All materials will be provided (but feel free to bring your own knitting and crocheting tools and projects!). Light refreshments will be served.

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



Small Container Gardening

For ages 15+ years

ND: Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 pm

Embark on a fun gardening adventure with Laurie Crawford from Penn State Health. Learn about the benefits of gardening, how to pick the perfect spot for your plants, and explore different types of gardens. Learn which plants are easy to grow and how to care for them. Gain tips on how to best store and save your harvest and community resources to connect with. Join us and cultivate your green thumb with confidence!

1 hour. Registration is required.



Lively Minds: Beekeeping Workshop

For ages 18+ years

EV: Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 am

Explore the world of beekeeping with Gary Carns, a dedicated eighth-generation beekeeper, Millersburg local, and the president of the Capital Area Beekeepers Association. Join us for an engaging and informative session where Gary will guide you through the fundamentals of beekeeping. Discover the art and science of beekeeping, ask any bee-related questions you may have, and even have the unique opportunity to meet some of Gary's fascinating bees!

1.5 hours. Registration is required.



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.



Pressed Flower Art with Karen Lee Newman

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Wednesday, April 17 at 4:00 pm

AFL: Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 pm

**ESA: Thursday, May 2 at 5:00 pm
and Friday, May 3 at 10:00 am**

Back by popular demand is the lovely lady behind KLMNtine Creations, Karen Lee Newman! Join The Library as we continue to learn more about floral design with the help of Karen Lee's 25 years of horticultural expertise. Participants will attend a hands-on flower pressing workshop, where they will learn basic floral design concepts and helpful plant identification tips. Learn how to preserve your favorite flowers and make a beautiful keepsake at the same time! All necessary supplies will be provided by Karen Lee.

2 hours. Registration is required.

Pigment of Your Imagination

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Sundays, April 7, 14, and 21 at 12:00 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 week, we will try different art mediums and each week you can quit imagining and just do. Lunch is provided. (All learners welcome).

April 7: Alcohol Ink Jewelry with Laurie Holmes

April 14: Watercolor Painting with Shelly Lipscomb

April 21: Abstract Drawing and Painting with Steve Barber

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





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Healthy Aging Workshop

For ages 75+ years

AFL: Thursday, May 16 at 11:00 am

Join Dr. Keith H. Marks and Vicki Peters for a special program for adults ages 75 and above. Explore crucial elements to successful aging, including the changes in body structure and function. Gain confidence and knowledge about common geriatric conditions, along with prevention and treatment options. Dr. Marks and Ms. Peters will guide you to a more informed and empowered approach to aging.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Financial Empowerment: Resources to Help You Be Money Smart

For ages 18+ years

KL: Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 am

Come learn the ways that The Library can help empower you financially! Explore the different, free resources you can find at The Library, such as books and magazines, databases like Weiss Financial Ratings, and even online courses from Universal Class®. We'll also discuss some free financial literacy resources provided outside the library walls.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Spanish Language Conversation Group

For ages 15+ years

Zoom: Wednesdays, April 10 and May 8 at 6:00 pm

This spring in Spanish Language Conversation Group, we will be focusing on everyday words and phrases that you might use at home and abroad. During this program, you will strengthen your ear for understanding Spanish, work on improving your pronunciation, and build your vocabulary through group conversation exercises. This program is open to all levels of Spanish comprehension, and we encourage anyone interested in practicing their Spanish language skills to join us in community and conversation!

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



Dr. Hector Ortiz

Adventure is on the way this summer!

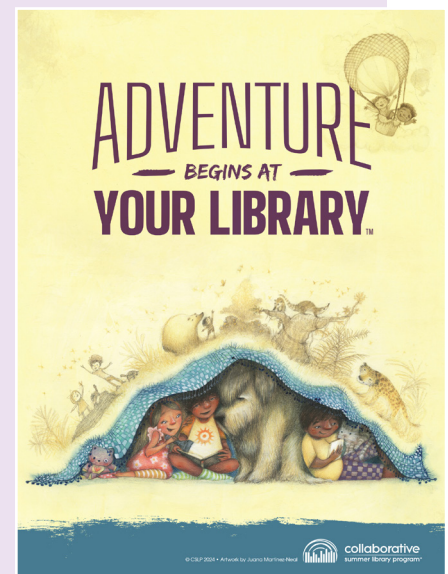
**2024 Summer Reading Challenge at The Library
June 1 to August 31.**

Read, write reviews, and complete activities to earn points and badges!

Join us by either signing in to your Beanstack account from last year or registering online at dcls.org/src if you're a first-time participant. Registration begins May 1.

Mark your calendar for the Super Cool Book Lovers Book Parade! Pick up FREE BOOKS, sign up for the Reading Challenge at MARCO, and snag some dinner while you're there.

- Wednesday, June 5, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (rain date 6/6)
Halifax Area Middle/High School
- Wednesday, June 12, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (rain date 6/13)
The Bridge Eco Village in Harrisburg



Book Clubs

Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, April 25 and May 23 at 5:30 pm

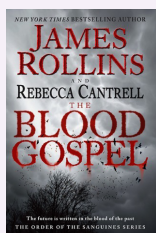
Join us for our book club at Northern Dauphin Library, where we'll read lighter fare, ranging from humorous rom-coms, to spine-tingling suspenses, and wonderfully witchy adventures. We'll meet on the fourth Thursday of each month for fun, lively discussions and light refreshments.

April Pick: *The Blood Gospel* by James Rollins and Rebecca Cantrell

May Pick: *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry

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

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Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

KL: Fridays in April beginning April 5 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.

Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Thursdays, April 18 and May 23 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: *Heartbeats: My Greatest Challenge & My Greatest Strength* by Mike Azzalina (guest author)

May Pick: *Tastes Like War* by Grace Cho

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, April 13 and May 11 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!

April Pick: *Our Wives Under the Sea* by Julia Armfield

May Pick: *Leg: The Story of a Limb and the Boy Who Grew from It* by Greg Marshall

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



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Bookmarked for Death: A True Crime Book Club

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Wednesdays, April 10 and May 22 at 5:30 pm

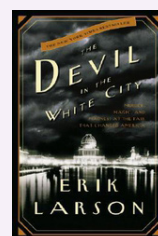
You're invited to a murder. Are you obsessed with mystery, crime, and debating whodunnit? There is now a book club for you. Every month, join other true crime fans as we curiously discuss motives and the legal system to finally get closer to answering the question, "what the heck is wrong with people?" Light refreshments will be served but no subpoenas.

April Pick: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

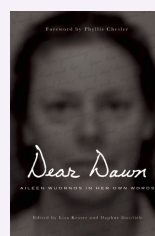
May Pick: *Dear Dawn* by Aileen Wuornos

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

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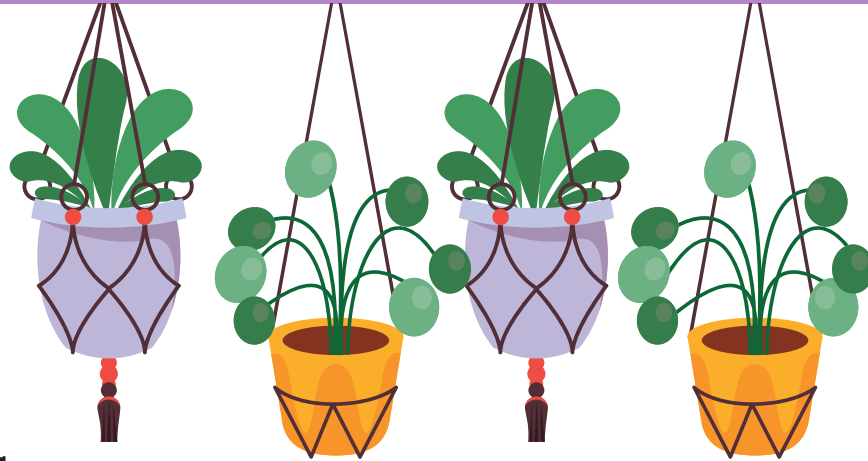
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Spring Programming 2024

See page 2 for registration instructions and the back cover for library location details.



Writing Groups

The Plot Thickens

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, April 13 and May 18 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.

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturday, April 27 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.

Facebook Book and Film 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 at the Science Fiction Book Club (SFBC). The SFBC is a group on Facebook that has nearly 11,500 members all around the world who 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 facebook.com/groups/sciencefictionbookclub

Star Trek Rewatch

Our continuing mission, to watch classic and new *Star Trek* and discuss it 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 discussing *Star Trek Enterprise*.

Join the group on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/StarTrekRewatch



Hari Jones: Hidden Histories Collection and Program Series

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group

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

When possible, in-person workshops will resume at MOM.

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: forms.gle/9Y7zfiHjMer5VkkK9



Scan to join
the mailing list!

Need additional help with your genealogical research? You can find more free resources on The Library's Genealogy webpage. For more information, go to dcls.org/genealogy.

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.



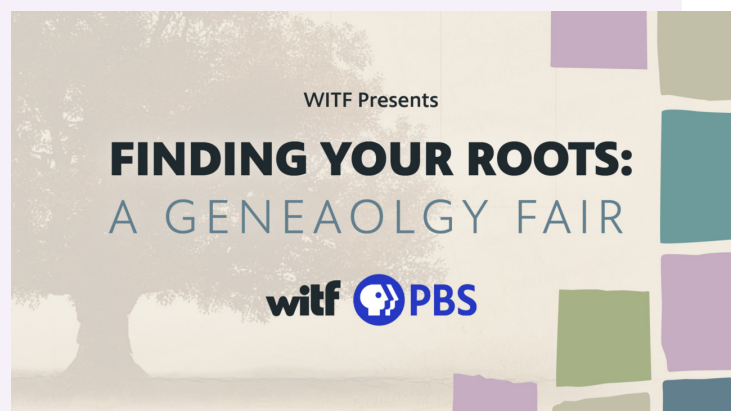
Come see us at WITF's Finding Your Roots Genealogy Fair!

**Whitaker Center for Science
and the Arts
222 Market St., Harrisburg**

**Saturday, April 6
1:00 – 5:00 pm**



Scan the code for
your **FREE** ticket.





LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

April – June Exhibition



Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm

In partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council, we invite you to The Library to meet Ginny Streckewald and Heather Zimmerman, two local artists whose work will be on display and in the limelight this spring! Light refreshments will be served, as well as wine for people ages 21+ years.

2 hours. Registration is not required.

Ginny Streckewald

Ginny Streckewald is a fabric artist, quilter, and paints with the Paxtang Art Association. She is also currently a member of the African American Quilters Guild of Harrisburg and incorporates her batik work into quilts and wall hangings, as well as sharing the batik process with her fellow quilters. A life-long educator, Ginny built upon her original BA in Fine Arts to certify as an Art Educator, Early Childhood/Elementary Teacher and Early Interventionist. She has taught preschool and kindergarten students in New York, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania and served as an adjunct instructor in Early Childhood Education at Harrisburg Community College. Prior to her retirement, she presented workshops at regional, state and national conferences on creativity and the importance of the arts in expanding STEM thinking skills in her role as the Early Childhood Subject Matter Expert for Childcraft Education.

Now retired, Ginny enjoys creating artwork for her three wonderful children and their families and exploring art with her six fabulous grandchildren. She travels often with her husband of fifty years and is often inspired by the varied and incredible beauty of our county. If it is her turn to drive, chances are the Streckewald's car will be stopping at a local fabric shop!

Heather Zimmerman

Heather was born in Oceanside, California but currently resides near Hershey, Pennsylvania. She has a master's degree in applied behavioral analysis and a master life coach certification. Heather is passionate about psychology and sociology; how the brain works and why people do what they do. With that in mind, she tends to be attracted to the darker side of life and is fascinated by horror, true crime, and brain function. On the other hand, she has a lighter side; using energy, chakras, and other spiritual subjects that show up in her art as well. She also enjoys painting abstract pours and blooms.

She started her art career making charcoal drawings that revolve around the dark and mysterious. She dabbles in various forms of art and even had a poem published online while still in high school! Heather also enjoys using colored pencils and pastels to add some color to her collection of drawings. Lately, she has been creating acrylic art on canvas using a wide variety of themes.

Heather was a photographer's mate in the Navy as one of her favorite hobbies is photography. She has sold some of her photographs in the past but mostly she uses them to create colorful, abstract art. Her major art influences include Salvador Dali, Lora Zombie, Ralph Steadman, John-Michel Basquiat, Pablo Picasso, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Vincent Van Gogh to name a few.

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





Thank you, Friends!

Friends are about building community and encouraging learning. In the heart of the Dauphin County Library System, the Friends are an invaluable and irreplaceable asset whose contributions are essential to library success. **Speak with a staff member to learn more about becoming a member of your library's Friends group.**

Alexander Family Library Friends

Novel Thoughts Book Club

AFL: First Tuesdays at 6 pm (Room B)
April 2 – *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield
May 7 – *Vera* by Carol Edgarian

Novel Thoughts Too Book Club

AFL: Tuesdays at 1 pm (Room B)
April 16 – *The Last Apothecary* by Sarah Penner
May 14 – *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

Spring Book Sale

Location: Upstairs at AFL
Wednesday, May 8 – 10 am-6:30 pm
Thursday, May 9 – 10 am-6:30 pm
Friday, May 10 – 10 am-4:30 pm
Saturday, May 11 – 10 am-1 pm

Friends of East Shore Area Library

Spring Book & Media Sale

Location: ESA Meeting Rooms

Collections:

Thursday, May 9 – 9 am-6 pm
Friday, May 10 – 9 am-4:30 pm
Saturday, May 11 – 10 am-2 pm

Member's Sale:

Wednesday, May 15 – 1 pm-6 pm

Book Sale:

Thursday, May 16 – 9 am-7 pm
Friday, May 17 – 9 am-4:30 pm
Saturday, May 18 – 10 am-2 pm*

*Books by the Bag Sale

Volunteers, contact Bonnie Hindman at bonniehindman@gmail.com or 717.433.8055

Friends of Kline Library

Book Bingo

For all ages
KL: Thursdays, April 4 and May 2 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.

Spring Book Sale:

Friday, April 12 – 10:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday, April 13 – 10:30am-1:30 pm
Book sale will be held in the community room.

Friends of Kline Library Board Meetings

Thursdays, April 18 and May 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

The Happy Bookers Virtual Book Club

For ages 18+ years
Zoom: Mondays, April 15 and May 20 at 2 pm
To join or learn more, contact Jo Sheppard at josheppa@gmail.com or call/text 717.512.5729.

McCormick and Olewine Library Friends (MOLF)

Sip 'n Swap

Friday, March 15 at 5:00 pm
Location: Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center, 1110 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg
Bring up to 5 books to exchange with friends and neighbors for 3rd in the Burg. Appetizers will be provided by MOLF! 2 hours. Registration is not required. Must be 18 or older to attend.

Friends of the Elizabethville Area Library

Looking For a Book Club? Come Join Us!

EV: Third Thursdays at 5:30 pm
April 18 – *The Rosie Result* by Graeme Simsion
May 16 – *Sisters Under the Rising Sun* by Heather Morris
Contact Emily Degnitz at 717.422.1614 or sports4emily@hotmail.com.

Board Meetings

Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm
Location: Elizabethville Area Historical Society, 100 East Main Street, Elizabethville
Thursday May 6 at 6:30 pm
Location: Elizabethville Area Library

Author on the Road: Meet & Greet with Jordan Sonnenblick

For all ages
EV: Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 pm
Please join The Friends of Elizabethville Area Library to welcome children's book author Jordan Sonnenblick. Stop by for a meet and greet and book signing with the author. This is a family event open to parents, teachers, students, and the public. Books will be available to purchase. A dessert bar will be provided by the Friends. 1.5 hours. Registration is not required.

Northern Dauphin Friends

Board Meetings

ND: Wednesdays, April 3 and May 1 at 5:30 pm (Zoom option available)

Spring Membership Drive and Booksale

ND: Saturday, April 13 at 11 am
You want Friends and so do we! Please join us for conversation, light refreshments, and browsing our small book sale. To become a Friends member, visit www.dcls.org/nd_friends or contact Michelle at 717.440.8241 (text only). 2 hours. Registration is not required.

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717.566.0949

**Madeline L. Olewine
Memorial Library (MOM)**

2410 North 3rd Street
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)

80 North Market Street
Elizabethville, PA 17023
717.362.9825

Northern Dauphin Library (ND)

683 Main Street
Lykens, PA 17048
717.523.0340

Johnson Memorial Library (JOH)

799 East Center Street
Millersburg, PA 17061
717.692.2658

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