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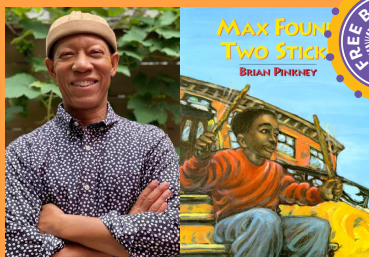
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Joan Y. Leopold Children's Book Week November 3-9, 2025

For families with children of all ages
Join us as we welcome award-winning author
and illustrator Brian Pinkney to The Library!
Details on page 10.





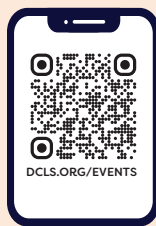
Find your direction with The Library

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

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

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

HOW TO REGISTER



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



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

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

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

We respect your privacy

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

Let us know what you think or suggest a program

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

On the cover: Father-daughter duo, Aimee and Norman, work together on an air-dry clay ornament for Craft Café at Elizabethville Area Library.

Fall 2025

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SESSION 6 REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am

SESSION 6 BEGINS:

Sunday, September 21

SESSION 7 REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Sunday, October 20 at 10:00 am

SESSION 7 BEGINS:

Sunday, November 2

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Labor Day – Monday, September 1

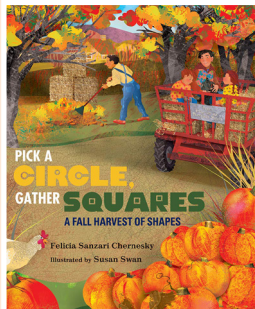
Staff Enrichment Day – Monday, September 15

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

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 *Pick a Circle, Gather Squares* 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 *Amara's Farm* by Ja'Nay Brown-Wood, illustrated by Samara Hardy.

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Stepping Stones to Milestones

Session 6: Sunday, September 21-Saturday, October 25

Registration begins Monday, September 8 at 10:00 am

Session 7: Sunday, November 2-Saturday, December 6

Registration begins Monday, October 20 at 10:00 am

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

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

Born to Read

For ages Birth-18 months

ESA: Tuesdays at 9:30 am

EV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

AFL: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

LOV: Fridays at 10:15 am

ESA: Fridays at 10:30 am

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

20-30 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



Preschool Storytime

For ages 3-5 years

ESA: Tuesdays at 11:00 am

AFL: Thursdays at 10:15 am

EV: Thursdays at 10:15 am

LOV: Thursdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Fridays at 9:15 am

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

30-40 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



Toddler Storytime

For ages 19-35 months

EV: Mondays at 10:15 am

AFL: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

LOV: Tuesdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Wednesdays at 9:30 am

EV: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

ESA: Wednesdays at 11:00 am

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

30-40 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



All Ages Storytime

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Mondays at 9:30 am

ND: Fridays at 10:15 am

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

30 minutes. Registration is required and limited. 



Early Literacy Support Programs

Stepping Stones to Milestones Educator Workshop

For daycare and preschool workers and educators

ESA: Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 am

In this unique workshop, library staff will train daycare and preschool educators on how to make storytime as impactful as possible with the children they serve. You'll learn how we developed our Stepping Stones to Milestones model and how to incorporate the components of literacy development into your storytime routine. Light refreshments will be served.

2 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Free Screenings



Early Intervention Screenings

For families with infants and toddlers

EV: Monday, October 27 at 10:00am

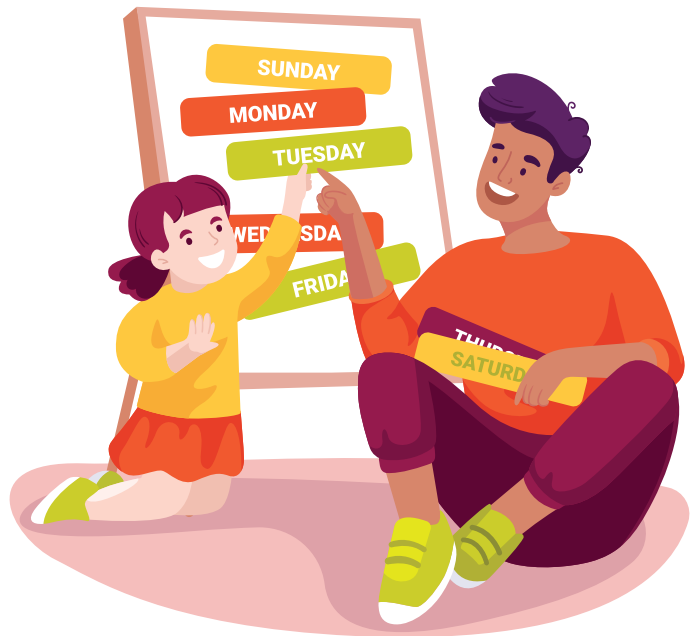
ND: Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00am

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

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



scan to schedule an appointment



Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4-5 years

MOM: Fridays, September 19 and 26, October 3, 10, 17, and 31, and November 7 and 14 at 10:30 am



Is your child headed to kindergarten in the fall of 2026? If so, come check out Speech Links to Literacy! Heidi Haas MS, CCC-SLP/L, a speech-language pathologist and Assistant Teaching Professor at Penn State Harrisburg, has paired with The Library to offer a special storytime focused on speech sound production and early literacy skills.

You and your child will participate in activities to promote speech and language skills and learn how to use library books to make reading together at home a fun and rewarding experience. Siblings are welcome to attend! Due to the instructional level of the program, registered children must be at least 4 years of age and preparing to enter kindergarten in fall 2026.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



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Preschool Programs

Zumbini

For ages 0–4 years

ESA: Thursdays at 10:15 am

Zumbini returns to the East Shore Area Library with *Kalino Finds the Music*, which is sure to get you and your little one(s) moving and grooving!

We will sing and dance about your day-to-day activities and explore colors, shapes, feelings, and musical instruments!

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

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Stories at Sunset

Best for children ages 3 years and older

ESA: Tuesdays, September 9, October 7, November 11, and December 9 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.



Growing Gardeners

For ages 4–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (Session 6)

Stories, crafts, and garden activities will help preschoolers grow their knowledge about plants while supporting other early learning skills. Come watch seeds sprout over 5 weeks and learn about how plants grow.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

NOTE: This program is being repeated from the summer. If your child attended over the summer, please refrain from signing up to give other friends an opportunity to join.

Full STEAM Ahead

For ages 3–6 years

ESA: Mondays at 11:00 am (session 7)

This 5-week program will feature each of the five pillars of STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. We'll combine stories, songs, and activities designed to engage and educate preschoolers.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.



Mathamagical Storytime

For ages 3–6 years

ND: Thursdays at 10:15 am (session 6)

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

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Parachute Adventures

For ages 3–6 years

EV: Tuesdays at 11:30 am (session 7)

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.

Family Programs

Family Paint & Snack

For families with children ages 4+ years

JOH: Monday, October 6 at 5:00 pm

ND: Thursday, October 9 at 5:00 pm

AFL: Monday, October 20 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Thursday, October 23, at 6:00 pm

Join The Library for a fun, guided, and collaborative family paint activity with your loved ones! Enjoy quality family time with a creative outlet...and SNACKS!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

A Celebration of Color

For families with children ages 4+ years

EV: Monday, November 3 at 5:00 pm

ND: Thursday, November 6 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm

LOV: Tuesday, November 25 at 5:00 pm

November 2 marks the time to “fall back” in daylight saving time. Now that the days are shorter and night comes a little sooner every day, let’s celebrate colors, light and bright, to help boost our moods and keep us all active! Colorful activities for families will abound, from art and science to movement and music.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Dance Me a Story

Best for ages 3–9 years, but families with children of all ages are welcome

AFL: Saturday, November 22 at 10:30 am

Dance with Studio 22’s Nutcracker cast as we bring the beloved and timeless classic ballet to life. Dancing feet required! Ideal for ages 3–9 years, although younger siblings will also enjoy the music and movement.

Throughout this creative movement storytelling dance workshop, we will make our way through the story of the Nutcracker. Participants will meet Clara and Fritz at their holiday party, battle the Mouse King, sail to the Land of Sweets, and meet the Sugar Plum Fairy! Your tiny dancer will learn that in ballet, the dancer is trained to act out the story with movement instead of words.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Once Upon a Rainbow

For families with children ages 10 years and under

LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front St., Harrisburg):
Saturdays, September 6, October 4, November 1, and
December 6 at 11:00 am

The Library is teaming up with the LGBT Center of Central PA 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.



Stories at Midtown

For families with children of all ages

Midtown Scholar Bookstore (1302 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg):
Saturdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8 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.

Around the World in 12 Fairytales

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Tuesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18,
and December 16 at 5:30 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.



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School Age Programs

Paws 2 Read

For ages 6-11 years

ESA: Mondays, September 22, October 6 and 20, and November 3 and 17 at 6:00 pm

AFL: Mondays, September 29, October 13 and 27, and November 10 and 24 at 5:30 pm

EV: Wednesdays, September 24, October 8 and 22, and November 5 and 19 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 15 minutes by appointment.

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

Registration is required and limited.



SCAN TO REGISTER!

Engineering Simple Bots

For ages 6-12 years

LOV: Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 pm

ESA: Thursday, October 2 at 6:00 pm

EV: Monday, October 13 at 5:00 pm

ND: Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 pm

Come have a 'bot' of fun exploring machines that replicate human movement. We will create various types of small robots, increasing in difficulty gradually. We will make a cardboard grabbing hand bot, an art bot, and a bristle bot. Participants will choose which robots they create. We will also use the Sphero Mini and Ozobot with iPads for coding more advanced robots.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Owls Are a Hoot!

For ages 6-12 years

MOM: Tuesday, November 4 at 4:30 pm

LOV: Tuesday, November 11 at 4:30 pm

AFL: Monday, November 17 at 5:00 pm

EV: Monday, November 24 at 5:00 pm

What is so special about owls? What kinds of owls live near us? Fly over to The Library and find out! You will learn about different types of owls, what they eat, and their habitats. We will dissect some owl pellets and create a special "binocular" owl mask so you can have your own owl vision.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



PA Geology Rocks!

Best suited for children in grades 3-5

ESA: Saturday, October 25 at 10:30 am

Come learn about the ground beneath your feet! At this program, you'll learn about common rocks, minerals, and fossils in Pennsylvania. From how they were formed and where you can find them to creative ways to use them, this program is hands-on fun that totally rocks!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



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Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources
Bureau of Geological Survey



Tween Programs

Craf-tween-ess Club

For ages 10-15 years

EV: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm

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

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

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 Programs



Fall Clothing Swap

For ages 13-18 years

ESA: Saturday, September 20 at 12:00 pm

Feeling uninspired when you look at your closet? Refresh your wardrobe at The Library during the Fall Clothing Swap! Help your old clothes find a new home and search for fresh pieces for the cold months ahead.

4 hours. Registration is not required. Items not claimed by the end of the event are considered donated.

Coloring for Teens

For ages 12-18 years

MOM: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 6)

LOV: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 7)

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 6)

MOM: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm (session 7)

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.

Teen Silent Book Club

For ages 13-18 years

AFL: Mondays, September 22, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, and December 1 and 15 at 3:00 pm

Looking for a quiet place to decompress after school with a good book? Need a place to focus on getting through your assigned reading for class? Come to The Library for Silent Book Club.

1 hour. Registration is recommended but not required.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 13-18 years

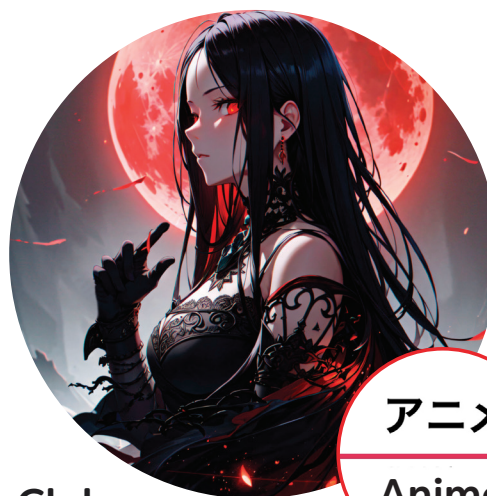
Discord: Fridays at 4:00 pm



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

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

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



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Anime

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.



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Children's Book Week! November 3-9, 2025

Joan Y. Leopold Children's Book Week with Brian Pinkney

For families with children of all ages

AFL: Friday, November 7 at 11:00 am

EV: Friday, November 7 at 4:00 pm

ESA: Saturday, November 8 at 1:00 pm

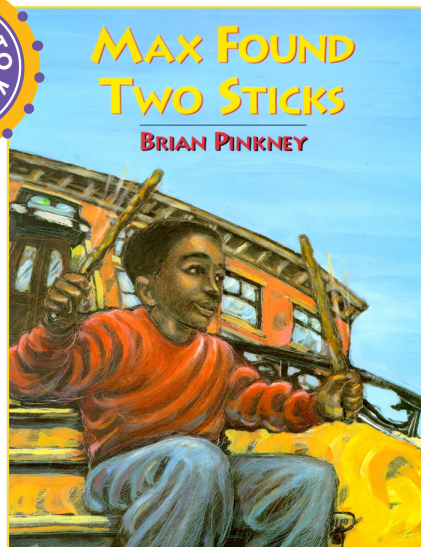
Join us as we welcome award-winning author and illustrator Brian Pinkney to The Library!

In his presentations, Brian imparts the influences that have inspired him to create dozens of award-winning children's books. He motivates audiences to embrace the power of reading and sharing books. Brian ignites the imagination and potential of his listeners by showing them how they can make a difference in their lives and in the lives of others through reading, drawing, and visual literacy. Presentations include storytelling, imagery, drawing demonstrations, humor, and music!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.
For more information, visit dcls.org/CBW



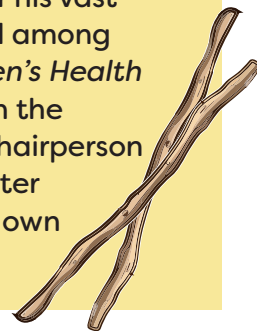
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Every family receives
a FREE signed copy!



Brian Pinkney (brianpinkney.net) is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator who has illustrated numerous books for young readers, including two Caldecott Honor Books. Brian has been awarded the Coretta Scott King Honor Award for illustration on three occasions and the Coretta Scott King medal. He is a five-time NAACP Image Award nominee, the recipient of many American Library Association Notable Book citations, and was acknowledged by the National Council for Teachers of English for his vast contribution to the field of children's literature. Brian was named among the "25 Most Influential People in Our Children's Lives" by *Children's Health* magazine. He has served as faculty at the School of Visual Arts in the Department of Illustration's graduate program and is a former chairperson for the Society of Illustrators Original Art Show. Brian is also a writer who has authored several acclaimed picture books based on his own experiences and interests.



Joan Y. Leopold Children's Book Week Celebration

This Children's Book Week Celebration is made possible by the Joan Y. Leopold Endowment Fund. Joan Y. Leopold, a life long resident of Dauphin County, served as a board member of the Dauphin County Library System for more than 20 years. A tireless advocate for both child and adult literacy, her belief that reading opens a world of education and imagination lives on in her family, students and all those she touched through her efforts.



Joan Y. Leopold
Children's Book Week

Including You...

Banned Books Week

Documentary Screening of *Banned Together: The Fight Against Censorship*

For ages 13+ years

ESA: Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 pm

Join us at The Library for Banned Books Week — and in preparation for Let Freedom Read Day, Saturday, October 11 — for a special screening of *Banned Together*, followed by a moderated discussion aimed at providing resources for supporting your local libraries.

A diverse cast of visionary teenagers, stirring public protests, private threats, criminal charges, and drama-filled school board meetings: this is the explosive world of *Banned Together*. The film pulls back the curtain on two of the most controversial issues in America today: book bans and curriculum censorship in public schools. *Banned Together* follows three students as they fight to reinstate 97 books suddenly pulled from their school libraries. As they evolve from local to national activists, the film reveals the dark forces behind the accelerating wave of book bans in the U.S. and the continued harassment of educators and librarians.

2 hours. Registration is required and can be found among the East Shore Cinema listings on page 12 in Compass and by date in the events calendar.



Banned Books Week

Sunday, October 5-Saturday, October 11.



Family History Month

Genealogy with Library Resources

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 pm

Discover your family's history without spending a dime! Learn how to access billions of historical records, build your family tree, and organize your discoveries—all at no cost. We'll explore using library resources to start (or add to) your tree, and look at some of the free websites and software that can be used to build and maintain your tree. Bring your questions and start your family history journey with guidance from our library staff. A light lunch will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required.

Genealogy Fair

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Saturday, October 25 at 10:00 am

Come explore your family history at the Genealogy Fair! This event will feature local groups and organizations sharing helpful tips. Throughout the day, ask questions, pick up free resources, and learn new tools for tracing your family tree either by browsing informational tables and/or attending educational workshops. Whether you're just getting started or digging deeper into your roots, there's something for everyone!

6 hours. Registration recommended for educational sessions, but tables and displays will be available for all to browse. Light refreshments provided. Please check our online events calendar for the most current schedule of events and registration details.

Hari Jones: Hidden Histories Program Series and Collection

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group

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

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop Group (GWG) is an informal network of amateur genealogists officially established in 2017 by Harrisburg natives Dr. Sharonn Williams, founder, and Mr. Calobe Jackson, consultant. Members are descendants of the enslaved and slaveholders, having varying degrees of experience with family history research, who gather to learn from and provide support for one another as they honor legacy and document lineage.

To receive additional information and meeting invitations and links:

- Send Email: KindredSpiritsGWG@gmail.com
- Join the Mailing List: forms.gle/9Y7zfHjMer5VkkK9 or scan the code.



Scan to join the mailing list



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.



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All Ages Programs

Disc Golf Clinic

For all ages

Seal Park (523 North St., Millersburg):
Tuesday, October 14 at 5:00 pm

Join The Library and the Valley Flying Discs for a free group clinic to build your disc golf skills in camaraderie with other community members. This clinic is open to players of all ages and skill levels. All materials will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required.



East Shore Cinema

Ages vary (see movie details below)

ESA: Monthly in September, October, and November

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.

Wednesday, September 24 at 2:00 pm: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962, PG, 2h 9m, for ages 12+ years)

Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 pm: *Banned Together: The Fight Against Censorship* (2024, not rated, 1h 33m, for ages 13+ years, more details on page 11)

Friday, October 24 at 7:00 pm: *You've Got Mail* (1998, PG, 1h 59m, for ages 8+ years)

Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 pm: *A Minecraft Movie* (2025, PG, 1h 41m, for ages 8+ years)

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



Wednesday
September 24 at 2:00 pm



Saturday
October 4 at 1:00 pm



Friday
October 24 at 7:00 pm



Sunday
November 16 at 2:00 pm

A Wicked Celebration

For all ages

AFL: Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 pm

ESA: Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm

In honor of the upcoming *Wicked: For Good* movie, let us celebrate with a party! Dress up in your best Glinda or Elphaba outfit for our costume contest and enjoy cupcakes and other refreshments. Strike a pose in our photo booth, test your *Wicked* knowledge with our trivia quiz, and play the black hat ring toss.

1 hour. Registration is not required.

Lively Minds: 100th Anniversary Celebration

For all ages

EV: Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 am

Step back in time with us to celebrate 100 years of library stories in Elizabethtown! Enjoy refreshments and musical entertainment in our "Readeasy" lounge. Peruse our 100-year timeline of Elizabethtown Area Library's history and try your hand at 1920s-themed crafts.

2 hours. Registration is not required.



Elizabethtown Library Lively Minds Workshops are made possible by the Carole DeSoto Endowment with support by the Friends of Elizabethtown Library and benefactor Jane C. Esterline.



Gingerbread House Building

For all ages

LOV: Tuesday, December 2 at 4:30 pm

AFL: Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 am

Share a memorable time with The Library at a festive program where you'll build and decorate a gingerbread house! All materials will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required.

Holiday Music

For all ages

JOH: Thursday, December 4 at 6:00 pm

ND: Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 pm

Cozy up with some hot cocoa and enjoy the sounds of the holidays with classically trained musician Ray Holland and his mountain dulcimer. Singing along is encouraged!

1 hour. Registration is not required.



Reading Challenges

**READ GRATEFUL**

Reading Challenge

Bookucopia

For all ages

October 1-31

Bury yourself in a bounty of books this harvest season with The Library's Bookucopia book bingo! Leaf through timeless tales, cozy capers, and supernatural stories as you attempt to complete 4 of our prompt squares and win Bingo! This reading challenge is open to all ages so young and old alike can gather 'round and fall into a good book this season. Register today on Beanstack at dcls.beanstack.org.

**25 in 2025**

A Yearlong Reading Challenge

25 in 2025: A Yearlong Reading Challenge

For ages 18+ years

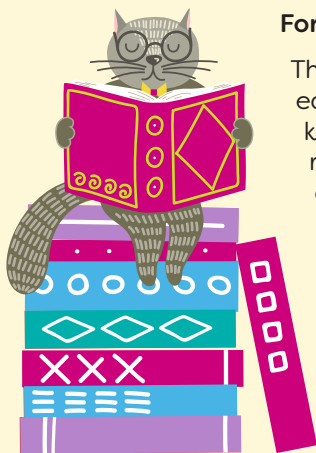
January 1–December 31

Throughout 2025, you'll be challenged to read 25 books that fit into 25 prompts. Whether it's exploring new genres, discovering diverse authors, or diving into different themes, this challenge will push you to broaden your reading horizons. Can you complete all 25 prompts in a year? Track your progress, find new favorites, and see if you can conquer all 25 prompts by the end of the year and collect some sweet swag!

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

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 – February 28

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



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Adult Programs

Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+ years

LOV: Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13 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.

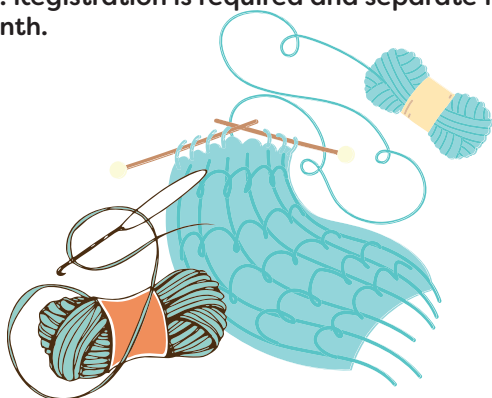
The Stitch Sitch

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Mondays, September 8, October 6, November 10, and December 1 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 required and separate for each month.



Coloring for Adults!

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Tuesdays, September 30, October 14 and October 28, November 11 and 25, and December 9 at 3:30 pm

ND: Wednesdays, September 24, October 8 and 22, November 5, and December 3 at 1:00 pm

MOM: Tuesdays, September 30, October 28, and November 25 at 3:30 pm

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

1 hour. Registration is not required.



Craft Café

For ages 15+ years

EV: Thursdays, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11 at 5:00 pm

Join our staff at the Elizabethtown Area Library for some relaxing crafting. In September, we'll create easy faux stained glass. Bring an old t-shirt in October and learn to turn it into a no-sew placemat or rug. Relax with us in November with a choice of diamond painting or paint by number. We'll close out the year in December with glass cloche decorative displays. All materials will be provided.

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

Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8 at 11:00 am

Join us for a calming afternoon of crafting. In September, we'll design our own postcards. In October, we'll make clay trinket holders. In November, we'll create snowman decorations. All materials will be provided. All skill levels are welcome.

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

Upcycled Crafting

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Mondays, November 17 and December 8 at 6:00 pm

ND: Tuesdays, November 18 and December 9 at 5:30 pm

Join us for some creative crafting and transform everyday items into unique, upcycled art. In November, we'll make string light lanterns out of egg crates. In December, we'll turn socks into gnomes, snowmen, and penguins. All supplies will be provided.

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



Artwork by Judy Boyle

Introduction to Urban Sketching

For ages 18+ years

EV: Saturday, September 27 at 11:00 am

Carry a sketchbook and pen or pencil with you and capture drawing opportunities throughout your day. Learn more about how to draw what you see and then share it with others on social media. Add color to your drawings with watercolor, color pencils, or markers. Join along with Urban Sketchers, a global community of sketchers dedicated to the practice of on-location drawing. All materials will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required.



Weekday Getaway

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesdays, October 21, November 18, and December 16 at 4:30 pm

EV: Thursdays, October 2, November 6, and December 4 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.

Mary Sachs
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Farm to Wear

For ages 18+ years

ND: Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesdays, October 8 and 22, and November 12 at 5:00 pm

This four-part program series will teach attendees the entire process for a Farm to Wear product. In the first class, we'll learn how wool is sheared and sent to the fiber mill. The final three classes will be hands-on learning: how to spin fiber into yarn, how to dye yarn using items from nature, and how to crochet or knit the finished yarn into a wearable item. Fiber artist Courtney O'Donnell will teach this four-part series. No experience is required. All materials will be provided.

September 9: documentary screening

October 8: spinning fibers

October 22: dyeing spun yarn

November 12: crocheting and knitting creations with our spun, dyed yarn

1.5 hours. Registration is required. Attendees are expected to attend all four classes.

Decluttering with Carolina

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 am

EV: Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 am

Get organized with Carolina Harvey, organizing expert featured on A&E's *Hoarders* and owner of Cure the Clutter. Carolina will share tips on how to help a family member or friend organize a cluttered space.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

Cure the Clutter

Candle Making Workshop

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Thursday, November 13 at 5:00 pm

Learn the art of candle making with Moonrise Candle Co.! Participants will create their own fragrance and pour their own candle to keep. While waiting for the candles to set, we'll design matchstick boxes with paint and decoupage. All materials will be provided.

2 hours. Registration is required.



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Adult Programs

The 1619 Project: Justice

For ages 16+ years

ESA: Sunday, October 26 at 1:00 pm

Join the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for a screening of episode 6 of *The 1619 Project*. Through Nikole Hannah-Jones' family story and one Georgia community fighting for restitution, *The 1619 Project: Justice* examines the historical events that denied Black Americans the opportunity to build generational wealth and what is owed to descendants of slavery. There will be a panel discussion following the movie. Light refreshments will be served.

3 hours. Registration is required.



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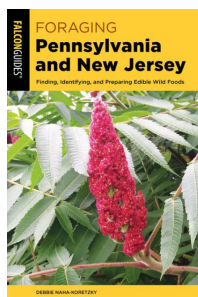
Foraging Wild Edibles

For ages 18+ years

**Hummel Nature Trail
(890 W. Main St., Hummelstown):
Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30 pm**

Join us for an enlightening foraging walk with Debbie Naha-Koretzky, the Wild Edibles Lady! Author of *Foraging Pennsylvania and New Jersey*, Debbie will share how to identify edible plants growing in the wild. A Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist and Master Naturalist, she brings expert insight into the world of wild foods. In the case of bad weather, the program will be rescheduled for Thursday, October 2.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Computer Workshops: Information Basics

For ages 18+ years

JOH: Tuesday, November 11 at 4:00 pm

ESA: Friday, November 14 at 10:30 am

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. Though designed for those with little to no computer experience, this program is open to all skill levels.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Hearing and Dementia: Understanding the Connection

For ages 18+ years

ND: Wednesday, September 10 at 5:30 pm

Studies have shown a clear connection between hearing loss, cognitive decline, and comorbidities. This also means that proper hearing care can help minimize or delay cognitive changes. Please join Dr. Marcia Bowman-Gilbert, Au.D., CCC-A, for a presentation on the topic followed by a Q&A.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Mental Wellness Overview

For ages 18+ years

ND: Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 pm

JOH: Monday, November 3 at 6:00 pm

Learn practical tools for recognizing and addressing distress in others with Penn State Health. This session covers identifying signs of distress, effective calming techniques, and the importance of self-care, along with resources to support mental wellness. Gain valuable insights to foster compassion and resilience in your community.

1 hour. Registration is required.



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A History of Pennsylvania Witches

For ages 18+ years

ESA: Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 pm

Join Rissa Miller for an exploration of Pennsylvania's relationship with witchcraft and magic throughout the centuries. Feel the magic as we visit a Quaker court, stand at the Lancaster gallows, sit across the table from most-wanted palm readers, and come all the way into the 1920s for a world-famous case of murder and betrayal.

1 hour. Registration is required.

The 13 Un-Merry Monsters of Christmas

For ages 18+ years

AFL: Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 pm

Krampus is just the beginning of the holiday beast lineup, and there are many others that deserve (or demand) your attention. Settle in for a spooky winter afternoon as we welcome Rissa Miller to The Library for an afternoon exploring tales of un-merry monsters and other creepy customs of the Yuletide.

1 hour. Registration is required.



Writing Programs

Figment Forge Writing Group

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturdays, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6 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-A-Thon

For ages 15+ years

ESA: Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 am

Like to write but can't seem to find the time? Join us for our fall Write-A-Thon and work on that novel you've been procrastinating... or start something completely new! We've set aside a quiet space for the whole day just for writers to come in and write! You're free to bring your own supplies or check out one of The Library's laptops upstairs.

5 hours. Registration is not required.



Limelight on Local Artists

The Library in partnership with the Lower Paxton Township Arts Council

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LIMELIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

Meet & Greet Artist Reception

For all ages

ESA: Saturday, October 11 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 fall! 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.

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Book Clubs

Books on Tap

For ages 21+ years

Rubber Soul Brewery (136 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown):
Tuesdays, September 9, October 14, November 11,
and December 9 at 6:00 pm

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

September Pick: *Deaf Republic* by Ilya Kaminsky

October Pick: *Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas

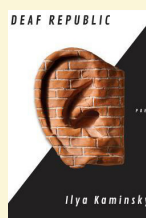
November Pick: *The Lifted Veil* by George Eliot

December Pick: *Yule Island* by Johana Gustawsson

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

No purchase is necessary to attend.

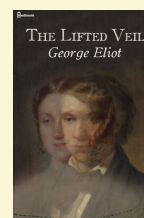
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Reading the Rainbow

For ages 18+ years

LGBT Center of Central PA (1323 N. Front St., Harrisburg):
Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 8,
and December 13 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!

September Pick: *All Friends Are Necessary* by Tomas Moniz

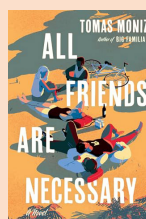
October Pick: *Serial Killer Support Group* by Saratoga Schaefer

November Pick: *You Exist Too Much* by Zaina Ararat

December Pick: *Black Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse

1 hour. Registration is not required.

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Fluff & Stuff

For ages 18+ years

ND: Thursdays, September 25, October 23, and November 20 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.

September Pick: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

October Pick: *Chaos at the Lazy Bones Bookshop* by Emmeline Duncan

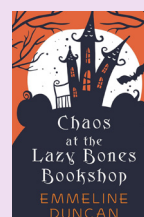
November Pick: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

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

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Book Clubs

Sip and Speak

For ages 18+ years

MOM: Wednesdays, September 17 and November 19 at 11:00 am

ESA: Thursdays, September 18 and November 20 at 3:00 pm

St. Thomas Roasters (5951 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg):

Thursday, October 16 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.

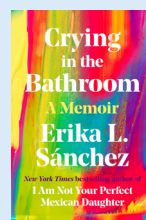
September Pick: *Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir* by Erika L. Sánchez

October Pick: *Down City: A Daughter's Story of Love, Memory, and Murder* by Leah Carroll

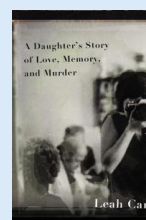
November Pick: *Lakota Woman* by Mary Crow Dog, Richard Erdoes (editor)

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

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Silent Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV: Saturdays, September 20, October 18,

November 15, and December 20 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.



Otherworldly Book Club

For ages 18+ years

LOV and Zoom: Saturdays, October 4, November 1, and December 6 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.



Digital Detox Book Club

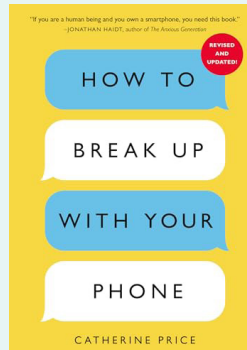
For ages 18+ years

AFL: Thursdays, September 25, and October 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 5:30 pm

ESA: Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, and December 1 at 6:30 pm

Reclaim your time and attention in our 5-week book club where we will read *How to Break Up With Your Phone* by Catherine Price. We'll work through the book's 30-day digital detox together, providing mutual accountability and support. Each week, we'll focus on the book's steps and share our experiences. Join us to transform your relationship with technology and enhance your well-being through practical strategies.

1 hour. Registration is required. Registrants are expected to attend all 5 weeks.



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