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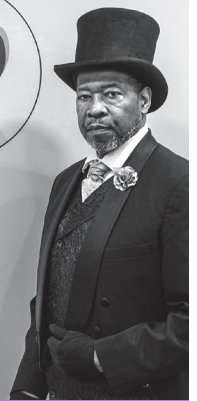
Spring 2023

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Events.
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**T. Morris Chester
Welcome Center
AND RESEARCH COLLECTION**



There's More to the Story

**National Library Week!
April 23 – April 29**

MARCO will be at five locations
around the county this week.

Find the schedule on page 11
and at dcls.org/MARCO.



DAUPHIN COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM
THE LIBRARY
YOUR PLACE TO BELONG





Find your direction with The Library

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



Registration

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 children's programs, register once and you're registered for all events following.

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

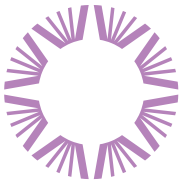
For all programs, please be sure to include your phone number and/or email address when registering so that The Library can contact you if a program is canceled or changed.

We respect your privacy

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

Let us know what you think or suggest a program

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



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Holiday Closings:

Memorial Day — Monday, May 29
 Juneteenth — Monday, June 19

April is National Poetry Month.

Join the Poetry Month Reading Challenge and Celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day!*

All ages are welcome.

Complete the challenge to be eligible to win a poetry-themed gift basket!

Details are on page 9, along with three poems to start you on your way.

*A special thank you to our local business partners for helping to make Poem in Your Pocket Day possible.



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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.

Spring Session: April 3 to May 6

Registration begins Monday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

* Special Guest Readers at Storytimes

The Library is thrilled to again welcome special guests for our storytimes during two separate weeks this spring. In April, discover the wonder of storytelling through American Sign Language with guest interpreters at selected storytimes. Then, during the week of May 1-6, we'll celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Month with visiting readers.

Born to Read

For ages Birth – 18 months

In-person

ESA: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

EV: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

AFL: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

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

In-person

AFL: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

ESA: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

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

In-person

AFL: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

ESA: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

ESA: Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

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

In-person

ESA: Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

MRL: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

EV: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

KL: Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

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.

Virtual Programs

Virtual Programs: You'll need a computer or mobile device with a camera and microphone to participate. Registrants for virtual sessions will be emailed a Zoom link, password, and further instructions.



Baby-Toddler Storytime

For ages Birth – 30 months

Virtual on Zoom 

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Give your babies and toddlers a foundation of early learning and language skills. Experience songs, stories, and movement activities that help your children build a love of books. This program is for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children.

About 30 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Toddler-Preschool Storytime

For ages 30 months – 5 years

Virtual on Zoom 

Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Older toddlers and preschoolers will experience books, songs, rhymes, and other activities to support early literacy learning and a love of reading. Adults will learn tips and tricks to continue the teaching at home.

About 30 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Speech Links to Literacy

For ages 4 – 5 years

MOM: Fridays, April 21 and 28, May 5, 19, and 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us with special guest Heidi Haas from the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for this unique storytime experience. We will combine the storytimes you know and love with Miss Heidi's expertise in speech pathology to build phonetic awareness and prepare for kindergarten through play, songs, stories, and other engaging activities. Parents, you will be equipped with tools to further your child's literacy development at home too!

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited. Register monthly for limited spots.

Early Childhood Resource Fair

For ages Birth – 5 years

ESA: Tuesday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us to learn about early childhood resources and programs for children. This is a free event for families of young children to learn about the wide variety of resources and support available for Dauphin County families. This event is co-sponsored by Ready for School, Ready to Succeed and Dauphin County Library System.

1.5 hours. Registration is not required.



Family Place Programs

1, 2, 3, Play with Me

For ages 1 – 3 years

ND: Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Engage your child in play that helps strengthen motor skills, social skills, and encourages early literacy. During each session a different community resource professional will be available to answer parenting questions. Children get to play together, and parents get to share experiences and concerns.

1.25 hours. Registration is required and limited.





Family Programs

A Garden of Senses

For families with children of all ages

ESA: Thursday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m.

AFL: Wednesday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m.

MRL: Tuesday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

ND: Thursday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. (Check out page 10 for more details on some exciting new library projects.)

Gardens are places of growth, beauty and life (below the ground and above!). Gardening with children encourages healthy eating, develops math and science skills, teaches patience and more. It is also a great way to engage the five senses!

Join in the exploration of sight, touch, sound, taste and smell through the experience of sensory gardening. Children will learn what a sensory garden is, dig in the dirt, create with color, identify sounds, and taste and smell the bounty that gardens can bring.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited.

Xtreme Hip Hop Step Aerobics Class

For families with children ages 8+ years

MOM: Wednesdays, April 5 through May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Come meet Traci-lyn from Xtreme Hip Hop and work out in style! Xtreme Hip Hop step aerobics combines high energy exercise with a hip hop beat. Traci-lyn's program will build on itself throughout the 5 weeks as you develop your aerobic skills.

1 hour. Registration is limited and required.

Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop

For families with children ages 6+ years

ESA: Saturday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

MRL: Monday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m.

ND: Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. (Outside in the garden if weather permits; check out page 10 for more details on some exciting new library projects.)

What is your mind full of? Join us to learn more about the true meaning of mindfulness and the benefits of yoga and breathing for your mental health. We will have resources and information on mindfulness and teachers from the CommUNITY Yoga Space in Harrisburg will join us for a yoga class. Come wearing loose or stretchy clothes that you can move in. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

AAPI Movie and Crafts

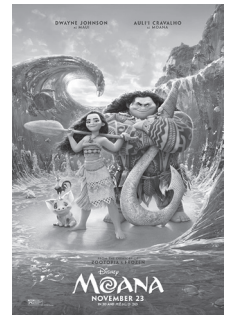
For families with children of all ages

ND: Saturday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m.

ESA: Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m.

Join us at The Library as we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and watch family favorite *Moana*, make a craft, and take another one home to continue the fun; all inspired by the rich culture and heritage of those diverse communities.

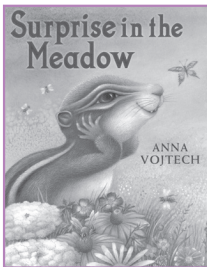
About 2.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.



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 *Surprise in the Meadow* by Anna Wojtech.



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 *The Thing About Spring* by Daniel Kirk.



Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, 176 Water Company Rd., Millersburg

Take Smitty's Locust Loop trail to read *I Hear You, Forest* by Kallie George.

School Age and Tween Programs

Paws 2 Read

For ages 6 – 11 years

ESA: Mondays, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15 at 6:00 p.m.

ND: Tuesdays, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23 at 5:00 p.m.

EV: Wednesdays, April 5 and 19, May 3, 17, and 31 at 5:00 p.m.

KL: Wednesdays, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 24 at 5:00 p.m.

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.

—SCHEDULE UPDATE—

Our furry, reading friends will be joining us more frequently!! Participating library locations will host the Paws pups every other week April through May and then again September through November. Each week will offer multiple chances to read to one of our volunteer dog teams!

1.5 hours at ESA, 1 hour at ND, EV, and KL. 15-minute appointments. Registration is required and limited.



School Age Meet-Ups

For ages 6 – 12 years

KL: Wednesdays, April 5 and May 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

JOH: Tuesdays, April 18 and May 16 at 4:00 p.m.

AFL: Wednesdays, April 19 and May 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Come in to hang out with friends, explore STEAM topics, build with Legos, create art, play board games, and more! This informal program is for school age children to meet, hang out, and explore together.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Let's Discover Art

For ages 8 – 13 years

ESA: Wednesdays, April 12 and May 10 at 5:00 p.m.

The Art of Letters, April 12

Across the world, letters bend and twist to tell stories. This program is an introduction to the art of Arabic calligraphy. Participants will learn the basics of Arabic script and the art it inspires by exploring and mimicking the work of artists like Nassar Mansour and Wajih Nahlé.

The Modern Polka Dot, May 10

The polka dot can be simple, or it can be larger than life. This program centers on the work of artists who have mastered the art of the dot. Participants will explore works of art from famed Japanese artists, Yayoi Kusama and Takashi Murakami, and attempt to imitate their work.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Jump Into Graphic Novels

For ages 8 – 13 years

KL: Every other Thursday, April 6 through June 1 at 5:00 p.m.

ESA: Every other Saturday, April 8 through June 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Do you love Graphic Novels? Have you ever wanted to try your hand at creating them yourself? Learn character and page design, how to tell your own story, and create your own short graphic novel. All while discussing an assortment of graphic novels for inspiration!

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

Tween Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 10 – 12 years

Zoom: Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. 

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. Registrants will be emailed a Zoom link, password, and further instructions.



Teen Programs

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 13 – 18 years

Discord: Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. 

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.

Upcycled Clothing

For ages 13 – 18 years

MRL: Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to sew on a sewing machine and turn your old clothes into new works of art! In this program, you'll learn the basic components of a sewing machine, how to use it, and then we'll use those skills to refashion old clothes!

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Anime Club

For ages 13 – 18 years

ESA: Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Join us at the East Shore Area Library to discuss your favorite anime and manga with other fans! This club will also explore Japanese culture through crafts, food, and group discussion.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.

McCormick Riverfront Library STEAM Programs

Create Lab

For ages 6+ years

MRL: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Drop in to explore your creative side at this informal and open-ended program. We'll have materials for STEAM activities, arts and crafts, and more! Some activities will be provided, and participants will be encouraged to share their ideas for things to try.

1 hour. No registration required.

Calling Coders

Group 1: For grades 3 through 5

MRL: Mondays at 5:00 p.m.

Are you interested in closing the gender gap in the tech industry? Our 3rd-5th grade Girls Who Code club helps build the foundational skills and understanding of computer science concepts and sisterhood through a reading discussion and coding projects.

Group 2: For grades 6 through 12

MRL: Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Our middle and high school Girls Who Code club encourages you to impact your community in a positive way through code. In order to build the skills you need to make an impact, you will learn how to code from our fun online tutorials and activities that will help you build animations, games, apps, and other things that you dream up! We have tutorials in Scratch, Python, Swift, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. These clubs are inclusive and open to trans and non-binary individuals.

STEAM Technology Open House

For ages 7+ years

MRL: Thursdays, April 6 and May 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Stop by the McCormick Riverfront Library to explore our new zSpace computers, which offer an augmented reality learning experience. Discover physics, chemistry, biology and more through these innovative devices.

2 hours. No registration required.

Let's Build STEAM

For ages 11 – 14 years

MRL: Thursdays, April 13 and May 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Explore hands on STEAM activities and augmented reality through the new zSpace computers. Special guest, Tom Diffenbach, and students from around the world will engage with STEAM, exploring both the real world and augmented reality (AR) experiences to learn about the world around them. The program will focus on great structures throughout the world, how they were built, and AR will allow students to explore them in new ways.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited.



Scan for more information.

Reading Challenges

Celebrate National Poetry Month!



National Poetry Month Reading Challenge

For all ages

April 1 through April 30

Earn 10 points to complete this challenge. Read 10 poems to earn 10 points, or log your reading and write book reviews instead. Complete the challenge to be entered to win a poetry-themed gift basket! There are 3 for kids, 3 for teens, and 3 for adults. To sign up for the challenge go to dcls.org/readingchallenges or sign in to your Beanstack account on your phone or computer.

Untitled
BY LIZ AUGUSTINE
President of the Northern Dauphin Library
Friends and Library Volunteer

You mentioned it's flat -
My ears would like that,*
My feet, the sand,
My eyes, the green-blue sea.
Yet can you capture
the smell of low tide -
bring it back in a bottle for me?

Read for
1 pt.

*footnote - When Liz first moved to the Northern Dauphin Area, her ears would pop all the time driving up and down the mountains. In this poem, Liz explains why her ears would like the flatter oceanside.

After the Party
BY ANNE HIGA
Public Services Assistant

When all is said and done, if i fail or i succeed,
i fought for what was right, so
come find me
Up on a mountain,
brothers and sisters wait
to chime the moments.

in the ashram, in the temple, in the sacred grove,
in the forever between moments,
in retreats far from
safety (I know).
we will meet (have met?)
I promise.

Close the page, set down the pen,
and speak
in the silence between words.

Read for
1 pt.

The Mathematics of Time
BY ANN MARIE
Information Services Assistant

Each day I live
Each hour spent
Adds up to weeks
And weeks
Which then in turn
Grows into months
And multiplies to years,
And as the years increase
In number and I
Increase in age,
The years, the months,
The weeks, the days
I've yet to live
Grow less, and less, and less.

Read for
1 pt.

Poem in Your Pocket Day

For all ages

Thursday, April 27

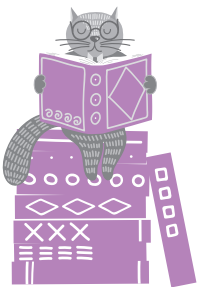
Celebrate the wonderful world of poetry with The Library and area businesses on April 27. Stop by during business hours and pick up a poem to read with your coffee! Tuck that poem away in your pocket and carry it with you to revisit throughout the day.

Shop locally! Read poetry! Sip coffee!

- Peace of Mind Café, 306 Market St., Millersburg
- Yellow Bird Café, 1320 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg
- Elementary Coffee Co., 256 North St. and Broad Street Market, Harrisburg
- Good Brotha's Book Café, 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.



The Chester Way: Stories of Freedom, Equity, and Justice in Pennsylvania’s Capital Region



Photo compliments of IIPT-CMP and Messiah University. Original sculpture by Becky Ault–A.R.T.

In August 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Harrisburg dedicated a monument on the lawn of the Irvis Equality Circle within the State Capitol Complex. A Gathering at the Crossroads marked the culmination of three years of planning by the **Commonwealth Monument Project**, a project of the International Institute for Peace through Tourism administered in part by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The monument commemorates the anniversaries of the ratification of the 15th and 19th Amendments (1870 and 1920) that gave African American men, and then all women, the right to vote.

The monument presents four life-size figures—Thomas Morris Chester, Jacob Compton, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and William Howard Day—discussing the passage of the 15th Amendment. They stand around a pedestal that depicts scenes of the Old Eighth Ward, an immigrant neighborhood and the heart of the city’s Black community, demolished between 1910 and 1960 to create the capitol green and complex of buildings visible today. The sides of the pedestal record the names of 100 influential local residents who championed civil rights, freedom, and opportunities for the city’s Black community, indeed, for all citizens, across city, state, and nation between 1850 and 1920.

Dauphin County Library System is pleased to announce a new partnership between Messiah University, the Commonwealth Monument Project, and the T. Morris Chester Welcome Center at the McCormick Riverfront Library on a series of projects centered around the character and legacy of Thomas Morris Chester, highly respected journalist, lawyer, and civil rights proponent in the U.S. and wider world in the 19th century. Born in Harrisburg in 1834, Chester traveled widely across the United States, Liberia, England, and Europe, but always considered Harrisburg his “home.”

This new work is supported by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges through funding from the Mellon Foundation. The collaboration was selected as one of only 13 projects nationwide. The CIC grant program is designed to energize public humanities activities by directing academic resources, student research, and public programming toward truly significant issues of contemporary life in partnership with community organizations. The CIC sustaining grant will bring together historians, librarians, students, and community stakeholders to develop place-based stories about the Chester “way” and historic quests in capital PA to build a free, equitable, and just world.

T. Morris Chester Welcome Center AND RESEARCH COLLECTION

A partnership that serves as an inspirational connector for the community and keystone to heritage and discourse that advances unity, peace, equity and justice.

Home of the Pennsylvania Past Players



Thomas Morris Chester sculpted by Becky Ault and the team at ART Design Group and ART Research Enterprises, Inc.

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Learn more dcls.org/CMPLearnMore

National Library Week 2023: There's More to the Story April 23 – April 29



MARCO will make five stops throughout the county during the 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—

Monday, April 24 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cole Crest Townhouses 900 Cumbler Street Steelton	Tuesday, April 25 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Rutherford Park Townhouses 337 Brokas Drive Harrisburg	Wednesday, April 26 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cumberland Court Apartments 1111 Capitol Street Harrisburg	Thursday, April 27 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Laurel Hill Townhouses Maple Lane Williamstown	Friday, April 28 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hall Manor 101 Hall Manor Place Harrisburg
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Most people know about the wealth of stories available at The Library, from picture books and large print to eAudiobooks and eBooks. But there's so much more to the story and we need your help writing it! **Fill out the information below, return it to The Library, and we'll turn it into a fun story to share during National Library Week. You'll even receive a prize for adding to the story!**

First Name: _____

*Email: _____

Library location you access: AFL ESA EV JOH KL MOM MRL ND DCLS.ORG

Favorite thing to do as a library member: _____

Favorite genre: _____

Favorite book character and book they are from: _____

What do you want everyone to know that The Library has? _____

What was the last item you borrowed? Book eBook Audiobook Movie Music Video Game Board Game

What is something you learned at The Library? _____

What would make The Library even better? _____

* If you provide your email address, it will not be shared and will only be used to send you your final story.



Lend and Tend Seed Library and Discovery Garden

Northern Dauphin Library is growing—literally! Starting in April, The Library will be opening their first ever seed library, where members can “borrow” veggie, herb, fruit, and flower seeds to take home to plant. At the end of the season, members are encouraged, but not required, to save seeds from their harvest to return to The Library for the following growing season. Additionally, members will soon be able to stroll the Discovery Garden, our new community garden space behind Northern Dauphin Library, and see the plants from the Lend and Tend Seed Library in action. You will also be able to partake in special gardening programs throughout the spring and summer to grow your green thumb!
Special thanks to Penn State Health and Rite Aid Healthy Futures for their investment in these projects.



PennState Health inspired together



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Green Thumb Garden Club

For ages 18+

ND: Mondays, April 10 and May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Come talk with other local gardeners about gardening tips and tricks. Plus, have the opportunity to work on the new Discovery Garden!

1 hour. Registration is required.

A Garden of Senses

For families with children of all ages

ND: Thursday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Gardens are places of growth, beauty and life (below the ground and above!). Gardening with children encourages healthy eating, develops math and science skills, teaches patience and more. It is also a great way to engage the five senses!

Join in the exploration of sight, touch, sound, taste and smell through the experience of sensory gardening. Children will learn what a sensory garden is, dig in the dirt, create with color, identify sounds, and taste and smell the bounty that gardens can bring.

45 minutes. Registration is required and limited. See page 6 for other locations with this program.

Container Gardening with Penn State Health

For all ages

ND: Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

No room for a garden at your home? No problem! Join Laurie from Penn State as she teaches us about how to grow our own plant in a container garden that'll fit right on your countertop. All supplies will be provided.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Mindfulness and Yoga Workshop

For families with children ages 6+ years

ND: Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

(Outside in the garden if weather permits)

What is your mind full of? Join us to learn more about the true meaning of mindfulness and the benefits of yoga and breathing for your mental health. We will have resources and information on mindfulness and teachers from the CommUNITY Yoga Space in Harrisburg will join us for a yoga class. Come wearing loose or stretchy clothes that you can move in. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours.

1 hour. Registration is required and limited. See page 6 for other locations with this program.

Save the Date: Grand Opening Garden Party!

For all ages

ND: Wednesday, June 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a garden party at Northern Dauphin Library to celebrate the opening of the Lend and Tend Seed Library and Discovery Garden! More details will be available in the Summer Compass.

3 hours. Registration is not required.



MONEY SMART WEEK®

APRIL 15-21, 2023

VIRTUAL MONEY SMART WEEK

For Ages 18+

April 15 – 21

We're joining the American Library Association in celebrating Money Smart Week. Content will be provided by government, non-profit and educational institutions through a combination of presentations, toolkits, and other pertinent resources. These virtual programs will focus on supporting the needs of low-to-moderate income households to encourage greater financial well-being in our communities.

About 20 minutes. For registration and more details, visit moneysmartweek.org.

Family Budgeting

Monday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Budgeting is not just making a spending plan and cutting expenses. It's important to set goals for where you want your money to take you. Learn how to approach the unique needs of your family with the right budget and vision for the future.

Instituciones Financieras (Financial Institutions)

Tuesday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

¿Por qué es importante aprender más sobre las instituciones financieras? Vanessa Arita Reyes comparte por qué es importante buscar información y conversar sobre las finanzas personales y los sistemas financieros. La presentación incluye información sobre cómo funcionan los informes y puntajes crediticios. Vanessa también menciona algunas herramientas y recursos disponibles para las personas que enfrentan el sistema financiero de los Estados Unidos por primera vez, para que puedan protegerse del fraude y mejorar su bienestar financiero. *This session will be conducted in Spanish with English captions.*

Debt Relief

Wednesday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Financial products can be complex, confusing, and overwhelming for individuals struggling with debt management. Making informed decisions means taking the time to build a clear understanding of the products and services available. Join us as we take a closer look at some popular debt repayment options.

Employer Retirement Plans

Thursday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.

The savings fitness presentation is designed to educate participants about employer retirement plans and the various paths available for planning a secure financial future. This presentation will provide information to assist with savings questions and will help take the uncertainty out of planning for a successful retirement.

Adult Programs

Dungeons and Dragons

For ages 18+

Zoom Group 1: Thursdays, April 6 and May 4 at 7:00 p.m. 

Zoom Group 2: Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. 

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+

ESA: Tuesday, April 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Join our Library Adventurers for a seasonally themed tabletop role-playing game! Together, we'll eat treats, slay monsters, and have an incredible adventure. Costumes are more than welcome and encouraged! All skill levels are welcome to attend, and all game mechanics will be thoroughly explained before the session begins.

We'll be playing Kids on Brooms, a collaborative role-playing game with a rules-light storytelling system about taking on the life of a witch or wizard at a magical school you either attend or work for. We'll create the world and our player characters together at the table over snacks, and then we'll set off on our magical adventure!

2.5 hours. Registration is required.

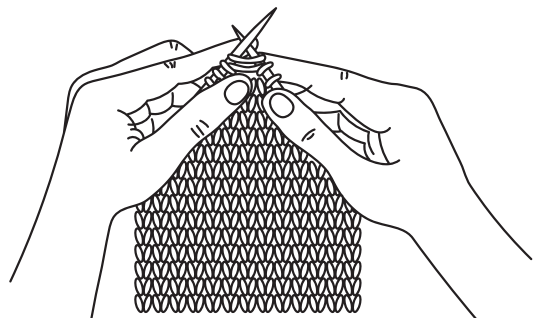
Knit One, Crochet Too!

For ages 15+

KL: Saturdays, April 8 and May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

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.





Crafternoon at The Library

For ages 18+

AFL: Saturdays, April 15 and May 20 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

2 hours. Registration is required.



Third in the Burg

For ages 18+

MRL: Fridays, April 21 and May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

2 hours. Registration is not required.

April: Book Spine Poetry

Celebrate National Poetry Month in style at our Book Spine Poetry event! Get inspired by your favorite books and turn their spines into poetry. Join us at The Library for an evening of creative expression and literary celebration. Browse the library shelves for eye-catching book titles, then use your imagination to stack the books and create a poem of your very own!

May: STEAM Open Play Night

Unleash your inner kid and come play at The Library! We’ll have a variety of our STEAM kits and activities set up for you to tinker with.



Lively Minds: Sip, Snack, & Craft

For ages 21+

**Broad Mountain Winery & Tasting Room
45 W. Broad Street, Elizabethtown**

Saturday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of wine tasting, art making, and fun at Broad Mountain Winery & Tasting Room. Sample and savor the flavors and aromas of a selection of local wines. Then, let your creative side shine with an art project with local artist Chris Pettman. Enjoy light refreshments and the company of fellow wine and art enthusiasts as you relax and unwind.

2 hours. Registration is required.



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

Making Purposeful Public Art with Chenlin Cai

For ages 15+

ESA: Monday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Chenlin Cai, an artist, activist, teacher, and Commissioner to the Pennsylvania Governor’s Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. View some of Cai’s artworks and join in on a discussion about artistic expression, public art, and community mural-making.

Cai’s work is truly something to behold – his *Landscape* series places intricately minute scenes of natural beauty inside man-made objects, things you might find in the kitchen or around a biology lab. With his work, he “hopes to beautify the community and speak for the well-being of society through more diverse forms of visual art.”

Outside of these smaller confines, Cai also believes “that art can not only bring aesthetic pleasure to people, but more importantly, [that] art can be used as a means to speak for public affairs.” His critically acclaimed public mural projects promote Asian American and Pacific Islander culture and traditions and have been inspired by opinions from the community in and around Philadelphia.

1 hour. Registration is required.

Sip & Speak

For ages 18+

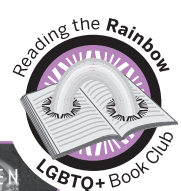
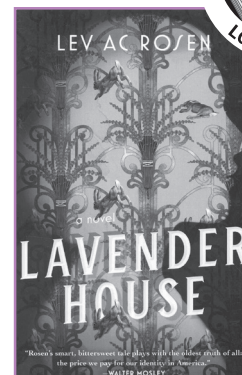
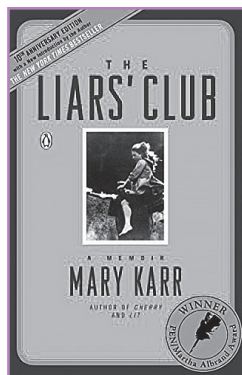
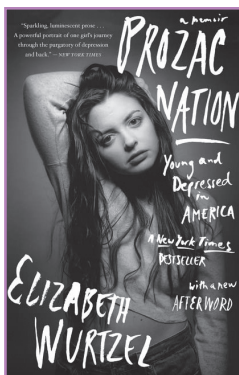
ESA: Thursday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 12:00 p.m.

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.

1.5 hours. Registration is required.

April Pick: *Prozac Nation* by Elizabeth Wurtzel

May Pick: *The Liars' Club* by Mary Karr



NORTHERN DAUPHIN COUNTY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SERIES

Getting to Know Your Computer: Using Your Mouse and Keyboard

For ages 18+

Millersburg Area Senior Center, 109 Edward Dr., Millersburg: Friday, April 14 at 12:00 p.m.

EV: Tuesday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m.

During this class, you will:

- Identify parts of the computer
- Understand the difference between hardware and software
- Minimize, maximize, restore and close windows
- Use a mouse and keyboard confidently

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

Reading the Rainbow Book Club

For ages 18+

Elementary Coffee Co., 256 North Street, Harrisburg: Saturdays, April 8 and May 13 at 11:00 a.m.

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!

1 hour. Registration is recommended but not required. No purchase is necessary to attend.

April Pick: *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao

May Pick: *Lavender House* by Lev AC Rosen

Internet Fundamentals

For ages 18+

ND: Wednesday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m.

JOH: Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Internet Fundamentals provides attendees with a basic understanding of what the internet is, how it works, and how to use it to conduct effective searches. We'll introduce common internet vocabulary terms, explore techniques for using search engines, and introduce the various features of Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome browsers. You will gain experience using search engines and investigating the common features found on web pages.

1.5 hours. Registration is required and limited.

This program series is supported in part by Comcast.





Spring Programming 2023



Facilitator Dr. Hector Ortiz

Spanish Language Conversation Group

For ages 15+

Zoom: Wednesdays, April 12 and May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Retiring in Uncertain Times

For ages 18+

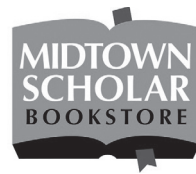
AFL: Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m.

ESA: Tuesday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Let's face it, current events and even our day-to-day lives have cycled through a lot of ups and downs over the past few years. Between conflicts, politics, economics, and family dynamics, most of us have been affected in one way or another by the ongoing volatility.

That is especially true for anyone thinking about retiring. The massive flux in the markets has posed a serious hurdle for many planning to end their employment and transition to the next phase of their lives. This informational session with Financial Education Partnership will cover topics including budgeting for change, benefits planning, retirement horizons, tax effects on income, and exit strategies.

1 hour. Registration is required.



The Library is proud to partner with Midtown Scholar each month to bring bestselling authors to Central Pennsylvania. When you attend either of these free author appearances at Midtown Scholar and show your library card, you will receive 10% off the book and a free coffee or tea.



Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Martha Hall Kelly
The Golden Doves



Wednesday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Patti Callahan Henry
The Secret Book of Flora Lea

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Find out more at midtownscholar.com

Navigating and Understanding the Pennsylvania Court System

For ages 18+

Zoom: Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.

This workshop led by Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts illuminates the organization and procedures of the Pennsylvania Judicial System with the goal of bringing Pennsylvanians awareness of and confidence in their courts. We will discuss the different subject matters of each court, knowing your way around the courtroom, how judges are selected, and how you can be a more knowledgeable citizen.

1 hour. Registration is required.



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Demystifying Grant Seeking

For ages 18+

MRL and Zoom: Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Join fundraising master trainer, Chad Barger, CFRE, for a session focused on seeking grant support from private, corporate, and community foundations. The session begins with an overview of the role of grant funding in an organization and the prerequisites for seeking grant support. Chad will then provide insight on how to identify grant opportunities, tips for writing a successful grant application, and tools for managing the grant-seeking process.

1 hour. Registration is required.



This series honors the memory of Morton Spector, a successful businessman and well-known community leader in the Harrisburg area, served as a board member of the Dauphin County Library System for more than 15 years. Morton also served many nonprofit organizations as a board member or trustee, joyfully assisting those organizations with raising funds and fulfilling their missions. He ensured the growth and endurance of many valued institutions of learning and social services and led a "Fantastic!" life of good deeds. **To learn more, visit dcls.org/endowments**

Live and Learn Lyceum, Open Studio, and Chautauqua: Animating Democracy

For ages 15+

MRL and Zoom: Thursdays, April 20 and May 18 at 5:00 p.m. 

This series is supported in part by **GIANT**.

Join The Library and the Commonwealth Monument Project each month to learn from presenters who are advancing cultural and heritage tourism experiences in Central Pennsylvania while animating democracy through public arts and placemaking programs.

The series is inspired by the Commonwealth Monument Project's dynamic new installation entitled "A Gathering at the Crossroads" – the first African American monument on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Complex in Harrisburg.

2 hours. Registration is required. Registrants will be emailed further instructions to join virtual programs.



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Thursday, April 20
Animating Democracy: Artists Alliances

Kim Chan
Deputy Director, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

Thursday, May 18
Animating Democracy: Youth Empowerment and Citizenship

Carol Bebelle
Cofounder, Ashé Cultural Arts Center

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!

Thursday, June 15
Animating Democracy: Making Juneteenth Relevant

William Marshall
Founder of Stop The Violence Pittsburgh

Kindred Spirits Genealogy Workshop

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

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

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



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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.

Hari Jones
HIDDEN HISTORIES PROGRAM





Summer Reading Challenge

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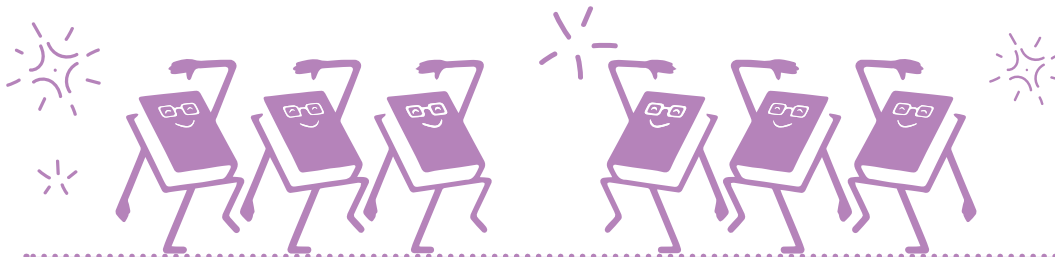
June 1 through August 31

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. Keep an eye out for our exciting programs as well. For adults, join a book club, attend an in-person program, and more.



Let's kick off the summer

... with a Book Parade! ...

Pick up FREE BOOKS, sign up for the reading challenge at MARCO, and snag some dinner while you're there.

Halifax Area Middle/High School

June 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Harrisburg High School

June 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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AFL FRIENDS

Novel Thoughts Book Club

AFL: First Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Room B)

April 4—*The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

May 2—*The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Novel Thoughts Too Book Club

AFL: Third Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. (Room B)

April 18—*The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck

May 16—*84 Charing Cross* by Helene Hanff

ESA FRIENDS

2023 Spring Book & Media Sale

Collections

Thursday, May 18: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 19: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Member's Sale

Wednesday, May 24: 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Book Sale

Thursday, May 25: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

*Books by the Bag Sale

If you can volunteer for the sale, contact: Bonnie Hindman at bonniehindman@gmail.com or 717.433.8055.

EV FRIENDS

Friends Meetings

Thursday, April 13 – Board Meeting at Lykens Children's Museum, 33 South Market Street, Elizabethtown at 6:30 p.m. Annual meeting with election of officers. See website for details.

Thursday, May 4 – Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

KL FRIENDS

Book Bingo at Kline Library

For all ages

KL Community Room: Thursdays, April 13, May 11, and June 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo is back! 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. No registration is required.

2023 Spring Book Sale

KL Community Room: Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Book sale contents to include Adult Fiction; History & Politics; Biographies; Business & Technology

4 hours.

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Harrisburg, PA 17110
717.232.7286

East Shore Area Library (ESA)

4501 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717.652.9380

McCormick Riverfront Library (MRL)

101 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.234.4976

Elizabethville Area Library (EV)

80 North Market Street
Elizabethville, PA 17023
717.362.9825

Northern Dauphin Library (ND)

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