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LIBRARY DISTRICT**



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JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**



Punxsutawney Memorial Library

April 2024 Newsletter

Our mission is to provide the public with current informational and recreational resources, services, and programming by maintaining a free, public, and non-sectarian library for all individuals in the Punxsutawney service area.

Business Hours:

Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Friday 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed





From the Director's Desk

Jen Soliday, MSLIS

director@punxsutawneylibrary.org

National Library Week

April 7 - 13

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" The 2024 celebration marks the 66th anniversary of the first event.

The theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at your library's author talks, programs, and book clubs.

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

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

Happy Reading!



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
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LINK LEARN LIVE



**Punxsutawney
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****We accept Library cards from any of the Jefferson County Libraries, and the Commonwealth of PA!****

If you reside in our Service Area, Library Cards are free to residents ages 5+

Our Service Area includes:

Bell Township
Big Run Borough
Gaskill Township
McCalmont Township
Oliver Township
Perry Township
Porter Township
Punxsutawney Borough
Ringgold Township
Timblin Borough
Worthville Borough
Young Township
Banks Township
Canoe Township
North Mahoning Township

To get a library card, we need to see a current form of ID.

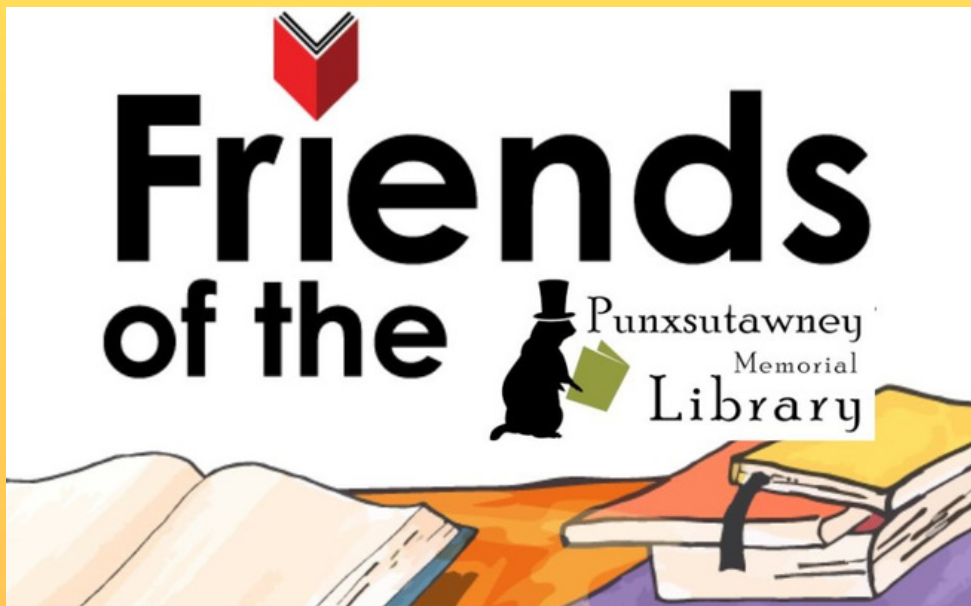
Youth (5 – 18) must have a legal parent/guardian sign for their card.

Outside the service area, if you don't have a PA library card, the cost is \$10 per year.




Wear our Library Logo!



**Buy a Library t-shirt or hoodie
from our fundraiser! Adult +
Youth sizes are available!
Link is available on our Webpage:
www.punxsutawneylibrary.org
or on our Facebook Page.
A percentage of the item cost returns to the Library!**



MEETING INVITATION

-  April 10, 2024
-  6:30 PM
-  Library Conference Room

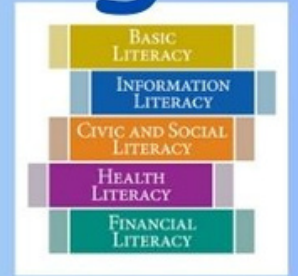
MORE INFO

-  814.938.5020
-  director@punxsutawneylibrary.org

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization whose members share the belief that residents should support their public library system in many different ways in addition to their regular taxes. Friends advocate the importance of library services in our community and raise funds to achieve library goals.

New members are welcome!!

Paws for Reading



Many studies have shown that reading to dogs is also a great way to improve self-confidence and public speaking skills. This is because it provides an opportunity to speak out loud but without judgment from human company. Both reading and interacting with dogs help reduce stress, so this program is the perfect way to help you feel less anxious and improve mental well-being.

Read to our licensed
therapy dogs!

All ages welcome!



Saturday
April 13: Ryker
10:30 - 11:30 AM



Adult Coloring Club

Mondays @ 10:30 AM

Bring your own supplies or borrow ours!

For our patrons ages 18+

Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress. It calms the brain and helps your body relax. This can improve sleep and fatigue while decreasing body aches, heart rate, respiration, and feelings of depression and anxiety

HEALTH
LITERACY

CIVIC AND SOCIAL
LITERACY

Sign up Free

Youth Literacy Programs

Classes will begin the week of February 5th.
Ask at the desk for a registration form.

We ask that all participants register to ensure we have enough materials on hand.



Tweens & Teens
(6th – 12th grades)
Mondays @ 5:00 p.m.

April 1: Spring Scavenger Hunt
April 8: Spring Writing Contest
April 15: Spring Photo Shoot
April 22: LEGO Challenge
April 29: Science Night



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Wee-Read!
(18 - 35 months)
Tuesdays @ 11 a.m.

April 2: Things that Grow
April 9: Animals of Spring
April 16: Explore Dinos
April 24: Alphabet Day
April 30: Number Day



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Pre-K Rocks!
(3-5 years)
Tuesdays @ 1:30 p.m.

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It's Elementary!

1: K - 2nd Grades
Wednesdays @ 4 p.m.

2: 3rd - 5th Grades
Wednesdays @ 5 p.m.

- April 3: Spring Scavenger Hunt
- April 10: Movie Night
- April 17: Flowers
- April 24: Bubble Day



ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10 AM - 2PM

- Wednesday
 - April 3
 - April 10
 - April 17
 - April 24
- Saturday
 - April 13

We are accepting book donations, but there's a limit 2 bags/boxes per person.
(NOT TOTES!!)

We do not accept damaged items, out of date materials, textbooks, etc.

We will not accept book donations except on these dates. Thank you for understanding!

Please do not leave donations outside - they get weathered and infested.



In regards to book donations, please be advised:

1. We will not accept damaged items (torn, water damaged, moldy, writing inside, etc.). *If you wouldn't buy the book in its present condition, no one else will either.*

2. We will not accept items that are out of date (magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, reference materials). *It is library policy (all libraries) to not spread misinformation. Out of date materials do not have the latest research findings in them.*

3. Please do not bring us more than 2 bags or boxes (not totes) at a time. *Our space is limited and we need to leave room for other people to have a chance to donate too!*

4. We absolutely will NOT discard your unwanted books for you. *We share a dumpster with the Borough and we cannot fill it up with discarded books. Take them back home and dispose of them in your trash.*

5. Do not leave book donations outside. We will not accept them. Leaving them outside exposes them to the weather and to infestations. *Mold and bugs will jump from book to book, and we are trying to protect the books we currently have.*

6. To try to be more accommodating, we are now accepting books every Wednesday (unless we're closed), and every other Saturday. *If you are not sure if it is a donation day, it's best to call ahead of time.*

Ready

Set

Library!

**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK**

April 7-13, 2024

ALA

Library
Challenges



Monday = Right to Read Day

- Day of Action in support of the right to read. The State of America's Libraries Report is released by the American Library Association, including Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023.

Tuesday = Library Workers' Day

- Day to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers.

Wednesday = National Library Outreach Day

- Day for the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons wherever they are.

Thursday = Take Action for Libraries Day

- Day to take some time to contact Federal and State Congress members and urge them to increase public library funding and protect the right of citizens to read.

Friday = Drop Everything and Read Day

- Day to set aside 15 minutes to reading.



Solar Eclipse Monday April 8, 2024

What time will the solar eclipse happen in Pennsylvania?

- In general, the eclipse will begin around 2:00 P.M. on April 8 as the moon's orbit begins to travel in between the sun and Earth, appearing as a dark shadow biting into the bright sphere of the sun. Within the path of totality, the total eclipse phase will last from approximately 3:15 P.M. to 3:20 P.M.

Your Punxsutawney Memorial Library will have Eclipse glasses free to **PATRONS** (must show a current, valid library card) beginning April 1, 2024. If you have lost your card, we will not look up your account, you will need to pay the \$1.50 to replace your card.

One per patron

Available only while limited supplies last



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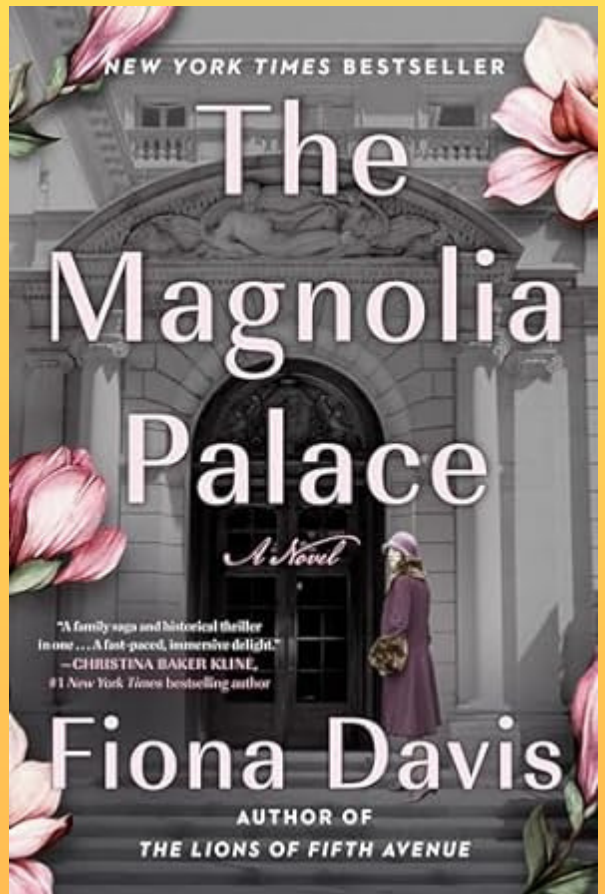
@ 5:30 P.M.

CATASTROPHIC

BOOK

CLUB

Good books and good company



Eight months since losing her mother in the Spanish flu outbreak of 1919, twenty-one-year-old Lillian Carter's life has completely fallen apart. For the past six years, under the moniker Angelica, Lillian was one of the most sought-after artists' models in New York City, with statues based on her figure gracing landmarks from the Plaza Hotel to the Brooklyn Bridge. But with her mother gone, a grieving Lillian is rudderless and desperate—the work has dried up and a looming scandal has left her entirely without a safe haven.

**PLEASE CALL TO
RESERVE A COPY.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**BASIC
LITERACY**

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Drop Everything And Read Day!



April 12
Noon - 5 PM
Punxsutawney
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We will hold a marathon reading today. Join us throughout the day and see what community members are coming in to read!

If you are interested in being a reader that day, please contact us!



Free Book Friday!



In celebration of National Library Week and D.E.A.R. Day, the libraries of Jefferson County would like to put a book into the hands of every child. Simply bring your child into any library in Jefferson County on **April 12th** and ask for your free book. One book per child, while supplies last.

**Wednesday, April 24
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Book Talk & Signing
with Bruce R. Kelly, MD**



The Uphill River

The Memoir of a Boy Chosen by God and
the Universe to Become a Physician



Bruce R. Kelly, M.D.

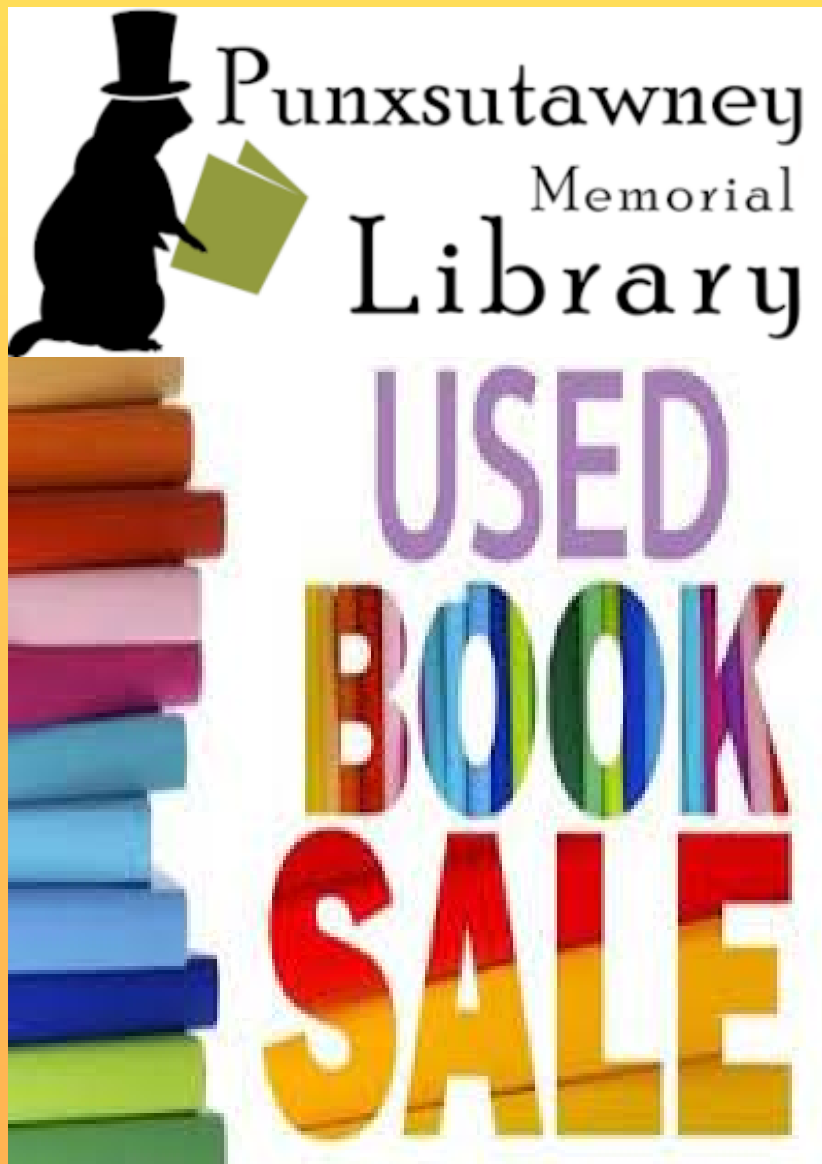
The Uphill River is the unlikely odyssey of a lower middle-class boy through a life that God and the universe chose for him. Dr. Kelly practiced in Punxsutawney from 1980 - 1983.

**Books will be available for autograph for \$20.



**Saturday
April 27, 2024**

**Enjoy the “Spring Cleaning Event”
sponsored by the
Clearfield-Jefferson Drug &
Alcohol Commission
in Barclay Square!**



Tuesday, April 30
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Take what you'd like,
pay what you can!

Help us make room for
the gently used book donations
we get each week!

Online Reading

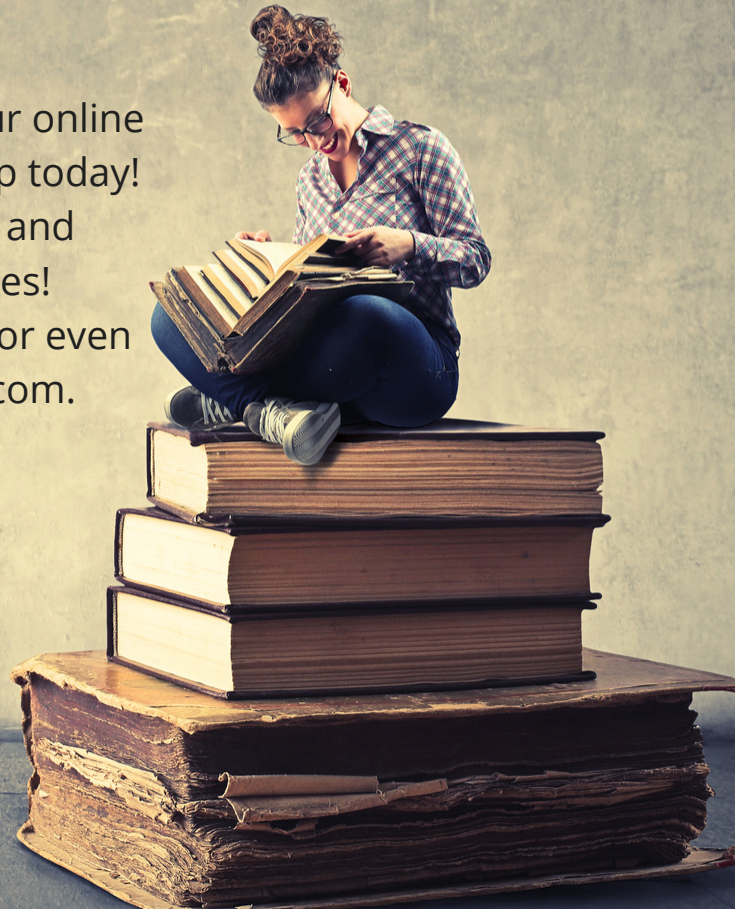


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Kovels Antiques and Collectibles Information is available with your library card! Find it through Libby under "Extras." Includes identification marks, price guides, market price lists, how-to guides, and more! Borrow a 30-day pass with unlimited renewals. Work saves between renewals.

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Easy to Use Templates for:
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Rental Agreements
Contract Agreements
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and so much more!

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WHAT'S ITS VALUE?

FIND OUT WITH

KOVELS

The go-to source for expert information, pricing, and trends on antiques and collectibles.

NOW AVAILABLE ON



Thanks to Knox Public Library for sponsoring access!





Did You Know...

...if you read to your child
ONE book per night, you will
have read over 1,000 books
in three years??

Sign up today!!



BASIC
LITERACY

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY							
1 WRITING	Talk a walk outside together. When you return home, work together to draw the story of your walk. What did you see?	2 PLAYING	Take turns pretending to be a variety of animals. Bark and wag your tail like a dog. Wriggle like a snake. Be a bird flapping its wings.	3 TALKING	Say a favorite nursery rhyme, but change an important word to something silly. <i>Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the tree...</i>	4 SINGING	Has it been raining a lot? Sing "Rain, Rain, Go Away." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	5 COUNTING	Talk about big and little today. Find and talk about items that are different sizes throughout the day.	6 READING	Visit the library (in person or online) and check out books about spring. 		
7 WRITING	Create a piece of art. Look at the sky and draw the clouds. Be sure to sign your name! 	8 PLAYING	Play follow the leader. One person (the leader) performs actions the others must follow. Take turns being the leader.	9 TALKING	Use new describing words today. For example, say "enormous" instead of "big" and "wonderful" instead of "great."	10 SINGING	Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" during bath time. <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	11 COUNTING	Cut a piece of toast in half. Say "Now we have two pieces the same size." 	12 READING	Help your child stack blocks as high as you can. Count each block as you add it. How many can you stack before it tumbles over?	13 WRITING	Make a dot painting with cotton swabs and paint to help develop fine motor skills.
14 PLAYING	Cut out large shapes—a square, a triangle, a circle—and place them on the floor. Take turns telling which shapes to step on.	15 TALKING	Talk about your day and their day. <i>I'm making breakfast. You're playing with blocks. We're getting ready to go out.</i>	16 SINGING	Sing "I Hear Thunder." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	17 COUNTING	Draw a chalk grid with numbers and have the child jump to the numbers you call out.	18 READING	Teach letter sounds by playing "I Spy." <i>I spy with my little eye something that begins with S. Yes! A spoon!</i>	19 WRITING	Help your child experiment with a variety of writing tools. Use pencils, crayons, markers, and chalk on different types of paper.	20 PLAYING	Go on a circle walk. Make a list of all the circle-shaped items you find today. 
21 TALKING	Choose a word of the day. Write the word down together. Use the word several times during the course of the day.	22 SINGING	Make up a song about something that is familiar or interesting to your child.	23 COUNTING	Count in nature. How many birds, rocks, flowers, trees do you see?	24 READING	Place pieces of paper with big letters written on them around the room. Help your child find them. <i>Where's the letter A? On the chair!</i>	25 WRITING	Write your child's first name in big block letters. Color and decorate it together. Talk about each letter.	26 PLAYING	Make paper bag puppets and play with them. Introduce them to each other. <i>(Instructions are on the back.)</i>	27 TALKING	Go on a listening walk. Listen for birds, the wind, traffic, and point them out. At the end of your walk talk about what you heard.
28 SINGING	Take turns singing bits of favorite songs to each other. 	29 COUNTING	Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	30 READING	Help your child notice words throughout the day. Point out street signs, words on food cartons, billboards, and more.								

Talking is one of the best ways for children to learn new words.

Speak to your child often during the day and try to use many different words to express your ideas. Children love to imitate, and they will try to imitate your speech. Chances to chat include while you are getting dressed in the morning, eating breakfast, riding in the car, walking from the car to a store, playing together, doing chores, taking a bath, going to bed, and while saying goodnight. Ask lots of open-ended questions, those that require more than a yes or no answer.

PAPER BAG PUPPETS

You will need:

- Crayons or Markers
- Small paper bags, like lunch bags
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glue stick

Directions:

1. Use your crayons and markers to create a face on the bottom of your paper bag.
2. Use glue and yarn or ribbon to make hair. You can also draw your puppet's hair.
3. Color in the bottom part of your puppet to make clothes.
4. Put your hand inside the bag and put on a puppet show.

ROW ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily merrily, merrily,
merrily Life is but a dream

I HEAR THUNDER

Sing to the tune "Frère Jacques"

I hear thunder, I hear thunder.

(Pound hands gently on floor or legs)

Listen, don't you? Listen, don't you?

(Tap hand to ear)

Pitter, patter raindrops; pitter, patter raindrops;

(Wiggle fingers in falling motion in front of face)

I'm wet through,

(Shake body)

So are you!

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Rain, Rain,
Go away;
Come again,
Another day;
Little [child's name]
wants to play



Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

Bedtime for Bo

by Kjersti Annesdatter Skomsvold

Shhh! We Have a Plan

by Chris Haughton

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Telling Stories Wrong

by Gianni Rodari

The Book of Mistakes

by Corinna Luyken





Memorials and Honorariums



MEMORIALS:

THE LIBRARY'S MEMORIAL PROGRAM IS A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY. PATRONS MAY DONATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE LIBRARY MATERIALS IN SOMEONE'S MEMORY WHILE MAKING GENERAL SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE TITLE, SUBJECT, OR GENRE. MATERIALS ARE SELECTED AND BOUGHT BY THE LIBRARY. A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IS PLACED IN THE BOOK AND THE DONOR AND THE HONOREE'S FAMILY ARE NOTIFIED. DIRECT DONATION OF ACTUAL MATERIALS IS DISCOURAGED AND WILL REQUIRE LIBRARY DIRECTOR APPROVAL, AS DONATIONS NEED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH COLLECTION SELECTION POLICY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK AT THE MAIN DESK AT THE LIBRARY.

March's Memorials:

- Marjorie Brennan by:
 - Janet Stormer
 - John Vermeulen
 - Shirley Pete

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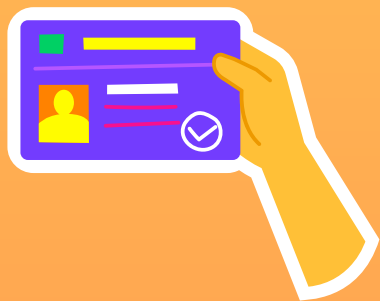
- No honorariums



March 2024 Stats

Total items checked out

1,607



Computer Usage/
WiFi Sessions

68/89



Library visitors

1,713*

*Phil Visitors: 467



Books & Periodicals

1,476



DVDs/Blu-Rays

131



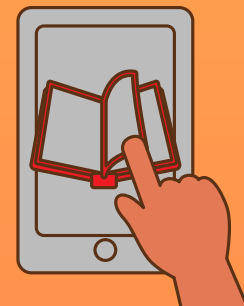
Reference
Questions

83



Ebooks
(February)

351





FREE Online Resources

Access all these databases for FREE on our website with your library card!



GALE COURSES

Take free, online courses in a variety of topics -- QuickBooks, Photoshop, screenwriting, law, and so much more.



ASK A LIBRARIAN

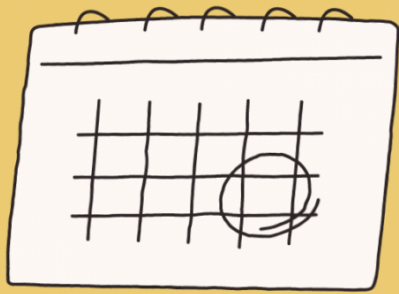
24-Hour Live Reference Chat Service With PA Librarians



Check out the wide variety of reference resources available at Power Library such as: small engine repairs resources, teacher reference resources, PA job resources, science reference resources, and more!



- To all our patrons!!



IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Closings:

- May 27 - Memorial Day

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Reading Registration

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