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JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**



Punxsutawney Memorial Library

May 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



Once again, it's time for Summer Reading at Your Punxsutawney Memorial Library. This year's theme is **Adventure Begins at your Library!** And it's all about exciting opportunities for adventure at the library. We are including Adults in our Summer by offering Reading Punch Cards (more about that later). We will also have our usual groups gather at the Library for a special week of fun. Please note, when determining which group to bring your readers, that the activities and crafts are designed specifically for that age group, and older/younger children may find the activities/crafts to be too easy/difficult.

Our groups and their dates are noted on the other side of this flyer. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any of our staff.

This year, the closing for each group will happen at the end of each week. We will be giving prizes throughout the summer with a series of scratch-off tickets and raffle tickets. Children can earn scratch-off tickets by attending programs, and completing 100 minutes of reading (verified by Mr. Nate). Each scratch-off ticket will win either 1. a small prize (from the treasure chest) 2. a book (from the prize book cart) 3. an entry into the Summer Raffle Drawing (for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card). For every 1,000 minutes read, a raffle ticket entry will be given.

Adults can earn scratch-off tickets by reading books on our suggested Summer Reading list for Adults, or by attending programs. They can win 1. a small prize 2. a book (from the prize book cart) or 3. an entry into the Summer Raffle Drawing (for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card). Summer books earn 2 punches all others earn 1 punch (YA or Adult books).

For adults: by completing a punch card (reading **any** 5 books), you win a certificate for a Papoose pizza at Punxsy Pizza (almost like that Book program at that place with the red roof).

Thanks, Scott Anthony for working together with us to make this happen!

Readers have until the day before the drawing to complete minutes and earn raffle entries. The drawing will take place on **August 2nd**. The winner does not need to be present, but the prize must be collected within 5 business days of the drawing.

We do ask that you register each participant at the Library before the start of their age group week so that we can get an accurate count for craft supplies. Registration will begin **May 6th**. **The legal parent/guardian must sign-up their readers.**

We are so excited to see all of you this summer!

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**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!**



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ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10 AM - 2PM

- Wednesday
 - May 1
 - May 8
 - May 15
 - May 22
 - May 29
- Saturday
 - May 11
 - May 25

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, and every other Saturday (unless we are closed). *If you are not sure if it is a donation day, it's best to call ahead of time.*

Need to do some Spring Cleaning?

Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority ELECTRONICS, TELEVISIONS & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

SATURDAY, MAY 4 AND AUGUST 24, 2024 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Goodwill, 101 Preston Way, Falls Creek, PA

Jefferson County Residents Only

Electronics & TV Recycling

- Audio, Stereo & Video Equipment
- Cell Phones
- Computers & Laptops
- Computer Wires
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- Microwaves
- Monitors
- Printers, Copiers & Scanners
- Telephones & Answering Machines
- Televisions



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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appointment time



COST – payment by credit card only

- Televisions & Monitors - 65¢ per pound
- Non-Video Display Electronics - 45¢ per pound
- Paint - 75¢ per pound
- Household Hazardous Waste - \$1.10 per pound
- Bulbs and Batteries - 85¢ per pound
- Propane Gas Grill Tanks - \$7.50 each
- Small Freon Containing Devices - 28¢ per pound

PROHIBITED ITEMS: explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, pharmaceuticals, syringes, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury, tires

Household Hazardous Waste

- Antifreeze & Motor Oils
- Aerosols
- Car & Household Batteries
- E-bike Batteries
- Bug Sprays & Flea Repellants
- Hand Sanitizer
- Automotive Products
- Degreasers
- Fluorescent and LED Lights
- Fuel Additives
- Gasoline, Kerosene, Diesel
- Cleaning Products, Bleach
- Paints & Stains
- Driveway Sealers
- Paint Strippers & Thinners
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Propane Gas Grill Tanks – 15 to 20 lb. size only
- Window Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Mini Refrigerators



HOSTED BY: Jefferson County Solid Waste Authority (814) 328-5361, www.jcswa.org and Goodwill, Inc.



Sign up Free



What: Summer Library Registration

When: Begins May 6

Where: Punxsutawney Memorial Library

Who: Children ages 18 months to 18 years
(Parent/Legal Guardian must complete the registration)

Cost: FREE!

All participants must register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone!

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Group	Program Dates	Closing
Wee Read! Ages 18 to 35 months	June 10-14 @ 11 a.m.	June 14th @11am
Pre-K Rocks! Ages 3 to 5	June 24- 28 @ 11 a.m.	June 28th @11am
It's Elementary! 1 Grades K - 3rd	July 8-12 @ 11 a.m.	July 12th @ 11am
It's Elementary! 2 Grades 4th -5th	July 8-12 @ 1 p.m.	July 12th @ 11am
Teens and tweens Grades 6th - 12th	July 22-26 @ 1 p.m.	July 26th @1pm

A collage background for the poster featuring a biplane, a rotary phone, and various architectural elements. At the bottom right, there is a logo for the National Literacy Trust with the following categories: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy.



Adult Coloring Club

Mondays @ 10:30 AM

Bring your own supplies or borrow ours!

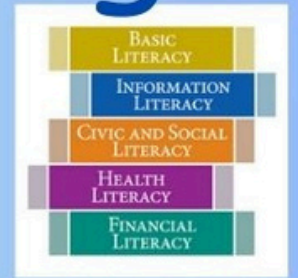
For our patrons ages 18+

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

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

May 11: Ryker

May 25: Autumn (a new friend!)

10:30 - 11:30 AM



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MON

MAY 13

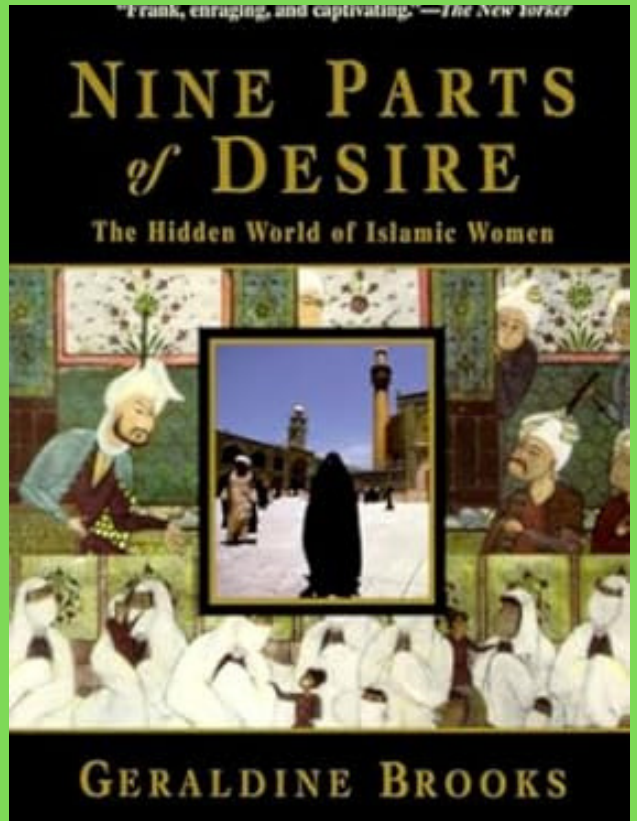
@ 5:30 P.M.

CATASTROPHIC

BOOK

CLUB

Good books and good company

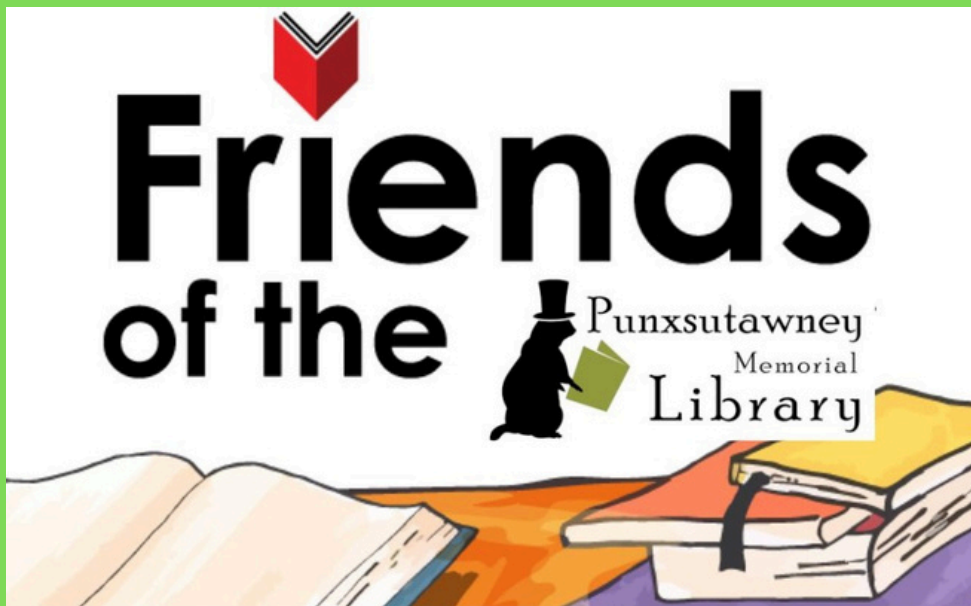


Nine Parts of Desire is the story of Brooks' intrepid journey toward an understanding of the women behind the veils, and of the often contradictory political, religious, and cultural forces that shape their lives. Defying our stereotypes about the Muslim world, Brooks' acute analysis of the world's fastest growing religion deftly illustrates how Islam's holiest texts have been misused to justify repression of women, and how male pride and power have warped the original message of a once liberating faith.




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

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MEETING INVITATION

-  May 15, 2024
-  6:30 PM
-  Library Conference Room

MORE INFO

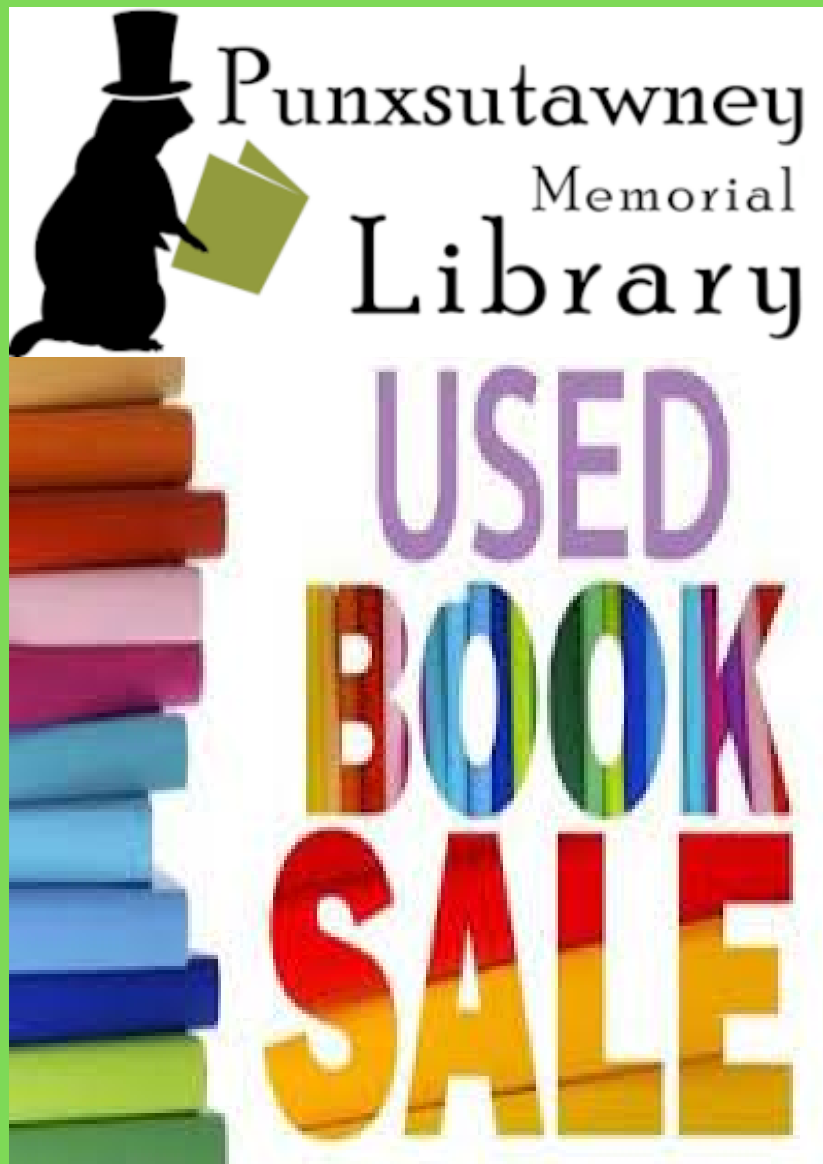
-  814.938.5020
-  director@punxsutawneylibrary.org

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!!



**Monday,
May 27**



Tuesday, May 28
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

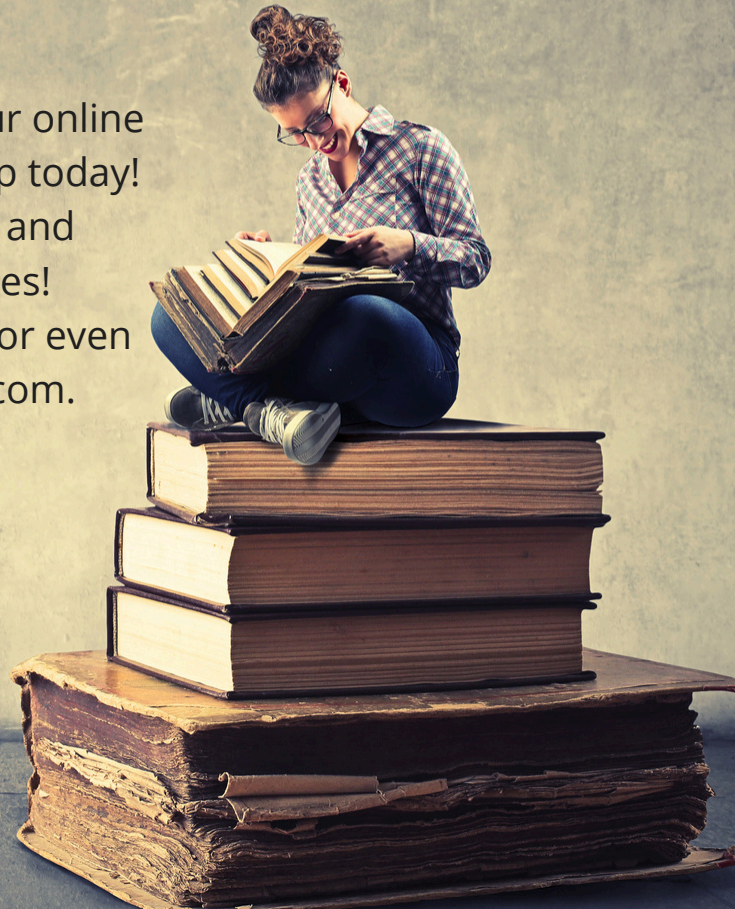


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Wills & Living Wills
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have read over 1,000 books
in three years??

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MAY 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
			1 WRITING Play with play dough—it strengthens muscles needed for writing.	2 PLAYING Go on an outside scavenger hunt. Make a list (tree, car, flower, bird, bus, etc.) and check off the items as you see them.	3 TALKING Take turns saying as many words as you can that rhyme with May. 		4 SINGING Play talent show. Take turns singing and/or dancing.			
5 COUNTING Go for a walk and find three different-sized twigs. Talk about shorter and longer. Ask your child to hand you the longest, the shortest, etc.	6 READING Ask your child to “read” to you by telling you their own story based on pictures in a book.	7 WRITING Make a Mother’s Day card and have your child “sign” their name. Scribbles are ok!	8 PLAYING Play a stacking game. Use blocks, rocks, boxes, anything you have. Talk about what might make your stack tumble.	9 TALKING Talk about feelings you felt today. What made you laugh?	10 SINGING Sing “The Farmer Plants the Seeds.” <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> →	11 COUNTING Sing “The Ants Go Marching.” <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> → 				
12 READING Draw the pictures to a story on 4-5 small pieces of paper. Help your child put the papers in proper sequence to tell the story.	13 WRITING Draw a large alphabet. Have your child practice finger tracing while you say the letters out loud.	14 PLAYING Play a rhyming game. Choose a word and then come up with as many rhyming words as you can. Dog, frog, hog, log, Tree, see, me, knee.	15 TALKING Look for signs of spring. Go for a walk and talk about what you see. Point out new grass, birds, first flowers, leaf buds.	16 SINGING Sing a favorite song. Sing it fast. Sing it slow. Whisper it.	17 COUNTING Ask questions about what is heavier. <i>Does an orange or a grape weigh more? Is Mom’s shoe or your shoe heavier?</i>	18 READING Find out the details of your library’s summer reading program. 				
19 WRITING Draw pictures together. Label the things you draw. 	20 PLAYING Go for a walk after dark. Pretend you are an explorer. Talk about what you see. 	21 TALKING Enunciate words today. <i>Would you like a ba-ba-ba-nana? Banana begins with B! Can you close the d-d-d-door? Door begins with D!</i>	22 SINGING Involve your child in creating their own songs about their interests, favorite stories, or experiences.	23 COUNTING Draw numbers on the sidewalk with chalk. Say them as you step on them.	24 READING Encourage your child to take the lead with reading. They can select the books and show you where to start.	25 WRITING Help your child begin to recognize words for a few common objects by labeling them. Shoe, Table, Door, Floor.				
26 PLAYING Set up an obstacle course and give your child directions. <i>Run to the park bench. Jump over the stick. Touch the ground. Come back to me.</i>	27 TALKING When reading a book today stop before you get to the end and ask your child what they think will happen next.	28 SINGING <i>Your: ABCDEFG Child: HIJKLMNPO</i> Continue taking turns to finish the alphabet. 	29 COUNTING Count the number of eggs in a carton. Explain that 12 items together is also called a dozen.	30 READING Act something out from the story you are reading.	31 WRITING Make a list of things you liked best about this month.					

Good readers have a large vocabulary.

Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read. You can help your children learn lots of words by:

- Having plenty of conversations. Take turns talking. It is important for you to ask questions and listen to what your children say in response.
- Read together! A lot!
- Make connections. Connect what you are reading in books to their lives. “Yes, Grandma has a black cat, too.”
- Repetition. Children often love to read the same book over and over. This is a good thing as repeated readings help build vocabulary.



ANTS GO MARCHING

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah. The ants go marching one by one, The little one stops to eat a plum. And they all go marching down, To the ground, to get out of the rain. BOOM BOOM BOOM

Two by two. Tie its shoe.
Three by three. Climb a tree.
Four by four. Shut the door.
Five by five. Take a dive.
Six by six. Pick up sticks.
Seven by seven. Tie a ribbon.
Eight by Eight. Close the gate.
Nine by Nine. Check the time.
Ten by Ten. Say THE END.

THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune “The Farmer in the Dell”
The Farmer plants the seeds,
The Farmer plants the seeds. *(Pretend to plant seeds)*
Hi, ho, the dairy-o,
The farmer plants the seeds.
The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*
The rain begins to fall... *(Hands flutter up and down)*
The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*
The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*
We all sit down to eat... *(Pretend to eat)*



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

The Bunnies are Not in Their Beds
by Marisabina Russo

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
by Mo Willems

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Night Lunch
by Eric Fan

The New Rooster
by Rilla Alexander





Memorials and Honorariums



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April's Memorials:

- Lola Jean Lazorcak by:
 - Mariann Griffiths
- Diana Bair by:
 - J.R. Overly Family
 - Gayle Gigiotti

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April's Honorariums:

- No honorariums



April 2024 Stats

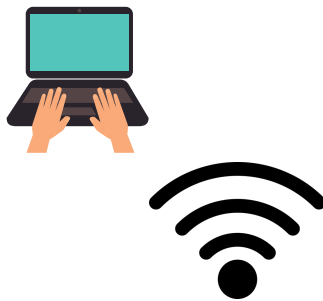
Total items checked out

1,541



Computer Usage/
WiFi Sessions

80/124



Library visitors

2,471*

*Phil Visitors: 930



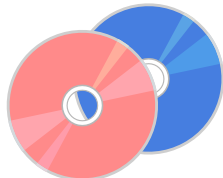
Books & Periodicals

1,333



DVDs/Blu-Rays

128



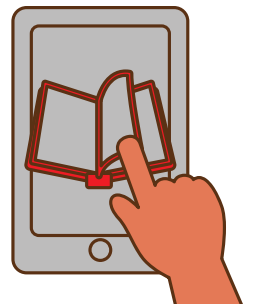
Reference
Questions

440



Ebooks
(March 2024)

368





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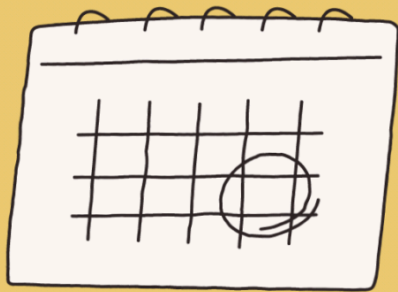


Check out the wide variety of reference resources available at Power Library such as: small engine repairs resources, teacher reference resources, PA job resources, science reference resources, and more!





- To everyone who supported us during National Library Week - especially our surprise DEAR guests!



IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Closings:

- June 29 & July 6
- July 4

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Programs start on 6/10/24
- Altered hours during Festival in the Park:
July 1 - 5, 8 AM - 11 AM

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