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JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**



Punxsutawney Memorial Library



March 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

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National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Seuss's birthday. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more in celebration and although some people may find the increased emphasis on reading to be boring, the increase in reading during this month has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, and increases imagination and boosts memory. But what about the little ones who cannot read yet? With a little help, they can enjoy National Reading Month too.

Research findings outlined in a recent report of the National Early Literacy Panel highlight the fact that literacy skills begin to develop at birth. The panel identified a number of early skills that are related to—and may even help predict—a child's later success with reading and writing.

Skills closely related to later success with reading and writing

- *Alphabet knowledge—the ability to name letters and the sounds they make*
- *Phonological awareness—the ability to hear and manipulate the sounds of spoken language (such as hear the beginning sound of a word)*
- *Rapid letter or number naming—the ability to quickly name letters or numbers*
- *Rapid object or color naming—the ability to quickly name random series of colors or objects*
- *Phonological memory—the ability to remember spoken information for a short period of time*
- *Writing letters or one's own name—the ability to write single letters in isolation, or write their own name*

For ideas on how to encourage these skills in your emerging learners, check out this website: <https://www.leapfrog.com/en-us/learning-path/articles/march-is-national-reading-month-even-if-you-dont-readyet>

Happy Reading!



****We accept Library cards from any of the Jefferson County Libraries, and most in the state 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.**



REMINDER

Punxsutawney Memorial Library Emergency Weather Policy

Pertaining to poor weather conditions, the Punxsutawney Area School District's actions will guide the actions of the Punxsutawney Memorial Library. If the school deems it unsafe for students and staff to travel, we will take this into consideration for our patrons and staff as well.

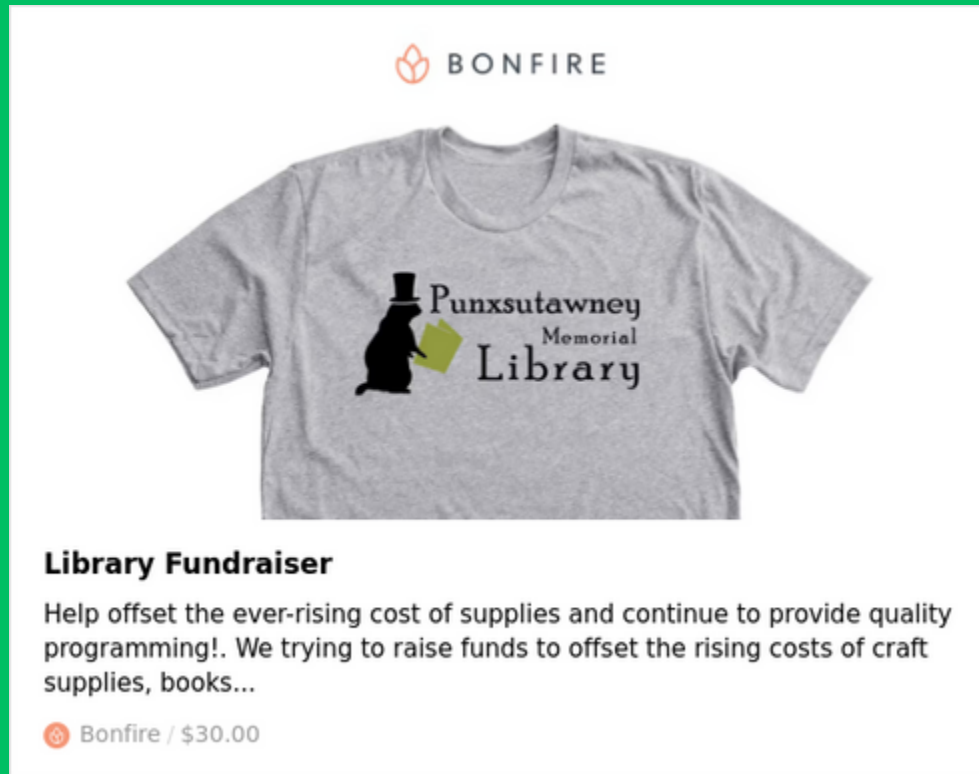
1) If the schools are delayed due to poor weather, we will match its delay to open our doors. Example: If the school is on a two-hour delay, we will open two hours later. If we normally open at 10 a.m., we will open at noon.

2) If the schools are closed for the day, the library will delay opening. An evaluation will occur by 11:30 a.m. on whether to open at noon or remain closed.

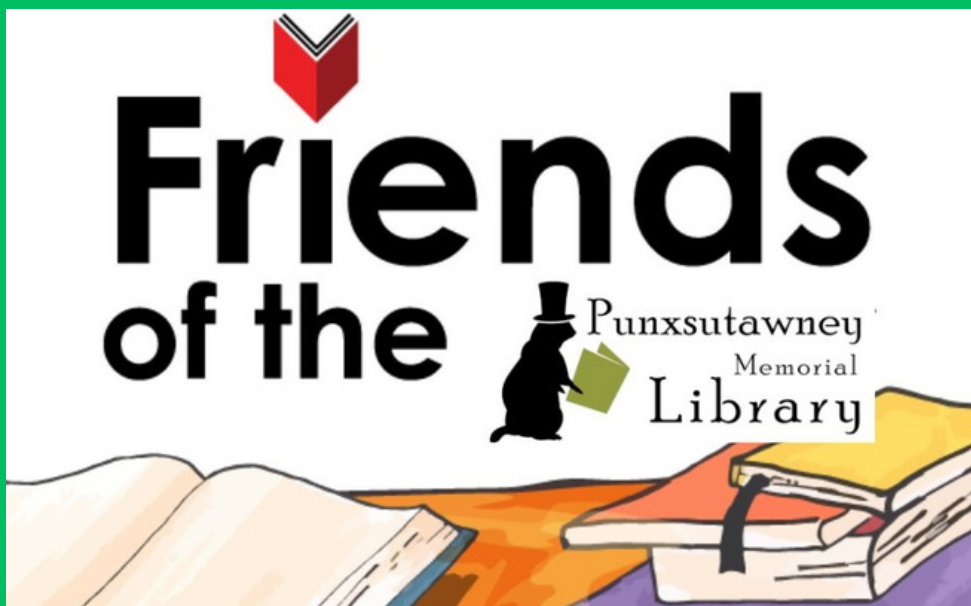
3) If potentially hazardous weather occurs, or is likely to occur, after the start of a school session, the director will assess the situation and make the decision to remain open or close the doors. If the director is not present at the library, a staff member should attempt to contact him/her. If contact cannot be made and the staff on duty agree that conditions are unsafe (or could potentially become unsafe within a reasonable amount of time), they will close the library and post a sign on the doors to notify to patrons.

Check our website and social media networks for the latest updates, or call the library at 814- 938-5020. If you are sent to voicemail, we are most likely not open.




Wear the 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

-  March 13, 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!!



March 29 & March 30

Happy Easter!



**We hope you
have a safe
and blessed
Easter
weekend!**

March Raffle “Basket”



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
Drawing to be held March 28
Proceeds benefit the Library

Paws for Reading

**FRIDAYS
3:45-4:45
P.M.**

**ALL AGES
ARE
WELCOME!**



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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.

**This program is on
hiatus until Spring**

Saturday, March 2nd

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Join us in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Two of our therapy dogs will be here dressed as Seuss characters, and there will be other Seuss characters to read with as well! One Fish Two Fish snacks will be available as supplies last, and a special Seuss-themed photo-op area will be available all month!





Punxsutawney
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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
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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.

MAR 4: Trivia Night!

Mar 11: Acting 101

Mar 18: Virtual Reality Night

Mar 25: Author Visit Night



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

MAR 5: Rain Day

MAR 12: St. Patrick's Day

MAR 19: Easter

MAR 26: Bubbles



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Pre-K Rocks!

(3-5 years)

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It's Elementary!

1: K - 2nd Grades

Wednesdays @ 4 p.m.



2: 3rd - 5th Grades

Wednesdays @ 5 p.m.

MAR 6: Building Challenge

MAR 13: St. Patrick's Day

MAR 20: Mr. Rogers' Night

MAR 28: Easter



ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10am-2pm

- Saturday
 - March 2
 - March 16
- Wednesday
 - March 6
 - March 13
 - March 20
 - March 27

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.

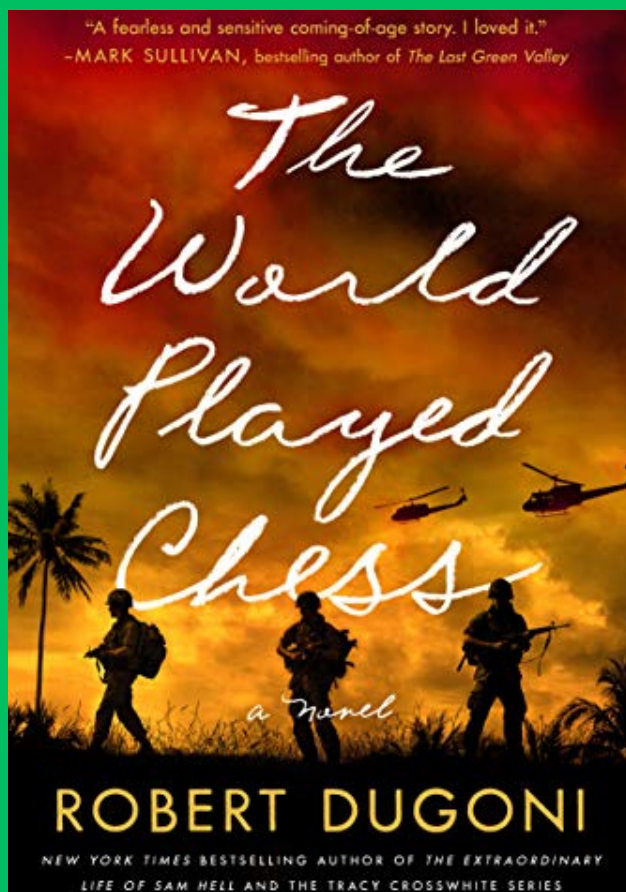




**MON
MAR 11
@ 5:30 P.M.**

CATASTROPHIC BOOK CLUB

Good books and good company



In 1979, Vincent Bianco has just graduated high school. His only desire: collect a little beer money and enjoy his final summer before college. So he lands a job as a laborer on a construction crew. Working alongside two Vietnam vets, one suffering from PTSD, Vincent gets the education of a lifetime. Now forty years later, with his own son leaving for college, the lessons of that summer—Vincent's last taste of innocence and first taste of real life—dramatically unfold in a novel about breaking away, shaping a life, and seeking one's own destiny.

**PLEASE CALL TO
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ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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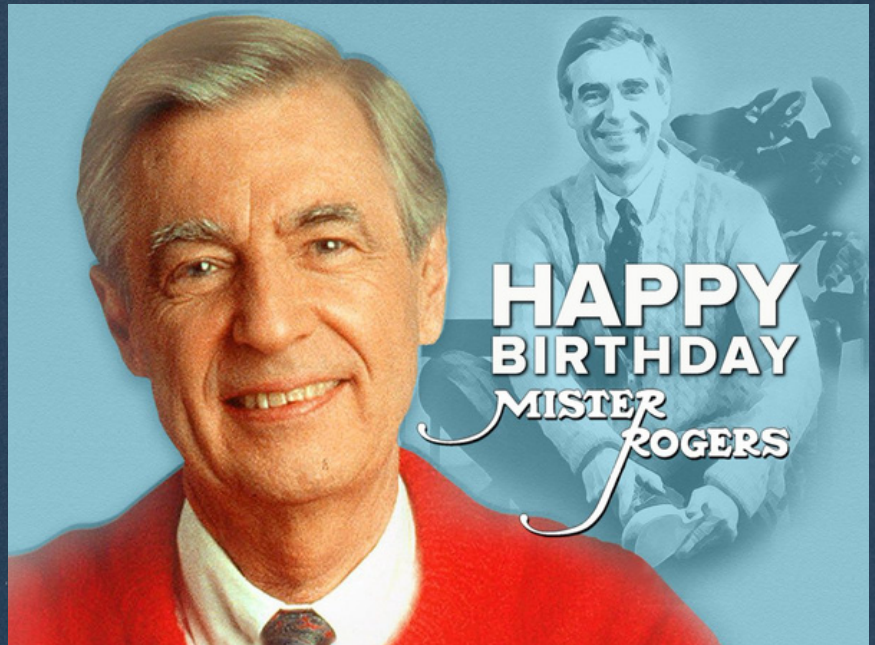
Drop-In Storytime



Join us Saturday March 16
@ 3:00 p.m. for an
all-ages appropriate
story time.

This will include reading aloud
a couple of children's
books, and a simple activity.

As always, there is no cost to join us;
but parents/guardians must remain
in the library with their
children under the age of 10.



Wednesday, March 20
4 - 6 PM
ALL ages welcome!

- Come dressed like Mr. Rogers!
- Hear stories
- Sing Mr. Rogers' songs
- Watch Mr. Rogers videos
- Sidewalk chalk drawing activity

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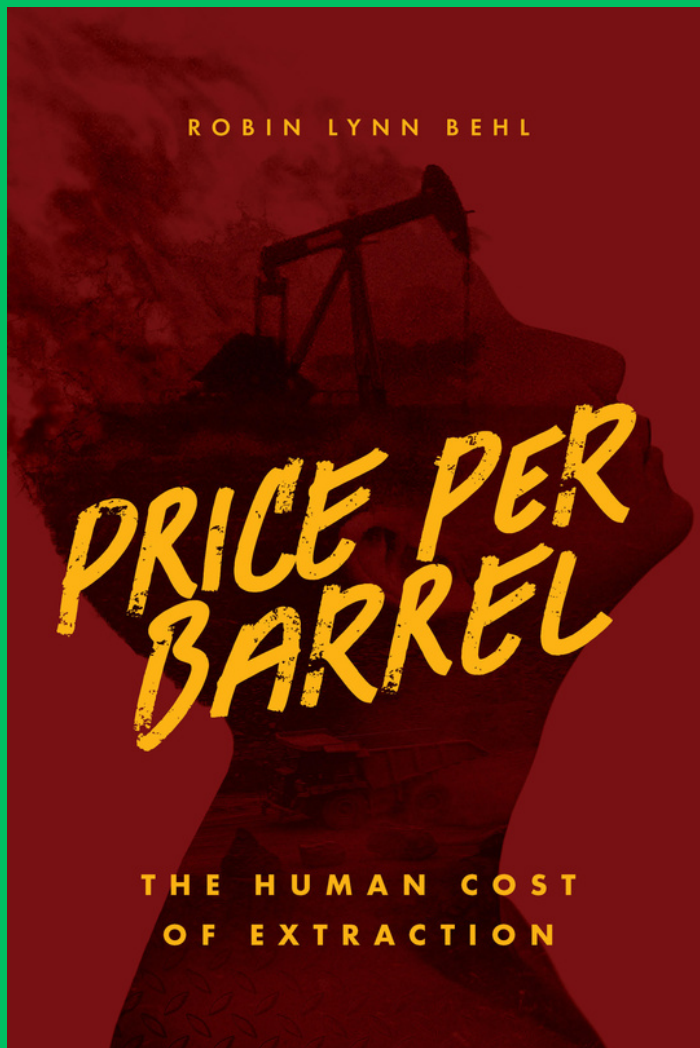
**Monday, March 25,
2024**
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Book Talk & Signing
with Robin Lynn Behl

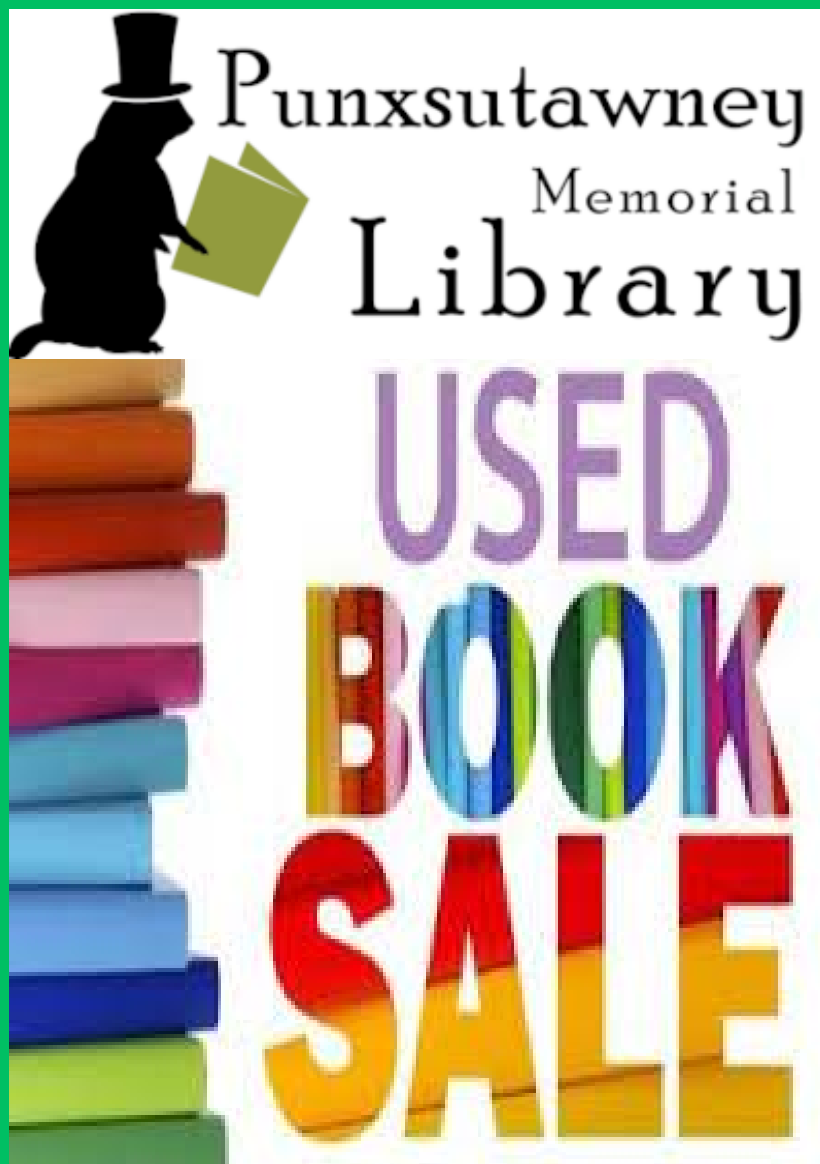


Robin is the IPPY Gold Medal winning author of a nonfiction memoir concerning healthcare and public safety in "boom towns" around North America.

Punxsutawney is featured in chapter 16 of "Price Per Barrel: The Human Cost of Extraction."

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





Tuesday, March 26
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

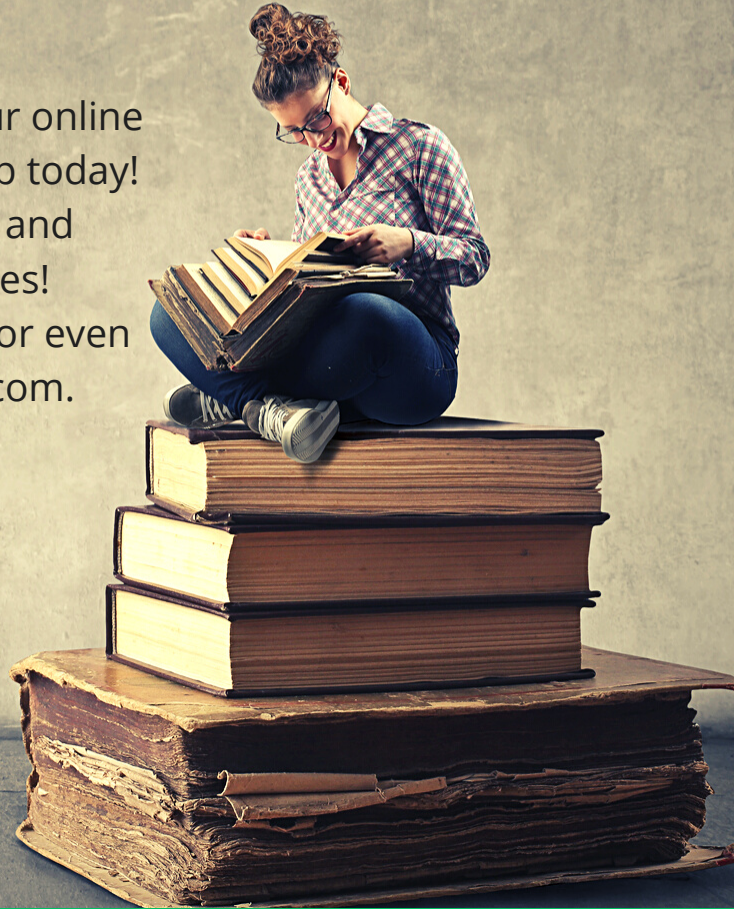


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WHAT'S ITS VALUE?

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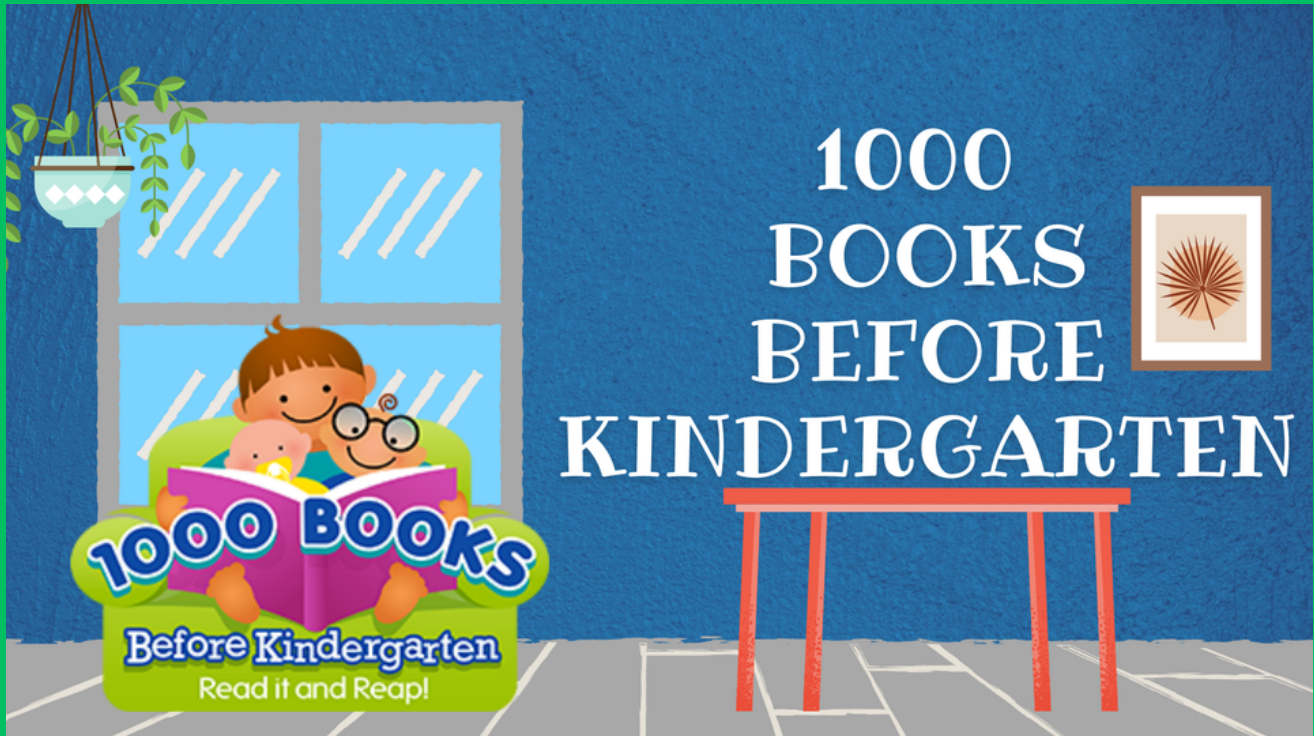
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Did You Know...

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

Sign up today!!



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MARCH 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY







Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 WRITING		2 PLAYING						
					Using masking tape, write your child's name in large letters on the floor. Trace each letter by walking on it or by pushing a toy car.		Go for a walk outside, see if you can spot the following: <i>A Squirrel, A Car, A Tree, An Airplane</i>						
3 TALKING		4 SINGING		5 COUNTING		6 READING		7 WRITING		8 PLAYING		9 TALKING	
Play show and tell to build speaking confidence. Everyone chooses something they're interested in and talks about it.		Sing about what you are doing. <i>This is the way we eat our food, eat our food, eat our food. This is the way we put on our shoes, etc.</i>		Have your child help you prepare a recipe by helping measure and count cups and spoonfuls.		As you read, point out a picture and talk about it. <i>That's a tree. Trees have branches and leaves. Birds sometimes build nests in them.</i>		Practice drawing facial expressions. Draw a happy face, a sad face, a surprised face, an angry face, a silly face.		Pretend you and your child are diving in the ocean. What might you see? Describe the beautiful marine life you see.		Point to and name body parts. <i>Where is your mouth? Where are your ears? Where are your toes?</i> 	
10 SINGING		11 COUNTING		12 READING		13 WRITING		14 PLAYING		15 TALKING		16 SINGING	
Gather some household items to use as instruments. Have a fun parade marching around the house singing and making music.		Say or sing "Five Little Froggies." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> 		Show your child a selection of books. Ask which they'd like to read first, second, etc. 		Invite your child to help you write an email or text message to a relative. Show how you pick out the letters on the keyboard.		Line up chairs and pretend to drive a city bus. Take turns driving and being the passenger. Call out the stops!		Use a block to pretend to talk on the phone. Hand the block to your child and say, "They want to talk to you."		Sing or say and act out "Here is the Beehive." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> 	
17 COUNTING		18 READING		19 WRITING		20 PLAYING		21 TALKING		22 SINGING		23 COUNTING	
Use masking tape to measure yourself and your child on a wall. Compare the sizes. Who is taller? Who is shorter?		Share what you are reading with your child. Read aloud a portion of a magazine, book, or newspaper that you are reading.		Write a shopping list together. Take it to the store and check off the items as they are selected. 		Pretend to be birds. Flap your wings and whistle and tweet. Talk about your favorite birds. 		Spring is here! Talk about what to expect in Springtime like warmer weather, rain and mud, flowers and trees beginning to blossom.		Sing and dance "The Hokey Pokey." <i>(Words and actions are on the back.)</i>		Place several objects on a table. Talk about which is largest, which is heaviest, which is smallest.	
24 READING		25 WRITING		26 PLAYING		27 TALKING		28 SINGING		29 COUNTING		30 READING	
Make labels for common items in your home.		Create a writing box together. Include paper and crayons. Decorate the outside and leave it within easy reach of your child.		Make a tent with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are camping. What do you see? What do you hear?		Have your child "interview" family members or friends with fun questions. This encourages them to ask questions and listen actively.		Play or sing your favorite song together. Sing it fast, sing it slow. Sing it loud, sing it in a whisper.		Collect a variety of rocks and pebbles. Write numbers on each. Help your child put them in order.		Help your child notice words throughout the day. Point out street signs, words on food cartons, billboards, and more.	
31 WRITING													
Draw and decorate the alphabet together.													

Playing to learn new words.

Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and not to give up when something seems difficult. Also, it's fun!

FIVE LITTLE FROGGIES

Five little froggies sat on a shore.
(Crouch like a frog)
One went for a swim, then there were four.
(Pretend to leap and swim off)
Four little froggies
(Crouch like a frog)
Looked out to sea.
(Put your hand at brow and look out to sea)
One went swimming, and then there were three.
(Pretend to leap and swim off)
Three little froggies said, "What can we do?"
One jumped in the water, then there were two.
(Pretend to leap and swim off)
Two little froggies sat in the sun.
(Crouch like a frog)
One swam off, and then there was one.
(Pretend to leap and swim off)
One little froggie said "This is no fun!"
He dived in the water, and then there were none!



HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive. *(Make a fist)*
Where are the bees?
Hiding inside where nobody sees.
Watch them come creeping out of the hive,
One, two, three, four, five.
(Release one finger at a time from the fist)
BUZZ-ZZZ *(Wiggle fingers)*

THE HOKEY POKEY

You put your right foot in
You take your right foot out.
You put your right foot in
And you shake it all about.
You do the hokey pokey
And you turn yourself
around. That's what it's all
about.
REPEAT WITH "LEFT FOOT," "RIGHT HAND," "LEFT HAND," AND "WHOLE SELF!"

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

Baby Up, Baby Down:
A First Book of Opposites
by Abrams Appleseed

Inside Outside
by Lizi Boyd

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Night Owl Night
by Susan Edwards
Richmond

River of Mariposas
by Mirelle Ortega





Memorials and Honorariums



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February's Memorials:

- No memorials

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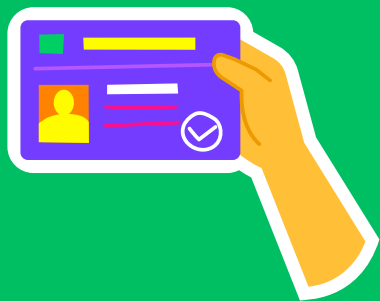
- No honorariums

February 2024 Stats



Total items checked out

1,328



Computer Usage/
WiFi Sessions

85/122



Library visitors

1,582*

**Phil Visitors: 63*



Books & Periodicals

1,430



DVDs/Blu-Rays

67



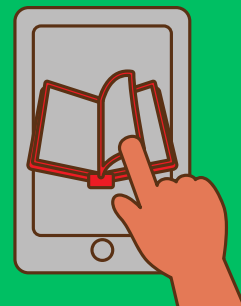
Reference
Questions

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Ebooks
(January 2023)

457





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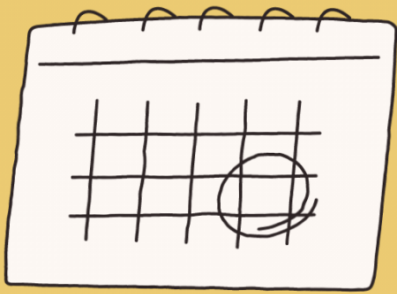


Check out the wide variety of reference resources available at Power Library such as: small engine repairs resources, teacher reference resources, PA job resources, science reference resources, and more!



THANK YOU!

- To all the Boroughs and Townships that support us!



IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Closings:

- May 27: Memorial Day

Upcoming Events:

- April 7 - 13:
National Library Week

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Sydney, Nate, Lisa, Jen, and Cathy