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.

August 2024 Newsletter

Business Hours:
Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Friday: 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed
For a non-profit, every dollar counts, and we are thankful for all support of this local library. To be transparent, our working budget for 2024 is around $177,000. That is for all costs of running a library, including, books, eBooks, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, movies, programming, office supplies, toner cartridges, computer programs, cleaning supplies (including bathroom supplies for the ever-increasing number of Phil Visitors we receive and don’t receive any funding for), utilities, and so much more!

State financial effort guidelines require public libraries to spend a minimum of $5.00 per capita of service-area population. Our service area population totals 15,490 people. The state requires us to spend $77,450 for our patrons on books, eBooks, magazines and newspapers, movies, and books on cd. Last year the state allocated us $34,624, leaving us with a deficit of $42,826 that we need to obtain from our service area.

The Commonwealth expects Boroughs and Townships to allocate funding per capita to their local library (Title 24 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statues, Chapter 16, Section 304 (D)). The Commonwealth counts on the 15 boroughs and townships we serve, to make up that budget deficit. Unfortunately, that does not happen. Last year, only 6 of the 15 boroughs and townships we service allocated us funding, and all except one at less than what the state expects. If all the boroughs and townships allocated all the funding the state expects us to receive, we could offer so much more at YOUR public library.

We realize that funding is tight everywhere, and appreciate everything we are given. But we cannot continue to support our patrons with the services and materials at the level they have come to expect without additional support from the boroughs and townships that we serve.

We are grateful for every dollar we receive. Some of our budget deficit is supplemented by donations and fundraising, but we have been consistently operating over budget. We put the vast majority of our donations into programming, and other materials for patrons of all ages. Please reach out to your local Borough and Township Supervisors and ask them to allocate funding for your public library.

Thank you!

Happy Reading!!
**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, hoodie, ball cap, or coffee mug 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!
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.
ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10 AM - 2PM

- Wednesday
  - August 7
  - August 14
  - August 21
  - August 28
- Saturday
  - August 3
  - August 17
  - August 31

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!
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.*
Wednesday
August 7, 2024
from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
Book Talk & Signing
with Brenda Troutman

Brenda Troutman is a Bible-believing Christian who desires to share with others what she has learned from Jesus in her own life. Brenda is married to her wonderful husband, Chris, and the two of them have three children together. She resides in Punxsutawney, PA, the town that she has called home for her entire life. Brenda is a member of the Punxsutawney Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Punxsutawney, where she serves on the worship team, teaches Sunday school, and serves as the Disciple Making Ministries Director. She has also worked in Christian education for over twenty years, serving as a Bible, math, and science teacher. God called her to share her heart through writing, and she is so excited to see where this adventure will take her! It is her desire that others will grow in their relationship with Christ through reading what she has to share.

Join me as we quietly sit in the home of Mary and Martha and listen to what Jesus has to say. Learn about how to balance sitting at His feet and serving Him in your Christian walk.

Books will be available to purchase from the author for $12 each or 2 for $20.
Sign up Free
Registration Begins Aug. 12th

Programs start the Week of September 9

- Tweens n Teens (6th – 12th Grades) Mondays @ 5 PM
- Wee Read (18 – 35 months) Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM
- Pre-K Rocks (3 – 5 years) Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM
- It’s Elementary 1 (K – 2nd Grades) Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM
- It’s Elementary 2 (3rd - 5th Grades) Wednesdays @ 5 PM

We ask that you register before attending so that we are sure to have enough supplies on hand for the crafts.
Thank you!

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
Catastrophic

Book Club

Mon
Aug 12
@ 5:30 P.M.

Good books and good company

Please call to reserve a copy.
All are welcome!

Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, Demon Copperhead is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father’s good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. Relayed in his own unsparing voice, Demon braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.
Thursday, August 29
10 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

Bringing the library to you!

With your library card, you can access our online reading options. Download the Libby app today! You'll have access to endless ebooks and audiobooks for free and with no fines! Access Libby using Android, iPhone, IOS, or even your web browser at www.libbyapp.com.

Users of Libby also have free access to:

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.
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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<td><strong>4 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make music with things you have in the house like pots, pans, spoons, boxes, and cups.</td>
<td><strong>2 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use building toys like LEGO or wooden blocks to form letters of the alphabet.</td>
<td><strong>3 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about bigger and smaller. What is bigger, a pigeon or an ant? A house or a cat?</td>
<td><strong>10 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing or say “The Itsy Bitsy Spider.” Words are on the back.</td>
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<td><strong>5 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Talk about time. How long does it take to get to the park? How long does it take to get to the library?</td>
<td><strong>1 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Have a scavenger hunt. Ask your child to find something round, square, red, blue, etc.</td>
<td><strong>9 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Take an alphabet walk outside. Talk about things that begin with different letter sounds.</td>
<td><strong>17 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Set the table for a meal. How many plates will you need? How many utensils? Napkins?</td>
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<td><strong>6 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Read a nonfiction book about birds. Talk about what you’ve learned. Say the rhyme “If I Were a Bird.” (Words are on the back.)</td>
<td><strong>7 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Label the things in your child’s room. Bed, dresser, table, book, closet. Point to the words and discuss.</td>
<td><strong>15 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Plan a visit to your local library. Talk with your child about everything the library offers (books, toys, games, programs, etc.).</td>
<td><strong>24 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Relate the story in a book to your child’s experiences. “Remember when you saw a big dog?”</td>
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<td><strong>11 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Put the family’s shoes in order from biggest to smallest.</td>
<td><strong>12 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Go to the library and check out a new book.</td>
<td><strong>13 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a picture for a grandparent or other important person. Be sure to “sign” it.</td>
<td><strong>23 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Draw a picture of a cookie. Ask your child how many chocolate chips or sprinkles to add. Count out foods as you add them to the picture.</td>
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<td><strong>18 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Have a family storytime. Each person picks a book.</td>
<td><strong>19 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use playdough to shape your child’s first name.</td>
<td><strong>20 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Play the yes-no game about time.</td>
<td><strong>22 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing a “good morning” song to greet your child in the morning.</td>
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<td><strong>25 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Write your child’s first name. Talk about the first letter of their name. Make the sound and say words that begin with the letter.</td>
<td><strong>26 PLAYING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sing “Scarecrow, Scarecrow” and do all the movements. (Words are on the back.)</td>
<td><strong>27 TALKING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Offer choices today. Do you want this book or that book? Do you want water or milk? Usually you like a banana or strawberries!</td>
<td><strong>28 SINGING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Take turns singing bits of favorite songs.</td>
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<td><strong>29 COUNTING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Trace around your hand and around your child’s hand. Talk about the difference in size.</td>
<td><strong>30 READING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Look at pictures in magazines or newspapers. Take turns telling stories about the pictures.</td>
<td><strong>31 WRITING</strong>&lt;br&gt;Write your child’s name on paper and let them trace it using various materials like crayons, markers, or finger paint.</td>
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**Books to Read this Month**

**FOR READERS AGES 0–3**

- My Heart Fills with Happiness by Jeanette Gray Smith
- Little You by Richard Van Camp

**FOR READERS AGES 3+**

- Still This Love Goes On by Buffy Sainte-Marie and Julie Flett
- Count on Me by Miguel Tanco
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.

July’s Memorials:

- Sally Sallack from:
  - Verna Storm
  - Rhonda & Kenneth Parsons
  - Daniel & Kelly Reitz
  - Lyle & Shirley Wachob
- Norman T Storm from Dorothy Gooderham
- James Yenzi from Susan Glessner
- William Pounds from Gladys Pounds

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July’s Honorariums:

- No honorariums
July 2024 Stats

Total items checked out: 1,734

Computer Usage/WiFi Sessions: 169/187

Library visitors: 3,440*
  *Phil Visitors: 1,106

Books & Periodicals: 1,601
DVDs/Blu-Rays: 133
Reference Questions: 182
eBooks (June 2024): 421
Access all these databases for FREE on our website (www.punxsutawneylibrary.org/resources) 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!
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading this year! We had a blast with the programs, the punch cards, and the County passport. Thank you, especially, to Scott Anthony who provided the Punxsy Pizza coupons for our Adult Summer Reading program - your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated!!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Closings:
• September 2 - Labor Day

Upcoming Events:
• Fall Literacy Programs: Sept. 9
• Author Talk - Aug. 7
• Murder Mystery Dinner - Nov. 2
• ...and more!

Cathy, Lisa, Nate, Jen, Sydney