April 2021 Newsletter

WE'RE OPEN

Northwest Library Region
Oil Creek Library District
Jefferson County Library System

Celebrate national library week by checking out books from the library or reading books about the library. Here's some recommendations:

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
(APRIL 4–10, 2021)

Hours:
Monday, Thursday: 1:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm
Sunday: Closed
Welcome to the first issue of the Punxsutawney Memorial Library’s E-Newsletter! We hope this becomes a good tool for our patrons to use to gain information and insight into their library.

I want to say “thank you” to all of those who have wished me welcome back! It’s nice to be remembered and missed by so many of the patrons that I had in my programs and helped at the Reference Desk. Now I am at the helm of our beloved local library and I hope to continue our current course and make improvements that will benefit us all! If you ever have suggestions as to how we can do things better to serve you and the Punxsutawney Area, please let me know! You can call the library and ask to speak to me, or email me at: director@punxsutawneylibrary.org. I welcome your suggestions, as well as your complaints. Please help us to do better for you!

Also, a BIG thank you to you patrons who have continued to utilize our services despite the uncertainty of the Pandemic.

As we partially re-open the library in 2021 with high hopes and aspirations, the Punxsutawney Memorial Library continues to strive to provide our community with materials that suit your unique interests in a safe, healthy environment. All surfaces and restrooms are sanitized, and a hand-sanitizing station is provided at the entrance to our lobby.

The library is open to browse our new arrivals and DVDs, check out materials, fax, copy, and print for a maximum of 30 minutes per patron per day. Computers are available by appointment (we can’t guarantee same-day usage) for 30 minutes per patron per day. Six feet physical distancing requirements will be maintained at all time. For this reason, if you think you may need help with the computer, we ask that you bring one person with you to help. Employees will not be able to approach you to help with computers. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose for the duration of these visits.

All returned items are quarantined for 4 days. After 4 days, they are checked in and shelved. They are back-dated to the date they were returned, so no need to worry about accruing fines if you turned in your materials on time! Meeting rooms and seating areas are still unavailable for public use; this includes browsing the newspapers. We greatly miss in-person programming! For everyone’s safety, in-person programming is cancelled until social distancing and quarantine requirements are lifted. Until then, we will continue to provide virtual programming through our Facebook page and YouTube.

2020 proved to be more than an obstacle to overcome, but the Punxsutawney Library is more determined than ever to ensure 2021 is a productive year for everyone!

~Jennifer Soliday, MSLS
PUNXSUTAWNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FOOD DRIVE

We are celebrating National Library Week with a Food for Fines food drive! For each non-perishable food item you donate, we will remove a movie/book fine.

In conjunction with the other county libraries, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Jefferson County Food Banks. Please drop off donations at the library. We will have a donation bin in the lobby.
Face Masks
When visiting the library, wear a mask for the safety & well-being of others.

Visiting and Precautions
In addition to quarantining materials, staff members are continually cleaning high traffic areas & frequently used equipment. For the foreseeable future, all library visits will be limited to 30 minutes. These time limits are for your protections & to allow our staff to perform enhanced cleaning measures.

Computer Usage
Computer usage is by appointment ONLY! We cannot guarantee same-day appointments. Computer usage is limited to 30 minutes per session per day. Staff will be practicing social distancing and will not be able to help you with computer usage. If you think you'll need help, please bring along a friend.

Social Distancing
When visiting PML, we ask that all visitors maintain 6 ft distance from others.
What's Available on February 16?

Updated on 02/16/2021. Hours & services will be updated as more become available.

Online Resources
Libby | POWER Library | Heritage Quest
GALE Courses

Return Items via Book Drop

Reserve Books & Movies Online

WiFi Accessible

*Lobby Services*
Fax / Copy / Print / Scan
Movie & New Book Browsing Section

M, Th: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
T, W, F: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
S: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Wear your mask while inside the building.*

Computer Access
By Appointment Only. No Walk-ins. (814) 938-5020

Reserved Materials & Pickup at Front Desk

Public Seating

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Accepting Book Donations & Access to Book Sale Room

Reopens Tuesday February 16

30 minute appointment per person per day
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.
ONLINE RESOURCES

BOOKFLIX
Watch videos and read books about Animals and Nature, Earth and Sky, People and Places, ABC's and 1, 2, 3's, Family and Community, Music and Rhyme, Adventure, and more. Enjoy read aloud with words highlighting and interactive games. Some films and books are available in Spanish too!

POWER LIBRARY
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!

HERITAGE QUEST
Access a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more. Discover the amazing history of you with HeritageQuest Online. With more than 4.4 billion records, it delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place’s past. Powered by Ancestry®

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ASK A LIBRARIAN
24-Hour Live Reference Chat Service With PA Librarians
FAQ

How can I get books?
1. You can reserve books online through our card catalog using your library card number and pin (the first four letters of your last name with the first letter capitalized).
2. You can choose books off our new book cart and other displays.
3. You can reserve books over the phone.
4. Use the Libby app to read ebooks and audio books.

How do I return books?
You can return books either through our outdoor book drop (located on the side of our building) or drop them in our indoor book drop during business hours.

Do I have to wear a mask?
Yes.

Can I print, copy, fax, etc.?
Yes. You can copy and fax just by coming to our front desk. To print from your phone, follow our print cloud instructions found on the homepage of our website. You can also use our computers to print by making an appointment.

Can I use the computers?
Yes. You need to make an appointment to access our computers. Appointments are for 30 minutes per session per day. We cannot guarantee same-day appointments.

Can I visit Phil?
Yes, but from outside only. You can see Phil through the large glass window outside. You cannot currently access the inside viewing area.

How can I get a library card?
If you live inside the Punxsutawney Area School district and have never had a card with us before, it's FREE. You would need to bring in ID with your current address. Anyone under the age of 18 would need their parent or guardian with them. Their parent/guardian would also need to get a card. Anyone who lives outside of the Punxsutawney School District would need to pay $10 a year. If you've had a card with us before and need to replace it, it will cost $1.50.
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| Wi-Fi Connections       | 11,025 |
| Computer Usage          | 729    |
| Library visitors        | 23,614 |
| Reference Questions     | 3,690  |
Virtual Programs

Website Visitors

In person programs 33
Program Attendance 2,406

Emergency Weather Closing 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 late. 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. whether to open at noon or remain closed. 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.

Check our website and social media networks for the latest updates, or call the library at 814-938-5020.

Upcoming Library Closing

April 2: Good Friday
April 3: Holy Saturday
May 31: Memorial Day
July 5: Independence day
Thank you

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the patrons of the Punxsutawney Memorial Library for your continued support during this Pandemic. We will continue our excellence in service and deliver exciting new materials and programs!

Upcoming Events:

April 5-10: PreK "Bees" GRab N Go Craft Bag available and Tweens/Teen "Among Us" Grab N Go Craft Bag available

April 6: Story time at 11 am on facebook and our website

April 8: Teen activity video available on facebook and our website

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