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
Merry Christmas to our patrons! Wherever you are reading this newsletter from today, we hope you are filled with good cheer and the merriment that only the holiday season can bring. Take some time to enjoy the following beautiful literary Christmas quotes. These we’ve taken from our favorite books and poems as well as from other holiday-based writings. We hope they warm your heart and bring a smile to your face as you enjoy this holiday season.

- “Christmas! ’Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.” —Washington Irving

- "I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!” —Christmas Bells, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- "We saw Uncle Jack every Christmas, and every Christmas he yelled across the street for Miss Maudie to come marry him. Miss Maudie would yell back, "Call a little louder, Jack Finch, and they'll hear you at the post office, I haven't heard you yet!" Jem and I thought this a strange way to ask for a lady's hand in marriage, but then again Uncle Jack was rather strange.”—To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee

- “At Christmas, everybody invites their friends about them, and people think little of even the worst weather. I was snowed up at a friend’s house once for a week. Nothing could be pleasanter.” —Emma, Jane Austen

- Harry: “Will you look at this? I’ve got some presents!”
Ron: “What did you expect, turnips?” —Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, J.K. Rowling

- “…do you remember two kinds of Christmases? There is one kind in a house where there is little and a present represents not only love but sacrifice. The one single package is opened with a kind of slow wonder, almost reverence. Once I gave my youngest boy, who loves all living things, a dwarf, peach-faced parrot for Christmas. He removed the paper and then retreated a little shyly and looked at the little bird for a long time. And finally, he said in a whisper, "Now who would have ever thought that I would have a peach-faced parrot?" Then there is the other kind of Christmas with presents piled high, the gifts of guilty parents as bribes because they have nothing else to give. The wrappings are ripped off and the presents are thrown down and at the end, the child says—'Is that all?" Well, it seems to me that America now is like that second kind of Christmas. Having too many THINGS they spend their hours and money on the couch searching for a soul. A strange species we are…” —A letter to Adalai Stevenson from John Steinbeck

- “I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way (s)he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.” —Maya Angelou

- “Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise! Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small, Was singing! Without any presents at all! He HADN’T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME! Somehow or other, it came just the same! —How the Grinch Stole Christmas, Dr. Seuss

- “I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.” —A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
**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.
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!

Library Fundraiser
Help offset the ever-rising cost of supplies and continue to provide quality programming! We are trying to raise funds to offset the rising costs of craft supplies, books...

Bonfire / $30.00

Link is available on our Webpage: www.punxsutawneylibrary.org or on our Facebook Page.

A percentage of the item cost returns to the Library!
Wear the Library Logo!

For a limited time, you can purchase a full-zip hoodie with our logo!

Available to purchase until Dec. 31, 2023!

A percentage of the item cost returns to the Library!

https://www.bonfire.com/pml-zip-up-hoodie/
Lottery Raffle Basket

$1.00 per ticket or $5.00 for 6 tickets

Win $100 worth of PA Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets!

Proceeds benefit the Punxsutawney Memorial Library

Drawing at Noon on December 20th
Must be over 18 to win!
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.

Paws for Reading

Fridays
3:45–4:45 P.M.

All ages are welcome!

DEC 1: Ryker
DEC 8: Rosie
DEC 15: Piper
HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS
MAKE YOUR SHOPPING EASIER BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL AREA STORES AND RESTAURANTS*!

A percentage of the gift card cost returns to the Library

Cash or check payment is due when you place your order.
Order forms are available at the Library.
Orders are due by December 2nd.
Pick up will be in time for holiday mailing (around Dec. 18th)

*A full list is available at the Library

- Ace Hardware
- Amazon
- Apple Store/Apple.com
- Arby’s
- AutoZone
- Barnes & Noble
- Bass Pro Shops
- Bath & Body Works
- Best Buy
- Big Lots
- Burger King
- Cabela’s
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Claire’s
- Cracker Barrel
- CVS Pharmacy
- Dairy Queen
- Darden Restaurants (Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, etc.)
- Dunham’s Sports
- Dunkin’ Donuts
- Eat’n Park
- Exxon
- Five Below
- GameStop
- GIANT (Martin’s)
- Giant Eagle
- Home Depot
- JCPenney
- Jimmy John’s
- Kohl’s
- Long John Silver’s
- Lowe’s (Home Improvement)
- McDonald’s
- Old Navy
- Outback Steakhouse
- Papa John’s Pizza
- Petco
- PetSmart
- Pizza Hut
- Punxsy Pizza
- Red Lobster
- Rite Aid
- Ross Dress for Less
- Sally Beauty
- Sheetz
- Shell
- Staples
- Starbucks
- Subway Restaurants
- T.J. Maxx/Marshalls
- Target
- Texas Roadhouse
- Visa Gift Card
- Walmart
- Wendy’s
ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

- Saturday, December 9
- Wednesday, December 13
- Wednesday, December 20
- Wednesday, December 27

10am-2pm

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.
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.
Let’s Mingle & Jingle

Dec 7
@ 5:30 p.m.

Good books and good company

Bring a dish to share with the group!

If you would like a copy of January’s book: *Lessons in Chemistry*, please call to reserve one. All are welcome!

Catastrophic Book Club

Basic Literacy

Civic and Social Literacy
Join us Saturday December 9 @ 3:00 p.m. for an all-ages appropriate storytime. 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.
Tuesday, December 19
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!
December 23, 24, and 25

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
Beginning January 1, 2024 we will no longer have access to **HERITAGEQUEST™**. Instead, our patrons will be able to access genealogy sources on **MyHeritage Library Edition** located on our website. You can try it now! (You will need a valid library card)
Youth Literacy Programs

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

Sign-ups for our Spring Programs will begin on January 8th!
Classes will begin on February 5th.

Ask at the desk for a registration form.
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 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.

LawDepot

Easy to Use Templates for:
Power of Attorney
Wills & Living Wills
Rental Agreements
Contract Agreements
Health Care Directives
and so much more!

Borrow a 30-day pass with unlimited renewals. Work saves between renewals.

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
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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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.

November’s Memorials:

• No Memorials to note

HONORARIUMS:
The Library’s Honorarium Program is a unique way to recognize a special person/s in your life. Patrons may donate funds to purchase library materials in someone’s honor while making general suggestions regarding the title, subject, or genre. Materials are selected and bought by the Library. An honor plaque is placed in the book and the donor and honoree 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.

November’s Honorariums:

• No Honorariums to note
November 2023 Stats

Punxsutawney Memorial Library

- Total items checked out: 1,378
- Books & Periodicals: 1,161
- DVDs/Blu-Rays: 133
- Ebooks: 273
- Library visitors: 2,102*
  *Phil Visitors: 235
- Computer Usage/WiFi Sessions: 84/118
Access all these databases for FREE on our website with your library card!

**WORLD TRADE PRESS ATOZ**

We have three databases from World Trade Press (AtoZ USA, World Culture, and World Travel). These databases give you access to knowledge about each state, traveling and different types of cultures and governments.

**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!

- Young Township
- All who donated on the Day of Giving!

**Important Dates**

**Upcoming Closings:**
- January 1
- January 31
- February 1 - 3

**Upcoming Events:**
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Sydney, Nate, Jen, and Cathy