Punxsutawney Memorial Library

February Newsletter

Business Hours:
Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Friday 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed
Many people have asked me over the past year or so what the star means that is on our Facebook page banner. That is part of the PA Forward® program, of which your library has earned, so far, a bronze star for the five basic literacies. Let me try to explain:

The Pennsylvania Library Association’s 21st Century Literacies Initiative, PA Forward®, was conceived to give voice to what the library community already knows and what other states throughout the nation are also recognizing:

With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.

Libraries have moved beyond just being book repositories. They’re agile institutions serving real-life needs. Libraries are the key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy.

There are several steps to becoming a PA Forward® Star Library requiring libraries to submit documentation of their efforts, which is reviewed and verified by a committee of peer librarians. Those steps demonstrate that the library has incorporated the five key literacies into their programming and communication.

The PA Forward® Star Library program awards a bronze, silver, or gold star to a library as it adapts and integrates the initiative’s core values.

When a library displays their bronze, silver, or gold level star, visitors to that library can be assured that the star has meaning. It means the library has gone through training and developed its programming to further its support of the five essential literacies outlined in the PA Forward® Initiative. It also means that its programming was reviewed and verified by a committee of library peers and that those peers have recognized the quality of its programming by granting the library a star level.

PA Forward® is implemented on the local level. Each library decides what fuel their communities need. The initiative does not mandate any specific programs, collections, or communication methods; it provides support and contacts for the local library to develop partnerships with the subject matter experts available in their community.

Over the course of the next few months, the staff at the Punxsutawney Memorial Library will be working hard to align our programming with these literacies. We will next attempt to earn a Silver Star for Basic Literacy. Basic Literacy is defined as, the ability to read, write, speak and listen with comprehension at all levels of life, career and community involvement; the functional and practical use of language in all formats. Foundational literacy education includes, but is not limited to, reading, writing, math, job application assistance, fundamental terminology and technical concepts in a field of study, learning new languages and new technologies for communication, and overall life-skill development.

Look for the following logos on our programming announcements to determine what literacy our programs and displays are highlighting:

~Jen Soliday, MSLIS
Attention Patrons

Starting January 2022, No adult is permitted upstairs unless searching for a book or accompanying a child.

No children under the age of 8 are permitted upstairs without adult supervision.

Thank you!
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.
FEBRUARY IS...

National Library Lovers Month
National Black History Month

February 1st: Take Your Child To The Library Day
February 2nd: Groundhog Day
February 2nd: World Read Aloud Day
February 14: Library Lover’s Day
February 26: Tell A Fairy Tale Day
CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH THESE AUTHORS/TITLES

AUTHORS

- Angie Thomas
- Toni Morrison
- Ijeoma Oluo
- Maya Angelou
- Jason Reynolds
- Elizabeth Acevedo
- James Baldwin
- Jacqueline Woodson
- Ibram X Kendi
- Alice Walker
- Brit Bennett
- Colson Whitehead
- Yaa Gyasi

Book Recs

- So You Want to Talk About Race
-Stamped from the Beginning
-Concrete Rose
-When You Clap
-The Bluest Eye
-Go Tell It on the Mountain
Adult Coloring Club | Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.
Punxsutawney Memorial Library, Large Meeting Room
Bring your own supplies or feel free to borrow ours!
(This group is only for our patrons ages 18+)
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Join the race to read 1000 books before kindergarten. Ask at the front desk for more information.
BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 10TH @ 5:30PM
THE LOST APOTHECARY BY SARAH PENNER

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 5:30 PM

JOIN US! NEED A COPY OF THE BOOK? CALL US AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ONE
PUNXSUTAWNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS

- Saturday, February 5
- Wednesday, February 9
- Saturday, February 19
- Wednesday, February 23

10am-2pm

We are accepting book donations, but there’s a limit 2 bags/boxes per person. We do not accept damaged items, out of date materials, textbooks, etc.

We will alternate between Wednesdays and Saturdays for book donations.
PUNXSUTAWNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SPRING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Registration opens January 19th. Join us for socializing, games, crafts, stories, and more. Programs are FREE. Ages 18 months - 18 years old.

DATES
February 7 - March 30
TWEENS AND TEENS @ THE LIBRARY

MONDAYS @ 4PM

PUNXSUTAWNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

GAMES, ART, FOOD, AND MORE

PROGRAMS ARE FROM FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 28

www.punxsutawneylibrary.com to register for free
Spring Program Schedules

Wee Themes
Tuesdays @ 11 am

February 8: Valentine's Day
February 15: Winter
February 22: Weather
March 1: Garden
March 8: Worms
March 15: St Patty's Day
March 22: Flowers
March 29: Easter

PreK Themes
Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm

February 8: Valentine's Day
February 15: Winter
February 22: Weather
March 1: Garden
March 8: Worms
March 15: St Patty's Day
March 22: Flowers
March 29: Easter

Elementary Themes
Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm

February 9: Valentine's Day
February 16: Winter
February 23: Weather
March 2: Tech Week
March 9: Worms
March 16: St Patty's Day
March 23: Plants
March 30: Easter

Tweens/Teens Themes
Mondays @ 4 pm

February 7: Game Day
February 14: Valentine's Day
February 21: Closed
February 28: Art
March 7: Tech Week
March 14: St Patty's Day
March 21: Book Folding
March 28: Easter

Basic Literacy

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
TRY DOING SOME OF THESE
DAILY LITERACY BUILDING
ACTIVITIES AT HOME WITH
YOUR KIDDO(S)

“I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being.”
— Roald Dahl

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Black History Month: Display Coretta Scott King Award-winning books to honor outstanding African American authors and illustrators. Choose one or read out loud.

7
Send a Card to a Friend Day: Share kid’s hobby to make a pop-up card to send to one of their favorite authors.

8
Anna Rockwell’s Birthday: Read The Polar Bear and the Polar Bear’s first snow and ask kids to write a letter to the author.

9
Matt de la Pena’s Birthday: Read Last Stop on Market Street and ask kids to write a letter to the author.

10
Umbrella Day: Read All About It by Jennifer Leczkowski and Woodinville Unseeded Umbrella Craft for kids.

11
Mo Willems’ Birthday: You don’t have to have a birthday party to celebrate this author’s birthdays. Explore the Pigeon’s Bit Doctor kit for some fun and easy ideas.

12
Are you ready for some football? Read Don’t Throw It In My Face by David Adler to get everyone excited for Super Bowl Sunday.

13
Get a Different Name Day: How far would it be to go by a fictitious name for a day? Help kids discover what their fake names would be.

14
Valentine’s Day: Set out cards and materials and encourage kids to write a valentine to send to their favorite author.

15
Groundhog Day: Organize a competition to see which reader can build the tallest groundhog thorn that can stand on a five second “earthquake.”

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Haiku Writing Month: Challenge kids to write a haiku about a famous African American figure.

18
Polo Day: Watch Lindsey Pennington read from the Call of the Wild by jack London. Pretend to be Pecos Bill as the scientists telling you the bad news.

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Daze Days: Read Phonics: Purple by Maria Isabel Conde and organize a tournament where kids use craft materials to build it and race each other down a ramp.

21
Presidents’ Day: Read Presidents’ Day by Anne Rockwell and have children vote for a literary character who they think would be a good president.

22
Wild Bird Feeding Month: Food is scarce during the winter for our feathered friends. Help kids create an easy bird feeder from practically any food.

23
Dog Enthusiast Day: Put out ingredients for kids to make no-bake pumpkin dog treats. From Waggytail creations encourage them to ask permission before feeding any dogs.

24
Heart Month: Did you know a heart healthy diet is important? Share this fun fact and more from Action For Healthy Kids to promote a heart-healthy life.

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Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month: Author Claudia Lewis Foster Bernie’s Bunny. Teach kids about how to care for their rabbit with these tips from Bernies Bunnies.
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.

January's Memorials:

In memory of: Jack Burkett
Donor: Punxsutawney Memorial Library Board

In memory of: Michael Defelice
Donor: Charlotte Fye

HONORARIUMS:

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### January 2022 Stats

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### Books
- 845

### DVDs
- 182

### Ebooks
- 251

**December 2021**
Online Resources

**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.

**Research in Context**

Created specifically for middle-schoolers, Research In Context combines the best of Gale's reference content with age-appropriate videos, newspapers, magazines, primary sources, and much more. Students will find outstanding support to complete assignments in core subjects including literature, science, social studies, and history.

**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. 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®

**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!

**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
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 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. 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. Should this occur, an e-mail will be sent out to inform the Punxsutawney Memorial Library’s Board of Trustees.

   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 patrons. They will then inform the library board via e-mail.

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

We would like to extend our thanks to Donna Kengersky and Dolores Chupela for donating to us through the GivingTuesday Fundraiser on Facebook.

Upcoming Closings:

February 2: Groundhog Day
February 21: President's Day

Upcoming Events:

Every Monday:
Adult coloring club @ 10:30 am

Accepting Book Donations:
Saturday, February 5th 10am-2pm

Spring Programs start the week of February 7th

Book Club Meeting:
Thursday, February 10th @ 5:30 pm

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