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.

July 2024 Newsletter

Business Hours:
Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am -5 pm
Friday 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed
Sometimes I struggle about what to put in this “column.” This month I gave thought to *Why do we celebrate July 4 as America’s Birthday?*

Even as we go to festivals, host barbecues, and watch fireworks, we tend to gloss over the importance of the fact that our national birthday is July 4, not September 17 (the day in 1787 on which the Constitution was signed) or June 21 (the day in 1788 on which it became the framework of our government) – why do we celebrate the day of the document that declared our independence, and not the creation of our republican government? What this choice of birthday suggests is that, even though we are governed by the Constitution, our national principles are more than just the sum of the rules of our legal system — which, too many times in American history have indulged inequality and oppression. What defines America’s greatness (and its shortcomings) is far more than just the Constitution’s text.

We seek more than an objective government framework. Our justification for breaking away from the British in the first place was more than that—we wanted to be equal to our leaders, not merely have an impartial government. We wanted our leaders to be held to the same laws as we were, not be above the law because of their social station. We wanted independence from oppression, and a declaration that should our government become as such, we have a moral obligation to ‘dissolve the political bonds’ of tyranny.

And so, ever since 1870, July 4, and not any other date, has been recognized by Congress as the day on which we celebrate America’s birthday — defining our core national identity as one of equality, first and foremost.

Happy 248th Birthday, United States of America!!
**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, or 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!
### Hours during Festival in the Park 2024

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- Staff will be working in the building after closing.
- The library will **not** be available to the public after closing.
- Materials may be returned to the book drop. Due dates are still in effect.
Friends of the Library

USED BOOK SALE

July 2
10 AM - 5 PM
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.
All participants should register to ensure we have enough materials for everyone!

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Welcome to Stanhope. A safe neighborhood. A place for families. William Wooler is a family man, on the surface. But he's been having an affair, an affair that ended horribly this afternoon at a motel up the road. So when he returns to his house, devastated and angry, to find his difficult nine-year-old daughter, Avery, unexpectedly home from school, William loses his temper. Hours later, Avery's family declares her missing. Suddenly Stanhope doesn't feel so safe. And William isn't the only one on his street who's hiding a lie. As witnesses come forward with information that may or may not be true, Avery's neighbors become increasingly unhinged. Who took Avery Wooler? Nothing will prepare you for the truth.
ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10 AM - 2PM

- Wednesday
  ◦ July 10
  ◦ July 17
  ◦ July 24
  ◦ July 31
- Saturday
  ◦ July 20

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.
Escape the Pharaoh's Tomb

July 18 @ 6 PM

Reserve a space for your group of 6 or less. Space is limited.
Reservations are required! Call us @ 814-938-5020 between July 9 and 13 to make a reservation.

Recommended for ages 10+
We are sad to say that due to a low turnout for this program, our therapy dog friends are discontinuing this activity. They will appear from time to time for special events and programs, but will not appear on a regular basis.
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**Summer Reading**

**July 22 - 26**

@ 1 p.m.

**Grades 6 - 12**

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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!!
Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

Books to Read this Month

**FOR READERS AGES 0-3**

**Hello World! Backyard Bugs**
by Jill McDonald

**MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB**

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go;
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**FOR READERS AGES 3+**

**The Backyard Bug Book for Kids**
by Laura Davidson

**Amara and the Bats**
by Emma Reynolds

You are your child's first teacher, and your home is where your child begins to learn.

Make your home a great place to learn. It doesn't take money to create special places where you and your child can talk, sing, read, write, play, and count. Here are a few ideas.

**PLACES TO READ**

Create a special space for your children to look at books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a small shelf or basket for favorite books. Make sure there's room for you and your child to sit together and that your child can reach books without needing help.

**PLACES TO WRITE**

Make it easy for your child to write throughout the day. Set up a space where your child can go on his or her own and use writing materials. Provide pencils, crayons, or markers of different sizes so your child can write with what is most comfortable. Use unlined paper.

**PLACES TO PLAY**

Play requires a little space, simple props, and some imagination and encouragement. You don't need special toys or expensive electronics. Provide props like large boxes, old clothes, or costumes for dress-up, empty food containers, and empty paper towel rolls. Play comes naturally to young children and is one of the primary ways they learn. Provide plenty of opportunities for your child to play.

**B-I-N-G-O**

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And Bingo was his name-oh.
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June’s Memorials:

- Diana Bair from:
  - Jennie & William Overly
- Margaret Ragley from:
  - Sam & Sandy Bevak
- Marjorie Brennan from:
  - Judy Brennan

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June’s Honorariums:

- No honorariums
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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 McCalmont Township and Worthville Borough for their donations!

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Closings:
- September 2 - Labor Day

Upcoming Events:
- Fall Literacy Program Registration
- Author visit
- Murder Mystery Dinner
- ...and more!

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