Punxsutawney Memorial Library

March Newsletter

CELEBRATE

March is National Reading Month

Business Hours:
Monday, Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Friday 12 pm - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed
March Is National Reading Month!

March 2nd is National Read Across America Day, a day to celebrate our favorite activity. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, so a perfect way to celebrate is to don a Seussian hat and read one of his famous tales, like *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*. On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading! I had high hopes of doing some cool and fun activities this month to encourage National Reading Month, but with the absence of a Children’s Activities Programmer, it’s hard to schedule anything and keep service to the rest of the Library. We will have something that day, so do stop by and see what we have planned!

We do have a new Children's Programming Library Aide hired. Nate Pyles will start with us on February 28th. However, he will not be ready to work with the children's programs right away. It will take some time to train him on what to expect with all the different age groups we have.

Having said that, it is with the deepest regret that I announce we are losing Laura Chelgren, who has been processing our ILLs. She has been training one of our Substitutes to process ILLs, and Lisa Fallon will be coming in once a week to take care of those requests.

Therefore, I am announcing that we will be looking to hire a Library Aide to work at the Reference Desk for 25 hours a week. The pay is $9.00/hour. The applicant must be able to work between the hours of 12:15 to 5:15/7:15 p.m. and alternate Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Applicants can send their resume to: director@punxsutawneylibrary.org.

Until we can get a new Library Aide hired, and Nate and that person trained in the policy and procedures of the Library, we will, unfortunately, have to alter our hours to staff the Library. Our policy, for the safety of our staff, is to always have at minimum 2 staff members in the Library during operating hours. **Beginning March 7th our hours will be: Mondays – Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays closed.**

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and promise that just as soon as we are ready to give you the quality service you have received from us, we will return to the current hours.

Happy Reading!

~Jen Soliday, MSLIS
ATTENTION!

Beginning March 7, 2022

Due to staff shortages, the Library hours will change to:
Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays: Closed

We will return to "normal" hours just as soon as possible.

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
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.
MARCH IS...

National Nutrition Month (Health Literacy)
Red Cross Month (Health Literacy)
Social Workers Month (Civic & Social Literacy)
Foreign Language Month (Civic & Social Literacy)

March 6-12: Read an E-Book Week
March 7: Genealogy Day
March 16: Freedom of Information Day
March 20-26: National Bubble Week
March 29: Mom & Pop Business Owners Day
CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH THESE AUTHORS/TITLES

AUTHORS

- Isabel Allende
- Margaret Atwood
- Jane Austen
- Toni Morrison
- Mary Oliver
- Maya Angelou
- Virginia Woolf
- Min Jin Lee
- Kristin Hannah
- Amy Tan
- Anne Lamott
- Melinda Gates
- Helen Hoang
- Among many others!
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+)
PUNXSUTAWNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

JOIN THE RACE TO READ 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN. ASK AT THE FRONT DESK FOR MORE INFORMATION.
BOOK CLUB

MARCH 10TH @ 5:30PM

THIS TENDER LAND BY WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER

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

We will alternate between Wednesdays and Fridays for book donations.

Saturday, March 5
Wednesday, March 9
Friday, March 18
Wednesday, March 23
10am-2pm
Spring Program Schedules

Wee Themes
Tuesdays @ 11 am

FEBRUARY 8: VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 15: LIGHTS
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: LIGHTS
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: LIGHTS
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: GAME DAY
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)

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<td>Happy Book Birthday to Roshan Munching by Amaia Hoffer.</td>
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<td>Read Jem at the Sun by Alicia D. Williams. Place random objects in a bag and have kids tell a story as they pull them out.</td>
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6. Rachel Renée Russell’s Birthday: It’s not so terrible to share episodes of the Dark Diaries podcast.

7. Pi Day: Pi is the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter, equivalent to approximately 3.14159. Watch Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi in honor of the occasion.

8. Happy Book Birthday to Mushroom Rain by Laura Zimmermann.

9. How to Hear the Universe by Patricia Valdez.

10. Harriet Tubman Day: Read Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome, and use the educator’s guide to teach kids more about the Underground Railroad.

11. Middle Name Pride Day: Call kids by their middle names. Ask them to use Behind the Name to discover a similar middle name from a different area of the world.

12. Explore authors, photos, and news online during the last day of the Palm Beach Book Festival.


14. Paws to Read Month: Arrange for kids to read to the animals at a local shelter or rescue.


16. On this day in 1857, the first commercial elevator carried shoppers in a New York department store. Challenge kids to build an elevator out of cardboard and string.

17. Medal of Honor Day: Read Stubby: A True Story of Friendship to pay tribute to Sgt. Stubby, the most decorated war dog of World War I.

18. Youth Art Month: Read The Ugly Doodler by Yaela Wicker, and use the online art toolStreetArt to set up a gallery using doodles from kids.

19. Play the Recorder Day: Demonstrate how to make a drinking straw recorder from Mud About Science. Challenge everyone to play “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

20. Make Up Your Own Holiday: Ask kids to use Google Logo Maker to bring a made-up holiday to life.

21. Asa Dyckman’s Birthday: Watch the funny author’s characters come to life on KidLit TV.

22. Barnum and Bailey Day: On this date in 1885, the “Greatest Show on Earth”was created. Share a final farewell from Ringling Bros. from May 21, 2017.

23. Happy Book Birthday to The Hive (and Faith) of Jeczie Cham by Kristin Mac Giang.

24. Pencil Day: Read Linus the Little Yellow Pencil by Scott Magoor, and challenge kids to make a list of all the things they can do with a pencil.

25. Crayon Day: Use the choice board from The Literary Voice to share a ton of fun and educational activities all about crayons.
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.

February's Memorials:

- William J. Williams - Retired State Police Associates of PA, Inc.
- Irene Carulli, Louise Fye, Jean Deeley, Terry Fye, Frank Harl, Jim Dunlap, Arnie Harkins, Jim McQuown, Bob Hanley, Mike Defelice - John F. Goss of John's Lawn & Landscaping
- Delbert Reitz - Lanny Ferraro

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February 2022 Stats

Total items checked out
Computer Usage
Library visitors

Books
DVDs
Ebooks

January 2022

2,871
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®

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.

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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!

Take free, online courses in a variety of topics -- QuickBooks, Photoshop, screenwriting, law, and so much more.

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 to 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 our wonderful Substitute Library Aides, for all their hard work and efforts!
Tiffiny Allen, Lisa Fallon, Jane Parente, Diana Polito, Peggy Schweiger, and Sydney Sikora

Upcoming Events:

Every Monday:
Adult coloring club @ 10:30 am

Accepting Book Donations:
- March 5 10am–2pm
- March 9 10 am – 2pm
- March 18 10 am – 2pm
- March 23 10 am – 2 pm

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

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Upcoming Closings:

Closed

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