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
National Reading Month is celebrated in March to honor Dr. Seuss's birthday. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more in celebration and although some people may find the increased emphasis on reading to be boring, the increase in reading during this month has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, and increases imagination and boosts memory. But what about the little ones who cannot read yet? With a little help, they can enjoy National Reading Month too.

Research findings outlined in a recent report of the National Early Literacy Panel highlight the fact that literacy skills begin to develop at birth. The panel identified a number of early skills that are related to—and may even help predict—a child’s later success with reading and writing.

Skills closely related to later success with reading and writing
- Alphabet knowledge—the ability to name letters and the sounds they make
- Phonological awareness—the ability to hear and manipulate the sounds of spoken language (such as hear the beginning sound of a word)
- Rapid letter or number naming—the ability to quickly name letters or numbers
- Rapid object or color naming—the ability to quickly name random series of colors or objects
- Phonological memory—the ability to remember spoken information for a short period of time
- Writing letters or one’s own name—the ability to write single letters in isolation, or write their own name

For ideas on how to encourage these skills in your emerging learners, check out this website: https://www.leapfrog.com/en-us/learning-path/articles/march-is-national-reading-month-even-if-you-dont-readyet

Happy Reading!
**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!

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

A percentage of the item cost returns to the Library!
MEETING INVITATION

March 13, 2024
6:30 PM
Library Conference Room

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization whose members share the belief that residents should support their public library system in many different ways in addition to their regular taxes. Friends advocate the importance of library services in our community and raise funds to achieve library goals.

New members are welcome!!

director@punxsutawneylibrary.org

814.938.5020
March 29 & March 30

Happy Easter!

We hope you have a safe and blessed Easter weekend!
March Raffle “Basket”

Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00
Drawing to be held March 28
Proceeds benefit the Library
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.

This program is on hiatus until Spring.
Saturday, March 2nd
10:30 - 11:30 AM

Join us in celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. Two of our therapy dogs will be here dressed as Seuss characters, and there will be other Seuss characters to read with as well! One Fish Two Fish snacks will be available as supplies last, and a special Seuss-themed photo-op area will be available all month!
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.
Youth Literacy Programs

Classes will begin the week of February 5th.
Ask at the desk for a registration form.
We ask that all participants register to ensure we have enough materials on hand.

Tweens & Teens (6th – 12th grades)
Mondays @ 5:00 p.m.

MAR 4: Trivia Night!
Mar 11: Acting 101
Mar 18: Virtual Reality Night
Mar 25: Author Visit Night
Classes will begin the week of February 5th.
As for the registration form.

We ask that all participants register to ensure we have enough materials on hand.

Wee-Read!
(18 - 35 months)
Tuesdays @ 11 a.m.

MAR 5: Rain Day
MAR 12: St. Patrick’s Day
MAR 19: Easter
MAR 26: Bubbles
Classes will begin the week of February 5th. Ask at the desk for a registration form. We ask that all participants register to ensure we have enough materials on hand.

Pre-K Rocks! (3-5 years)
Tuesdays @ 1:30 p.m.

MAR 5: Rain Day
MAR 12: St. Patrick’s Day
MAR 19: Easter
MAR 26: Bubbles
Youth Literacy Programs

Classes will begin the week of February 5th.
Ask at the desk for a registration form.
We ask that all participants register to ensure we have enough materials on hand.

It’s Elementary!
1: K - 2nd Grades
Wednesdays @ 4 p.m.
2: 3rd - 5th Grades
Wednesdays @ 5 p.m.

MAR 6: Building Challenge
MAR 13: St. Patrick’s Day
MAR 20: Mr. Rogers’ Night
MAR 28: Easter
ACCEPTING USED BOOK DONATIONS

10am-2pm

- Saturday
  - March 2
  - March 16
- Wednesday
  - March 6
  - March 13
  - March 20
  - March 27

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.

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
MON MAR 11 @ 5:30 P.M.

CATASTROPHIC

BOOK CLUB

PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE A COPY. ALL ARE WELCOME!

In 1979, Vincent Bianco has just graduated high school. His only desire: collect a little beer money and enjoy his final summer before college. So he lands a job as a laborer on a construction crew. Working alongside two Vietnam vets, one suffering from PTSD, Vincent gets the education of a lifetime. Now forty years later, with his own son leaving for college, the lessons of that summer—Vincent’s last taste of innocence and first taste of real life—dramatically unfold in a novel about breaking away, shaping a life, and seeking one’s own destiny.

The World Played Chess

Robert Dugoni

“A fearless and sensitive coming-of-age story. I loved it.”
-Mark Sullivan, bestselling author of The Last Green Valley

Good books and good company

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
Join us Saturday March 16 @ 3:00 p.m. for an all-ages appropriate story time. 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.
Come dressed like Mr. Rogers!

Hear stories

Sing Mr. Rogers’ songs

Watch Mr. Rogers videos

Sidewalk chalk drawing activity

Wednesday, March 20
4 - 6 PM

ALL ages welcome!
Monday, March 25, 2024
from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Book Talk & Signing with Robin Lynn Behl

Robin is the IPPY Gold Medal winning author of a nonfiction memoir concerning healthcare and public safety in "boom towns" around North America. Punxsutawney is featured in chapter 16 of "Price Per Barrel: The Human Cost of Extraction."

**Books will be available for autograph for $20.
Tuesday, March 26
10:30 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!
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.
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!!

Punxsutawney Memorial Library
### March 2024 Daily Literacy-Building Activities

#### Talking
- Play show and tell to build speaking confidence. Everyone chooses something they're interested in and talks about it.

#### Singing
- Sing about what you are doing.
- "This is the way we eat our food, eat our food, eat our food. This is the way we put on our shoes."

#### Counting
- Have your child help you prepare a recipe by helping measure and count ingredients.
- "That's a tree. Three have branches and leaves. Birds sometimes build nests in them."

#### Reading
- As you read, point out a picture and talk about what it is.
- Practice drawing facial expressions. Draw a happy face, a sad face, a surprised face, an angry face, a silly face.

#### Writing
- Pretend you and your child are diving in the ocean. What might you see? Describe the beautiful marine life you see.

#### Playing
- Point to and name body parts. Where is your mouth? Where are your ears? Where are your arms?

#### Talking
- Gather some household items to use as instruments. Have a fun parade marching around the house singing and making music.

#### Singing
- Say or sing "Five Little Figgies." (Words are on the back)

#### Counting
- Use masking tape to measure yourself and your child on a wall. Compare the sizes. Who is taller? Who is shorter?

#### Reading
- Share what you are reading with your child. Read aloud a portion of a magazine, book, or newspaper that you are reading.

#### Writing
- Write a shopping list together. Take it to the store and check off the items as they are selected.
- "Pretend to be birds. Flap your wings and whistle and tweet. Talk about your favorite birds."

#### Playing
- Sing and dance "The Hokey Pokey." (Words and actions are on the back)

#### Counting
- Place several objects on a table. Talk about which is largest, which is heaviest, which is smallest.

#### Reading
- Make labels for common items in your home.

#### Writing
- Create a writing box together. Include paper and crayons. Decorate the outside and leave it within easy reach of your child.

#### Talking
- Make a test with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are camping. What do you see? What do you hear?

#### Singing
- Have your child "interview" family members or friends with fun questions. This encourages them to ask questions and listen actively.

#### Counting
- Collect a variety of rocks and pebbles. Write numbers on each. Help your child put them in order.

#### Reading
- Help your child notice words throughout the day. Point out street signs, words on food containers, billboards, and more.

---

#### Books to Read This Month

**For Readers Ages 0-3**

- **Baby Up, Baby Down: A First Book of Opposites** by Anna McQuinn
- **Inside Outside** by Jo Riely

**For Readers Ages 3+**

- **Night Owl Night** by Sherri S. Svanfeldt
- **River of Mariposas** by Mirthe Gragila

---

**Playing to Learn New Words**

Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. Play helps children feel a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. This motivates them to try new experiences and not give up when something seems difficult. Plus, it’s fun!

**Five Little Figgies**

Five little figgies sat on a shelf.
- One went for a swim, then there were four.
- One jumped in the water, then there were three.
- One swam away, and then there was one.
- One little figgie said,"I’m not fun!"

**Here is the Beehive**

More is the beehive, (What is it?)
- Nine are the bees.
- Three little figgies say,"What can we do?"
- Two little figgies sat on the sun.
- One swam off, and then there was one.
- One figgie said,"This is no fun!"

---

**The Hokey Pokey**

You put your right foot in
- You put your left foot out.
- You put your right foot in
- And you put your left foot out.
- You do the hokey pokey
- And you turn yourself around. That’s what it’s all about.

---

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

• No memorials

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.

February’s Honorariums:

• No honorariums
# February 2024 Stats

## Total items checked out
- Books & Periodicals: 1,430
- DVDs/Blu-Rays: 67
- Ebooks (January 2023): 457

## library visitors
1,582*
*Phil Visitors: 63

## Computer Usage/WiFi Sessions
85/122

## Reference Questions
78
Access all these databases for FREE on our website 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!

Access all these databases for FREE on our website with your library card!
Thank You!

- To all the Boroughs and Townships that support us!

**Upcoming Closings:**
- May 27: Memorial Day

**Upcoming Events:**
- April 7 - 13: National Library Week

Follow us on social media for more:
- @punxsylibrary
- @punxsutawneylibrary
- @punxsylibrary

Sydney, Nate, Lisa, Jen, and Cathy