



# FRIENDS FEATURES

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## Thank You and Best Wishes

It is with a mix of gratitude and sadness that the Board of Trustees announces Library Director Ryan McCrory's decision to pursue a new opportunity with the Pierce County Library System in Tacoma, Washington. During the past two and half years, Ryan has provided strong leadership to guide the library through COVID-19 and, along with the staff, has implemented a number of innovative, engaging opportunities for our patrons. We will certainly miss Ryan's passion for the Lititz Public Library and wish him well in his new opportunity.

As part of a thoughtful succession plan, the Board of Trustees has begun a search for a new Library Director. During this transition period, it is our priority to find the best individual to lead, while maintaining our wonderful programs and community connections. Kay Burky, an HR professional and former member of the Board of Trustees, will be heading the search committee to find Ryan's successor. Other members of the Search Committee include: Priscilla Stoner, Rob Dodds, John Weidman and Sherry Chivinski.

Please join the staff and members of the Board in wishing Ryan well on his next chapter. We cannot thank him enough for the enthusiasm, motivation and leadership he has given our Library.

If you have any questions or concerns during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Trustees at: [searchcommittee@lititzlibrary.org](mailto:searchcommittee@lititzlibrary.org).

~Scott Burky, Library Board of Trustees President

## Memory Kits Now Available

Memory Kits are for caregivers and those experiencing Alzheimer's, Dementia, or Memory Loss.

These kits are filled with books, Music CD's, and various activities for anyone who is caring for a loved one experiencing memory loss and those who are experiencing memory loss. The books are written as a picture book but for an adult audience. The music CD's range from Big Band music, Lawrence Welk, musicals, and nature sounds. There are simple puzzles, Reminiscence Cards, Match the Pins games, Fidget cuffs, Snap memory cards, and other items to engage the senses and memories. In addition, each kit comes with a Top Tips for Caregivers card.

There are five kits ready to circulate. The titles of the kits are; Happy Baby, Forest, Sewing, Farm, and Sky. Patrons may stop in the library, call, or reserve a kit on our website ([www.lititzlibrary.org](http://www.lititzlibrary.org)). The kits can be checked out for two weeks at a time. They must be picked up and returned to the Lititz Library location.



## Exciting Opportunities for Learning and Exploring

Launchpad Playaways for kids

Museum Passes for families

Library News and Notes section of our website

Memory Kits for Dementia, Alzheimers, and memory care patients

Great Courses for those who want to learn a new skill or hobby

Spice Kits to try with new recipes

BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club

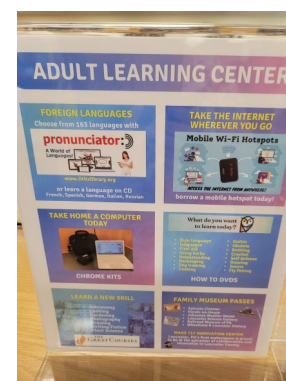
Databases for everything from auto repair to health and wellness

Brainfuse Help Now for homework help

Brainfuse Job Now for career guidance

Pronunciator to learn a new language

Nature Explorer Bags, Telescope, Chrome Books, Hot Spots, and More!



## Since 2020 the library has been busy!

We conducted more than 80 socially-distanced story times that close to 7,500 parents and children attended on our patio and grounds.

We developed story walks at the library and through downtown Lititz that engaged more than 800 people and 17 downtown businesses.

We held a Summer concert series in the backyard, which over 500 people attended.

We held over 100 virtual events with almost 1,500 people attending to learn about topics as diverse as gaming, Hygge, nutrition and tea.

Over 32,000 e-books were "checked out" in 2020—an increase of almost 45% over the previous year.

Including e-books and databases, our communities (Lititz Borough, Warwick and Elizabeth Townships) used more than 306,000 materials in 2020.

# Program Fun!



## Children's StoryWalk® Installation and Ribbon Cutting

The Children's StoryWalk® is now a permanent part of the Lititz Public Library's outdoor space. This was an idea that had been discussed off and on for a few years. During COVID, we thought this was a great way to continue to engage our reading families while allowing for safe interaction. Combining outdoor exercise, short stories, and follow-along activities are a perfect compliment to our beautiful grounds.

The StoryWalk® consists of 18 storyboards that patrons can follow around the library grounds. At each storyboard they stop to read a part of the story and complete an activity. Our very first StoryWalk® was Ivan the Terrier by Peter Catalanotto in July of 2020.

The original StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. However, each of our StoryWalks are created here at the Lititz Public Library by our Youth Services team of Shannon Richard and Amy Moyer.

Stories are typically changed out every 3 months, but the schedule could change based on our needs. The books are purchased as needed from our programming budget. The posts were purchased with assistance from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Foundation and Kiwanis Club of Lititz. Warwick Township Public Works kindly donated the time and effort for the permanent installation of the posts.

The Lititz Public Library's holiday StoryWalk® title is Santa's Story by Will Hillenbrand. Santa is ready to leave on Christmas Eve, but he can't find the reindeer anywhere. What are the reindeer doing and when will they be ready? Participate in the StoryWalk® to find out!







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The Lititz Public Library Board of Trustees meets on the first Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m.



***Santa Visits the Backyard***

*Saturdays*

*December 11 &*

*December 18*

*10:00 am, 10:30 am & 11:00 am*

Santa will visit storytime in the library's backyard!

Bring a letter for Santa.

All ages and abilities are welcome with an adult. No registration needed.



**Model Train Display**

- Dec. 11 (10 am - 3 pm)
- Dec. 14 & 16 (3 pm - 7:30 pm)
- Dec. 17 (3 pm - 5:30 pm)
- Dec. 18 (10 am - 2 pm)



**Take and Make Craft Kits**

- Mitten Tree - begins November 15
- Gift-a-Book - begins November 15

