



What is a Library? In *The Librarian's Book of Lists* (Chicago: ALA, 2010), George Eberhart offers this definition: "A library is a collection of resources in a variety of formats that is organized by information professionals or other experts who provide convenient physical, digital, bibliographic, or intellectual access and offer targeted services and programs with the mission of educating, informing, or entertaining a variety of audiences and the goal of stimulating individual learning and advancing society as a whole."

This is a wide ranging and rather lofty definition. However, as someone who has worked at the Lititz Public Library for 6 years, I have seen our community library in a much more intimate way. I have seen the ordinary details of what makes our library a welcoming space for everyone. Below are listed just a few:

A child enjoying the wonder of catching bubbles during storytime.

A pre-teen excitedly picking up the next *Wings of Fire* graphic novel by Tui T. Sutherland.

A community member stopping by to read the Wall Street Journal or Lititz Record.

A group of book club members socializing, laughing, and sharing their thoughts on their latest read.

Couples picking out their Friday date night movie from among the DVDs.

Knitters, crocheters, and quilters creating blankets to be given away to children's hospitals.

A group unwinding with the slow, graceful movements of Tai Chi.

A retiree perusing the free puzzles, magazines, and books.

A mom giving her children some coins to feed the dinosaur.

Board gamers engaging in friendly and sometime rowdy competition.

Houseplant enthusiasts swapping plants.

A job seeker using the computer to create a resume.

These are just some of the scenes that play out in the library everyday. This is the ordinary life of a public library that is in fact extraordinary. There is beauty found in these familiar moments. It is a reminder to all who enter here that magic is found everyday in our library simply by opening a book, going online, gathering, and sharing.

~ Diane Guscott, Community Relations Coordinator.

Photos by Tom Roe Photography



The much needed parking lot extension is underway! The library is a busy place and sometimes parking spots can be hard to find. Our parking lot extension will be built to the southeast of the library building. Construction should be complete by June 1st.

The library said "happy retirement" to Linda Skelly. Linda worked at the library for 18.5 years as the Adult Services Librarian. Linda looks forward to spending more time with her family.

Justine Prestifilippo, who worked at the circulation desk, was appointed the new Adult Services Coordinator. Justine has been busy ordering adult fiction and nonfiction books, weeding the adult collection, and creating unique and informative book displays. She has recently began offering One-On-One Tech help to our patrons. If you need One-On-One Tech help please set up an appointment with Justine by calling the library.



We Love Our Volunteers!

Our volunteers are the heart of our library and we could not do it without them! Do you know everything our volunteers do?

- Mending books
- Labeling & processing books
- Monitoring shelves for out of place items
- Sorting donated items
- Pulling requested items
- Searching for missing items
- Shelving and more



A volunteer luncheon was held as a thank you to these hard working volunteers, along with the delivery of a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Hendrick's Flowers. Our Friends of the Lititz Library Group also organizes and staffs our book sales, puzzle sales, and jewelry sales. All of the proceeds from these sales go to the library. The Spring 2023 book sale brought in \$11,436. The Friends will be hosting a Trivia Night at the Library on June 24th and an ice cream social at our June 22nd concert. The proceeds from the Trivia night and the sale of the ice cream will be donated to the

returning to the library for Paws to Read! Children will once again be able to practice their reading-aloud skills by reading their favorite stories to therapy-trained dogs.

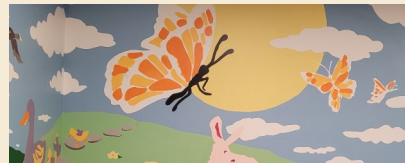
Book Buddies will be returning this summer. Children will hear a story as a large group, read with their buddy, and make a craft together. This program provides an opportunity for teens to volunteer to be a buddy and for children to enjoy reading and crafting with their buddies.

Wacky Wednesdays will also be returning. This program was previously called Freaky Friday, but had a day and name change. At this program children start with a story based on that month's theme and then are free to visit a variety of stations to do crafts, games, STEM activities, and more!



Improvements in the Youth Library Area!

There have been many changes and improvements in the youth library area. We retired the wooden tree cutout that had been an original to this library building and was originally found at the library's previous Broad Street location. We donated the tree to another library and replaced it with a beautiful and bright mural. This mural was skillfully created by Warwick High School National Art Honor Society students. These students put in many hours on weekends to complete this delightful mural. In addition, the children's area added a play greenhouse and bench. Children can now enjoy reading in this whimsical greenhouse with seats just their size. Another change library users may have noticed is the alphabetizing of the picture books and reorganization of the holiday books in the children's area. Bookshelves have been moved, some have been added and improvements have been made. Stop by to check out all of these changes!





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Monday evening of each month
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Summer Reading Program 2023

The Summer Reading Program theme is *All Together Now*. This theme will promote Friendship and Kindness. Participants ages 0 to 18 will be able to log their books online through Beanstack or by picking a paper log at the library. In addition, many children's programs will be offered throughout the summer. Look online or at the library for our Summer Reading Program brochure.

Adult readers will have the opportunity to participate in their own Summer Reading Challenge. Adults over 18 will be able to pick up a reading log at the library or print one off of our website. The adults will be challenged to not only read, but also demonstrate specific Acts of Kindness.

