



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

MERCER AREA LIBRARY

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HOURS

Sunday - Monday:
Closed

Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Closing at 12 PM
on March 31st**

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- Garden Classes Return
- New Pinterest Hits Craft Group
- Tigers of the Sky: A Look Into the Life of Owls



Bring your friends to the library and try out our new children's chairs and table. This was purchased through a generous donation and is the first of three chair and table sets we plan to purchase.

MARCH EVENTS

1-31: Homework at the Library, Library Hours

1: Preschool Storytime: What We Eat, 10 AM

6: Teen Peer Math Tutoring, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

7: FREE Professional Math Tutoring, 6 PM

8: Preschool Storytime: Clifford, 10 AM

8: LEGO Building Day, 9:30 AM - 7 PM

8: Owl Presentation, 6 PM

13: Teen Peer Math Tutoring, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

14: FREE Professional Math Tutoring, 6 PM

14: Friends Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 PM

15: Preschool Storytime: St. Patrick, 10 AM

15: Computer Class: Video Streaming, 5:45 PM

20: Teen Peer Math Tutoring, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

20: Book Discussion with the Author, 6 PM

21: FREE Professional Math Tutoring, 6 PM

22: Preschool Storytime: Spring, 10 AM

22: littleBits Day: Star Wars Droid, 9:30 AM - 7 PM

22: Pinterest Hits: Pom Pom Bunny Garland, 5 PM

23: Friends of the Library Art Show, 4 - 7 PM

24: Friends of the Library Art Show, 9 AM - 4 PM

27: Teen Peer Math Tutoring, 3:30 to 5:30 PM

27: Quilt Club, 6 PM

28: FREE Professional Math Tutoring, 6 PM

29: Preschool Storytime: Cookies, 10 AM

29: Game Night: Pentago, 5:30 PM

30: First Gardens Presentation, 6 PM

31: Library closes at 12 PM

Registration is required for events in BOLD. Just give us a call at: 724-662-4233.

HOMESCHOOL AT THE LIBRARY

Come into the Library during our regular hours to work on your homework or study and sign in at the Circulation Desk to be entered to win a Sheetz gift card and enjoy a free snack. Each day you come is another entry into the giveaway!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 @ 10 AM

Bring your preschoolers for an hour of theme-based stories and crafts and stay for an additional hour of free play with fun and educational toys. This month our themes are **What We Eat (1st)**, **Clifford (8th)**, **St. Patrick(15th)**, **Bears (22nd)**, and **Cookies (29th)**.

TEEN PEER TUTORING: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 @ 3:30-5:30 PM

We are offering free peer math tutoring on **Tuesdays between 3:30 PM and 5:30 PM**. This tutoring is available for students in math classes below PreCalc, who have a current Mercer Area Library Card. These come and go peer tutoring sessions will be led by a current High School PreCalc student. No signup required.

FREE PROFESSIONAL MATH TUTORING: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 @ 6 PM

We are pleased to offer FREE math tutoring for JR and SR High School Students on **Wednesday nights from 6 to 7 PM**.

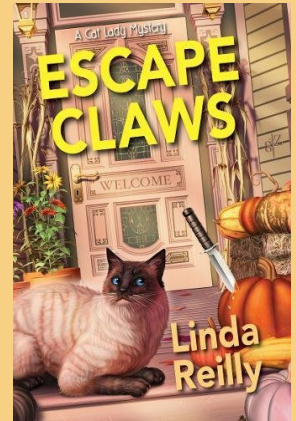
In order to use this service, students must have their own Mercer Library card. If a student registers for a session and does not show up, their library account will be subject to a \$5.00 fine to help offset the cost of the tutoring.

In order to help keep costs down, students are required to register by the Thursday before the session they would like to attend.

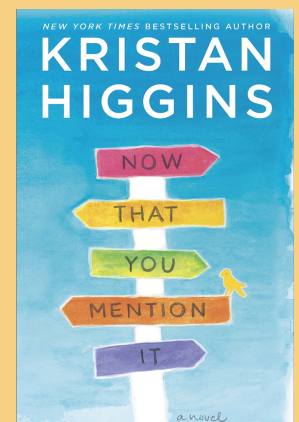
For more information or questions, please call the library at 724-662-4233.

*This service is sponsored by the Friends of the Mercer Area Library.

WHAT WE ARE READING

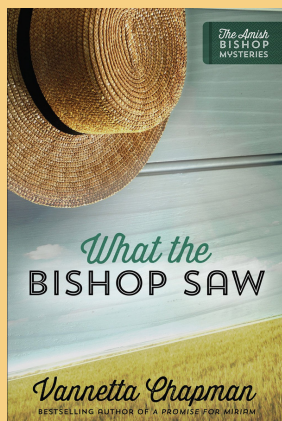


For the first time in sixteen years, Lara Caphart has returned to her hometown of Whisker Jog, New Hampshire. She wants to reconnect with her estranged Aunt Fran, who's having some difficulty looking after herself-and her eleven cats.

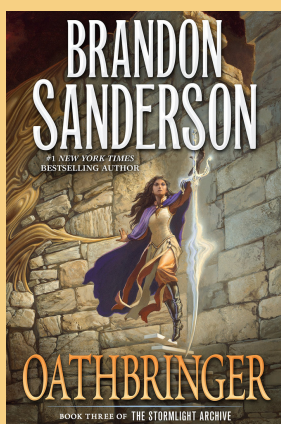


New York Times bestselling author Kristan Higgins welcomes you home in this witty, emotionally charged novel about the complications of life, love and family

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A fire blazes out of control in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, leaving an elderly Amish bachelor dead. Bishop Henry Lapp rushes to the scene, and he learns the fire was no accident. Someone intended to kill Vernon Frey. But who would want to kill Vernon? Well, practically everyone—Amish and Englisch alike.



In Oathbringer, the third volume of the New York Times bestselling Stormlight Archive, humanity faces a new Desolation with the return of the Voidbringers, a foe with numbers as great as their thirst for vengeance.

LEGO BUILDING DAY: 3/8 @ ALL DAY

Become a Master Builder and discover why everything is awesome when you play with LEGOs! Join us for a LEGO Building Day at the Library on **Wednesday, March 8th between 9:30 AM and 7 PM**. Open to all ages who want to build at the library. The best creations will be displayed in the library!

TIGERS OF THE SKY- A LOOK INTO THE LIFE OF OWLS: 3/8 @ 6 PM

Come join the Mercer County Conservation District **Thursday, March 8th at 6 PM** as they showcase the tigers of the night sky, the owls. We will explore the life histories of many different native PA species, talk about past issues, and look at their current status.

FRIENDS QUARTERLY MEETING: 3/14 @ 6:30 PM

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Quarterly Meeting at the Library on **March 14th at 6:30 PM**. This meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in the Library and helping is encouraged to attend.

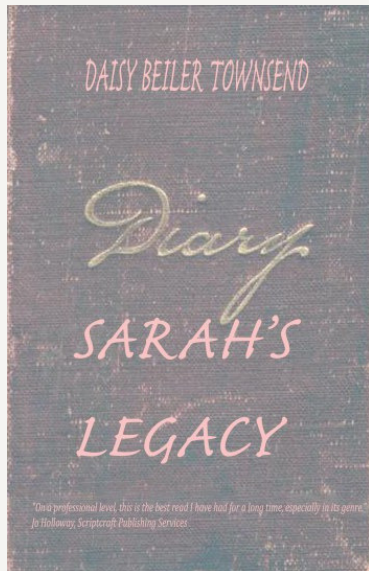
The Friends are a vital group in keeping the Mercer Area Library an active community resource. They organize fundraisers, run events and help advertise Library functions. We are always looking for new individuals and new ideas.

COMPUTER CLASS-VIDEO STREAMING: 3/15 @ 5:45 PM

Have you ever wanted to stream videos online? Do you want to watch movies, music videos and other events online? Not sure which websites are legal or safe? Join us on **Friday, March 15th at 5:45 PM**.

Space is limited for this class, so please call the Library at: 724-662-4233 to register.

FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR DAISY BEILER TOWNSEND: 3/20 @ 6 PM



This month we are especially excited about our Fiction Book Discussion because the author will be joining us! This month's book is Sarah's Legacy and it is written by Daisy Beiler Townsend from Sandy Lake.

Exuberant, 18-year-old Polly Dye, torn between pleasing her mother and pleasing her beau, moves with her family into a house that evokes a chilling sensation as she steps over the threshold. She can't decide whether something bad has happened here or if something bad is going to happen.

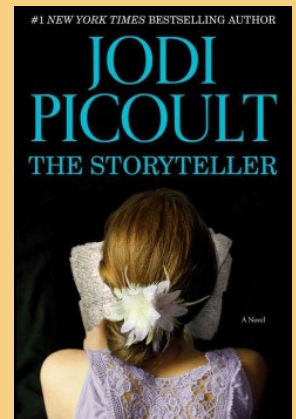
Soon Polly discovers the diary of the original owner, Sarah Davis. She hopes it will answer her questions about the dark foreboding she senses in the house. Instead, she wrestles with the many losses Sarah experienced while still maintaining her faith in God. What good is a God who doesn't protect one from pain, Polly's utmost goal in life?

As Polly experiences losses of her own and learns from the mistakes Sarah made, Polly realizes it's not enough to have faith in her mother's faith. Will Sarah's legacy help Polly develop a faith of her own and will her questions about the house be answered?

Since Daisy Townsend will be joining us for the discussion, you will have the opportunity to talk to her about the book and ask her any questions you have! Join us for this special experience on **March 20th at 6 PM.**

Due to the local nature of the books, the Library will be selling copies of *Sarah's Legacy* at the Circulation Desk for \$12.00 each.

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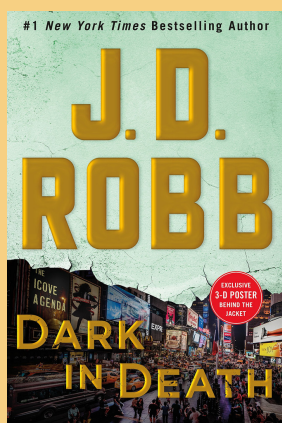


Becoming friends with Josef Weber, an old man who's particularly loved in her community, Sage Singer is shocked when one day he asks her to kill him and reveals why he deserves to die, causing her to question her beliefs-and to wonder if his request would be murder or justice

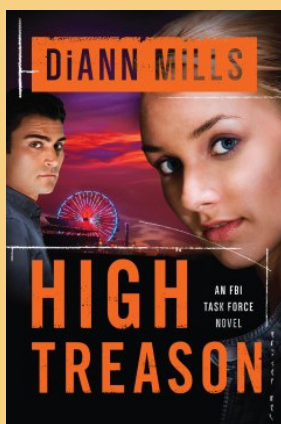


Presents stories of ghosts and witches, "jump" stories, scary songs, and modern-day scary stories.

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Lieutenant Eve Dallas returns in *Dark in Death*, by J.D. Robb, the #1 New York Times bestselling master of suspense, and takes on a case of death imitating art...



When Saudi prince Omar bin Talal is targeted for assassination while visiting Houston, FBI Special Agent Kord Davidson reluctantly works with CIA operative Monica Alden to protect the prince and take down the would-be assassin.

LITTLEBITS DAY- STAR WARS DROID: 3/22 @ ALL DAY

Calling all Droid Inventors! Kids can create their own Droid and bring it to life using littleBits electronic blocks! With the Droid Inventor app, they'll give their Droid new abilities and take it on 16+ missions. Stop in during library hours on **March 22nd** to try out our new kit and see what you can make our Droid do.

PINTEREST HITS GROUP: 3/22 @ 5 PM

Come make an online hit craft project with our new Pinterest Hits Group sponsored by Always In Blossom. On **March 22nd at 5:00 PM** we will be making Pom Pom Bunny Garlands. All supplies will be provided. Just come with your passion for crafting!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ART SHOW- 3/23 @ 4-7 PM AND 3/24 @ 9-4 PM

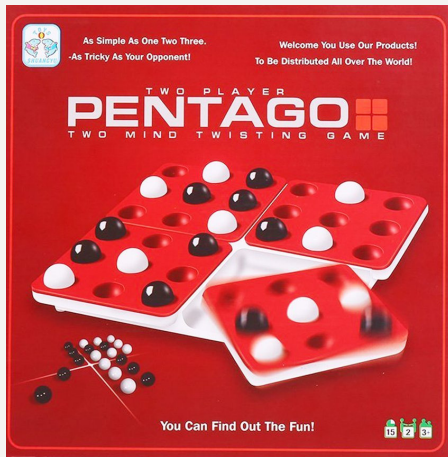
The Friends of the Library will be hosting an Art Show at the Mercer Library! They have gathered artwork from a number of local artists over a wide range of mediums, from paintings to sculptures, with many pieces available to purchase. The Art Show is free and open to the public from the hours of **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 23rd and from 9:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 24th**. This will be a great event displaying the local talent of all ages and genres.

MERCER LIBRARY QUILT CLUB: 3/27 @ 6:00 PM

The Mercer Library is excited to announce the start of our very own Quilt Club. Assisted by The Gallery, this club will be free and open to all members of the public, no matter your skill or experience. Come and share your current project, get inspired by new ideas, and enjoy a quiet place to work!

We will be Quilting on **March 27th at 6:00 PM**.

GAME NIGHT-PENTAGO: 3/29 @ 5:30 PM



This month's Game Night choice is Pentago. This game re-implements the well known Connect 4 with a twist: After placing a marble, the player has to twist one of the grids 90°, thus changing the board after every turn! This is a fast-paced strategy game and is one sure to be a new favorite. Join us on **March 29th at 5:30 PM**

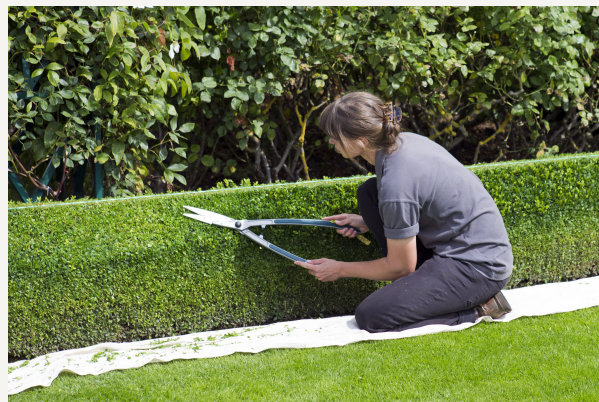
FIRST GARDENS PRESENTATION: 3/30 @ 6 PM

The Mercer Area Library is hosting a series of events on gardening, presented by the Penn State Extension office and the Master Gardener Organization. These presentations will be held monthly throughout the summer and are free to attend.

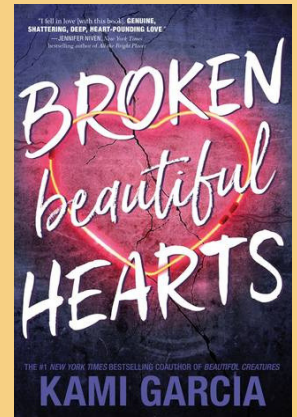
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The first presentation is by Laura Hlusko, on the topic of First Gardens. Laura will discuss her early gardening attempts, the mistakes she made and her successes. As always she will be happy to answer your questions and provide her advice.

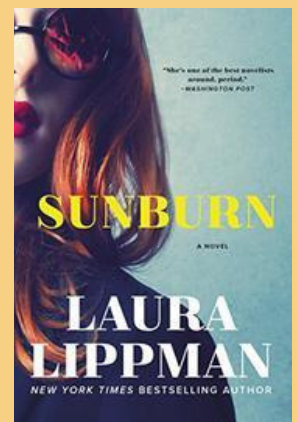
This program will be held on **March 30th at 6 PM.**



WHAT WE ARE READING



When star soccer player Peyton Rios receives an offer from her first-choice college, senior year starts off exactly as planned. But when Peyton uncovers her boyfriend's dark secret, she confronts him—and finds herself falling down a flight of stairs



Laura Lippman returns with a novel of psychological suspense about lovers with the best intentions and the worst luck: people locked in a passionate yet uncompromising game

FRIENDS UPDATE

As I look out the window it looks like spring! Spring is the time we should think about what we can do for our community and especially for the Library.

Do you have a couple of hours you could donate to the Library this year? What are your skills and interests?

I am sure there is something at the Mercer Area Library that would fit your skills and time.

The first art show at the library will be Friday and Saturday, March 23 (4 PM to 7 PM) & 24 (9 AM to 4 PM)

The book sale will be April 17 through 21 with set up the Saturday and Monday prior.

The spring luncheon will be May 2.

Join us for the next Quarterly meeting Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 PM.

Meet the new officers: Chris Hall, President; Kathy Breese, Vice President; Claudia Moore, Secretary; Cindy Crytzer, Treasurer.

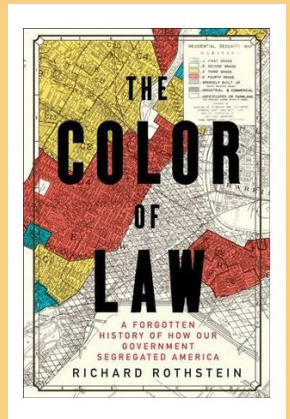
Join the Friends to help plan the activities at the library for the coming year.

Watch for opportunities to sign up to work the book sale at the front desk. We are now collecting books for the spring used book sale. You can drop them off at the library (Please no encyclopedias or textbooks)

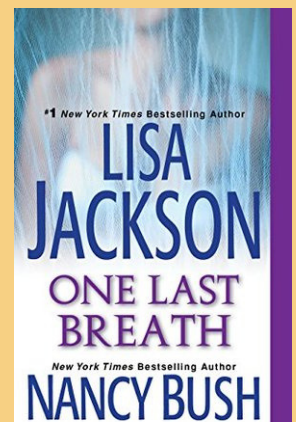
Our annual ice cream social will be in July. We are looking for a chairperson. This is an easy project with lots of good notes from previous years.

There are many more opportunities for you to help Mercer Area Library increase its service to YOUR community.

WHAT WE ARE READING



In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation.



Rory Abernathy's wedding to Liam Bastian turned into a bloodbath. She fled after stabbing a masked intruder, just before a gunman opened fire on the wedding party.