

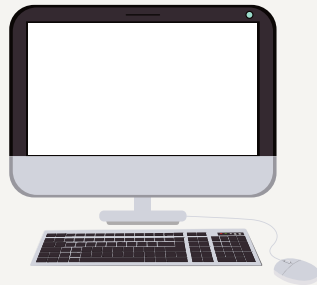


JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

MERCER AREA LIBRARY

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Thanks to a grant we received, we were able to replace the computers in our children's section with new, faster ones.

Stop in to give them a try!



HOURS

Sunday - Monday:

Closed

Tuesday - Friday

9:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Closed July 4th

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- Escape Room
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- Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social and Day at the Park
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JULY EVENTS

3,5-7: Make and Take: Orange Creamsicle Body Scrub, Library Hours

4: Library Closed

5: Preschool Storytime: 4th of July, 10 AM

10-13: Escape Room, Scheduled Times

11: Children's Summer Reading Program: Sounds of Nature, 11 AM

12: Preschool Storytime: Puppies, 10 AM

13: Gardening Presentation Odd Fruits and Berries, 5:30 PM

13: Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social on the Courthouse Square

14: Friends of the Library Day at the Park with Raffle Baskets

17-20: Escape Room, Scheduled Times

17: A Blast from the Past: A Program Highlighting Animals that Used to Roam PA, 5:30 PM

18: Children's Summer Reading Program: Instruments of Music, 11 AM

19: Preschool Storytime: Forest, 10 AM

24-27: Make and Take: Reading is Fun with Colors

24: Quilt Club, 5:30 PM

25: Children's Summer Reading Program: Instrument Creation Day, 11 AM

26: Preschool Storytime: Potpourri of Books, 10 AM

26: Pinterest Hits, 5 PM

31-August 3: Make and Take Stress Ball

31: Fiction Book Discussion, 6 PM

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

MAKE AND TAKE-CREAMSICLE BODY SCRUB: WEEK OF 7/3 @ LIBRARY HOURS

As we move into July, we are diving into the scent of summer with a Make and Take for adults and teens! Join us during Library hours the **week of July 3rd** to make a delicious smelling orange creamsicle body scrub.



All supplies will be provided, but are limited, so this activity is first come first serve. Just stop by the circulation desk and let us know you are here for the make and take.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 @ 10 AM



Bring your preschoolers on **Thursdays at 10 AM** 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 **4th of July (7/5), Puppies (7/12), Forest (7/19), and Potpourri of books(7/26).**

ESCAPE ROOM: WEEKS OF 7/10 AND 7/17 @ SCHEDULED TIMES

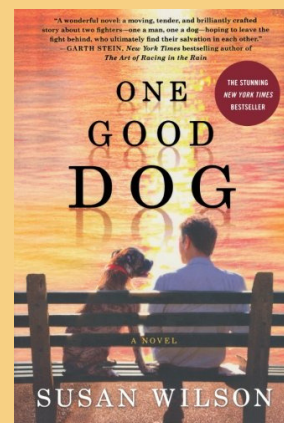
Back by popular demand, we are excited to have two escape rooms this year!

We are bringing back Time Warp from last year and introducing a new one, Time Warp 2, which is even more challenging!

Space is limited and registration is required, so get your group together and give us a call to reserve you spot! We have time slots available the **weeks of July 10th and July 17th.**



WHAT WE ARE READING

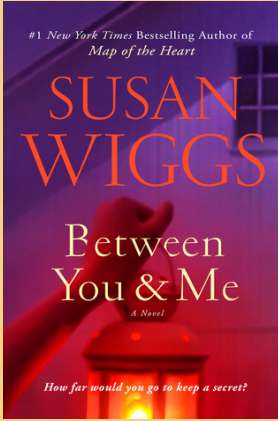


One Good Dog is a moving, tender, and brilliantly crafted story about two fighters--one a man, one a dog--hoping to leave the fight behind, who ultimately find their salvation in each other.

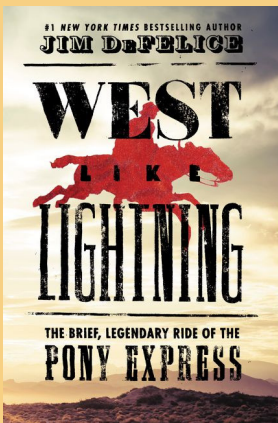


Across Europe, a secret organization has begun attacking diplomats. Back in the United States, a foreign ally demands the identity of a highly placed covert asset. In the balance hang the ingredients for all-out war. With his mentor out of the game, counterterrorism operative Scot Harvath must take on the role he has spent his career avoiding.

WHAT WE ARE READING



Deep within the peaceful heart of Amish country, a life-or-death emergency shatters a quiet world to its core. Number-one New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs delivers a riveting story that challenges our deepest-held beliefs.



In the spring of 1860 on the eve of a civil war that threatened to tear the country apart, two Americans conceived an audacious plan for linking the nation's two coasts, thereby joining its present with its future.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM- SOUNDS OF NATURE: 7/11 @ 11 AM



Come explore the sounds of nature with longtime Summer Reading presenters from Munnell Run Farm at our Children's Summer Reading Program on **July 11th at 11 AM**. The outdoors are a surprisingly musical place!

GARDENING PRESENTATION-ODD FRUITS AND BERRIES: 7/13 @ 5:30 PM

Want to learn how to grow and identify odd fruits and berries? If so, you are in luck! We will be having an informative presentation given by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners on **July 13th at 5:30 PM**.

Please call the Library at 724-662-4233 to register for this informative presentation.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST: A PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTING ANIMALS THAT USED TO ROAM PA: 7/17 @ 5:30 PM

Come join the Mercer County Conservation District **July 17th at 5:30 PM** as they go over a few game species that have disappeared from Pennsylvania's forests. Some of these species have been brought back to the state in interesting ways, and some are gone forever. We will go over some of the species' natural histories, legends, and how they became extirpated.

Call the Library at: 724-662-4233 to register.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM- MUSIC MAKING DAY: 7/18 @ 11 AM

Join us for a day of making music at the library and learning about rhythms. We will explore a variety of musical instruments and styles on **July 18th at 11 AM**.

Don't forget to bring your reading logs! Everyone who reads over 240 minutes the second four weeks of Summer Reading will earn a cool bonus prize!



MAKE AND TAKE-COLORING: WEEK OF 7/24 @ LIBRARY HOURS



As part of our Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults, we will be giving you a fun way to relax with colors! We will have bookmarks and book themed stickers for you to color.

All supplies will be provided. Just stop in during Library hours the **week of July 24th** and let us know at the Circulation Desk that you are here for the Make and Take.

QUILT CLUB: 7/24 @ 5:30 PM

Join the Mercer Area Library Quilt Club, assisted by *The Gallery*, on **July 24th at 5:30 PM**. This club is 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!



CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM -INSTRUMENT CREATION DAY: 7/25 @ 11 AM

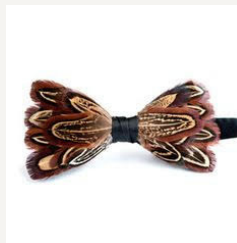
Music is creative and you will get to be creative as you make your own musical instrument on **July 25th at 11 AM**. Inspiration will come from the instrument demonstration provided by the Girl Scouts.



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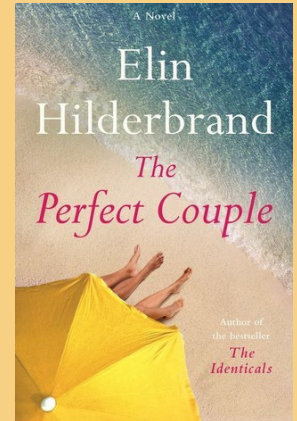
PINTEREST HITS: 7/26 @ 5 PM

Come join our Pinterest Hits Group sponsored by *Always In Blossom* on **July 26th at 5 PM**. This month we will be making Feather Bows. You will get to turn it into a lapel pin, barrette, headband or bowtie.

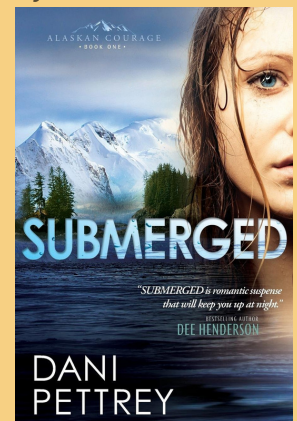


All supplies will be provided. Just come with your passion for crafting!

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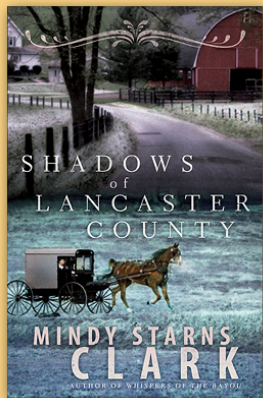


It's Nantucket wedding season, also known as summer-- the sight of a bride racing down Main Street is as common as the sun setting at Madaket Beach. The Otis-Winbury wedding promises to be an event to remember: the groom's wealthy parents have spared no expense to host a lavish ceremony at their oceanfront estate. But it's going to be memorable for all the wrong reasons after tragedy strikes:

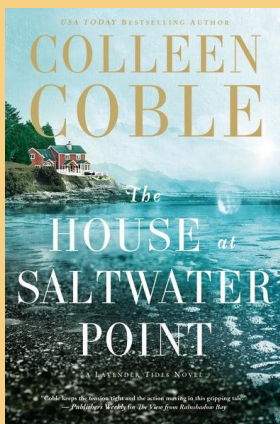


A sabotaged plane. Two dead deep-water divers. Yancey, Alaska, was a quiet town until the truth of what was hidden in the depths off the coast began to appear.

WHAT WE ARE READING



Clark offers another suspenseful stand-alone mystery full of Amish simplicity, dark shadows, and the light of God's amazing grace.



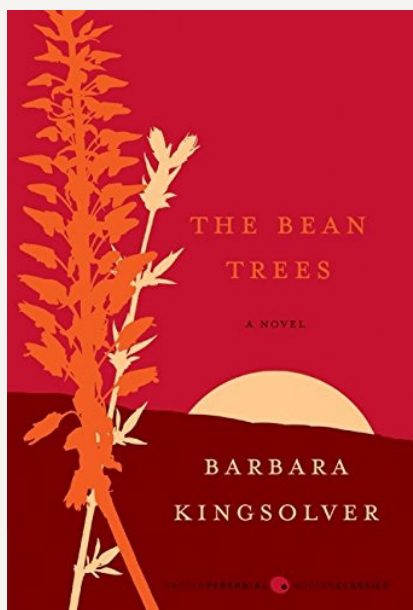
The dangerous beauty of Lavender Tides is harboring secrets that reach around the world. USA Today bestselling author Colleen Coble delivers her signature blend of romance and suspense when Ellie Blackmore sets out to find the truth about what happened to her sister.

MAKE AND TAKE-STRESS BALLS: WEEK OF 7/31 @ LIBRARY HOURS

As part of our Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults, we will be making superhero stress balls!

All supplies will be provided. Just stop in during Library hours the **week of July 31st** and let us know at the Circulation Desk that you are here for the Make and Take.

FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION-THE BEAN TREES: 7/31 @ 6 PM



Join us this month for “A lovely, funny, touching and humane debut, reminiscent of the work of Hilma Wolitzer and Francine Prose.” (Kirkus Reviews) in Barbara Kingsolver's *The Bean Trees* on **July 31st at 6 PM**.

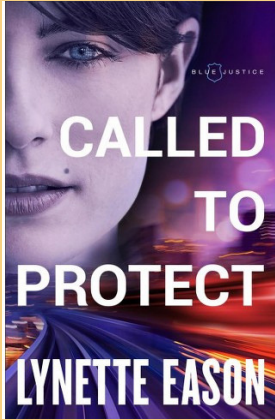
The Bean Trees is bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver's first novel, now widely regarded as a modern classic. It is the charming, engrossing tale of rural Kentucky native Taylor Greer, who only wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. She succeeds, but inherits a 3-year-old native-American little girl named Turtle along the way, and together, from Oklahoma to Tucson, Arizona, half-Cherokee Taylor and her charge search for a new life in the West.

Written with humor and pathos, this highly praised novel focuses on love and friendship, abandonment and belonging as Taylor, out of money and seemingly out of options, settles in dusty Tucson and begins working at Jesus Is Lord Used Tires while trying to make a life for herself and Turtle.

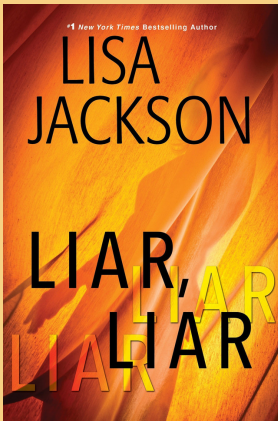
The author of such bestsellers as *The Lacuna*, *The Poisonwood Bible*, and *Flight Behavior*, Barbara Kingsolver has been hailed for her striking imagery and clear dialogue, and this is the novel that kicked off her remarkable literary career.

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A K-9 cop must mobilize all her resources to stop a human trafficking ring before another girl goes missing. Bestselling author Lynette Eason warns readers to buckle in for a fast and furious ride that will have their hearts pumping from the very start.

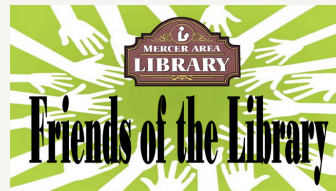


In this riveting page-turner from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa Jackson, a woman searches for the mother she hasn't seen in twenty years, and uncovers a nightmare of greed and deception . . .

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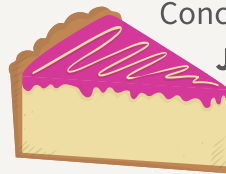
Barbara Kingsolver's 1988 debut novel is a classic work of American fiction. Now a standard in college literature classes across the nation, and a book that appears in translation across the globe, *The Bean Trees* is not only a literary masterpiece, but a popular triumph, a narrative that readers worldwide have taken into their hearts. The Los Angeles Times calls *The Bean Trees* the work of a visionary....It leaves you open-mouthed and smiling.

Copies are going fast, so stop in the Library to get your copy and plan on joining us for the discussion on **July 31st at 6 PM.**



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Come and visit us at the Ice Cream Social and Community Band Concert on the Courthouse lawn on **Friday evening,**



July 13! We will be serving up **JONES' ICE CREAM, HOMEMADE** pies and cakes, and **SLOPPY JOES.** Support the library while enjoying some great music and tasty treats.



Can you help out by baking a pie or cake? Sign up sheets are now at the library desk. If you have volunteered for this before, you may be receiving a call.

Look for us also at our booth at Mercer's annual Day in the Park on Saturday, July 14.

And the great **Summer Basket Raffle** continues! Stop by the library to view the unique baskets and purchase tickets to win one (drawing in August). View a few samples and photos at the Ice Cream Social or Day in the Park.

Your support of the Friends activities allow us to provide substantial support for the new flooring coming soon to the library, and for other special library purposes and projects.