



OCTOBER 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

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- Investment Presentation
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Did you know that you can view new additions to the library as well as books we have on order on our website? Well...you can!

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Presentation by Edward Jones, 6 PM

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10 AM

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Hours

23: Quilt Club, 5:30 PM

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Presentation, 5 PM

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25: Rules of the Road Investment
Presentation by Edward Jones, 6 PM

30: Nonfiction Book Discussion: Hidden
Figures, 6 PM

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

RULES OF THE ROAD INVESTMENT PRESENTATION: 10/2 & 10/25 @ 6 PM

Why are some people more successful investors than others? Luck? Probably not. Do they know a "secret?" Definitely not – because there are no real secrets to investing. But there are rules you can follow to work toward your goals.

Join us for our Rules of the Road presentation. You'll learn:

- The most common investing mistakes and how to avoid them
- Investing strategies to help reach your long-term goals
- What you can do now to prepare for retirement

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 @ 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 5 Senses (10/4), Pumpkins (10/11), Dinosaurs (10/18), and Halloween (10/25).

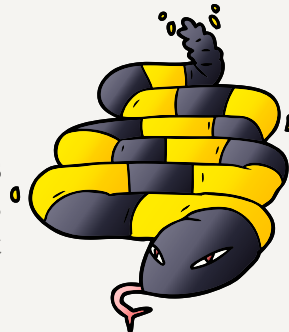
PUMPKIN PAINTING DAYS: 10/9-12 @ LIBRARY HOURS



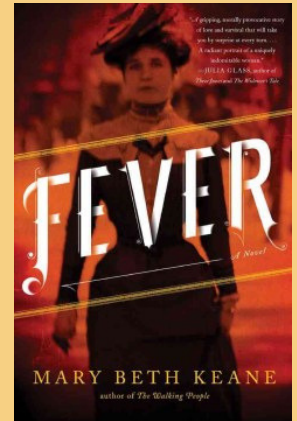
Join us during Library hours between October 9th and 12th for our Pumpkin Painting Days. We will have all of the supplies for you to bring your pumpkin to life! Will it be a fun loving pumpkin or a creepy scary one? The decision is up to you!

SNAKES OF PA: 10/16 @ 5:30 PM

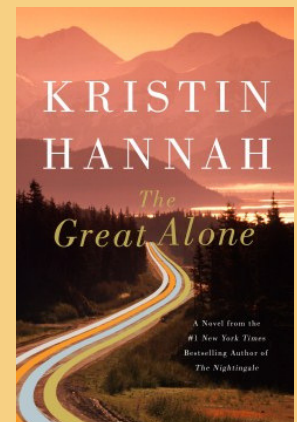
Come join the Mercer County Conservation District on October 16th at 5:30 PM as we explore some of the scaled slithery serpents of PA. We will highlight the basic life history of this type of reptile and showcase some of the common non-venomous and venomous snakes in the state, teaching you tips on identification. Maybe the class will even help get rid of the creepy, crawlies goosebumps associated with this species of animal.



WHAT WE ARE READING

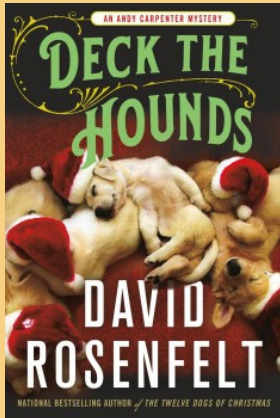


A story inspired by the life of the woman known as "Typhoid Mary" traces the efforts of a headstrong Irish immigrant whose tenacity and talent for cooking gains her entry into upper-class kitchens until the discovery of her status as a disease carrier forces her into an isolation that she eventually defies with horrific results.

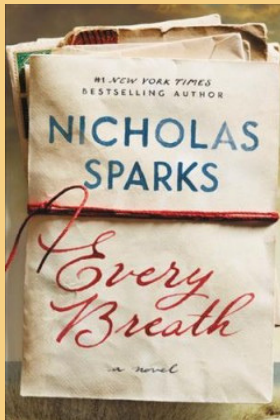


When her volatile, former POW father impulsively moves the family to mid-1970s Alaska to live off the land, young Leni and her mother are forced to confront the dangers of their lack of preparedness in the wake of a dangerous winter season.

WHAT WE ARE READING



This Christmas mystery, featuring criminal defense lawyer Andy Carpenter and his faithful golden retriever, Tara, showcases Rosenfelt's trademark humor and larger-than-life characters.



Get swept up in #1 New York Times bestselling author Nicholas Sparks's epic romance across decades and continents--from North Carolina to Zimbabwe--a heartbreaking love story in the tradition of his beloved classic, *The Notebook*.

PINTEREST HITS: 10/17 @ 5 PM

Come join our Pinterest Hits Group sponsored by Always In Blossom on **October 17th at 5 PM**. This month we will be making a harvest hat.

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



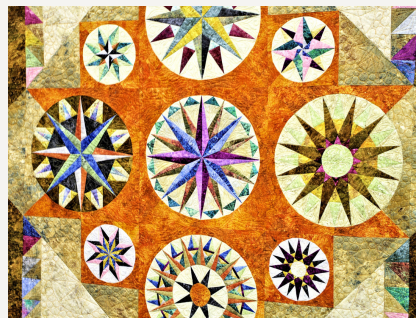
COMPUTER CLASS: 10/18 @ 11 AM



Are you ready for the new Fall TV Schedule? Have you been hearing about a new show and want to catch up on the series? If so, join us on **October 18th at 11 AM** for our computer class where we will show you how to watch previous episodes online and find information on your favorite series.

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

QUILT CLUB: 10/23 @ 5:30 PM



Join the Mercer Area Library Quilt Club, assisted by The Gallery, on **October 23rd 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!

LEGO BUILDING WEEK: 10/23-26 @ LIBRARY HOURS

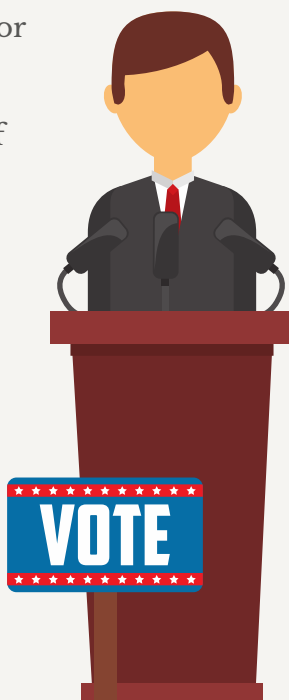
Become a Master Builder and discover why everything is awesome when you play with LEGOs! Join us for a LEGO Building Week **October 23rd to 26th**. Open to all ages who want to build at the Library!



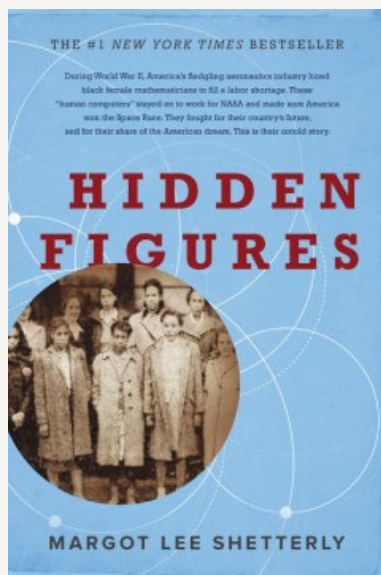
MARKETING THE PRESIDENCY PRESENTATION: 10/24 @ 5 PM

As we get ready for the 2018 election, we are excited for our *Marketing the Presidency* presentation on **October 24th at 5 PM** by Steve Mihaly, a recently retired VP of the HJ Heinz Co., and a 50+ year collector of Political Americana, specifically presidential memorabilia.

In this light and whimsical presentation, Steve will demonstrate the often unusual ways presidential candidates have marketed themselves to the public in their quest for election. He will also give you some background on the key issues of the campaign, with a particular focus on showing items distributed in the Western PA region.



NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION- HIDDEN FIGURES: 10/30 @ 6 PM



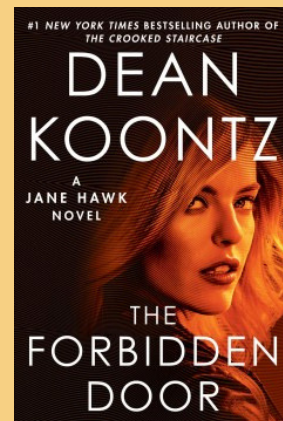
Join us on **October 30th at 6 PM** for our Nonfiction book discussion on the #1 New York Times Bestseller, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space. Now a major motion picture starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner. Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians

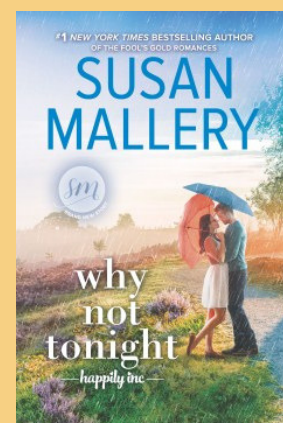
known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

Even as Virginia's Jim Crow laws required them to be segregated from their white counterparts, the women of Langley's all-black "West Computing" group helped America achieve one of the things it desired most: a decisive victory over the Soviet Union in the Cold War, and complete domination of the heavens.

WHAT WE ARE READING



Rogue FBI agent and high-profile fugitive Jane Hawk confronts her worst nightmares when her enemies strike unsettlingly close to home, threatening the life of her beloved 5-year-old son. By the best-selling author of *The Silent Corner*.



A moody, reclusive artist finds himself stranded for days with his overly-positive and perky studio manager after a mudslide shuts them inside his mountain home.

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Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement and the Space Race, Hidden Figures follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades they faced challenges, forged alliances and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country's future.

Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

CIRCULATION DESK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mercer Area Library serves 15,000 people in eight municipalities in the Mercer area. Our part-time staff and current volunteers checked out 36,000 items last year along with providing computer access, digital media, library programs, and other public services. In order to continue our growing mission of providing our patrons with expanded resources and opportunities, we are seeking Circulation Desk Volunteers. The library is looking for public-oriented individuals who enjoy reading and working in a varying work environment.

Volunteer duties will include

- Decision making at the circulation desk
- Communicate with patrons over different types of media
- Access patrons needs and follow-up appropriately
- Operating the online library catalog
- Availability to volunteer on a weekly basis with one Saturday per month

If you are interested in applying for this position, please visit the circulation desk at the library by **October 23**.



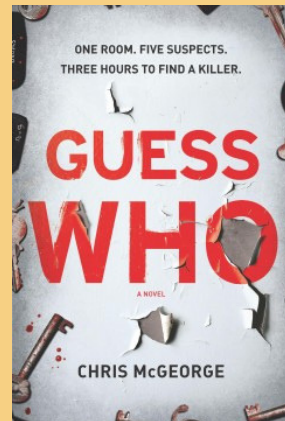
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends of the Library will hold their 4th annual wine tasting on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30** at the Library. For a \$30.00 donation, wines will be available for tasting from local wineries, tentatively Conneaut Cellars, Nova Group (Knockin' Noggin, Fractured Grape, Nova Cellars), Wilhelm, and Webb. Be ready to tantalize your taste buds with light food selections of classic favorites as well as tasty new delights.

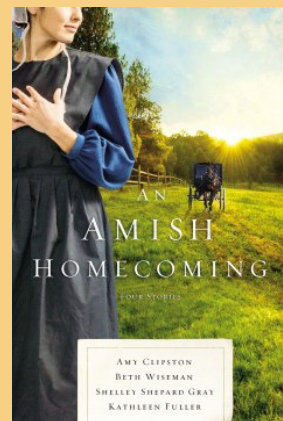
Raffle baskets will be offered as well as a door prize. Tickets are on sale NOW at the library, as well as tickets for our beautiful wine-themed baskets. If you can't attend, stop by and check out the baskets

Thank you in advance!!

WHAT WE ARE READING



After solving a high-profile crime as a child which led into a series of daytime television gigs, Morgan Sheppard finds himself waking up, handcuffed, in a hotel room with five strangers and a corpse in the bathtub.



Four brand new Amish stories of coming home.