

Cumberland County Libraries Join Longwood Gardens' Community Read

Carlisle, Pa. – Cumberland County book lovers and plant lovers are encouraged to participate in Longwood Gardens' 6th year of the Community Read - a program designed to encourage reading for pleasure and to start a conversation. In 2019, the Community Read continues to journey into the science of the plant world by going back to where it all started...seeds.

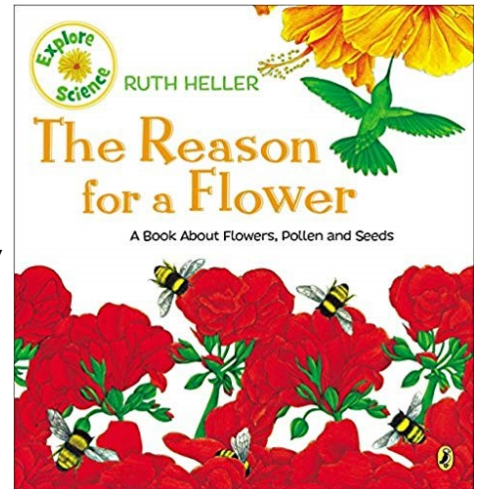
For adult readers, the feature title is "The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, & Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History" (2015) by award-winning author Thor Hanson. In "The Triumph of Seeds," award-winning author and biologist Thor Hanson explores both the natural and cultural history of seeds - why they are so dominant in nature, and why we are so utterly dependent upon them. From our morning coffee to the cotton in our clothes, seeds support diets, economies, lifestyles, and civilizations around the globe.

For younger readers, there are two features:

In "The Reason for a Flower," author Ruth Heller shares about parts of plants and their functions in her trademark rhythmic style.

In "Seedfolks," author Paul Fleischman tells the story of how the simple act of a 9-year old girl planting lima bean seeds sparks 13 very different individuals from various ethnic backgrounds, cultures, and age levels come together to create a community garden.

Visit your local library to check out your copy of "The Triumph of Seeds," "The Reason for a Flower," or "Seedfolks," and then get ready for a variety of library events:



☼ March 25 - Fredricksen Reads: *The Triumph of Seeds* by Thor Hanson, 7:00 pm. Free. Presented by: Fredricksen Library, 100 N. 19th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Become a part of Fredricksen Reads, our series of book discussions. This month we'll be reading the Longwood Gardens Community Read choice, *The Triumph of Seeds*. This book takes us on a fascinating scientific adventure through the wild and beautiful world of seeds and is hailed as informative, humane, hilarious, and even moving. You must have read or listened to the book to participate. Registration begins February 1. Register online at <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/node/18849/register>.

☼ March 26 - Plant Science, 6:30 pm. Free. Presented by: Cleve J. Fredricksen Library, Ruggaber Community Room, 100 N. 19th St., Camp Hill, PA 17011. Children, accompanied by an adult, will enjoy the Longwood Garden's Community Read selection, *The Reason for a Flower*, before engaging in hands-on activities that increase their knowledge of plants. Grades K – 2. Starting March 12, call the Children's Desk to register at 717.761.3900 x229.

☼ March 26 - LEGO Club Grades 3-5: Build Your Own Flower Garden or Arboretum, 6:00 pm. Free. Presented by: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. After reading *The Reason for a Flower*, kids will use library-supplied LEGOs to create LEGO flower gardens or arboretums with a partner. Register by stopping by the children's desk at the library or by calling 717.766.0171.

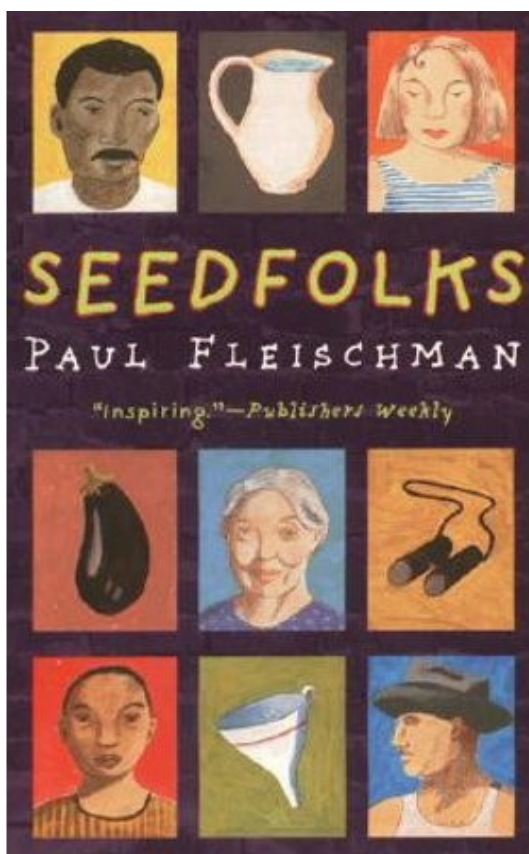
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☼ March 26 - LEGO Club K-2: Build Your Own Flower(s), 6:00 pm. Free. Presented by: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. After reading *The Reason for a Flower*, kids will use library-supplied LEGOs to create LEGO flowers with a partner. Register by stopping by the children's desk at the library or by calling 717.766.0171.

☼ April 11 - A Bit about Seeds and Seed Starting, 6:30 pm. Free. Presented by: New Cumberland Public Library. Location: New Cumberland Public Library, 1 Benjamin Plaza, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Betsy Rushong, Master Gardener in Cumberland County, will share her knowledge about starting plants from seeds. Also hear about *The Triumph of Seeds*, the Longwood Gardens community read. Please join us for this program hosted by the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club. No registration required.



☼ April 11 - Book Discussion - The Triumph of Seeds, 6:30 pm. Free. Presented by: John Graham Library, 9 Parsonage St, Newville, PA 17241. Join us for a discussion of the 2019 Longwood Gardens Community Read selection, *The Triumph of Seeds* by Thor Hanson. Registration is not necessary.

☼ April 13—DIY Day, 12:30 pm. Free. Presented by: East Pennsboro Branch Library, 98 South Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025. Join us to make some Garden Décor for yourself or to give to someone else, as part of our Longwood Gardens Community Read Day at East Pennsboro Branch Library. All materials will be provided for those who register in advance. Register by contacting the library at 717.732.4274.

☼ April 13—Baby Story Time, 10:00 am. Free. Presented by: East Pennsboro Branch Library, 98 South Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025. Babies and their caregivers will hear stories, sing songs, and do activities related to that day's theme of Seeds, as part of our Longwood Gardens Community Read Day at East Pennsboro Branch Library. Register by contacting the library at 717.732.4274.

☼ April 13—Raising Readers Story Time, 11:00 am. Free. Presented by: East Pennsboro Branch Library, 98 South Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025. Young children and their caregivers will hear stories, sing songs, and do activities related to that day's theme of Seeds, as part of our Longwood Gardens Community Read Day at East Pennsboro Branch Library. Register by contacting the library at 717.732.4274.

☼ April 16 - STEM Club Grades 1-2: *The Reason for a Flower*, 6:00 pm. Free/ Presented by: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. After reading *The Reason for a Flower*, kids will participate in STEM follow-up activities related to the book. Register by stopping by the children's desk at the library or by calling 717.766.0171.

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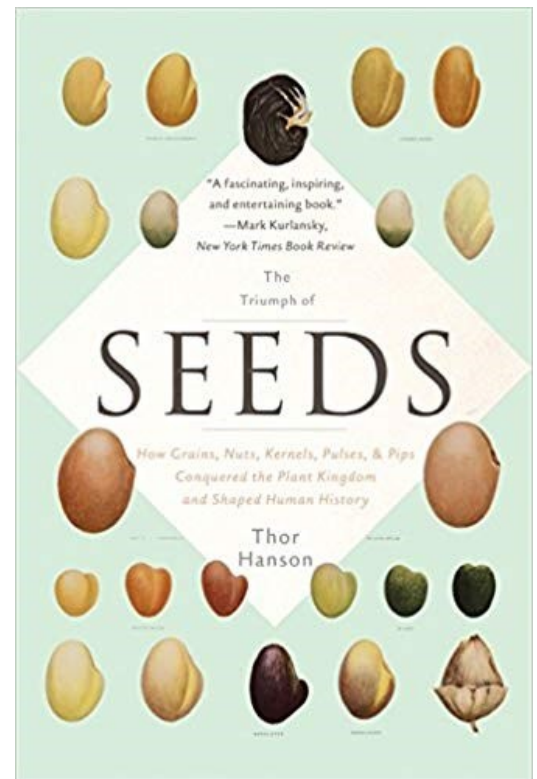
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🌱 April 16 - STEM Club Grades 3-5: *The Reason for a Flower*, 6:00 pm. Free. Presented by: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. After reading *The Reason for a Flower*, kids will participate in STEM follow-up activities related to the book. Register by stopping by the children's desk at the library or by calling 717.766.0171.

🌱 April 25 - *The Reason for a Flower*, 6:30 pm. Free. Presented by: John Graham Library, 9 Parsonage Street, Newville, PA 17241. Join us for children's activities based on the book *The Reason for a Flower* by Ruth Heller. Registration is not required.

🌱 May 3 - Family STEM Stations: Flower Power, 10:30 am. Free. Presented by: New Cumberland Public Library, 1 Benjamin Plaza, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Families with children ages 3-7 are invited to drop in to the Library for center-based activities to explore the world of plants and flowers based on Longwood Gardens' Community Read title, *The Reason for a Flower*. Relax in the story corner, make a seed-based craft, and try out some hands-on science activity kits designed for preschoolers. This program is self-guided and no registration is necessary. No registration necessary.

🌱 May 4 - Fabulous Flowers! 10:30 am. Free. Presented by: New Cumberland Public Library, 1 Benjamin Plaza, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Families with children ages 6-10 are invited to drop in to the Library to explore the world of plants and flowers based on Longwood Gardens' Community Read title, *The Reason for a Flower*. We'll begin by reading the book and then become plant scientists while we explore seeds and flowers. We'll finish by planting our own choice of flower to take home. Registration is requested beginning April 15 by calling the Library at 717.774.7822.



You can find a complete list of all your local Cumberland County library's events and activities by visiting www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office, and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.