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From Our Director, Jody Cole

We’re making the best of our current holiday reality here at the library. We’ve moved to curbside because of the increase in cases, but we’re here to serve you and weather the winter storm of COVID.

It’s been a difficult year, of course, and there is an inclination to wipe it from our memories like characters from *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, a 2004 film in which the characters could erase painful memories. Absent that ability, though, we’re choosing to focus on the good that came out of this year. Here at the library, we’ve adapted. We’ve become more flexible and resilient. We are a closer team because of the adversity. I can’t say enough good things about the staff, the board, the Friends, and most of all, you, the community, who have been so supportive of the twists and turns of this year.

So...we’re carrying on. We’re having a virtual visit from Santa complete with take-and-make kits, and we’re running our Read to Dogs, American Girls, Passport, and STEAM programs. We’re also hosting our second community discussion, this one on climate change. We hope you’ll join us as you are able at this busy time of year. Stop in, too, for our Book Nook sale tomorrow, Saturday, December 5, from 10-2.

At the end of the year, we’re saying good-bye to three of our board members who have offered innumerable acts of assistance. Please acknowledge them if you see them, or virtually. Many, many heartfelt thanks to Cindy Pimental, Tom Gleason, and Steve Oldt who have put in many hours to make the library and community what it is today.

Last, to those of you who have been sick with COVID and recovered, we are so glad. To those of you who have lost loved ones, please accept our deepest sympathy. We’re hoping for a better year next year for all of us.
Many Thanks to Our Board of Trustees

Tom Gleason

Tom Gleason will soon complete his six year term as a Coy Library Trustee. Prior to his tenure as a trustee, he volunteered for three years. Tom has served on the finance committee, the property committee and has provided the board with many legal services. He was lured to the board by Paul Ritchie, a former trustee. Tom was very impressed with the breadth of the Children and Youth department's programming and the large number of children who participate. This observation along with his interest in the construction of the new addition convinced him to join the Board.

Tom is originally from Syracuse, NY and came to central PA to attend Penn State's Dickinson School of Law. Upon marrying his wife, Kay, Tom settled in Shippensburg. They have three sons. Tom is passionate about old barns and using salvaged lumber from barns slated for demolition. He is very active with youth and high school wrestling and is opening a wrestling facility. He is also opening another law office in Chambersburg.

Steve Oldt

Steve Oldt is also completing his time as a Coy Library Trustee. He has been serving since 2007. He joined the board following his retirement from the Orrstown Bank where he finished a thirty-six year banking career. Joining the board was the result of a suggestion by Jeff Coy in order to assist his wife, Jo Anne Coy, who was then president. Steve has helped the library in many ways including chairing committees, managing the Branch Creek properties and seeing the construction project to completion. He remains a big supporter of the library.

Since 2008, Steve has been a Shippensburg Township Supervisor. He has also served his community and local area in many other capacities such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Shippensburg Township Planning and Zoning Commission, the
Shippensburg Township Planning and Zoning Commission, the Rotary Club, Cumberland/Franklin Joint Municipal Authority and VFW Post 6168 to name just a few. He is an avid lover of sports including football, rugby, squash, skiing, scuba diving, golf and racquet ball. He resides in Shippensburg with his wife, Cherie. They have three children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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**Is My Climate Changing?**

The second dialogue in a new civic dialogue series that aims to build connections with PA library patrons across distance and difference.

Join Pennsylvanians across distance and differences for authentic and personal dialogue about our climate!

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM EST

In our second 'Hear Me Out' dialogue, we will explore participants’ relationship to the environment and observations about our surrounding climate. Topics of discussion will include early experiences of nature, trusted messaging about climate, and economic incentives around energy.

Gather virtually to connect with individuals from across the state and build community around the world we share! Advanced registration is required.

We will be using Eventbrite for the registration and **the page can be found here**.

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**The Vote is In and the winner is.......**

*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*  
by Phaedra Patrick  
(click on the above link to our catalog for the book)

The public was asked to help choose a book from a narrowed-down list that they would like to read and discuss with the community. The public vote

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**EBooks**

**Always available, always free with your Cumberland County Library Card!**
There were four finalists chosen by the Book Selection Committee on this year’s voting ballot:

- *Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick
- *Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal
- *With Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo

How the Books on the Public Vote Ballot were selected
The books on the Public Vote Ballot were selected by a Book Selection Committee that reviews many books before making their final decisions. The five choices for the public vote were based upon the following broad criteria:

- A good, discussable book. Books that make successful subjects for discussion have well-developed characters who are challenged by issues in their lives with which readers can identify;
- A book that is available in quantity at reasonable cost, in various media formats (paperback, large print, audio, CD, DVD, or video);
- A book that is written at a high school reading level; and
- A book that varies in type from others previously selected;
- An author, or recognized experts on the author, who would be willing to engage in discussion with readers at several events

For more information and updates about the campaign, go to: [www.oboc.org](http://www.oboc.org)
during your visit with Santa!

Please call us at 717-532-4508 to register for Santa’s visit and to place your orders for the Take & Make Kits! You will receive a link to your email after registering, as well as information on picking up your kits.

* Get your Christmas lists ready for Santa *

Read to Dogs

Mark your calendars for some real virtual fun!

Join in with the Kindly Canines for our READ to DOGS program
Tuesday, December 15th at 6:00 pm
Registration is required to receive the link to participate live.

Call 717-532-4508 to register.

* Take & Make Kits *

Enjoy the fun with our winter Take & Make kit!
Be sure to reserve yours by calling the library at 717-532-4508!

Check out the fun with our virtual activities!
A VIRTUAL American Girl® CLUB!

Meet Samantha, the next American Girl on our virtual American Girl Club page.

Samantha Mary Parkington was born on May 26, 1895. She is fun, helpful, giving, bold and mischievous. She loves to read and her favorite book is The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum. Samantha was one of the original three historical characters released by American Girl.

To learn more and experience the fun with Samantha, follow the link HERE to our virtual American Girl Club.

To register for a Take & Make Kit, phone the library at 717-532-4508.

PASSPORT to the WORLD

Travel the world with your virtual library passport and join us in learning about others!

This month we are exploring the culture, people and history of Iraq.

Call the library at 717-532-4508 to reserve your Take & Make Kit today!

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**FRIENDS INDEED**

**Holiday Book Nook Sale**

**Merry Christmas from the Book Nook of the Coy Public Library!**

The **Book Nook** will be holding a holiday extravaganza sale in conjunction with Ship Sales' merchants of Shippensburg Friday, December 4th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Saturday, December 5th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

All books will be "Buy One, Get One Free". There will be a wide assortment of children's books, as well as an assortment of small sized books which could be used as stocking stuffers. The Friends will be offering the chance to win a $25.00 gift certificate to be used to purchase any books found in the Book Nook.

Even though the Coy Library of Shippensburg has returned to curbside book pick-up, the Book Nook remains open with regular hours following CDC guidelines.

So come do some holiday shopping and thank you for your support of the Coy Public Library.

**Book Nook window shopping!**

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**COVID Alert PA**

is the official mobile app by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) that uses the Exposure Notification System (ENS) provided by Apple and Google. You can now add your phone to the fight against COVID-19. For more information how you can download the app, click [HERE](https://www.covidalertpa.com).
BOOK NOOK HOURS

MONDAY - closed
TUESDAY - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
1st THURSDAY of the MONTH - 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
OTHER THURSDAYS -
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & 5:00-7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
SATURDAY - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Book Nook Manager
Lisa Seibert

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Meet the Author

We are pleased to introduce a new feature to our News & Notes newsletter. In this space you will meet authors who in have a local connection to our community and surrounding area. We hope you enjoy getting to know your literary neighbors.

Errol Vincent Coy

Errol V. Coy, a lifelong resident and local writer, showed an early vivid imagination and an interest in reading when he would dig out his grandfather’s medical books and read about the various illnesses then imagine he had them himself. In school, his writing nearly got him in trouble when the principal caught him writing a poem instead of working on his Latin lesson. Fortunately, the principal encouraged him to continue his writing. Later while working for Ralph Wolfrom, publisher of the News-Chronicle, Errol was mowing Wolfrom’s lawn when a poem fell out of his pocket. Wolfrom found the poem and
praised Coy, published the poem, and offered him a job at the paper. This was his first professional opportunity. Errol Coy continued his writing for various magazines and newspapers, and in 1932, had his first book, *Pioneers in Penn's Woods* appear in print. This was the same year Coy graduated from Shippensburg State Teacher’s College. Hearing stories told by men gathered around a cracker barrel early in his life piqued Errol’s interest in local history and story-telling. Out of this experience, he went on to write *Cracker Barrel Tales, Books 1 and 2*. Coy taught for four decades, first at the Cleversburg School House and then at the J.W. Kline Elementary School, also serving as a principal there. His career included work for various newspapers as a reporter or editor, and Coy was also a tax collector for 25 years. He and his wife, Curvey Stine Coy raised thirteen children, which added to a very busy life. Coy’s books are available in the Coy Public Library.

Come and read about the history and local folklore courtesy of Errol V. Coy!

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**Photo Gallery**

**Scenes of the Season**

*We know things have been very different this year but we want you to know that the library is still here for you!*

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*Thank you to Fisher’s Florist & Greenhouse for providing our decorative front door wreath!*

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*Brittany says Rory has been a great help with the decorating!*

*Mary’s curious Christmas kitty asks, “Is there a present for me?”*

*Lauren’s kitty, Sonoma, curled up and waiting for Santa Kitty.*

*Deb’s kitty just has to help*
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from the
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On the Lighter Side

with decorating the Christmas tree!

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