From Our Director, Jody Cole

Like many events, the Groundhog Day celebration is virtual this year. You can watch it live, though, by going to https://www.groundhog.org/. We’re hoping that Phil doesn’t see his shadow because it’s been a long winter already, and we are ready to get outside as soon as possible.

While we’re inside, though, we are planning our own virtual events and providing curbside service to you. We are watching the trajectory of the virus and remaining at curbside for now. We appreciate your patience as we make our way through this time.

We are back in the swing of our regular virtual programming for children and teens, and we have a number of community events taking place. Our One Book, One Community read is The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper, and our Longwood Gardens read features a children’s book, Ruby’s Birds, and an adult book, The Home Place. Read with us and with your friends to make connections that are so valuable now.

It’s a good year to take time to celebrate with your loved ones on Valentine’s Day. We have lots of books on the sweetest of days, and sweethearts are that much more special this year. Check out one of our cookbooks to bake some sweet treats, or read a good Valentine’s Day mystery.

Library Spotlight

Many Thanks to Our Board of Trustees

Meet Margaret Light

Margaret Light began her Coy Public
Library of Shippensburg Board Trustee tenure as the appointed representative for Southhampton Township, Franklin County in 2016. Her focus has been to help with library fundraising, building on her fundraising work experience at Mercersburg Academy. She serves Shippensburg area residents as the Coy Library Board Secretary and as chair of the Board’s Fundraising Committee. Margaret is married to Shippensburg University professor Theo Light and arrived in Shippensburg 17 years ago from California. Their daughter, Lauren, has worked at the library for several years. Margaret volunteers for the library because it has been a very important resource for her family.

Margaret earned a Master’s degree in Organizational Development and Leadership from Shippensburg University. She has been an active adult leader and volunteer in Girl Scouts. This is her final year on the Library Board, Southhampton Township will be appointing a new person next year. She is currently reading the autobiography of Jill Ker Conway, "The Road from Coorain."

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Everyone's Reading ..... Community Book Selections

OBOC 2021 CHOICE

Representatives from various libraries have announced the selection of Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Clark as the 2021 One Book, One Community: Our Region Reads! selection.

Everyone is welcome to read the book and then join us for a book discussion in the near future. We will soon be receiving our copies for you to checkout, keep your eye out!

Click here for a brief summary.

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2021 Longwood Gardens Community

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Due to the continuing health and safety concerns surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19),

PLEASE DO NOT drop off book donations at the library or in the book drops. Donations may be taken to the BOOK NOOK on Mondays from 9:00 am–12:00 noon and on Tuesdays from 5:00–7:00 pm.

Thank you for your understanding!

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LEARN HOW TO .... Video Help for Your Library Account!

How To...

Need help on how to access your library account on line and place a hold on requested items? Click HERE to view our video tutorial.

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Want to browse the library shelves for the items you want? Not sure how to view the library catalog on your device? Click HERE to view our tutorial for catalog help!

Browse the CCLS CATALOG

You’ll find something
The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature

"The Home Place," by J. Drew Lanham, is a remarkable meditation on nature and belonging. This is at once a deeply moving memoir and a riveting exploration of the contradictions of black identity in the rural South -- and in America today." (Provided by publisher.)

For Our Younger Readers

Ruby’s birds
by Mya Thompson

Ruby, a young girl living in New York City, uncovers the wild side of her neighborhood when she discovers the joys of bird-watching.

The Hear Me Out civic dialogue program works to get at the heart of the issues that we face. Through holistic fact-setting and discussion questions centered on listening and storytelling, our program has worked to create virtual dialogue spaces that give participants the opportunity to foster authentic and personal points of connections in a time of disconnect. Despite the uncertainty that this new year still holds, Hear Me Out is committed to creating virtual spaces that directly engage with pertinent local and national issues across distance and difference.

In partnership with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Fredricksen Library of Camp Hill, the Northland Public Library, and the Free Library of Philadelphia, we present

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM EST

This dialogue will discuss the ways that our data is used in daily life, navigating the online terrain of social media, and weighing technological innovation with personal privacy.
Weighing technological innovation with personal privacy. We will also highlight data protection measures that can be taken at as an individual and as a community.

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

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Kids & Teens

Check out the fun with our virtual activities!

Read to Dogs

Mark your calendars fur-some real virtual fun!

Join in with the Kindly Canines for our READ to DOGS program
Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 pm
Registration is required to receive the link to participate live.

Call 717-532-4508 to register.

Philadelphia card without charge?
Click HERE for more information from our website.

Our Databases are here for You!
Whatever your interest, whatever your need, our databases can help you! While we aren’t able to offer our in person Kids & Teen Programs, we encourage you to explore our databases. Click HERE and follow the link to our website to access the databases.

Did you know,
Tutor.com provides you with FREE online tutoring to support your academic success this school year? You can find details HERE.
A VIRTUAL American Girl® CLUB!

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

Molly grew up during World War II and lived in Jefferson, IL. She misses her father a lot and struggles to keep peace in the house with her mom and siblings. Molly loves to tap dance and also likes attention, but many times her ideas do not end up how she thinks they should! If you want to learn more, register for American Girl!

To learn more and experience the fun with Molly, 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 GUATEMALA!
Guatemala is a small country in Central America. It has 3 active volcanoes and plenty of mountains and beaches. Some people believe that the country’s name, Guatemala came from a Mayan word ‘guhatezmahl’ which described the volcano near the old capital in Antigua. The country is filled with Mayan ruins, the beautiful quetzal bird, and many other interesting things. If you want to learn more, register for Passport!

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

Our February S.T.E.A.M. Take & Make activity
is an Egg Drop (Gravity) kit!

Be sure to call to reserve
your special STEAM Take & Make kits today!

Meet the Author

Neil Connelly

Pennsylvania native Neil Connelly was born in Allentown in August 1968. The youngest of ten children, Connelly credits his large and loving family, a built-in audience for his story telling, as an encouragement for his later writing. Connelly, whose teaching career has spanned more than twenty-five years, currently teaches creative writing at Shippensburg University. After entering a graduate program for a Master of Fine Arts degree at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he began his teaching career. He then moved on to teach in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he met his wife, Beth. He returned to Lake Charles to work in the MFA program, eventually becoming its director. During those early years, Connelly wrote several books, including Young Adult novels and books of short stories. His titles include St. Michael’s Scales, The Miracle Stealer, The Pocket Guide To Divorce, Into the Hurricane, In The Wake of Our Vows, and The Brawler. Connelly finds teaching to be both a duty and a blessing. Working with young writers as they develop their stories and characters is thrilling for him. He sees a period of development in writing between actual events and when they appear in fiction. He finds

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the balance of guiding students and letting them develop independently to be a definite challenge. Connelly and his wife have two sons and live in Camp Hill. He continues to write fiction as well while he continues teaching at Shippensburg University.

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**Up On the Rooftop**

The Coy Public Library of Shippensburg has seen its share of locations and changes. It has been housed in a train station, in a Victorian style house and now in a Georgian style house with two additions.

When George Stewart, Jr. and his wife, Dorothy remodeled their home in 1936-37 from its original Victorian style to a Georgian style house, the roof was changed as well. The original mansard roof was transformed into a truncated hip roof. After her husband’s death, Mrs. Stewart sold the house to the Shippensburg Public Library in 1956. The building was renovated and opened its doors to the public as the new home of the Shippensburg Public Library in December of 1957. (1)

The Library’s main roof (installed in 1936-37) is Vermont Slate, the gold standard for slate roofs, which has a materials lifespan of several hundred years. The roofs over the 1968 and 2017 expansions are flat rubber roofs. Roof repairs were needed due to several leaks, some from cracked slate or leaking flashings, and some from slate falling onto the rubber roof and poking holes, and others at the joins between the original roof and the roof on each library expansion. Thankfully, a recent grant from the Naugle Foundation provided for repairs.

Repairs to the slate roof had to happen first, replacing cracked tiles with new Vermont slate tiles, replacing the chimney crickets with copper crickets, and replacing the flashing for the dormers and along the edges of the expansion roofs with copper flashing. Happily, the copper also makes for a very pretty roof; but, sadly, it can only be seen from a drone or by going up on the roof.

Some folks might be thinking “what are ‘crickets’?” Crickets are the angled flashings behind chimneys or any place that is flat to direct rain water to a downspout. Others may be wondering “why use copper?” Copper is preferred over other materials to match the lifespan on slate roofs.
Repairs to the flat rubber expansion roofs are on deck, no pun intended.

The roof project was funded by the Naugle Foundation

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**FRIENDS INDEED**

**Library Friends' Book Store**

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**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.

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The Book Nook is closed right now.

However, we are accepting donations Monday's from 9am-12 noon and Tuesday nights from 5-7pm for anyone wanting to donate items. Donations are greatly appreciated!

As soon as we get more volunteers to operate the store, we will be back open.

In order to volunteer you must join the Friends of the Shippensburg Library.

(Click HERE for the Friends brochure and application for membership.)
We thank you for your patronage
and wish you well!
(All proceeds from the Book Nook go to the
Jeffrey W. & Jo Anne R. Coy Public Library of Shippensburg.)

Book Nook Manager
Lisa Seibert

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Services and Activities Provided by the
Friends of the Coy Public Library
of Shippensburg

What Is PA Forward?

Our mission is to become a PA Forward
Gold Star Library. We have recently achieved a Silver Star
in one of the five literacies! We are working our way up! Learn more.
The Pennsylvania Library Association’s 21st Century Literacies Initiative,
PA Forward, was conceived to give voice to what the library

February is....

LOVE the LIBRARY
love your library month

Black History month

Financial Aid Awareness month

Check these books out for your winter reading pleasure!

Staff Picks
community already knows, and what other states throughout the nation are also recognizing:

*With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.*

Libraries have moved far beyond just being book repositories. They’re agile institutions serving real-life needs. Libraries are the key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy.

The Coy Public Library’s mission is to become a PA Forward Gold Star Library. We want to provide our community with resourceful programs that meet any of the five literacies of PA Forward listed below. We hope that our community will stand behind us and support our journey to becoming a Gold Star Library!

*We are officially a Silver Star Library, working our way up!*  

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**On the Lighter Side**

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*Small great things: a novel*  
Jodi Picoult

*The baby farm*  
Karen Harper

*White fragility: why it’s so hard for white people to talk about racism*  
Ta-Nehisi Coates

*The water dancer: a novel*  
Ta-Nehisi Coates

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