February 2024

Upcoming Events

Longwood Gardens
Community Read 2024

Our 2024 selections include The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly, our first historical fiction Community Read book all about the meaning, beauty, and solace we can find in gardens. Our title for younger readers is a picture book adaptation of the classic novel The Secret Garden, which follows Mary Lennox as she moves into a confusing new home and finds comfort from exploring the surrounding grounds and gardens.

The Last Garden in England
Julia Kelly

The Last Garden in England exemplifies the meaning that we can all find in gardens. Just as Longwood Gardens has brought beauty to the lives of generations, so too does Highbury House—whose lovely gardens are at the center of this historical fiction spanning three generations. Taking place in 1907, 1944, and present day, this novel connects five women—from the gardens’ original designer through to the modern-day designer charged with restoring their beauty—all of whom find true meaning and solace in the gardens.
Author Julia Kelly took inspiration for the book from a visit to Upton House in Warwickshire, England. Upton’s gardens were designed by Kitty Lloyd Jones, hired by wealthy homeowners to “lend a sense of good taste” to their grand homes’ gardens. Lloyd Jones and famous British garden designer Gertrude Jekyll gave inspiration to the character of Venetia Smith, hired to design Highbury’s garden in the novel. Venetia visits the real-life Hidcote Manor in the novel, whose garden rooms designed by owner Lawrence Johnston inspired Kelly to create garden rooms at Highbury House.

The Secret Garden
Calista Brill

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, adapted by Calista Brill, illustrated by Adelina Lirius

In this picture book adaptation of the classic novel, our younger readers will follow Mary Lennox as she moves into a confusing new home and only finds comfort from exploring the grounds and gardens surrounding the imposing manor house. Through unexpected friendships, good fresh air, connecting to nature, and a mystery surrounding a secret garden, Mary is transformed.

Yoga at the Library

We are excited to offer a twice-weekly yoga class for adults of all ages and experience levels.

The classes are held on Thursdays at 4:30 pm and Fridays at 10:00 am and are led by Cindy Pimental.

Don’t forget to bring a yoga mat!

Register here!

February Book Discussion
Thursday, February 8
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Come to the library and discuss David Grann’s book, “Killers of the Flower Moon”, on February 8th at the monthly book club!

You can request this item through our digital catalog, or by calling the library at 717-532-4508.

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered.

As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.
Upcoming Titles for Book Club

March 14

April 11

Chess Club

Wednesday Evenings
5:30 pm - 7:50 pm
Held in the Reference Room

Do you enjoy playing chess? Come join the Chess Club on Wednesdays at 5:30pm!
No registration required.

Thursday Night Knit and Crochet

Thursday Evenings
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Are you a knitter or crocheter who would like to meet other knitters and crocheters?
If you are or want to learn how to knit or crochet, come join Dottie Kurtz here at the library on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Tuesday Afternoon Knit and Crochet

Tuesday Afternoons
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Are you a knitter, crocheter or interested in fiber crafts and would like to meet with others with the same interest?
If you are or want to learn how to knit or crochet, come join Dottie Kurtz here at the library on Tuesdays afternoons from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Shippenstitchers

February 5th
February 19th
11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Held in the Community Room

Please join the Shippenstitchers on February 5th and February 19th for open sew!
Knitters, crocheters, and quilters of all kinds are welcome to join the fun from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm.
Bring your supplies and projects and stay for a little while or for the whole day!
South Cumberland Fiber Guild

3rd Saturday of Each Month
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Guild is open to spinners, weavers, knitters, crocheters, felters, rug hookers, shepherds, plant fiber growers and others interested in the art and craft of fiber and textiles.

They meet monthly for workshops, field trips, demonstrations for the public, or to gather just to spin, knit, crochet or work on a "project-in-progress". This month they will meet February 17th.

For more information please contact Caroline Winslow at 717-423-6258.

Announcements

Annual Online Auction

April 6 - April 14

We are currently seeking donations for our online auction!

The 4th annual online auction to benefit the library will be held April 6 - April 14, 2024. Last year's auction raised over $7,000 for our library, and we hope to raise $10,000 this year. Our last three auctions featured collected items donated by the Friends and Board members of the library, and also local businesses and community members.

To view the 2024 auction site (donations are updated weekly) visit:

32auctions.com/shiplibrary2024

We will happily accept:

- Handcrafted items
- Gift cards to local stores, restaurants, businesses
- Certificates for services (labor, consultations, instruction, etc.)
- Gift baskets
- Collectibles
- Jewelry
- Furniture

…and much more! Items may be dropped off at the library circulation desk.

If you have questions, please contact Angie at asachleben@hotmail.com or call 717-532-9760. All proceeds will go directly to library operations.

Meet Jim Crum

Jim Crum will soon assume the reins of the Friends of the Library as he becomes the group’s new president. He will replace Josh Belanger, current president, on January 15th. Josh has served three consecutive one year terms. Jim’s new job will include coordinating the efforts of the Friends’ committees.

Jim is originally from Carlisle and now lives in Chambersburg. Upon his retirement from the Navy in 2007, he returned to his roots where he had family and friends. The same year he returned to the area, he joined the Friends and has been an active member ever since. Over the years, he has helped the Friends in many ways including doing Amazon book mailings and donating to the annual online auction. He cited the example of personally buying Mitch Albom’s new book, The Little Liars, on a Wednesday, reading it in two days, donating it to the Book Nook on Friday and the following Monday mailing it out on Amazon for a profit to the Friends! He is enthusiastic about the Friends’ work because he feels so many volunteers work together at the worthwhile task of financially supporting the library.

Supporting the library benefits the community at large. It also benefits the Friends themselves because the volunteers have become a close community where good friendships have been made.

Jim feels there is mutual appreciation between the library and the Friends. He states that the Friends communicate new ideas and suggestions to the library. He, in turn, is ready and willing to embrace the library’s ideas and suggestions. He also said that the library receives a big return on the Friends’ volunteer investment. He termed this a “good marriage” in describing the relationship between the Friends and the library.
Jim tells us that new Friends members are always welcome. Some possible areas of volunteerism as a Friend include: working at the Book Nook, sorting books that are donated, shelving books, helping with the online auction, helping with Christmas decorations and baking cookies for library events to name just a few. The annual dues for an individual Friend is $15 and $25 for a family. This month the special at the Book Nook is buy one nonfiction book and get one free. Most items are between 10 cents and $2.00.

Jim Crum, incoming president of the Friends of the Library, presents Sami McCulloch with a very generous donation of $20,000. The Friends work tirelessly to financially support the library.

**Kids’ Korner**

### 2024 Winter and Spring Youth Services Programs

Registration is now open for our Winter - Spring programs! We are excited to offer a new language class for littles and several new programs for teens! Check our digital flyer for more information, or read about some of the upcoming programs below.

- **You can sign up by using this google form here or by calling 717-532-4508!**

#### Chinese Language Learning for Little Ones
- **Ages 3 - 8**
- 2nd & Last Saturday
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am
- Jan 27 | Feb 10 | Feb 24

Join us for this twice monthly program for ages 3-8 focusing on an introduction to Chinese language, led by a native speaker. This will involve interactive games, stories, and other fun ways for children, and their grownups to start to learn the basics of another language.

#### Sensory Storytime
- **Ages 2-5**
- Wed 11:30-12:00
- Jan 15-Mar 29

This weekly, interactive storytime will provide a place for families to bring children for learning stations, sensory play, music and movement, and more based on a book. This unique storytime is targeted to those with sensory needs, but all are welcome, including siblings.

#### Read to Dogs
- **Ages 6-12**
- 3rd Tues
- 6:30-7:00 pm (A)
- 7:00-7:30 pm (B)
- Feb 20

Grab some books and have fun taking turns reading to our adorable, furry friends. This program is made possible by Kindly Canines! Please arrive early to pick out books.

#### Chapter Book Club
- **Ages 8-12**
- Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm at the Coy Public library, children ages 8-12 enjoy the Chapter Book Club. This discussion group is led by the Director of Youth Services, Colleen Moore. On January 17th, the book being discussed was a graphic novel, Stargazing by Jen Wang.

The next book to be explored will be Keepers of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger. The children are given reading assignments to be completed at home in preparation for the club’s discussions. Usually 6 or 7 children attend. This club is open to new members.
February is National Children’s Dental Health Month!

We’re grinning for National Children’s Dental Health Month! Even baby teeth need proper care to ensure a lifetime of healthy teeth. Knowing the right thing to do for dental care isn’t always easy. National Children’s Dental Health Month highlights the importance of dental care as part of our health. Good dental care can prevent cavities and tooth decay, gum disease, and even save you money. Follow the links below for info on how to take care of your child’s teeth!

Helpful information from the CDC
Helpful information from Medline

Teens

An Announcement About Our Teen Programs

Participants ages 12-18 are able to attend programs at the library without an adult present, but we ask that the adult(s) complete our registration form online so that we have contact information for any communication needs.

Teen Scene

Thursdays
Ages 12-18
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hang out and enjoy activities such as games, movies, holiday parties, and more!

STEAM Saturdays

Sponsored by VGC USA

Time: 10:30 am - 1:00pm
For Ages 10-17

STEAM Saturdays

Ages 10-17
Last Saturday of Each Month
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

This new S.T.E.A.M. program is sponsored by Video Game Club USA. This is a monthly program for youth ages 10-17 that is designed to explore and learn about different things related to science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Each month’s meeting will have a dedicated theme.

VGUSA Gaming Club

Ages 10-17
Tuesdays
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This new Gaming Club is sponsored by Video Game Club USA. This is a weekly program for youth ages 10-17 that provides the opportunity to play card games, board games, trivia games, video games, and to socialize with other teens.

NEW Teen Book Club

Ages 12 - 18
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us for this BRAND NEW biweekly program, which will have participants reading through chapters between meetings and coming together to talk about the chapters, ask questions, and participate in activities related to what they are reading.

The Book Nook
February Special at the Book Nook
All Children’s Books are Buy One Get One Free!

- Tuesdays: 5pm - 7pm
- 1st Thursday of the month: 9am - 7pm
- Other Thursdays: 10am - 12pm & 5pm - 7pm
- Fridays: 9am - 12pm
- Saturdays: 10am - 2pm

Friends of the Coy Library

Friends Coffee Hour
Fridays
9:00-11:00 am

Join the Friends for coffee at the Annex!
Come see what the Friends do to support the library.

Please park on King Street if attending Coffee Hour!

Spring Celebration Book Nook & Amazon Storefront Fundraising Events

These, along with our Holiday Open House and Summer Learning Program, are only some of the services and activities provided by the Friends. Show your support for your community library, become a Friend of the Coy Public Library today!

Resources

NextReads Newsletters
Looking to find your next read? Subscribe to NextReads newsletters which will offer you the newest books to read for specified topics (Kids’ Books, Mystery Books, History & Current events, Home & Garden, Nature & Science, Audiobooks, etc.).

Skill-Up PA

SkillUp™ PA is a completely free initiative designed to help job seekers explore career pathways, view local job postings, register for free online learning, and receive workforce services. The initiative is being led by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and PA CareerLink®.

Library Information

Hours
- Mon-Thurs: 9am - 8pm
- Friday: 9am - 5pm

Mission Statement
The Coy Public Library of Shippensburg exists to provide

Social Media
Facebook: CoyPublicLibrary
Saturday: 9am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

Cultural vitality and lifelong learning through open access to reading, reference, programs, and community space.

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