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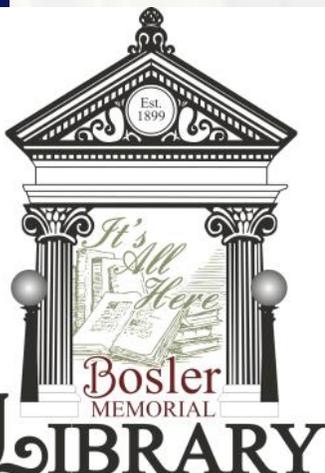
Journey Into a Treasure Hunt

The Bookery is a used bookshop managed by the Friends of Bosler Memorial Library in collaboration with the local community. As part of the major building project completed in 2012, the original library building became The Bookery's home. "The only reason it functions is because of the volunteers," says Barbara Bui, director of The Bookery.

With over 100 volunteers, donated materials, plus the community members that come in and support it, The Bookery continues to grow. Last year alone it had \$86,000 worth of gross income, earnings that help fund Bosler Memorial Library programs and services, as well as other projects of the Friends of Bosler.

With an eclectic selection, book prices start for as low as 50 cents for children's books. The overall prices for adult books start at \$1 for paperback and \$2 for hardback.

Since The Bookery operates on donations, there is no telling what they'll have in stock, which is also the thrill of it. "If you are willing to wait, almost anything will come through that door," says Bui. Plus, if you're hunting down something in particular, Bookery volunteers hand out a form users can fill out for book requests, so that if the item comes in, you can be notified. It also sells books through Amazon, which provides another platform for users to purchase books. And in case you're wondering, books are not the only thing you'll find there. The Bookery also has CD's, games, puzzles, cassettes, paintings, furniture, and a bunch of vintage treasures.



The Bookery represents a source of value to the community, bringing a sense of care, adventure and a certain wit into the equation. "It's amazing how The Bookery becomes part of the community's routine," says Bui.

It doesn't matter if you come in as a dealer, volunteer, customer, or donor; this space holds a special link among all members of the community who, in one way or another, support the library.

The Bookery

HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
10am to 7pm

Friday & Saturday
10am to 4pm

Phone: (717) 243-3313



Jeffrey Swope
Executive Director

Library Staff Attend National Conference

In March of this year, three of the library's staff had the opportunity to attend the national Public Library Association Conference (PLA). The Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is the largest association dedicated to supporting the unique and evolving needs of public library professionals. Founded in 1944, PLA serves nearly 9,000 members in public libraries large and small in communities across the United States and Canada, with a growing presence around the world. PLA strives to help its members shape the essential institution of public libraries by serving as an indispensable ally for public library leaders. The five-day conference was held in Philadelphia from March 20 through 24. Jeffrey Swope (Executive Director), Melissa Killinger (Assistant Director), and Dennis Lavery (Assistant Director) attended a variety of programs that provided valuable information on topics including young adult literature, customer services practices, libraries hiring social workers to provide services in the library, and how libraries are addressing the opioid crisis. The PLA conference takes place every two years and is held at locations all across the country. The conference being held so close to home in Philadelphia provided a valuable opportunity for library staff to attend. Swope has attended PLA conferences in the past, but this was the first opportunity for Killinger and Lavery to attend the conference.



Melissa Killinger
Assistant Director



Dennis Lavery
Assistant Director



Buck a Book Honors Top Readers and Writers

The annual Buck a Book Literacy Campaign culminated in an event at Bosler Library on Sunday, March 11, recognizing the top readers and writers of this year's campaign. Buck a Book is a joint venture between the Employment Skills Center and Carlisle Area School District in which students in kindergarten through fifth grade raise funds for the center's adult literacy program by pledging to read books for sponsor donations.

The top three readers from each elementary school were honored at the event at Bosler with the unveiling of their own individual posters. Each reader's poster will hang for a year in the Youth Services Department. *Natalie Dalton (pictured here) was one of the top readers from LeTort Elementary School.*

Also during the event, students published in this year's "Wordy Worm" book read their work to an audience of friends and family. Each year, Buck a Buck participants are given grade-level writing prompts focusing on Wordy Worm, the campaign's mascot. This year's theme was "Wordy Worm Gets a Job," and Bosler staff noted quite a few essays recommended that Wordy Worm become a librarian. There is a copy of these essays in Bosler's Collection.

Tax Forms Support

Bosler Memorial Library was able to offer printed copies of 2017 federal tax forms free of charge again this year thanks to financial support from Cohick & Associates. This was the third year in a row that the IRS had limited the availability of paper forms in an effort to drive more tax payers to file online. However, since nearly half of the country's population does not have ready access to the Internet, many people still rely on the library for paper tax forms. We are grateful for the generosity of Cohick & Associates for making it possible for us to hand out more than 1,200 federal tax forms to people who needed them this tax season!



October 19 - October 27

Featuring:
William Kent Krueger
Jeff Shaara
Maggie Stiefvater

More details coming soon!

Transforming the Second Floor



Our new Classic Readers Lounge is reserved for those who appreciate the tradition of libraries as locations for quiet, uninterrupted reading enjoyment. Relax by the fireplace and enjoy the classics that line the bookshelves.



All of our internet computers have now been brought together into one area, our brand new Net Café! Here you can browse the web in a comfortable relaxed area. Each computer is housed in its own desk, allowing for privacy and enjoyment.



Our new proctoring area offers those looking to take exams (such as entrance exams, professional exams, and college exams) a private and focused environment. Librarians in the Information Services Department can offer this proctoring service for a small fee.



2018 Summer Learning Challenge Libraries ROCK!

June 1 to August 12



2018 Annual Summer Learning Kickoff Festival

Friday, June 1 from 5 to 8pm
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The Grins and Grins Comedy Show
6:00 PM

There will be activities, crafts, programs and more.
Plus, you can sign up and get started on your
Summer Learning Challenge!



Bosler is happy to welcome back *The Grins & Grins Comedy Show* as we kick off our 2018 Summer Learning Challenge! A fast-paced variety show that incorporates magic, ventriloquism, whip-cracking, "daring" feats of balance, circus skills and more, Grins and Grins will leave you in stitches!

Library Staff Volunteering for the Community



As part of our employee benefits, Bosler Memorial Library offers *Volunteer Time Off*, and we would like to acknowledge Laura Baitzell, one of our staff members, for her volunteering work this past March 10 at the 11th Annual Fundraiser Supporting MMA Research, organized by Angel's for Alyssa, a non-profit that raises money for medical research on Methylmalonic Academia (MMA).

MMA is a genetic disease where the body is unable to metabolize protein correctly. If the condition is not detected beforehand, newborns are in high risk of death. On the other hand, MMA survivors will need to receive a lifetime of proper treatment to avoid further complications.

This annual event is operated by Meisel family members and friends, as well as community volunteers. At this event, Baitzell was directed to the kitchen to help out with the spaghetti dinner. "Everybody has a task, but we mainly had to make sure the trays kept rotating," says Baitzell. From turning tables, to cleaning trays, the collaborative work summed up to be a great success.

Donor Appreciation Event

On Thursday, April 12, Bosler Memorial Library hosted the second annual donor appreciation reception and program for the Bosler Society and Lila's Legacy Society. The Bosler Society is comprised of donors who gave \$500 or more to Bosler Memorial Library over the last year, while Lila's Legacy Society is for individuals who have named the Library in their estate plans.



The event in April was the second of its kind honoring the generosity of those who have provided their support for today and for the future. This year's program highlighted the Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning, giving donors a taste of the many offerings now available for adults. Future events will focus on how Bosler Library serves other populations in our community.

Bosler Library Receives Donation from Orrstown Bank

Orrstown Bank has donated \$5,000 again this year to Bosler Memorial Library through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program in support of several educational programs for school-age children. "We are very excited that the recent donation from Orrstown Bank will allow us to implement a new program called Meet the Composer," said Melissa Killinger, Assistant Director, Youth and Family Services. "This five-class program was approved for EITC funding a couple of years ago, but to jump start a new program such as this requires a sizeable amount of funding for the first year. We have been waiting for just the right donation to come in to add Meet the Composer to our growing list of school-age programming, and we are thrilled that our longtime supporter Orrstown Bank has made the contribution that will make this possible."



Jeffrey Gayman (left) and Reed VanDerlyke (right) from Orrstown Bank presented the check to Bosler Library's Executive Director Jeffrey Swope (center) on February 15.

Name a Day

Need a gift for that person on your list who has everything? Why not support library services and collections and honor a loved one (or yourself!) by naming a day at Bosler Memorial Library? Visit www.boslerlibrary.org to sign up for just \$100 (\$75 for active Friends of Bosler members).

Your gift will be recognized on:

- Bosler's website
- Digital monitors throughout the library
- Bookmarks handed out to patrons
- Facebook
- Signs inside both library entrances

Please note: We will need at least 7 days advance notice to process your request.

The Library will be closed May 28 and July 4. The Library will open at noon on July 18

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Monday through Friday **10am to 9pm**
Information Services and Youth Services Departments
close at 8:45pm. Library doors are locked at 8:55pm.

Saturday **10am to 5pm**
Information Services and Youth Services Departments
close at 4:45pm. Library doors are locked at 4:55pm.

Sunday **1pm to 5pm**
Information Services and Youth Services Departments
close at 4:45pm. Library doors are locked at 4:55pm.

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