



Bosler
Memorial
Library

Empowering Lifelong Learning

Collections

Resource Guide 2024 Edition



Welcome to the Collections Resource Guide

Collections are the foundation of the public library. Access to reading material, open to all, without cost or restriction was the reason public libraries were created. While today's modern public library is a vibrant community gathering place where people can find help navigating their information needs through collections, programs, and services, the collection is still a vital part of what we provide. This guide has been created to provide you with a comprehensive listing of our collection. There are so many types of materials in our collection that it is sometimes hard for our public to know about all of them. Please take a few minutes to look through this guide. You might be surprised by what you discover. If you would like more information about our services, flip this booklet over to discover our services guide.

If you would like more information about our programming, pick up a copy of our Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning booklet (Adults) or our Growing Learner's Library booklet (Youth and Families).

Jeffrey D. Swope
Executive Director

Contact Us

Please use the contact information below for services related to the following departments:

Library main line: (717) 243-4642

Youth Services	Ext. 2230
Information Services	Ext. 2237
Library Resources	Ext. 1244

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Carlisle, PA 17013
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www.boslerlibrary.org

Monday through Friday **9am to 8pm**
Information Services and Youth Services Departments
close at 7:45pm. Library doors are locked at 7:55pm.

Saturday **10am to 2pm**
Information Services and Youth Services Departments
close at 1:45pm. Library doors are locked at 1:55pm.

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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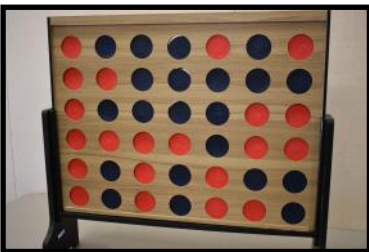
Library of THINGS



The Library of Things is a unique collection of non-traditional items, such as technology equipment, gadgets, games, kits, sensory items, and much more! Library of Things items check out for two weeks and can be renewed two times, unless the item has a hold on it. Items can only be picked up and returned at the Bosler Library, these items cannot be shipped to other libraries. Explore the different areas of the Library of Things below!

Oversized and Outdoor Games

You can check out a variety of outdoor and oversized games, perfect for any occasion! Some games include corn hole, giant connect 4, ladder ball, and lawn darts.



Nature Explorers Backpacks

Specifically designed for children and families, these backpacks focus on special nature hikes you can do together. Each backpack has a different theme, such as “Night Owl,” “Animal Detectives,” and “Pond Pals.”



Technology

This collection contains specialized technology and assistive items that you can check out, such as a wireless mouse, large print keyboard, magnifying glass, and cable adapters. This can be utilized either at home or in the library!



Sensory Friendly Items

You can check out specially designed items to stimulate and grow all five senses.



[Explore our Library of Things collection!](#)

Databases

Through the Cumberland County Library System, Bosler Memorial Library users have access to a wide range of online databases. Patrons can access these through Bosler's website by hovering over the "Collections" option on the top menu bar and selecting "Databases." Database subjects include genealogy, images, test study guides, history, and magazines! These databases can be used in the library or remotely with a Library card.

Database Highlights:



Whether you're beginner or eager to tackle your tenth language—Transparent Language Online will help you get started and stick with it.



Important Financial Literacy Tools from Weiss Ratings & Grey House Publishing.



Discover the most accurate, authoritative and up-to-date service and repair information for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles.



Explore economic, demographic, employment, and occupation information in an easy-to-use interactive format.



View the greatest events in world history with photographs, audio sound bites, video, and graphics, for over 185 years.

Plus many more!



Access live, online tutoring and resume help as well as thousands of academic and career resources. Help with homework, studying, essay writing and test prep. GED prep and resume assistance is also available for adults. Live tutoring is available from 12:00 pm to 12:00 am every day.

Westlaw Edge*

Part of the Cumberland County Law Library, Westlaw Edge provides access to information resources including more than 40,000 databases of case law, state and federal statutes, administrative codes, newspaper and magazine articles, public records, law journals, law reviews, treatises, legal forms and other information resources. This database can be found in the collections option on the top menu bar and selecting "Databases."

****NOTE: This resource can only be used from an internet computer at a Cumberland County library location.***



Video Streaming through Kanopy

Cumberland County residents can access a wide range of foreign films, documentaries, and classics through the popular on-demand film streaming service, Kanopy. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku. Loan periods allow patrons three days of unlimited viewing per film and simultaneous use. Videos are also accessible with captions, transcripts, and compatible with assistive technologies. Users are limited to four movies per month.

E-Book and E-Audiobook Collections through Libby



Access thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks through the Libby app. Much like the library's material collections, these can be checked out or be placed on hold. The Libby App allows for easier access and management of online library materials!



Online Reference Collection

The Bosler Memorial Library provides online access to many of our printed reference volumes and their award-winning content from Salem Press, Grey House Publisher, and H.W. Wilson. The collection includes resources on Health, History, Literature, Science, and Careers. Patrons can browse and search the online reference collection by visiting Bosler's website and clicking the "Collections" options on the left menu bar.

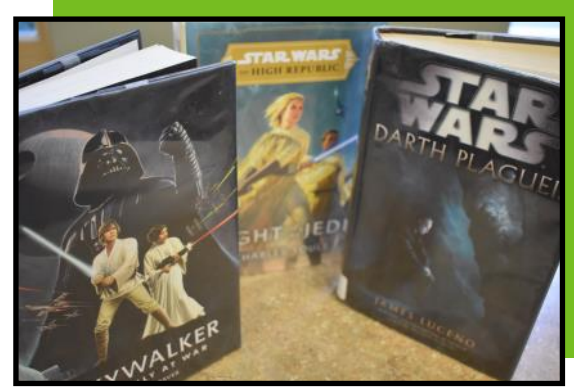
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Print Collections

Fiction

Enjoy a good story from Bosler's extensive fiction collection! The Library has books for youth including board books, picture books, easy readers, and chapter books located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department. Teen fiction is located in the Teen Room on the first floor. Adult fiction is located in the main area of the first floor. Bosler's got something for everybody: historical fiction, horror, mystery, sci-fi/fantasy, suspense/thrillers, westerns, or just a great story. Bosler's fiction collection can spark the imagination and take readers to a whole new world.



Cumberland County Law Library

The Bosler Memorial Library is the home of the Cumberland County Law Library. This collection contains legal publications for legal research as well as a Layman's Law Library for the everyday user. In addition, look for the description of Westlaw Next in the Online Resources Collections section of this guide. The Cumberland County Law Library is located on the second floor in the Information Services Department.

Large Print Collection

Large print books are printed with a 14 point or larger text to allow for easier reading. The library has an extensive collection of large print books including fiction and nonfiction titles. These are located in the main area of the first floor, along the High Street wall.

Magazines and Newspapers

The Library carries a wide range of adult and youth magazines. Interest areas include (but are not limited to) animals, arts/crafts, automotive, beer, cooking, current events, genealogy, health/wellness, history, home/garden, news/economics, pop culture, science, sports, and magazines for youth. The Library maintains back issues of most magazines for about one year, and all issues are available to check out. Magazines for adults are located on the first floor by the windows facing West Street. Magazines for youth are located in the Youth Services Department on the second floor.

The Library offers a selection of local newspapers including newspapers on specific topics. Newspapers may not be checked out but are available on the first floor for in-library reading. Additional local and national newspapers are available electronically through the Newsbank database (see Databases section of this guide).

Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are books containing comics content. They are essentially visual stories but are not considered comic books. The Library has graphic novel collections for adults (first floor), teens (Teen Room), and youth readers (Youth Services Department located on the second floor). Nonfiction adult graphic novels are located in the Information Services Department.



Interested in graphic novels? Check out our discussion group which takes place the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 pm!

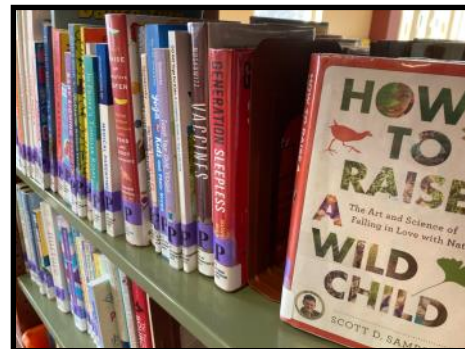


Nonfiction Collections

Thirsting for knowledge? Doing research or homework? Looking for the next great recipe? The Library's nonfiction collections are full of information on a broad range of topics. Organized by subjects (such as sports, science, religion, crafts), these books contain a wealth of information waiting for patrons to discover. The Library's adult nonfiction collection is located on the second floor in the Information Services Department. The Library's youth nonfiction collection is located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.

Parent Collection

The Library offers a collection of books geared just to parents on topics including adoption, challenges of child rearing, child development, family activities, making homemade baby food, and more. This collection is located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.



Reference Collection

Bosler's reference collection contains research-oriented materials, such as specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, atlases, directories, and statistical manuals. Representative topics addressed in the reference collection include religion, philosophy, psychology, education, science, arts, literature, history, biography, languages, medicine, health, sports, and business. These materials are a great starting point for answering many questions or beginning a research project. This collection is located in the Information Services Department on the second floor. Many of Bosler's reference volumes are also available online! Look for the description of "Online Reference Collection" in the online resources collections section of this guide.

Local History Collection

Bosler's local history collection consists of materials pertaining to Cumberland County. Most items are printed materials, but the collection does include a few DVDs. Biographical information, town histories, as well as organizational and educational histories, including the Carlisle Indian School, can be found in this collection. This collection is located in the Information Services Department on the second floor.



RPG (Role-Playing Games)

Bosler's Role-Playing Game collection includes rulebooks, sourcebooks, and adventures for the Adventures in Middle-earth, Alien, Call of Cthulhu, Doctor Who, Dungeons & Dragons (Fifth Edition), The One Ring, Pathfinder (First and Second Editions), Shadowrun, Star Wars, Starfinder, Vampire: the Masquerade, and other roleplaying game systems. The RPG collection is housed on the first floor next to the sci-fi/fantasy collection.

Special Collections

Cumberland County Historical Society's Hamilton Library Pass

The Cumberland County Historical Society's Hamilton Library is the perfect place to spend the day for the genealogist, local historian, scholar, or student. The library is a closed stack, archival library and contains an extensive collection of original documents (maps, newspapers, yearbooks, Indian School, Colonial papers, etc.) as well as over 40,000 published volumes. The collection includes a fantastic photo archive.



Patrons can check out or place a hold on a special 7-day pass and get access to this large historical collection. Pass is located at Bosler and any of the Cumberland County Libraries!

Board Games

Bosler has an expanding board game collection! Patrons can check out classic and new games that can be played individually, or with family and friends.

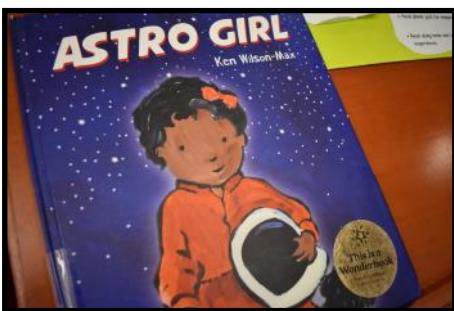


Enjoy playing board games? Join our tabletop gaming group! This group meets every Monday at 4:30 pm.

Kits

Bosler's kit collection features books with an audio component included, which allows the reader to hear the story being read as they follow along in the book. This collection includes fiction and nonfiction titles, as well as beginning reader titles. This collection is not only great for children, but can also be beneficial for adults learning English as a second language which functions as a way to connect the written word with its pronunciation. Bosler currently has two types of kits:

Books with CD will have a copy of the book, with a pocket inside the cover holding a CD. The CD will often include not just a recording of the story being read, but also may include other supplementary content on the accompanying disc.



Wonderbooks: Each wonderbook is a print book, with a ready-to-play audiobook attached right inside. The audio features not just the story being read aloud to the child, but also a Learning Mode, that provides for phonics, vocabulary development, and deeper comprehension, as well as more reader engagement. With one-touch power and reset buttons, as well as easy-to-use play controls, they're easy for kids to use. Each book also has a headphone jack for independent listening and enjoying immediately.

And because the charge holds for an average of 80 plays before needing to be returned to the Library to be recharged, it can be listened to over and over.

These kits can be found in the Youth Services Department on the second floor.

Special Collections



Puppets

Who doesn't enjoy a puppet show? Puppets are wonderful toys that stimulate the imagination of children, encourage imaginative play and allow the ability to build empathy for others. Bosler has a large collection of puppets available for check out, allowing children to experience the fun and social skill building at home as well as here at the Library in our puppet stage. All puppets are cleaned after each checkout, making them a safe and fun option for families. Puppets are located in the Youth Services Department on the second floor.

Puzzles

The Library maintains collections of jigsaw puzzles for adults (located on the first floor) and youth (located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department). These puzzles are available to check out, take home, and enjoy.



Audio Collections

Books on CD

The Library provides a wide range of books on CD for adults, teens, and youth. This collection contains both fiction and nonfiction items for patrons' listening pleasure. Adult fiction titles are located on the first floor in the Audio/Visual area. Adult nonfiction titles are located on the second floor in the Information Services Department. Teen titles are located on the first floor in the Teen Room. Youth titles are located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.

Music CDs

The Library offers a collection of music CDs for both adults and youth. These collections contain a range of music genres including music for children. The adult music CD collection is located on the first floor in the Audio/Visual area. The youth music CD collection is located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.

Playaways

Playaways are pre-loaded audiobooks that give portability and freedom to listen to audiobooks anytime and anywhere. The Library has Playaways for adults (located on the first floor in the Audio/Visual area) and teens (located on the first floor in the Teen Room). Youth Playaways are located in the Youth Services Department on the second floor.

Special Collection Areas

Bosler Free Libraries

The Bosler Free Libraries are small structures that are stocked with books and located around Carlisle for community members to access at any time.

Many of them are located outdoors in publicly accessible areas. Community members are encouraged to stop at the Libraries and take out a book. A library card is not required and due dates are not assigned. Readers are encouraged to return books or replace them with other books they would like to share. Library staff monitor and re-stock the Libraries on a routine basis.

In addition to the community-based locations, the Library houses its own Bosler Free Library, called The Read & Return Shelf. Located just inside the front entrance and around the corner to the right, the Read and Return shelf allows library patrons to borrow books and return them on their own without using a library card.

The Bosler Free Library program is supported by the Carlisle Tool Library and Carlisle Arts Learning Center.

Bosler Free Library Locations:

1. Carlisle Tool Library (735 Factory Street)
2. North Middleton Park (1701 Waggoners Gap Road)
3. Corner of N Bedford Street and E Penn Street
4. Hope Station (149 W Penn Street)
5. YWCA (301 G Street)
6. The Salvation Senior Action Center (105 S Hanover Street)
7. Plainfield Park (30 Park Road)

“Bosler was one of our chief influences in forming the Carlisle Tool Library. We admired that beyond their core mission, they served as a community hub. For this reason, we are happy to partner with Bosler to build and fix their Bosler Free Libraries. Seeing community members borrow books in our neighborhood brings us great joy, and build-ing the boxes helps our members learn new skills!” – Carlisle Tool Library Board of Directors

Classic Readers Lounge



Located on the second floor in the Information Services Department, the Classic Readers Lounge contains a collection of classic novels. These books are available to be read in the Library or can be checked out. Check out this special collection!



New Book Shelves

New books that are less than six months old are located on the new book shelves. Adult new books (both fiction and nonfiction) are located on the first floor. Youth new books (all types) are located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.

NOTE: Please be aware that new books are in high demand throughout the Cumberland County Library System and frequently have holds on them before they ever arrive in the Library. It can take a long time for them to actually appear on the new shelf. Bosler strongly recommends patrons place holds on any new books that they are looking for specifically.



Youth Holiday Area

Parents or teachers who are looking for a great story to share with children for a holiday can find books for current or upcoming holidays in this section. Books for holidays not on display can be requested at the Youth Services Desk on the second floor of the Library. Holidays include, but are not limited to Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

Technology Collections

Playaway Launchpads

Playaway Launchpads are pre-loaded devices with content for youth. They are designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface, and are 100% secure. There is no download time and no need for Wi-Fi. Access to powerful content is as simple as turning on each device — anytime, anywhere. Youth Playaway Launchpads are located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.

Videogames and Consoles

The Bosler Library houses popular video games and consoles for use by the public. Video games in the collection are for the PS4, PS5, Nintendo Switch, Xbox One, and Xbox X gaming platforms. Video game consoles available in the collection are the Atari Flashback (version 6 and 8), and the Sega Genesis Classic. The video game collection is located next to the Music CD collection on the first floor of the Library.



Webcams

Webcams can be checked out and used for online meetings, school, or game nights with friends! Webcams check out for seven days.

Wi-Fi Hotspots

The Library's collection includes mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots available for a 14-day loan period. These Hotspots provide the user with access for multiple devices. These devices are in high demand and sometimes there is a significant wait time; so patrons interested should place a hold on the item.

The Bosler Library thanks F&M Trust for donating to our Wi-Fi hotspot collection.



Visual Collections

DVD and Blu-Ray

The Library has an extensive collection of DVDs and Blu-Rays for adults and youth. The adult collection is divided into TV Shows, films, and nonfiction. The youth collection contains entertainment and educational titles. Adult TV shows and films are located on the first floor in the Audio/Visual area. Adult nonfiction titles are located on the second floor in the Information Services Department. Youth DVDs are located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department.



Playaway Views

The Library has a collection of Playaway Views for youth located on the second floor in the Youth Services Department. Playaway Views are all-in-one video players that make popular content accessible in a simple, portable and durable format. Each player comes pre-loaded with multiple videos making it simple to access digital movies, shows, educational programming and more without the need for DVDs, downloads or an additional player. The device features simple controls, easy for young children to use, and an external speaker as well as a headphone jack. The player comes pre-loaded and is rechargeable.

Stay up to date with Bosler news! Join our email list! You can opt-in to receive general emails about the Library, or sign up for specific news for adults, children or teens! Scan the QR code to sign-up!



The Honorable George E. Hoffer Art Gallery & Atrium

The Carlisle Arts Learning Center exhibits artwork created by their members in the gallery adjacent to the main entrance of Bosler Library. The art is changed every other month and is available for purchase by the public. The artist's name, title of work and price are listed for each piece of art.

