Exhibits come to Bosler

As an enhancement to the Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning, Bosler has started to host traveling exhibitions. These exhibitions enhance Bosler’s mission of Empowering Lifelong Learning.

Working with entities such as the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and the National Library of Medicine Bosler has been able to schedule and plan for panel exhibits that can be displayed in our main lobby. So far in 2020 we have hosted World War I: Lessons and Legacies and Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission from SITES.

A previously scheduled exhibit titled, Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons, from the National Library of Medicine has been postponed and will be displayed once it arrives at Bosler.

During the month of August Bosler is also hosting two exhibits related to the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the women’s suffrage movement. Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence from SITES is a visually compelling exploration of the women’s suffrage movement and the relevance of this history to Americans’ lives today. Rightfully Hers is a pop-up exhibit from the National Archives. This exhibit contains simple messages exploring the history of the ratification of the 19th amendment, women’s voting rights before and after the 19th, and its impact today. Stop in and check out these fascinating exhibits. Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence will also be available digitally on Bosler’s website.

Bosler is also pleased to announce that from November 10, 2020 through January 7, 2021 it will be hosting A Cast of Blues, a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance and The National Endowment for the Arts. This interactive exhibit explores the history of blues music and how it shaped the world of music. A Cast of Blues features 15 resin-cast masks of blues legends created by artist Sharon McConnell-Dickerson, as well as 15 color photographs of performers and of juke joints by acclaimed photographer Ken Murphy. This exhibit is made possible with a grant from the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.
The Friends of Bosler Fourth Annual Art Sale Changes Shape

The Fourth Annual Friends of Bosler Art Sale is now under way in The Bookery. This year’s sale looks much different than in the past, with fewer items displayed at one time. Customers can easily move around and explore the art, while remaining physically distant from others. As items get sold, new items will appear, and the displays will change often. Stop in every few weeks to see what’s new! The sale will continue until the end of the year.

“Like” the Friends of Bosler Library’s Facebook page to get updates on new art sale offerings!

There will be art in many forms: original oil and pastels, prints, posters, and needlework. Some items are framed, some only matted. There is also a selection of other handcrafted items such as pottery and baskets. There are also a small number of autographed pictures from celebrities such as Billy Eckstine, Paul Anka and Ralph Flanagan! It is always fun to see an item one person is finished with become a new treasure for another person’s home.

The Bookery can only offer for sale what is donated, so if you have any art or hand crafted items that you are not using, changed your look, getting ready to downsize or a gift that is just not your style, the Friends of Bosler would love to help them find a new home through the Art Sale. Last year, the Friends of Bosler Third Annual Art Sale included 514 items and raised just over $3,750. Despite the late start, the Friends of Bosler hope this year’s sale will be equally successful.

Donations can be made at The Bosler Library’s Public Services Desk. Tell the staff at the desk that it is a donation for the Friends of Bosler Art Sale. The library will take care of quarantining your donation for 3 days before volunteers see it in The Bookery. If you need a receipt, contact The Bookery. Once the items are out of quarantine a receipt can be arranged; receipts from The Bookery do not include the value of your donation.

Questions? Contact Barbara Bui at barbbui260@gmail.com

Fall Programming at Bosler

After much deliberation and thought, Bosler has determined that programming for the fall sessions of the Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning and the Growing Learners Library will remain virtual.

This decision was made in discussion with presenters who prefer to offer their classes virtually, logistics of Bosler’s programming space, and the ever changing landscape of COVID-19.

Virtual programs will be offered on Bosler’s social media pages as well as video conferencing software such as GoToMeeting and Zoom. Please check out our fall programming guides at boslerlibrary.org to view our full slate of virtual programs!

Meadowbrooke Gourds

This year The Friends of Bosler Library will be selling Meadowbrooke Gourds in The Bookery starting in mid-September and running through the holiday season. The same great selection and prices you have found in the past at the Friends of Bosler’s Harvest of the Arts booth will be available, but the gourds will only be sold in The Bookery and will be available during The Bookery’s regular hours.

Gourds for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be available! There will also be a few bird bungalows and other items perfect for holiday giving. Stop in and get your Meadowbrooke gourds at a great price again this year.
Giving Through Your Individual Retirement Account: 
Changes in the Tax Law with the SECURE and CARES Acts

A lot has changed and continues to change in the tax law as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. While the SECURE Act that was passed in late 2019 made some changes to tax law regarding giving through retirement funds, the more recent CARES Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, resulted in additional and new changes to the law.

Under the SECURE Act that was enacted in December, IRA owners and certain participants in qualified retirement plans are required to take distributions beginning at the age of 72. The mandatory beginning age had been 70½. Under the CARES Act, for the year 2020, there will be no mandatory distributions -- no matter the age of the account owner.

The minimum age for making a tax-free transfer from an IRA to a charity remains at 70½, and the annual limit for such transfers remains at $100,000. However, because of the modification of deduction limits in 2020, one could exceed this limit.

What does this mean to you in terms of your charitable giving? It’s a great way to minimize your taxable income while helping others with donations to Bosler Memorial Library and other charitable organizations. Just remember that in order to receive the tax benefits, you must direct your IRA administrator to transfer the funds directly to Bosler and not have the funds come to you first.

For more information contact the Development Office at (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222 or your financial advisor.

Bosler Receives Grant from the PA Humanities Council

Even while the library was closed, staff continued to work on new opportunities for creative and engaging programs for children and families. In April staff sought a new grant opportunity from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, called Pop Up Grants for Cultural Producers. Non-profit organizations were invited to apply for up to $2,000 in support of programs that met the goal of launching "cultural events, programs, and projects during the COVID-19 shutdown through virtual or other forms of distance-based engagement with the public." Bosler is thrilled to announce that it received the full funding of $2,000 for a new distance-based program for families, called Historic Carlisle for Kids: Where History, Art and Architecture Meet.

This program will give participants a vehicle for learning about Carlisle’s place in history through examples of period photographs and architecture, and the use of both historical and modern-day maps to locate buildings and locations of historical significance in Carlisle, all while enjoying a walk through their community.

This self-paced activity will require families to register and participate differently than our typical programs. Interested families will need to stop at the Youth Services Desk or call (717) 243-4642 ext. 2231 and request one of the kits. You will be asked to sign an agreement in order to check out the kit. Participants will then have up to two weeks to take one, two, or all three of the walks before returning the kit to the Library.

This project has been supported by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Federal State Partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Name a Day at Bosler
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). Or mail your gift, payable to “Bosler Memorial Library” to 158 W. High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. (Please include the name of your honoree and your first and second choice dates.)

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.

Bonus for library donors: If you have given $250 or more directly to Bosler Memorial Library in the last 12 months, you may be eligible for a complimentary Name a Day opportunity. To find out more, contact Molly Shane, Development Officer, at mshane@ccpa.net or (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222.

Please be aware that the Bosler Memorial Library and the Friends of Bosler are separate 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and as such are required by law to maintain separate accounting records. When making a donation, we ask that you do not combine your donations for the two organizations.

Bosler’s Comic Strip Challenge
During the month of July Bosler hosted a Comic Strip Challenge on its social media pages! With a new theme each week, participants were asked to create a comic strip, using an app on a computer or phone, or by hand! The winner of our challenge was Phil George with “Optimus Prime vs. Alien!” Take a look at his creation.

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Monday - Friday: 10am to 9pm
Saturday: 10am to 5pm
Sunday: 1pm to 5pm

Friends of Bosler Memorial Library
717-243-3313
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Bookery Hours
Tuesday and Thursday: 10am to 7pm
Friday and Saturday: 10am to 4pm

The Library will be closed September 7. The Library will open at noon on October 14.