Support Bosler Memorial Library and Help Library Users to Stay Connected

When COVID-19 forced schools, libraries, and most businesses to shut down in March, many library users were still able to stay connected to their love of reading, accessing the Internet, and attending library programs, thanks to financial support from so many generous library donors.

This year has been challenging for many families, but for nearly a quarter of Carlisle area residents who have no home Internet, the pandemic has exposed disparities that make it harder, if not impossible, for many people to access the needed resources to stay connected or simply to get by.

Other families have been helped by the new curbside pickup service, online programs, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and other free services.

Make a gift today to the 2020-2021 “Staying Connected” campaign by visiting www.boslerlibrary.org, or mail your check, payable to “Bosler Memorial Library” to Development Office, Bosler Memorial Library, 158 W. High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013.

And, thanks to the generosity of some anonymous donors, who are offering a $5,500 matching gift challenge, all or part of your gift may be matched if it is received before December 31, 2020. Visit www.boslerlibrary.org or contact Molly Shane, Development Officer, at (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222 to learn more.

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.
**Holiday Shopping at The Bookery**

Need a gift idea? Starting in mid-November the Bookery will be featuring many items that are in perfect condition, nice enough to be given as gifts. There are puzzles, games, books, CDs, and much more! Check out the special items available at the Bookery below.

Thanksgiving and Christmas gourds from Meadowbrooke Gourds are on sale in The Bookery right now. The Christmas gourds will be available through the holiday season. There are a few bird bungalows as well!

The Friends’ Annual Art Sale is ongoing and pieces are going fast! 114 pieces have been purchased, but there are still many more on display. New pieces go up each week! Donations for the Art Sale are still being accepted. Donations for the Art Sale follow the library’s coronavirus donation policy. For more information please visit boslerlibrary.org and click on “The Bookery.”

Don’t forget that Bookery gift certificates make great stocking stuffers as well!

Questions about the art sale or other items related to The Bookery? Contact Barbara Bui at barbbui260@gmail.com.

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**Bosler Bag Bundle**

*includes a Bosler Canvas Bag and a Fast Track Gift Card*

**$20**

*Available at the Public Services Desk*

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**Dennis Lavery Memorial Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Winner**

Aidan Swank, a 2020 graduate of South Middleton Schools has received the Friends of Bosler Memorial Library Dennis Lavery Memorial Grant-in-Aid of $2,000.

Aidan has been involved in many school activities and has volunteered in church and civic associations. He hopes to earn a degree in Art Education and teach in a local school district.

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**Reference Collection Online**


This collection can be accessed from www.boslerlibrary.org
Expanding the Library’s Reach

The library is more than just a building. The library includes an array of services, collections, and programs for all members of our community, even those that cannot make it into the building.

Effective outreach strategies are key to meeting the needs of our library community. To enhance these strategies, Bosler has developed a new position of Outreach Assistant. Bosler’s first Outreach Assistant, Genevieve, comes from an exciting background.

Genevieve became acquainted with Bosler years ago as a High School volunteer. Genevieve desired to get a feel for what library work was and if she enjoyed it. As a volunteer Genevieve would shelve and sort books at first, but was quickly recruited by the collection department to pull holds, a volunteer job she performed until leaving for college.

Genevieve attended Clarion University of Pennsylvania and eventually graduated with a Master’s in Library Science. “I already knew I was eventually going to get a Master’s in Library Science. I love learning and a Master’s Degree was a long term goal of mine. When I finally graduated with a Bachelor’s in 2018 I realized I was in a perfect position to continue my education,” Genevieve stated. She also worked part-time at the Carlson University Library.

Upon graduation, Genevieve applied for the newly established Outreach Assistant position at Bosler and fit right in. “I was excited and nervous to be hired at Bosler. I was coming back to my home library after so long, but in a much different capacity. I didn’t know what to expect but I was still excited to be here.”

When asked where Genevieve hopes Bosler’s outreach goes in the future, she stated “I hope to see the library involved in more places and connecting with more people, especially with people who can’t get to the library very easily or who feel the library doesn’t have anything to offer them. I also hope that the library, in whatever form, can meet people at places where they gather, so people don’t have to worry about going to the library because the library has already come to them.”

Giving Through a Donor-Advised Fund

Did you know you can support Bosler Memorial Library’s annual campaign through your donor-advised fund? If you haven’t set one up yet, this might be an option for you to consider, as donor-advised funds have grown in popularity by 150% since Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017. A donor-advised fund (DAF) allows you to pool your charitable giving in one fund, receive a tax break for the full donation in the year you make it, and then take your time deciding how to distribute those gifts to your favorite charities. In other words, you can set up the DAF in one year with a large enough donation for a tax deduction. (The minimum donation to establish the DAF may be as low as $5,000.) Then, in the following years you can make donations from the DAF to Bosler Library and other charitable organizations while taking the standard deduction. For more information about DAFs, contact Molly Shane, CFRE, Development Officer, at (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222 or your financial advisor.
PA COVID-19 Alert App

How can you help stop the spread of COVID-19 to yourself and those around you? The Pennsylvania Department of Health, NearForm, UPenn, and MIT Lincoln laboratory have created a new app, called COVID ALERT PA. This app will allow people to anonymously report and help lessen the spread of the COVID-19 virus. People can get the free app on their mobile device through the Google App Store or the Apple App Store by typing in the words, “covid alert pa”. The app allows individuals to check their current symptoms, receive alerts for COVID exposure, get updates on the latest COVID data, and receive advice on preventive protocol. COVID ALERT PA determines close contact with a Bluetooth technology that shows whether a user has his or her phone within six feet of an infected person for 15 minutes. When the app notifies the user of a positive test result, it will show whether the user has interacted with those infected contacts within the last two weeks. After receiving an alert about possible exposure to COVID-19, the app will document the time, date, and signal strength. The user may also request to speak with a public health representative from the Department of Health for further assistance.