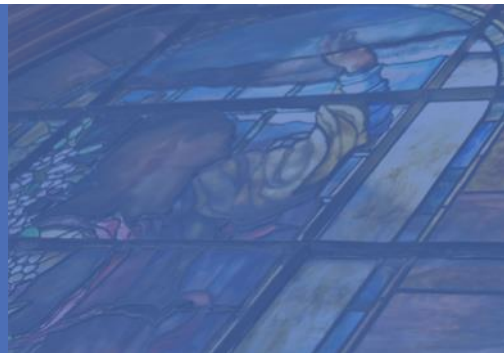


# Bosler and Friends Newsletter

November 2023



**Please note: Starting in January 2024 the Library will be updating its operating hours. Monday through Friday Bosler will open at 9:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. On Saturdays Bosler will open at 10:00 am and close at 2:00 pm. On Sundays Bosler will open at 1:00 pm and close at 5:00 pm.**



Bosler's 2023 Comic Con was a hit! Over 1,400 visitors came through Bosler's doors on October 21. We had great cosplayers, exciting craft activities, local artists, vendors, and more!



Bosler's Executive Director, Jeff Swope, was recently honored with a Certificate of Merit Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association in recognition of his work with the Association.

## A Library in Rhythm

One Friday evening a month, if you visit the Bosler Memorial Library you'll hear lively, passionate, and engaging music coursing throughout the stacks of books. Music at Bosler has welcomed artists and bands from across the Cumberland Valley region, throughout Pennsylvania, and all over the United States since 2010. Solo acoustic performers, jazz ensembles, and Grammy Award winners alike have graced the Music at Bosler stage. From Bluegrass to Hip-hop, Blues and Rock and Roll, Folk, and West African Kora, audiences have been introduced to a variety of genres. Music at Bosler is more than just a concert though. Artists and bands share not only their music, but also their stories. Audiences learn about the history of the genre, the personal experiences of the musicians; they learn about the instruments, the compositions, and much more.



"In my opinion, it's one of the best I've ever played in: a great venue, tremendous audiences and the folk at the library being so helpful and welcoming. I think the series is such an asset for the whole of Carlisle." - Jamie O'Brien



Throughout the years, Music at Bosler has grown, incorporating a stage for the artists and ambient lighting to create an improved atmosphere for the audience. Not even the pandemic could stop the music, as Bosler hosted concerts online through social media.

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# Oh, the Places Bosler Goes!



When you think of Bosler Library, you may think of shelves of books. It's a place to do some research, hear a story, or just read. But it's really more than all that, and it's much more than it looks. Since not everyone can get here to obtain all that they need.

Pop-up libraries provide offsite access to free WiFi, Hotspots, tech help, new cards, holds-pick-up to those who qualify. From daycares, to trailer parks, the list just grows and grows. Project SHARE, the county prison. Oh, the Places Bosler Goes!

Over the last year, Bosler Memorial Library has made great efforts to increase outreach across our service area, which includes the Borough of Carlisle and seven surrounding townships. In fact, just during the first eight months of 2023, more than 10,000 people participated in 387 Bosler outreach programs.



**But there are many others we still haven't reached.**



Please consider making a gift in support of Bosler Memorial Library this year to help grow Bosler's collections, programs, and services not only within the library building but also for outreach services.

**Donate before December 31<sup>st</sup>, and your gift could be matched,** thanks to a matching grant challenge offer from the McCormick Family Foundation again this year. To donate online or to sign up to give monthly, visit [www.boslerlibrary.org](http://www.boslerlibrary.org) and click Support. For questions, please contact Molly Shane, Development Officer, at (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222 or [mshane@cumberlandcountylibraries.org](mailto:mshane@cumberlandcountylibraries.org).



## **Friends of Bosler Library Dennis Lavery Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Winner**

At the August Friends of Bosler Board of Director meeting, the Friends' welcomed Kathryn Felix, winner of the 2023 annual Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. Kathryn has been involved in creative activities and clubs; she has donated her time to learning languages, painting, writing, and playing instruments. Kathryn also volunteered at Bosler in our Information Services Department, gathering reference information and entering it into a database. Kathryn will be attending Millersville University to major in Secondary History Education. She has also considered getting a master's degree in Library Science after her undergraduate career.



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With the exception of taking a short break during the building renovation in 2012, Music at Bosler has consistently hosted musicians each month since 2010 and has garnered over 7,000 in-person audience members in that time; with 2023 on track to be our highest attended year yet.

Music at Bosler has become a staple of programming at the Bosler Memorial Library, attracting all ages to this musical learning experience. At concerts, you can find audience members asking questions, getting up to dance, and even singing along. Whether there are 10 audience members or 150, the musicians enjoy and appreciate our attentive and engaged audience.

Bosler is thankful for the financial support the Music at Bosler series has received, from Drs. Beth and Truman Bullard, Davis Tracy, and the following individuals and companies who have sponsored a concert in 2023: F&M Trust, Mountz Jewelers, and Rick Rovegno in memory of Karen Jaasund Rovegno.

Since 2016, the Music at Bosler series has also been made possible by the Arts for All Grant Opportunity of the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. **Unfortunately, Bosler was not selected for this grant opportunity for the next grant cycle. The absence of this crucial funding will have a major impact on the future of Music at Bosler, possibly limiting the number of concerts the Library can offer during the year.**

If you would like to help keep the music going, and are interested in donating to, or sponsoring, a Music at Bosler concert, please contact Molly Shane, Bosler's Development Officer at [mshane@cumberlandcountylibraries.org](mailto:mshane@cumberlandcountylibraries.org) or by phone at 717-243-4642 x3222.



Get into the holiday spirit with the Vintage Brass!  
Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Mountz Jewelers.  
This is one of our most popular concerts of the year, so be sure to arrive early to grab your seats!



Be sure to stop by The Bookery during your holiday shopping!

**Coming Soon!**

Watch for our new book drop, which will be located in the **front** of the building!

# Exciting December Programs!

## Winter Wonderfest

**Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Our Winter Wonderfest this year is all about the Gingerbread Man! This morning will be filled with sweet treats, games, crafts, and cookie decorating. We will also be reading a fun gingerbread themed storytime at 10:30 am, 11:00 am, and 11:30 am. Please note the story will be the same for each time slot. **No Registration Required.**

## Adult Coloring Night

**Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00 pm**

Join us for an adult coloring night! We will provide adult coloring books featuring a variety of patterns, animals, cityscapes, mandalas, and more! We will also provide colored pencils, markers, and other materials. **Registration Required.**

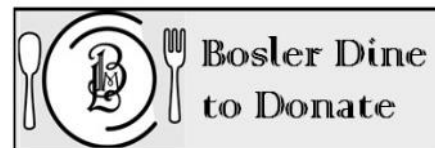
## Nutrition Education Series

**Tuesdays: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 at 6:00 pm**

Join us for a three-part series dealing with nutrition and how it can impact your health. Topics include: understanding food labels, nutrition for the brain, and a fun nutrition quiz! **Registration Required.**

**To register for these programs please call the Library at 717-243-4642.**

Bosler's Dine to Donate will soon wrap up its second year! To date, you've helped raise \$1,482.38 for the library. As always, Bosler is grateful to everyone who's participated in this new fundraiser program.



Please support these Carlisle restaurants slated for the end of 2023 and into 2024:

**Tuesday, December 12 – Red Robin from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, January 18 – Panera from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Grab a flyer from inside the library, or print one from the Bosler web site, but please don't hand out flyers at any of the restaurants on the day of the event. Watch your in-box and the Bosler web site for more information on upcoming events. Thanks so much for your support!



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**Monday - Friday: 10am to 9pm\***

**Saturday: 10am to 5pm\***

**Sunday: 1pm to 5pm\***

**\*To change in 2024**

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**Bookery Hours**

**Tuesday and Thursday: 10am to 6pm**

**Friday and Saturday: 10am to 4pm**

**The Library will be closed**  
**November 23; December 24, 25, and 26;**  
**January 1 and 10.**