

April 15, 2020



News from Bosler Memorial Library

Even though the library building is closed right now until further notice, due to the coronavirus, Bosler Memorial Library is still here for you and others in the community. Read more below about our online services and more, and email us at info@boslerlibrary.org if you need to renew your card or have other questions.

Visit our Website

National Library Week

April 19-25, 2020

While the library's doors may be closed, you can still celebrate National Library Week this year as you find the library at your place!

Visit us on our website to access a wide variety of library materials and services from [Tutor.com](#) to [Auto Repair Source](#) to [MyHeritage Database](#), [Libby \(for eBooks\)](#) and so much more!



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eBooks Available All the Time!

Remember, even though you can't get into the library to check out regular print books, consider borrowing eBooks and eAudiobooks with your library card through our website.

In addition, the Cumberland County Library System has recently expanded the number of eBook and eAudiobook offerings that are available for simultaneous use. **Some collections are even available without a library card.**

Click the link below to access the OverDrive and Libby apps.



Access eBooks and eAudiobooks

5 E-Book Collections Added to Power Library Courtesy of EBSCO

In order to provide POWER Library users with more eBook options and research content to complete at-home assignments for online classes during this time of crisis, EBSCO is making several eBook collections available for full access through June 30.



The eBook collections available are:

- **Public Library Collection**
- **K-8 Collection**
- **High School Collection**
- **Cricket Media Collection** (This collection explores a wide range of subjects to help young readers explore and expand their worlds. Students from pre-K to 8th grade can build strong literacy skills with digital access to award-winning, short-form fiction and nonfiction titles by Cricket Media.)
- **Academic Collection**

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Follow Us on Social Media



Do you have a Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter page? If so, be sure to like and follow the Bosler Memorial Library! While the library is closed we are posting exciting educational opportunities, virtual programs, fun games, and more to keep you engaged during quarantine!

Facebook: @bosler
Instagram: @boslerlibrary
Twitter: @boslerlibrary

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With schools closed through the end of this school year, the Cumberland County Library System encourages students needing a little extra help to take advantage of **Tutor.com** for access to live, online tutoring and thousands of academic resources. Adults also have access to resume help and career resources.

NOTE: You will need your library card number or user ID and password to access the site.

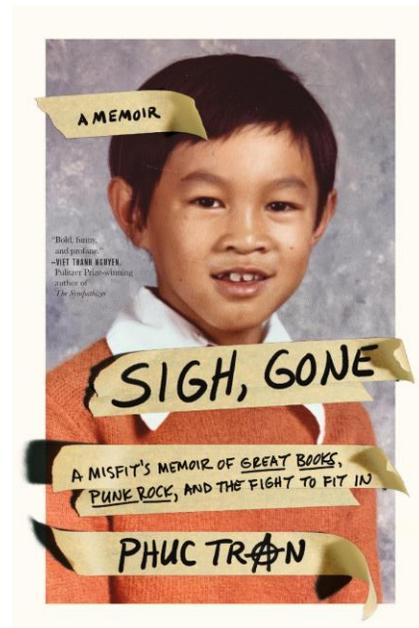
[Learn more](#)

Celebrate the Book Series Presents Phuc Tran *Program Postponed*

Please be advised, the presentation with Phuc Tran, author of *SIGH, GONE: A Misfit's Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In*, originally scheduled for Monday, May 4, has been postponed. We will reschedule the program once the library reopens.

Phuc Tran grew up in Carlisle, PA after his family fled Vietnam in 1975. Phuc is also a former staff member of Bosler.

Mr. Tran has expressed disappointment that he will be unable to visit Bosler on May 4, but he looks forward to meeting with us in the future.



Learn more

Digital Access Cards

Even though public library buildings in Cumberland County are currently closed, the Cumberland County Library System offers an array of online services that can be accessed with a Cumberland County Library System card.



For community members that do not currently have a library card, use the form on **THIS PAGE** to register for a Digital Access Card with the Cumberland County Library System.

NOTE: If you already have a Cumberland County Library System card, you do not need a Digital Access Card.

Learn more

Online Tax Services

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the deadline for filing your tax returns has been moved from April 15 to July 15.

Even though the library building is not open now, and we had to suspend the Money in Your Pocket in-person tax assistance sessions, the United Way of the Capital Region is now directing people to a free [online tax preparation service that you may access here](#).



Pennsylvania Primary Postponed to June 2

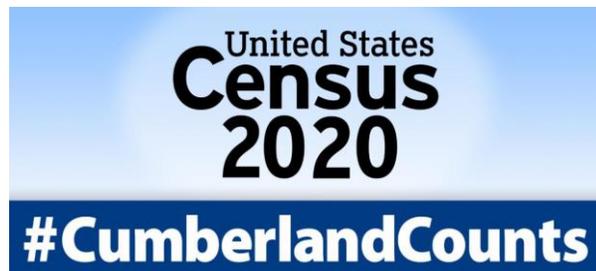
The Pennsylvania primary election has been postponed from April 28 to June 2 this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic. In order to reduce the risk of further spread of COVID-19, voters are urged to apply for a no-excuse mail-in ballot. [Click here to apply online.](#)



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Remember the Census

Did you complete your 2020 Census form yet? By now, you should have received information from the U.S. Census about how to complete the new online 2020 Census form. If you do not complete it online, you will be sent a paper form in the mail to complete and mail back. Please be sure that you and your family are counted.



The census takes place every 10 years, and the data acquired provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties, and communities across the country. That money supports vital programs that impact housing, education, transportation, employment, healthcare, and public policy. In order to ensure that Cumberland County receives its full allowance of federal funds over the next decade, it is vital that everyone in the county is counted. For more information about the 2020 U.S. Census, click the link below.

[Learn more](#)

Library Giving Day

April 23

Even though we are experiencing so much uncertainty now in our lives, Bosler Memorial Library is still here for you and for everyone in the greater Carlisle area, and that's thanks to the caring support of our generous community members.

You help keep Bosler strong and more prepared to adapt to the changing times and growing need for our many critical services. Show your appreciation and support of literacy and lifelong learning with a gift on Library Giving Day or any day. **You can even spread out your giving monthly through PayPal.** Thanks!



Donate Now

CARES Act Impact on Charitable Donations

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act recently passed by Congress includes some changes in the tax law that could benefit you as you consider your charitable donations this year.

Individual donors may be eligible for an “above-the-line” deduction for total charitable contributions made in 2020 of up to \$300. This may be helpful to you if you do not itemize deductions.

For those of you who do itemize, the bill also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions, raising it from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%. Non-cash donations, and donations to a donor advised fund are not eligible. ([See section 2104 of the CARES Act.](#))

Tower Gardens® Update

A few months ago, we told you that we were looking forward to our first series of programs related to the Tower Gardens. Well, those programs have now taken place, and this month we're going to share what happened!

In mid-January, a team of kids ages 8 to 12 took part in the first program, titled *Tower to Table: Plant With Me*. In this one-time class, the participants learned about rockwool, the special medium used in the Tower Gardens, as well as learning about more traditional seed starting methods using regular soils. They then planted seeds for starting in three different ways: one set was planted in rockwool and kept under a grow light to germinate; a second set was planted in regular soil and kept under the grow light; and, a third set was planted in regular soil but kept in a sunny window. If you visited our Classic Readers Lounge during late January and early February, you may have seen this third set in the West Street windows. Staff helped keep all of the seeds watered for the next four weeks, when the second part of the program began.

Tower to Table: Grow Off! began in mid-February and continued for four weeks through early March. In these four weeks, participants made weekly observations of all three sets of plants, including measuring the seedlings and charting the growth for each set. The seeds in the rockwool were moved into the Tower Garden in the Youth Services area, while the others were transplanted into larger pots with more soil and returned to their growing locations. During the final class, on March 12, the participants put together the display board pictured here to show the results of their horticultural study. Can you guess which set of plantings grew fastest?

Scroll down to the end of this email for the answer.



Bosler's New Information Services Coordinator: Gary Ingraham

We are pleased to announce that Gary Ingraham has been promoted to the position of Information Services Coordinator. In this role, Gary is now responsible for managing the Information Services Department. Gary has lived in the Carlisle area for the last nine years. He has a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and a master's degree in Library and Information Science. Gary has been working at the Bosler Memorial Library for the past six years as a Library Resources Technology Assistant and Information Systems Specialist. Prior to working at Bosler, Gary was the Systems Librarian at the Falmouth Public Library in Falmouth, Massachusetts.



Join Lila's Legacy Society to Support the Library's Future

Do you want to help ensure the future of Bosler Memorial Library but can't make a gift right now? You can support literacy and lifelong learning with a bequest in your will or by naming the Library as a beneficiary of your retirement plan.

Lila's Legacy Society recognizes donors who have named Bosler Memorial Library in their wills or other areas of their estate plans and have informed the Library of their intentions. Anyone may join Lila's Legacy Society by completing a simple, [one-page application](#). By joining, you help us ensure that we recognize your support and use your gift according to your wishes. There are no minimum requirements for joining.

Because Bosler Memorial Library is a nonprofit, charitable 501c3 organization, gifts to Bosler are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law, unlike gifts left to individuals, which are taxable. Contact your financial advisor or attorney for guidance on the best way to distribute estate assets.



For more information about giving to Bosler Memorial Library, contact Molly Shane, CFRE, Development Officer, at mshane@ccpa.net or (717) 243-4642, ext. 3222.

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Tower Gardens® Update answer: The seeds started in the rockwool and transplanted to the Tower Garden had the best rate of growth.



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