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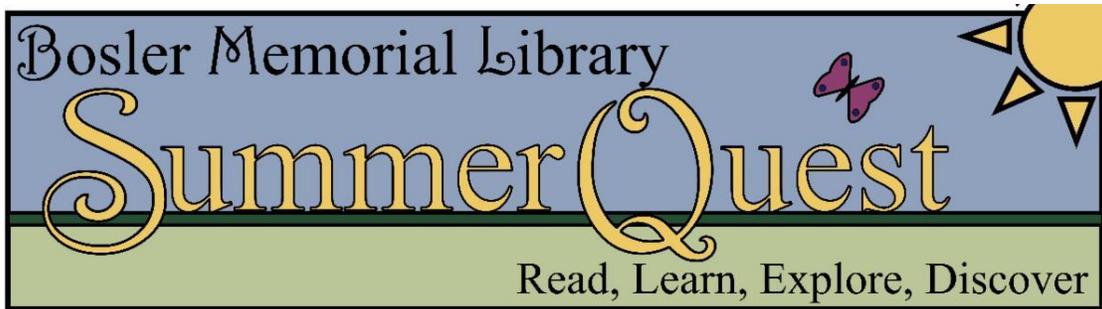


## News from Bosler Memorial Library

With Cumberland County due to move to yellow this Friday, Bosler Memorial Library will begin following the Office of Commonwealth Library's "Framework for Reopening Libraries," using a three-stage approach to opening in the yellow phase. As we move through this process, we encourage you to continue to take advantage of our online resources through our website [www.boslerlibrary.org](http://www.boslerlibrary.org). Also, keep checking our website, and look for additional communications regarding curbside pick-up and other services coming soon.

Visit our Website

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## SummerQuest Goes Virtual!

It seems like everything is changing, due to the ongoing pandemic situation. Our summer plans are no exception. As the need to follow social distancing and other safety measures continue, we have been working hard to transfer our SummerQuest plans and programs to an online platform. So, while we hope that we'll be able to see you soon at the library, we're going to continue to offer you opportunities to earn prizes for reading and participate in great distance-based and virtual programs for all ages.

If you haven't already, **download the BeanStack app** to keep track of reading time for everyone in the family. Teens and adults will be able to enter drawings for prizes from some of our downtown and local merchants, as we show our support for them in this difficult time. Kids up to age 12 will want to check out our new way to earn prizes from a whole new selection of choices.

We're currently exploring a variety of ways to bring some great programs to you and your family, too. These include Facebook and Facebook Live, GoToMeeting, YouTube, and Bosler@Home distance program kits. Each month we'll post a list of the available activities and where to find them on our website and social media.

More information on the new, virtual SummerQuest will be coming soon! You can create your account at <https://boslerlibrary.beanstack.org> today and start logging your reading beginning on June 6. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates! We look forward to spending the summer with you, virtually!

Thank you to the **Jerry and Ellen Hair Foundation** and **F&M Trust** for their financial support for all of our great summer programs. Additional support is provided by **The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation**.

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## Bosler Adds More Wi-Fi Hotspots Available for Patron Check-Out

Due to the increased demand for Wi-Fi, as so many of us have been forced to work or do schoolwork from home during the pandemic, Bosler has ordered 10 additional Wi-Fi hotspots to add to its circulating collection. This means that more Bosler families will be able to get Internet access from home or anywhere they need to use a hotspot. These additional hotspots will be available for 14 day loans through the end of 2020, with Bosler patrons receiving priority for any holds on these items.



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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 again just yet, 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.

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Borrow  
eBooks &  
eAudiobooks



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## TumbleBook eBooks for Kids

TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. TumbleBook Library also includes National Geographic videos and games.



Available free to all Bosler Library card holders.

[Learn More](#)

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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



## Bosler Receives Pop-Up Grant from the PA Humanities Council

Even though the library has been closed, the staff continue to work on new opportunities for creative and engaging programs for our children and families. In April, we became aware of 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 \$2000 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." So, we applied, and we are pleased to announce that we received full funding of \$2000 for a new distance-based program for families, called *Historic Carlisle for Kids: Where History, Art and Architecture Meet*. This program will give children and families 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 our community. Staff are busily working on planning the program and are looking forward to debuting it in July.

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## 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](#)

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## 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. But hurry! The deadline to apply is next Tuesday, May 26. [Click here to apply online.](#)



[Learn More](#)

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## How You Can Help

While Bosler Library's finances are stable for the moment, there is a great deal of uncertainty about the future of county and state funding for libraries as governments begin dealing with their own financial challenges as a result of the pandemic and economic crisis. Today, if your own current financial situation is secure, please consider making a donation in support of literacy and lifelong learning with a gift to Bosler Memorial Library where you can even sign up for monthly giving to spread your gift out over a longer period of time.

Your generosity will help to ensure that Bosler Memorial Library's doors can reopen and stay open to serve in feeding the souls and minds of your friends and neighbors across the greater Carlisle area. Thank you!

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## 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.](#))

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## Upcoming Library Closings

In addition to the following pre-scheduled closings, the library remains closed to the public until further notice, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please visit our website at [www.boslerlibrary.org](http://www.boslerlibrary.org) for updates.

May 25 - Memorial Day holiday  
July 4 - Independence Day holiday  
July 15 - Library opens at noon, due to staff meeting

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