

Bosler BUZZ



Digital Edition



Bosler hosted Tween Tech Saturday on January 17 this year. Children ages 9 to 12 were invited to learn how to use Sphero Littlebits! Sphero's Littlebits are colorful and magnetic electric building blocks that snap together to teach kids about electronics, circuitry, and STEAM concepts through hands-on invention!

Bosler's next Tween Tech Saturday will take place on February 28 at 10:30 am.
[Registration is currently open!](#)

Spring Programming Guides Available

We have great programs happening this spring! For adults we have a local history series, Drumming for Mindfulness, a new Adult Lego Club, and much more. For kids we have monthly Tween Quest, Tween Tech Saturdays, Play and Learn Groups, and more!

View our Spring 2026
Growing Learner's
Library Booklet
(Programs for ages
birth to 17 years)

View our Spring 2026
Carlisle Institute
Booklet (Programs for
adults)



Ames Award

Congratulations to our Administrative Assistant, Leslie Shatto, for winning the Ames Award at our staff training day on January 14! The Ames Award is given to a staff person who has demonstrated work above and beyond their normal duties. Nominations for this award are made by fellow Bosler staff members.

Leslie was an integral part of Bosler's 125th Anniversary Celebration in 2025, working in the background on a variety of special projects, including our 125th Anniversary merchandise, special events, staff appreciation, and much more! It is because of Leslie's efforts, and her collegial and collaborative spirit, that we were able to add these pieces to our 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Congratulations Leslie!



Kids of the Trades (7 to 10 years)

Kids ages 7 to 10 are invited to the library to learn about the trades. This month we will explore photography. Please plan on attending all 4 sessions.

Tuesdays in February: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Registration is required, register Kids of the Trades.



Music @ Bosler: The Topper Broz

Join us for this month's Music @ Bosler featuring The Topper Broz!

The Topper Broz, Jim and Dave Topper, have been playing original and classic rock and folk songs in south central PA since forming their first band Burnt Orange in 1991. Both brothers are prolific songwriters and brother Jim has released 7 studio albums. The Topper Broz's sound has been shaped by music from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s including Buddy Holly, Everly Brothers, Beatles,

and Simon & Garfunkel (and lots of others!) and will feature acoustic guitars, vocal harmonies, and lots of fun.

Friday, January 23 at 7:00 pm

Our Music at Bosler concert series is made possible in part from the Arts for All Fund, a charitable fund of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC).

The Courts and The Community: An Educational Series for the Public

Led by judges and lawyers, this workshop will facilitate interactive conversations about the rule of law, the courts, and the Constitution. Participation is free and open to any member of the community—no prior experience or education required. This program is facilitated and organized by Dickinson College.



Below are the topics for each session:

2/4: Introduction to Federal Courts and the Rule of Law

- Presented by Judges Karoline Mehalchick and Jennifer Wilson

2/18: Structure of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights

- Presented by Judges Susan Schwab and additional presenters

3/4: Immigration Law

- Presented by Judges Sean Camoni and additional presenters

3/18: Federal Criminal Law

- Presented by Judge Malachy Mannion and additional presenters

4/1: Civil Rights Litigation

- Presented by Chief Judge Matthew Brann and additional presenters

4/15: How Judges Decide (hosted at 1 Courthouse Square)

- Presented by Judges Karoline Mehalchick and Jennifer Wilson and two Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas judges

All sessions are 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Registration is Required. [Register for The Courts and The Community.](#)

Medici.tv now available!

Last summer the Cumberland County Library System offered a "Summer Treat" of Medici.tv. We are excited to announce that it is now available for all of 2026! Medici.tv is a premier resource for classical music programming including stunning live events from the world's most prestigious halls, plus thousands of concerts, operas, ballets, and more in the video-on-demand catalog.



Medici.tv can be watched on all digital devices through their website and mobile apps. Simply enter your library card number and start watching!

Access Medici.tv today!



Drumming for Mindfulness

In this 2-part series, you'll get instruction on various drums and percussion instruments, and learn how to use them to make music, have fun, relax, and get creative. You will learn to use natural stress relief techniques that can help you feel happier and sleep better. Instruments are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own drum if you are able. No musical ability is required to participate.

Fridays: 2/6 and 2/13 (Note this is a date change from the program guide)
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Registration is required. [Register for Drumming for Mindfulness.](#)



Open Mic Nights!

Join us for an evening of artistic expression! All music-makers, poets, and comedians are welcome to perform. All community members are welcome to attend and watch!

4th Wednesday of each month
(1/28, 2/25, 4/22, 5/27)
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Open Mic Night will take place in Meeting Room A in January.

2025 at a Glance



One person visits the Library every minute

Bosler had 187,628 visitors in 2025. On average 61 patrons visit the library each hour we are open. Bosler's busiest day was Comic Con which saw 2,296 visitors.



Over 650 reference questions answered each week

Bosler staff help patrons by recommending, interpreting, evaluating, and using information resources. This includes using Bosler's online databases, physical collection, computer assistance, and more.



Over 21,000 internet uses

Bosler's internet computers were utilized over 10,000 times, plus patrons connected to Bosler's free Wi-Fi over 11,000 times.



367,443 total items checked out

This includes 3,869 items that were checked out from the pickup locker. 38% of physical checkouts were through self-checkout.



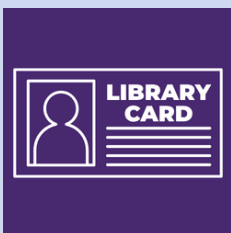
7,000 patrons served through Bosler on the Go!

Bosler visited 47 different community events in 2025 and brought library collections, programs, and services to different parts of our service area.



2,740 Library of Things checkouts

Tonies accounted for almost half of Bosler's Library of Things circulation at 1,323 checkouts. Museum passes checked out 364 times. Both items were added in 2025.

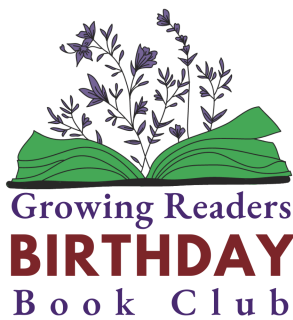


2,064 new library card holders

Bosler had 21,142 active library card holders at the end of 2025.

Growing Readers Birthday Book Club

Bosler's Growing Readers Birthday Book Club is a special service just for children from birth to 5 years of age. Register your child for the Birthday Book Club any time before



their fifth birthday, and the Library will send them a special birthday card each year! Bring that card to the Library, and we will give your child a new paperback book to keep – Bosler's birthday gift to your special reader! To participate, you must reside in Bosler's service area and register your child for a library card.

The Growing Readers Birthday Book Club is partially supported through funds received from the **United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County** and **Karns Quality Foods**.

[Sign your child up for the Growing Readers Birthday Book Club!](#)



Teen Cafe

Teens, ages 13 to 17, are invited to join us each Wednesday for an exciting game, craft, or activity! Topics will be posted in the Teen Room.

Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

No registration is required.

ADULT COLORING NIGHTS



Adult Coloring Nights

Join us the second Wednesday of each month and color! Colored pencils and coloring sheets will be provided.

February 11

March 11

April 8

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

No registration required.

Saigon 1973 - 1975: Not the Usual War Stories Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm

Many people believe the Vietnam War ended when the United States military left, but that is only partially true. Between the signing of the Paris Peace Accords on January 28, 1973, and the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, fighting between North and South Vietnam continued while several thousand American civilians, including families with young children, lived and worked in Vietnam. Karen Kaiser and Kat Fitzpatrick were among them.



Using images and personal stories—some harrowing, some humorous—Karen and Kat share their real-life experiences in Saigon during the last days of the Vietnam War. You will learn why they were invited into a critical war zone, the nature of a super-secret propaganda radio station, what challenges they faced, and how they made it out in time.

Registration is required. [Register for Saigon 1973 - 1975.](#)



Tween Quest (9 to 12 years)

Tweens ages 9 to 12 are invited to come to the library each month to try a new game, activity, or art project! We have a new topic each month, check them out below:

February - Scratch Art

March - Puff Paint T-shirts

April - Create a Planter Garden (join us in the Children's Learning Garden)

May - Cyanotypes

Monday, February 2 at 4:00 pm

Registration is required. [Register for February Tween Quest.](#)



Local History Series: Mt. Tabor Preservation Project

Join Dr. Lindsay Varner and Carmen James for a conversation on the Mt Tabor Preservation Project and their efforts to save the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the stories of residents who worshipped and used the site as a community space in Mt. Holly Springs. Since the project started, the site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Cumberland County Register of Historic Places. In 2025, it was granted a Keystone State Marker.

This program is in partnership with the Cumberland County Historical Society.

Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm

Registration is required. [Register to learn about Mt. Tabor.](#)

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BOSLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

February 11, 2026
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
40 Noble Blvd
Carlisle, PA

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Enter promo code **FUND4U** at online checkout.

Panera
FUNDRAISING



Dine to donate and help the Bosler Memorial Library! Our next dine out fundraiser will take place on February 11 at Panera Bread (40 Noble Blvd) from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Use the code FUND4U at checkout!

Storytimes

Bosler hosts regular storytimes all year long, every week! Check below to see the ages and days and times available. These storytimes do not require registration, **please drop-in!***

*Space is limited, so be sure to arrive early.



Baby Time (Birth to 18 months)

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 10:00 am

Toddler Tales (19 to 35 months)

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:15 am to 10:45 am
- and - Wednesdays from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

Preschool Storytime (3 to 6 years)

Mondays from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm - and -
Fridays from 10:30 am to 11:15 am

American Red Cross Blood Drive

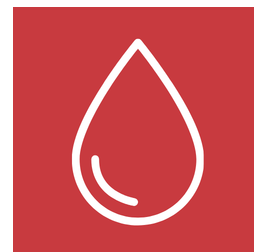
The Bosler Memorial Library is a premier Blood Drive location for the American Red Cross. Donate today and help save lives!

[Donate at one of Bosler's upcoming Blood Drives.](#)



Up to 684 lives impacted by Blood Drives in 2025

Blood Drives at Bosler collected 228 pints of blood in 2025, thanks to the process of component therapy one pint of blood can serve up to 3 different patients.



Found inside the Library!

Bosler has a brand new Train Table! Kids can find this table in our Youth Services Department.



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