



CARLISLE INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



Bosler
Memorial
Library
Empowering Lifelong Learning

Fall 2026
Program Guide



The Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning at Bosler Memorial Library

The Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning at Bosler Memorial Library (CILL) provides programs and courses to engage adults in learning at any age and stage of life.

Program Registration

You can register for programs by visiting Bosler's website event calendar and clicking on the specific program you would like to register for. Registration for fall 2026 programs opens on Monday, August 17 at 9:00 am
Call the Library at (717) 243-4642 for assistance in registering.

Benefits of Lifelong Learning: The concept of lifelong learning is about 85 years old and refers to any learning activities that continue throughout one's life (Clark, 2005). Often, this is the learning that continues beyond formal school education and beyond one's job. Within a rapidly changing and fast-moving society, lifelong learning is particularly beneficial for the following reasons:

- Cognitive decline can be slowed down or even reversed by actively engaging in learning activities throughout one's lifetime (Shaie, 2005).
- Learning begets more learning. Continued learning has various benefits for physical and mental health over the course of one's life. It is never too late to engage in learning experiences.
- Lifelong learning helps to maintain and promote brain health and cognitive function (Boulton-Lewis, 2010). As people continue to live longer, lifelong learning becomes even more important.
- Lifelong Learning sparks social engagement. People often connect with others because they want to learn from them and with them. Furthermore, people with strong social connections tend to be happier and live longer (Boulton-Lewis).
- Lifelong Learning gives us purpose; it gives us focus and a sense of fulfillment.

Boulton-Lewis, G. M. (2010). Education and learning for the elderly: Why, how, what. *Educational Gerontology*, 36(3), 213-228.

Clark, T. (2005). Lifelong, Life-Wide or Life Sentence?. *Australian Journal of Adult Learning*, 45(1), 47-62.

Schaie, K. W. (2005). What can we learn from longitudinal studies of adult development? *Research in human development*, 2(3), 133-158.



The Library will be closed September 7 and 9, November 26, and December 25. The Library will close at 5:00 pm on December 24 and 31.

Bosler Memorial Library

158 West High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013
717-243-4642

www.boslerlibrary.org

Member of the Cumberland County Library System

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friends of Bosler Memorial Library

717-243-3313

Bookery Hours

Tuesday and Thursday:

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 1:45 pm

Lavery Speaker Series

Battle Tested! Leadership Lessons for 21st Century Leaders

Presented by: Dr. Jeff McCausland

Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 pm

Registration Required

Sponsored by: Pearl Danner

Join Dr. Jeff McCausland as he provides an overview of key insights from his book “Battle Tested! Gettysburg Leadership Lessons for 21st Century Leaders” and what this offers modern leaders. As the largest battle ever fought on the North American continent, the Battle of Gettysburg demanded that the leaders of the competing armies make critical leadership decisions under enormous pressure of time and circumstances. “Battle Tested!” consists of individual chapters focused on each of the three days of the battle as well as the Gettysburg Address. Each chapter begins with a brief description of fighting at a critical moment as the battle progresses. This vignette is followed by leadership questions for the reader to ponder if they were in a leadership role at that critical juncture.

Dr. McCausland is a retired US Army Colonel who formerly served as the Dean of Academics at the US Army War College. He currently serves as a national security consultant for CBS radio and television. He routinely does analysis for CBS on issues such as Iraq, European security, arms control, or related questions of national security policy. He is currently involved in a project for the National Nuclear Security Administration focused on nuclear weapons in South Asia and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Dr. McCausland is also the founder and CEO of Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy, LLC. Diamond6 conducts executive leadership workshops for corporate, public, and non-profit leadership teams across the United States.



In memory of former Assistant Director, Public and Information Services, Dennis M. Lavery, the Bosler Memorial Library presents the Lavery Speaker Series. If you are interested in donating to the Lavery Speaker Series please contact Bosler's Development Officer, Molly Shane, CFRE. (717)243-4642 x3222; or by email at mshane@cumberlandcountylibraries.org

Bosler Tabletop Game Day!



November 21, 2026
10 AM to 1:30 PM

Celebrate International Games Month at Bosler! Grab a game from our shelves or bring one of your own to share! All ages are welcome!



**GAMES, PIZZA,
AND FUN!**



No registration required

Bosler Library COMIC CON

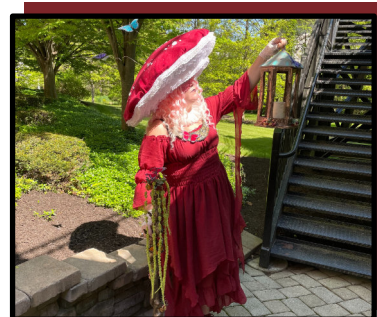
Get ready for Bosler's Comic Con with these exciting programs!

Finer Details: Cosplay Closure

Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 am

Put the finishing touches on your cosplay, just in time for Bosler's Comic Con! Join Masterclass Award Winning Cosplayer Emma Kaye and learn how to put those final pieces together to create a winning cosplay!

Emma Kaye Cosplay is a Master Class award winning Cosplayer and Creator. She has been published in multiple Cosplay publications, both for her costumes as well as her writing. Emma is very fond of Disney and Star Wars Characters, but her most recent projects were her Amanita Mushroom Fae and her Post Apocalyptic Poison Ivy. She also enjoys teaching cooking classes at the Kitchen Shoppe of Carlisle and doing resin work in her spare time.



Comic Book Art Class

Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 am

Learn how to draw comic books with Orion Zangara!

Orion Zangara is a freelance illustrator and comic book artist based near Washington, DC. He graduated from The Joe Kubert School, an institution specializing in sequential art, founded by his legendary grandfather, Joe Kubert. Orion is the illustrator of the horror Christmas anthology "Silent Nightmares," edited by Michael Bailey and Chuck Palahniuk, the author of "Fight Club." This collection of original dark holiday stories will be published in Fall 2026 by Saga Press Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster. Previously, he illustrated "The Stone Man Mysteries," a young adult horror mystery graphic novel trilogy co-written by New York Times best-selling author Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple, published by Lerner Publishing Group. Although his favorite genre is horror, he draws and loves all sorts of genres: superheroes, fantasy, science fiction, and realism. He is excited to draw whatever is required for his clients. Orion has led hundreds of drawing workshops, including those with the Loudoun County Public Libraries and Fairfax County Public Libraries! Visit his website at www.orionzangaraart.com and follow him on social media as [@orionzangaraart](https://twitter.com/orionzangaraart). You can contact him at orionzangaraart@gmail.com



Star Trek Trivia Night

Friday, October 16 at 6:00 pm

Put your Star Trek knowledge to the test in an exciting trivia challenge from Cheater's Never Prosper! The winning team will receive \$100 worth of Downtown Carlisle Association LoveBucks plus some Star Trek themed gifts.

2026

Bosler Library COMIC CON

FREE!

Join us for an exciting day of pop culture at Bosler Memorial Library!

Exciting Programs!

COSPLAY CONTEST

Categories Available

- Kids (under 13)
- Beginner (14+)
- Advanced Creators

Prizes for 1st and 2nd in each category.

Hosted and Judged by Masterclass
Award Winning Cosplayer Emma Kaye



GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout the day there will be a variety of activities and crafts for kids, teens, and adults!

PLUS...

SCAVENGER HUNTS

JEDI PERFORMANCES

TABLETOP GAMING

GREEN SCREEN PHOTOS

GAMES

...AND MORE!

Local Guests and Vendors!



MEET LOCAL ARTISTS, WRITERS, COSPLAYERS, AND BUSINESSES!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE AND
STAY UP TO DATE WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Carlisle Institute for Lifelong Learning

Check out these adult programs all year round! No registration required to attend, just stop in!

Tabletop Gaming

Every Monday at 4:30 pm

Upstairs Stickers, downstairs

Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Knitting Group

Every Thursday at 12:00 pm

Mah Jongg Club+

Every Friday at 9:30 am

Writer's Wordshop

Second and Fourth Saturdays at 10:00 am

G.R.A.N.D.S. Support Group

First Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am

Monday Night Book Group

First Monday of the month at 6:00 pm

Wicked Wednesday Book Group

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm

Just Mysteries Book Group

Fourth Friday of the month at 1:00 pm

Graphic Novel Discussion Group

Fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm

Silent Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Adult Coloring Night

Second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

+Players wishing to learn Mah Jongg are encouraged to email Maryanne Turnbaugh, volunteer facilitator for the club, prior to their first visit. This ensures we have adequate preparation and materials for teaching. maryanne.turnbaugh@yahoo.com

Spanish Conversation Groups

Improve your Spanish speaking skills at the Library! Join us each month for these casual conversation groups. Facilitated by Maria Rocio Souza (Ro). No registration required.

Beginner Group: First Wednesday of Each Month at 6:00 pm

Intermediate Group: Third Wednesday of Each Month at 6:00 pm

Ro was born in Argentina and has a degree in Politics and Law from Universidad of Buenos Aires (UBA). She studied languages at a very young age starting with English and later Italian and French.



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

(10/28, 11/25, 12/23)

5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

in the Children's Learning Garden

(Meeting Room B in case of inclement weather)

ALL AGES
WELCOME!

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Cumberland and Adams Counties

Join us for this series of programs presented in partnership with the YWCA of Cumberland and Adams Counties.

Digital Consent & Internet Safety for Those Working with Youth

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm

This workshop will equip professionals and caregivers with the tools and knowledge to educate and protect youth from online risks, while promoting healthy communication for digital consent practices and internet safety.

Elder Abuse Workshop

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 pm

This workshop provides professionals and caregivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize, prevent, and respond to various forms of elder abuse, ensuring the dignity and safety of older adults.

Human Trafficking 101

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm

This workshop provides a foundational understanding of human trafficking, including identifying the story, impact, and how to effectively identify, intervene, and support victims in various settings.

Money Matters

Thursdays: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This three part series will cover financial topics from money management, investment, retirement and more! Presented by Tim Eicholtz.

Part 1: "Money Mastery: Unlocking Financial Freedom"

Could your finances use a refresher? Learn the strategies to take control of your finances in this workshop. Put your money to work for you, so you don't have to work as hard for it! Tim will be discussing "life insurance"-how it works and why it's important, "budgeting"-how to become debt free, and "will you be ready for retirement."

Part 2: "Pathway to Prosperity: Strategic Investing Workshop"

Learn the basics of investing in this powerful workshop. Learn about the "3d's of investing", what is one of the most effective long term investment vehicles, and why now is a good time to invest, and much, much more.

Part 3: "Financial Freedom in Retirement: Successful Investing"

Learn the 3 risk areas of investing, how much money will you need to retire? How to safeguard your assets, and create an income that's guaranteed for the rest of your life and much, much more.

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Voices from the Past: A Journey of Hope

Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm

Step back to the closing days of World War II and into the early childhood memories of Herta Crull. Some of these are her personal memories. But much of this book is based on Herta's memories of stories told to her as a young child by a school friend whose mother escaped from Berlin shortly before the fall of Germany. It is the story of a journey of over 300 miles and of the adventures and hardships of a young mother as she struggled towards southern Bavaria, pushing her tiny daughter's baby carriage. Throughout her long life, Herta has always been fascinated by these true stories and thought they ought to be saved. At last, she collaborated with her friend, Margaret Pasztor, who brought these memories to life.

Herta Crull was born in Germany in 1942. She studied French and English at a German Language school. She continued her studies at Cambridge University and at the Berlitz and at Alliance Francaise language schools in Paris. In Paris, she met an American soldier whom she would marry and have two children. The family later settled in America where she would work as a translator, travel agent, and tour guide. She has also contributed articles to the women's social section in Harrisburg's newspaper, The Patriot News.

Witchcraft Trials in Early America

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm

Over a period of several centuries, individuals accused of being witches were persecuted throughout Europe. An estimated 40,000 to 100,000 people—75 percent to 80 percent of them female—were executed during that period for witchcraft. That persecution carried over to the European colonies in America. Beginning in 1626 and lasting until the 1700s, witchcraft trials were held throughout the colonies. Although the witchcraft trials held in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692 are the best remembered trials today, witchcraft trials were also held in Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. In all, 300 to 400 individuals in Britain's American colonies were accused of being witches. Between 40 and 50 of them were executed.

Mark Podvia is a member of the emeritus faculty of the Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. After retiring from Penn State, he served as Co-Director of the West Virginia University College of Law Library. He has published more than 80 articles, dedications, reviews, and indices and bibliographies in various publications including Law Library Journal, Penn State Law Review, Jus Gentium: Journal of International Legal History, The Green Bag, and A Legal Miscellanea. In 2022 he published a book, The Strange Case of Dr. Paul Schoeppe, detailing the events surrounding an 1869 murder case in Carlisle. His most recent article, published in the Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, is "Witchcraft Trials in Early America, Including Pennsylvania."

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Dementia Friends Information Session

Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 pm

Dementia Friends is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom and now underway in the United States. The goal is to help everyone in a community understand five key messages about dementia, how it affects people, and how we each can make a difference in the lives of people living with the disease. This program will describe what dementia is, how it affects people, and help you recognize how you can make a difference. Presented by Jeff Swope.

Social Security and Medicare Made Simple!

Monday, October 19 or Friday, November 6

10:00 am until 11:00 am

Join Flowers Benefit Solutions and have your questions about social security and medicare answered. Topics covered will include: medicare eligibility and enrollment, the most common social security mistakes, how to maximize your benefits, and more!

Music at Bosler

Join us for these FREE concerts! All are welcome, no registration required to attend.

All concerts run from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

August 28 - Seasons

Six siblings create a fusion of celtic and roots music on harp, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, and more!



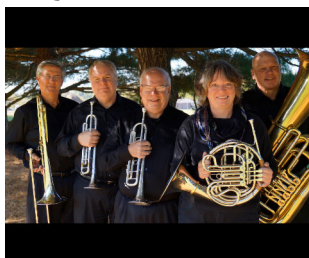
Sponsored by Chuck Kahle and Ann Fiduccia

October 23 - TBD

Join us for an evening of Bluegrass! Stay tuned as we will announce this band soon.

December 18 - Vintage Brass Quintet

Join us for our annual holiday concert featuring the Vintage Brass Quintet! They will perform a variety of secular and sacred hits.



Sponsored by Mountz Jewelers

September 25 - Carlisle Musical Arts Club

Join us for a great variety of performances by local musicians! This program will feature a wide array of instruments and compositions.



November 20 - The Redd Herrings



Join us for a local band featuring all original Americana music!

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AI SANDBOX

3rd Monday of each month, except December (9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14)
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Curious about artificial intelligence but not sure where to start? Stop by our AI Sandbox to experiment with popular AI tools in a relaxed, drop-in setting. Library staff will be available to answer questions and help you explore what AI can do.

AI 101: An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

September 15 at 11:00 am

What exactly is AI, and how is it changing the world around us? This beginner-friendly class introduces the basics of artificial intelligence, how tools like ChatGPT work, and what they can (and can't) do. Participants will have the chance to try AI themselves and learn how to use it.

AI Prompting 101: How to Talk to AI

October 13 at 11:00 am

The secret to getting great results from AI is knowing how to ask the right questions. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to write effective prompts that help AI generate better answers, ideas, and content. Participants will practice techniques that make AI tools far more useful in everyday situations.

AI For Everyday Life

November 10 at 11:00 am

Discover practical ways AI can help with everyday tasks. In this interactive session, we'll explore how AI can assist with writing emails, planning trips, organizing schedules, brainstorming ideas, and more. Participants will try real-world examples and learn how AI can save time and simplify daily life.

AI For Job Seekers

December 8 at 11:00 am

Learn how artificial intelligence can support your job search. This workshop demonstrates how AI tools can help write resumes and cover letters, prepare for interviews, and research career opportunities. Participants will practice using AI to present their skills more effectively to potential employers.

An Evening with Spero T. Lappas

Friday, November 13 at 6:00 pm

Join us as local author Spero T. Lappas talks about his newest legal thriller novel.

Dr. Spero T. Lappas is the author of the Evan Wonder series of legal thrillers, which readers have called "Fascinating," "Thrilling," "Amazing," and "Marvelous." He is also the author of three earlier personal development books and a newly published collection of children's stories entitled "Jonathan Wishful and His Adventures in Dragonland."

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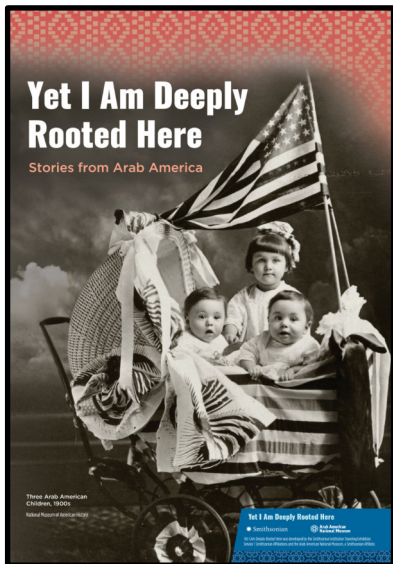
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Yet I Am Deeply Rooted Here

Stories from Arab America

On Display from November 2 to 30 in the front lobby.

For over 150 years, Arab Americans have shaped and enriched the American experience. *Yet I Am Deeply Rooted Here: Stories from Arab America* is a powerful 12-poster exhibition from the Smithsonian and the Arab American National Museum that explores the diverse journeys, cultural contributions, and enduring legacies of Arab Americans.



The exhibition's title is drawn from a 1926 poem by Kahlil Gibran, one of the most influential Arab American poets of the 20th century. Born in Lebanon in 1883 and immigrating to the United States in 1895, Gibran wrote in *To Young Americans of Syrian Origin*:

“I believe that you can say to the founders of this great nation,
Here I am, a youth, a young tree whose roots were plucked from the hills
of Lebanon,
Yet I am deeply rooted here, and I would be fruitful.”

Through personal stories, historical context, and cultural highlights, *Yet I am Deeply Rooted Here* presents the richness and complexity of Arab American life. The exhibition addresses the question of how Arab Americans identify themselves and highlights their place in US history.

Yet I am Deeply Rooted Here was developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service | Smithsonian Affiliations and the Arab American National Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate.

Bosler Free Libraries

Discover a new book at one of these libraries around
Bosler's service area!

YWCA Carlisle

Hope Station

Corner of Bedford and Penn Streets

North Middleton Park

Carlisle Tool Library

Salvation Army Senior Center

West Pennsboro Township Park

Opossum Lake



“I didn’t know the Library had that!”

Museum and Garden Passes

Use your Library card and enhance your lifelong learning! Bosler's Library of Things includes passes to local museums and gardens. These passes allow a set number of individuals to access the selected attraction, each location has their own rules for admission.

All passes check out for one week. These items can be requested and delivered to all Cumberland County Libraries.

Antique Auto Club of America (AACA) Museum

The AACA Museum, Inc. is *America's Transportation Experience*

Hershey Children's Museum

"We need more places that allow kids to be kids; that provides real learning opportunities; and is a source for unexpected fun." This statement led to the creation of Hershey Children's Museum.

The Hershey Gardens

Hershey Gardens features a breathtaking assortment of flowers and shrubs, a stately collection of rare, signature trees, and various programs designed to delight visitors.

The Hershey Story

The story of Milton S. Hershey and the town that bears his name is presented through informative museum exhibits and interactive experiences perfect for adults, families, and kids.

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park is focused on providing fun family activities and animal themed attractions for local residents and central Pennsylvania visitors to enjoy.

Lancaster Science Factory

The Lancaster Science Factory is a hands-on, interactive science center for kids in Pre-K to 8th grade and their families.

National Civil War Museum

Explore the full story of America's Civil War and its enduring legacy.

National Watch and Clock Museum

Located in Columbia, PA, this museum houses the largest collection of timepieces in North America, featuring over 13,000 items spanning from early, non-mechanical devices to modern atomic clocks.

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

See more than 100 locomotives and railroad cars on display!

Susquehanna Art Museum

Experience the arts through the Susquehanna Art Museum's programming and exhibitions.

Whitaker Center

Whitaker Center for Science and Arts is Central Pennsylvania's premier center for education and cultural enrichment.