November 2022

Upcoming Events

November Monthly Book Discussion
Please join Carolyn Cook for an in-person discussion at the library about Daniel James Brown's book, "The Boys in the Boat" on Thursday, November 10th, from 5:00-6:30pm.

"It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington’s eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys’ own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created a unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man’s personal quest."

Take a Peek at the Upcoming Books!

December 8th

November 8th is Election Day!

November 8 is General Election Day. Polls in Pennsylvania are open from 7am to 8pm.

November 1 is the last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot. Make your voice heard- get out and vote!
**Jammin’ at the Library**

Wednesdays from 11:30 am-1:30 pm Held in the Community Room

Weekly Jam Sessions are back!

We have a series of informal jam sessions with local musicians at the library. Come to play or come to listen. All are welcomed.

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**Chess Club**

Wednesday Evenings  
5:30 pm-7:50 pm  
Held in the Annex (Book Nook building)

Do you enjoy playing chess? Come join the Chess Club on Wednesdays at 5:30pm!  
No registration is required.

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**Thursday Night Knitting**

Are you a knitter who would like to meet other knitters? If you are or want to learn how to knit, come join Dottie Kurtz here at the library on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

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**Native American Heritage Month**

Native American Heritage Month recognizes the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States. Although the official national designation was made in 1990, attempts at recognition began early in the 20th century.

Today, celebrate by exploring the history of Native Americans and learning more about modern Native Americans and Indigenous Peoples. Come in to Coy Public Library and check out the works of Native American authors! You can also view the Smithsonian Institution’s online exhibition of Native American veterans.

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**Family Stories Month**

November is a great time to share family stories because many families gather together for Thanksgiving. If your stories aren’t written down, it’s easy to get started with so many people at the table to share memories.

Check out a book at your library that will help guide you with putting your stories together!

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**Announcements**
Framing History

The next time you visit us, be sure to take a stroll up the original staircase for a new display featuring the library's rich history.

Long-time patron Cindy Pimental has had one sketch and four blueprints of the Stewart House framed professionally with museum-quality glass to display on the walls of the stairwell for everyone to enjoy.

These are the original sketch and blueprints created by Bernard Starr, a famed architect of his day from Harrisburg.

The Stewarts commissioned Mr. Starr to convert the estate from Victorian to Colonial Revival in 1936. The preliminary sketch can be seen on tissue paper as you first come up the stairs, followed by a blueprint of the plot plan for the landscaping. Once on the landing, a blueprint of the first floor of the home can be seen. In 1957, the widowed Mrs. Stewart sold the estate to the Shippensburg Public Library, but not without certain contingencies.

A major condition was that it could only be altered by the same architect who had done the original remodel in 1936, Bernard Starr. He was commissioned once more to convert the building into a library.

The last two blueprints as you come up to the second floor showcase this conversion.

Regarding the task of having these historical pieces preserved, Cindy says, "It was super fun! It's a whole world, learning about framing." She added that she would like to have more framed, especially a 1935 blueprint of the Book Nook, which was at that time a garage. "The more we can do to try and preserve the integrity of the building- that's what guides me, for future generations."

Updates to Our Greenspace

We are so thankful for the generous donations from local individuals and organizations toward sprucing up our Greenspace! Our intention is for the library and community to use this space for both programming and to simply enjoy the beauty of Middle Spring Creek and the downtown area, and it is coming along nicely.

Currently, there are tables and chairs, four benches, and the ability to show movies. A pollinator garden has been planted at the bridge side entrance.

In the future, per the revitalization plan for Shippensburg, a greenway might run through the library property to King Street. This project is in its preliminary stages and might take years to complete. The entire plan for the revitalization of our community is now on the Borough of Shippensburg website.

The Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club collaborated to donate and install these new benches. Behind them, Kiwanis and Herb Bowers each provided a lovely dogwood tree.

Mr. Bowers donated the tree in memory of his grandson, Austin Springer.

Karl Zimmerman graciously donated this swamp white oak tree next to the table area.

With many thanks to Jennifer at Hillside Flowers and her two young helpers, the bridge side entrance now has two beautiful native flower gardens. The bees visited and gave their approval before we even got the flowers planted in the ground!

How lovely it will be to sit under beautiful blooms come Springtime!

Planted along King Street, the Shade Tree Commission has generously provided two of...
Closing for Staff Development Day

The Coy Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, November 9th, for Staff Development Day.

No items will be due this day.

Closing for Thanksgiving

The Coy Public Library will also be closed on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th, for Thanksgiving.

Are you looking for recipe ideas for your Thanksgiving meal? The library has a large variety of cook books for recipe inspiration!

Community Outreach

Circle of Love Sock and Undergarment Drive

Did you know that 2 in 5 American kids do not have access to socks and undergarments? The Circle of Love Sock and Clothing Drive at Shippensburg University hopes to change that, but they need YOUR help!

They are collecting new sock, underwear, and bra donations. There is a donation bin in the bridge-side vestibule that will remain until November 15th. You can also donate funds directly to their Venmo handle: RegynaG. Type "COL Donation" in the description if you use this method.

For more information or cash donations, please contact Keelan Kirchner at kk5463@ship.edu.

Food Pantry

In the opposite vestibule (Book Nook side), there is a public food pantry for all residents of Shippensburg. This project was created by the Young Democratic Socialists at Shippensburg University. Their goal was to create a resource that could be accessed by both the broader Shippensburg community and the SU campus community. Their hope is that this project promotes connectedness between all residents of Shippensburg.

The food pantry operates on a "Take What You Need; No Questions Asked" principle.

Donations are welcome and can be placed on the cart directly.

Kids' Korner

Fall 2022 Youth Services Programs

We are currently offering a variety of weekly and special programs for children ages 0-18 continuing through mid-December! Registration is encouraged for all programs, and required for monthly programs. You can register by calling, visiting the library, or by following the links in our digital flyer. There are a limited
number of spots in each in-person program, and we may be unable to accommodate walk-ins or extra registrations.

Check out our new Fall Programs!

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**Trick or Treat!**
Enjoy these photos from our Trick or Treat night!

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**Thanksgiving Family Camp**
November 22
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us for this special family program to celebrate our month of thankfulness!

We will have fun card, board and other games for families to play, and activities to enjoy along with a brief story at the beginning.

[Register here!]

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**New Fall Youth Services Programs**

**STEAM Storytime**
*Ages 3-5*
Mondays 6:00-6:30 pm
Tuesdays 11:00-11:30 am
Thursdays 4:30-5:00 pm
November 1 - December 9

This program will include 1-2 books, and then a STEAM activity related to the book(s) we read. Focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

**American Girl: Read to Pets**
*Ages 6-11*
1st Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm
Nov 3 | Dec 1

Join us for this new program featuring time to read the American Girl books with and to stuffed animals from the books! We are so excited to introduce this program!

**Chapter Book Club**
*Ages 7-12*
Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm
November 2 - December 14

Join us for this weekly program, which will have participants reading through chapters between meetings and coming together to talk about the chapters, ask questions, and participate in activities related to what they are reading.

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**Photos from our Preschool Story Time**

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**Teens**

**Teen Scene**
Every Thursday at 3:00 pm
Hang out and enjoy activities such as games, movies, holiday parties, and more!
Ages 12-18 welcomed.
Register

The Book Nook

November Special at the Book Nook
Most Softcover Books are Buy One Get One Free!

- Tuesdays: 5pm - 7pm
- 1st Thursday of the month: 9am - 7pm
- Other Thursdays: 10am - 12pm & 5pm - 7pm
- Fridays: 9am - 12pm
- Saturdays: 10am - 2pm

Friends of the Coy Library

Friends Coffee Hour
Fridays
9:00-11:00 am
Join the Friends for coffee at the Annex!
Come see what the Friends do to support the library. Please park on King St. if attending Coffee Hour!

Resources

COVID-19 Updates
The CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination, including all primary series doses and boosters for their age group.

Unsure how to locate and schedule a vaccine or a booster shot?
Visit gohelp.org/vaccine for a free tutorial.

NextReads Newsletters
Looking to find your next read? Subscribe to NextReads newsletters which will offer you the newest books to read for specified topics (Kids' Books, Mystery Books, History & Current events, Home & Garden, Nature & Science, Audiobooks, etc.).

Skill-Up PA
SkillUp™ PA is a completely free initiative designed to help job seekers explore career pathways, view local job postings, register for free online learning, and receive workforce services. The initiative is being led by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry and PA CareerLink®.
**Hours**
- Mon-Thurs: 9am - 8pm
- Friday: 9am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 5pm
- Sunday: Closed

**Mission Statement**
The Coy Public Library of Shippensburg exists to provide cultural vitality and lifelong learning through open access to reading, reference, programs, and community space.

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