

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES



A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mr. Pastie fundraiser! Tickets must be redeemed at Mr. Pastie between April 1 and June 29, 2024.

Our Silent Auction will take place between April 15 and May 4. There are 14 items including small appliances, cookware, purses, and more. All are displayed on the first floor of the library. Stop in to place your bids!

Book Madness

We took March Madness and made it all about books! We've compiled the top (sweet) 16 books from our three collections and want your votes to select the winner. Stop in each week to help your favorites advance to the next round.

Final 4 voting runs March 27 – April 6 and the winners will be announced on Monday April 8.

Preschool Storytime

The winter Preschool Storytime Program will meet on **April 10 & 24** beginning at 10:30 am.

This free program will consist of themed stories, crafts and singing with musical instruments. Registration is required by the Monday prior to the program. Each registered child will be provided with a craft kit. Please call the library to join our group.

Stay tuned in May for more information on our Summer Fun with the Library program!

Thank you to those who have donated to our patron mailing fundraiser

Since our last publication, the following donors have contributed to our ongoing patron mailing fundraiser:

- Jeanette Andrew
- Judy & Bobby Hahn
- Nancy Hower
- Debra Hughes
- John & Maria McCartney
- Dawn Sutter

Hours

**Monday: 10am-noon
6-8pm**

Tuesday: 10am-noon

Wednesday: 10am-noon

**Thursday: 10am-noon
6-8pm**

Friday: 10am-noon

Saturday: 10am-noon

ALL late fines have been waived.

Please consider placing your donation in the jar at the desk.

Donations

We are now accepting book donations - but you must call the library manager to make an appointment. We ask that only books in good condition are considered for the library.

Book Review:

The Last Caretaker by Jessica Strawser

Reviewed by Judy Piper

After her divorce, Katie is invited by her best friend to become the caretaker at a nature preserve in Cincinnati. Katie accepts the job, packs up her belongings and moves to Ohio.

When she gets there, she finds that previous caretaker, Grace, left most of her possessions at the farmhouse. As Bess helps her clean up the house, Katie begins to have questions and doubts about why Grace left.

When she begins work, she soon realizes she is overwhelmed by the job. And Jude, a handyman, seems to always be around.

One night a strange woman comes to her door seeking help. Not knowing what is really going on, she searches the house for clues. But who can she tell and who can she trust?

As time passes, she wonders what really happened to Grace and how much is she willing to do to continue being a caretaker.

Next BMCL Board Meeting: April 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."
- Andrew Carnegie

It is our mission to provide the residents of the Pen Argyl Area School District with resources and programs to meet their educational, personal and cultural needs to encourage lifelong learning and love of reading.

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Happy National Volunteer Week!

April 21-27

Each year, we celebrate our volunteers during the month of April.

This library could not serve our community without the 28 adults who donate their time to our mission. Please thank our volunteers today. They check in/out your items, shelve books, straighten shelves, work fundraisers and serve on the board of directors. The library employs one part time employee.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in joining our group, applications are available at the front desk. Adult volunteers are required to work a minimum of two shifts per month.

Help your library and community by becoming a volunteer.

BMCL Book Group

The following titles have been selected for the remainder of the year 2024:

April 9: Book Tasting—each member should present a book of their choice and "sell" it to the group

May 14: *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas (young adult fiction/banned book)

June 11: *The President's Wife*, Tracey E. Wood (historical fiction)

July 9: *Maid*, Stephanie Land (non-fiction)

August 13: *Hello, Beautiful*, Ann Napolitano (adult fiction)

September 10: *Tom Lake*, Ann Patchett (adult fiction)

October 8: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, Shelby Van Pelt (adult fiction)

November 12: *The Women*, Kristin Hannah (historical fiction)

The group will not meet in December, 2024.

Join us at 6:30 on the first floor of the library.