

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES



A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Upcoming Fundraisers

The Slate Pub: Tuesday, October 8, noon–10 p.m., a portion of sales from dine-in and take-out orders will be donated to the library.

Silent Auction: Monday, October 7–Saturday, October 26, all items are new and displayed on the first floor.

Christmas Tree ornaments: Friday, November 1–Tuesday, December 31, purchase an ornament to honor a loved one and help decorate our tree!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our author luncheon and congratulations to Louise DeFranco who placed the winning bid on the quilted throw.

Preschool Storytime

The Fall Preschool Storytime Program will meet the following Wednesday mornings in October & November:

October 9 and 23

November 5 and 20

This free program will consist of themed stories, crafts and singing with musical instruments. Each registered child will be provided with a craft kit.

Register by calling the library.

BMCL Book Group

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

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.

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: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Review by Judy Piper

This book is about Tova, a woman working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium and Marcellus, a great Pacific octopus living there.

Tova began working after her husband died and at the same time was still trying to recover from the loss of her son thirty years prior. During her cleaning shift, she becomes friendly with all the inhabitants, especially Marcellus. He seems to know what she is saying as she talks to him. Now Cameron appears on the scene. Why is he there and how will the two of them connect?

Octopi are smart creatures but we do not know if they can match Marcellus.

I found this story to be charming, entertaining and enlightening.

*"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."
- J. K. Rowling*

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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Book Review: The Women by Kristen Hannah

Review by Judy Piper

Frankie McGrath is a twenty-year-old nursing student who joins the army to go to Vietnam where her brother went after graduating from the Naval Academy.

Frankie grew up in southern California living a pampered life. Overseas, she is dropped into a nightmare that never ends. Finally, when she comes home, no one wants to talk about her experience. She eases her pain with alcohol. Most people do not know she was even there but also believe women did not participate in that war.

As she recovers, it is not until she visits the Vietnam Memorial in D. C. that she begins to understand all her trauma.

I could relate to this story as I grew up in the 60s.. A college friend left our freshman year to enlist in the Navy, a high school classmate was killed, and I stayed up to watch the draft lottery so I could see what number my brother was assigned. It was a tumultuous time.

This month, our featured collection is all things voting! Check out our displays, and don't forget to vote on November 5, 2024!



Our next board meeting is
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:30
pm.