

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES

A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Ornament Fundrasier

Now through December 31, purchase an ornament to honor a loved one and help decorate our tree! Ornaments are \$5 each.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraisers in October. Our night at the Slate Pub and Silent Auction were both very successful. We appreciate your support of our fundraisers throughout the year.

Be an Angel Campaign

We are listed in the 2024 Be An Angel Campaign sponsored by The Morning Call.

Our requests for this year are:

- Gift cards to: Amazon, Staples and Weis Markets
- White or color copy paper
- #10 White envelopes
- First Class Postage Stamps

All donations are very much appreciated.

Preschool Storytime

The Fall Preschool Storytime Program will meet the following Wednesday mornings in November and December:

November 6 and 20
December 4 and 18

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

BMCL Book Group

The final BMCL book club meeting is as follows:

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

Holiday Hours:

We will be closed on Thursday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal hours will resume on Friday, November 29.

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.

Volunteer with us!

We are always in need of adult volunteers!

Without our volunteers, this library would not exist. They check-in/out items, shelve books, straighten shelves, work fundraisers, and serve on the board of directors. The library has one part-time employee, and the rest of the work is done strictly by volunteers.

If you would like to become a volunteer and give back to your community, applications are available at the front desk.

Adult volunteers are required to work a minimum of two shifts per month.

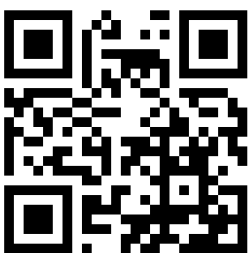
"The Library was a magical place that gave me – a kid from a tiny town – a window on the whole world. I've never lost that feeling. And I've never felt more strongly that every child deserves that same window on the world."

–Malcolm Gladwell

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.

**Our next board meeting is
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at
6:30 pm.**

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Book Review:

Limitless

by Mallory Weggeman

Review by Lisa Farnan

Mallory Weggeman has been a swimmer since she was seven, and later an Olympic athlete. At the age of 18, a routine medical procedure left Mallory paralyzed from her waist down. No one would have predicted this outcome from an epidural injection treatment, the last in a series of three.

Facing years of doubt, challenges, and training she moved forward to live this new normal her life had become. Between 2010 and 2019 she succeeded in her sport, despite her many challenges. In 2010, Mallory broke eight world records, and by the 2012 Paralympic Games, she held 15 world records and 34 American records. In 2014, she fell and severely damaged her left arm resulting in two surgeries and continuous rehabilitation.

In 2019, she won two gold medals and a silver medal at the World Para Swimming Championships. Throughout this journey, she was always supported and encouraged to move forward. Her family's motto, "good overcomes," was shared often, sometimes questioned, but always true. With love, commitment, and encouragement from her family and friends, Mallory found a way to persevere through the difficulties she faced daily.

In this inspirational book, she shares the path she followed to push herself through the many obstacles that stood in her way. Her message is clear: do not give up, "because when we refuse to accept every boundary that hems us in--physical, emotional, or societal--we become limitless."

If you have readers on your list, shop the Book Nook for gently-used books looking for a new home!

