

NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES

A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library

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Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who supported us by purchasing an ornament to help decorate our tree or donating an item in need through The Morning Call's Be an Angel campaign. We are so grateful to every one of you.

Thank you to Pen Argyl Borough, Plainfield Township, and Wind Gap Borough for supporting us throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraisers in 2024. We appreciate your support of the library and can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!

Preschool Storytime

The winter Preschool Storytime Program will meet the following Wednesday mornings in January and February:

January 8 and 22
February 5 and 19

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

BMCL Book Group

The following titles have been selected for 2025:

January 14: Book Tasting – each member will present a book of their choice and share a synopsis of that selection

February 11: *The Day the World Came to Town*, Jim Defede

March 11: *A Calamity of Souls*, David Baldacci

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

**Reminder:
Our library policy
requires all patrons to
present their library card
to check out items.**

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.

Make it your New Year's Resolution to volunteer and help your community!

"A library is a house of hope. It's a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams."

– Doug Wilhelm

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, January 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Visit our website:



Visit us on Facebook:



Favorites of 2024

We asked our volunteers to share their favorite read of 2024. Check out their top books:

- *All the Colors of the Dark*, Chris Whitaker
- *The Women*, Kristin Hannah
- *After Annie*, Anna Quindlen
- *The Sequel*, Jean H. Koretitz
- *The Frozen River*, Ariel Lawhon
- *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah
- *The Golden Girl*, Elin Hildabrant
- *The Lost Summer of Newport*, Beatriz Williams
- *Small Great Things*, Jodi Picoult
- *The Senator's Wife*, Liv Constantine

Join our board

We are searching for community-minded residents of Pen Argyl, Plainfield Township, and Wind Gap who are interested in serving on the Blue Mountain Community Library board of directors.

As a board member, you will make decisions for library policies and spending, plan and facilitate fundraisers throughout the year, and attend meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

If interested, we encourage you to apply. If preliminarily approved, a copy of the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance are required.

If you would like to serve your local library and community in this way, please contact Lisa at 610-863-3029.

In 2024, the library board waived all fines on overdue materials. Please remember to return items promptly so they can be shelved for others. If you are returning something late, please consider leaving a donation in the jar at the front desk.