

# NOVELS, NEWS & NOTES



A newsletter of the Blue Mountain Community Library  
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## April Fundraisers

### Mr. Pastie

April 1-19

Tickets can be purchased at the library and redeemed at Mr. Pastie. Each ticket is \$7, with choices of beef (with or without onion), veggie, and chicken. Tickets can then be redeemed between May 1-July 31, 2025.

### Silent Auction

April 1-26

Items are on display in the library and include over 20 kitchen items, travel bags, decor, and more. The highest bidder of each will be notified on April 28.

*Thank you to Potsy's on Broadway and Surv Restaurant for hosting our March fundraisers, and thank you to everyone who participated and supported the library!*

## Children's Programs

The spring Preschool Storytime Program will meet on April 2, 16, and 30.

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

Our Summer Fun with the Library program will return from June-August. More information to come!



## BMCL Book Group

**April 15:** *A Calamity of Souls*, David Baldacci

**May 13:** *The Book Women of Troublesome Creek*, Kim Richardson

**June 10:** *The Second Life of Mirielle West*, Amanda Skenandore

**July 8:** *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, James McBride

**August 12:** *The First Ladies*, Marie Benedict

**September 9:** *The Briar Club*, Kate Quinn

**Join us at 6:30 on the first floor of the library. Due to limited space, RSVP through Thursday before the meeting.**

## Hours

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

**Tuesday: 10am-noon**

**Wednesday: 10am-noon**

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

**Friday: 10am-noon**

**Saturday: 10am-noon**

**Our annual mailing has been sent! Your financial support enables us to serve this community. Please consider donating; your generosity is truly appreciated.**

## 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.**

## Hitting the shelves in April

Check out the newest additions to our collection this month.

### Adult Fiction

- *The Stolen Queen*, Fiona Davis
- *Open Season*, Jonathan Kellerman
- *Battle Mountain*, C.J. Box
- *All Our Tomorrows*, Catherine Bybee
- *The Finders Keepers Library*, Annie Rains
- *We All Live Here*, Jojo Moyes
- *The Business Trip*, Jessie Garcia
- *A Season of Perfect Happiness*, Maribeth Fischer
- *The Queens of Crime*, Marie Benedict

### Adult Large Print

- *Coffee at the Beach House Hotel*, Judith Keim

**Reminder: our policy requires all patrons to present their library card to check out items. Also, we can only accept payments made by cash or check.**

*"The library is just a candy store where everything is free."*  
–Jamie Ford

*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, April 15, at 6:30 pm

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## Book Review:

### The Wedding People, Alison Espach

*Review by Katie Farnan*

Phoebe Stone's life is not going as she envisioned. She feels like she's at rock bottom and books a stay at the Cornwall Inn in Rhode Island, a trip she has always dreamed of taking with her husband. She arrives in an emerald dress, gold heels, and with no luggage, as she didn't plan on needing much for the trip.

It just so happens that the Cornwall Inn is fully booked for a wedding, and Phoebe's reservation slipped through the cracks by accident. She is quickly swept into the lore of the wedding crowd, and an unexpected encounter with the bride changes the course of her time in Rhode Island and her life.

The *Wedding People* had me enthralled from the start. The sarcastic and witty humor lightened Phoebe's internal struggles, while the stark personality differences between her and the bride laid the foundation for a beautiful friendship. This book serves as a reminder of how life can pivot on a dime.

### Friendly reminder to use "book manners" with your library books.

- **The spine will break if you fold it, and the pages will fall out.**
- **Books can be easily damaged by water, food, and drinks.**
- **A bookmark should be used to hold your place—please do not fold the pages.**

**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.**