

# THE BOOKMARK



CENTRE COUNTY LIBRARY & HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S  
NEWS, EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM RENAMED AND REBRANDED



The COVID-19 pandemic encouraged Library staff to create a new summer program that our patrons can experience in-person, virtually, or a combination of both. Branded as Summer Library Pursuit, and patterned loosely on the Trivial Pursuit board game, patrons have many ways to participate. Reading, attending virtual programs, and completing activities are ways to earn raffle tickets to put towards some great end-of-summer prizes. The program kicks off

on June 21 when registration opens and wraps up July 31. Raffle prize winners will be drawn on August 2. All prizes must be picked up at your local branch's circulation desk. To sign up, or to find more information, visit the [Summer Library Pursuit webpage](#).



Some of the prizes up for grabs for SLP participants.



Tails and Tales is this year's theme, and we will have fun activities and weekly kits for all ages (PreK through adult). Participants can print program material from the website, but we also have some fun surprises in the kit boxes for people who stop by their local library branch each week. Supplies are limited, so plan to stop by early in the week! Watch our social media and website for other details and program announcements and challenges. Some of our virtual events will require an RSVP, so check back often.

## Weekly Themes

### PreK, Elementary, Teen

- Week 1 Fairytale and Fantasy
- Week 2 Ocean Animals
- Week 3 Pets
- Week 4 Zoo Animals
- Week 5 Farm Animals
- Week 6 Useful Tails

### Adult

- Week 1 Cocktails
- Week 2 Whale and Mermaid Tails
- Week 3 Pets
- Week 4 Airplane Tails
- Week 5 Tailing a Suspect
- Week 6 Coattails

## INTRODUCING LAURA SARGE

Children's Librarian, Youth Services and Outreach



Laura started her career at Centre County Library and Historical Museum by working part time for our branches in Centre Hall and Penns Valley; she then piloted the Outreach program, managed the Bookmobile, and eventually obtained her dream position as Youth Services Librarian. Laura received Bachelors degrees in Elementary Education and English from PSU and went on to get her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Children's Literature and a K-12 Librarian Certification. Laura has worked with children for many years, and it was in her work in Montessori that she discovered

a love of sharing picture books with children. Laura struggled with reading as a child and has made it a personal mission to spark excitement for reading in kids by sharing engaging and entertaining reads through story times and by talking with parents and children to offer recommendations. Laura loves working with the community and offering engaging programs, but her favorite part of the job is researching and selecting materials to build the youth collections at each of our Library's locations.

Laura grew up in State College but has lived in Bellefonte for almost 10 years coming to love the tightknit community of small-town-living. She lives with her husband, Ben, her two daughters, Lila and Dahlia, and their cats.

Check out the last page of this newsletter to find Laura's getting-to-know-you interview.

## CENTRE GIVES WRAP UP

Area non-profits participated in the 10th annual Centre Gives campaign on May 11-12. The online giving event gives local organizations the chance to raise money and earn part of a



\$300,000 stretch pool. Once again, our very generous community showed their support with record-breaking donations! Centre County Library & Historical Museum had 141 donors who gave \$20,760. This doesn't include our prize winnings or percentage of the stretch pool.

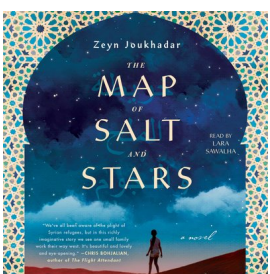
Thank you to everyone who made this year's event a success.

## BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT CENTRE HALL AREA BRANCH LIBRARY



Stop by the library lawn (109. W Beryl St., Centre Hall) to grab a deal on books and to support the library. The Centre Hall Area Branch Library Association is sponsoring the sale on Friday, June 25, from 8am-3pm and Saturday, June 26, from 8am-2pm. All proceeds support the Centre Hall Branch.

## VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, June 16, at 6:30pm to discuss **The Map of Salt and Stars** by Zeyn Joukhadar. Space is limited, so [RSVP](#) if you wish to attend.

About the book: This “beguiling” (Seattle Times) and stunning novel begins in the summer of 2011. Nour has just lost her father to cancer, and her mother moves Nour and her sisters from New York City back

to Syria to be closer to their family. In order to keep her father’s spirit alive as she adjusts to her new home, Nour tells herself their favorite story—the tale of Rawiya, a twelfth-century girl who disguised herself as a boy in order to apprentice herself to a famous mapmaker.

But in Syria, change is coming, and it isn’t long before the war reaches their quiet neighborhood. When a shell destroys Nour’s house and almost takes her life, she and her family are forced to choose: stay and risk more violence or flee across seven countries of the Middle East and North Africa in search of safety—along the very route Rawiya and the mapmaker took eight hundred years before in their quest to chart the world. As Nour’s family decides to take the risk, their journey becomes more and more dangerous, until they face a choice that could separate their family forever.

Following alternating timelines and a pair of unforgettable heroines coming of age in perilous times, *The Map of Salt and Stars* is the “magical and heart-wrenching” (Christian Science Monitor) story of one girl telling herself the legend of another and learning that, if you listen to your own voice, some things can never be lost. (Amazon)

## FILM DISCUSSION GROUP



The month of June bring a special double-feature to the Film Discussion Group. Participants will watch both an original and remake version of a film and have a chance to discuss them both via Zoom.

Participants should watch the movie beforehand on their preferred online platform or disc and come ready to chat. Space is limited, so [RSVP](#) to attend.

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# HOLT MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECEIVES SILVER STAR IN FINANCIAL LITERACY



The Pennsylvania Library Association sponsors the PA Forward Star Library Program, a literacy initiative to recognize libraries that are committed to positioning the library as a center of information, technology, and learning that fuels in educational and economic for their community. Participating libraries move through the bronze, silver, and gold star achievement levels by developing and hosting programs supporting basic, information, health, financial and civic

and social literacies, partnering with local community organizations and connecting people with resources and information.

Congratulations to the Holt Memorial Library in Philipsburg for receiving the Silver Star in Financial Literacy. Under the leadership of branch manager, Theresa Hutton, the staff of the Holt Memorial Library displayed books and other resources that help people better understand, manage, and improve their own financial situation.

For more information about PA Forward and the Star Library Program, visit their [website](#).



**Budgeting**

Set financial goals

- Are you saving for a vacation? A car? A house?
- Do you want to save \$10,000 for your emergency fund?
- Think about different goals.

Find a method that works for you. Here are two common ones:

- The 70 / 20 / 10 method
  - Set aside 70% of you paycheck for monthly bills
  - Put back 20% into your savings
  - Allow 10% for spending
- The Weekly Method
  - Write the numbers 1-52 on notecards or envelopes
  - Each week, draw a card or envelop
  - The number on the card or envelop is how many dollars you save that week

Track your expenses. You can use a chart similar to this one:

Date	Expense	Amount

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PA FORWARD PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES

# CENTRE COUNTY ROAD PETITIONS IN RESEARCH

Saturday, June 12

10am

Zoom presentation



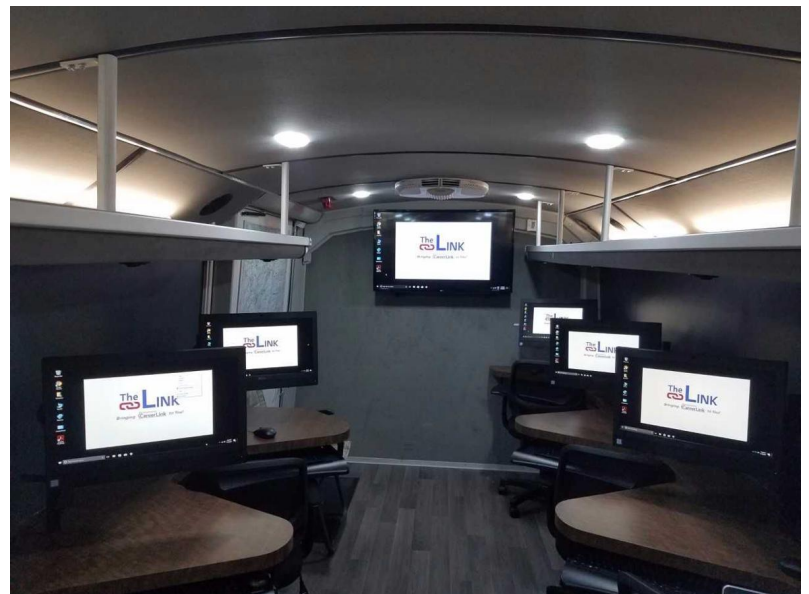
We use roads almost every day, and we can benefit by knowing how most Centre County roads came into being over time. Historically, citizens signed petitions to county Court for public and private roads to be established. Road petition documents are a valuable and largely unknown government record that can be helpful for Centre County local history or genealogy research. In the same record group, you can also find petitions for other purposes, such as changes of township boundaries. Join us for "Centre County Road Petitions in Research" to learn the basics about these historic records and how they can be used to supplement your research.

This class will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. After you submit your [registration information](#), you will receive an email with details for the program.

## MOBILE CAREER CENTER TO VISIT CENTRE HALL AND HOLT

The Link, an ADA accessible mobile career center, is set to visit the Centre Hall Area Branch Library and Holt Memorial Library. The public is welcome to come explore the vehicle which has seven computers, internet access and a presentation screen. The goal of The Link is to offer professional services like job matching, career guidance, workforce training and employer recruitment.

The Link will be parked outside of Centre Hall Library on Monday, June 28, from 10am-2pm. The visit to Holt is schedule for Wednesday, June 30, from 10am-2pm. Feel free to stop by and explore.



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# Getting to know LAURA SARGE



- If you could only choose one song to play every time you walked into a room for the rest of your life, what would it be? *Don't Stop Me Now by Queen*
- If Hollywood made a movie about your life, whom would you like to see play the lead role as you? *Anne Hathaway (I think she could represent my various moods pretty well)*
- What was your favorite summer reading theme? I was really excited for "Imagine Your Story" as there were so many awesome program ideas and ways to engage the community...maybe we can do that one again post pandemic.
- What SLP activity are you most looking forward to? I am looking forward to seeing how the community engages with our hybrid program this year. I really like the concepts that we designed and I think that people will have a lot of fun exploring our take home kits and online content without feeling pressured to attend things at specific times.
- What's your favorite storytime book? Well this question is impossible...there are too many good ones! I like to pick silly stories that will get kids laughing and loving books—things by Gregg Pizzoli and Bob Shea (and so many others). I also love books that rhyme (especially Karma Wilson) or that give me a chance to work in sign language.
- If you had unlimited resources, what would be your dream library program? I love to make things and have seen some other library's doing some cool programming with maker spaces of all kinds of variations. I also like teaching practical skills—learning how to use a sewing machine for example. I also enjoy working towards being more mindful of waste—so programs where people would learn about ways that they can cut down on their daily trash with reusable products that they can make at home.
- If you could choose a future SLP theme or slogan, what would it be? I honestly do not like themes; though themes help to focus my program planning, I often feel limited in the books that I can choose to support the themes. So, I would say a theme that was broadly library focused.
- What was the last book you read? Adult book: "The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires" by Grady Hendrix, YA book: "#NoEscape" by Gretchen McNeil, Juvenile: Graphic Novel "The Sprite and the Gardener" by Rii Abrego & Joe Whitt, and Picture Book: "Noodle Bear" by Mark Gravas
- What skill would you like to master? I wish that I could play the piano. I am the type of person who gets frustrated when I am not immediately good at something, and music has always been a struggle for me—but I love to sing and I think that I would be really happy to sit down and play a song while I sing my heart out.
- What fad or trend do you hope comes back? Are space buns not cool now? I was pretty pumped when space buns came back. As a 90's kid, I'll say anything from the Delia's catalog...except super flared jeans that get soaked all the way up to your knee when it rains; I'll keep my skinny jeans, thanks.

