

THE BOOKMARK



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

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NATURE NARRATIVES BOOK GROUP

Introducing a book club about nature where book discussions happen *in* nature. Led by Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Beth Clark, the club will read four books each year and meet outdoors to discuss each book while enjoying a related outdoor activity.



The first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 19 at 1 pm with the location to be determined. The first book up for discussion is **The Curious Naturalist: Nature's Everyday Mysteries** by Sy Montgomery.



INTRODUCING CARL INGLESBY

Secretary-Treasurer, CCLHM Board of Trustees

Carl Inglesby grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, somehow enduring fall, winter and spring in the suburbs. His formative summers were spent on a small island on the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence River. Carl fondly remembers many days spent with a book reading in a small sleeping cabin perched on a bluff overlooking 40 Acres Shoal and misses those summers where the most pressing issue was what book to read next.

Carl moved to Centre County in the 70's because of Penn State and stayed mainly because each season has so much to offer in this area if you like to venture outside. Presently, he works for a small mutual insurance company and is counting the days to retirement. Libraries - and specifically librarians - have been an important part of his life and when he was asked to join the Centre County Library & Historical Museum Board, he didn't have to give it much thought. *Learn more about Carl on page three.*

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS IS BACK!

If you have a struggling reader in your household, consider signing up for Tail Waggin' Tutors. Children who participate in Tail Waggin' Tutors get to have a ten-minute reading session with a friendly, non-judgmental reading buddy! To register, call Centre County Library in Bellefonte (814-355-1516) and sign up for a spot during our upcoming tutoring sessions on Thursday August 12 between 3:00-4:30 and on Thursday, August 26 between 3:00-4:30.



SUMMER LIBRARY PURSUIT WRAP-UP



This year's renamed and reimagined Summer Library Pursuit was one for the books! Our staff had a great time planning activities and contents for library participants of all ages.

This year's program which was a hybrid: we blended previous years' formats, giving participants the choice to participate in person, online, or a little bit of both.

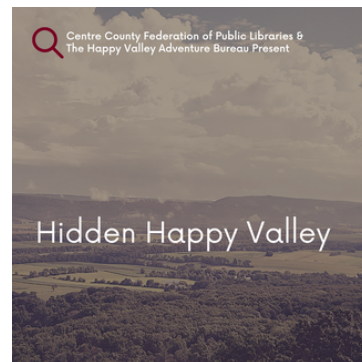
Some highlights from the program included working with PAWS,

a fun and informative video from Shaver's Creek, cookie decorating with Delectable Delights by Heather, and an historical walking tour provided by Local Historia. Participants earned raffle tickets by reading or by participating in fun activities, and used those tickets to enter to win great end-of-summer prizes.

We can't wait to hear what you thought about the Summer Library Pursuit! Your feedback is essential for us to keep improving the summer program for all ages, so please be sure to complete the surveys sent home in your activity kits or linked in this newsletter. [Youth Survey](#) [Adult Survey](#)

HIDDEN HAPPY VALLEY

Our new web series, [Hidden Happy Valley](#), gives you a glimpse into local history without leaving your living room or computer desk. Part virtual tour, part entertaining presentation, Hidden Happy Valley teaches us about the lesser-known history right down the road. After you watch an episode, you can plan a visit in person - each site is open for visits from the public!



In June, Hidden Happy Valley took us to the Old Mud Church in Philipsburg, and in July, it took us to Curtin Village and Eagle

Ironworks in Howard. Check out these ten-minute episodes, as well as Episode 3 (premiering on August 28th!) on our [YouTube Channel](#). What lesser-known site do you think we will we visit next?

Hidden Happy Valley is created in a partnership with our friends at Schlow Centre Region Library, the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau, and Local Historia.

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO



Friday August 20th 2:30-3:30
For ages 6-18

Join us in the Bellefonte Community Children's Garden (or in Centre County Library's Community Room if there's rain) to play rounds of BINGO. If you win a round, you get to choose a prize! The prizes will be various school supplies like backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, markers, pens.



FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, August 6, 1pm via Zoom
[Trailer](#)

Watch the movie prior to the group so that you can bring your questions and observations to share with the group. Space is limited, so [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

To Catch a Thief is Rated PG. The movie is directed by Alfred Hitchcock and stars Cary Grant and Grace Kelly. The movie is about a retired jewel thief who sets out to prove his innocence after being suspected of returning to his former occupation.

VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, August 18, 6:30pm via Zoom

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Soon to be a major motion picture produced by Reese Witherspoon, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is the smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes. . . The only way to survive is to open your heart. (Amazon)



Space is limited. [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend.

COMING SOON!

We're excited to share that we are planning to resume full in-house services including expanded hours and some in-house programs and events at our libraries beginning on Tuesday, September 7th. Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter where we'll share more information.

September is
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SIGN-UP
MONTH!

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Getting to know

CARL INGLESBY



- What would you pick if you could choose your own superpower? That is a weighty decision to choose a superpower. I think I would be torn between choosing something altruistic or something like being able to fly and hunt like a kingfisher.
- If you had to delete all but three apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep? I am a borderline luddite, and I would be okay with deleting all my apps on my phone. If I had to keep 3 it would probably be podcasts, weather, and photo apps.
- What skill do you think everyone should have? Empathy
- What's the weirdest food you've ever eaten? My wife is an adventurous cook and I eat weird food everyday according to my office mates. A good world traveler is always open to trying new and exotic foods. While eating Dim Sum in Hong Kong I was told that one of the dishes I had eaten contained something that makes me squeamish to this day.
- Which actor would you want to play you in the movie about your life? I am a fan of Meryl Streep, maybe her or Dustin Hoffman.
- What are you reading right now? I have several books started; right now, I am reading "Fire Season- Field Notes From a Wilderness Lookout" by Philip Connors.
- If you had to play one album forever which one would it be? John Prine "In Spite of Ourselves"
- You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest? Joshua Slocum; one of the first if not the first sailor to circumnavigate the globe single handed.
- If you had to teach a class on one thing, what would you teach? Sailing
- If you were stranded on a desert island, what three items would you want to have with you? The Bellefonte library, my wife, and my cat