

THE BOOKMARK



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

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FAMILY HISTORY MONTH



Did you know that October is National Family History Month? It's the perfect time to talk about family history with your loved ones, or to get started with genealogy. We're celebrating all month long - we hope that you'll join us!

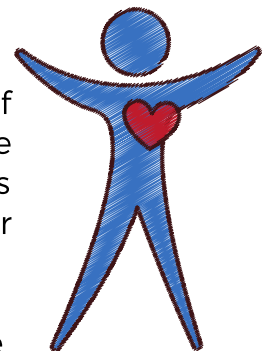
Interested in live virtual programs and discussions? Join us for [Genealogy for Beginners](#) on Friday, October 1st; a [Family History Coffee Chat](#) on Wednesday October 6th; [Ancestry Library Edition for Beginners](#) on October 12th; and

[Lessons Learned: A Cautionary Tale of Common Genealogical Mistakes](#) on Wednesday, October 20th. We're also piloting [Book-A-Librarian Genealogy Consultations](#)! Sign up for a one-on-one virtual reference appointment with a librarian.

There are lots of other ways to celebrate National Family History Month beyond live classes. You can try recording an interview with a family member on [StoryCorps Connect](#). Interested in classes but can't attend live? Check out our recorded programs on [YouTube](#). Or maybe you're ready to get your hands into genealogy -- [make an appointment](#) to visit to our genealogical and historical reference library, the Pennsylvania Room!

OCTOBER IS HEALTH LITERACY MONTH

October is Health Literacy Month, a time to recognize the importance of making health information easy to understand and the health care system easier to navigate. Understanding health literacy improves health outcomes and helps you make informed decisions about your health!



If someone struggles to understand health literacy, statistically, they are more likely to skip important medical tests, have a harder time living with conditions, and visit the emergency room more often. Learn more about health literacy at your library! There are many books available that explain health conditions, as well as others about navigating the health care industry. If you prefer finding information online, check out information on [POWER Library's Health and Wellness section](#).

INTRODUCING ROBBIN DEGERATU

Administrative Director, Centre County Library & Historical Museum



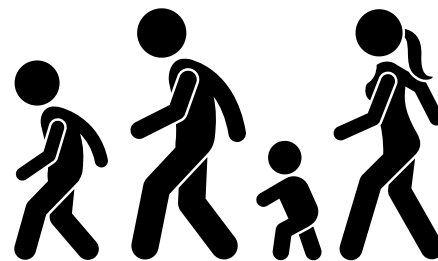
Robbin Degeratu is the Administrative Director at Centre County Library & Historical Museum. She manages the Pennsylvania Room and the Historical Museum, and also works as an administrative librarian. Robbin grew up in Ferguson Township, then moved away to attend college at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Next, she completed graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After finishing school, Robbin returned to Centre County to be closer to loved ones.

Robbin and her husband live in Bellefonte, and spend as much time as they can traveling, especially outside of the United States. When she's at home, you can usually find Robbin in her kitchen whipping up something new and delicious; she tries to make one new recipe that she finds in library cookbooks or on Pinterest each week. Robbin is a sporadic reader of both fiction and nonfiction, and she's currently reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. ([Find out more about Robbin on the last page of the newsletter.](#))

CHECK OUT A STORYWALK

The cooler Fall weather is the perfect time to head outside for a Storywalk adventure.

If you haven't yet had the chance to visit one of our two Storywalk locations, you are missing out on a fun, free, family activity. Walk along a path and read the giant storybook while you do some kid-friendly physical activities.



We've just updated our stories at both locations, so if you've gone before there is now a whole new experience.

To learn more about Storywalk or to get directions to our locations, visit our [webpage](#).

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

We're so happy to be sharing stories and songs in person! Check out your branch's schedule below. If you're still not ready for in-person stories, our [Virtual Storytime Room](#) is still updated twice a month.

BELLEFONTE

Mondays

10:30 PreK

3:00 PreK

Wednesdays

10:00 Babies

11:00 Toddlers

CENTRE HALL

Mondays

10:30 PreK



PHILIPSBURG

Wednesdays

10:30 PreK

Thursdays

2:00 Mother Goose
on the Loose

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTOR

Do you know a struggling or reluctant elementary-aged reader who needs a little confidence boost? Sign them up to read to our beloved, kind, and patient Therapy Dog tutors at the Bellefonte Branch.

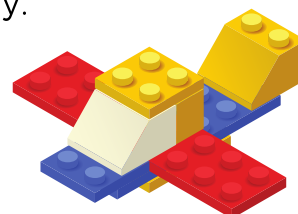
Readers can sign up for a ten-minute session on Thursdays between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. If you're interested, please call the Library at 814-355-1516.



LEGO CLUB

Bellefonte and Centre Hall, beginning September 2

If you've got an elementary-aged builder in your house, we welcome them to join us for LEGO Club. Kids can drop in and build any time between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Thursdays. All creations will be displayed in the library for our patrons to enjoy.



PLAY TO LEARN DROP-IN FUN



Mondays at 11:00 am, Bellefonte

Play is no idle pastime! Stop into the Community Room and learn through play with us!

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

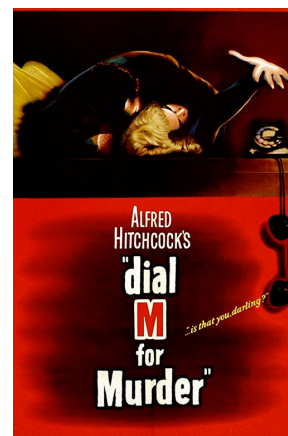
Friday, October 1, 1:00 pm
Friday, October 15, 1:00 pm
via Zoom

Our Film Discussion Group continues to meet virtually. To participate, watch the movie prior to the meeting. Bring your questions and observations to share with the group. Space is limited, so RSVP if you plan to attend.



Let the Right One In Oskar, an overlooked and bullied boy, finds love and revenge through Eli, a beautiful but peculiar girl. (click on the image to watch the trailer).

Dial M for Murder A former tennis player tries to arrange his wife's murder after learning of her affair. (click on the image to watch the trailer).



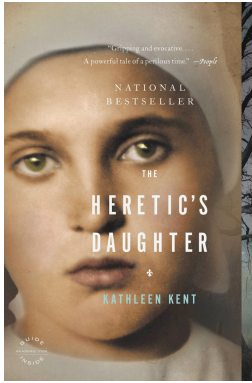
BOOK LOVERS' COFFEE HOUR



Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am, Zoom

Make a cup of coffee, tea, or other beverage of your choice and join us for a casual chat about books! Share what you've been reading this year and find great book recommendations from other library patrons. Space is limited, so please register to attend.

VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



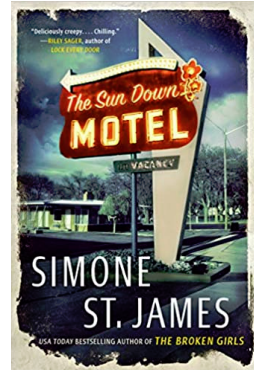
The Afternoon and Evening book discussion groups will continue to meet virtually. (Click on the book cover to register.)

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 pm, Zoom

The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent - This 2008 historical fiction novel is about the life and death of Martha Carrier, one of the first women to be hanged for witchcraft in Salem, all from the perspective of Martha's daughter, Sarah. Notably, Kent is a direct descendant of the real-life Martha.

Friday, October 22, 1 pm, Zoom

The Sundown Motel by Simone St. James - The secrets lurking in a rundown roadside motel ensnare a young woman, just as they did her aunt thirty-five years before, in this new atmospheric suspense novel from the national bestselling and award-winning author of *The Broken Girls*.



THURSDAY EVENING YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLT



Kids Connect, a specially designed program for elementary and middle school youth, takes place on Thursday evenings from 6-7pm. Each week will feature a different activity: STEM, games, art, and more. Space is limited, so call 814-342-1987 to register.

October 7 - Book BINGO (ages 5-13) Play BINGO for a chance to win books

October 14 - STEM Apple Towers (ages 5-13) Can you build a tower made of drinking straws that can hold the weight of an apple? Come find out.

October 21 - Spooky "Gingerbread" Houses (elementary through high school) Join us to make an edible house from Pop Tarts and candy.

October 28 - Franken-toy (ages 8-13) Take apart old toys and use them to make spooky new Franken-toys!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE - HOLT

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 -12:30

Stop by to get some bargain-priced books to help support the Holt Friends Group.

MINI BOOK SALE AT CENTRE HALL

Starting October 1, there will be a mini mystery book sale in The Centre Hall Library Foyer. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$0.50. Lots of Patterson books will be on the cart.



SPOOKY "GINGERBREAD" HOUSES

Friday, October 15, 11am Centre County Library, Bellefonte

Kids in elementary through high school are invited to stop by to create an edible spooky house out of Pop-Tarts and candy! All materials are provided. Prizes will be awarded. Registration is required.



TINKERING KIT: DESIGN, EXPLORE, CREATE

Saturday, October 16, 2-4pm Centre County Library, Bellefonte



Explore our Tinker Tools: 3 D Doodle Pens, Paper Circuits, Origami Circuits, Sewing Circuits, and more! Registration is required.

The kit was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

FRANKEN-TOY

Saturday, October 23, 2pm, Centre County Library, Bellefonte

Join us to take apart old toys and reconstruct them into Franken-toys! We will be using hot glue guns, so this program is designed for kids aged 8-13. Registration is required.



TODDLER MONSTER MASH

Friday,, October 29, 2:30pm, Centre County Library, Bellefonte

Join us for a fun Toddler Dance Party. Shake your sillies out to some of your favorite toddler tunes. Costumes are welcome! Registration is required.



Getting to know

ROBBIN DEGERATU



- Who's your all-time favorite book character? Being a reader means befriending many characters across different books and universes, so this is a tough question. The character that stays with me the most is Paige Mahoney from Samantha Shannon's *The Bone Season* series. She's resilient, strategic, and loyal – and it's a joy to read her story.
- What language would you like to learn one day? Why? I would really like to learn Mandarin Chinese or Arabic one day (or maybe both!). I took French and Italian in school, and have learned a little bit of Romanian from family, but I think that Mandarin or Arabic would be so useful in everyday life and in travel, and they're different than the other languages I'm familiar with.
- If a benefactor gave you \$75,000 to launch a business, what kind of business would you start? It would be a lot of hard work, but I would love to start a business selling homemade breads, cakes, hot sauces, condiments, and other consumables out of a small storefront in Bellefonte.
- If you could time travel, when and where would you go? July 20, 1969: I would love to watch the moon landing with either of my parents – who were children at the time – and my grandparents. We take it for granted now, but I would love to experience that moment with them, and feel the sense of wonder and inspiration that captivated the world.
- Have you found anything scandalous or anyone famous in your family tree? I haven't discovered anything particularly salacious or groundbreaking, but I have learned how hard it can be to track your ancestry in some parts of the United States! Both sides of my family have roots in Appalachia, and I've had a really hard time tracing my ancestors who lived near the Tennessee/Virginia border in the early 1900s. It makes me really appreciate all of the genealogical research that people did before the advent of the Internet and DNA tests!
- What's your favorite family tradition? My husband and I have created a tradition of traveling somewhere new to us for our anniversary each year. It's a fun way to celebrate, and to spend the day doing our favorite thing: exploring somewhere unfamiliar and learning as we go.
- If you could back and meet your ancestors or go in the future to meet your descendants, which would you rather do? My descendants, absolutely. I would love to meet them and hear about their lives, what they are proud of, and what they think of the world that they live in.