

THE BOOKMARK



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

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BOOKMOBILE ROLLING OUT NEW FEATURES

We're excited to be introducing some new features so patrons can get the most out of their Bookmobile visit. Watch for special displays, a rotating collection of new items, suggested reading lists, event calendars, and more!



Our popular Book Bundles can now be delivered to your Bookmobile stop. If you've hit a reading rut or are interested

in trying new book genres and don't know where to start, this feature is for you. Each month, our staff chooses books in your chosen genre(s). Maybe you will discover a new favorite book or a new favorite author! After you fill out the form, please allow one week for us to fulfill your request. You will be notified via email when your Book Bundle is ready and will have two weeks to pick it up at your weekly stop.

To sign up, adults can fill out [this form](#) and select the Bookmobile as their pick-up location. Teens can also participate by filling out [this form](#). Children's bundles can be filled out [here](#). On the teen and children's form, please write in the Notes Section that you will be picking up on the Bookmobile and specify your stop.

Looking for a way to entertain the kids on a rainy day or want an art project while homeschooling? Consider picking up one of our take-and-make kits. The kits will be available on a first come, first serve basis. This program begins in November.



FRIENDS OF THE HOLT MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOGO CONTEST

The Friends group held a contest for a new logo. They congratulate winner John Goss of Philipsburg whose winning design is at the left.

Andrew Pletcher, Friends president, thanks all participants. The Friends were floored by the number of entries and had "many unique and beautiful pieces of art" to deliberate over.

INTRODUCING LISA SHAFFER...AND HORATIO, TOO

Bibliographic & Patron Services Manager



Lisa Shaffer is the first person to see new books at the library as Bibliographic & Patron Services Manager. Her job is like Christmas as she unboxes the new books and adds them to the library catalog. She also purchases DVDs, manages interlibrary loans, and moderates the bimonthly film discussion group. Lisa earned a B.A. in English and in Philosophy from Susquehanna University, after which she was a substitute teacher. Lisa's favorite job is being a "cat mom" to Horatio, Centre County Library & Historical Museum's Caturday star. She creates many of Horatio's costumes from scratch and has taken his photograph for the library's weekly

Caturday posts since 2014. Lisa is currently enjoying *Ted Lasso*, watching *Hocus Pocus* throughout October, and listening to *The Scorpio Races* for the fourth time.

Horatio is Centre County Library & Historical Museum's Caturday star! He features in the weekly library Caturday posts where he has dressed up as historical icons, pop culture figures, and more. He is an excellent cat model and always knows when Lisa is creating a costume for him to wear. Horatio is 13 years old, loves to nap on shoes, is afraid of strange people and noises, and rolls over for food. His cardboard cutout lives at our Bellefonte Branch, while he lives at home with his fellow felines River, Tiger, Betty, Marmie, Loki, and Jojo. (Find out more about Lisa and Horatio [here](#).)

Can't get enough of Horatio? 2022 [Caturday calendars](#) are now on sale.

THE SEASON OF GIVING AT CENTRE HALL BRANCH

Celebrate the season of giving at Centre Hall Area Branch Library by donating food and personal items throughout November. All donations support the Grace United Methodist Church Food Bank. Items needed include: canned milk, cake mix, frosting, Kleenex, and dish detergent.



As a participating library in the PA Forward program, libraries have moved far beyond just being book repositories. They're agile institutions serving real-life needs. One focus is the area of Civic and Social Literacy (PA Forward). A major component of this literacy is community engagement as well as working to invoke societal changes. Check out how your local branch works in conjunction with the five literacies in program planning, displays, and written communications that help to provide better services for all patrons.

CIVIC AND SOCIAL
LITERACY

BOOK LOVERS' COFFEE HOUR

Saturday, November 13, 10am, 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.

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 (Faolin, Connor, and Baily) at the Bellefonte Branch.



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

Want to see our tutors 365 days a year? Take home one of our [Dog Days](#) calendars.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, November 5, 1pm
Friday, November 19, 1pm
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.

V is for Vendetta: In a future British tyranny, a shadowy freedom fighter, known only by the alias of "V," plots to overthrow it with the help of a young woman. (Click film poster to watch trailer)



Being There: After the death of his employer forces him out of the only home he's ever known, a simpleminded, sheltered gardener becomes an unlikely trusted advisor to a powerful tycoon and an insider in Washington politics. (Click film poster to watch trailer)



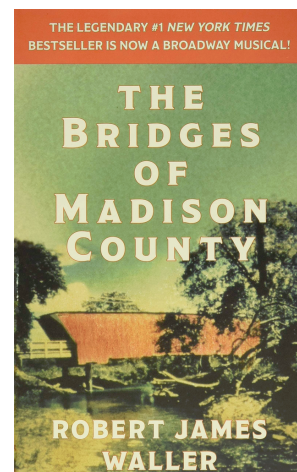
VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 pm, Zoom, **click book cover to RSVP**

The Bridges of Madison County by Robert James Waller - Fall in love with one of the bestselling novels of all time – the legendary love story that became a beloved film starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep.

If you've ever experienced the one true love of your life, a love that for some reason could never be, you will understand why readers all over the world are so moved by this small, unknown first novel that

became a #1 bestseller. The story of Robert Kincaid, the photographer and free spirit searching for the covered bridges of Madison County, and Francesca Johnson, the farm wife waiting for the fulfillment of a girlhood dream, *The Bridges of Madison County* gives voice to the longings of men and women everywhere – and shows us what it is to love and be loved so intensely that life is never the same again. (Barnes and Noble)



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 at our Holt Memorial Library in Philipsburg. Each week will feature a different activity: STEM, games, art, and more. Space is limited, please call 814-342-1987 to register.

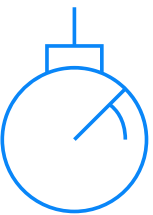


November 4- Fruit Art (ages 6-13) What is positive and negative space? Find out as we make Fruit Art using those concepts.

November 11- STEM Hurricane (ages 6-13) Can you build a house that can withstand a hurricane?

November 18- Kids in the Kitchen (ages 5-13) Join us to make nutty cinnamon and yogurt dippers.

MAKE A BOOK ORNAMENT



Tuesday, November 16 at 4pm
Centre Hall Area Branch Library

Get ready for the holidays by creating your own recycled

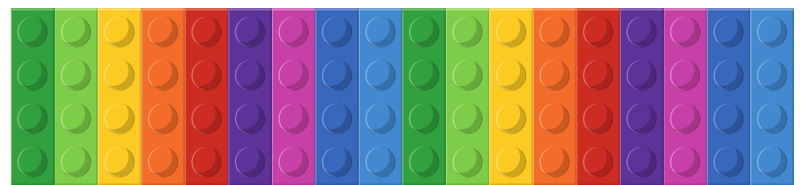
book page ornament. The library will provide old book pages and clear ornaments. This program is open to patrons of all ages.

Pre-register by calling the library at 814-364-2580 with your name and number of participants.

LEGO CLUB

Bellefonte and Centre Hall

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 3pm and 4pm on Thursdays. All creations will be displayed in each library for our patrons to enjoy.



STORYTELLERS CLUB

Centre Hall

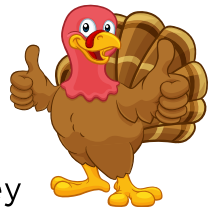
Second Tuesday of each month from 3-4pm



Centre Hall has a new program just for elementary-aged patrons! Check out Storytellers Club. If you like creating fun stories, this club is for you! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, November 9.

TURKEY TOWER DROP-IN DAY

Monday, November 29,
between 12 and 3pm
Centre Hall Area Branch Library



Drop in to compete in our Turkey Tower Challenge. Build the tallest tower possible using building materials provided by the library. See if your turkey's tower can measure up!

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 updated twice a month.

BELLEFONTE

Mondays

10:30am Preschool

3pm Preschool

Wednesdays

10am Babies

11am Toddlers



PHILIPSBURG

Wednesdays

10:30am Preschool

Thursdays

2pm Mother Goose
on the Loose

CENTRE HALL

Mondays

10:30am
Preschool

PLAY TO LEARN DROP-IN FUN

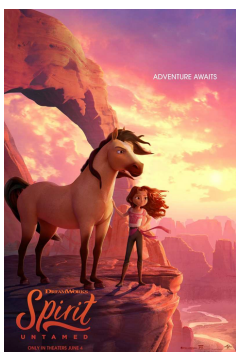
Mondays at 11am, Bellefonte



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

NO SCHOOL DROP-IN AND MOVIE DAY

Monday, November 8, Bellefonte



Drop by the library on this no school day to explore board games for all ages and skill levels and our 3D Doodle Pens (ages 8+). All items will be set up in the Community Room until 5pm. There will be a brief break during our movie.

Plan to catch a screening of *Spirit Untamed* ([click](#) to watch a trailer) beginning at 1pm. This program is free and for all ages.



PAINT N' SNACK

Saturday, November 13, 2pm

Ages 6-10

Bellefonte



Join us in the Community Room to paint a tiny winter scene. Paintings will be added to our Miniature Museum Exhibit. All materials will be included. [Registration is required.](#)



CHESS CLUB IS BACK

Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm, Bellefonte



Whether you're an experienced player or a beginner looking to improve your skills, feel free to join us for Chess Club. We will set up in the library and have the boards and pieces, you just need to bring your best game strategy. Drop in and out as you are able, no registration necessary.

MEDICARE PRESENTATION

Tuesday, November 16, at 2pm

Bellefonte

Registration Required

Do you want to lower your RX costs? Do you have questions about your Medicare Health Insurance Option? Do you know how to maximize your entitlements? Come get the answers you need to make the right choice for you.



FRIENDS OF THE HOLT MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE



Saturday, November 13,

10am-12:30pm

Philipsburg

Come support the Holt Memorial Library and pick up some bargains.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Bellefonte Branch will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 24, and all branches will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Our virtual branch is open 24/7 to request and renew items.



LOOKING AHEAD...FAMILY BOOK BINGO

Saturday, December 4, 11am-12pm

Centre Hall

Play BINGO, Win Books at Centre Hall Area Branch Library! Cookies, hot cocoa, and prizes for festive holiday attire! To register, stop in or call 814-364-2580!



Getting to know

LISA SHAFFER & HORATIO



- Who's your all-time favorite book character? Cath from *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell. Up until reading this book, I had never met a character that I connected with instantly. We are different in many ways but so, so similar.
- If you had your own talk show, who would your first 3 guests be? Maggie Stiefvater and N.K. Jemisin are two of my favorite authors. I was lucky enough to see them give a Q&A and I would love to be able to discuss books and more with them. Their works are captivating in very different ways and have stuck with me. Also, Jameela Jamil, who I loved watching as Tahani on *The Good Place*. She's funny, well-spoken, down to earth, and has advocated for women's rights and body positivity. I think she'd be wonderful to converse with.
- What is your favorite movie quote? I have two that I say a lot, probably because the sentiment is the same in each. "I feel I was denied critical, need-to-know information" said by Burt in *Tremors II: Aftershocks* and "What we've got here is failure to communicate" said by the Captain in *Cool Hand Luke*.
- What's the most ridiculous fact you know? There are no qualifications specified in the U.S. Constitution for one to become a Supreme Court Justice. There have been justices who haven't graduated high school and others that don't have a law degree. It's stunning when you think about it.
- If you had to delete all but 3 apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep? Audible, so I can listen to my 41 unread books; Messages, so I can keep in touch with family and friends; and my Notes app so I can write things down.
- You can have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what is it? Honey. If I have a lifetime supply, that means there will be many, many honeybees around and they're important for the ecosystem. Honey is delicious and it never spoils.
- If Horatio could talk, what do you think he would say? "More treats!" He's a hard working cat and always gets a treat after a costume fitting or photoshoot.
- If Horatio had a theme song, what would it be? Definitely "Feeling Good" by Nina Simone. The rhythm and the lyrics fit really well with Horatio, as he's pretty laid back and a sweet cat and he's always feeling good.
- Who do you think Horatio would secretly like to dress as that he hasn't yet done? He's dressed as so many people already, that's a difficult question! Probably a wildlife conservationist like Jane Goodall to help share the importance of wildlife and environmental conservation.