

LIBRARY TALK



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LIBRARY HOURS

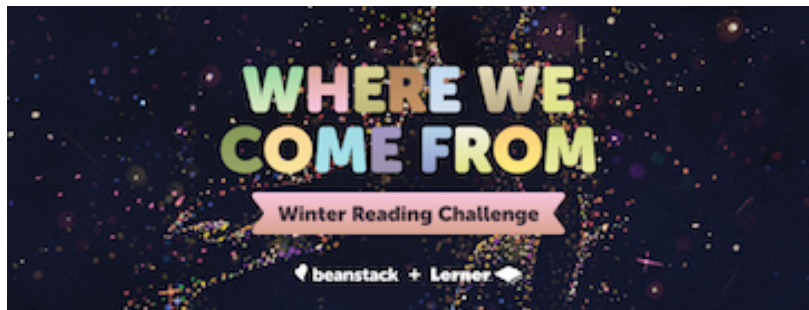
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Monday, January 1st

Mondays - 10 am - 2 pm
 Tuesdays - 12 pm - 8 pm
 Wednesdays - 10 am - 2 pm
 Thursdays - 12 pm - 8 pm
 Fridays - 10 am - 1 pm
 Saturdays - 10 am - 1 pm

Happy New Year!

York County Libraries is ringing in the **NEW YEAR** with two exciting reading & activity challenges on our online logging platform, **Beanstack!**

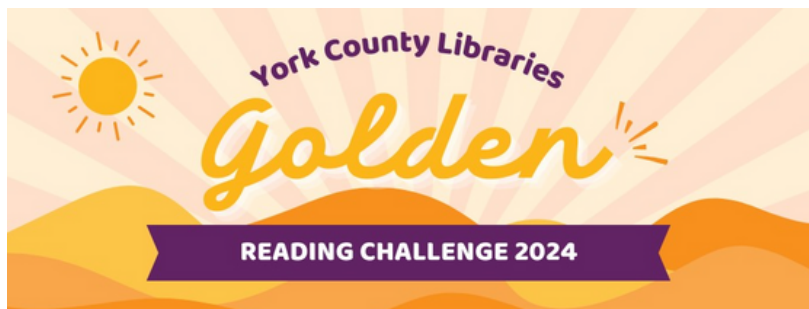


Where We Come From is part of the national Winter Reading Challenge sponsored by Beanstack and Lerner Publishing. This year's Challenge takes a deeper look at family, backgrounds, and understanding your history. Explore these topics while reading **Where We Come From**, the poetic picture book that inspired the Challenge. (Read a sample [here](#))

Challenge runs: January 1 - 31, 2024

For all ages

What is the goal? To read and log 300 minutes in January!



The year-long Golden Reading Challenge for Teens (13+) & Adults runs from January 1 - December 31, 2024 with registration beginning on [Beanstack](#) starting January 1st.

What is the goal? To read and log 18 books by the end of 2024

Bonus: Read 24 books to earn the "bonus" badge

Complete new activities and answer the "golden question" each month.

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**From the Desk of
Jennifer Johnson, Library Manager**



BASIC
LITERACY

January Newsletter – Basic Literacy

As we work towards gaining Silver Star status in the PA Forward Star Library Program, this month we are highlighting another literacy. Basic Literacy is defined as “the ability to read, write, speak and listen with comprehension at all levels of life, career and community involvement; the functional and practical use of language in all formats.” The low level of literacy has become such a serious problem in the US that 44 million adults are now unable to read a simple story to their children. Each year, the low level of literacy costs the U.S. \$225 billion or more by reducing workforce productivity and adds to the loss of tax revenue due to unemployment and underemployment.

The development of early literacy skills is a focus of the York County Libraries’ Youth Services. In addition to the regular Story Time sessions conducted by our Children’s Coordinator, Felicia Gettle, we are delighted to introduce Phoenix Blimline, a young volunteer with a big heart for working with young children and their families. She hosts the monthly gathering, Fun with Phoe(nix) and is excited to bring the spoken word, songs and crafts to the Library. This month’s theme is ‘Helping Others’. Please join me in recognizing the value of her contribution to our library’s work in developing those all-important life skills of literacy.

“Books are the training weights
of the mind.”

— Epictetus

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS



Preschool Story Time with Miss Felicia

Ages 3 - 5

Winter Session

**Fri., Jan. 19th – March 8th
10:30 am - 11:15 am**

Join Miss Felicia for stories, music, and movement for preschoolers (ages 3 - 5) and their caregivers. With a themed craft to make & then take home, story time couldn't be more fun.

Please RSVP on our online calendar
or give us a call at the library, 717.252.4080



Baby and Toddler Story Time with Miss Felicia

Ages 0 - 3

Winter Session

**Fri., Jan. 17th – March 6th
10:30 am - 11:15 am**

Join Miss Felicia for a special story time for babies and toddlers (ages 0 - 3) and their caregivers. Enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, singing, and playtime. Please RSVP on our online calendar or give us a call at the library, 717.252.4080.

FUN with PHOE(nix) Stories, Music & Crafts

**Mon, Jan. 15th
10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Geared for PreSchoolers



Join our junior volunteer, Phoe, each month for stories, music, songs, and a craft. Please RSVP on our online calendar or give us a call at the library, 717.252.4080!

Phoe's theme for January is 'HELPING OTHERS'.

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TEENS, ages 12 - 18

Thurs., Jan. 4th 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Spoiler Alert! is a teen book review group that meets online via Zoom. The group reads teen books and then posts reviews to Instagram and YouTube.

Interested?

Join our monthly meeting on Zoom, the 1st Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thurs., January 4th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Just **RSVP** on our online calendar.

Manga Book Club (Teens 12-18)

Sat., Jan. 20th 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
LET'S TALK ABOUT:



**Jujutsu
Kaisen**
by Gege
Akutami
**No
RSVP**

Cookbook Discussion Group



Thursday, January 25th
6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

January's Theme:
Casseroles

Brr! It's cold out there! What better way to warm your body and soul than with a winter casserole. Join our Cookbook Discussion Group in the Community Room the 4th Thursday of January from 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm. Bring a sweet or savory prepared dish (this month's theme is casseroles), a copy of your recipe, and share in the taste-testing with other cooking enthusiasts. Give us a call at the library 717.252.4080 to RSVP or to gather more information.

TWEEN PROGRAMS, ages 9 - 12

The Danger Club

Kreutz Creek Library
2nd Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Danger Club
In-Person**

Tues., Jan. 9th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Miss Jennifer for a new adventure every month, with just the right amount of mayhem!
Attend in-person at the library.

**Library Squad
In-Person**

Tues., Jan. 16th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Join Miss Jennifer as she engages Tweens in shaping library programs for their age group.
Attend in-person at the library.



Green Thumb Garden Talk
"Annual Flowers"
**Small Space
Pollinator Garden**

with Melanie Markowski

Thursday, January 11th
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Creating a vibrant and nourishing place for bees and other beneficial insects is easy to do, and effective in even the smallest of spaces. Join Melanie Markowski of the Green Thumb Garden Club as she presents how to add easy, joyful annual flowers to your small space garden to invite pollinators.

No need to RSVP. Just drop in and bring a fellow gardener.

Self Advocates United as 1

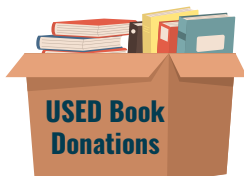
**"Let's Speak Up!"
Workshop**

Tues., Jan. 30th 6 pm - 8 pm
RSVP Online



The mission of Self Advocates United as 1 is to "Support Self Advocacy of People with Disabilities for Positive Impact in Our Communities and in People's Lives".

Join us for an SAU1 workshop entitled **"Let's Speak Up!"**
"Let's Speak Up!" is a conversation about self-advocacy. Learn about your rights, how to be a self-advocate, ways to advocate, and the power of groups.

NEW**Used Book Donation Drop-Off Days
at Kreutz Creek Library****January Dates:****Thu. 1/11 Noon-6 pm**
Wed. 1/24 10 am-2 pm

The Friends of KCL have added another way to donate your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. We now have several Book Drop-Off days scheduled throughout the year. In January just stop by the library on the above dates/times and the Friends will take care of you. Remember, you can still arrange special appointment times for drop-off by calling the main desk at the library or emailing Friends.kcl@gmail.com

**Stitch and Chat!****Now 2 Groups
Daytime & Evening****No need to register.
Just drop in!****DAYTIME GROUP:****1st and 3rd Tuesdays
1:00 pm to 2:45 pm****Tue., Jan. 2nd, 2024
Tue., Jan. 16th, 2024****EVENING GROUP:****1st and 3rd Thursdays
6:00 pm - 7:45 pm****Thurs., Jan. 4th, 2024
Thurs., Jan. 18th, 2024**

KCL's group of crocheters and knitters chat while working on projects already begun or while starting brand new ones. No matter whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, or embroider all are welcome! Come to one group or both. The more the merrier.

FRIENDS OF

**Friends of KCL Branch
Support Group****In-Person Gathering in the
Community Room****Tues., Jan. 23rd
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

The Friends gather on the 4th Tuesday of the month for a 1-hour meeting starting at 5:30 pm in the large Community Room. Come to hear updates on the library, discussions about upcoming events, and join in on the exchange of ideas to ensure our community library remains vital for future generations.

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions email us at Friends.KCL@gmail.com or call the library at 717-252-4080.