

LIBRARY TALK



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

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY



In October last year, Kreutz Creek Library and the Hellam Township Environmental Advisory Council hosted 'A Celebration of Trees' at the library. At this event, the whole family could learn about trees: from tree identification to tree crafts, with tree experts on hand to share information about the importance of trees in our ecosystem. The event culminated in the planting of acorns in the courtyard area to provide the shade trees of the future.

A tree can symbolize community by representing interconnectedness, growth, and the importance of shared resources and support. Just as the roots connect trees in a forest, community members are interconnected and rely on each other for support. Trees demonstrate the power of resilience and growth, thriving even in challenging conditions, mirroring the strength of a community that overcomes obstacles together. Trees share resources like water and nutrients, much like members of a community share their skills, knowledge, and support.

I am happy to announce that the two acorns we planted in the Courtyard area at the front of the library successfully survived the winter and have sprouted. They are now staked and netted to assist healthy growth. I invite you to visit and see for yourselves these powerful symbols of resilience, development, and support and think about the ways you can support, connect, and grow with your community.

Library Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays - 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 12 pm - 8 pm

Fridays & Saturdays - 10 am - 1 pm

COLOR OUR WORLD™

**SummerQuest 2025
It's Almost Here!**

Online Registration Begins

Sunday, May 18th

SummerQuest Begins

Mon, June 2nd

Get ready! Grab your paintbrushes, palettes, and sketchbooks because this summer is going to be a colorful one! This year, SummerQuest 'Color Our World' is all about reaching your own unique goals.



FROM INDOOR TO OUTDOOR GARDENING

**Garden Talk
with Melanie Markowski
Old Favorite Houseplants
to Love Again!**

**Thursday, May 8th
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm**



Houseplants bring warmth and beauty to a home, filling empty corners, adding color, and creating an inviting space. When choosing houseplants to complement your decor, consider the classic old-fashioned favorites that have stood the test of time. Learn Melanie's favorites and the care tips to keep them healthy & happy.



**Pollinator Fest/Touch a Tractor Day
at Flinchbaugh's Orchard
and Farm Market**

Make and Take Seed Bombs

**Saturday, June 14th
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Kreutz Creek Library is super excited to be part of the fun at Flinchbaugh's Pollinator Fest! We are planning an exciting activity for the whole family to enjoy. Swing by our booth to make seed bombs—small clusters of soil and clay packed with seeds. Get your hands dirty and take home a seed bomb to brighten up a spot in your garden. Not only will you add a splash of color with beautiful flowers, but you'll also attract birds, butterflies, and bees to your garden.

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Beyond the Books: An Evening with David Baldacci



York County Libraries welcomes international bestselling author David Baldacci to the Appell Center on May 22, 2025 for the inaugural “Beyond the Books” program benefiting **York County Libraries**. The event starts at 7:00pm.

This author event is made possible thanks to the support of our presenting sponsor, John M. and Maria A. Polli.

Attendees will listen to Baldacci discuss his life as a best-selling novelist, his writer’s routine, and humorous stories from the road. Following the talk will be a one-hour signing of Baldacci’s April 2025 new release, *Strangers in Time*.

VIP ticketholders and sponsors will also be admitted to an exclusive pre-event reception with Baldacci.

Tickets (\$52 standard, \$155 VIP) are available now exclusively through the Appell Center Box Office at AppellCenter.org.



Stitch and Chat!

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DAYTIME GROUP:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

1:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Tues., May 6th

Tues., May 20th

EVENING GROUP:

1st and 3rd Thursdays

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Thurs., May 1st

Thurs., May 15th

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.

Silent Book Club | Ages 13+



Thursday, May 1st
6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Community Room

**A SOCIAL GROUP
FOR PEOPLE
WHO LOVE TO READ!**

Do you want to hang out with people, but not sacrifice your reading time? Do you take a book with you to social gatherings? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, we would love to have you join us.

Trivia, refreshments, reading, and book talk!

Just drop in. No RSVP necessary!

Cookbook Discussion Group

May's Theme:

Rockets of Red, White, & Blue

Thurs., May 22nd

6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

All Are Welcome!



In May, the Cookbook Group is celebrating Memorial Day, a time for family, patriotism, & remembrance. Bring a festive dish (sweet or savory) with our nation’s colors - red, white, & blue, a copy of your recipe, and share in the taste-testing with other cooking enthusiasts. For more information give us a call at the library 717.252.4080

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time with Miss Felicia

Ages 3 - 5

**Final Date of the
Spring Schedule**

Fri., May 7th

10:30 am - 11:30 am



Enjoy special stories & music presented by Miss Felicia & make a craft. For children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers.

RSVP Requested

Baby and Toddler Story Time with Miss Felicia

Ages 0 - 3

**Final Date of the
Spring Schedule**

Wed., May 5th

10:30 am - 11:15 am



Join Miss Felicia on Wednesdays at the library to enjoy fun-filled short stories, songs, and fingerplays.

RSVP Requested

Spring Family Story Time with Miss Felicia at Chick-fil-A East

**Final Date of the
Spring Schedule**

Thurs., May 1st

9:00 am - 9:45 am



Come enjoy stories and make a fun craft with Miss Felicia at Chick-fil-A East York on the first Thursday of each month.

For children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers.
Please **RSVP online** or by calling 717-252-4080.

Kreutz Creek Library's Builders Club Designed for Kids, ages 6 and up!

2 Opportunities to Attend

Thursday May 15th

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 17th

10:30 am - 11:30 am



Miss Felicia selects a new theme each month. Use your imagination to create your masterpiece. We have LEGO® bricks, Keva Planks, K'nex, Lincoln Logs, Magnatiles, and much more. No registration required.

Kreutz Creek Family Story Time at Flinchbaugh's Orchard and Farm Market



Spring Schedule

Tuesday, May 5th -

Tuesday, May 27th

Tuesdays

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Join Miss Kristin from Flinchbaugh's Orchard at the farm for stories, songs, & a take-home craft under the Orchard Pavilion (rain or shine). Geared for kids ages 1-5 years, but older siblings are welcome to attend and participate.

Library Tales for Tails | For Ages 6+

Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Sign up when you arrive!!

**Our friendly library dog, Jager
(& his friends), love a good story,
especially when that story is
read by you!**



Library Tales for Tails invites readers to read aloud in a warm and supportive environment! When you arrive, sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read. The certified therapy dogs are provided by R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). Petting and hugging are allowed!

TWEEN PROGRAMS, ages 9 - 12


The Danger Club

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

The Danger Club
In-Person
Tues., May 13th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Miss Jennifer for a new adventure every month, with just the right amount of mayhem!

Library Squad
In-Person
Tues., May 20th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Join Miss Jennifer as she engages Tweens in shaping library programs for their age group.

Spoiler Alert**TEENS, ages 12 - 18****Tues., May 6th | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

Spoiler Alert! is a teen review group that meets online via Zoom. We discuss and review books, TV Shows, movies, video games, and more. The group meets every month. Please RSVP on our online calendar to receive the Zoom link.

**Manga Book Club**
(Teens 12-18)

Sat., May 17th
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

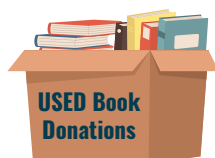
Bloom into You
by Nio Nakatani

Let's Talk about:**THE FRIENDS CORNER**

The Friends of Kreutz Creek Library is a group of civic-minded individuals who recognize that a good library is central to a good community. Through committee work, the Friends raise funds, help promote library awareness and help to improve and expand library service by working with the library manager.

Used Book Donation Drop-Off Days
at Kreutz Creek Library**May Dates:**

Tues., May 6th | 12 pm - 6:00 pm
Thurs., May 22nd | 12 pm - 6:00 pm



The Friends of KCL have added another way to donate your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles. We now have Book Drop-Off days scheduled throughout the year. Stop by the library on the above dates/times and the Friends will be there to help. 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

Friends of KCL Branch Support Group

In-Person Gathering in the
Community Room

Tuesday, May 27th
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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

All are welcome. If you have any questions email us at Friends.KCL@gmail.com or call the library at 717-252-4080.