

# LIBRARY TALK



## FROM THE DESK OF JENNIFER JOHNSON, LIBRARY MANAGER

I recently learned that December 18, 2025, is 'National Answer the Phone like Buddy the Elf Day'. The idea is that a little elf-like behavior when answering the telephone can surprise callers and brighten their day.

I also discovered that Melvil Dewey was born on December 10, 1851. Dewey is best known as the creator of the Dewey Decimal system, a classification system for library materials. Dewey shares a birthdate with a lesser-known figure from library history: Mary Virginia Gaver, born in 1906. She began her career in school libraries, taught library science at Rutgers University, and was active in various library associations. Her mission: to improve funding for libraries and implement training to improve the skills of library staff.

Notably, even as a child, she cared about access to reading materials. Learning that many children in her hometown of Virginia did not have access to books, she convinced her mother to help her raise money to start a school library. Together, they collected \$100 that was generously matched by a local business, and the library was created.

This spirit of giving back is evident in our community, where our Friends group tirelessly raises funds for the library, knowing how transformative access to resources can be. Our community responds generously because they, too, know how important it is for free access to information. Every day, library staff witnesses the joy and delight that our materials bring to our visitors.

What we all have in common - Buddy the Elf, Mary Virginia Gaver, the Friends Group, library staff, and members of this community - is the capacity to bring joy to one another. **I wish much joy to you and yours this holiday season.**



## Library Hours December Closings

**Wed., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**  
**Thurs., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas**  
**Wed., Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve**  
 Mondays & Wednesdays - 10 am - 2 pm  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays - 12 pm - 8 pm  
 Fridays & Saturdays - 10 am - 1 pm



Our adorable adopted baby heifer, Fudge, is growing up so fast! At one month old, she's already gained 3 inches in height and weighs 122 lbs, which means she's packed on 37 lbs. Oh, Fudge, let's be careful with that waistline!

She's being raised at Kurtland Farms in Elverston, PA, a family farm that's been around for over 100 years—what an amazing legacy!

Fudge and her friends live in cozy calf hutches where they get lots of love and care. They enjoy three hearty meals a day, each with 3 quarts of pasteurized milk, adding up to a whopping 9 quarts daily! Along with plenty of fresh water and nutritious feed, they have clean, dry straw bedding to keep them comfy. Their diet is a total mixed ration featuring corn, hay, corn silage, grain, and lots of rich protein to help them grow strong bones and stay healthy.

Check out Fudge (#6006) in her adorable "Thing 3" costume, complete with blue hair made from a mesh sponge! She just loves hanging out with her fellow heifers, "Thing 1" and "Thing 2."

**It's always a fun time on the farm!**  
**Stop by the library and visit our Dairy Cow Station!**

**Fudge Update!**  
**Birthday: September 16, 2025**  
**1 Mo. Weight 122 lbs.**  
**Gender: Heifer (Female)**



## Holiday Family Story Time

**Presented by**  
**DreamWrights Center**  
**for Community Arts**  
**Monday, December 1st | 10:30 am**

**Please RSVP**

DreamWrights Center for Community Arts is bringing a little extra sparkle to Kreutz Creek Library this season. Enjoy a reading of the Elf storybook adaptation illustrated by Kim Smith, followed by an engaging hands-on craft activity.

**Please RSVP on our online calendar!**

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! WINTER STORY TIME BEGINS JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>

## Baby and Toddler Story Time with Miss Felicia



Ages 0 - 3

Winter Schedule

Wed., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> -

Wed., March 4<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am - 11:15 am

Please RSVP on or  
after 1/1/2026

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

## Preschool Story Time with Miss Felicia

Ages 3 - 5

Winter Schedule

Fri. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> -

Fri., March 6<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am - 11:15 am

Please RSVP on or  
after 1/1/2026



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

## Kreutz Creek Library's Builders Club

Designed for Kids, ages 6 and up!

2 Opportunities to Attend

Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## TWEEN PROGRAM, ages 9 - 12

**The  
Danger  
Club**

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

**The Danger Club**

**No Meeting in December  
but we'll see you in the  
New Year!**

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

## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAM, ages 9 - 18

**Library Squad**

**No Meeting in  
December but we'll see  
you in the New Year!**



Join Kayla and Jennifer as they engage Tweens and Teens in shaping library programs for their age group.



**Sign up  
when you arrive!!**

## Library Tales for Tails | For Ages 6+

Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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

'Library Tales for Tails' helps encourage readers by inviting them to read aloud with a very supportive and appreciative audience! Sign up for a 10-minute time slot to read when you arrive. The certified therapy dogs are provided by

R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs).

Petting and hugging allowed!





## Spoiler Alert

**TEENS, ages 12 - 18**

**Tuesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

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

Want to know more? Contact Kayla at the library

## Manga Book Club (Teens 12-18)

**Sat., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**LET'S  
DISCUSS  
No RSVP**

**Hikaru Died  
by Mokumokuren**



## Silent Book Club | Ages 13+



**Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>  
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!**

## Garden Talk with Melanie Markowski

**No Meeting in December but we'll  
see you in the New Year!**



## December Book Selection:

**"After Annie" by Anna Quindlen**



## Death Café Book Club | Please RSVP

**Facilitated by Andrea Williams, MA**

**Bereavement Counselor, Grane Hospice**

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

You are not alone during times of change, grief, and loss. No matter if you are navigating a recent loss, reflecting on one from the past, or preparing for an anticipated transition, the Death Café Book Club offers a welcoming space to share and heal. As we dive into the themes of our monthly book selection, connect with others who understand your journey. Our December book selection is **"After Annie"** by Anna Quindlen. Copies are available for check out at the Member Services Desk.

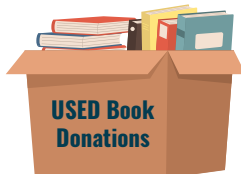
Please register on our online calendar:

**Stitch and Chat!****Chat and Stitch!****Stitch and Chat!****DAYTIME GROUP:****1st and 3rd Tuesdays****1:00 pm to 2:45 pm****Tues., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>****Tues., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>****EVENING GROUP:****1st and 3rd Thursdays****6:00 pm - 7:45 pm****Thurs., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>****Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**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****December Dates:****Thurs., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> | 12 noon – 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](mailto:Friends.kcl@gmail.com)

**Friends of KCL Branch Support Group**

In-Person Gathering in the  
Community Room



**No Meeting in December  
but we'll see you  
in the New Year!**

The Friends typically gather on the 3rd Monday 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](mailto:Friends.KCL@gmail.com) or call the library at 717-252-4080.

**[YORKLIBRARIES.ORG/hellam-kreutz-creek/](http://YORKLIBRARIES.ORG/hellam-kreutz-creek/)**

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