

# LIBRARY TALK



## From the Desk of Jennifer Johnson, Library Manager

People often ask me what my favorite book is, and since I genuinely don't have one, I always say it's the one I'm reading right now.

A few years ago, I belonged to no less than four book clubs. Book Clubs come in all shapes & sizes, and finding one that suits your preferences is key.

On our website, you can find information about the book clubs offered across our York County Libraries, including the four at Kreutz Creek. Our newest, 'The Death Café Book Club', is facilitated by a certified bereavement counselor. Books selected for discussion contain themes of grief, loss, & death. The goal is to deepen our understanding of these topics through the experiences of the books' characters.

Another option is "The Silent Book Club." This is a social group for people who enjoy reading. Unlike traditional book clubs, you don't have to read a specific book before the meeting, but rather read what you wish during the meeting. There are games, refreshments, & lots of talk about bookish things.

For teens, there is 'The Manga Book Club'. Manga is a style of Japanese comic book & graphic novel, often published in a series and read voraciously by teens and adults alike. This teen group selects one part of a series to read & discuss, with occasional trips to the local Boba Tea shop or to the movie theater to watch the animé.

'The Golden Book Club', for women over 55, is coordinated by a community member, with members taking turns facilitating the discussion. The members suggest & vote on titles that will become the monthly selections for the next year.

If you are just looking for a book recommendation, sign up for Wowbrary, YCL's weekly update of newly available books, ebooks, audiobooks, DVDs, & more. Or, ask a librarian for suggestions. We welcome your inquiries and your recommendations, too. All in all, none of us should have to look too far for our next great read!

## Library Hours

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

## Happy Valentine's Day from Fudge!



**Birthday: September 16, 2025**

**3 Mo. Weight 260 lbs.**

**Gender: Heifer (Female)**



Too Cute for Words!

We've already met Fudge's lovely parents, Tootsie and Huggy, but they aren't the only ones who play a big role in her life! Just like our family members care for us, dairy farmers look after their animals with lots of love and attention. They work hand-in-hand with some amazing people: a veterinarian, nutritionist, and of course, a herdsperson.

The veterinarian, or animal doctor, is like the superhero for the cows, providing regular check-ups and helping them feel better when they're under the weather. Then there's the nutritionist, who crafts a menu for the cows, ensuring they get just the right mix of food based on their age and how active they are. Baby calves drink a special milk formula that's kind of like what baby humans have, while the older ones munch on grains like corn & wheat, packed with nutrients—similar to our vitamins!

And let's not forget the herdsperson! Fudge's herdsperson is Farmer Paige. She is the one who takes care of the cows every day, ensuring they are clean and comfy in the barn. Farmers use all sorts of cozy materials for their cows' bedding, like straw, sand, or even waterbeds! No matter what they choose, Farmer Paige makes sure that keeping Fudge and her friends dry and comfortable is her absolute top priority. It's all about comfort and care for these amazing animals!



**Free Tax Prep Assistance/by appointment  
through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

**Kreutz Creek Library is a VITA location!**

**Saturday, February 7th & 14th**

**Saturday, March 14th & 21st**

**Saturday, April 4th & 11th**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Appointment Times arranged through the United Way of York County!**



**717.843.0957**



**United Way Website**

We will be hosting VITA volunteers to help eligible families (generally making less than \$69,000 in York County) with free tax return preparation.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; FAMILY PROGRAMS

**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**

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**

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, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**



**Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</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**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

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

**TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAM, ages 9 - 18****Library Squad**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**



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., February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Our friendly library dogs, Jager & Dillon, 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, Feb. 3rd  
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

## Silent Book Club | Ages 13+



Thursday, Feb. 5th  
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!



## BOOK CLUB

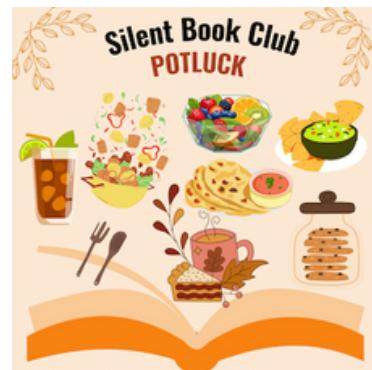
(Teens 12-18)

Sat., Feb. 21st  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm



No RSVP

**"Hikaru Died" by Mokumokuren**



**Silent Book Club  
POTLUCK  
Ages 13+**

Saturday, Feb. 14th  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This is a special "after-hours" event for the Silent Book Club Crew. Feel free to bring food or a beverage to share with everyone as we discuss books and play games. Festivities are followed by our standard hour of quiet reading time. New members are always welcome!

## Garden Talk with Melanie Markowski Plan a Garden to Attract Bats!

Thurs., February 12th | 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Create your own "bat habitat" even in the smallest of backyard spaces and, in return, these aerial acrobats will eat our unwanted yard and garden pests. As Melanie would say "it's a win-win relationship".

Hanging around and waiting for dusk, the bats prepare for an eating frenzy. Did you know that a single bat can eat hundreds to thousands of insects (mosquitoes, beetles, stink bugs, etc.) in just an hour? The result - farmers save billions of dollars, backyard gardeners can count on a plentiful yield of flowers & vegetables, and outdoor enthusiasts are protected from itchy, painful bug bites. 

**February Book Selection:****"When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi****Death Café Book Club | Please RSVP****Facilitated by Andrea Williams, MA****Bereavement Counselor, Crane Hospice****Tuesday, February 10<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 February book selection is "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi.** Copies are available for check out at the Member Services Desk.

Please register on our online calendar:

**Stitch and Chat!**

*NEW DAY &  
TIME!*

**DAYTIME GROUP:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
12:00 pm to 1:45 pm**

**Wed., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wed., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Chat and Stitch!****Stitch and Chat!****EVENING GROUP:**

**1st and 3rd Thursdays  
6:00 pm - 7:45 pm**

**Thurs., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thurs., Feb. 19<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.

**Save the Date**

The Friends Spring Puzzle Swap is right around the corner. Mark your calendars!

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am - 12 noon**

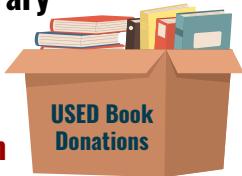


**Used Book Donation Drop-Off Days  
at Kreutz Creek Library**

**February Dates:**

**Tue., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> | 12 noon – 6:00 pm**

**Thurs., Feb. 19<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

**Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

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.