

Friends
of the
Back Mountain
Memorial Library

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The Newsletter of the Back Mountain Memorial Library

96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, PA 18612

Calendar of Events

Book Club – Meets 3rd Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Call the library for more information.

Monday Evening Yoga Classes – 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Six-week sessions - \$60.00.

Wednesday Evening Qi Gong Classes – 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Six-week sessions - \$60.00.

Stop by the library to register. Class size limited.

OCTOBER

October 8 – Designer Purse Bingo at Dallas High School (ample parking, handicap accessible). Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Tickets: presale \$25.00 at the library, \$30.00 at the door. 3 bingo cards for 20 games, extra bingo cards sold at the door. 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, food & drink available for purchase. Find us on Facebook.

October 16 – Book signing. Dr. Sheldon Spear will introduce and sign his new book, 1938. *American Historical Panorama*. Book price - \$20.99.

October 18 – Boscov's Shopping Pass Day. Passes can be purchased at the library for \$5.00.

October 22 – 12 noon – 3:00 p.m., Public program on "Being Prepared" in the situation of an active shooter. Free. Registration required by calling or stopping by the library.

NOVEMBER

November 2 – 6:30 p.m., Portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt during her years at the White House. Presenter Meg Geffken, a student of Oral Interpretation of Literature, will tell the story of Eleanor's life as a daughter of an alcoholic family outcast, niece of Rough Rider President Theodore Roosevelt, and wife of Franklin. Contact the library to register.

November 16, 17 & 18, 24, 25, & 30 – Second Hand Shoppe Christmas Extravaganza. Stop by for gift items, decorations, floral arrangements and more! Open during library hours.

November 23 – Closed for the holiday.

DECEMBER

December 1 & 2, 7, 8 & 9, 14, 15 & 16 – Second Hand Shoppe Christmas Extravaganza continues! Open during library hours.

December 20 & 21 – Library open house – all day. Stop by for some light refreshments and seasonal music.

December 25, 26, & 30 – Closed for the holidays.

Your Library Needs You!

As everyone in the Back Mountain Library family knows, once our annual auction ends, plans for the next one begin. So, how can you help?

As you begin your fall cleaning, set aside that furniture and those home accents you no longer need or want and call the library. Functional furniture, kitchenware, jewelry, decorative pieces, etc. are always in demand and help raise funds for library operations. If needed, we have wonderful volunteers who will pick-up and store the items for the auction.

Also, consider sharing your talents. Can you rewire a lamp? Refinish a piece of furniture? Do you have artistic ability to enhance a frame, mirror, or piece of furniture?

The participation of our community has always insured the success of the biggest fundraiser in the Back Mountain. We are hoping that, with your help, 2024 will be the best one yet! For more information call the library: 570 -675-1182.

Dallas Post Archival Project

The Dallas Post is now available online, years 1929 through 2013, through the library website, www.backmountainlibrary.org - once you are in click on The Dallas Post tab.

The Dallas Post contains some of the best historical records of the Back Mountain area during the depression, through the World War II years, and in the transition from a rural farming community to a thriving suburb. Among other important stories covered under publisher Howard Risley was one about how The Post led the effort to establish the Back Mountain Memorial Library and the library auction.

The late Ron Bartizek, last publisher of The Dallas Post, formed a small committee to discuss the digitizing of the paper. Soon realizing they would need a non-profit to get the funding, Ron approached the Library Board. The members agreed to take on the project of digitizing The Post as a library project and to find the funds to do it.

With the help of Dottie Martin, Ron secured the copies of The Dallas Post from the Times Leader who now owns them. The Times Leader gave the library copyright permission to digitize The Post and make it available online through the Penn State Pennsylvania Newspaper Archive.

Ron and Charlotte Bartizek helped to locate a company to do the actual digitizing. Frank Conyngham, a local history champion, participated in the initial committee and assisted where needed.

It was through the generosity of Andrew J. Sordoni III that the project got its start. He then continued to support the project financially and guide the library on the successful path of finding the additional money to continue and complete the project. We could not have done it without him.

Jennifer Yonkoski, college literature instructor, and her students played an important role in helping to get the papers ready for digitization by assessing the condition of the papers and counting the pages (all 63,000 of them).

The Dallas Post Archival Project accomplished the necessary preservation of The Post and made it possible for everyone to freely access it. The project could not have been completed without the help of many foundations, organizations, and individuals who responded with funding to complete the project.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this project a success!

Remembering a Good Friend



The Friends Steering Committee lost one of its valuable members in March 2023. Claudia Stevens faithfully participated in Friends activities over many years, offering a helping hand or a baked item whenever needed. She loved to assist with the library staff luncheons every October. As a member of the Back Mountain Bloomers, she was also instrumental in working with table centerpieces for the author luncheons. Good friends are a rare jewel in life, and we were happy to call Claudia our good "Friend."

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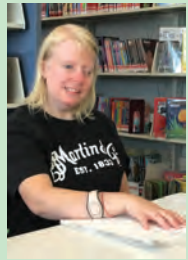
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Building Blocks Learning Center campers on a book hunt.

Caitlin reads a braille book.

Families enjoy the Community LEGO Display.

Kathy Kelchner explains the role of queen bee.

Kingston Twp. Police Officer Carter and Dilly meet summer campers.

Trucksville Early Childhood Ed. Ctr. on a field trip.

LIBRARY NEWS

***NEW – Kanopy** - a live streaming service of movies, documentaries, The Great Courses, and unlimited access to children's movies and programs. Google "Kanopy", go to their website and click on the Get Started bar. You can also download the Kanopy app at the App Store or Google Play. It's all free with your library card!

NewsStand E-Magazines - Check out magazines to download and read online or offline in a variety of languages. Go to the library website www.backmountainlibrary.org and scroll down to the light blue picture of NewsStand. Follow the directions to get connected.

Dallas Post Digitized Online - Years 1929 through 2013 are available online through the **Pennsylvania Newspaper Archives**. Go to the library website www.backmountainlibrary.org and click on the Dallas Post tab on the left side.

E-Books and E-Audio books are available on CloudLibrary. Click on the CloudLibrary icon found on the library website www.backmountainlibrary.org or contact the library for details on how to retrieve titles.

Online Resources/Databases - Go to www.backmountainlibrary.org. Click on the following icons:

America's Newspapers - newspapers throughout the U.S.

Heritage Quest - ancestry information

Learning Express Library - a wide variety of practice tests

Power Library - information through Virtual Reference works with specialized reference resources on a variety of topics

AP Images - where you can view the greatest events in world history with photos, audio sound bites, videos and graphics for over 185 years, updated daily with new information.

Library Art Wall - Monthly displays of local artist's works. If you are interested in displaying your art or photography, please contact the library at 570-675-1182. (Works can be priced to sell.)

Collector's Showcase - Monthly displays of personal collections such as baseball cards, glassware, figurines, birdhouses, owls, etc. If you are interested in displaying your collection, please contact the library 570-675-1182.

Slightly Read Bookshop - Open six days a week (call the library before coming to make sure bookshop is open, 570-675-1182). Located in the lower level of the library. Books for every age and interest: new, slightly used, decorative, and old collectible books.

WAYS TO HONOR SOMEONE AND SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

Giving Evergreen Memorial - Purchase a Pine Cluster, Stone or Tree to honor or memorialize someone special. Make them a part of the beautiful Evergreen Memorial at the entry of the library. Pine Needle Cluster: Copper - \$250; Silver - \$375; Stones - \$2,500; Tree - \$20,000.

Memorial or Honor Books - can be purchased in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion/birthday. (Order forms available online or at the front desk).

Commemorative Engraved Bricks - to honor a veteran or someone special, can be ordered at the library: \$100.00 per brick. (Order forms available online or at the front desk).

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS FOR FALL 2023

Summer Reading 2023 Wrap

"All Together Now" was the slogan for this past summer's reading program. Participants enjoyed some of the many stories about building, construction, and community available at the library. Children up to 11 years old who completed the challenge and read for at least 500 minutes or pages earned a large toy brick for the library. Collectively readers earned 91 enormous bricks! Teen readers earned points toward a new Crystal Rubik's Puzzle for the YA section. See the photos on this page for just some of the activities held this past summer.

Fall Story Groups

Toddler Time is for children 12 to 24 months old. Each session begins with 10 - 15 minutes of circle time and continues with 30 minutes of group play. This program is designed to introduce our youngest patrons to a structured story activity, socializing with peers, and the library. Toddler Time will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning on October 3rd and ending on November 14th.

Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL) is for children 24 to 36 months old. Each session includes 20 - 30 minutes of the MGOL program, which includes nursery rhymes, movement, songs, stories, and more. MGOL will be held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning on October 3rd and ending on November 14th.

Story Time is for children 3 to 5 years old. Each session includes 30 - 45 minutes of stories, songs, and concludes with a simple craft. Story time will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. beginning on October 4th and ending November 15th.

Please call or stop by the library to register and check for availability. Story groups are generally held three times a year during the fall, winter, and summer.

25¢ Books

Find a treasure to take home for only a quarter! Slightly read children's and teen books are on sale during all library hours at the entrance to the Children's Wing. Space has been expanded to include more variety and reading levels. Donations are welcome; if you have children's books that need a new home, bring them to us. Funds are used to support summer reading and other programming.

Tours/Field Trips

You are cordially invited to visit the library. Bring your class, daycare, family, or other children's group to see all your local library has to offer. Tours and activities can be customized for group ages, size, and interests. See the photo on this page for a book hunt designed for a summer camp. Contact the Children's Room to set a date.

Book Boxes

Let us bring books to your organization that serves children. The library will curate boxes of 15 - 25 books to arrive at your location every 3 weeks to a month. Discover new books and old classics. Have your children experience more books than ever before. Contact the Children's Room to find out how to get started.

Children's Room information can be found on backmountainlibrary.org or on Facebook.



Civil War Confederate Spy, Rose Greenhow. Presenter, Emily Lapisardi.



The Dallas Post before being digitized.



The Dallas Post archiving.



The Dallas Post archive example.



Puzzle table made by and donated to the library by Burt Scouten. Pictured, Martha Butler, Sharen Duddy, Burt Scouten.

COUPON

Present this coupon and get \$2.00 off any purchase of \$5.00 or more at the Slightly Read Bookshop

No expiration date.

Slightly Read Bookshop Find the best book buys around!

Lee Lawrence, Manager (Entrance located around the back of the library)

Something for every age - children, teens, and adults / \$3-a-bag deal on paperbacks.

Most prices are in the \$.25 to \$5.00 range. Book donations are appreciated.

Bookshop Hours:

Monday, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10.m. - 5 p.m.;

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Check us out on the Slightly Read Bookshop Facebook page & like us!

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library – Our Mission Statement

The Friends Steering Committee actively provides financial and volunteer support to enhance our library's extensive resources and successful programs. Enthusiasm and willingness to participate are the only qualifications needed to join this committee.

"Lucky 77th" Auction Thanks the Community



"Lucky 77th" proved to be another memorable auction with Tom Mosca at the helm. Chairperson Mosca, along with the Library Board of Directors, were encouraged by this year's large group of community volunteers who donated their time and energy. New to the volunteer effort were 12 students from Lake Lehman's Senior Project Program who worked enthusiastically with the local Boy Scouts to help in any way they could before and during the auction. It would not be an auction without the assistance of our local business community who so generously donate

goods and services. And, there would not be an auction without our faithful patrons to support us. The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who made the auction possible!

A highlight at the auction over the last years is the "Children's Bid-Time Stories" tent designed to entertain youngsters with crafts, activities, and special guests while parents do their bidding. Dwarf goats dressed in tutus from Buttinhead Farms were the stars this year. Evidently it was a very calm experience with human kids stretched out on the grass with four-legged kids!

Our Newsletter

The Friends Steering Committee and the Back Mountain Memorial Library are grateful to Jason Aben and the Bayard Printing Group, Plymouth, PA for their assistance in helping to make this newsletter possible.

2023 FARMERS' MARKET

The ever-popular Farmers' Market ended another "fruitful" season of buying and selling on October 28th. The market operated every Saturday beginning July 8th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Dallas High School parking lot. A growing number of area vendors provided an assortment of locally grown fruits and vegetables in addition to gourmet mushrooms, honey, homemade baked goods, farm fresh meats and eggs as well as specialty items such as Kombucha, herb infused oils, popcorn and soap products. Market Co-chairs Gary Dymond and Bill Peiffer (pictured) sold zinnias as well as sunflowers and donated the proceeds to the library.



Rain or shine, there is always plenty of parking at the Farmers' Market! Library Director Martha Butler notes this as an important fundraiser for the library, and she is thankful to the Dallas School District for their generosity. The market owes its success to the community whose support makes it possible every season. Thank you and see you again next year!

2023 AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

Ray Arzente	Susan Napkora
Amy Balent	Jennifer O'Donnell
Joyce Bellas	Marlene Ogin
Karen Boback	Lauren O'Shea
Danielle Bohl	Meg Ostrum
Cassidy Borger	Megan Palmer
Jenna Borger	Sabrina Pericich
Diane Brzozowski	Tiffany Pizzano
Emily Brzozowski	Charlotte Prohaska
David Burkhardt	Luann Reynolds
Amy Camfield	Beth Rosenthal
Bill Camp	Heidi Ruckno
Kelley Campas	Emma Salko
Zoe Cleema	Craig Scales
Sue Clouse	Matthew Scherer
Kevin Cook	Connie Scott
Tom Duffy	John Semcheski
Jackie Dwinchick	John Shaskas
Kirsten Ecenrode	Melissa E. Shaver
Elaine Elko	Cassandra Sherill
Stephanie Engelman	Beth Shovlin
Thea Escarge	Marie Shovlin
Casey Foster	Linda Shuler
Julia Gibbon	Ashley Shultz
Mary Gilligan	Tara Sinclair
Zoe Hakim	Megan Sinoracki
Kathy Holena	Robert Smith
Reilly Hubbard	Robin Smith
Pam Husted	Shirl Stec
Nancy Jefferey	Norman Steidinger
Bob Kern	Christina Strunk
Jackie Kotch	Janet Swanger
Sarah Lacey	Ben Swiatek
Maureen Leahigh	Darlene Szala
Michael A. Llewellyn	Lisa Tabbitt
Rosemary Lukusha	Kyle Taylor
David Marlowe	Scott Torr
Marina Martino	Lotty Vankuyk
Aiden Mateas	Lucy Vankuyk
Colleen Matley	Jennifer Vigorito
Jennifer Meccadante	Roxanne Voitek
Lauren Medvec	Sally Walter
Lucy Messersmith	Gerard Wazeter
Isaac Miller	Penny Weiner
Justine Montigny	Tanya Whitmoyer
Adeline Morgan	Sharon Whittaker
Ally Morris	JoAnn Zablocky

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Yearly Membership Dues Single - \$20.00
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Name: _____

Email: _____

Suggestions for authors/books to purchase: _____

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9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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