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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.

Stop by the library to register. Class size limited.

**Socrates Cafe** – 6:30 p.m. every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Discuss a chosen topic with others!

### OCTOBER

**October 26** – Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., last **Farmers' Market** located at Dallas High School.

### NOVEMBER

**November 14 to January 8, 2025** – Christmas Extravaganza being held during library hours. Stop by and stock up on holiday decor and other goodies!

**November 17** – Designer Purse Bingo at Dallas High School (ample parking, handicap accessible). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Presale tickets for \$30.00 (cash, check, or credit/debit card). 3 bingo cards for 20 games, extra bingo cards sold at the door. 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, food & drink available for purchase. Table reservation for parties of 8 or more. Tickets purchased at the door for \$35.00.

**November 28** – Closed for Thanksgiving.

### DECEMBER

**December 24, 25, & 31** – Closed for the holidays.

Check the library website, [www.backmountainlibrary.org](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org) local newspapers & Facebook for additional programs and activities not yet scheduled.

## Suggested Reading List

*The Life Impossible* - Matt Haig

From Goodreads: "When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan. Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, Grace must first come to terms with her past. Filled with wonder and wild adventure, this is a story of hope and the life-changing power of a new beginning."

*From Here to the Great Unknown* - Lisa Marie Presley and Riley Keough  
From the book's website: "This extraordinary book is composed of both Lisa Marie's and Riley's voice, a mother and daughter communicating across the transom of death as they try to heal each other. Profoundly moving and deeply revealing, *From Here to the Great Unknown* is a book like no other—the last words of the only child of a true legend."

*The Empusium* - Olga Tokarczuk; translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones  
From Penguin Random House: "The Nobel Prize winner's latest masterpiece, set in a sanitarium on the eve of World War I, probes the horrors that lie beneath our most hallowed ideas. A young Pole suffering from tuberculosis arrives at Wilhelm Opitz's Guesthouse for Gentlemen in the village of Görbersdorf, a health resort in the Silesian mountains. Every evening the residents gather to imbibe the hallucinogenic local liqueur and debate the great issues of the day: Monarchy or democracy? Do devils exist? Are women born inferior? War or peace? Meanwhile, disturbing things are happening in the guesthouse and the surrounding hills. Someone—or something—seems to be watching, attempting to infiltrate this cloistered world. Little does the newcomer realize, as he tries to unravel both the truths within himself and the mystery of the sinister forces beyond, that they have already chosen their next target."

## A Message from the Library Director, Liz Caputo

I want to start by thanking the patrons, staff and the community as a whole for the warm welcome you've extended to me. Everyone has been extremely kind and helpful as I start this new position. I'm excited to continue working with and getting to know all of you. I've become better acquainted with the Back Mountain community over the past months and I'm floored by the amount of support this library receives. We are so lucky to have many patrons who are so generous. I am overwhelmed by the number of people who donate their time, talent and energy to ensure all of our events and fundraisers are a success. This Library would not be what it is without you!

There are a few new things happening at the library which I hope will help enhance the experience patrons have while visiting us. Firstly, our website is in the process of being redesigned and my hope is that it will be easier to use. We've also removed the borrowing limits on all items except for DVDs. Feel free to take out as many new books as you'd like! There is also a new monthly program, Socrates Cafe, which began in September. Participants vote on and discuss a different topic each meeting. I am also hoping to begin a new book club later this year. It will be a Bring Your Own Book (BYOB) Club. Readers will meet and simply chat about what they're reading - it's a great way to meet other book nerds!

Going forward, my hope is that I will get to know many of you and help in some way - even if it's just getting a book you're looking for! I am an avid reader myself so if you would ever like to stop in and chat about books (or anything really), I love visitors.

## Luzerne Co. Library System Celebrates 40 Years

Luzerne County Library System celebrates its 40th anniversary in October. Founded in 1984, the Luzerne County Library System (LCLS) serves the approximately 320,000 residents of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

LCLS is comprised of ten autonomous libraries: Back Mountain Memorial Library, Hazleton Area Public Library and branches, Hoyt Library, Marian Sutherland Kirby Library, Mill Memorial Library, Osterhout Free Library and branches, Pittston Memorial Library, Plymouth Public Library, West Pittston Library, and Wyoming Free Library.

The distinctive bright yellow library cards allow patrons to borrow and return materials to any of the member libraries. Drop your Back Mountain book off at Plymouth and it'll ride back to us on the van. Patrons can also utilize resources at any of the member libraries - not just their home library. You aren't restricted to just what we have at the Back Mountain Library - we can order you a book from Hazleton! Patrons aren't stuck waiting for just one copy of the newest book - holds are filled from all over the county cutting down on patron wait times and the LCLS van delivers books and DVDs daily.

This cooperative sharing between the libraries is so beneficial to patrons. Not only in the greater variety of books for patrons, but someone at the various libraries might be able to answer questions and direct you to the right person. If we don't know it here, maybe someone at the Osterhout does.

Borrowing and returning books to any library is convenient, but so is the ability to access the computers at any member library. If you need to print something and you're in Mountain Top near the Maria Sutherland Kirby Library, you can get into a computer using the same card you'd use anywhere in the system.

Many patrons utilize only their home library and that is amazing (we're glad you're stopping in)! We just want you to know that you aren't restricted to one library - you have access to all of them with your Luzerne County library card.



## Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors 2024

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Adopt a Reading Buddy



BMML Mission Control - Space Saturday



Community LEGO Display



Group Summer Prize - Air Toobz



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Music and Me

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Creativebug.com** – has thousands of award-winning arts & crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts, crafters, and artists. You can browse through video classes in drawing, painting, sewing, crocheting, quilting, jewelry making, and more. Creativebug provides ideas and expert guidance for all levels. Head to [www.backmountainlibrary.org](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org) to get started.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org) or contact the library for details on how to retrieve titles.

**Online Resources/Databases** – Go to [www.backmountainlibrary.org](http://www.backmountainlibrary.org). Click on the following icons:

**America's Newspapers** – newspapers throughout the U.S.

**My Heritage** – ancestry information

**Learning Express Library** – a wide variety of practice tests now expanded to include tests for technical and blue-collar jobs as well

**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 the 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 2024

### Summer Reading 2024 Wrap

"Adventure Begins at Your Library" was the slogan for this past summer's reading program. Participants enjoyed activities about exploration and adventure, with a special focus on air travel.

See the photos on this page for just some of the activities held this past summer.

Summer readers participated in a group challenge. Collectively, readers earned 112,500 points. One point was given for each page or minute read. Participants voted on group prizes related to the theme. Two group prizes were obtained for the library based on the group's success. Air Toobz is a toy that sends foam balls through tubes using a fan. That prize will be available to use at the library. A NASA Moon telescope will be available to borrow from the library.

### Halloween Special Event

Misericordia Cheer will host a Halloween program on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be stories, games, crafts, and lots of fun!

Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Children ages 3 to 5 years old will be in the Children's Wing.

Children ages 6 to 8 will be in the Community Room.

Please call or stop by to register.

### Fall Story Groups

**Toddler Time** is for children 12 months to 24 months old.

Each session begins with 10 – 15 minutes of circle time and continues with 30 minutes of group play.

Toddler Time will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., October 1 to November 19.

**Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL)** is for children 24 months 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., October 1 to November 19.

**Story Time** is for children 3 years to 5 years old.

Each session includes 30 – 45 minutes of stories and songs, and concludes with a simple craft.

Story time will be held Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., October 2 to November 20.

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.

**Children's Room information can be found on [backmountainlibrary.org](http://backmountainlibrary.org) or on Facebook.**



Paper Plane Golf



Rob Smith the Juggler



Summer Celebration Games



Summer Celebration Raffle Drawing



Wilkes University Day of Service

## 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 a.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.

Hours are subject to change. Call the library to make sure we are open.

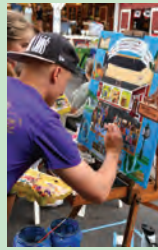


**The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library – Our Mission Statement**  
 The Friends Steering Committee actively provides financial and volunteer support to enhance our library's extensive resources and successful programs. Enthusiasm and willingness to participate are the only qualifications needed to join this committee.

## 78th Auction Thanks the Community



"78th is Gonna Be a Record!" auction indeed made "78 a record!" Chairperson Tom Mosca reports that this year's auction was exceptional. Tom and the Library Board of Directors credits the extensive community volunteer effort for their help including Boy Scout Troop 281, Lake Lehman students, the Dallas Football Team for their assistance in the breakdown afterwards, and the local business



community who generously donate goods and services.

In addition to the popular "Children's Bid-Time Stories" tent with perennial favorites, P.T. Reptiles, Juggler Rob Smith and Buttinhead Farms, the New Goods and Raffle Baskets continue to be auction highlights. Branching out with the expansion of antiques into categories has also proved to be very beneficial.

There would not be an auction without our local patrons to support us. The Auction Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the auction's success as it continues to fund library operations!

### 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.

## 2024 FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market grew stronger this year with new vendors, the old favorites and a food truck – a big hit for sure! On opening day numerous news media sources were on the scene to help kick-off what has been a bountiful year of buying and selling. This year's coordinators, Gary Dymond and Bill Peiffer, decided to promote the Farmers' Market on 10 different social media sites around the community which has increased the market's exposure and pleased the vendors.

The market will end on Saturday, October 26th after operating all summer long between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. each Saturday in the Dallas High School parking lot. Rain or shine, there is always plenty of parking at the Farmers' Market!

Library Director Liz Caputo notes this as an important fundraiser for the library. She is thankful to the Dallas School District for hosting the Farmers' Market each year. The market owes its success to the community whose support makes it possible every season. Along with the community, a special thank you is extended to Rob Lewis and Margaret Bakker for the musical entertainment they provided throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you next year! *Pictured are Melinda Gaus, Board President, Gary Dymond, Bill Peiffer, and Liz Caputo, Library Director.*



## 2024 AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Anne-Michelle Albertson | Ginger McCabe        |
| Susan Allen             | Larry Medvec         |
| Julia Ash               | Chris Miller         |
| Sophie Balough Simon    | Jessie Miller        |
| Lynn Banta              | Maddie Miller        |
| Shawn Blat              | Conrad Miller        |
| Jessica Brin            | Estella Moran        |
| Michelle Brooks-Rogers  | Mary Lou Moran       |
| Christine Brown         | Carol Nestorick      |
| Susan Butcher           | Rachel Nilsson       |
| Betsy Cannon            | Ashley Novitsku      |
| Beth Chabala            | Tara O'Donnell       |
| Matt Chabella           | Debbie Ostrowski     |
| Amy Chappell            | Juliana Overstreet   |
| Joann Chwiej            | Dawn Panek           |
| Becky Costello          | Bill Peiffer         |
| Beth Cottle             | Pat Peiffer          |
| Mary Ellen Cusma        | Tiffany Pizzano      |
| Catherine Daly          | JoAnn Prohaski       |
| Tracey Daniels          | Becky Reinert        |
| Gemma Daniels           | Lindsey Ripa         |
| Jonathan Daniels        | Mary Roginski        |
| Lorin Dermer            | Amiee Round          |
| Elizabeth Dessoie       | Heidi Ruckno         |
| Elizabeth Duffy         | Laura Beth Ryan      |
| Jackie Dwinchick        | Sandra Salko         |
| Danielle Evans          | Durelle Scott        |
| Laura Farinella         | Sam Sgarlat          |
| Mckenzi Fox             | Nathan Sinclair      |
| Brian Franklin          | Gail Smallwood       |
| Stacy Fry               | Pat Sorber           |
| Zoe Fryer               | Pat Sprague          |
| Julia Gibbon            | Michelle Steele      |
| Debbie Hartman          | Ann Stoffy           |
| Mary Ann Hebda          | John M. Sweeny       |
| Sydney Hendrick         | Darleen Szela        |
| Kyra Herman             | Seth Tarselli        |
| Mary Ann Hopkins        | Kyle Taylor          |
| Alana Husband-Dwyer     | Terry Thomas         |
| Jason Jones             | Gail Thompson        |
| Mana Karpovich          | Sarah Traver         |
| Rachel Kon              | Jennie Valick        |
| Sharon Koski            | Anthony Vanlouvender |
| Sarah Lacey             | Lucas Voica          |
| Susan Lazur             | Sally Walter         |
| Maureen Leheigh         | Alexis Weaver        |
| Connie Lipkin           | Tonya Whitmoyer      |
| Leslie Long             | Lydia Wrubel         |
| Kathy Malk              | Katie Youells        |
| Sandy Martin            | Erin Yurko           |
| Rachel Martini          | Olivia Zavlocky      |
| Marina Martino          | Debbie Zimmerman     |
| Diane Mazonis           |                      |

### BACK MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY –FIRST CHOICE READER BOOK CLUB–



Yearly Membership Dues    Single - \$20.00  
 Payable January 1st            Double - \$25.00

SEND REMITTANCE TO:  
**Back Mountain Memorial Library**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for authors/books to purchase:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Library Needs You!

As everyone in the Back Mountain Library family knows, once our annual auction ends, plans for the next one begins. 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?

Volunteer help and community participation over the years has insured the success of the biggest fundraiser in the Back Mountain. We are hoping 2025 will be the best year yet! For more information or to volunteer for one of the various committees, call the library: 570-675-1182.

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
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.

570-675-1182

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*Slightly Read Bookshop*

is located below the children's wing.

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Come in for the best book bargains in the Back Mountain.



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