



Southern Lehigh Public Library Winter 2020/2021 Newsletter

BUILDING HOURS

Mon, Thurs: 10 - 7
Tues, Wed, Fri: 10 - 4
Sat: 10 - 2

CURBSIDE HOURS

Mon, Thurs: 12-2 & 4-6
Tues, Wed, Fri: 12 - 2
Sat: 12 - 2

Holiday Giving Projects

Each year, library staff members invite the community to participate in their Holiday Giving Tree Projects. This year, there are two projects to choose from:

Families Helping Families

We invite you to support local Southern Lehigh families hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic by donating gift cards for local



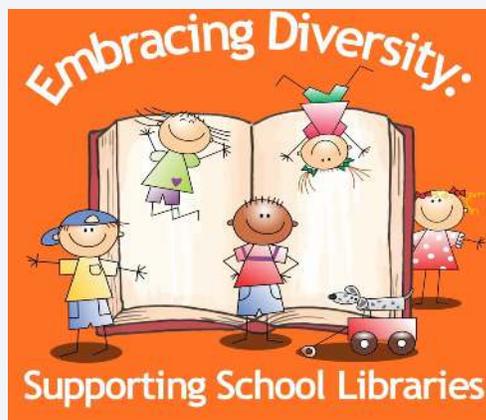
stores or online merchants. The library has partnered with Southern Lehigh School District and District Guidance Counselors will distribute the gift cards to families in need. Suggested gift cards include those for local grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants,

department stores, online merchants such as Amazon, or VISA gift cards that can be used anywhere.

Please bring donations of gift cards to the library by December 30.

Embracing Diversity: Supporting School Libraries

Elementary school librarians in the Allentown School District need our help to improve the diversity of their collections to represent people of color and the population they serve. We invite you to take a tag from the library's Holiday Giving Tree, purchase the book title listed on the tag and return it to the library, or if you prefer to donate a gift card for Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Ollie's, the school librarians will use them to purchase the books.



All donations should be brought to the library by December 30.

Holiday & Winter Closing Information



Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays on:

December 24 & 25

December 31 & January 1

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, closing information can be found at the following locations:

- Library's website at www.solehipl.org
- Library's FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/solehipl
- Library's telephone messaging system at (610) 282-8825
- WFMZ Channel 69 Storm closing info on TV or online at wfmz.com/stormclose



Helping Hands 2020/2021 - We're in this together

HELPING HANDS CAMPAIGN 2020-2021

Southern Lehigh Public Library



Please consider
"lending a helping hand"
THANK YOU!

At this writing, the library has received over \$30,000 in donations to its *2020/2021 Helping Hands Campaign*. **THANK YOU** to all those who have contributed; your generosity and support is greatly appreciated! Despite the uncertainty of the pandemic, you've demonstrated that we're in this together and you value the services that the library is providing!

It's not too late for those who would still like to donate as this fundraising campaign continues through June 30, 2021. For donations of \$50 or more, your name will be entered into a monthly raffle drawing for a \$25 gift card to a local merchant.

Donate
Online

Local Library Funding Update

SLPL is partially supported by

We thank all those who publicly

contributions from Coopersburg Borough, Upper Saucon Township, Lower Milford Township, and Southern Lehigh School District. Each fall, library staff and Board members make presentations to each local entity to request continued funding for the next calendar year.

You may be aware that **Lower Milford Township's Board of Supervisors was discussing eliminating funding** for the library in its 2021 budget, while Coopersburg Borough, Upper Saucon Township, and Southern Lehigh School District continued to include funding for the library in their budgets.

supported the library by emailing, calling, and attending meetings of the Lower Milford Township Board of Supervisors.

At this writing, the requested funding is included in Lower Milford Township's draft budget, but **your support is still needed** until draft budgets at each township are approved in late December. The pandemic has impeded the library's ability to host several of its traditional fundraising events so maintaining local government funding is especially important for continuing library services.

Thank you for your support!

I like books about.... what do you suggest?



Southern Lehigh Public Library
Readers' Advisory

In the library world, questions like these posed to our staff fall under the category of **Reader's Advisory**, a fancy phrase for what librarians do every day - recommend book titles to our patrons. The library staff is happy to assist you, but we also provide online tools and in-house displays that might help you find that next great read.

Pamphlets and lists organized by topic and/or genre are available in our **Children's Room, Young Adult Room**, and the main section for adults. Are you an adult looking to read a terrific thriller, or books by authors of color? We've got a pamphlet for that! Does your child love stories about **dinosaurs** or **princesses**? Or maybe you have a special situation in your family such as a **new baby, an adopted child, a divorce, the death or illness of a family member, a child who is being bullied** or struggling to understand the **COVID-19 pandemic**? We have lists of excellent children's titles on all of those subjects. Does the teen in your family like to escape into books about otherworldly creatures like **vampires, ghosts and zombies**, or perhaps they enjoy romance novels about **first love, break-ups, or make-ups**. We've got those lists too and many others! Online tools featured on our website include Novelist Plus/Novelist K-8 and NextReads and can be found under the "Digital Resources" tab and "**Digital Reference Collection**."

What does *FINE-FREE* really mean?

During this pandemic, libraries that are members of Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative decided to go "*fine-free*" and not charge overdue fines through **March 31, 2021**. In addition we increased the number of times an item could be renewed to two times, and patrons receive several courtesy email reminders throughout the process.



Returned items must be quarantined for 7 days and may appear as overdue on your account, but the overdue fines are automatically waived at check-in.

Items that are not returned within 28 days of their due date are no longer just overdue, they are considered lost and patrons will receive a bill for the replacement cost. As a courtesy during the pandemic, patrons will receive an email reminder before being sent to a collection agency. Patrons who still don't return items will incur both replacement charges and collection agency fees.

I have access to 501,526 items? Say what??

Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative (LCLC)



As a member of Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative, SLPL patrons now have access to 501,526+ physical items located at **12 different area libraries**, and that doesn't even include the e-books, e-magazines, e-audios or streaming content that's also available.

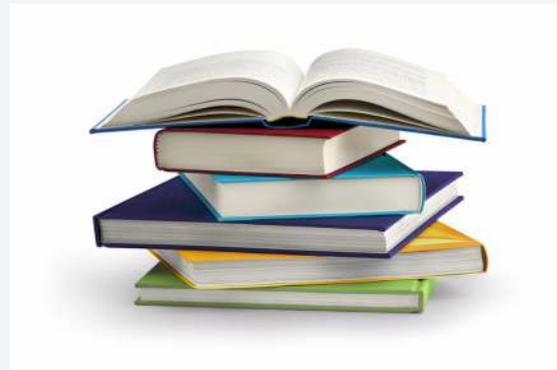
Wow! What could be better than that? How about the fact that most items can be sent to your pick-up library of choice via our van delivery system within 2-3 days if the item you want is available. It's as easy as searching the library's catalog, placing a hold on the item you want and waiting for notification that your item has arrived and is waiting for pick-up.

If you need assistance in placing a hold or finding a particular title, please call the library's Circulation Desk at 610-282-8825, Menu #2 and we'll be happy to help! Keep in mind, brand new items may not transit for the first 6 months, and there could be a wait list for best-sellers.

What's on special display??

Special Displays coming in 2021

Each month, the library features specially curated displays of items that we hope will peak your interest. Why not try some of the titles that will be featured in these?



JANUARY --

- A New Year... A New You! Get Inspired
- Ringing in 2021 with Humor
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - celebrating inspirational people

FEBRUARY --

- Romance Fiction
- Easy Winter Cooking
- Hobbies 4 Kids

MARCH --

- "Green" Books
- Animal Heroes
- SLPL Staff Picks

Gentle Yoga Classes on Zoom with Deanna Nagle

Every Friday @ 10:00 AM!



You must register for each class individually on or before 9 AM on the day of the class. Once you are registered the instructor will email the Zoom link to you.

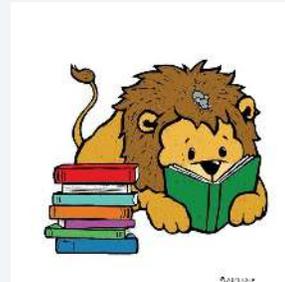
\$10 per class

Register for
Yoga

#GivingTuesday - A HUGE Success!



Thank you to those who contributed on *#GivingTuesday* to raise funds for the 2021 Summer Reading Club program. You exceeded our goal and donated \$3,373.00! This summer's "*Tails & Tales*" programming will be spectacular thanks to your generosity!



Book Sale Room Reopens!



After many months, the library's book Sale Room has finally reopened for sales !

Holiday books are out now! There will be a 1/2 Price Sale from January 4-16, 2021.

No donations are being accepted at this time!

Tentative plans for 2021 include continuing sales as well as accepting donations. Donated items will be dated and quarantined for 7 days

before being added to the sale shelves. Quarantine and storage space is very limited, so please observe the following rules when donating items:

- Only 2 boxes/bags will be accepted at any one time.
- The library accepts paperback and hardcover books for all ages, books on CD, collectible books, DVDs, video games, and music CDs.
- Items must be clean and in excellent condition; no musty-smelling, moldy or dusty items accepted.
- Adult fiction and nonfiction books may not be older than 10 years.
- We cannot accept magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, computer manuals, Reader's Digest Condensed books, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, or computer software.

As the pandemic continues into 2021, please check our [website](#) or call (610) 282-8825, menu #2 for updated information regarding donations of items to our Book Sale Room as plans may change.

A new flag for SLPL



Once again, the American flag flies high from the flag pole outside the front entrance of the library!

Thank you to Senator Pat Browne for donating the flag to the library! We are proud to be able to display this great American symbol.



(Pictured raising the flag is Matthew D. Szuchyt, Deputy Director of Policy & Communications for Senator Browne's Office & Lynnette Saeger, Library Director.)

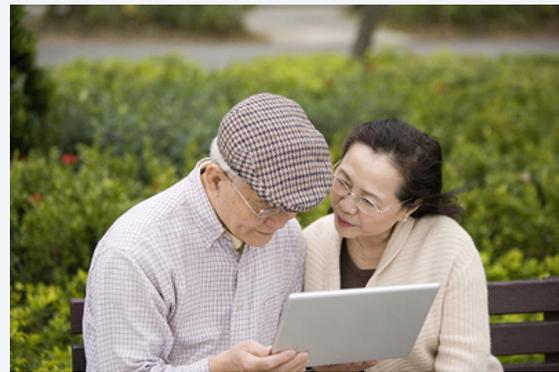
Help for Seniors

AARP Foundation[®]
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AARP Tax Assistance Program

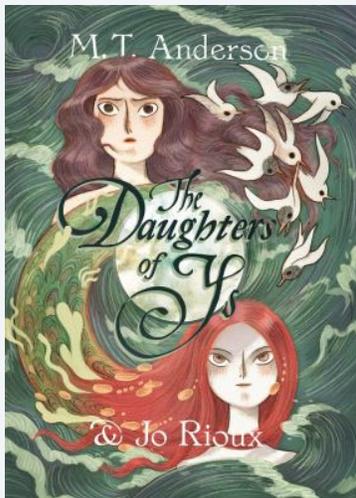
There are *tentative* plans to host the annual AARP Tax Assistance Program again this year, February-April.

Due to the pandemic, the way this program operates will be changing and no details are available yet. Please check our [website](#) or call (610) 282-8825, menu #2 for updates.



Need help choosing a Medicare Plan?

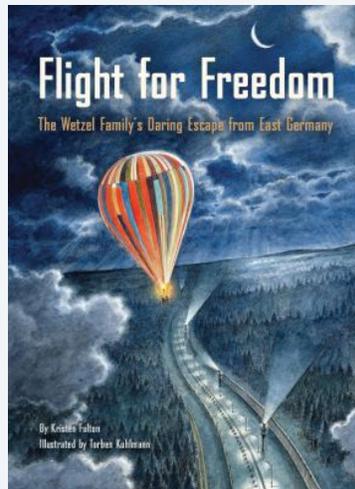
The library will connect you with a trained volunteer from Lehigh County Office of Aging & Adult Services who can assist you with choosing the plan that's best for you. We provide options for both in-person and/or telephone appointments. Please call (610) 282-8825, menu #2 for assistance.



Graphic Novel

The Daughters of Ys
- M. T. Anderson & Jo Rioux

Their mother is dead. Her mortal body set upon the sea and lit aflame. Rozen and Dahut listen as their father, the King of Kerne, recalls how he met, rescued, and fell under the spell of their otherworldly mother. But what really happened? And what is to come? Rozen, the heir, finds comfort in the beauty of nature and animals, but Dahut is filled with a rage that she channels into cold-blooded control of the kingdom of Ys through her mother's inherited powers. Destruction looms near, and the daughters find that revenge can swallow those who seek to wield it. Based on an ancient Breton folktale.



Juvenile Non-Fiction

Flight for Freedom: the Wetzel Family's Daring Escape from East Germany
- Kristen Fulton

Six-year-old Peter Wetzel lives on the wrong side of the Berlin Wall. Easy Germany is not a good place. No one is allowed to leave, and the necessities of life are scarce. Peter's parents don't want to raise their children in this fearful place. Inspired by a smuggled photo of the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, they make a daring plan for escape. They will build a hot-air balloon in secret and fly over the wall at night. They know nothing about balloons, but they know about physics and mathematics. Can they sail all eight family members and friends to freedom?



Picture Book

Things That Go Away
- Beatrice Alemagna

Have you ever wished things would stay the same forever? This gentle and moving picture book shows readers that while most things change, this change can be good, or at least a normal part of human life. Each page has a see-through overlay that shows the before, and when turned, the after. Whether things and emotions transform, vanish, or fall, life continues. But love is a constant.

Children's Programming Librarian

We had a ball this fall!

Fall 2020 programming gave us a chance to be extra creative and think of ways to engage our patrons virtually, in person, and with both active and passive programming. It is very important to us that our patrons have different options to attend and participate in programming with both virtual, in person, and through active or passive opportunities.

Here are some of the highlights of what we did this Fall to bring programming to our patrons:

- Weekly Virtual Storytimes on Zoom
- Weekly Virtual Music Class with Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Rock & Roll Music Program
- Outdoor Programming - Kids Dance Party, Kids Sing-along, Kids Fall/Halloween Costume Storytime, and Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class
- Virtual Chess Club with Tutorials by Carson Swick
- Kids Virtual Storybook Movie Watch Parties on Zoom
- Storybook Cooking on Facebook
- Fall Poster Window Displays
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Indoor and Outdoor Seek & Treat Scavenger Hunt
- Virtual Zoom Halloween Costume Storytime
- Virtual Harvest BINGO
- Outdoor Storywalks
- Virtual Tail Wagging Readers Storytime by LuJean and her dogs Bandy and Allie



We hope to be able to bring back some of the same, as well as add new programming opportunities for our patrons this winter. And of course, a big thank you to all of our performers, volunteers, and patrons who continue to support us and participate in our programming!



Winter Children & Youth Programming



Registration is open now!

- Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class Holiday Specials on Zoom- Dec 9 at 10:00 AM & Dec 16 at 6:30 PM
- Kids Holiday BINGO on Zoom- Dec 10 at 6:30 PM
- Evening Holiday Storytime on Zoom- Dec 21 at 6:30 PM
- Weekly Storytime on Zoom - Tuesday Mornings at 10:30 AM - Jan 5 - Feb 15
- Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class on Zoom- Mondays at 10:00 AM - January 11 - Feb 15
- Kid's Watch Parties on Zoom - Jan 15, Feb 19, & Mar 12 at 10:30 AM
- Kids Valentine BINGO on Zoom- Feb 11 at 6:30 PM
- Kids Chess Club on Zoom with Carson Swick (ages 8-14)- Dec 9 & Jan 13 at 7:00 PM
- Parent & Child Book Club (ages 9-12) Featuring "Loser" by Jerry Spinelli - Wednesdays at 4:00 PM - Jan 20, Feb 17 & March 17

[Click to Register](#)



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