

# SLPL's Spellbinding Pages

## Autumn 2026



### ***Letter from the Director:***

Our Summer Fun Club activities have wrapped up, and our dedicated staff get a brief respite from the increased summer traffic. Just look at some of our Fun Club stats: 1,341 kids and 906 adults attended the 61 youth programs planned by Miss Melissa. In addition, 413 kids, 70 teens, and 184 adults tracked their summer reading to enter raffles for a multitude of cool prize packages put together by Miss Marilla and Miss Candice. We love to see so many members of our community take advantage of all our library has to offer, and we're doing our best to continue that momentum into the Fall and Winter. In addition to Fall programming for kids, Miss Claire and our Friends group have a full slate of programs for adults, from monthly trivia and craft nights to book discussion groups and engaging speakers. Throw in all of the best new books and quick access to 500,000+ items from our partner LCLC libraries, and you are guaranteed to find something to inspire your imagination and connect with your community. We look forward to seeing you!

***Executive Director, Mark Sullivan***



**Things will look different in our catalog at the end of September...**

**for your leisure reading -**

Aspen Discovery is an open-source library catalog interface offered to members of SPARK (the Pennsylvania Integrated Library System, or PAILS).

Managed in partnership with the Equinox Open Library Initiative, it modernizes how patrons browse and access library resources across Pennsylvania. Key Benefits of Aspen Discovery for SPARK Libraries

- Unified Searching: Merges physical books, e-books, audiobooks, and digital databases into a single search window.
- Personalized Recommendations: Delivers customized reading suggestions based on patron search history and preferences.
- Smart Grouping: Combines different formats of the same book title (e.g., paperback, Kindle, and audiobook) into one clean result.
- Account Management: Allows patrons to easily renew items, and manage holds from a mobile-friendly dashboard.

## Youth and Family Programming

Fall 2026

Youth & Family Programming

Registration Opens August 27th at 8pm

<https://www.solehipl.org/event-calendar/#/events/>

▯ Mixed Age Storytime: (Session 1)

Tuesdays September 8th – October 27th at 10:00am

\*Please Sign up child/children for only 1 storytime session

▯ Mixed Age Storytime: (Session 2)

Tuesdays September 8th – October 27th at 11:15am

\*Please Sign up child/children for only 1 storytime session

▯ Baby Storytime: (Ages birth – 24 months):

Fridays on September 11th ,September 25th , October 9th , October 23rd and November 6th at 10:30am

▯ Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class (Session 1)

Thursdays September 17th –November 5th at 9:30am

\*Please sign up for only 1 music class session

▯ Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class (Session 2)

Thursdays September 17th –November 5th at 10:05am

\*Please sign up for only 1 music class session

▯ Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class (Session 3):

Thursdays September 17th – November 5th at 10:45am

\*Please sign up for only 1 music class session

▯ Karate Storytime with Lehigh Valley Martial Arts:

Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm

- Join us for a karate themed storytime with Lehigh Valley Martial Arts of Emmaus.

▯ Dungeon and Dragons Club: (For new and experienced players ages 12 - 101)

Thursdays September 10th , October 8th , November 12th , and December 10th from 6:00-8:00pm

- Adventure League and Homebrew One-Shot Campaigns. Tables are available with experienced DMs running the campaigns. Dice and character sheets available or bring your own. D&D app and D&D Beyond welcome.

▯ Tail Wagging Readers:

Saturdays September 12th, October 10th, November 14th at 11:00am

- Come and read to therapy dogs at the library. Great for reluctant readers.

▯ Game Play: (Ages 2 – 6 years old)

Friday, September 18th and Friday, October 16th at 10:30am

- Get your bodies moving with play/gym equipment.

▯ Girls' Speech/Debate Skill Building Club: (Grades 4th -8th)

Saturdays, September 19th and October 17th at 11am

- Is your daughter ready to speak up and stand out?

This new club for girls in grades 4–8 builds confidence and makes public speaking fun through beginner-friendly debate games. Led by three national-level high school debaters, members learn real skills in a low-commitment monthly format.

▯ Coopersburg Community Day:

Saturday, September 19th from 10:00am-5:00pm –

Stop by the library booth to say hi and to take home a book and other giveaways.

▯ Kids Chess Club: (Ages 7 – 17)

Thursdays September 24th and October 22nd at 6:30pm.

Learn and practice chess skills by playing with peers.

▯ Pokémon Card/Trading Card Club: (Ages 6+)

Mondays September 28th , October 26th , and November 23rd at 4:30pm

- Come share your love of Pokémon card collecting/playing as well as all types of trading cards such as sports cards, Minecraft, etc.

▯ Lower Milford Fall Festival:

Saturday, September 26th from 10:00am-5:00pm

– Stop by the library booth to say hi and for some giveaways.

Join us at 12:30pm for Storytime and a craft in the municipal building boardroom.

▯ PJ Storytime:

Thursday, October 1st at 6:30pm

– Come on over to the library in your pjs for some evening storytime fun!

▯ Storytime Yoga w/ Deanna Nagle: (Ages 3+):

Wednesday, October 21st at 11:00am

- Join certified yoga instructor, Deanna Nagle for a family friendly yoga class that combines storybooks and yoga.

▯ Family Halloween Movie Night:

Wednesday, October 21st at 6:15pm

– Watch Warner Bros. *The Goonies* (rated PG) on our big screen while enjoying snacks.

\*This program contains food so allergens may be present.

▯ Halloween Storytime:

Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm

-- Come out in your Halloween costume for a spooktacular storytime!

▯ Nature Program w/ Lehigh County Conservation District:

Friday, October 30th at 11:00am

– Join Miss Laura of LCCD for an educational and fun filled nature program.

▯ Kids' Open Mic/Talent Show: (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30pm

– Come out and show off your talent at our kids open mic/talent show.

▯ 1st Annual Earth Steward Family Nature Walk & Wildlands Conservancy Program:

Saturday, November 21st at 10:00am

– Join us as we partner with Upper Saucon Township's Environmental Advisory Council to bring you a family nature walk followed by a program with Wildlands Conservancy.

▯ Sculpt & Sundaes:

Tuesday, November 24th at 2:30pm

- Join us for some fun creating with modeling clay followed by making ice cream sundaes.

\*This program contains food so allergens may be present.

▯ Play to Learn Workshop: A Family Place Program (Ages 12 – 42 Months) Tuesdays

November 10th – December 8th at 10:30am

– Caregivers and children interact with age-appropriate educational toys in a relaxed, safe environment with the opportunity to speak individually with early childhood specialists on a variety of child development topics.

This is a 5-week workshop for both caregivers and children. Caregiver/child must commit to 4 of the 5 sessions to attend.

\*Siblings are welcome to attend.

Registration for library programs will now be done using our website calendar.

<https://www.solehipl.org/event-calendar/#/events/>

Simply click the “Register” Icon for the event you would like to sign up. You only need to register the participant/child. Registration requires a library card number. Each child is required to have their own library card to attend programming. Ask at the circulation desk about the “My First Library Card” program, or sign up online for a library card at

<https://solehipl.sparkpa.org/eg/opac/register>

Scan QR Code to go directly to our events calendar  
to register for programming

<https://www.solehipl.org/event-calendar/#/events/>





Lehigh Valley  
Health Network  
Presents



## Mindfulness Based Stress Management Workshops

**IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE**

Join us for a 4-week program for adults designed to reduce stress and improve emotional well-being. Led by certified staff from Lehigh Valley Health Network.

**Participants learn to:**

- Respond skillfully to stress
- Manage challenging emotions and physical discomfort
- Strengthen focus and emotional balance
- Bring mindfulness into everyday activities

**Each session includes guided practices and mindful movement.**

Registration required. See QR code below.



**Dates & Time:**  
Tues, Sept 22 6:00-7:30PM  
Tues, Sept 29 6:00-7:30 PM  
Tues, Oct 6 6:00-7:30 PM  
Tues, Oct 13 6:00-7:30 PM

**To maximize results it is recommended to try to attend all 4 sessions.**

## Adult Programming

September Adult Craft Night - Monday, 9/14 at 6pm

September Adult Trivia Night - Monday, 9/21 at 6pm

***Stress Management 4 Night Program***

***- Tuesday, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/19 at 7pm***

October Adult Craft Night - Monday, 10/12 at 6 pm

October Adult Trivia Night - Monday, 10/19 at 6pm

***\*September and October Adult Craft Nights will take both monthly sessions. Must sign up for both dates.***

November Adult Craft Night - Monday, 11/2 at 6pm

November Adult Trivia Night - Monday, 11/9 at 6pm

Registration Required on our website or scan QR code below

Scan me



[www.solehipl.org](http://www.solehipl.org)



# Library Lit Group

3rd Monday of the Month @ 1pm





# Library Lit Group

September 21<sup>st</sup> - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim M. Richardson

October 19<sup>th</sup> - Brown Bag Lunch to pick books for 2027

November 16<sup>th</sup> - The View from Lake Como by Adriana Trigani

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## Evening Book Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 7pm



# SLPL Evening Book Club

September 17<sup>th</sup> - *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy

October 15<sup>th</sup> - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

November 19<sup>th</sup> - *Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection* by John Green

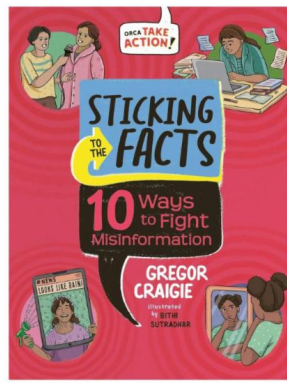
December 17<sup>th</sup> - *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



**Programming**  
**1st Annual Earth Steward Walk**



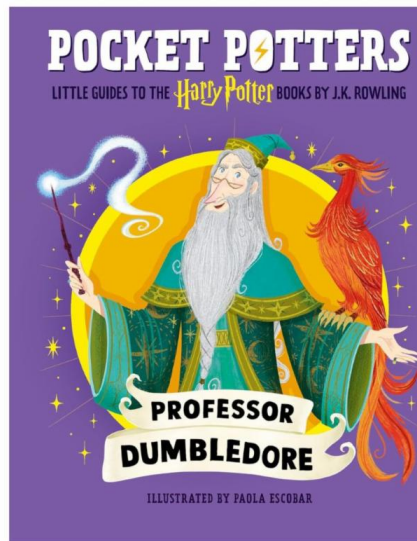
## Juvenile Book Reviews



Juvenile Non-Fiction

*Sticking to the Facts: 10 Ways to Fight Misinformation -  
Gregor Craigie*

Could there be a more important book for kids these days? Or for grown-ups, for that matter. It can be so overwhelming to think about determining whether everything seen online is true or false. Most kids want the truth, if they can figure it out. This helpful guide lists 10 concrete steps they can take to evaluate information...from considering the source and asking the experts, to being a skeptic (not a cynic.) Sidebar bumpouts give quotes, vocabulary, and real examples of famous fakes throughout the pages. While it might be a lot for a kid reading on their own, this book is perfect for parents to work through with their middle-schoolers and beyond. Cheerful and colorful illustrations make it easy on the eyes. Part of the OrcaTake Action!series, this important read will arm your children with information! Which is way better than being armed with...misinformation.



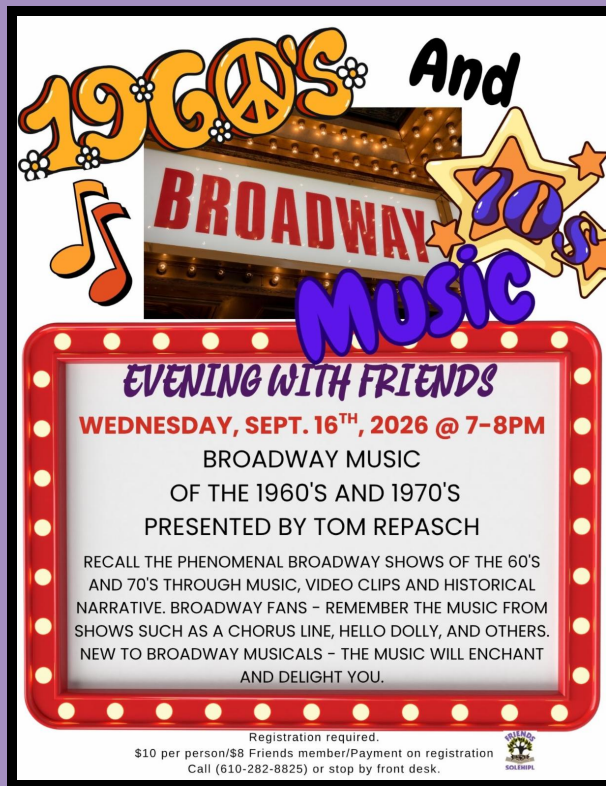
Juvenile Fiction  
*Pocket Potter series - J.K. Rowling*

Harry. Hermione. Ron. Dumbledore. Luna. They're all here in these guidebooks, beautifully illustrated by Paola Escobar. Perfect for long-time fans who have devoured the original books multiple times, or for newbies who are interested but rather put-off by the immense page count (912 pages! for Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.) Almost like a character profile guide, there are lists of achievements, so many quotes, and all the important facts. The series will continue with not-yet-released Hagrid and Dobby guides. Spend an hour in the wonderful world we all love and delve deeper into your favorite characters!

## Evenings with Friends

**Wednesday nights this Fall at 7pm!  
Registration Required.**

**\$10 per person/\$8 Friends member/ Payment on Registration  
Call (610) 282-8825 or stop by front desk.**



**September 16th @ 7-8pm - Broadway Music of the 60's and 70's**



*Above: Vintage Halloween postcard, circa 1910s.*

**October 28th @ 7-8pm**

**Of schpucks (Spirits), Graveyards, and Disguises**

- A history of All Hallows Eve

Halloween has become one of our most looked forward to holidays for millions of kids. But it isn't just about the costumes and candy. Join us for a ghoulish adult good time celebrating "all things *Halloweeny*".

presented by a Local Goschenhoppen Historian



November 4th @ 7-8pm

Female Spies of WWII with character actor Alisa Dupuy

From Paris to London to Berlin, spies were common throughout Europe during WWII fighting oppression from behind the scenes. Enjoy thrilling tales and secrets of female spies during World War II, told by real-life British spymaster Vera Atkins.

**Friends of SLPL COFFEE SALES**

# Have a Cuppa (Coffee)

Brought to you by Friends of SLPL,  
as served at Diana's Catering and Jacqueline's on Main



## Red Door Fresh Ground Coffee



Red Door Coffee is a micro-roaster of fine coffees  
here in the Lehigh Valley!



Costa Rican  
Sumatra  
Medium Roast



Columbian  
Black Tie  
Dark Roast



Sumatra  
Medium Roast



Columbian  
Decaf



**12 oz bags Ground  
\$15 Payment upon ordering**

**Pre-orders August 24th-September 12th**  
**Additional coffee may be purchased during**  
**pick-up times.**

**September 21st to 24th,**  
**10am - 1 pm and 5pm- 7pm**  
**and Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3 pm**  
at Southern Lehigh Public Library



Call library (610-282-8825) or stop in  
at the front desk to order.

3200 Preston Lane, Center Valley [www.solehipl.org](http://www.solehipl.org)



## Book Sale Room

### September

**History - Orange . dot sale \$1**

**Children's Series**

**Down on the Farm**

**Fall Puzzles**

### October

**Biography - Orange . dot sale \$1**

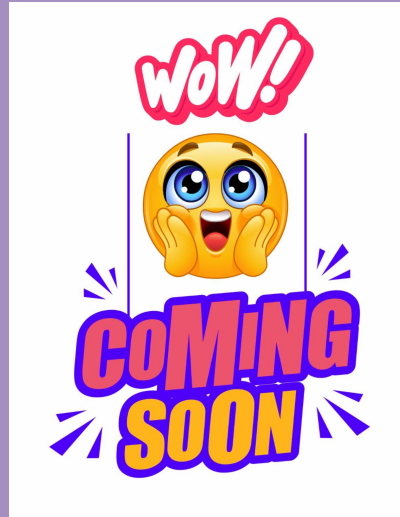
**Halloween**

**Fall Puzzles**

# November

**Cooking and Baking - Orange . dot sale \$1**

**Thanksgiving  
Native American  
Holiday Puzzles**



**Up and Coming from Friends of Southern Lehigh Public Library**

## Looking into late 2026-2027

**Friends of Southern Lehigh Public Library will have**

- **Cookie Sales in December**
- **Casa Toro Dine and Donate coming in October**
- **Ecco Domani Dine and Donate - November 18**

**Last Evening with Friends of 2026**

- **"The Attack on Pearl Harbor" presented by Mike Jesberger on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 from 7-8pm.**

**Adult Program - Registration Required**

- **December 1st program - Lehigh Valley Harmonizers Holiday Concert from 6:30-7:30pm**

**SLPL is now collecting coat donations for Betty Lou's Closet.**

There is a Big Gray Bin in our vestibule.



**Betty  
Lou's  
Closet**

**COLLECTION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026**  
**WINTER COAT DRIVE**  
**Collecting New & Gently Used**  
**Winter Coats For All Ages**

Betty Lou's Pantry is a non-profit organization of participating churches in the Southern Lehigh area committed to gathering and distributing food and essential items to neighbors in need. Betty Lou's Closet will distribute all coat donations in November 2026 at Betty Lou's Pantry. Please consider donating. Thank you!  
Any questions, please contact Erica at 610.730.2218

**In the Loop**



## Great for Homeschooling and more reading Grades Pre-K through 3rd



Follow the Path...to our Digital Resources tab under databases If your scroll all the way down to *BookFlix*, A Scholastic online literacy resource pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction from Children's Press and other trusted Scholastic imprints. This engaging resource for children in grades pre-K through 3 will help early readers develop and practice essential reading skills and introduce them to a world of knowledge and exploration.

Each *BookFlix* unit includes the following elements:

- Watch the Story
- Read the Book
- Puzzlers
- Meet the Creators
- Lesson Plan

### Parent and Child-

*BookFlix* is an excellent interactive program for parents to experience with their children. Parents and caregivers can bring their 4- to 8-year-old children to the library to spend some time exploring the program together. Or you can access the program at home through your library's remote access system. Older brothers and sisters may also enjoy helping their younger siblings navigate the topics and stories in *BookFlix*.

All the fiction/nonfiction pairs in *BookFlix* are categorized according to nine themes: Animals and Nature, Earth and Sky, Family and Community, People and Places, Music and Rhyme, ABC's and 1, 2, 3's, Adventure, Imagination, and Celebrations. Each topic includes a pair of books, one fiction and one nonfiction.

With topics and stories appropriate for the learning skills of preschoolers through grade three, *BookFlix* makes learning fun and interesting, as children learn the difference between fact and fiction.

happy  
fall



"Even now I remember those pictures, like pictures in a storybook one loved as a child. Radiant meadows, mountains vaporous in the trembling distance; leaves ankle deep on a gusty autumn road; bonfires and fog in the valleys; cellos, dark window-panes, snow."

~ Donna Tartt, *The Secret History*

"Is not this a true autumn day? Just the still melancholy that I love—that makes life and nature harmonize. The birds are consulting about their migrations, the trees are putting on the hectic or the pallid hues of decay, and begin to strew the ground, that one's very footsteps may not disturb the repose of earth and air, while they give us a scent that is a perfect anodyne to the restless spirit."

~ George Eliot



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