GROWING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative

OUR LIBRARY IS RENOVATING

Can you believe it’s been three years since our library’s renovation? These transformative changes have connected our community with a new Tech Room, new seating, and redesigned Community Room. This year we are thrilled to announce our staff room expansion. Our expansion will grow the front of our building and move our sidewalk. Our increased work space will help our dedicated staff process your materials faster and more efficiently.

When you visit us next, you may see construction work has already started. What can you expect over the next few months? We will have free ear plugs at our Circulation Desk to cancel out construction noise. We will strive to keep our library open as much as possible during our renovation to better serve you. Thank you for understanding should we need to close on occasion due to electrical or mechanical work. Your safety is important to us.

How can you find out about potential closings? You can get updated information on our website at www.parklandlibrary.org or at 610.398.1361. Please also sign up for our enewsletter and follow us on Facebook. We are excited about growing our behind the scenes to help you discover your next favorite book more quickly. We can’t wait to give you a virtual tour of our new, improved staff room soon!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBBIE JACK

Hello, and Happy New Year from Parkland Community Library! We are so grateful to have a community who believes in the value of a strong library. For the New Year, we are happy to announce our partnership with 10 other strong libraries in our Lehigh and Carbon counties. We will share one catalog in January and one library card in February as the Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative (LCLC).

What does this mean for you? You will have one library card and can use it at any of our 10 partnering libraries. Want to borrow or return your materials? Choose any of the 11 libraries to drop off or pick up. See a book that you want at a partnering library? Place a hold and have it delivered to your desired partner library in 24 business hours.

Meet our 10 partnering libraries: Dimmick Memorial Library, Catasaqua Public Library, Coplay Public Library, Emmaus Public Library, Lehighton Area Memorial Library, Lower Macungie Library, Palmerton Library, Slatington Library, Southern Lehigh Public Library, and Whitehall Township Public Library.

We are proud of our new cooperative’s mission of sharing free resources between our community libraries. We look forward to helping you and your family grow.
**PLUG INTO TECH**
2ND WEDNESDAYS AT 9AM

**MODERN CLASSICS**
1ST MONDAYS AT 1PM

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**JANUARY 09**
*Online Security*  
**FEBRUARY 13**
*Google Suite*

We’ll help you stay safe while shopping online and increase your productivity using Google Suite with our PA Forward Information Literacy Workshop series. RSVP.

**MODERN CLASSICS**
1ST MONDAYS AT 1PM

**DECEMBER 03**
*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*  
**JANUARY 07**
*First Man*  
**FEBRUARY 04**
*Life Itself*

Munch on your bagged lunch while watching the latest acclaimed movies on our big screen. RSVP.

**SENIOR YOGA**
2ND THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB**
2ND TUESDAYS AT 3PM

**DECEMBER 13**
*The Bishop’s Wife*  
**JANUARY 10**
*Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*  
**FEBRUARY 18**
*Best Year of Our Lives*  

Spend your lunchtime immersed in your favorite classic films. You bring your lunch. We bring the beverages. RSVP.

**TECH HELP @ THE REF DESK**
2ND FRIDAYS 9AM-6PM

**ONLINE SECURITY**

**BOOK QUEST**
3RD TUESDAYS AT 7PM

**DECEMBER 18**
*Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green  
**JANUARY 15**
*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Grow your reading list with hand picked titles at our close knit reading group. RSVP.

**WHAT'S YOUR STORY**
2ND WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM

**DECEMBER 09**
*An Unlikely Daughter*  
**JANUARY 13**
*ERO*D*  
**FEBRUARY 13**
*Penny Serenade*

Collaborate with and get critiques from fellow writers as you write your own story. RSVP.

**MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE**
2ND WED 10:30AM-1:30PM

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**DECEMBER 05 & 12**  
**JANUARY 09**  
**FEBRUARY 13**

Confused about Medicare? Apprise Counseling will help you enroll. Book your appointment today. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

**HEALTH LITERACY**

**TECH HELP @ THE REF DESK**
2ND FRIDAYS 9AM-6PM

**ONLINE SECURITY**

**TECH HELP @ THE REF DESK**

**JANUARY 11**  
**FEBRUARY 08**

Got questions about tech? Drop by for expert advice and support for your device.
ADULT EVENTS

TRANSFORMATION TUESDAYS: TRICIA TALKS
4TH TUESDAY AT 7PM
JANUARY 22
FEBRUARY 26
A workshop series to help you become a better you - at work, in relationships, and at home! Join us for constructive conversation with life coach Tricia. RSVP.

JOY OF COLORING & PUZZLES
4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM
DECEMBER 26
JANUARY 23
FEBRUARY 27
Increase your brain power with our free puzzles. Create your next coloring book masterpiece. All materials provided. Drop in event.

KNITTING & CROCHETING CIRCLE
4TH THURSDAYS AT 2PM
DECEMBER 27
JANUARY 24
FEBRUARY 28
Get inspired and unwind with your knitting and crocheting project at our library. RSVP.

FEATURED
JANUARY

WINTER ESCAPE ROOM
TUESDAY 4:30PM-8:30PM
JANUARY 29
Can you and your team break free from the room? Use elements of the space around you to solve a series of puzzles, find clues, and break codes to find the key to escape! Sign up for time slots starting at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm. Space is limited. RSVP.

LIVING BALANCE WEALTH STEPS WORKSHOP
THURSDAY AT 6:30PM
JANUARY 31
Explore an uncommon approach to financial decision making. In this workshop, we'll look at understanding your financial balance of income, protection, and net worth. Create a plan for cash flow that fits with your present and future lifestyle. Presented by Independence Planning Group. A PA Forward Financial Literacy event. RSVP.

TECH HINTS & TRICKS
3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM
DECEMBER 19
JANUARY 16
FEBRUARY 20
At Luther Crest. Explore our digital resources and discover the best device advice. RSVP.

DIY FUN
3RD THURSDAYS AT 10:30AM
DECEMBER 20
JANUARY 17
FEBRUARY 21
Create your own projects. All materials provided. RSVP.

GAMES WE LOVE
3RD FRIDAYS AT 1PM
DECEMBER 21
JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 15
Looking for new board games to try? Check out your next favorite game at our library. RSVP.
ADULT EVENTS

CHECK OUT & GO

MUSEUM PASSES
Looking for something to do over your holiday break? Connect with your family over a free museum trip with our library card. First come, first served. Stop by our library or visit our website to borrow a museum pass to:
- Da Vinci Science Center
- America on Wheels
- Liberty Bell Museum
- Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum
- Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites
- Intrepid Museum
- National Constitution Center
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Children's Museum of Manhattan

BE AN ANGEL
Want to make a difference in our community? Donate to our library and be part of the Morning Call's Be An Angel campaign this holiday season. Contact our Executive Director Debbie Jack at 610.398.1361 or jackd@parklandlibrary.org.

Help us purchase library supplies with a donation of Staples or Amazon gift cards. Support our events with a donation of Wegmans, Giant, Target or Dollar General Gift cards for refreshments and supplies. Sponsor the arts with a donation of Hobby Lobby or Michaels gift cards for craft supplies.
KID EVENTS

ONGOING

MAKER MONDAYS
1ST MONDAYS AT 5PM
DECEMBER 03
JANUARY 07
FEBRUARY 04
Are you a maker? Do you like to create, build, and learn new things? Each meeting will include a storytime and a MAKETime. Explore a variety of art and STEM related activities. Ages 4 to 1st grade. RSVP.

HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION
2ND MONDAYS AT 1PM
Join us for a monthly series just for homeschoolers! Each month explore a different theme and activities to do or share! For K-5th grade. RSVP.

TINKERLAB
1ST THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 06
MARBLE MACHINES
Use cardboard tubes, funnels, ramps and more to design your own marble run. For grades 2-5. RSVP.

JANUARY 03
TECH TAKEAPART
Take apart devices to see what’s inside and how it all works. All tools and safety equipment will be provided. RSVP. Grades 2-5.

FEBRUARY 07
PAPER CIRCUITS
Combine creativity and circuitry to make your own greeting card that lights up. RSVP. Grades 2-5.

DECEMBER 10
COMPUTER SCIENCE
All about computer programming in honor of the Hour of Code and the Computer Science Education Week, which is December 3-9.

JANUARY 14
CHEMICAL REACTIONS
What is a chemical reaction? See chemistry in action through messy and colorful hands-on activities.

FEBRUARY 11
VALENTINE EXCHANGE
Decorate a Valentine’s Day box, exchange valentines, enjoy hot cocoa, and make some sweet memories. Please come prepared with valentines to exchange. All materials will be provided.

LIL BUILDERS
2ND FRIDAYS AT 11AM
DECEMBER 14
JANUARY 11
FEBRUARY 08
Come play and build with our amazing block collection, magnets, and much, much more! Ages 2 & up with an adult. A drop in event.

BUCKETS FULL OF NATURE
3RD TUESDAYS AT 1PM
DECEMBER 18
JANUARY 15
FEBRUARY 19
Your future naturalist will experiment with reading, art, and hands-on activities. Ages 3-5 with an adult. Presented by Lehigh County Conservation District educator. RSVP.

BABYTIME
MONDAYS AT 10:30AM
STARTING JAN 21
ENDING FEB 25
Story and play time for ages birth - 18 mos. Older siblings can attend. A drop in event.

TODDLER STORYTIME
TUESDAYS AT 10:30AM
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM
STARTING JAN 22
ENDING FEB 27
Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 18 months-3 years. A drop in event.

YOUNG CRITICS BOOK CLUB
3RD THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM
Monthly book discussion for grades 3-6. We’ll also share ideas for other great reads while enjoying fun activities and a snack. RSVP.

DECEMBER 20
PIZZA PARTY & BOOK SWAP
Bring a gently used chapter book you have already read to exchange for a new book. We’ll swap books, eat pizza, and play games.

JANUARY 17
Restart by Gordon Korman
FEBRUARY 21
Bob by Wendy Mass

RSVP ONLINE OR CALL JACKIE AT 610.398.1361 X19
EVENTS SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF THE PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
WILD ABOUT TRAINS
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
SATURDAY AT 1PM
DECEMBER 08
All aboard our train storytime! Listen to your favorite train stories. Then decorate and step inside your very own train car! Ages 3-5. RSVP.

FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS
WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM
DECEMBER 12
We’re partnering with Good Shepherd Pediatrics to offer free developmental screenings for children between birth to age five. Call our library to RSVP for a 30 minute screening with a pediatric therapist.

TEEN TITANS GO!
MOVIE & POPCORN BAR
FRIDAY AT 1PM
DECEMBER 28
Chill out during winter break and watch Teen Titans Go! Create your own yummy snacks at our popcorn bar. Grades 1-5. Rated PG. Drop in. Seating is limited.

DRAGON TALES STORYTIME
WEDNESDAY AT 5PM
JANUARY 16
In honor of Appreciate A Dragon Day, we will read dragon tales and take part in dragon activities. Create a special dragon craft. Ages 3 and up. RSVP.

MEET BAD KITTY
SATURDAY AT 11AM
FEBRUARY 09
Meet and take a photo with popular picture book character Bad Kitty. All ages. A drop in event.

FAMILY BOARD GAMES
FEBRUARY 09
SATURDAY 1PM-3:30PM
Come play games like Pandemic, Hi Ho Cherry-O, Blockus, Chess, and more! All ages. A drop in event.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
THURSDAY AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 27
You and your favorite stuffie are invited to our stuffed animal sleepover. Join us for a special storytime, then tuck your stuffie in and head home. Come back the next day to find out what mischief they got into overnight at our library. RSVP.

Pick up your stuffie on Friday, December 28 between 12pm-5pm.

WINTER DANCE PARTY
MONDAY AT 10:30AM
JANUARY 08
Come and shake your sillies out and warm up with a winter dance party! Ages up to age five with a caregiver. RSVP. A PA Forward Health Literacy event.

BAD KITTY STORYTIME
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
FEBRUARY 09
Come laugh at Bad Kitty’s antics at our cat-tastic storytime. Ages 3-7. RSVP.

Japanese stories are more about situations and moral lessons than about excruciating details about the characters. This is an important aspect of Japanese storytelling, and it is reflected in the character of Bad Kitty. Bad Kitty is a small, yellow cat who is always getting into trouble. She is mischievous, but she also has a heart of gold, and she always tries to do the right thing when she can. This is why she is so popular with children. The stories about Bad Kitty often involve situations that are relatable to children, such as trying to catch a fish, or trying to get a new toy. The stories are also usually short and sweet, which is another reason why children love them. They are also funny, and the children can often relate to the situations that are described. The stories are also usually accompanied by pictures of Bad Kitty, which helps to make them even more enjoyable. They are available on the 2nd floor in the Children’s section. 

Preparation:
- Read the story to the children.
- Ask the children to think about the story and what they think the characters might have been thinking.
- Ask the children to draw a picture of what they think the story might have looked like.
- Discuss the story with the children, asking questions like “What do you think happened next?” or “What do you think the characters might have been feeling?”

Valentine’s Day is a special day for many people. It is a time to share love and affection with the people we care about. In Japan, Valentine’s Day is celebrated on February 14th. It is a day for giving gifts to the people you love, and it is also a day for receiving gifts. Japanese children often receive gifts of chocolate or sweets on Valentine’s Day. They also sometimes make cards or other gifts for their classmates or friends. Valentine’s Day is a special day for children in Japan, and it is a day that they look forward to with excitement.

Simple Gifts Concert
MONDAY AT 2:30PM
JANUARY 21
Event description on page 8. RSVP.

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VALENTINE’S DAY CRAFT AFTERNOON
THURSDAY 4:30PM-6PM
FEBRUARY 14
Design your own sweet craft for a friend or loved one. Grades K-5. A drop in event.

SAVE THE DATE
CELEBRATION
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
MARCH 09
Enjoy a special storytime and cake for all of our 1000BBK participants. RSVP. Ages 0-5.

THE END
TEEN EVENTS

Ongoing

VIDEO GAME NIGHT
THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 04
JANUARY 14
Get your game on with a night of Nintendo classic games to choose from. A drop in event.

ANIME CLUB
3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 19
JANUARY 16
FEBRUARY 13
Come watch your favorite anime and munch on pocky and Japanese snacks. We'll chat about the latest manga series. Drop in.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 26
JANUARY 23
FEBRUARY 20
Make a difference in our library by applying to be a Teen Advisory Board member! Munch on free snacks and help with displays and events. RSVP.

December

HOLIDAY COOKIE CHALLENGE
SATURDAY AT NOON
DECEMBER 15
Get in the holiday spirit with our cookie decorating contest! Compete against one another with a specific ingredient to use in your holiday creation. Get graded on your creativity, taste and presentation. Winner gets a free AMC movie ticket!
Food allergies? Call Amanda at 610.398.1361x17. RSVP.

Stranger Things Escape Room
JANUARY 26
SATURDAY NOON-3PM
Our library's community room has transformed into the Upside Down. Can you help Eleven and the gang stop the Demigorgon before time runs out?
RSVP online at www.parklandlibrary.org.

January

SPOONS INSTRUMENT PROJECT
JANUARY 09-16
Event description on page 8. A drop in event.

UKULELE WORKSHOP
MONDAY AT 1PM
JANUARY 21
Event description on page 8. RSVP.

SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT
MONDAY AT 2:30PM
JANUARY 21
Event description on page 8. RSVP.

Stock up on your library related pick up line for a $15 Target gift card.

You must be in grades 6-12 to enter the contest. Keep your entry anonymous by filling out your contact info at our circulation desk next to the number of your heart.

Winner will be notified beginning of March.

February

LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH PICK UP LINE CONTEST
FEBRUARY 01-28
Stop by our library to fill out a heart with your best library related pick up line. Post it on our Teen endcap for a chance to win a prize. Our Teen Library Assistant Amanda will choose the best library related pick up line.

ANTI VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY
SATURDAY AT 1PM
FEBRUARY 16
Think Cupid is stupid? Hate flowers and candy? An Anti Valentine’s Day party might be for you!

Create a rude conversation heart craft and eat plenty of snacks to make your breath stink. And top it off with a swing at our Anti Valentines Day piñata! RSVP.
WHAT'S NEW AT OUR LIBRARY THIS WINTER

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE

- Simple Gifts Folk Music Concert
- Meet Favorite Character Bad Kitty
- Winter Storytimes Start in January
- Stranger Things Escape Room
- Book Signing with Nichola Gutgold
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- Teen Holiday Cookie Challenge
- Free Local Museum Passes

DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW

LIBRARY CLOSED
Christmas Eve & Day December 24 - December 25
New Year’s Eve December 31
New Year’s Day January 1
LIBRARY OPEN
Martin Luther King Day January 21
President’s Day February 18

UKULELE WORKSHOP WITH SIMPLE GIFTS

Discover the basics of playing the ukelele including how to strum and fingerpick. 4th grade & up. For kids, teens and adults. RSVP for this Monday, January 21 at 1 pm event at 610.398.1361x13 or at wanamakerb@parklandlibrary.org

FREE CONCERT WITH SIMPLE GIFTS

Experience Simple Gifts’ folk and world music played with a dozen different instruments. For kids, teens & adults. RSVP for this Monday, January 21 at 2:30 pm event at 610.398.1361x13 or at wanamakerb@parklandlibrary.org

DIY SPOONS INSTRUMENT PROJECT

Create your own spoons instrument. All materials provided. Then take your new instrument to our Simple Gifts Concert on January 21 to experiment with playing them. Adrop in event: January 9-16.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

2019 BOOK SALE
Save the date for our 2019 Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale! Join us from July 22-29 at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Orefield to browse tables of books, games, DVDs, and CDs.

HOLIDAY COUPON BOOK
Give the gift of the Enjoy the City coupon books this holiday. Enjoy savings from your favorite restaurants and stores for only $25 a book and benefit our library at the same time. Buy a copy until mid-January at our circulation desk.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
Congratulations to Habeeb and Tiffany for winning the $500 Friends of the Library First Annual Scholarships in Honor of Norm Dietrich and Alice Madden. Our Friends Board members Lorna, Ilia, Judy and Pat came out to congratulate our recipients on August 14.

FRIENDS MEETINGS
Come to our next Friends meetings held at 2 pm in our library’s community room: January 3, March 7, and June 6, 2019. Become our next treasurer. Email President Ilia Dietrich at ndietrich@ptd.net.