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Holiday Trolley Tours - Friday, December 9th 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Young, old and everyone in between are invited to enjoy a tour of our charming community during the holiday season. After your tour, join us in the Community Room for crafts, music, hot chocolate and cookies. The cost of this event is \$3 for a child and \$7 for an adult. Children under 3 years old can ride for free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Registration will begin Tuesday, November 1st. Please register at the Main Desk. *Payment is due at the time of registration.*
**This event sold out last year. We recommend booking your seats in advance.*



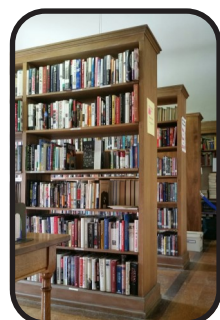
6th Annual Holiday Basket Fundraiser!

Come out and support your library by purchasing tickets for our Annual Holiday Basket Drawing. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25 at the Main Desk. The baskets will be on display at the Library in mid-November and can also be seen at the Stone House during the Lighting of the Greens. The final drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Holiday Trolley Tours on December 9, 2016. Here is a list of the baskets we have this year:

- ◆ Basket of Cheer
- ◆ Kentucky Derby
- ◆ Mystery Wallet
- ◆ Everything Chocolate



Shop Local & Support Your Community Library



Need a gift? Looking for a good book to read on vacation? Visit our ongoing Book Sale. Located in the mezzanine behind the Main Desk.

Hardcover books sell for \$2 each & soft cover and children's books cost \$1. You can't beat the price! All the proceeds from this fundraiser help support the purchase of new materials and programs at your local library.

Did you know you have access to all these online resources with your library card?



Dear Wyomissing Neighbors,




The days are shorter and the weather is getting cooler, signs that we are nearing the end of the year. And it has been a busy year here at the Wyomissing Public Library. Jill Mahon, our Adult Programming Coordinator, has done an outstanding job increasing the number and types of programs for adults in our community. In February 2016, we began offering our popular new Veteran's

Speaker Series. The second Saturday of each month, we invite a veteran to speak about their experiences in the Armed Forces and their service to our country. This monthly program has been quite popular, with the average attendance between 40 and 60 patrons. In addition to this wonderful program series, we have added a number of new programs including Fly Fishing Essentials, Brew Your Own Beer, and Special NASA Program: Great Balls of Fire. So far this year, we have educated and entertained over 2,000 patrons at adult programs. This is a 90% increase in attendance compared to last year!

Our programs for children and teens continue to be a vital part of the library's operation. We increased our teen participation this year with the addition of our Teen Advisory Board. This group of dedicated teens meets once a month to discuss new books and programs and ways they can help support the mission of the library. We continue to welcome young families each week to our popular pre-school and toddler storytimes, and Mini Mother Goose on the Loose. Thus far, we have welcomed over 5,000 children and teens to our programs in 2016. The library is bustling with activities!

We are seeing more community members take advantage of all the excellent programs and services our library has to offer. In order to maintain this level of service, we need your help. Please consider making a tax deductible gift to help support the Wyomissing Public Library today! Your donation is an investment in your community.

With warm regards,


Colleen Stamm, Library Director



Summer Reading Wrap-up

It was a record breaking summer here at the Wyomissing Public Library. We are proud to announce that 402 children and teens read for 186,900 minutes during our 10-week Summer Reading Program. This is a 73% increase. Congratulations to all our super readers!

Our theme for the summer was "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read," with an emphasis on fitness, health and wellness. We explored sports, games and movement through books, activities, science experiments, art projects and more. With our FamFitFun program, we learned some of the physical exercises needed to run a marathon. To teach children about healthy eating, the Storytime families helped plant a garden at the library. We watched the vegetables grow all summer and then we sampled our bounty of cucumbers, tomatoes, and squash. We also incorporated science into our program with a performance by Sciencetellers on power and energy. The library had many wonderful activities for our young community members all summer long.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our 2016 Summer Reading Program a success! We would specifically like to thank some of our local community members who helped make our program so successful:

- A Running Start
- B & H Organic
- Friends of the Berks County Public Libraries
- Golden Eagle Comics
- Grow Your Own Freedom
- The Works
- Weaver's Orchard
- Yocum Institute for Arts Education



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The mission of the Wyomissing Public Library is to provide a wide variety of popular and informational material for reading, listening, and viewing. The library places emphasis on those services which encourage children and parents to read together, as well as providing educational, cultural, and general programs for the community at large. Electronic as well as print reference information is available.

Adult Programs

Veteran's Speaker Series: 2nd Saturday of each Month



◆ Saturday, November 12th @ 1:00 p.m. Michael Deibert

Mr. Deibert is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force Reserve. Michael will share stories of his family's six generations of military service - from the American Revolution to Desert Storm.



◆ Saturday, December 10th @ 1:00 p.m. Kenneth Fidler

Veteran Ken Fidler was a Sonarman, Third Class, who pinged for enemy submarines during World War II. Ken is the author of the book "Memoirs of the Ping Jockey."



Registration is suggested. Please call or stop by the main desk.

Fly Fishing Essentials

Learn the basics of fly fishing in this four-part program. Instructor: Grant Mahon.



- ◆ **Rods, reels & rigging**
Wednesday, October 12th; 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ **Casting (at the Stone House)**
Saturday, October 15; 9-11 a.m.
- ◆ **Insect ID & fly patterns**
Wednesday, October 19; 6-8 p.m.
- ◆ **Casting (at the Stone House)**
Saturday, October 22; 9-11 a.m.

Cost \$50. Registration required. Register at the main desk or email Jill Mahon at jill@wyopublib.org.

Special NASA Program: Great Balls of Fire! Wednesday, November 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Join NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, John Conrad, to learn all about Meteors, Comets, Asteroids and Near Earth Objects that fall from the sky. All ages are welcome! Please register at the main desk or online: <http://nasa-nov2016.eventbrite.com>



History of Automobiles: A Road Show! Monday, October 24th @ 6:30 p.m.

The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles will be here to talk about the museum and all the interesting things they have on display.



Registration is suggested. Please register at the main desk or online: <http://road-show-bmhv.eventbrite.com>

Brew Your Own Beer! Wednesday, October 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

Want to start brewing your own beer? The Berks County Homebrew Club will show you how to get started. At the end of the program, you will have a chance to taste some of the exceptional beers brewed by the club members.



Registration is required. Please register at the main desk or online: <http://beer-oct2016.eventbrite.com>

Weekly Programs

Mah Jongg Club Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration required. Please register for this program at the main desk.



Poetry Practicum Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join Berks County's Poet Laureate, Nancy Yeager, for weekly poetry workshops. Please register for this program at the main desk.



Do you have a program idea? We would love to hear about it! Contact Jill Mahon at 610-374-2385 or jill@wyopublib.org.

Kid's Corner

Storytime

Join us for songs, stories and crafts at our weekly storytimes!

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (18 months -2): Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

*No registration required.



Mini Mother Goose on the Loose Every Friday @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us for rhymes, music, movement, nursery rhymes, instruments and stories. The program is designed to aid in developing literacy skills and strengthen bonds between care-giver and child. It is most beneficial when children experience the program on a weekly basis.

Infants and children up to age 5 are welcome to attend.

Mini MGOL lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. No registration required.

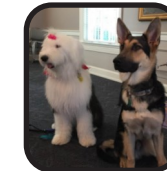


Tail Waggin' Tutors

For children of all ages.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month

@ 6 p.m. all year long!



Read to Trixie & Ruby!



Family Movie Nights

Tuesday, 10/18 @ 6:00 p.m.: "Halloweentown"

Marnie Piper has always been obsessed with Halloween, much to her mother's despair. But it turns out there is something her mom is keeping from her—she's a witch! When grandmother Aggie arrives for her annual Halloween visit, Marnie follows her to a strange place called Halloweentown. Movie runtime: 84 minutes. Recommended for children age 7 and up. No registration necessary.



Tuesday, 11/22 @ 6:00 p.m.: "Finding Dory"

When Dory, the forgetful blue tang, suddenly remembers she has a family who may be looking for her, she, Marlin, and Nemo take off on a life-changing quest to find them, with help from Hank, a cantankerous octopus; Bailey, a beluga whale who's convinced his biological sonar skills are on the fritz; and Destiny, a nearsighted whale shark! Movie runtime: 97 minutes. Recommended for children age 5 and up. No registration necessary.

Tuesday, 12/13 @ 5:30 p.m.: "The BFG"

Disney presents a Roald Dahl classic directed by Steven Spielberg. In an imaginative tale filled with magic, wonder and unexpected friendship, a young girl is launched on an enormous adventure when she crosses paths with a mysterious being called the Big Friendly Giant. Movie runtime: 118 minutes. Recommended for children age 7 and up. No registration necessary.



Literary Pumpkin Competition

Saturday, 10/29 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Can you design the best literary inspired pumpkin? The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble! For all ages and family members. Refreshments will be served. Registration required. Please call or stop by the main desk.



Yoga for Kids

With Certified Instructor Amy Sharkey

Mommy & Me Class @ 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-5.

Family Yoga @ 11:00 a.m. For ages 5-9.



Dates:

10/15 11/5

12/3

Class sizes are limited. Registration is required.

Call or visit the main desk to register.

Holiday Traditions

Annual Tree Lighting

Tuesday, 12/6 at 6:00 p.m.

Registration required. For all ages.

Holiday Trolley Tour

Friday, 12/9 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration required. Tickets: \$3 for child, \$7 for adult, under 3 yr. ride free.

Tickets on sale 11/1/16.

Gingerbread Build-Off

Saturday, 12/17 at 10:30 a.m.

Registration required. For all ages.

Holiday Concert

Tuesday, 12/20 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration is requested. For all ages.

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