Letter from Carolyn Reiste, Library Director

As we start another calendar year and see the excitement that comes along with it, I wanted to take a moment to provide our vision for a special 2024 at the Library.

With exciting programs for all ages, flexible study spaces, and accessible meeting rooms for community partnerships, we recognize and celebrate our role as an inclusive community center where everyone is welcome.

Our wonderful staff will continue to guide you to the books you love and the resources that you need.

Continued improvements to the inside and outside of the Library will also be made with interior updates and exterior building that will improve services now and for many years to come.

As we continue to assist you in both traditional and new ways, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. You can reach me at info@adamstownarealibrary.org or by phone at 717-484-4200. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at the Library soon.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Reiste

Happy New Year

QUICK READS

NEW 2024 HOURS

MONDAY ............................ 9:30 AM TO 8 PM
TUESDAY .............................9:30 AM TO 8 PM
WEDNESDAY ..................... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM
THURSDAY .......................... 9:30 AM TO 8 PM
FRIDAY .............................. 9:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
SATURDAY .......................... 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
SUNDAY ............................. CLOSED

Special Holiday Hours
The library will be closed on January 1 and will be open from 1-5pm on January 15

Council of Friends Author Event with Kristin Hannah - Author of The Women
Saturday, February 10 at 11AM

The Women is that rarest of novels - at once an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken politics, of a generation both fueled by dreams and lost in the battlefield. The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put themselves in harm's way to help others. Women whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has all too often been forgotten.

Join us for this special author event with Kristin Hannah, author of the best-selling novel The Nightingale, who will discuss her new novel The Women in conversation with Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author, filmmaker, and podcaster.

Ticket prices include the author presentation and a hardcover copy, complete with signed bookplate, of The Women.

Sponsored by the Lancaster County Council of Friends

LEGO® COMPETITION

On Tuesday, January 23rd @ 6:30 PM teams of families or friends will compete to build a LEGO® creation from pictures of famous places around the world. The winning team will receive a LEGO® Storytime Book Set.
Tuesday, January 2

- **American Girl Bag Pickup**
  On the 1st Monday of each month there will be a new American Girl packet to pick up, filled with fun for you and your doll. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the library foyer while supplies last. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

- **Bedtime Stories at 6pm**
  New Time! Enjoy stories, a craft & snack on the first Tuesday of each month. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! (Ages 2-6).

Wednesday, January 3

- **Young at Heart at 9am**
  REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit REALCS.org.

- **Budding Bookworms**
  Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am
  See page 6 for details.

- **Oreos & Opinions at 3:30pm**
  Everyone has strong opinions. Let's hear yours! Grab a drink at our coffee bar before we delve into some cookies and opinions/skills important to tweens and teens. Every first and third Wednesday after school.

- **Doggie Downtime at 10:45am**
  Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into "Twinkle's" big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! Drop-in event for all ages. Parents, please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted.

Thursday, January 4

- **Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am**
  See page 6 for details.

- **The Young and the Restless Toddler Storytime at 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

Monday, January 8

- **LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup (all day)**
  On the 2nd Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the library foyer while supplies last. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Tuesday, January 9

- **Drop-in STEAM @ 3pm**
  New Time! Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth on the second Tuesday of each month. This month's activities include Winter Creations: Build a LEGO® Arctic Habitat; Create a snowflake or igloo from marshmallows. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

- **Genealogy Group at 6:30pm**
  This group meets at the library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea, along with lively discussions and research help. For older students and adults.

- **Almost Perfect Crimes at 6:30pm (virtual program)**
  Join Miss Jess as we discover together “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link. The Mini Murder Mystery Story for each month is attached to this event page. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

Friends Book Sale at 11am
Whatever your favorite genre, you’ll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! $2 hardbacks, $1 trade paperbacks, 50c paperbacks, plus kids books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks.

Wednesday, January 10

- **Budding Bookworms**
  Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am
  See page 6 for details.

Thursday, January 11

- **Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am**
  See page 6 for details.

- **The Young and the Restless Toddler Storytime at 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

Tuesday, January 16

- **Take & Make Packet Pickup**
  Get creative with our ready-to-go kits! Supplies are limited, so stop by to claim your bag today!

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  Join Miss Jess as we discover together “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link. The Mini Murder Mystery Story for each month is attached to this event page. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.
Wednesday, January 17

- **Young at Heart at 9am**
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- **Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am**
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Thursday, January 18

- **Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am**
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- **The Young and the Restless Toddler Storytime at 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

Monday, January 22

- **Book Club in a Bag Pickup**
  Families can pick up a Take Home Book Club. This month is Good Night, Good Knight and includes a book, mini-journal, and lots of fun activity pages. For ages 5-12.

Tuesday, January 23

- **LEGO Team “Build Off”**
  Family teams, or your team of 2-5 players, will compete in building a LEGO® creation from pictures of famous places around the world. The winning team will receive the LEGO® Storytime Book Set! All ages.

Wednesday, January 24

- **Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

Thursday, January 25

- **Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime at 10am**
  See page 6 for details.

- **The Young and the Restless Toddler Storytime at 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

Wednesday, January 31

- **Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime at 10am and 11am**
  See page 6 for details.

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**Photo Contest & Giveaway**

Where do you like to enjoy a good book? Take a picture of yourself reading, submit a printed photo to the library by January 31, and receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win a Weaver Markets Gift Card. Your picture will hang in the library with the other contestants for our patrons to enjoy while browsing the shelves. (All ages) Photos are non-returnable.

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**Key to Events:**
- Adult Program
- Children's Program
- Tween Program
- Teen Program
- Everyone Program
Library cardholders can reserve and borrow free museum passes to over a dozen area attractions. Conveniently, passes can be placed on hold to be picked up and returned to the library, but some may be available on a first come, first-serve basis.
- Adamstown, Denver, & Reamstown Community Pools
- Demuth Museum
- Ephrata Cloister
- Hands-on-House
- Lancaster Museum of Art
- Lancaster Science Factory
- Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum
- Make717 Innovation Center
- National Toy Train Museum
- North Museum of Nature and Science
- President James Buchanan’s Wheatland
- Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

*The Museum Pass program is sponsored by the LSLC.*

**The Friends Book Sale is back!**

Whatever your favorite genre, you'll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! $2 hardbacks, $1 trade paperbacks, 50¢ paperbacks, plus kids books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks. This runs every Tuesday in the library community room. Book Sale hours are from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm during the month of January, and will return to a 7 pm closure in February.

**Flipster makes the Library’s most popular magazines available digitally!**

1. Download the free Flipster App.
2. Find our Library and sign in with your LSLC card number...
3. Browse for the magazine of your choice and download for offline reading!
Oreos and Opinions
Wednesdays January 3 and 17 at 3:30pm
Teens from grades 7-12 are invited to join us for drinks at the coffee bar and cookies before we delve into some opinions/skills important to teens.

3D Printing with TinkerCAD
Thursday, January 11 at 6:00
This workshop will teach you how to design your own 3D printed whistle necklace. You’ll learn how to “slice” your own unique design. Prints will be available to pick up in 1-2 weeks.

Almost Perfect Crimes
Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 (online)
Teens and adults can register to discover “whodunit” during this mini murder mystery. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during this Zoom, as we try to find the suspect together.

Staff Top Picks for Teens from 2023
Here is a recommended reading list compiled by the staff that reflects some of our favorite books from last year:

One of Us Is Back by Karen M McManus
Ever since Simon died in detention, life hasn't been easy for the Bayview Crew. First the Bayview Four had to prove they weren't killers. Then a new generation had to outwit a vengeful copycat. Now, it's beginning again...

Sunshine by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
When Jarrett J. Krosoczka was in high school, he was part of a program that sent students to be counselors at a camp for seriously ill kids, where he found the hope and determination that gets people through the most troubling of times.

Silver in the Bone by Alexandra Bracken
Tamsin Lark didn't ask to be a Hollower. But after her thiefin foster father disappeared without so much as a goodbye, it was the only way to keep herself—and her brother, Cabell—alive.

You: The Story by Ruta Sepetys
You: The Story is a powerful how-to book for aspiring writers that encourages you to look inward and excavate your own memories in order to discover the authentic voices and compelling details that are waiting to be put on the page.

The Brothers Hawthorne by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Drawn into twisted games on opposite sides of the globe, Grayson and Jameson—with the help of their brothers and the girl who inherited their grandfather’s fortune—must dig deep to decide who they want to be and what each of them will sacrifice to win.

A Curse for True Love by Stephanie Garber
Evangeline Fox ventured to the Magnificent North in search of her happy ending, and it seems as if she has it. But Evangeline has no idea of the devastating price she's paid for this fairytale.

Thinking of learning a new musical instrument this year? Check it out from the Library!
Instruments can be reserved online, or may be available at the Circulation Desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Acoustic Guitar: Check out an acoustic guitar, electric tuner, and instructional book.
- Drum Pad: Check out a drum pad and drumsticks. Get the hang of drums without waking the neighbors.
- Electric Piano Keyboard: Check out an electric piano keyboard and a how-to guide.
- Ukulele: Check out a ukulele, an electric tuner, and instruction books and CDs.

Instruments can be reserved for 14 days, online at www.search.lancasterlibraries.org or at the Circulation Desk on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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**Early Childhood**

“Budding Bookworms” Preschool Storytime  
Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10:00am to 10:45am or 11:00am to 11:45am  
Join Miss Maribeth at the storytime corner for stories, songs, and an easy craft. *This program is designed for ages 3-6 with an accompanying adult.*

“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime  
Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25  
from 10:00am to 10:30am  
Meet Miss Jess at the storytime corner for simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays.

“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Time  
Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25  
from 11:00am to 11:30am  
Join Miss Jess in the storytime corner for stories, song, fingerplays, followed by a craft and free play. Ages 2-3.

**First through Sixth Grade**

American Girl Doll Bag Pickup  
January 2nd (Tuesday)  
On the 1st Monday of each month there will be a new American Girl packet to pick up, filled with fun for you and your doll. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the library foyer while supplies last. 1 per family please.

Take and Make Packet Pickup  
January 16  
Get creative with our ready-to-go kits on the third Monday of each month. Supplies are limited, so stop by to claim your bag today!

Book Club in a Bag Pickup  
January 22  
Families can pick up a Take Home Book Club. This month is *Good Night, Good Knight*. Packet includes a book, mini-journal, and lots of fun activity pages. (Ages 5-12) While supplies last.

**TIME CHANGE**

Starting Tuesday January 2nd, Bedtime Stories will start at 6 pm.

Starting Tuesday January 9th, the drop-in STEAM event will go from 3-5 pm

Stop in at the library to enjoy some “galactic games”! Our story corner, Play & Learn Center, is a great place to hang out for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more all with a celestial theme. The I SPY window list changes weekly. Stop at the desk for your congratulatory sticker! Read the themed book on the Story window at the outside ramp - come inside with the answer to the question and get a prize.

**Event Policy**  
Most events do not require registration. Due to high demand, we recommend that you arrive at least 5 minutes before the event. For the most up-to-date program information please visit us at adamstownarealibrary.org/events

**Touch a Heart: Blue Ridge’s Valentine Collection**

Help us make handmade Valentines to make this Valentine’s Day a little more special for those who need it most (nursing home residents, veterans, and our soldiers). Drop off your cards in the library foyer before February 9. Patrons can pick up any needed supplies at the library!