

Monthly Newsletter

May 2026

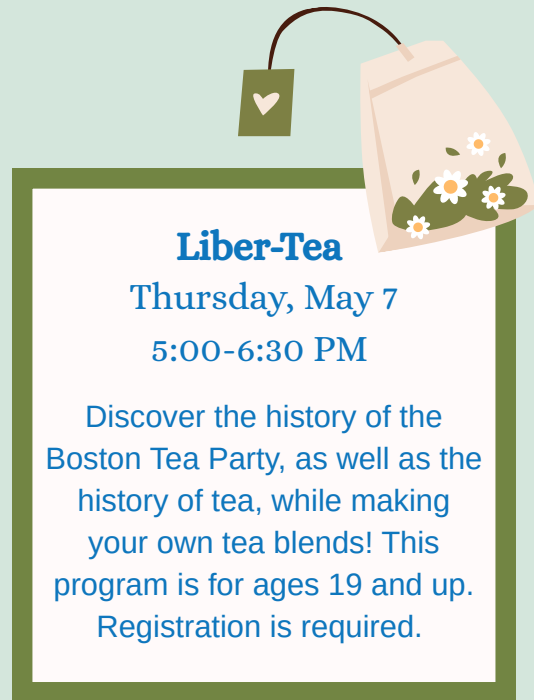


Library Hours

MONDAY	9 AM - 7 PM
TUESDAY	9 AM - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY	9 AM - 7 PM
THURSDAY	9 AM - 7 PM
FRIDAY	11 AM - 4 PM
SATURDAY	9 AM - 4 PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

MAY 11	9 AM - 4 PM
MAY 25	ALL DAY



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Learning in Bloom

Birding with Jordan Tennis: Saturday, May 9, 8:30 AM- 9:30 AM
at Adamstown Grove (W. Main St., Reinholds, PA)

Join the library to practice birding skills with Jordan Tennis, who will share his knowledge and experience of birding in Lancaster County. This is Part 2 of the birding program. In the first session, patrons learned how to use the Merlin Birding app, and in this session, they will put those skills to the test by going outside and looking for birds! Feel free to bring binoculars. You are still welcome to attend this session, even if you did not attend the first session of this series. This is an offsite program. For all ages, children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

LabReady: Friday, May 15, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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General Programming

ADAMSTOWN AREA LIBRARY



Mah-Jongg: Monday, May 4 and 18, 1PM - 3:30 PM

Join our welcoming Mah-Jongg group on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month for an afternoon of tiles, tactics, and great conversation. Whether you're brand-new or a longtime player, our bimonthly meet-ups are the perfect chance to learn, practice, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome!

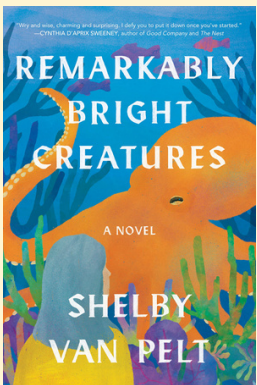
Grab & Grow: March 2 through May 11

We will be offering five packets of vegetable or flower seeds to every patron who presents their library card at the front desk. At the end of the growing season, one lucky patron who filled out the the Grab & Grow slip will win a gardening prize.



Book Club: Monday, May 18, 5 PM-6 PM

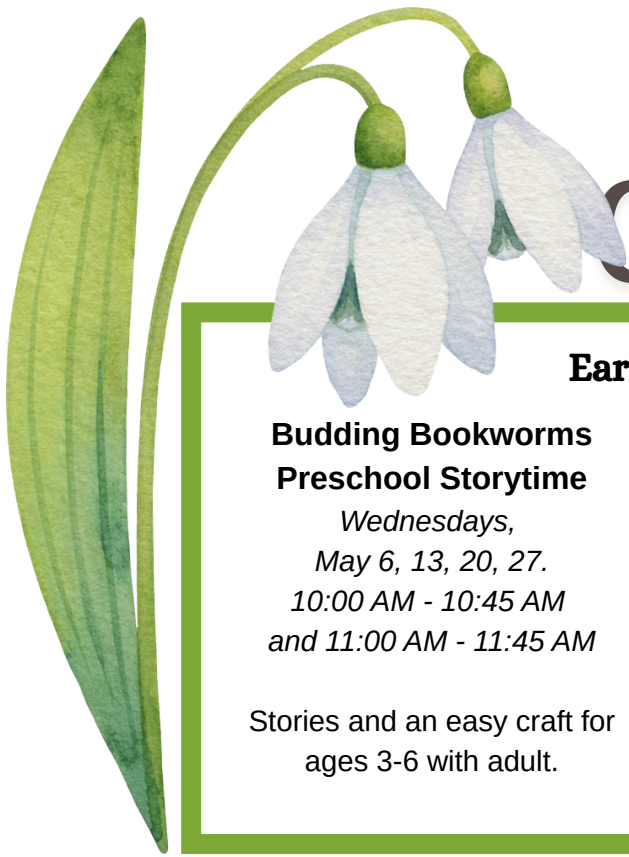
Join us at Adamstown Area Library for our monthly Book Club! Share your thoughts on that month's book and get to know other readers in your community. For our April meeting, we'll be reading *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Copies of the book will be available through our online catalog or by calling or visiting a branch. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've finished the book. Please register.



Cocalico Spring Quest: April 2 through May 26

Local businesses are partnering with Cocalico Cares and Adamstown Area Library for a community scavenger hunt. Participating businesses will display a clue tied to a riddle. Families can go around to each location, record the solutions and piece together the final answer! Gameboards for the event are available at the library. At the end of the event, anyone who returns their scavenger hunt will be entered into a raffle for \$100. For all ages.





KIDS CORNER

Early Childhood Storytimes

Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime

*Wednesdays,
May 6, 13, 20, 27.
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
and 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM*

Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult.

Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime

*Thursdays,
May 7, 14, 21, 28.
10:00 AM-10:30 AM*

Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. For babies with an adult.

“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Time

*Thursdays,
May 7, 14, 21, 28.
11:00 AM-11:30 AM*

Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with an adult.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2

Stop by the library to pick up a free comic book! Courtesy of local contributor The Comic Store, Lancaster. For children and young adults, while supplies last.

LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup

Monday, May 4

There will be a new LEGO® packet to pick up, with instructions for a special project. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

American Girl Bag Pickup

Monday, May 11

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Bear Discovery Drop-In

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10 AM - 4 PM**

We will use our senses to explore a bear pelt courtesy of the PA Game Commission! All ages.

Grandparent Book Buddies

**Wednesday, May 20
10:50 AM - 11:05 AM (after storytime)**

A multigenerational event for children and seniors to enjoy reading together by the fireplace. Sponsored by REAL Life Young at Heart group. All ages.

Birdwatching Wildlife Wednesday

**Wednesday, May 27
6 PM - 6:45 PM**

Every month, the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Dept. will teach us about different wildlife and environmental topics. This month, we will be talking about backyard birdwatching. All ages.

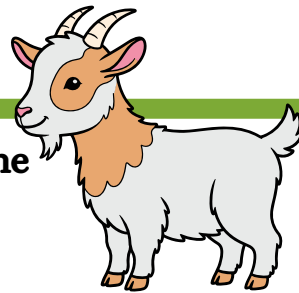
“Paws-itive Pets” Play & Learn Center

All month

Stop in the library to enjoy our story corner Play & Learn Center. It's a great place to hang out for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more all with a “Man's Best Friend” Theme. All Spring.

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TEEN SCENE



Teen Talk Board All May

We invite teens to stop in the Young Adult section to answer the question:
“What will you miss about school during your break?” For teens.

Almost Perfect Crimes

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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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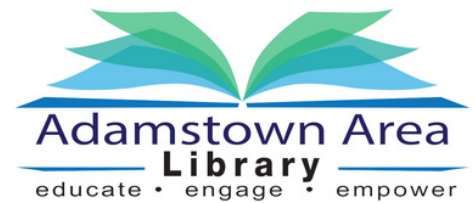
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Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a bag that includes a packet of spice, history, recipes, and cookbook recommendations. One bag per teen family while supplies last. For teens.



May Events Schedule

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Friday, May 1

- **“Four Points of Colonization” with Dr. Ann Dapice**
1 PM – 2 PM

Join the library for a special discussion by Dr. Ann Dapice focusing on Native American history and the colonization of Native peoples. Dapice holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and has taught courses in the social sciences, philosophy, and Native American studies, in addition to serving in educational and research leadership roles. For ages 19 and up. Registration is requested.

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Wednesday, May 6

- **Young at Heart**
9 AM – 11 AM

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10 AM and 11 AM

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- **The Cozy Stitch Collective**
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Crochet, Knitting, Embroidery, Cross-Stitch, & more! Bring a project and sit in front of the fireplace to practice your craft, trade tips, and enjoy community. All skill levels are welcome. This is a drop-in event for adults ages 18 plus.

Thursday, May 14

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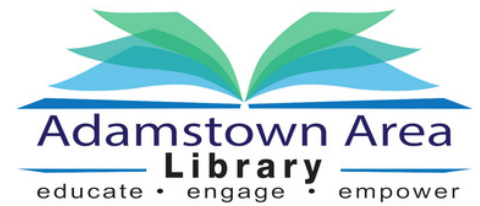
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Library Board Meeting 6:30 PM – 8 PM

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Thursday, May 21

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PA MEDI Counselor Medicare Walk-In Sessions 11:30 AM – 2 PM

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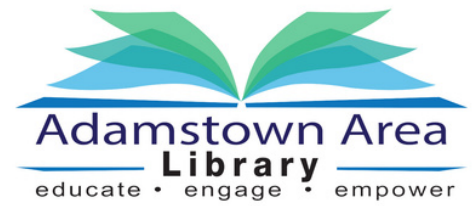
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Ephrata Area Social Services and PA Health Access Network @ AAL 10 AM – 12 PM

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Castañeda's Library Fundraiser

On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant in Denver will go to the Adamstown Area Library! (excludes alcohol). Dine-in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the library! 323 Main Street, Denver.

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Virtual Reality Career Exploration 4:30 PM – 6 PM

The Adamstown Area Library and Goodwill are hosting a free Career Exploration Workshop! Patrons will have the opportunity to experience over 50 different jobs through an immersive, Virtual Reality experience in areas like agriculture, architecture and construction, law and public safety, manufacturing, science and technology, and more! Simulations are about 10 minutes long, and all are available in Spanish. For ages 14–25. Registration is required.

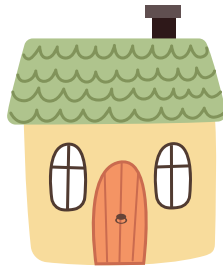
Coming Soon!

June

Thursday, June 4

Tips for First Time Home Buyers 5 PM – 6 PM

Join us for a special presentation for first time home buyers! Our presenter will be offering tips on securing financing, defining must-haves vs. nice-to-haves, and short-term home searching. This program is presented in partnership with the Peter Heim Team at Keller Williams Platinum. Registration required.



Monday, June 15

Mark Derose: The Stories Behind the Songs 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Join the library for a special presentation with local musician and songwriter, Mark DeRose! He will be performing original songs and discussing his approach to music and songwriting. Registration is required.



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Summer Reading 2026



Saturday, June 6

Opening Day Drive-Thru Party at Denver Community Park 8:30 AM – 11 AM

Families stay in their car while enjoying goodies from our over 25 sponsors, including a Summer Reading packet, snacks, gifts, raffle prizes, a fire truck, a police car, and more! The first 250 kids get Boehringer's Ice Cream Cone Coupon.

Facebook Dino Raffle

Would you like to win front-row seats for you and your family to one of these upcoming shows at St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

- Forgotten Friend's Reptile Show**
Monday, June 8, 10 AM – 11 AM
Respond by Thursday, June 4
- Paleontologist Expedition Adventure**
Monday, June 22, 10 AM – 11 AM
Respond by Thursday, June 18
- "I Dig Bugs" by Ryan "The Bug Guy"**
Wednesday July 1, 10 AM – 11 AM
Respond by Thursday, June 25

Like related posts on the Adamstown Area Library Facebook page to enter!



Resources & Support

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11:30 AM - 2 PM

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