Help us Celebrate 90 Years in Our Community

B.F. Jones Memorial Library is celebrating our 90th year by launching a capital campaign to allow us to grow and do much more!

On July 18, 1927, ground was broken for the library at the behest of Elisabeth Horne, daughter of B.F. Jones and a member through marriage of the Horne department store family. Elisabeth engaged foremost artisans of the time: architect Brandon Smith, New York sculptor Robert Aitken, and Oscar Bach, the metalwork artist whose work can be found in Rockefeller Center, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building. More information on the architectural details of the building can be found on the library website, www.beaverlibraries.org/aliquippa.asp. The B.F. Jones Memorial Library is a National Historic Site.

We Are Repairing Our 90-Year-Old Building

Currently, the library is planning a project to improve storm drainage in the back of the library. The past summer’s heavy rain presented a challenge to maintaining our beautiful building. Our roof was replaced in 2016, but the plasterwork on the ceiling of our first floor still needs renovation. We need a new HVAC system, which involves installing new piping and fittings. Our capital campaign will address these existing repair projects.

Parking Space and a Vegetable Garden

The Library has acquired two lots across the street from us and we are raising funds to complete a library parking lot that will include a small vegetable garden! The garden will be a learning experience for young people, and will be a focal point of the new space.

Would You Like to Help Us Achieve Our Goals?

Our faithful library supporters have brought us to our 90th year, and we have no end of gratitude for our residents, donors, friends and supporters. Thank you to all who have allowed the library to provide services for our community. Our capital campaign has a goal of $350,000; of which $165,000 has already been raised and pledged. If you would like to help, please contact me at the library or reach out to capital campaign committee members: Ed and Drew Murphy, Daniel Rubottom, or any of our Board Members, staff, or Friends Group members.

Our Community Comes First

It’s been an amazing 90 years so far. We love serving our community, whether it’s talking about favorite books, reading to children, helping job seekers, or providing a gathering space for the community. We love helping others, and with your support, we can grow and do so much more!

Ann Andrews Library Director
Summer Fun 2019

Where did the summer go?
Summer at the library always moves fast and this year was no exception! We kicked off the summer with our annual Community Fair, featuring some of our favorite community organizations, including: Communicycle, Beaver County 4H, Head Start, Early Head Start, Life Steps, Beaver County YMCA, and the NAACP, to name a few.

To close the summer, our amazing summer interns and Teen Reading Lounge group organized and ran an all ages Maker Fair!

How did we fill in the rest of the summer?
- We collaborated with the Carnegie Free Library in Beaver Falls and Beaver County 4H to offer school age programming every Monday.
- We hosted Preschool Story Times, Jitterbugs and Preschool STEM days on Tuesdays.
- We continued our Traveling Tales outreach to local child care and education centers on Wednesdays and also invited our centers on Franklin Ave into the library for special in-house story time days.
- On Thursdays we continued our Toddler Time program and also hosted art and music days for our youngest patrons.
- On Fridays and Saturdays we invited families in for intergenerational programs, including a hands-on rocket program from the Carnegie Science Center.

We were also very excited to have Science in the Summer back at the library! This is a week long program, sponsored and facilitated by the Carnegie Science Center. This year the youth who participated took and in-depth look at the human body and its systems.

Our tweens and teens were not left out of the lineup! Teen Reading Lounger continued with back to back Sr. and Jr. session every Tuesday afternoon. This summer, our TRL groups participated in many of our summer programs and volunteered at most of our larger events. With the help of our program facilitator, Jennifer Honess, our TRL had a private Q and A session with Congressman Conor Lamb.

How did we do it all?
He had generous support from McDonalds, grant funds from Dollar General, YALSA, and PHC, grant benefits from Inquire Within and the Carnegie Science Center and generous donations from our amazing community members, near and far!

Help Us Celebrate
The Library is planning events and programs for all ages moving into 2020!
If you're interested in participating in planning or fundraising for our celebrations, please let us know!
Please send an email to Ann Andrews, Library Director, at aandrews@beaverlibraries.org
Our Library Partners are Committed to Seeing Us Grow!

We thank all our donors and municipalities who help us throughout the year and at our events. The Library is also grateful for the following foundations, organizations and individuals who have supported us faithfully this year:

In alphabetical order:
- Ms. Patricia Cekoric
- Dollar General
- Fear Not Foundation
- Gladwood Foundation
- Google
- H&R Block
- McDonald’s
- P.M. Moore Foundation
- Pennsylvania Humanities Council
- Remake Learning
- Erika Y. and William Rossiter
- Sisters of St. Joseph
- Mr. Harry Smith
- David and Susan Yeager

Summer Internship

Through a grant from Dollar General and YALSA, the library was able to create a paid summer internship program for two of the teens in our community. With additional funding from our Teen Reading Lounge grant, through the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, we hired an additional intern. Our three interns worked with our staff through the summer months, assisting in program and event prep, organizing the summer reading program, helping with outreach, and learning the inner workings of the library system.

With their assistance, we organized such events as our Summer Kick-off Community Fair, an evening with the Pirate Parrot, and our end of summer Maker Fair. They also worked with our staff and guest presenter on our Print Makers Workshop series, Science in the Summer with the Carnegie Science Center, the Summer Food Program through Beaver County YMCA, and outreach to Camp Lakewood.

Having this extra assistance through our busiest time of year was invaluable and we were pleased to be able to offer some of our loyal, young patrons the opportunity to earn money while helping their community.

We hope to continue this internship program in summer 2020!

Rumor has it that unusual happenings take place among the library stacks as the weather gets cooler and the moon waxes full...

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 7pm, descend a darkened staircase into an eerie domain ruled by a librarian wholly unlike any you’ve met before: where lights flicker at will, books tumble from the shelves without warning, sourceless whispers whisk through the air, some invisible hands seem to try to hurry you away while others try to hold on, and where storytime...

...well, storytime...

...is utterly to die for.

This event is free, and open to visitors aged 12 and up. In order to maximize the experience for our visitors, they will be sent through the three-room haunted trail in groups of five, at staggered intervals. The haunted trail will involve jump scares, atmospheric makeup, frightening visuals, the utilization of dim lighting and darkness, and the use of smoke machines and other textures including, but not limited to, cobwebs and canned air.

The Library advises parental and individual discretion in attending this event.

For more information, please contact the Library at 724-375-2900.
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Read. Learn. Explore.

After Hours
Saturday October 12 @ 7:00 pm
Tickets: $40

Celebrate the autumn season at After Hours!
Join us for wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres & basket raffles!

Ghosts of Libraries Present
Saturday, October 26 @ 7:00 pm
FREE

Take a spooky walk through our haunted library!

Holly Jolly Concert
Saturday, December 7 @ 7:00 pm
Tickets: $15

A night of holiday music at the Hopewell auditorium