

# LIBRARY CONNECTION

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## **2008 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR**

In 2008 the Beaver Area Memorial Library continued to grow and thrive as it provided a diversity of materials and services designed to meet the informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the citizens of the Beaver Area. New programs and services for both adults and children were offered throughout the year, and successful, on-going programs were continued and expanded to accommodate the growing clientele.

The staff and Board of Trustees of the BAML offer their sincere appreciation to:

- Those individuals, families, groups, and businesses who so generously contributed to our several fundraising efforts throughout 2008
- The P.M. Moore Foundation for the generous gift which enabled the library to purchase nonfiction, reference, audiovisual, and children's materials during the year
- The "Friends of the Library" for another outstanding year of service and fundraising
- Our wonderful, dedicated volunteers who gave so many hours of their time in a variety of capacities

The Staff and Board of Trustees look forward to the many challenges of 2009 as we continue to serve the citizens of the Beaver Area.

## **SERVING BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY**

The staff and Board of Trustees offer their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Anne Norrick for her many years of service as a member of the BAML board. For 38 years she has been a very active trustee helping with the library's many special events such as the annual book sale, the Garden Tour, and Take-A-Seat. As she continues to serve on the board, everyone thanks Mrs. Norrick for her past years of service and dedication.

## **2008 STATISTICS AT A GLANCE**

178,913	Items circulated in 2008 (3,992 more items than in 2007)
9,161	Registered BAML borrowers
142,517	Visitors to the library in 2008 (6,265 more than in 2007)
56,372	Items currently in BAML collection
3,000	Hours donated by library volunteers
17,169	Internet users in 2008
90	Adult programs held in 2008
1,173	Adults attended programs in 2008
143	Children's programs held in 2008
2,567	Children attended programs in 2008

## **SEVEN SUSTAINABLE WONDERS OF THE WORLD**

The public library has been called "one of the sustainable wonders of the world." The written wisdom of the world is at the fingertips of anyone with a library card! The average American pays \$20 a year in taxes to support public libraries and can save that much by borrowing, instead of buying, just one or two books. A book that is loaned ten times cuts not only cost but paper use per reader by a factor of ten.

Donella H. Meadows  
Dartmouth College

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2008 RETROSPECTIVE

For the Friends of the Beaver Library, 2008 proved to be a remarkable fundraising year! This group of dedicated volunteers raised a record-breaking total of \$12,120.23. A variety of sales and events netted this amount including on-going candy sales, sale of BAML shirts and tote bags, the Soup Luncheon, various raffles, the Garden Tour, and Take-A-Seat Anywhere You Please. Of this grand total the Friends contributed approximately \$9,800 to the library for the following: furniture and rug for the staff lounge, landscaping, children's summer programs, sundial installation, new outdoor fountain, staff appreciation luncheon, wooden mantel for the foyer, annual cleaning of the library, and various other items and projects.

The Friends look forward to another year of making the library's "Wish List" a reality. However, concern for our slowing economy as well as possible cutbacks in library funding are further motivating this group to remain focused on its important mission of raising funds for the library. New members and new ideas are welcome in 2009. This group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend is invited to attend the next meeting.

### LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

SPONSORED BY

"Friends of the Beaver Area Memorial Library"

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Homemade soups, breads, desserts

Dine in the Community Room

or

Take-outs available after 1:00 p.m.

**\*All proceeds benefit the programs & services of the BAML.**

**Come and Join Us !**

### THANK YOU, MARGE D'ERAMO

Many thanks and a great deal of appreciation are extended to Marge D'Eramo for serving as president of the Friends of the Library for six years. During her terms as president, the Friends funded a major landscaping project which greatly improved the library grounds, purchased a new fountain for the courtyard, and contracted for a beautiful, custom-built mantel which was installed recently above the fireplace in the foyer. In addition to these, the Friends, under Marge's leadership, funded numerous projects which benefited both the adult and children's sections of the library. Everyone is most appreciative of her hard work and special Master Gardening talents which enabled these projects to be completed.

The new president of the BAML Friends is Arlene Young of Brighton Township. Arlene has been both a volunteer at the library and a member of the Friends for several years. Everyone welcomes Arlene to her new position as president.

### TAKE-A-SEAT 2008

Sponsored by the Friends of the Beaver Library, "Take-a-Seat Anywhere You Please" was held on October 4, 2008 in the library. And as always, it was a fabulous event! Twenty unique chairs were sold through silent bid, and thirty-two imaginative displays of favorite places to sit were raffled off. A spectacular variety of food and drink was enjoyed by participants in a festive and relaxed atmosphere. This event was made possible through the cooperative efforts of Friends, staff, trustees, artists, and displayers. Approximately \$5,200 was raised and will be used primarily for 2009 children's programs and services. Well done, FRIENDS !



**BEAVER COUNTY ROCK AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

The Beaver County Rock and Mineral Society has found a new home at the Beaver Library. It will be meeting in the Community Room on the third Tuesday of March, April, and May of this year from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The club is open to all age groups, from children to the elderly, who have an interest in rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, geology, and anything related to the earth sciences. Club activities include videos, speakers, and field trips to sites of interest. For more information concerning this group, interested persons should contact the club president Andrew Speck at (724) 843-5306.



**FREE TAX HELP**

Tax time is here again, and the Beaver Library is ready to assist taxpayers! As in past years, the library will have AARP Tax-Aides available twice a week (in February, March, and three weeks in April) to assist seniors (60 and older) and low-income residents with federal and state forms, as well as rent and property rebate forms. These IRS-trained volunteers will be present at the BAML each Monday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY !!!**

In order to schedule an appointment, interested persons should call (724) 774-7818 (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Tuesdays and Wednesdays only**). Appointments also can be made at the library when the Tax-Aides are on site.

**LIBRARY PERSONNEL ARE UNABLE TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS !**

\* As in past years, the Beaver Library has on hand a number of federal and state tax forms. Also, a binder of reproducible federal forms is available, or taxpayers can go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us) to obtain forms.

**SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING  
AT  
BEAVER AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

A Driver Improvement Program for Seniors 55 and Over

**CLASS DATES & TIMES**

April 20, 2009  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. (Refresher Course)

June 15, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Refresher Course)

July 13 & 14, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

October 2 & 9, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

November 2, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Refresher Course)

Discount on auto insurance  
No on-the-road driving or classroom testing

**CALL (800) 559-4880  
or  
REGISTER ONLINE [SFSD-PA.com](http://SFSD-PA.com)**

*Tuition due prior to class date*

**Seniors for Safe Driving  
P.O. Box 2132  
Butler, PA 16003**

**RAISE MONEY FOR  
BEAVER AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**HOW?**

1. Go to a participating H&R Block office with your organization's referral form (which can be obtained at the BAML circulation desk). To find the nearest H&R Block office, go to [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com).
2. Give the referral form to your tax professional at H&R Block.
3. If you are a new client, your organization (BAML) will receive a gift of \$25.
4. Feel good knowing you helped your organization raise money and you received exceptional tax preparation service.

To redeem this offer, visit a participating H&R Block office to have your taxes prepared. This library will appreciate your support!

## COMPUTERIZED READING HISTORY

As a result of our updated circulation system, a new and very useful feature is now available to our library patrons. The computer is now able to remember and keep track of patrons' reading histories. Just follow these simple directions:

- Log on to the Beaver County web page at [www.beaverlibraries.org](http://www.beaverlibraries.org)
- Select the on-line catalog
- Go to view your patron record
- Type in your name and barcode number on your library card and submit
- Click on My Reading History
- Click on Opt In for the computer to remember what you have currently checked out.

In the future if you have any doubt about what books you have read, just go to your reading history for a listing of titles.

## **LIBRARIAN'S PICK**

It you enjoy true crime and courtroom drama - "Wrong Guys: Murder, False Confessions, and The Norfolk Four" by Tom Wells and Richard A. Leo is a good choice. The story revolves around the arrest, trial, and conviction of four sailors accused in the 1997 rape and murder of another sailor's teenage wife. The writer and lawyer authors team up to produce an examination of wrongful convictions and false confessions. This is a gripping and terrifying tale of justice gone awry when four innocent men separately confess under intense police pressure.

Diane Wakefield  
Director, BAML

## **PICTURING AMERICA**

The Beaver Library has been chosen as a *Picturing America* award recipient. *Picturing America* introduces citizens of every age to our nation's history and culture by bringing great works of American art into classrooms and libraries. In a few months the library will receive a collection of 40 high-quality reproductions of American art, along with a Resource Book. This book will include information on all the images and suggestions for using them to enhance library learning in a wide range of subjects including American history, social studies, writing, literature, art, and civics. Participants are encouraged to keep as many as possible on display during the 2009-2010 school year. After the grant term, awardee institutions also are required to add the reproductions to their permanent collections for future display and educational use. Other award recipients in Beaver Country are the Rochester and Ambridge public libraries.

## **BAML ON FACEBOOK**

The Beaver Library now has a profile on Facebook, a popular social networking site on the internet. Every day millions of people use Facebook to keep in touch with family and friends. Photos, videos, links, and more can be shared through a Facebook profile.

The BAML profile includes contact information, hours of operation, and a calendar of events. The page also features tips for using the library's resources, photos, and even a short video tour of the library. If you have your own Facebook profile, you can become a fan of the Beaver Area Memorial Library! Fans can start discussions with other fans or leave comments, thoughts, or ideas on an open forum called the "Wall." Become a fan today and stay tuned to the latest happenings at the Beaver Library. This page is checked and updated regularly by our Facebook page administrator, Erin Gray. So don't forget to leave suggestions or just say "Hi!"

## **BAML BOOK CLUBS**

At the present time the Beaver Library sponsors two book clubs which meet on a regular basis at the library. The "Brown Bag and Book Club" meets the third Friday of each month at noon in the board room, and an evening group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Both clubs are open to new members who wish to meet and discuss a variety of fiction titles. Anyone interested in joining one of these book clubs may contact the library for more information.

*Deborah Yovanovic, Children's Librarian*  
*Bonnie McClain, Assistant*

# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



## UPCOMING STORY HOURS



**SPRING PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
 (children 3-5 years)  
 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.  
 ((Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8, & 15)  
 or  
 Thursday 10:30 a.m.  
 ((Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16)  
 Registration Mar. 9, 2009

**Toddler Story Time**  
 (Ages 2-3 1/2)  
**Monday 6:30 p.m.**  
 (April 27, May 4, 11, & 18) and  
**Thursday 10:30 a.m.**  
 (April 30, May 7, 14, & 21)  
 Registration April 13, 2009

**BABY AND ME STORY TIME**  
 (infant to 23 months)  
**MONDAY 10:00 a.m.**  
 (April 27, May 4, 11 & 18)  
**TUESDAY 10:00 a.m.**  
 (April 28, May 5, 12, & 19)  
 Registration April 13, 2009

### DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Monday  
 March 2, 2009  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

BAML Community Room  
 Children of all ages are invited to attend!

Stories - Games - Refreshments  
 (Registration is NOT required)

### Will You Be My Neighbor? Story Hour

An 80th Birthday Celebration  
 of Mr. Rogers

6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 2009  
 (children 3 to 5 years)

BAML Community Room  
 Stories Crafts Activities Gifts

**Registration begins March 2**

### CALDECOTT MEDAL WINNER

**The Caldecott Medal is an annual award for the most distinguished picture book for children published during the previous year. It was the first award recognizing the work of the illustrator of a book. The award is limited to artists who are U.S. citizens or residents.**

2009 Medal Winner

**"The House in the Night"**  
 illustrated by Beth Krommes and  
 written by Susan Marie Swanson

2009 Honor Books  
**"A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever"**  
 by Maria Frazee

**"How I Learned Geography"**  
 by Uri Shulevitz

**"A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams"**  
 illustrated by Melissa Sweet and  
 written by Jen Bryant

**\* All of the above titles can be checked out at the Beaver Library.**

### NEWBERY MEDAL WINNER

The Newbery Medal is an annual award given to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American children's literature published in the preceding year. This award was established and endowed in 1921 and named for John Newbery, an English publisher and book seller.

2009 Medal Winner

**"The Graveyard Book"** by  
 Neil Gaiman and illustrated  
 by Dave McKean

2009 Honor Books  
**"The Underneath"** by  
 Kathi Appelt and illustrated  
 by David Small

**"The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom"**  
 by Margarita Engle

**"Savvy"** by Ingrid Law

**"After Tupac & D Foster"**  
 by Jacqueline Woodson

**\* All of the above titles can be checked out at the Beaver Library.**

### READING TO THERAPY DOGS



A unique reading program for children of all ages is now being offered at the Beaver Library. Rory (a Golden Retriever), Noah (a Golden Retriever), and Ishtar (a Labrador Retriever) are certified therapy dogs who love coming to the library. Children can practice their reading skills by reading out loud to one of these dogs who love to listen to stories. Children can sign up for one fifteen minute session each week. For exact dates and times concerning this reading program, please contact the Children's Department at the Beaver Library.

## Audio Visual Materials

### PLAYAWAYS:

Now available at the Beaver Library (as well as all Beaver County public libraries) is a supply of playaways, pre-loaded digital players which are small and lightweight. Patrons simply need to insert one triple A battery in the playaway and plug in earphones (which we sell at the library, or they may use their own). Many titles are available and can be borrowed for two weeks, just like books and compact discs. So come in and try this new way of listening to a book on the go!

### OLDER DVDS:

Older DVDs (numbers 1 thru 960) now can be borrowed for seven days. Newer dvds have only a two day loan period. A charge of \$1.00 plus tax is charged for all dvds so that new titles can be purchased.

### VIDEOS:

All BAML VHS videos now have a loan period of 7 days and no rental fee. General, classic, educational, seasonal, children's, and oldies but goodies videos are available for loan for one week.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW !!

### BOOK SALE

The library's annual Book Sale will be held in the BAML Community Room on Saturday, June 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A variety of books and a-v material for both adults and children will be sold at bargain prices. Leftover items can be purchased for \$5.00 a bag on June 8th & 9th.

### GARDEN TOUR

The annual BAML Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several local gardens in the Beaver area will be featured. Exact details concerning this popular event will be available in June.

### FREE INTERNET CLASSES

Basic internet classes are being taught once a month at the Beaver Library. These are free and are held on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Taught by volunteer Linda Nejak, classes are now open for March and April. Because registration is required, interested persons should contact the library and have their names added to the waiting list. If enough people are interested, advanced internet classes will be taught as well.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 19 & 26 Chicks with Stix Knit Club	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
February 23 Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 2 Dr. Seuss Birthday Party	6:30 p.m.
March 5, 12, 19, & 26 Chicks with Stix Knit Club	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
March 14 Soup Luncheon	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
March 16 "Will You Be My Neighbor" Story Hour	6:30 p.m.
March 23 Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Chick with Stix Knit Club	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
April 10 <b>Library Closed</b> - Good Friday	
April 20 Seniors for Safe Driving	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
April 27 Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June 6 Annual Book Sale	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 11 Garden Tour	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### CHICKS WITH STIX (BAML Knitting Club)

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Community Room

Knitters of all ages & abilities  
invited  
Instructors in attendance

No registration necessary  
Come & join the fun!

### 2nd Annual Purse Sale ROCHESTER LIBRARY

MARCH 12 & 14

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Donations of gently used purses  
are being accepted now through  
March 7th.*



### BOOK BAGS

"More Than Just Books" logo  
(burgundy color)  
\$9.00 each

All proceeds from the sale of these items  
directly benefit the programs and services of  
the library.