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WHAT A BUSY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT:

A NOVEL APPROACH
APRIL 28TH
MAY 26TH
6:00PM

READING CIRCLE
APRIL 22ND
MAY 27TH
JUNE 24TH
JULY 22ND
AUGUST 26TH

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES - CALL FOR DETAILS

LAWN MOWER REPAIR
APRIL 25TH
1:00 PM

ADULT SUMMER READING
JUNE - AUGUST

CHILDREN:

SPRING STORY HOUR
BEGINS APRIL 1ST
10:30AM

LIBRARY-OPOLY
APRIL 13TH
6:30PM

ONE BOOK EVERY YOUNG CHILD
MAY 12TH
6:30PM

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
GET CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY
JUNE - AUGUST

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK FOR THE LATEST PROGRAMMING INFORMATION AND HELPFUL HINTS

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APR. 12TH - 18TH

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
MAY 10TH - 16TH

The library has been all but quiet this year with the programs, activities and changes being made. We are grateful for the many ways the community has supported us in 2008. Support for the library comes in many forms from those who visit us daily or weekly, checking out materials, exploring our book sales, buying chances on our raffle baskets, making donations and remembering special people with a memorial or honor donations. The board thanks the community and continues to be diligent in providing quality library service to the community. We strive to support the mission of enhancing education, encouraging economic growth and strengthening community relations.

Who's New

The new face in the library is Michelle Delie. She is working on her Masters in Library Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh. She is working in our Reference Area. Not only is she learning the world of Library, she is getting hands on experience with reference questions, computer maintenance and programming. She has been teaching a basic internet course and is expanding it to such as uploading pictures and Facebook. We are excited to have Michelle onboard. Stop in and say hello.

A big thank you to the Auxiliary Women of the Jewish Community of Beaver Falls for their generous donation for the new Teen Room. In addition, funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation not only enabled us to upgrade and add new computers but also allowed us to provide wireless internet access. To the Armstrong Foundation, we are grateful, for their continued support to help make the library look good. The Big Beaver Falls School District, for their help this past year for their assistance with the floors in the stack area.

In 2009, projects are getting underway. The much needed gutter repairs will be started in spring. With this done it is

expected to have a dryer building and know where the drains exit. The front entrance is in need of some renovation and we are currently looking at installing new carpeting, painting, redesigning the circulation area and installing water closets in the library. There is still planning to be done, when we get closer to the design, we will share it with the public.

| 2008 Stats at a Glance | |
|------------------------|---|
| 70672 | Circulated items (20% more than 2007) |
| 78000 | Visits to the library (1300 more than 2007) |
| 4870 | Registered borrowers |
| 48077 | Total collection |
| 64 | Number of Magazines |
| 44 | Adult program held |
| 562 | Attendance to programs |
| 108 | Children program held |
| 3490 | Attendance to programs |
| 9916 | Internet Users |
| 1059 | Volunteer Hours |

Ginny—Library Lady Picks

Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind is the first in a collection of books by Ann B. Ross. It centers on a character called Miss Julia, who is a very proper, older southern lady. Her husband has recently died and she is left alone to handle an estate that is even bigger than she realized. Miss Julia's husband has always handled the financial affairs; she is a bit overwhelmed at the prospect of doing things herself. As if that is not enough for her to handle, it seems that her late husband had been having an affair with a very flashy young lady, who has given him a son. One day, Miss Julia finds them on her doorstep. The woman leaves the son, who is 9, in the care of Miss Julia. Well, being the outspoken person that she has become, Miss Julia holds her head high and plows through the situation with real southern charm and determination.

If you want to know how Miss Julia takes charge and speaks her mind, come in and check it out! The book is amusing; a light read that will leave you wanting to find out more about Miss Julia. I can't wait for another one to be published!



DISPLAY CASES



It started a several years ago when a couple of staff members came up with the idea to use one of the display cases to show off personal collections or hobbies. The idea was to ask patrons to share their interest or hobby with us. The staff got things started, Kathie and her cool cookie press collection, Ginny and her beautiful beaded bangles she created, Debbie showed off her artful skills and Donna had photos of all her famous friends.

Before long, people offered their collection such as Rex's Rocks, Mary's bell collection, snowbabies, tea sets, model cars, wrestlers and even a fine collection of Steiff stuffed animals. The display case is at the top of the stairs on the left side. Many people stop to see the hobby du jour. Our calendar is full for 2009 but we are still taking names. Would you like to share? If so, call Donna and ask for a month.

New in the world of Audio

Playaways are the easiest way to listen to a book, no cassettes or CDs. Just plug in the headphones and go. Great for walking, exercising or even gardening. They are available at the Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls as well as the other Beaver County Libraries. Like other audio books, they can be checked out for 2 weeks. Just pop in a battery and plug in the headphones, which you can purchase at the library or use your own.

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

READING HISTORY NOW AVAILABLE

A recent update to the circulation system, has made available a useful feature for our library patrons. The computer is now able to remember and keep track of our reading histories. Its simple and easy to use.

Just follow these simple directions:

- Log on to the Beaver County web page at 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.

Here's a tool that you would like to bookmark.

It's a website of Websites.

<http://www.allmyfaves.com>

Just point and click

This is the coolest thing since the invention of the TV Remote Control

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

The Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls is now on Facebook. Facebook is a popular social networking site to connect with friends and a way to link to items of interest.

The library has a profile so you can share your stories of the library, check out what is happening and keep up with

the exciting things that are happening all year long. Get on Facebook and friend us.

www.beaverlibraries.orgcarnegiefree.htm



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**PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARIES
LEARNING STARTS HERE**

The mission statement of the Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls is to maintain and improve the quality of life for the citizens of our community by providing resources that contribute to an individual's personal, educational and professional needs. The Carnegie Free Library avails its facility for local individuals, organizations and agencies to do community work.

Our Mission Statement is anchored by the following assumptions:

- A responsibility to offer free library service
- Ensure delivery in a welcoming, convenient and responsive manner
- Community needs drive our services
- Commitment to life long learning
- Cooperative efforts with area governing bodies, school districts, libraries, other agencies and community organizations
- City, School, County and State commitment to a public library
- Commitment to Intellectual Freedom to all

T-Shirt Version:

- Strengthening Community Relations
- Enhancing Education
- Encouraging Economic Growth

MAKE IT YOUR PLACE

The library is working hard to be the place for your informational, educational and recreational needs. In these economic times, we are seeing more new faces and delighted to have them experience what's available for them in the library. We too are feeling the pinch and looking for ways to stretch our dollars. One of these ways is to ask our community to share their time and talents with us. We are seeking volunteers who are looking for a way to give back to their community. Whether it be to create a program, shelve books, help with current programs, take the leadership role in getting the group started or even be an advocate for the library to the many municipalities we service. By seeking those who have like interests, we engage the world and support our community. The Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls—A Century of Service, A Lifetime of Learning. Stop in or call Jean to share your time and talents, 724.846.4340

IN THE COLLECTION

Pre-GED & GED DVDs

Our GED Tutor has been doing a great job with GED preparation. The library is now offering additional assistance with DVDs to strengthening student's skills.

Lawnmower Man DVD

Learn how to tune up a mower or maintain the engine. This DVD provides expert knowledge to help you with the task.

GED TUTOR AVAILABLE

Richard from SPALMC (Southwest PA Labor Management Committee) is available for GED tutoring Tuesdays– Thursdays at 9:30am in the library. Stop in to speak with him.

Stuff for Baskets

Spring Cleaning???? We are looking for items to use in the baskets that we have throughout the year for fundraising. If you have items that are re-giftable (new or gently used) consider donating to the library. Sports stuff, tools, household knick knacks, kitchen stuff. For more information contact Jean 724.846.4340

Leave a Legacy

Be part of the rich Beaver Falls history. Consider making the Carnegie Free Library of Beaver Falls a part of your will. It will be a lasting tribute to you and continue to invest in your community. Talk with your lawyer, accountant or financial planner regarding a gift to the library.

More Than Memorials

Memorializing someone with a book in the library is a fabulous way to remember a loved one. Did you know that we also do honor books? Birthdays, Excellent Grades, Anniversary, Birth, Wedding... whatever the occasion, a book in the library is a great opportunity to share your love of the library with your loved ones.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Spring Story Hour— 3 to 5 years of age, Wednesdays at 10:30am Begins April 1st and runs till May 6th.

Library-oply—Family fun, team event. Based on the game Monopoly, collecting books instead of real-estate, using knowledge instead of money. All ages April 13th at 6:30pm

One Book Every Young Child—Tuesday May 12th at 6:30pm. Pre-school children. Featuring the book, If You Were A Penguin. A copy will be given to each family in attendance,

Summer Reading Program—Be Creative @ Your Library. Battle of the Books, Independent Reading and Special Programs throughout the summer. Stop in or call for details. Registration begins in Late May.



GET CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Battle of the Books— We will again be teaming up with the Chippewa Library. There will be a new format this year to make higher scoring and more exciting games. Come join us for an exciting summer of reading, questions and buzzer pushing.

Independent Reading/Read to Me—Read for rewards. Exercise your mind and your imagination. For those who are not old enough to be a part of Battle of the Books or prefer reading alone

Special Events—We haven't got them all planned out yet. So Call for Details, check the website or Facebook. We are planning some activities that include T-shirts and one of our popular ones: Snow Sculptures and family fun.

TEENS!! We know you are busy this summer but we also want to keep you reading with the books and magazines in our collection especially for you. We are creating some really cool prize baskets as an incentive.

ADULTS!! We didn't leave you out. This year we are doing Reading Bingo. Read 4 books in the genre listed on your Bingo Card. Bingo can be 4 corners, diagonal, vertical, inside diamond, outside diamond. Sign your name to the card and we will put you in a drawing for one of our baskets. Don't know what they will be yet but that's part of the fun.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS Thursdays
10:30am to 12:30pm
 June 1st—begin Reading
 June 25th—Practice at Beaver Falls
 July 2nd—Battle at Beaver Falls
 July 9th Battle at Beaver Falls
 July 16th Battle at Chippewa
 July 23rd Battle at Chippewa and Party
 July 30th —Final Battle at Chippewa

Juniors —3rd &4th Graders
 Intermediate 5th & 6th Graders
 Seniors 7th & 9th Graders



Family Nights
 Fun for all at the library

Teen Book Club
 Express yourself @ the library

Snow Sculpture Party
 Celebrate Summer

Story Hour for 3- 6 year olds
 Weds @ 10:30am

THE NEW TEEN ROOM



Left: Sign for the Feb 14 program
Right: Angela V, serving up delicious cake for the bloodsucking Valentines day program

It gets loud and noisy but that is the intent. This library is not like your grandma's library or even like you remember it. The library is encouraging social interaction that can at times get a little louder than normal. The new teen room was completed in October 2008 and is seeing all kinds of activity. The kids from the

Get Smart program have been coming on Monday nights to catch up on their reading and homework. They get the chance to read in a comfortable space then snack before they leave for the evening. Angela Vallecorsa, who is doing her senior project, did a valentines day program. Blood Sucking Valentine's, Twilight Book discussion which, was a big success. Teens came to talk about the Twilight series and movie. Then we served snacks, always a big hit. Games are always popular with teens so Kathie G, designed a game night. The teens get a chance to play different types of games, meet other teens and

snack. Its becoming a fun monthly Monday activity

The computers are always a hit but the teens find it nice to have a place of their own to go "chill".

In the mornings and early afternoon, we see our usual crowd coming in for the paper or to relax with a magazine. In the afternoon they share the space as the teens come in to get on the computer. With wireless internet, you have a place to sit, have your drink and surf.



A NOVEL APPROACH

Late 2008, Donna was commenting about having an event like speed dating in the library. After some discussion, we came up with the idea to have a singles night in the library. When the evening arrived, 14 men and women gathered in the meeting room, sat across from one another and Donna MC'ed. She didn't get past the second question when the conversations began taking a life of their own and the group just found itself chatting about different titles and characters. New friendships were made, fun prizes were given out and snacks were nibbled on. At the end of the evening, everyone requested that this event be continued. So now we have a new program to offer those who are single and looking for something different in a way to socialize. April 28th and May 26th will be the next two programs. We will start up again in the fall. The last Tuesday of the month come to the Carnegie Library of Beaver Falls and share your favorite reads. For more information and to sign up call 724.846.4340 ask for Donna.

The library is committed to providing quality and interesting programs for your enjoyment. We encourage you to join us in our activities and for program suggestions. Take even a more active role by helping us plan the program. For more information, talk to Jean.

RESURRECTING ALLEGHENY CITY

Author Discussion on February 23rd, Author Lisa Miles spoke at the library about her book Allegheny City. Allegheny City was and still is on the North Side of Pittsburgh. It was a thriving urban area that got swallowed up by the City of Pittsburgh in the not so distant past. Lisa gave valuable insight to the archives of Pennsylvania and the writing process, Her knowledge and presentation were fascinating. Her book is available at the library. The author visit was made possible through a grant from the PA Humanities Council

WHO TO CALL WHEN YOU NEED A BOOK OR A GOOD READ?

Hi my name is Debbie, as a staff member I'm a gal of many hats. Two things I handle are the Reading Circle and Interlibrary loans. Let me speak about our book club first. It's called the Beaver Falls Reading Circle. We have a nice group of ladies who love to talk about, of course, books. The group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10am. They converse on bestsellers, topics of interest and even a good non-fiction book that comes along. So think about coming down to the library and joining these wonderful ladies in a nice friendly discussion.

Interlibrary loan is another area I handle. If you have a title that is not available in the county, we can locate it for you at another library in the state. There is no fee involved, all you need is a library card, the author's name and title. You can search Access PA, locate the item print out the bibliographic information and give it to me. So, if you are looking for an item, stop and see me, I can help you locate it.

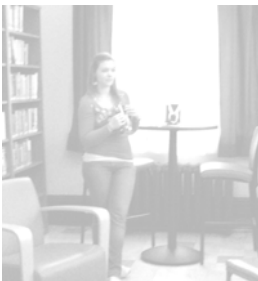


Senior Projects coming up

We have 2 students doing senior projects at our library. We are excited to have them volunteer at the library. Both students have a passion for libraries. They both are avid readers and are looking for a way to give back to a place that has nurtured their love of reading, been part of their education and just be a place to enjoy. Technology will play a part for both students but in different ways.

Katie Shablesky will be graduating from Beaver Falls High School, Class of 2010. Her project not only wants to help the library improve its facility but also be a memory keeper. She will be sending out letters to BF High School Alumni. In the letter she will ask for 3 things. Money, memories and momentum. The money she raises will be used for improvements to the library facility. See page one for the current projects that are planned. Second, memories. She wants people to reminisce about the library and share stories. She will be creating a blog to collect the stories and even have people post. We even have a Facebook page for your use. Third, Katie will ask each person that receives the letter to pass it forward to other Beaver Falls High School Alumni so they can support the library, can share their memories and pass it forward. Like the old shampoo commercial, she'll tell two friends, and they'll tell two friends and so on and so on... Please join Katie's endeavor and help make this a successful project.

Johnathan Bucci will be graduating from Riverside High School, Class of 2010. Jonathan is all about computers and the technology. We talked last year about him doing a class for teens or adults last year. So I was excited when he came to me with the idea of teaching a class on Office 2007. Showing us the ins and outs of Word, Excel and Power Point 2007. The classes will be open to the public and we will have him teach the staff so we too can offer assistance. I have experience with his teaching skills because he has taught me a few tricks and techniques. The software will be made available on the public access computers, so if you need some helpful hints or upgrade from 2003, he's the guy to help. More details on class signup and times to come



Senior Project completed



Our first student to do her senior project was Angela Vallecorsa. She wanted to do some programming for middle school students and having a fundraiser. We had just started working with Terry Noyes and her after school program, Get Smart. They would be at the library every Monday. This worked right into Angela's plan. We had a group of students for her to work with, she could plan some special activities and together we made new friends. Angela also is a big fan of the book, Twilight and she wanted to do a Valentine's Day program. Well, thanks to Angela, we got to see even more new faces. She even helped us when we did the open house for the new Teen Room. Then in addition to her help with programs, she did a Pie tasting fundraiser. Oh boy!! That was some good pie. It was fun having Angela sharing her love of the library. We were excited to work with her as well. She is bright, energetic and full of ideas to help us connect with students like herself.

Thanks Angela, from all of us here at the library — can I have another piece of pie?

