

# FRIENDS FEATURES

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## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Karen Payonk, youth services director at the Lititz Public Library, is dedicated to helping preschoolers get ready to read. To that end, she recently launched a new initiative called, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."

**What is it?** The idea behind 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is to help kids enter school ready to learn. Payonk says that reading is one of the most important things a parent can do to ensure a child's success when he or she begins school. Research shows that the more preschool children hear books read to them, the more prepared they will be to learn to read upon reaching kindergarten.

**Wow, that sounds like a lot of books!** Payonk notes that if you read 3 books to your child everyday for one year, you and your child will have read 1,095 books. Or, read ten books every week for two years for a total of 1,040. That's fewer than two books a day that you and your child read together. But perhaps her most encouraging comment is that you could read one book every other day and reach 1,000 books in less than five years.

Payonk stresses that the initiative is not something to start right before a child is about to enter kindergarten. It is a process of one book at a time over time. In this manner, parents become accustomed to working with the child to instill a love of reading that will be carried into the school years and beyond.

**So how does it work?** The program, which is for children from birth through the day they enter kindergarten, is based upon the summer reading program model of encouraging and rewarding reading with incentives. Each child who wants to participate may pick up a notebook at the library, which has an overview of the program and a sheet to list the first 100 books that are read. After the first 100 books are read, participants bring the notebook back to the library to get a sticker and new sheet for the second hundred books. Repeat the process for each hundred books read. After a child reaches 500 books read, he or she gets a paperback book. Once 1,000 books are read, the child receives a hardback book.

**Then what?** Payonk says that once 1000 books are read, the child is finished with the program. But of course she encourages parents to continue the habit of sharing books and reading with their children!

## Ready to Read:

**Suggestions for reading  
1000 before kindergarten**

**Have your child sitting  
on your lap or next to  
you when you read.**

**Read 3 stories each day:  
A favorite one, an old  
one and a new one.**

**Talk and sing to your  
child.**

**Make rhymes and click-  
ing sounds.**

**Go to the library.**

**Keep the TV off as much  
as possible.**

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Karen Crouse, Public Relations

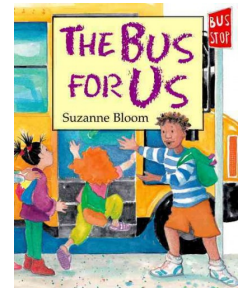


**Rohrer's  
Quarry**

## One Book Every Young Child

The 2013 Selection is  
**The Bus for Us**  
by Suzanne Bloom.

Tess is excited. Today is her first day of school, and her very first ride on a school bus. Waiting at the bus stop with her older friend Gus, Tess eagerly asks, "Is this the bus for us, Gus?" as each vehicle passes by. From fire engine to front loader, Suzanne Bloom introduces young readers to a variety of vehicles through a simple text and spirited illustrations.



# Lifelong Learning Enhances Literacy!

Each quarter we'll pick several topics from our programming calendar to highlight. Sign up for each program separately up to three weeks in advance by calling 626-2255 or emailing [register@lititzlibrary.org](mailto:register@lititzlibrary.org). Please see our monthly calendar online or at the library for a complete listing of programs.

## Concerts

### Sponsored by Susquehanna Bank

#### **Robin Work Quartet: The American Songbook**

*Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.*

Vocalist Robin Work is known for her deep, rich voice. She will sing songs from The American Songbook, including music from the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern and others.

#### **Ossia Duo**

*Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.*

Ossia Duo is Faith Shiffer on flute and David Pedrick on guitar. Together they play a variety of musical genres, including classical, world and folk.

#### **Bravura Brass**

*Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m.*

Bravura Brass will celebrate Summer Reading with a ground-breaking, interactive music program that is fun for all ages!

## Jane Austen Society High Tea

**Saturday, May 11, 1–3 p.m.**

The Jane Austen Society of Lancaster County has been meeting at the Lititz Public Library for the past ten years. Wanting to do something to thank the library for their partnership, president Genevieve Wimer and the Jane Austen Society are hosting a high tea as a fundraiser for the library.

Springtime is a great time to partake in a high tea, so invite a friend to enjoy sweets and savories (finger sandwiches, for example) along with a variety of teas. Jane Austen Society members, dressed in period costume, will elegantly serve you as you enjoy music and more. Tickets are \$20 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Lititz Public Library. Tickets may be purchased at the library.

In 2002, Genevieve Wimer wrote a sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, naming her work *Honor and Humility*. After giving a talk on her book at the Lititz Public Library, she founded the Jane Austen Society of Lancaster County which meets at the library every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meetings vary on topics from Jane Austen's novels, her characters, the Regency Period in history, along with activities that encourage the group to learn not just about Jane Austen but each other. New members are always welcome to discuss all things Austen, enjoy a cup of tea and engage with one another!

## Lancaster Civil War Round Table

### **September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril**

*Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m.*

After being ripped apart by a civil war entering its 18th month, the nation entered its most trying month in September 1862 when General Robert E. Lee invaded Union soil. Dennis Frye will speak of this time, drawing from a voluminous cache of period newspapers to demonstrate just how fragile the national bond had become.

### **Gettysburg's George Spangler Farm**

*Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.*

Located behind the Union line on Cemetery Hill, the George Spangler farm was an ideal location for Union troops. On July 1, 1863, the site served as storage for artillery and ammunition reserves, as well as accommodations for the 11th Corps' field hospital. After the battle, its primary role was a surgical hospital for soldiers of both sides. Wayne Motts will speak about the rehabilitation of the property as a tribute to General Armistead and the valor of the soldiers at Gettysburg.

### **Jackson's Flank Attack**

*Thursday, June 13, 7 p.m.*

Frank O'Reilly will speak about how Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson's 30,000 veterans crashed into Howard's 9,000 mostly inexperienced troops early in the morning of May 2, 1862, noting how this flank attack opened the way for the Confederates to destroy Hooker's army.

## Village Art Association Programs

### **Youth Art Show**

*Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.*

Enjoy an exhibit of original works of art by area students ages 18 and under. Children and teens ages 18 (providing they are a high school student) and under may submit up to two pieces of work. Entry forms are available at the library or for downloading at [www.lititzlibrary.org](http://www.lititzlibrary.org).

### **Abstract Painting**

*Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.*

Linda Benton McCloskey will present.

### **Lancaster Landscapes, 40 Years**

*Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.*

Arlene Fisher will present her work over four decades.

### **Watercolor: Traditional Realism**

*Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.*

Deb Watson will present.

# Youth Services

Lifelong Learning Begins With Early Literacy!

## Dig Into READING



### Summer Reading 2013

#### Hedgie Costume Character

Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Meet storybook costume character Hedgie at our Summer Reading Kick-Off!

#### Book Buddies

Tuesdays: June 18 through August 6, 10:00 a.m.

Hear story as a large group; then go read with your buddy & enjoy doing a craft together.

#### Bravura Brass Digs into Reading!

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#### Chippy Chipmunk Nature Program

Friday, June 21, 1:00 p.m.

Join Kathy Miller for an interactive, fun program about chipmunks, birds and nature photography. This multimedia presentation involves a listening activity, amusing video clips, picture taking and a hands-on burrow building simulation.

#### Finding King Tut

Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

This spirited production brings together the boy king of Egypt and a determined archaeologist, providing audiences with fascinating tale of discovery. Howard Carter follows the clues he uncovers while digging through the desert sand. Each broken piece of pottery and faded wall painting is a piece of a mysterious puzzle that finally leads him to the door of King Tut's tomb and the astounding treasure beyond.

#### Thursday Family Movie Matinee: *Gnomeo & Juliet*

Thursday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

### More Summer Reading Programs

#### Paws to READ

Friday, June 22, 10:00, 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Children can practice their reading aloud skills by reading their favorite stories to therapy trained dogs.

#### Freaky Friday

Friday, June 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Hear a story then explore several hands-on stations that relate to the theme.

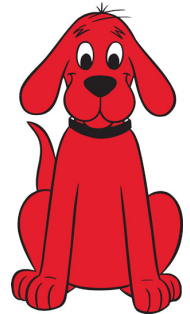
### Family Storytimes

#### Happy Birthday, Clifford!

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.

Clifford the Big Red Dog is turning 50!

A Clifford costume character will join the party as we celebrate with stories, songs, and activities. All ages are welcome with an adult. Registration will begin on Saturday, March 30.



#### 2013 One Book Every Young Child Storytime

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

*The Bus for Us* by Suzanne Bloom is Pennsylvania's One Book Every Young Child 2013 selection. The OBEYC campaign highlights the importance of early literacy development for young children. On her first day of school, Tess wonders what the school bus will look like and asks, "Is this the bus for us, Gus?" Join us for a fun storytime all about this special book. All ages are welcome with an adult. Registration will begin on Tuesday, April 9.

### Summer Reading Program Sponsors:

- ◆ Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area
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- ◆ VFW Post 1463: Lititz Springs
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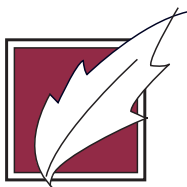
## New Digital Display!

If you frequent the Lititz Public Library regularly, you no doubt noticed the new digital signage on the wall behind the circulation desk. The 55" LG digital monitor displays information about the library services, programs, sponsors and more!

"We've had it up and running since early February," said Sallie Rihn, the library's community relations coordinator. "It will help us reduce paper waste and save money as we begin to rely less on paper for publicity." The signage also serves to recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have been supportive of the library.

Portia Bowman, a longtime Friend of the Lititz Public Library who died in 2012, made the signage possible through a bequest given as part of her estate's funds targeted to further the mission of the library.

Portia's gift is truly a sign of things to come!



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