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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Just A Word



Hello everyone,

May is one of my favorite times of year. Why? It's all about transitions. Of course, our weather warms up and we start to anticipate summer. But I'm most excited about celebrating our graduates! This is the time of year we honor students' dedication, perseverance, and hard work. Whether high school, technical school, college or university, graduation is an inspiring accomplishment that should be celebrated by the whole community.

To all the graduates who have, or will be, donning the cap and gown, congratulations on this most significant achievement. This occasion is a testament to your resilience and commitment to learning. Graduation is the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. So, reflect on your journey, cherish the memories, and give yourself time to acknowledge what you've done.

After the celebrations, explore the opportunities you've created for yourself. As you write this next chapter, remember the library is here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're pursuing further education, entering the workforce, or exploring different paths, the library is a place where you can continue to grow, learn, and discover. From resources to help with job searches and career development to a vast collection of books, e-books, and online databases to fuel your curiosity, our doors are always open to you.

Remember, the library is more than just a building with books—it's a community hub where you can connect, engage, and thrive. So, whether you're seeking knowledge, seeking solace, or seeking inspiration, remember that you are always welcome here.

Once again, congratulations to all our graduates! May your future be filled with endless possibilities and may you continue to reach new heights.

Warm regards,
Beckie

LET'S GO



Adult Programs

Special Hours in May

BAPL will be observing special operating hours on the following dates:

- **Mon., May 13:** Closing at 2 PM for Staff Development
- **Mon., May 27:** Closed for the day. Observing Memorial Day



General Wellness with Jason Nuzzo

Jason Nuzzo, MS, is a life-long resident of Bradford who began working as a Wellness Tech at BRMC in 1999. In 2000, Jason graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Masters of Science degree in Exercise Science with an emphasis in Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation. Now the Clinical Supervisor at Upbeat, Jason takes pride in guiding patients as they improve their quality of life. Join us on **Thurs., May 2 at 4 PM** as Jason shares the four areas to develop for complete wellness: physical, nutritional, social, and spiritual.



Silent Book Club

Meet and share. Join us for a monthly book club without assigned reading. Bring your own book, meet new friends, and spend time sharing what you enjoy! Join us on the first **Saturday of every month at 10:30 AM in the Carnegie Room**. Join the discussions and also get some excellent book recommendations! No Registration Necessary.

Sat., May 4 at 10:30 AM



Copy Cat

Do you enjoy trying new craft projects? Join us for Copy Cat, where each month we will explore a new craft. In May we will use leftover fabric scraps to create beautiful rustic flowers. This program is FREE, but **registration is necessary** as we only have room for twelve participants. Registration is easy. Utilize the link below and register soon, as this program fills very quickly!

Wed., May 8 at 6PM.

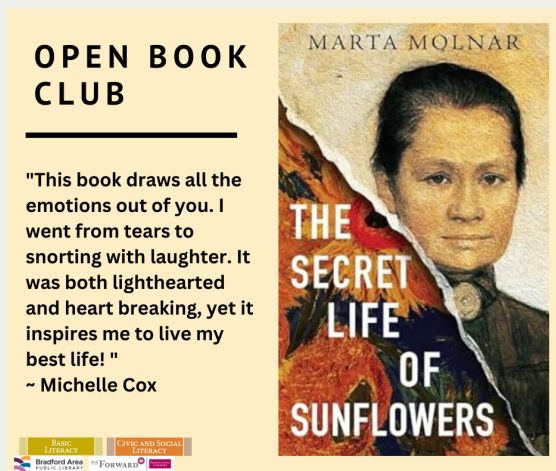
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Cybersecurity Basics Workshop

This workshop introduces newly connected computer and internet users to basic safety when they visit websites, create passwords, and receive email and other communication from potential fraudsters. A primary objective of the workshop is for learners to increase confidence in their ability to engage online while staying safe from scams and fraud. Join us on **Tues., May 14 at 11 AM**. **Registration is necessary**. Utilize the link below to easily register.

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Open Book Club

Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world.

All are welcome to attend the discussion of the book selected for May. Open Book Club meets monthly on the third Saturday. Our next session will be on **Sat., May 18 at 10:30 AM in the Carnegie Room**.



Trivia Night

Let's test our knowledge of everything during our next Trivia Night! Enjoy the challenge with your team (4 ppl. max.) or play individually. Either way, it is sure to be a blast! Who will emerge victorious? NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Tues., May 21 at 6PM



Movie Night

With the racing of the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial Day weekend, we are celebrating with a free showing of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* (PG13). This book, turned movie, is a story about love, resilience, and race car driving told from the perspective of a dog named Enzo. This movie is FREE and so is the popcorn! No Registration Necessary.

Thur., May 23 at 6PM.



Craft & Learn Series

Join Erin Blitz, from LIFE Northwestern PA, for another Craft & Learn session at **11 AM on Thur., May 23**. Attendees will try to correctly identify a variety of scents using essential oils. They will also learn how scents can assist with mood and energy levels. No Registration Necessary.



Adult Lego Challenge

Why should kids have all the fun?! Whether you're rediscovering a childhood passion as an adult or diving into the world of creating and building for the first time, experience the joy and well-being advantages of this newfound hobby. An increasing number of adults are unwinding from the daily stresses of life with some help from Legos! Join us for our first Adult Lego Challenge on **Wed., May 29 at 6PM**. **Registration is Necessary**.

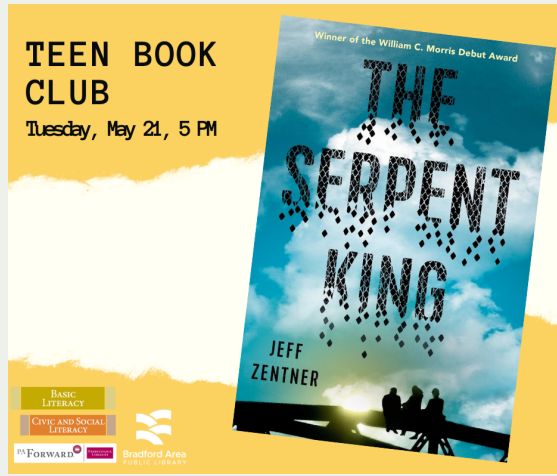
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Teen & Tween Programs



Fiber Arts Group

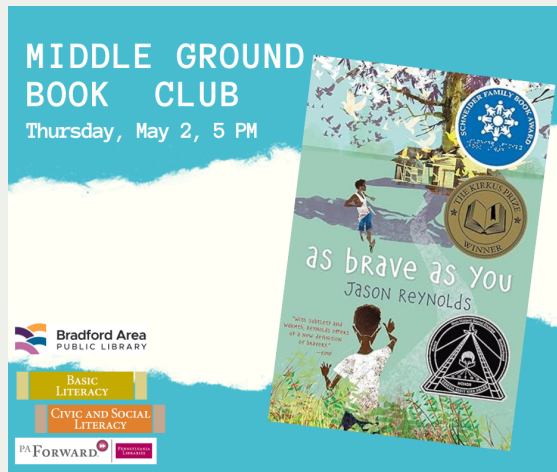
Want to learn how to spin your own yarn or create adorable stuffed animals? These members are willing to share their knowledge! Join us **every Thursday from 1PM - 3PM**. All are welcome (i.e. embroiderers, tatting, felting, cross-stitch, crocheting, knitting, etc.).



Teen Book Club

Teen Book Club is open to any local teen in grades 9 - 12. Enjoy free books and pizza at every meeting. New members are always welcome to join. The club meets monthly on the third Tuesday.

Tue., May 21 at 5 PM



Middle Ground Book Club

Club members will meet on **Thursday, May 2 at 5 PM**. The Middle Ground Book Club is open to all local tweens in grades 5 - 8. Enjoy free books and pizza during all meetings.



Teen Trivia Night

Join us for an hour of fun trivia designed for students in 6 - 12th grade. The game starts at 5:30 PM. Registration is necessary. Play individually or as part of a team (4 ppl. max per team). Trivia game topics change on a monthly basis, so refer to BAPL's Facebook page for updates. Note: only one person per team needs to register for the team.

Wed., May 22 at 5:30PM

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Children's Programs



Home School Scholars

Check out this new program, designed specifically for our home school children in grades 1 - 5! Home School Scholars will meet **EVERY Tuesday from 1 - 2:30 PM.**

Topics explored by the children will change on a monthly basis. For current updates, please follow our Facebook page and subscribe to our monthly newsletter. Periodically, this program will include guest speakers and field trips too! In May, we will focus on nature and the Earth.



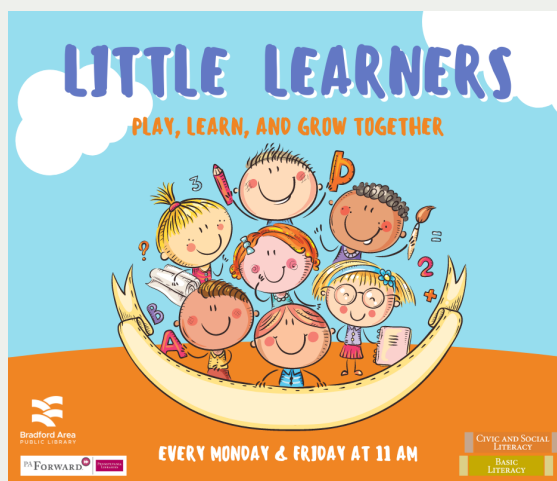
Kid's Trivia Night

Join us for an hour of fun trivia designed for students in 1 - 5th grade. The game starts at 5:30 PM. Registration is necessary.

Play individually or as part of a team (4 ppl. max per team). The trivia game topics will change monthly, so always refer to BAPL's Facebook page for updates. Note: only one person per team needs to register for the team.

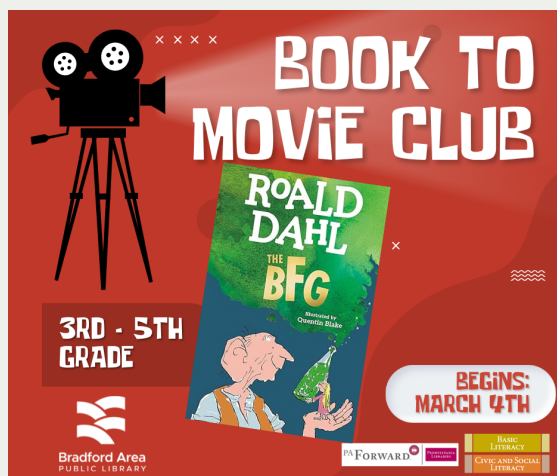
Wed., May 15 at 5:30 PM

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Little Learners

Little Learners is a fun-filled program for 0-5 year old children and their parents or caregivers. Hear great stories, and complete a craft or two! Little Learners meets every **Monday and Friday at 11 AM**.



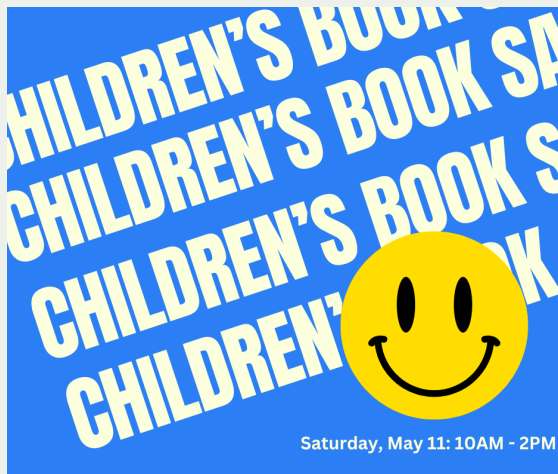
Book to Movie Club

Join an awesome club! Local students in grades 3 - 5, are welcome to attend **every Monday from 5- 5:45 PM** while we read a few chapters from a great children's book. Once the book is finished, we will watch the movie! The first book we will tackle is BFG by Roald Dahl. On **Mon., May 20, at 5PM**, club members will watch The BFG movie and will enjoy a dinner that is directly related to the book! Hmmm, will they be serving 'human beans'?! Come to the club's dinner to find out.



Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday

Let's celebrate by learning Smokey's personal story, and his mission to prevent forest fires. Participants can also engage in a mini Smokey Bear Reading Challenge. Join the party on **Mon., May 18 at 11 AM**.



Children's Book Sale

Explore our collection of gently-used Children's Books on **Saturday, May 11 from 10 AM - 2 PM**



Teddy Bear Slumber Party

Did you know that May 9th is National Sleep Over day? The Library is celebrating the day with a "Teddy Bear Slumber Party" on **Thu., May 9 at 6 PM**. Children are invited to come to the library in their favorite jammies and bring their teddy bear or

other stuffed friend. We will read the book "Horton Hears a Who" and then watch the movie. So bring your pillow or blanket or whatever you need to get comfy. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

The children have to leave at the end of the event, but their stuffed friend is invited to spend the night! Stuffed friends should have a tag with name or initials on them.

They can be picked up any time on May 10 when the library is open (10 AM - 5 PM).

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