



BEAVER AREA MEMORIAL LIBRARY
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BAML FALL FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The 2023 theme is “Fall for Your Library”, a topic that highlights all of the reasons we love the Beaver Area Memorial Library. Many clever and beautiful raffle baskets supporting this theme will be displayed throughout the library beginning in October.

Also, a variety of items will be sold on a cash basis in two boutiques. The “Unique Boutique” will be located in the community room and include new and gently-used jewelry, accessories, and a variety of useful and decorative household items. “The Knit Shoppe,” sponsored by the library’s Knit and Crochet Club, will be located in our board room. Beautifully hand-crafted creations will be available for purchase such as hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, shawls, stuffed animals, and baby gifts will be available.

Tickets for this fundraiser are available at the library for \$15, or they may be purchased at the door for \$20 on November 4th. The price of the ticket includes snacks, refreshments, and a coffee and tea bar provided by Café Kolache. Tickets for raffle baskets will be on sale in October for \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7, and \$50 for 50 tickets.

New Director Appointed at the Beaver Library



Sarah Boyce became the new director of the Beaver Area Memorial Library in June 2023. Sarah graduated with an MS in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama in 2015. She developed her skills most recently at Mars Public Library and Northern Tier Regional Library, though she has worked in libraries since the age of 14. She has a wide range of experience in

library work, with a special passion for teen and young adult collections and programming.

Sarah lives in Hampton Township with her husband and three children.

"The Center of the Community, your library's mission statement," said Sarah, "really made me feel that the heart of the Beaver Area Memorial Library beat with the same rhythm as my own. I am hopeful my community-based and creative approaches will yield a positive impact on the local community." Stop in to meet her and say hello!

BAML Annual Fund Drive

Launched in the spring of 2023, the library’s annual fund drive is still underway with a goal of \$27,000. Currently we are just shy of our goal with a total of \$25,035 having been received. These funds are vital for future library programs, services, and materials. The members of the BAML Board of Trustees thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who contributed to this fund drive in 2023 and to those in previous years. Without these contributions the BAML would be unable to provide quality materials and services to residents of the Beaver area and surrounding communities.

FOR PATRONS

To place holds online:
www.beaverlibraries.org

To follow library news:
www.beaverlibrary.com

To download eBooks:
www.yourcloudlibrary.com

Happy Retirement!

The Board of Trustees and the staff at the Beaver Area Memorial Library would like to extend a very heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Mary Jane Ulmer on her retirement from the library. Mrs. Ulmer has enjoyed a long career working for different libraries. After she received her Master's in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh, she was hired at B.F. Jones Memorial Library in Aliquippa. Shortly after, she moved on to work at the headquarters of the Beaver County Library System. After a brief hiatus from library work to raise her children, she was hired at the Beaver Area Memorial Library as the Reference Librarian, a position she held for over thirty-seven years.

During her tenure, Mrs. Ulmer was responsible for many different tasks at the library, including cataloging materials, handling reference inquiries, locating interlibrary loan titles for patrons, writing the quarterly newsletter, and selecting books for memorials. She was incredibly thorough when selecting an appropriate book to be purchased in memory or in honor of someone, always taking the time to select a book with a suitable subject.

Mary Jane was also the creator of the Unique Boutique, a project that she maintained over many years. What began as a contribution to the Fall Fundraiser expanded rapidly; as its popularity grew, the Boutique had to be held in larger rooms in the library during the fundraiser, and it now exists all year round. Next time you're in the library, check out the mini-Boutique in the display case in the lobby. There's always something interesting for sale, and all purchases benefit the library. Under Mary Jane's leadership, the Unique Boutique has raised thousands of dollars for the library over the years.

The Beaver Library would like to thank Mrs. Ulmer for all the hard work and dedication she has shown in her position, not to mention the great gift that is her friendship. She will be deeply missed at the library, but we hope she will enjoy her retirement, whether it be through quality time with her family, caring for the dogs and cats in her life, or of course, reading! Congratulations Mary Jane!

FALL FUNDRAISER DONATIONS NEEDED

Members of the BAML Friends are asking patrons for their help in order to make this fundraiser a success. Patrons wishing to contribute a raffle basket are encouraged to keep in mind the 2023 theme, "Fall for Your Library," and to stop at the library to complete a registration form describing that entry.



Baskets will be displayed throughout the library as we receive them, starting in October. All winners will be drawn at the event on November 4th. Winner need not be present.



Also needed are items to be sold (at very reasonable prices) in the Unique Boutique which will be located in the library's community room. We ask that all donations be either new or gently used. Some suggestions are jewelry, figurines, picture frames, candles, collectibles, stationery, small serving plates, vases, scarves, purses, wallets, men's accessories, and small holiday items. Clothing will not be accepted. Donations may be brought to the circulation desk at any time through October 31st. Thank you for supporting your local library!



BAML BOOK CLUB

Third Friday of Each Month
at
12:00 noon

Library Board Room

Contact the library
for more information

ONE MORE SNIPPET FROM THE STACKS

As we ask ourselves, “Where did the summer go?” while making lists for all the things we must do for the upcoming autumn season, one of the things I’d suggest is to make time to read Amor Towles’ newest offering: *The Lincoln Highway*.

If you have read previous Towles works, you know he is innovative, provocative and often very funny. To that list of adjectives, add another: Long! Just like *The Lincoln Highway*, the subject of his latest offering (576 pages!) arranged in a most peculiar and innovative way, but after you have read it, you see what he was doing and realize it was brilliant.

At first glance the cast of characters seems to have very little in common with one another, yet as the plot unwinds, Towles manages to fit each of them into the story line so that the reader realizes that each is necessary for the story to unfurl to its perfect conclusion.

I was drawn to the book for a couple of reasons, despite its length. One reason was the little sign at the bottom of Tusca that I pass each time I drive past it on my home from Beaver. Another was, having read previous works by Towles, I knew I was in for a literary treat. The author makes reference to Shakespeare’s works via bits of dialogue, and the reader of this latest book can easily see the many ways Towles is paying homage to the master.

Sincerely,
Doris Thompson
Vice President
BAML Board of Trustees

Library Tidbits

GARDEN TOUR

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the BAML annual Garden Tour was held on Saturday, June 24th. Five beautiful gardens (all located in the borough of Beaver) participated. A grand total of \$1,414 was raised at the event. A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all participants on this year’s tour, and to all of the people who came out to support the event. If anyone is interested in having his or her garden on the 2024 tour, please contact the library at any time.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

In existence for over twenty years, this group of dedicated individuals has sponsored several very successful fundraisers through the years. New members and new ideas are always welcome! This group meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the community room. If you are interested in becoming a BAML Friend, you are invited to attend the next meeting on October 30th.

SUMMER READING

Our summer reading program, All Together Now, was a great success this year with over 500 children participating in the program. Over 200 signed up in the first three days alone! The library thanks all those who took part in the program, and all of the businesses that helped to support it, with a special thank you to PA Cyber for all of their contributions that helped to make this another wonderful year.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Patrons are reminded that all donations are tax deductible. All donated materials such as books and audiovisual materials (for the annual book sale), memorial and honor contributions, and items for various library fundraisers, are tax deductible as well.

BAML Knit and Crochet Club

This group meets at the library most
Thursday evenings
from
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Open to men and women of all ages
Instructors are available to help!



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE LIBRARY

New Employee at the BAML



Samantha Fabiani has been hired as the new full-time Children's Librarian. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she majored in Theater Arts. She was hired as a touring actor/director for Missoula Children's Theatre where she had the opportunity to go to India, Indonesia, Japan, Guam, and all over the United States. The pandemic shut-down allowed her to find another opportunity to work with youth and the library was a perfect fit. She loves reading and collecting the classics. She is very excited to dive into the fall season with story time and to see what creative stories come out of Writing with Wende. At the library Samantha can be found in the Children's Library or at the circulation desk. The library is very excited to see all of the new ideas that Samantha brings to the children's department.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



Give your child a jumpstart on school success!

Read books to your child and log each title on Beanstack or a reading log from the library.

Receive a progress sticker for every 200 books completed. At the end of the challenge you will be given a certificate of completion and a small prize.

Sign up at the circulation desk and get started today!

Teen Volunteers Needed!



In the new year, the library plans to implement teen programming and a dedicated teen space outside of the Children's room. The library is searching for several civic-minded teens and tweens who would like to have a voice in the process as part of our Teen Advisory Board. If interested in participating please email the director Sarah Boyce at sboyce@beaverlibraries.org.

BORROW THE INTERNET!

Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots, Tablets, and Google Chromebooks now available for checkout

Have access to unlimited high-speed internet service anywhere a T-Mobile signal can be received

In order to use this service, patrons must be at least 18 years of age with a valid library card
Each item is loaned out for 14 days with no renewals
Late fee is \$1.00 a day

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

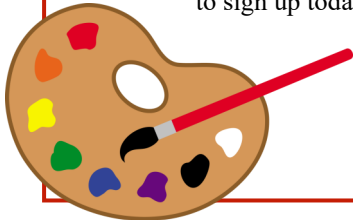
Samantha Fabiani, Children's Librarian
Sue Ann Curtis, Assistant

Palettes and Pajamas

October 10th
6:30 p.m.

Join us for a story and craft
in your cozy pajamas

Ages 4+
Registration required
Call the library at
(724)775-1132
to sign up today!



MONSTER PARTY

A night of spooky fun!!

Mummies 🎃 Witches 🎃 Ghosts



OCTOBER 30
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

For children of all ages

Join us in costume for
snacks, crafts & a spooky story

Featuring a
COSTUME MARCH
in the library

Registration required



PAWS FOR READING

Readers from Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to register for a 15 minute time slot and practice reading aloud to a Certified Therapy Dog at the library in a relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

Please call the library at (724)775-1132 to check for available dates and to register for a time slot. Once registered, please make every effort to attend or call the library to cancel.

FALL STORY TIMES

September 18 - October 26

Baby and Me Story Time

for

Children ages 0 - 23 months
with adult caregiver (s)

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Board books and lap sit games



Toddler Story Time

for

Children ages 2 - 3

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Rhymes, songs, crafts, and interactive readings

Preschool Story Time

for

Children ages 3 - 5

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Activity stations, rhymes, songs, and a variety of read-aloud stories



Writing with Wende

Join award-winning local author

Wende Dikec

for an afternoon of creative writing

Saturday, October 28th

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS

and Things That Go **BUMP**

in the Night



Crafting stories to scare the socks off the reader!
for

Students in Grades 5 and up

Snacks Provided



Registration Requested

Beaver Area Memorial Library presents

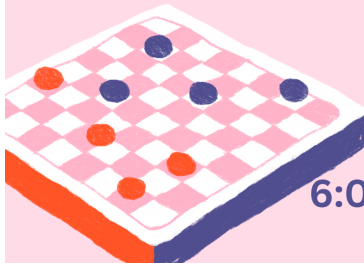
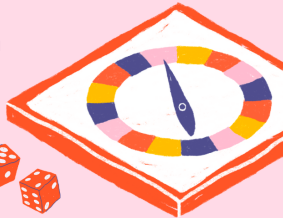
Game Night for Grown-Ups



COME ENJOY BOARD GAMES WITH YOUR FRIENDS,
OR JOIN A GROUP AND MAKE NEW ONES!

GAMES PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY,
OR YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN!

Monday, September 18th
Monday, October 16th
Monday, November 20th



6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



In the coming months, the library will be installing new carpeting in multiple places throughout the building, including the lobby, the children's library, and in the area around the adult fiction and non-fiction collections.



There is not a definitive start date for the project as of yet, but it will hopefully begin in the next few months. Once the project begins, we ask that patrons be patient with the staff at the library; we will try to make sure everyone has access to the materials they want.



We're looking forward to our completed renovation, and thank everyone for their cooperation so that we may continue to make the library a great place to be!

Join us at the third annual

LIBRARYCON



Saturday, October 21

12 noon - 3 p.m.

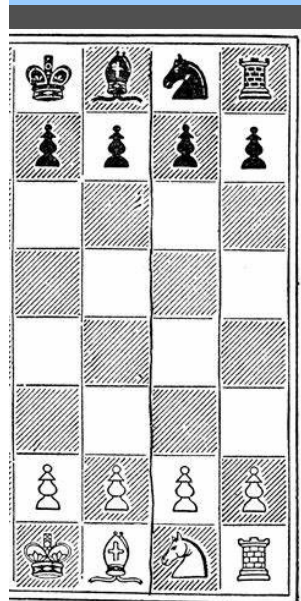
at the CCBC Library & Dome

Free Event for All Ages!

**Entertainment • Authors • Vendors
Activities • Costume Contest
Prizes • Food Trucks**

**For more information, please visit
www.beaverlibraries.org**

Beaver Area Memorial Library's CHESS CLUB



First and Third Thursday
of Every Month

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Library Community Room

No Registration Required

Players of all ages and abilities
are welcome to attend

No experience necessary

If possible, bring your own board

Call the library or stop in
with questions
(724)775-1132

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Chess Club October 5 & 19 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | VETERANS DAY November 11 | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| BAML Knit and Crochet Club October 5, 12, 19, & 26 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | BAML Book Club November 16 | 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. |
| Game Night for Grown-Ups October 15 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Game Night for Grown-Ups November 20 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| BAML Book Club October 20 | 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. | Thanksgiving Eve November 22 | LIBRARY CLOSSES 5:00 p.m. |
| LibraryCon (CCBC Campus) October 21 | 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. | THANKSGIVING November 23 | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| Friends of the Library October 23 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Friends of the Library November 27 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| Chess Club November 2 & 16 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Chess Club December 7 & 21 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| BAML Knit and Crochet Club November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | BAML Knit and Crochet Club December 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| FALL FUNDRAISER (Library Closed) November 4 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | BAML Book Club December 14 | 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. |
| Seniors for Safe Driving November 10 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | CHRISTMAS December 23, 25, & 26 | LIBRARY CLOSED |

SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING

A Program for Drivers 55 Years of Age and Older
at the
Beaver Area Memorial Library

Friday, November 10th
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

Register by Phone or Online
1-800-559-4880
www.seniorsforsafedriving.com



**Tuition of \$16.00 per person due prior
to class date**

BAML ANNUAL BOOK SALE HELD



Hundreds of donated books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles, and a variety of children's materials were sold at the 2023 annual book sale held on Saturday, June 3rd. This event was the combined effort of the Friends of the Library and the Board of Trustees. A grand total of \$8,002.75 was raised and earmarked for the purchase of materials and equipment for the library.

Throughout the year several small pop-up book sales are held in the lobby, depending upon the donations received. Always available for sale in the lobby are many donated fiction and non-fiction titles that range from \$2.00 each plus tax for hardcover copies, to paperbacks ranging from .50 cents to \$1.00 plus tax.



Beaver Area
Memorial Library's

Fall Fundraiser

"Fall for Your Library"

Saturday, November 4th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Raffles | Unique Boutique | Knit Shoppe

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
Price includes snacks and refreshments

The library will be closed on November 4th
to prepare for the event

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library