Lower Macungie Library  

Between the Lines

A Day at Hyde Park, New York

Join us as we travel to Hyde Park to visit the homes of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. We will leave from the parking lot (near the Memorial Garden) promptly at 7am on Saturday, June 11.

First we’ll visit Springwood and the Presidential Library. We’ll have lunch, then travel to Val-Kill, Eleanor’s home. We will return home around 7pm.

Check out the details of the trip on our website at www.lowermaclib.org and in the library. Cost per person - $75 (includes bus, driver tip, tea, and entrance fees to the Roosevelt homes.)

From the Director’s Desk by Kathee Rhode

Author Robert Morgan states “A library is richer than Fort Knox and everybody has the key”. On March 3, 2001 the Lower Macungie Library community was given “the key” to their public library.

Fifteen years later, over 20,000 cardholders are enjoying the fruits of labor begun by the original township supervisors. The LMT Commissioners and Alburtis Borough Council have continued their financial support by committing an annual subsidy in order to have a first-class public library in this community.

Your library has become a vibrant community center, a hub of activity, education, socialization and entertainment. There are endless possibilities: a chance meeting with a friend, a conversation with a librarian, a personal quest for materials and resources, or a quiet afternoon working on the jigsaw puzzle. There’s truly something for everyone, every age, at the library.

Today’s libraries have technology that transcends time and distance, and tech-savvy librarians are valuable assets in our information age. Library patrons access information from all around the world, and avail themselves of collections online, any time, and every day. Yet, we continue to hear from our patrons that their visits to the libraries themselves are cherished activities. People still want to browse, touch, and even smell books!

I look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming programs and events. Thank you for your continued and steadfast support.
Cherries + Chocolate + Jazz

Thank you! Our 3rd annual Cherries + Chocolate + Jazz was a “sweet” success raising $4,500 for the library. The event was catered by the Friends of Lower Macungie Library and the Library’s Board of Trustees. The chocolate covered strawberries were provided by Mary Dworski of Sweet Finesse. The Kutztown University Jazz Quartet provided musical entertainment.

We want to especially thank our sponsors:

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National Library Week-April 10-16

This year’s National Library Week theme is “Libraries Transform.” Events will be going on all week, especially since this year is LML’s 15th anniversary. We have transformed quite a bit over that time!

Stay tuned for more information!

International TableTop Day

April 30: 1-4pm

Bring your own board games or play one of our many board games from the library’s ever-growing collection. This event is open to all ages. Bring your friends or make a new one!

Money Smart Week: April 23-30

It’s smart to be smart about your money and we at LML want to help you with that!

Throughout the week we will have experts in talking about various money related topics for all ages and interests.

Stay tuned for the time and registration information!

National Scrabble Day

Wednesday, April 13

Scrabble was invented in 1938, and we still love it! We will be having a larger than life sized scrabble tournament, along with scrabble-related crafts and programs. Stay tuned for the time and registration information!

Adherence: Health and Medication

Tuesday, March 22 at 6pm

Lori Samer, RPh., a Medication Information Specialist with Medication Matters, LLC, will help identify reasons why medications are not always taken correctly as directed by a physician, address consequences of medications not taken correctly, and provide tips to improve adherence to help alleviate frustration and anxiety. The presentation will be targeted to patients, family members, and caregivers.

Register in the library or by calling 610-966-6864.
Spring Book Sale—Mark Your Calendars

The Friends of Lower Macungie Library’s annual Spring Book Sale will be Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7 in the Library from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. The bag sale will be on Saturday at 2:30 pm. Friends Preview Night will be Thursday, May 5 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Not a Friend? You can join the night of the Preview for $10.

The Friends will stop accepting items for the Spring Sale on April 2. Items will be accepted starting June 1 for the Fall sale.

The Friends meet every Thursday from 8:30 – 10:00 am to sort and box books.

The regular monthly meeting of the Friends is the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the Library—all members need not attend.

Great Decisions: May 11–June 29

LML is proud to be a part of the Foreign Policy Associations’ Great Decisions for the second year! Great Decisions is an eight-part series focusing on both national and international issues such as “Mideast Alliances” and “Climate Change.” Each week attendees will read an article before the meeting, attend a lecture at 6 pm, and then have a group discussion about each topic. Sign up for as many weeks as you like.

Stay tuned for registration information!

Get in the Game!

Saturday, May 14 from 1-3 pm

Join us for board game fun!

Please register in advance in the library or by calling 610-966-6864.

Please note that the library will be closed on Friday, March 25 (open on March 26) as well as Friday, June 3 (open on June 4.)

The library will be hosting a series of free programs and discussions about Latino history and culture. One of only 200 libraries chosen in the country, funding for this project is provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

Events will include screenings of parts of the Latino Americans film series on April 18 and April 25; an Empanada Cooking Demonstration on May 10; an Allentown Walking Tour on May 21; and a collaboration during the Sabor Latin Festival at ArtsQuest in June; plus more to come!

Registration will begin April 1 in the library or by calling 610-966-6864. Look for more detailed information about these events at www.lowermaclib.org or in our Latino Americans booklet.
Grades K, 1, and 2
Wednesdays, March 23-April 20
4-5pm—Registration is Required

Math is fun! Don’t believe me? Crazy 8 Math Club can prove it! Join our weekly club where we will learn all about math through activities like “Glow in the Dark Geometry” and “Bouncy Dice Explosion.”

The club is free, and all materials are provided. Participants are expected to attend all 5 weekly sessions. The club must have at least 8 registered participants in order to run.

Sensory Storytime
An Inclusive Sensory-Enhanced Storytime for All Ages & Abilities
Saturdays, March 26 and April 23
9:15am—No Registration Required

This storyline is open to all, with a special focus on providing an opportunity for children who are differently-abled to participate. The materials presented are at a preschool level, and various sensory opportunities will be available during the program. You are welcome to contact the Youth Services Director prior to the session to discuss the program and your child’s needs.

A responsible adult must participate in Sensory Storytime with each child.

In May, the regular daytime storytime schedule will be replaced with family storytimes open to all ages, held on Wednesdays at both 10:30am and 12:30pm—choose whichever one works with your schedule.

No registration required!

This year’s Children’s Summer Reading Club theme is “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read”

The Teen Summer Reading Club theme is “Get in the Game: Read”

The program will run from Monday, June 20-Saturday, August 6.
Stay tuned for weekly programs, and of course, lots of prizes for reading!
Between the Lines. **Applications are closed for 2019. Please check back in early 2020 for application details.** If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, will answer you: I am here to live out loud. --Emile Zola. Since 2008, Between the Lines (BTL) has hosted young writers at the University of Iowa for a cultural exchange program that focuses on the art and craft of creative writing. Participants, aged 15-18, come together in Iowa City for an intensive two-week session.