



FRIENDS FEATURES

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Let's Get Talking!

Our newsletter is one of many ways we try to get the word out about our library. This issue acknowledges our many donors and allows me to personally thank you for your support of the Lititz Public Library. Your financial contribution or gift of time helps to ensure our library continues to provide the community with a host of opportunities for learning and enrichment.

According to a 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center, some 94% of Americans say that having a public library improves a community and 95% say that public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed. Yet that same survey found that only about one in five people feel they are aware of all or most of the services and programs public libraries offer. Coincidentally, these national findings reflect feedback our Board of Trustees received during recent strategic planning interviews held with members of the community. While our library gets high marks for the variety and quality of the services and programs we offer, the challenge remains to get the word out to more people.



Susan Tennant

You can help! As a friend and supporter of our library you know what happens here. You visit the library, love to read, use computers, access databases, download e-books or e-audiobooks, attend programs, support book sales and check our website for news. You are the perfect ambassador to share enthusiasm for our library and tell others how much you value our services.

When opportunities arise, recommend or discuss a good book or movie you borrowed from the library. Talk about the joy your child or grandchild experienced during a storytime session. Instead of tossing this newsletter after you've read it, give it to a friend or put it in a public location where someone may find it and discover our library. Encourage people you know to like us on Facebook or become one of our Facebook friends and post your own literary passions on our site.

Thanks to your support, our community has a wonderful resource. Let's get talking and spread the word. ~ Susan Tennant, Director of the Lititz Public Library

Mobile app puts the library at your fingertips

Connect to

LANCASTER COUNTY
**PUBLIC
LIBRARIES**

One click access to library information is now available from many mobile devices thanks to Brad Rutter, all-time Jeopardy! Champion, who provided funding for the creation of The Lancaster County Public Libraries Mobile App.

The app allows patrons to instantly tap into library resources, from checking their accounts, searching the catalog for books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs and more, to placing holds or renewing items. The app also includes OverDrive, the library's online platform that allows patrons to access to a digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks.

For a demo on the library's new mobile app and to download the app, visit <http://www.boopsie.com/library-page/lanaster-county-public-libraries/>.

Nourishing the Mind ♦ Enriching the Community ♦ Connecting to the World



Kiwanis Club of Lititz Area members Melissa Warner, Karen Davis and Louise Stickler (shown standing L-R) presented a substantial check to add to the children's library. The money was raised from the Chocolate Walk held in downtown Lititz in October.

Thank you Kiwanis Club of Lititz Area for supporting the Lititz Public Library with monies raised from the Chocolate Walk!

Parachute Play Coming in May!

Wednesday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 10 a.m.

Parachute games encourage cooperative play, following directions, and motor skills coordination. Come to this 4 week class to join in the fun! This class is limited to 24 children ages 3 - 5. Registration will begin Wednesday, April 22. Please call the library at 626-2255 to pre-register no more than two weeks in advance.

**For Children
Ages 3-5**



SPARK a Young Reader!

Reading just twenty minutes a day can make the difference between a high-achieving student and one who struggles in school. Studies show that reading with children is one of the most important things an adult can do to help them succeed, and the time spent bonding together over books can help them build a lifelong love of reading.

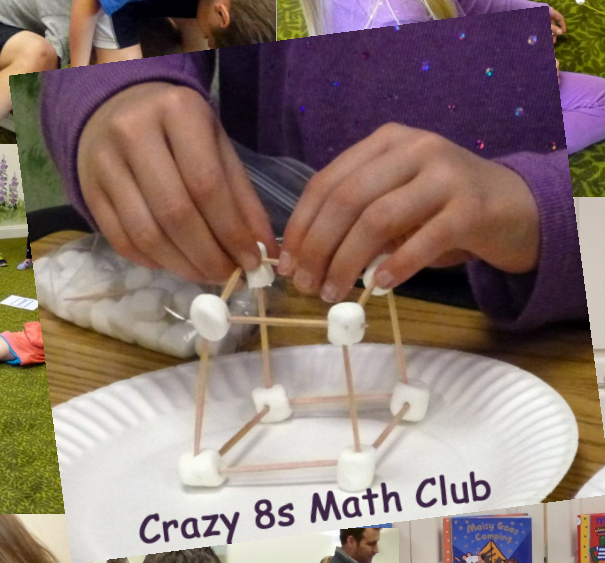
**A Reading Program
for Children in
Kindergarten & First Grade**

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lititz

To that end, Lititz Public Library Youth Services Librarian, Karen Payonk, developed a new program to encourage kindergarteners and first-graders on their path to lifelong academic success. Called SPARK (Smart Parents Are Reading with Kids), the program encourages reading twenty minutes a day for thirty days to make reading a habit and to help children achieve in school.

To participate in the program, kindergarteners and first-graders sign up for a SPARK reading game log and receive team bracelet. Each day the child reads for at least 20 minutes with a parent or independently, and then records the information in the reading game log. The first log lasts for fourteen days, the second for twenty-one days and the third through sixth logs for thirty days each.

After each log is completed, the child returns it to the library to pick up their next SPARK reading game log and a new team bracelet (each a different color to represent their increasing levels of success). After completing all six logs—reading 155 days during kindergarten and/or first grade—the child will receive a SPARK backpack. The program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lititz.



Maisy says:
I love to go to the library!
There are so many
things to experience!





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Save the Date!
Jane Austen Society High Tea
Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m.
A fundraiser to benefit the Lititz Public Library

**Friends of the Lititz Public Library
Spring Book Sale**

Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 7
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(*Buck-A-Bag starts at 1 p.m.*)

