Literacy and the Library

PA Forward, a new initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association, was created to give voice to what the library community already knows: With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all citizens.

Libraries are no longer just buildings that house books. Today's libraries are agile institutions serving real-life needs. They hold the key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in Pennsylvania by supporting the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic and Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy.

**Basic literacy** encourages higher literacy rates, a trained and skilled workforce, and a growing economy, tax base, and population.

**Information literacy** helps people learn how to use current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills and to develop their personal lives.

**Civic and social literacy** helps citizens have the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives, to participate and contribute effectively to their community, government, and society and to connect with one another through discourse.

**Health literacy** helps citizens manage their own and their family’s well-being, and empower them to be effective partners with their healthcare providers so they can live longer, more productive lives.

**Financial literacy** helps people become informed consumers and guide individuals, small businesses, and other organizations to contribute to the economic vitality of their community through innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

The Lititz Public Library has long supported the five key literacies through its collections, programs and online resources and will continue to take an active role in helping to make a real difference in peoples’ lives.

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**Test Your Information Literacy About Library Databases**

1. **What is the most common type of information in library databases?**
   a. Web pages from the free Web
   b. Authors
   c. Articles from print magazines, newspapers and journals
   d. Titles

2. **Under what circumstance would you be best served by searching a library database rather than the free Web?**
   a. You are looking for up-to-the-minute news developments.
   b. You are looking for newspaper articles about something that happened ten years ago.
   c. You are looking for reviews of local area restaurants.
   d. You are looking for the quick definition of a word you just read on a Web page.

3. **Which of the following is TRUE?**
   a. The information in library databases is free. No one has to pay for these subscriptions.
   b. All of the information in library databases can be found by using a search engine such as Google.
   c. The information in library databases has been reviewed by subject experts or by professional editors.
   d. Someone must be in the library to access the library databases.

*(Answers are listed on back page.)*
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. Please see our monthly calendar online or at the library for a complete listing of programs.

Concerts
Sponsored by Susquehanna Bank
Supporting Social and Civic Literacy

Tom Witmer Trio
Thursday, January 24 , 7:00 p.m.
The Tom Witmer trio plays smooth jazz standards of the late 1950s and early 1960s, the era of Barney Kessel, Kenny Burrell, Joe Pass and Wes Montgomery.

Songs and Stories for Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Matthew Dodd presents a musical show featuring the stories behind our Valentine's traditions plus stories of Valentine customs throughout the ages, all mixed with great love songs for the romantic in all of us!

Fire in the Glen
Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
Fire in the Glen, an energetic trio featuring Tom Knapp (fiddle, bodhran and backing vocals), Amanda Wells (lead vocals, guitar, harmonica and percussion) and Michael Filippo (lead guitar and vocals).

Lititz Historical Foundation Programs
Supporting Social and Civic Literacy

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Lititz Historical Foundation! The LHF began holding their winter lecture series here in November 2012, when Dr. Nikitas Zervanouos spoke on the history of the Greek community of Lititz. The Greek community aided in the construction of the Animal Trap Company in Lititz. This first gathering was also the Lititz Historical Foundation’s annual meeting.

The winter series will continue in January through March, with the following line-up:

Saturday, January 19 - Daniel Snyder will talk about archeological finds at the Huber, Stiegel, Coleman and Elizabeth Furnace properties in the Brickerville area.

Saturday, February 16 - Pete Kirk will speak on local privy digging. What lies beneath old outhouses will surely fascinate you!

Saturday, March 23 - Glenn Landis and Martee Xakellis will present, "Introduction to Tracing Your Family's Roots."

All programs are open to the public and will begin at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is requested but not required by calling the library at 626-2255 or emailing register@lititzlibrary.org.

Health Information Access Project
Supporting Health Literacy

Did you know that the Library System of Lancaster County teamed up with the county hospitals and the United Way to create the Health Information Access Project? The project was designed to provide reliable health information to county residents in a variety of forms, including an online Web portal for reliable health information; special programming provided by the hospitals; additional resource books on consumer health/wellness at the public libraries and hospital health libraries; and printed information in the form of flyers and brochures that are distributed throughout the county at public libraries, hospitals, and other designated locations. Grant money and corporate partners helped fund this project.

Access the Health Information Web Portal by clicking on the Online Services tab on the left side bar of the library’s website at www.lititzlibrary.org.

New Digital Projector Installed!

The library’s community room now has new digital projector to show films and computer presentations. Clair Brothers installed the new widescreen projector, along with a new screen that is sized to accommodate the wider projection format. Al Winters, service technician with Clair Brothers, noted that the old projector, installed when the library was built in 1999 and not working properly, was well past its prime. The new projector uses a laser and LED as a hybrid light source, so that no warm up or cool down of a bulb is necessary. The new hybrid light technology is rated at approximately 20,000 hours of use. Clair Brothers helped the library by providing the projector at a reduced cost.

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Winter/Spring 2013
Storytime Registration

Starts Monday, January 14

Storytime registration for babies (Little Steps), toddlers and preschool children will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 14. The first day of registration will be open to people who live in Elizabeth Township, Lititz Borough, and Warwick Township. Phone registrations will no longer be taken on the first day.

People who live in other municipalities are welcome to register on subsequent days, if openings are available (by phone or in person) or be added to the waiting list. Adults who register a child are asked to present a library card. For more information, call the library at 626-2255 or visit the website at www.lititzlibrary.org.

Little Steps with Amy Moyer
amoyer@lititzlibrary.org
Ages 6-24 months with a caregiver

- Tuesdays – 9:30 am
- Wednesdays – 9:30 am
- Wednesdays – 6:30 pm
- Thursdays – 9:30 am
- Thursdays – 10:30 am

Toddler Storytime with Shannon Richard
srichard@lititzlibrary.org
Ages 2-3 with a caregiver (Age 2 by Feb. 1, 2013)

- Mondays—9:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays—10:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays—11:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays – 10:30 a.m.
- Thursdays—5:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime with
Shannon Richard srichard@lititzlibrary.org
Ages 3 1/2-5 with caregiver (Age 3 by Aug. 1, 2012)

- Tuesdays - 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays -11:30 a.m.
- Thursdays - 9:30 a.m.
- Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.

Storytime programs are supported by:
Lititz Kiwanis Club & Rotary Club of Lititz

Youth Art Show Call for Entries

The Village Art Association will sponsor the 2013 Youth Art Show on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lititz Public Library. The entry form is available at the library or for downloading from the library’s website at www.lititzlibrary.org.

Pastel drawing by Ellie Bach, age 14 in 2012, took first place in the grades 7-9 division.

Chinese New Year Lantern Festival

Saturday, February 23, 1-3:00 p.m.
Hui-Ling Singer, Mandarin Chinese instructor at Linden Hall, will present on the tradition of the Chinese Lantern Festival, in a fun and informative program all ages will enjoy!

Youth Services
Lifelong Learning Begins With Early Literacy!
Get Your Financial House in Order for the New Year!
January is Financial Wellness Month
Supporting Financial Literacy


The books listed above may be borrowed from the Lititz Public Library.

Supporters can leave a lasting legacy for our community by naming the Lititz Public Library as a beneficiary in their Will. If you wish to make a bequest to the library, we suggest the following wording: I give to the Lititz Public Library located at 651 Kissel Hill Road, Lititz, PA 17543, the sum of $____ (or an amount equal to ___% ) of the total value of the assets of my (trust) estate, to be used solely and exclusively for the benefit of the Lititz Public Library, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation (EIN 23-6406263).

Quiz Answers: 1-c, 2-b, 3-c