



BCLS UPDATE

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



Commissioners Bruce Erb and Ted Beam proclaim National Library Week for Blair County with librarians Jen Knisely and Katie Martin.

National Library Week, April 9 – 15, 2017, is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries and library workers for transforming lives through free access to technology, information literacy, diverse

collections and opportunities for community engagement. This week, the Blair County Library System joins libraries nationwide to celebrate.

This year’s theme for National Library Week is “Libraries Transform,” and the 8 Blair County Libraries are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Libraries open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, Makerspaces, job-seeker resources and the power of reading.

On Tuesday, April 11, National Library Workers Day will recognize librarians, support staff and others who make library service possible every day. For more information on National Library Week, visit ILoveLibraries.org/NLW or follow #NationalLibraryWeek.

To celebrate National Library week, visit any of the 8 Blair County Library locations in Altoona, Bellwood, Claysburg, Hollidaysburg, Martinsburg, Roaring Spring, Martinsburg and Tyrone.



BCLS LIBRARIES

- ALTOONA AREA PL**
TEL: 946-0417
- BELLWOOD-ANTIS PL**
TEL: 742-8234
- CLAYSBURG AREA PL**
TEL: 239-2782
- HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA PL**
TEL: 695-5961
- MARTINSBURG CL**
TEL: 793-3335
- ROARING SPRING CL**
TEL: 224-2994
- TYRONE-SNYDER TWP. PL**
TEL: 684-1133
- WILLIAMSBURG PL**
832-3367

ONELIBRARY Blair County debuts resource sharing

Resource Sharing in the BCLS began in February 2017, and we are awaiting to see the effects on circulation. In the first weeks we were able to test the process with mostly staff placing holds and found that overall the workflows were easily integrated into each library’s daily routine.

“PaLLS is proud to be a part of this significant change for the Blair County libraries,” says

Scott Thomas, Executive Director of PaLLS. “Wherever possible we encourage

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ONE LIBRARY BLAIR COUNTY

bcls.sparkpa.org

- Search for your book.
- Place a hold.
- Have it delivered to your home library.



libraries that use SPARK to leverage all of its potential by sharing resources and creating new service models that benefit Pennsylvania library users.”

Note: SPARK is funded, in part, by a grant from the IMLS as administered by the PA Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Spring: a time for library fundraising

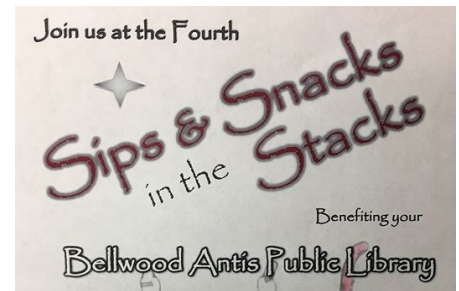
Libraries are always looking for creative ways to raise money, and this spring fundraising session was no exception. While Basket Bingo is a classic fundraiser, other libraries also incorporated music, wine, trivia and silent auctions into their fundraising activities. All this would not be possible without a flotilla of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to make each library fundraiser a fun, engaging and financially rewarding experience for both the libraries and the community members who attend the events. Thanks to all of our staff and volunteers for everything they do!



Roaring Spring's annual Novel Affair was held March 11th, 2017.



Both Altoona and Tyrone-Snyder libraries had record turnouts for their Basket Bingo events on March 17th.



Sips and Snacks in the Stacks is a favorite at the Bellwood library, held this year on January 28th.

Pennsylvania One Book author comes to Blair County

Pennsylvania One Book Author Micha Archer did a story presentation, book signing and even drew an owl for a delighted audience today. Families went home with a free signed copy of Micha's book, Daniel Finds a Poem, the story of a young boy who learns about poetry from various creatures in his neighborhood.

This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. For more information visit paonebook.org

Now in its 12th year, One Book, Every Young Child is a valuable program that highlights the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers and the significance of reading early and often to children, as well as engaging them in conversation and other activities around books.

The program has remained successful in part due to the partnership of collaborating agencies that all support early childhood literacy efforts. They worked together to develop this multifaceted program which is accessible to all areas and populations of the state. There also will be traveling trunks devel-

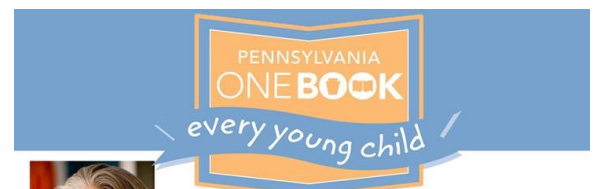
oped by early childhood educators to help expand upon the concepts in Daniel Finds a Poem. Each trunk is filled with fun book-related activities, games and manipulatives for young children.



Author Micha Archer with some young readers at the Altoona Area Public Library.



Micha Archer presents her work at the Altoona Area Public Library.



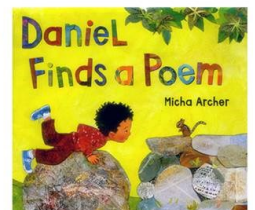
Children ages six and under and caregivers are invited to a special program featuring PA One Book Every Young Child Author, Micha Archer.

Thursday, March 30, 2017
10:30am

Altoona Area Public Library
Youth Room

Story Presentation ~ Songs
Activities ~ More!
Each family gets a free book while supplies last.

Please call 946-0417 ext. 123 to register.



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