



Are we out of our gourd?

There will be no Pumpkin Fest this year.

What? The day when hundreds of folks pour onto the lawn and under the tents for food and fun? Don't worry, Pumpkin Fest is morphing into something bigger and better than ever!!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 2nd** (*not* Saturday) from **noon to 5 p.m.** That's when the library will have its **Souper Autumn Sunday!**

What will be different? More food, more vendors, more of an autumn focus to the activities that will take place on the lawn and inside the building

Since the library is closed on Sunday, we can use the rooms inside to offer a range of programs. Workshops will include winter gardening, watercolor painting, gourd painting, dried herb wreath-making, pressed flower & leaf art, and more. Pre-registration will be required as our space is limited, and there will be a nominal fee between \$5 and \$25 depending on materials to be provided. Complete details will be available at the library, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

Outside under the tent we'll have a baked potato bar with lots of different toppings to indulge in, alongside the wide selection of homemade soups we've become famous for! Stop by after church, errands, or whatever for something hot and tasty! Wonderful baked goods both savory and sweet will also be offered to eat here or take home. And local musicians will entertain under the tent.

Vendors from the Farmer's Market will be here with autumn produce, along with the 4-H Club pumpkin judging and the Wayne County Dairy Princesses. Local artists will be selling their original creations, and we'll have another Baubles sale that day! (If you missed donating to or shopping at the Bauble sale in July, now you have a second chance!)

As always there will be lots of fun and games for children. But what we *won't* have is a used book sale. Our ongoing sale inside and the Bookworm used books sale at the Cocoon in Hawley are both going so well, we don't have a stockpile of books any more. But keep those donations coming so we can always replenish our shelves!

If you'd like to bake, make soup, or volunteer on Souper Autumn Sunday, please give us a call and we'll connect you to event organizers!



Many thanks!

The Summer Reading Program for children was again a huge success. Many parents extend *their* thanks to Betty Lawson and to Tracy Schwarz for their creativity and dedication to keep kids reading.

The library staff would like to acknowledge the many different donations made in support of summer reading:

- Riverview Restaurant at Rusty Palmer's for sandwiches and vegetable tray for the party.
- Ken Platt (and son Liam!) for entertainment at the party.
- All the parents who made monetary or material donations and/or ordered from the Avon fundraiser.
- Ellen Caleca who volunteered to lead some of the sessions.
- All the families who participated this summer and made reading a priority.

In July the library held its first ever Baubles for Books sale and it was a big success, raising more than \$1,800! Thanks go out to a whole lot of people:

- Schools and businesses who put the word out asking for donations of jewelry, handbags, and scarves.
- All of the individuals who donated such great items!
- Volunteers who helped price and sort, set up and sell, especially when it was over 90° outside!
- Everyone who stopped by to browse and buy!

We send ongoing BIG thanks to Weniger Variety for providing the New York Times as a donation to the library for years now. And thank you to the Wayne Independent and the News-Eagle for donating subscriptions.

Practice safe shred

Do you have old checks gathering dust? Old bank and credit card statements? Personal records that you cannot put in the garbage or recycling for fear of identity theft? Then we've got the solution for you!

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday October 8th, the Wayne County Public Library is hosting a Community Shred. All-Shred from Moscow PA will bring their big shred truck to the library. Local residents can bring personal papers that should be disposed of safely for privacy's sake. All-Shred is bonded and insured.

A few guidelines to note:

- Cost will be \$4 per box or bag, limit 5 boxes or bags of paper per person.
- Staples and paperclips *can* be shredded, so you do *not* need to remove staples from papers.
- Metal spring clips *cannot* be shredded and must be removed ahead of time.
- Paper only will be accepted. No computer disks, no plastic bags or items, no credit cards, etc.
- If you bring paper to be shredded, you must stay with your stuff until it is accepted by All-Shred. You cannot just drop it off and leave. You must take your empty boxes or bags back. Boxes will not be shredded.



Need closet space?

While you are cleaning out your attic or basement of old papers, you might also clean out your closets and help the library!

The WCPL now has consignment accounts at two local stores: Finders Keepers and the hospital auxiliary's Other Shop. Eleanor Young has volunteered to be the library's consignment contact. Clothes and handbags in good, clean condition should be dropped off here at the library for Eleanor. Please do not take directly to either shop. Eleanor will take it from here, and proceeds from consignment sales will benefit the library. What could be easier?!

From struggling to stardom



Darcy is one of the library's three tutors; she is joined by Henry and Amos. They bring their humans each week, Sharyn Brown, Laura Vernacchia, and Rob Sepanak.

What does it take to help a child who struggles to read become more self-confident and assured? How about four legs, a tail, and soft canine ears for listening! Earlier this year, the library launched Tail-Waggin' Tutors, a program that pairs therapy dogs and their humans with children who read aloud to the dog in the library. In its short time, it has demonstrated amazing positive impact. Children who read haltingly the first week have improved markedly, reading with more expression and confidence as time passes. Parents have remarked at how their child now reads more at home and with better expression. One boy, Tristyn Bodie, read ten books this summer and earned the library's Reading Star sign! When he came in with his reading log to get his sign he had *the proudest* look on his face! If you know of a child who struggles, please call the library and ask for Betty Lawson. Let the warm brown eyes and total acceptance of a dog work their magic on your child's confidence.

Staying focused on what's important

During the month of July, local residents from Lakewood to Newfoundland met with library consultants, the first step of a process we're calling the "redesign project" involving all seven libraries in the county. There were 18 different focus groups and 16 different small group interviews that included teens, parents, 20- and 30-somethings, senior citizens, long time residents, snowbirds, small businesses, workforce development, local government officials, social service and health agencies, educators, sportsmen, and arts & cultural organizations. They were asked about what they see happening in the communities where they live and work, whether or not they are library users.

The redesign project is intended to bridge the increasing gap between public funding and demand for library services, between old standards and new technologies. Increasingly, libraries cannot do everything; we simply do not have the financial resources. But we must stay focused on our communities' needs now and in the future. What are we doing well that we need to support fully? What can we do differently and reallocate resources? What aren't we doing that we should be doing?

With the community's input in hand, the seven libraries will then do scenario planning. There won't be hard fast prescriptions to follow, there will be paths to choose from and pros and cons to consider. What if we shared staff, what could we do? What if one library became more of a community center and another library became more of a collection center and a third library became more of a technology center? What if publishers decide to shift more to e-books, and print becomes even more expensive? What will it take for libraries to be where our residents need us to be?

This project is supported by the state's Bureau of Library Development because so many libraries are facing the same gaps between less funding and more needs. Wayne County will serve as a model, sharing the steps that we take and the lessons we learn with other libraries and counties. The answers may not be the same in other places, but the goal to focus on meeting community needs, to do things differently with less, is shared by us all.

Yes! I want to help the Wayne County Public Library.

Enclosed is my donation of _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email address: _____

We *never* share or sell email addresses to other groups. You can also Like us on Facebook for events and announcements.

Please make checks payable to WCPL, cut the reply form and mail to 1406 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431.

Please join us!

The Friends of WCPL will hold its Annual Meeting in conjunction with its regular business meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 4 p.m. at the library. Refreshments will be provided. Come hear about the Friends activities and contributions to the library and see what's coming up in the future! Mark your calendar and meet others who support the library in different ways.

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Coming up

Calendar of upcoming programs and events:

- **Men's book club** meets the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. New members welcome, everyone shares their own book selection.
 - **Lunchtime book club** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon.
 - Coin Club and MahJong Club meet at the library. If you are interested, please call or ask at the desk for details.
 - Sat. Oct 15th 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Refresher AARP Driver Safety Program, \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14 nonmembers
- More programs for adults are in the planning stages! Please watch for dates, times, and topics on www.waynelibraries.org or on Facebook (Wayne County PA Library) or flyers at the library!

Children's programs this fall

Thursday, Sept. 1st registration will open for Toddler, Preschool, and After School programs. Storytimes for Toddlers and Preschoolers will start the week of Oct. 3rd:

- Storytime for 3-5 year olds, Mondays 10:30 a.m.
- Storytime for 3-5 year olds, Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.
- Toddler Time for 1-2 year olds, Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time for 1 -2 year olds, Fridays 10:30 a.m.

After-school programs will start Oct. 12-13:

- Story & snack for 9-12s, Wednesdays 4-5 p.m.
- Magic Tree House Club for 6-8s, Thursdays 4-5 p.m.
- YA Club will meet the second Wednesday of each month starting in October, time TBA

More programs for children are in discussion. Please watch for dates, times, and topics on www.waynelibraries.org or on Facebook (Wayne County Public Library Children's Page) or flyers at the library!

"The best and most unforgettable moments have a way of blindsiding us, of appearing as if by magic when we aren't even looking for them. So it is with books. They're out there, on library shelves in the town where you are reading these words. Some haven't had their covers opened in years, or been carried out the front door of the library. Maybe you and one of them were meant for each other. It's summer. What have you got to lose?"

~ Bob Greene opinion column on cnn.com

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