

# Wayne County Public Library (Honesdale)

Spring/Summer Newsletter 2021



## NEPA GIVES- 24 hours of Giving

### One Day to Make it Count!

NEPA Gives is a 24-hour giving event to encourage our community to give back to the nonprofits in our area. Please support the Wayne County Library (or the Wayne Library Alliance and any of its participating member libraries) by making a donation through the NEPA Gives Online Platform. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible to replace funding spent on Covid related purchases, support virtual and in person programs, continue to develop our collection, and keep the library's doors open!

Why wait until June 4? Your donation on that day will go even further. The foundations co-hosting the event are offering prize incentives to help organizations raise more money - sometimes doubling or tripling your original donation!

We've just been made aware that there are over \$400,000 in incentives, bonuses, and matching funds available, thanks to generous community partners, businesses, and donors. This wide variety of incentives is available to non-profit organizations from different counties, focus areas, and operating sizes, as well as regional awards available to all non-profits.

Bookmark the [NEPA Gives website link](#) and mark your calendars for 12 am-11:59 pm June 4, 2021. You can also visit [www.waynelibraries.org](http://www.waynelibraries.org) on June 4th and click on the link for the WLA member library you'd like to donate to for NEPA gives there. All participating libraries will be listed, as will the Wayne Library Alliance. One day- Make it Count!!

Thank you in advance for your generous support of YOUR library and other local non-profits!

## Local Groups Curate Resources for Trauma Library Collection at the WCPL in Honesdale

Contributing Writer, Mikki Uzupes

The Wayne County System of Care (SOC), as part of its efforts to create a more responsive child-serving system, recently collaborated with the Wayne/Pike Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative (NSPI) to provide a curated list of trauma informed care resources to the Wayne County Public Library.

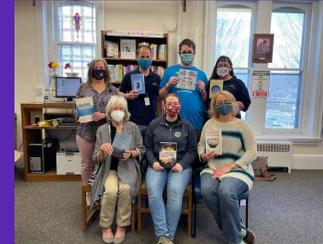
SOC Coordinator Dave Hartung said the Wayne County Human Services Agency has made it a priority to train its staff in trauma informed care. It is also a goal and objective of SOC to provide that training to employees, human services professionals and the community, with several people now trained as trainers.

One of them, Faith Phillips, who also serves as SOC Family Tri-Chair, wanted to make sure that everyone has access to these powerful resources. The trainers and Wayne County Behavioral Program Director John Nebzydosky selected the titles, which range from children's books to adult non-fiction, and patrons may request them from any of the libraries in Wayne or Pike Counties.

The Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative provided the funding to purchase the books, through its Trauma Library Program.

Wayne County Public Library Director Tracy Schwarz said the books will be on display in the second floor reference area for a time to encourage patrons to check them out.

Wayne County System of Care is a philosophy that brings together youth, families and the organizations and agencies that serve them to create a more responsive child-serving system.



Wayne County System of Care, the Northeast Suicide Prevention Initiative donated a series of title on surviving trauma as part of a Trauma Library at the Wayne County Public Library. Seated from left are Reference Librarians Nancy Pepperman, Heather Ritter and Library Director Tracy Schwarz. Standing are Carol Kneier, representing NSPI and Wayne Memorial Hospital; Dave Hartung; and Mike and Faith Phillips. Not pictured are Wayne/Pike NPSI representative Cindy Batzel and Co-Presidents John Nebzydoski and Gabrielle Gardner.



**Catching up with the**

# Friends of the WCPL

By Incoming Friends President, Amy Harris

The spring of 2021 has infused the Friends of the Wayne County Library with a new excitement about the activities we are planning. We hope that you will join us in the programs and festivities that we are organizing July 18th will be our first event. An Ice Cream Social and Cornhole Competition! (See below!) Keep your eyes peeled for other events such as a Poker Run, the annual Soup Sale, Foodies on Foot, and much more. The proceeds from all these events go directly back to the library.

The Friends are a dedicated group of volunteers who work to support the library and advocate the role it has in our community. Many of these volunteers have been working with the Friends for over 10 years!

The Wayne County Library has been fortunate to have a particularly dedicated Friend in Ellen Caleca. Ellen joined the Friends in 2009 and served as the Friends president for 8 years. She has shared her creativity, knowledge, and passion for the library. Her term as President is complete but she continues to serve on the board as Vice-President and is an aggressive promoter for the need of public libraries and the integral role they play in our community. Ellen embraced the job and continues to work enthusiastically. All the friends would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellen for her hard work and friendship. She makes volunteering a fun and meaningful experience.

There is a need for more Friends of the Library! It is an enjoyable and rewarding way to support not only the library, but also our community at large. We hope everyone will consider becoming a Friend. The membership form can be found on the library's website <https://www.waynelibraries.org/friends-of-the-wcpl.html>. You can pick one up at the library or email [amyh316@gmail.com](mailto:amyh316@gmail.com) and we will sign you up!

Please watch for the upcoming events!

# WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER FUNDRAISER

## SAVE THE DATE

## SUNDAY JULY 18 2021 1-4 @ THE LIBRARY



AND



**PROJECT LINUS**  
PROVIDING SECURITY THROUGH BLANKETS

**BLANKETEER- DAYS RETURN TO THE WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN JUNE!**

- Join us to make blankets for Wayne County children in need!
- No blanket-making experience needed!
- 100%棉, 100%棉, and you can make a difference in a child's life!

**DETAILS**

- Meetings: Tuesday, June 15th, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Meetings continue on the third Friday each month - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Participants are limited to 8. For each session due to social distancing.
- Masks are required.
- Call to register: 570-253-1520

WE CAN HELP YOU!  
570-253-1520  
www.waynepubliclibrary.org

**ADULT SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM 2021**  
TAILS AND TALKS

Each year the librarians run a summer program with themes. This year the theme is about animals and oral talks.

**Summer Book Discussions:**

**JUNE:**  
Tuesday, June 29 from 5-6:00  
—“The Art of Racing in the Rain”

**JULY:**  
Owey - The Small Town Library Car Who Tracked the World by Vicki Myron  
Sunday, July 20 from 5-6:00

**AUGUST:**  
August Book Discussion:  
Tuesday August 24, from 5-6:00—“Water for Elephants” by Sara Gruen

With registering for the book discussions, you will receive a T-shirt and there will be gift basket drawings at each book discussion.

For more information or to register for book discussions, please email [bookdiscussion@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:bookdiscussion@waynepubliclibrary.org) or call 570-253-1520

**Are you ready for Summer fun with essential oils?**

Join Helen Math Robinson, Ph.D.  
On Tuesday, June 15

Pick a session 3:30 to 4:30 or 5:00 to 6:00 (limit to 5 each session)

Get ready for summer with safe, natural essential oil solutions, learn homemade body refreshments, how to soothe your other sun-burn and ward off bugs with natural spray. Make your own free DVD summer essential oil solution.

Contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:elizabeth@waynepubliclibrary.org) to register.

**FORWARD LIBRARY**

**CANINE GOOD CITIZENS**  
(The Well Mannered Dog)  
How to train your dog?

Tuesday, June 8  
5:00 to 6:00  
At  
Wayne Co Public Library  
See Finish of Your Dog's Place presenting

Program will be outside at the library. Bring a lawn chair.

Contact Elizabeth to register at 570-253-1520 or [elizabeth@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:elizabeth@waynepubliclibrary.org)  
Res: 10am - Sun: 6pm, 24 hrs



## Just the Facts Ma'am: Will You Mary Me?

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a reference librarian/English major in possession of a fortune in knowledge must be in want of a mathematician husband. Ok, maybe that isn't what Jane Austen actually wrote, but this love story did start off with a good deal of *Pride and Prejudice*.

How it ended up was with a ton of love & respect, the mother lode of name changes, and an adorable couple who tied the knot and brought our library family joy in the midst of post pandemic pouting.

Congratulations to our Heather and her Sam! They were finally able to get married this May after several Covid related delays. Wishing them every happiness as their life together continues!

## The Community Garden Cart is BACK! *(Here at the WCPL & all 7 WLA member Libraries)*

Are you a Home Gardener who planted way too many zucchinis? A farmer who didn't sell everything and it went last much longer? Someone who bought more than they needed at the local Farmer's Market? The Community Garden Cart at the Wayne County Public Library in Honesdale might be the answer to your food waste nightmares!

Drop your extra fresh veggies and fruit off at any of the Community Garden Carts located at your local Wayne Library Alliance Member Libraries. Patrons who don't always have access to fresh foods will take what they need. It is a win win situation. Nutritious delicious fresh food doesn't go to waste and someone who might not be able to access these foods gets to try them.

This project started with a cardboard box and a sign at the WCPL about 6 years ago. It blossomed into something larger with a grant from the Wayne County Community Foundation and the support of the Cooperage Project.

Please spread the word to those who can donate and those who would like to try some fresh veggies and fruit. Give what you can, take what you need. Leave the world a little better than you found it.

Introducing, WCPL Newlyweds and winner of the longest e-mail address in the history of staff e-mail addresses- Mr. and Mrs. Conley-Vaverchak. Don't worry, she will still respond to just Heather!

OverDrive

*Juneteenth: Celebrate Freedom!*

  
**Read on Libby.**  
 The one-tap reading app from our library.

Carts are located at the libraries in Honesdale (aka Wayne County Public Library), Hawley, Hamlin, Newfoundland, Lakewood (aka Northern Wayne), Pleasant Mount, and Bethany!

**COMMUNITY GARDEN CART**

Take what you need  
or  
share your bounty.

Brought to you by:



**the cooperage.**



**Stream Side Science Day Camp**

Explore life in and around the Lackawaxen River

June 28, 2021  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Ages 6-12

Penn State Extension Office  
6945 Park St, Honesdale, PA 18431

**TO REGISTER:**  
NON 4-H MEMBERS  
Call or email Jessica Kjera at the Wayne County Public Library in Honesdale  
(570) 253-1220 jkjer@waynelibraries.org

4-H MEMBERS  
Register on 25June under Events  
Registration closes June 14, 2021

Appropriate clothes and shoes are recommended for walking along the river bank.




**Radical ROBOTS**

Come code and play with robots!

June 26, July 10, and Aug 21  
10a-11:30a  
Ages 8 - 18

Space is limited to 5 participants for each date.  
Contact Jessica for registration or more information.  
(570)253-1220 or jkjer@waynelibraries.org



Wayne County Public Library  
1406 Main St.  
Honesdale, PA 18431



**Nature Crafts**

FUN CRAFTS MADE FROM NATURE AND RECYCLED MATERIALS

July 12, 2021  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Wayne County Fairgrounds  
Livestock Arena  
Ages 6-12

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# Smart Spot Devices Bring Internet to Those Without



Internet access has been an issue in Wayne County forever. When Covid 19 hit, it became more than an issue, it became the dividing line between those who could work, learn online, order basic necessities, apply for unemployment or jobs, communicate with friends and family, have access to information and those who could not. It became a life-line.

In response to this great need, the WCPL applied for and received a Cares Act Grant via the Wayne County Commissioners to purchase 60 smart spot devices. These devices can be used like a phone, e-reader, or notebook and are internet ready in and of themselves. Like a hotspot that is a device. They can also provide internet



## PA FORWARD assists Program Planning in PA Libraries

The Wayne County Public Library is participating in the **PA Forward Star Library Program**.

This statewide initiative places the spotlight on Pennsylvania libraries and the vital role our libraries play in the lives of our communities.

### *What is PA Forward?*

This initiative has been created to raise awareness of the programs we've been offering all along – programs that offer you the help needed to improve command of five types of literacy-

- **Basic literacy**
- **Information literacy**
- **Civic and Social literacy**
- **Health Literacy**
- **Financial Literacy**

These literacies are essential to greater success in all vital roles of life: as students, as parents, as employees, as consumers, and as citizens.

Libraries are so much more than books!

access to an additional 5 other devices within a home.

These devices can be checked out for 2 weeks with one renewal. They are available at all 7 libraries throughout the county: Bethany, Hamlin, Hawley, Honesdale, Lakewood, Newfoundland, & Pleasant Mount. They have been an enormous help to parents who've had students at home to do online learning, but who did not have internet access. They've been wonderful for business people who needed to work from home. Our director used one when she was home sick and quarantined for 3 weeks but still needed to run the library. The possibilities are endless.

All you need to check these out is a library card. You do need to sign some forms/agreements and agree to take responsibility for the device if lost, damaged, or stolen. But for the most part, people have taken wonderful care and appreciate this free service so much, the library has received donations because of them. (Which is wonderful as the T-Mobile bill on these each month is in the neighborhood of \$1800.) The library is proud to provide access to the internet for its patrons on our site, outside the library building, and now at home as needed. Come check one out today!

***Special Note: In Person Tech Tutoring returns to the WCPL in June. See Heather or Nancy in Reference to make an appointment with Tyler.***

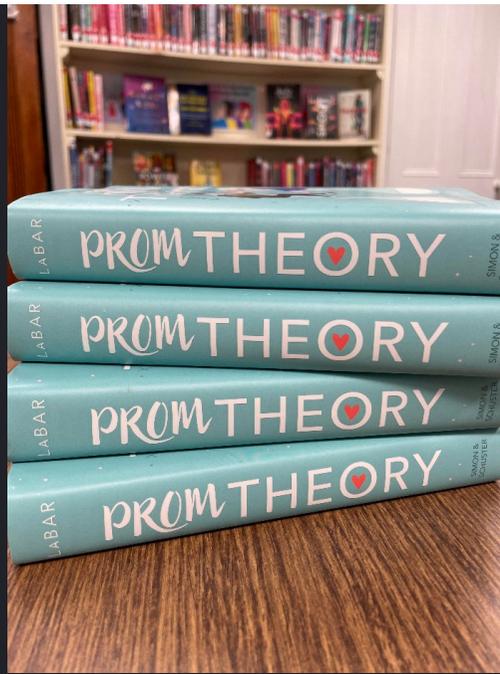
They're versatile institutions serving real-life needs. Libraries can be key to powering progress and elevating the quality of life in PA by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success.

***How are these literacies incorporated into the library on a daily basis?***

Preschool story times, STEM clubs, Mad Scientist Club, computer classes, job searches, genealogy classes, Medicare Information classes, voter registration, Senior Health Fair, Tech Tutoring program, Physical Therapy program, Grant and Financial aid opportunities for College Bound, Protection Against Elder and Financial Abuse, Trivia Night, Anime Club...the list goes on!

As part of the program, logos on our event flyers and marketing materials will identify which specific literacies the events support.

We hope you will visit the WCPL to take advantage of our exciting programs and events (virtual & in person) planned for 2021!



## Author with Local Ties Lands YA Book Deal

*WCPL Benefit Event in the Works*

Ann LaBar is a name many who graduated from Honesdale High School and who grew up here in Wayne County will recognize. Smart, fun, and studious, no one was surprised when Ann landed a book deal, least of all her friends and family.

Ann's brother, Lou, has been a huge supporter of this library, the Wayne Library Alliance, and libraries on the state level, serving on the Governor's Advisory Council for Libraries among others. He recently won The Trustee of the Year Award from the PA Library Association.

None of your accomplishments matter when your family member does



## Local Author Donates Proceeds of Book Sales for June to WCPL

Author, Roberta M. Griffis reached out in late April to see if the library would accept her help. She was worried about the library losing fundraising during all of the issues surrounding Covid 19 and wanted to do something positive.

She asked to donate the royalties for one month from her new children's book *Norman Gnome Knows a Very Good Story*. What happened next was

something awesome, at least in the LaBar family's case. I've never seen Lou more proud and excited than when he came into my office a few months ago. He placed three brand new YA books on my desk and happily exclaimed-My sister wrote this! I'd like to donate them to the libraries.

The book is called *Prom Theory* and was published for the Young Adult audience by Simon and Schuster in late March. As per the publisher's official page...*In this heartwarming and whip-smart YA spin on The Rosie Project, a teen girl is determined to prove that love, like all things, should be scientifically quantified...right?*

Ann is currently on the road promoting her debut novel, but has promised to return to Honesdale for an event benefitting the WCPL sometime in late summer or early fall. We look forward to welcoming her home. Stay tuned for more information. Find out more about Ann at [annlabar.com](http://annlabar.com). Pop into the library and check out her book today.



one of those small town library stories that we all love!

Roberta rolled out the promotion. A local business (Laurel's Hometown Cafe) pitched in with a match and then decided to take it one step further by throwing a breakfast book party launch for Roberta.

Partnerships between authors, libraries, and businesses to promote literacy mean that everyone in our community wins. Thank YOU!

Thank you to Roberta, Laurel, and everyone involved in *Norman Gnome Knows a Very Good Story* and its promotion. We hope that you will enjoy the book, the breakfast, and the fun involved in reading...and eating!

Keep supporting local authors, artists, businesses, and non profits as their stories are interwoven.

### FREE Kids Breakfast and Meet the Author

Sunday, June 13, 2021

9:00 to 11:00 AM



Laurel's Hometown Café 526 Main Street, Honesdale

**FREE kids breakfast with every purchase of**

'Norman Gnome Knows a Very Good STORY!'

**All royalties from the sale of this book will support the**

**Wayne County Library in Honesdale!**

**Come meet the author, Roberta M. Griffis, have your book signed, then enjoy a FREE yummy KIDS gnomey breakfast by chef Laurel Gardner.**



Laurel is also matching  
\$ for \$ all \$'s raised  
from the sale of  
this book!

Contact: [RobertaGriffis@garnetfell.com](mailto:RobertaGriffis@garnetfell.com) with any questions

# When Chefs, Authors, and Libraries Unite, Everyone Benefits

A special thank you to Lyn and Branko Bozic of *Branko's Patisserie du Jour* in Honesdale. They have donated over \$2500 to Bethany and Honesdale libraries with two fundraisers featuring their amazing food art, aka delicious dinners.

Lyn and Branko approached the library with the idea to help support each other during the uncertainty facing local eateries and non-profits during Covid 19. They would offer a weekly dinner menu. We would both promote it. 10% of each dinner sold would be donated to the library of the diner's choice- Honesdale or Bethany. What resulted was a wonderful outpouring of support, happiness, good food, and great stories.

The first fundraiser took place in October of 2020 and was called *Feed the Soul*. This Spring it was the *Palate and the Page*. The Patisserie's incredible food and the libraries' stories brought people together.

Thank you to all of our library donors and Patisserie customers who supported both local businesses and non-profits in this amazing partnership. Keep reading, shopping, and eating locally. Keep telling the Wayne County story through wonderful partnerships. THANK YOU!

The WCPL would also like to thank author Camilla Calhoun for donating a copy of her book, *The White Moth*, for our pop up Mother's Day Raffle.

Camilla has local ties as part of the Kiesendahl & Calhoun Fine Art, Ltd Art Shows at *The Lodge at Woodloch*. Their Summer Art Show, featuring Liza Phillips and Janet Mait, Opening Reception is Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30. The art may be viewed from June 17 through September 13, 2021. Don't miss it!



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A  
SPRING VOYAGE WITH US AT  
BRANKO'S PATISSERIE!**

Your dinner purchase helped  
others take a journey  
via the palate & the page.

10% of your bill was donated to  
either the **Bethany or Honesdale  
Libraries**, so they can continue

to support our community with  
free access to information for all.  
We appreciate your support of  
local businesses & non-profits.



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