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## The Reader's Review

# LIBRARY SATURDAY STARTS ON FEBRUARY 7TH!!

Our Children's Department is embarking on a brand new series of programs that will be held on the first Saturday of each month. It all starts on Saturday, February 7th, in celebration of "Take Your Child to the Library Day" when thousands of libraries across the world celebrate by offering activities that allow children to discover everything that libraries have to offer. Besides the thousands of books on our shelves, we have programs for all ages that provide great opportunities for learning and fun! Join us on Saturday, meet Mrs. B, our Children's Director, if you haven't already, and discover a new program that may be of special interest to you.

First Saturday of the month is

## LIBRARY SATURDAY!

9am Reading Buddies (All ages Read to Therapy Dogs)

9:30am Little Librarians (Kinder - 2nd)

10:30am Pokémon Club (Kinder - 8th)

11:45am Choose Your Own Book Club (3rd-5th)

1:45pm Teen Cooking Club (7th-12th)

2:30pm Books, Thoughts, & Snacks (6th-12th)



JOIN US THIS MONTH!

### Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Thursday	10:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Friday	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.	4:00P.M.

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# LIBRARY SATURDAY

## Why are libraries so important for children?

- Because child readers become grown-up leaders. Children who are proficient in reading by the end of grade 3 are significantly more likely to graduate high school, opening doors to a bright future.
- Because storytime is a key building block to school success. Library storytimes and programs for babies and preschoolers teach social and academic skills that directly translate to early school success.
- Because the internet is for everyone. Libraries provide key access to internet, WiFi, computers and other devices, ensuring all children start on a level playing field.
- Because homework shouldn't cause headaches. After-school programs provide improved school performance, decreased drug use, and foundational life skills.
- Because libraries transform lives. Every day your local library is creating connections, igniting curiosity, and enriching lives.

*Source: Association for Children's Library Services,*

*Championing Children's Services Toolkit, 2019*

Check out our Facebook page or call the Library for details on these programs, (724)758-6458.

For Kindergarten - 2nd graders



Join Mrs. B and Ms. Carrie to learn all about what it means to work in a library!

We will meet on the first Saturday of the month (February - May) at 9:30 am



Children must be signed up to participate!  
Call the library or sign up using this QR code.




**POKEMON CLUB**

For Kindergarten - 8th graders!



Join us on the first Saturday of the month (February - May) at 10:30am  
**NO NEED TO SIGN UP!**  
We will provide Pokemon crafts and coloring pages! Kids can also battle or trade cards (with parental permission.)

6th-12th Graders!

**BOOKS, THOUGHTS & SNACKS**

Join us each month during the school year to discuss the book YOU pick to match the month's theme.  
Each member will receive a book journal to decorate and fill with their own thoughts on the book!

Meet on the first Saturday of the Month at 2:30pm.

To sign up: use the QR code, ask at the desk, or call the library!



**READING BUDDIES!**  
KIDS READING TO THERAPY DOGS



Join us on "Library Saturday" ~ 1st Saturday of the month ~ at 9am from October to April in the Children's Area.



Every child will have the opportunity to read to our AMAZING therapy dogs Tex and Kimber.



Reading to dogs can boost reading skills in children as well as help with emotional and social skills.

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**Teen Cooking Club**



**free!**

We will be learning how to cook easy snacks/meal ideas that you can remake at home!

For Teens (7th grade and up)  
You must sign up so we know how many to expect. Call the Library or use the QR code below.

JOIN US  
The first Saturday of the month at 1:45pm

Feb. 7  
Apr. 4

Mar. 7  
May 2



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**3rd - 5th Grade "Choose Your Own" Book Club**

Join us on "Library Saturday" (1st Saturday of the month) at 11:45am in the program room.

You will pick a book to borrow from our collection to read each month!  
Whether you like graphic novels, mysteries, animals books, etc. It doesn't matter! You get to pick what you read.



Then we will talk about the books you have read while we have snacks, and do activities, and crafts!



Call the Library or use the QR code to sign up now!



# CPR TRAINING CLASS AT THE LIBRARY

On January 8th, the Library hosted a free CPR training class offered by the Ellwood City Fire Department. The class was taught by Dan and Anita Yoder, CPR instructors with over 25 years of experience. The class focused on Hands-Only CPR and use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) a portable electronic device that delivers an electric shock to restore normal heart function. Those attending were given time to practice and ask questions.

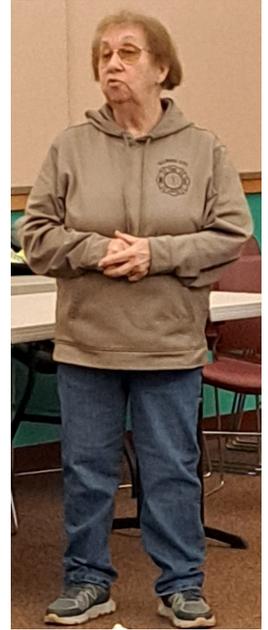
Another CPR class will be offered in March for teachers and childcare workers. Participants completing the next class will be eligible for BLS (Basic Life Support) Certification. This class will be open to the public. There will be a registration fee of \$40.00.



Pictured above, Anita Yoder, granddaughter Harley, who assisted her grandparents throughout the evening, and Dan Yoder.



Those attending the CPR training represented all age groups from preteens to senior citizens.



## Friends of the Library Committee News

The Friends committee meets once a month to discuss ideas for events that help fund the Library. Here's what's coming soon. More details will follow as plans are finalized.



April 11 - Literary Luncheon at Christ Presbyterian. Price \$30. Gift Baskets, and Door Prizes. (Location to be determined.)

April 23rd through April 25 - Spring Book Sale during regular library hours. (Book prices to be determined.)

May 29th - Magic show for adults featuring Magician Steve Haberman. Show starts at 6:00P.M. Price \$25.00. Light refreshments.

# Children's Ongoing Activities!

Most events are scheduled through May.

All children's programming will be held in the Program Room unless otherwise noted.

~ STEAM Storytime

(2nd Wednesdays at 6P.M.)

~ Preschool Storytime

(1st and 3rd Wednesday at 1:30P.M.)

~ \*Reading Buddies

(1st Saturday at 9:30A.M.)\*Children's Area

~ Baby Laptime

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10:30A.M.)

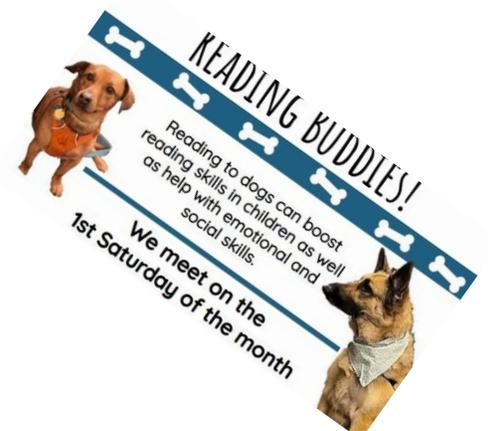
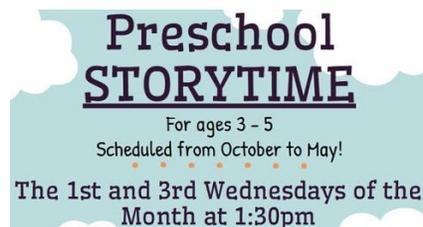
~ Tween & Teen After School Program

(every Wednesday from 3-4P.M.)

~ Monday Music & Movement

(1st and 3rd Mondays at 10:30A.M.)

Be sure to check out our Facebook page to see all of the events!



# MEET PAIGE FRESHCORN, GENEVA COLLEGE INTERN

If you have been in the Library lately, you may have seen Paige helping with various projects throughout the building. She is completing an internship for Geneva College where she is a senior.

Paige, a graduate of Riverside High School, is majoring in writing and psychology at Geneva. She will graduate this May.

Paige says that she really is enjoying her internship with us. Say hello if you see her. We are so glad to have her with us.



## ADULT BOOK GROUPS SELECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Classics: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Contemporary: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Fiction Addiction: *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire

New readers are always welcome in any of our groups.

Call the Library at (724)758-6458 for meeting dates and times.



## DON'T FORGET ABOUT MOVIE NIGHT!!

THERE WILL BE NO MOVIE NIGHT IN FEBRUARY.  
MOVIE NIGHT WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL APRIL.



TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER!

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK TOO!



We need your help so that we can reach more readers. If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter, please forward it to them or ask them to call the Library at (724)758-6458, or stop in and sign up, sign up on our website [here](#) or email us at: [ellwoodcitylibrarynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ellwoodcitylibrarynewsletter@gmail.com). Use this email address to give us your feedback too!

Thank you.

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