

BALA CYNWYD LIBRARY

Newsletter

Spring 2023

It's Been Exciting at the Library Recently!

Karmatz Art Sale

On Sunday, February 26th, the library hosted an art sale, which showcased a diverse array of paintings by the late Anne Karmatz, a former board member and longtime friend of the library. All proceeds benefited the library, and library staff purchased several pieces to decorate the building with! We especially want to thank Anne's family and friends for making this wonderful event a reality.

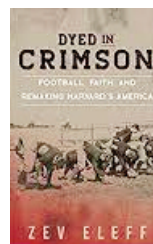


Sundays@1 Concert Series

On Sunday, March 5th, the library presented a wonderful concert at the Levering Mill Tribute House featuring The Merion Trio, which played a variety of musical arrangements that explored the chamber compositions of women composers who, despite tremendous odds, inspired connection through music.

BCL Program Series

We are proud to continue providing an array of programs for our patrons on a range of interesting topics. Our recent programs included Lower Merion resident Dr. Zev Eleff who spoke about his new non-fiction book, "Dyed in Crimson – Football, Faith, and Remaking Harvard's America," author Shanna A. Hocking who discussed her book, "One Bold Move a Day," arborist and horticulturist Orsi Lazar who presented "Pollinator-Friendly Gardening," local author Isaac Blum who talked about his debut novel "The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen," and author Jim Zervano who discussed his powerful memoir, "That Time I Got Cancer."



We Need Your Help

Did you know that through your help, the Bala Cynwyd Library raises all the money used to purchase new books and audio visuals enjoyed by our customers? Your generous fund drive donations, library fine payments, and book sales are the sole sources used to purchase new books and audio visuals for our customers.

Did you also know that the Bala Cynwyd Library depends on sponsors and patrons to bring you the services and programming that you have come to rely on? Please consider making a donation to the library today by sending a check or visiting www.lmls.org/donate. And thank you for your continued support of this cultural institution in our community!

It means so much to the library to have your support and we thank those of you who have donated to our Annual Fund.

While it would be easy to just sit back, we would like to remind you that our need is ongoing. Although the Township is generous, we still need your generosity. The enclosed letter and envelope outlines some of our needs. Here are some ways you can donate:

- 1) Enclose a check, payable to the Bala Cynwyd Library.
- 2) Donate online www.lmls.org/donate
- 3) Consult your tax advisor about a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA or other account.

1,000 Books Reading Challenge

The library invites our youngest patrons ages 0-5 to participate in our new program: 1,000 Books Reading Challenge. Participants who reach benchmarks will be awarded brag tags and free books. Inquire in the Junior Room for more information.



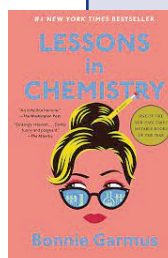
Bala Cynwyd Library 2023 Fun Facts

Most popular book so far this year – "Lessons In Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

On an average day, 350 patrons visit our library, while many more make use of our online resources and ebooks from home.

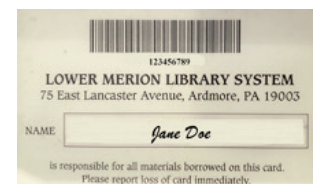
We have over 93,000 books in the library, along with thousands of audiobooks, magazines, movies, music scores and CDs, and other items.

*Figures as of May 2023



Library Card Sign-Up

We're always happy to see new faces in the library getting cards! If you don't have a card sign up today at the library or online at www.lmls.org.



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Library Hours: Monday–Thursday: 10:00 am to 9:00 pm • Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm • Sundays: Noon to 5:00 pm • Closed Legal Holidays and Summer Sundays

Upcoming Programs at the Library

Anansi and Me: June 22nd at 7:00 pm: Mlanjeni's Magical Theater will present a fabulous introduction to African Storytelling and culture. Ananse, the spider is looking to trick everyone, including the audience! This wonderful family event is appropriate for children ages 5 and up. Online registration required.

Mandala Workshop: July 11th at 7:00 pm: Come join Victoria O'Neill as she presents a special workshop on Mandalas. Participants will play with the concept of symmetry all the while making art! Appropriate for ages 7-10, online registration required.

Bala Bingo: August 2nd at 7:00 pm: Please join us for Bala Bingo. Prizes for winners! Appropriate for ages 7-12, online registration required.

Future for Her: August 7th – 11th at 1:00 pm: Volunteers from the non-profit group Future for Her will be leading a financial workshop for girls aged 10-14. Attendees will take the lead in creating new ideas and building their own businesses. Registration required – please register at www.lmls.org.

Graphic Novel Book Club: September 18th at 4:00 pm: Join Mr. Elliott for a great time at the Graphic Novel Book Club. Graphic Novels, and fun! Online registration required, appropriate for ages 8-11.

Tech Q&A: Need help with a device or want to learn something new? Our librarians are here to help with our monthly Tech Q&A sessions. Ask the Circulation desk about signing up for an hour-long slot with a librarian who can help you with your tech needs.

Game Night: Join us for our bi-monthly Family Game night! Board games and card games are available for all ages. Stop by to play some old favorites or learn something new! No registration required – visit www.lmls.org or call the library for specific dates!

Library Speakers Consortium

In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, LMLS offers a wide range of online talks from bestselling authors and leaders. Simply visit www.libraryc.org/lmls and you'll hear what creative and distinguished minds have to share with us from the comfort of your home.

Our Board News

Welcome to Richard Grant, Michelle Kornblit, and Wendie Sittenfield, our newest members of the Bala Cynwyd Library Board, and thank you to our outgoing board members Monica Novak and Shannon Walters for their service to the library and our community.

Thank you to the Bala Cynwyd Neighborhood Club Beautification Committee for their dedicated efforts to take care of the award-winning gardens outside the library! We note the passing of Gerald Francis, a good neighbor and community activist. Jerry helped to mobilize many community efforts including the Cynwyd Trail and the reuse of historic buildings including the Cynwyd Station and the Merion Academy.

Summer Reading

The theme for Summer Reading this year is "All Together Now!" The club will run from June 17th – August 12th. There are programs and prizes for every age group: Preschool, Elementary, Young Adult, and Adult. Sign up in the library or at www.lmls.beanstack.org.



Wowbrary

The Newest Stuff at Your Library

By signing up for Wowbrary from our website, you will receive updates on our newest materials acquisitions, from books, movies, music, and more. Each weekly newsletter will list the top 20 bestselling items, allowing you to browse the most current collection and reserve your chosen items.

These tiny art show masterpieces were made by Zack!



Congratulations to all our National Library Week raffle winners!



kanopy

Kanopy Streaming Service

Kanopy is a streaming service available to all Bala Cynwyd residents with a current library card. Kanopy offers movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain. Five adult titles may be streamed per month, Kanopy Kids offers unlimited streaming of children's content for patrons. Visit www.lmls.kanopy.com and take a look!

Stay Informed About the Latest Happenings at the Library

Do you want to be kept informed of the latest programs and events at the library? Sign up to get interesting news and updates from the library delivered right to your inbox. Visit www.lmls.org/locations-hours/bala-cynwyd-library and click on the "Sign Up Now" button at the bottom of the page under the heading "Library News & Programs."

Be sure to check out the library's Facebook page for great online programming! Visit facebook.com/BalaCynwydLibrary/ today!

Meet Hannah Bailey



Hannah Bailey, who started at the Bala Cynwyd Library in September 2021 as a Sunday Library Assistant working in Circulation, is now a Library Assistant in the Junior Room. Hannah, who has an associate's degree in Sociology from Burlington County College and a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Wilmington University, loves her daily interactions with the library patrons. During her time as a Sunday Library Assistant, Hannah also worked full-time at the New Jersey State Library, and she was juggling six-day workweeks until she assumed her new position in the Junior Room in April 2023. Prior to her time at the New Jersey State Library, Hannah worked for the Burlington County Library System in NJ for five years. Hannah noted that during her time at the Bala Cynwyd Library, one of the changes that stands out most is the implementation of auto-renewal for patrons' items, which has been extremely beneficial for patrons. For Hannah, every day at the library is a new adventure. "What I enjoy most about working at the library is the fact that every day brings something new," she said. "No two days at a public library are the same. There are always new patrons to register, new items being added to the collection, and new events happening. I love what I do, and I feel like I will never work a day in my life!" Hannah, who lives with her husband and stepdaughter in Palmyra, NJ, is a huge Harry Potter fan and has read the series in full at least ten times.

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