

CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONNECTION

*Exploring Creativity
at your Library*



SPRING 2024

A Note From Our Director


Hello! I hope this issue of The Connection finds you well.

I have gone back and forth on what I would like to say in this issue. I thought about discussing the amazing programs our libraries have planned this spring. I am beyond proud of the library staff and admire their dedication to our community. I hope you and your loved ones will be able to enjoy some of the wonderful, upcoming programs.

I also considered writing about our recent loss in the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. The court ruling effectively allows the Cabell County Board of Education (BOE) to remove or drastically reduce library funding from the excess levy. Since the ruling, the BOE has decided to reduce our funding to \$1,373,771 yearly. This amount probably seems like a lot to some individuals; however, the proposed amount would be significantly less than we have received in previous years. To put it into perspective, we have not received below \$1.4M from the BOE excess levy since 2012. This situation is complex and deserves all the attention in the world. We could probably write an entire newsletter dedicated to this topic alone; however, for the sake of time, I would like to end this column discussing the one thing that has kept us going these past 10 months - you.

This past year was chaotic. It was hands down the most difficult time I have experienced thus far in my work life. I think my colleagues and our Board of Trustees would agree that this situation has weighed heavily on their shoulders too. In the midst of all the chaos, you were beautiful. You supported us. You continued visiting our libraries and shared our story. You attended meetings on our behalf, made calls, sent emails and letters, consoled our staff, and stood by us during these trying times. We are grateful for all of you. Marc Williams, Tom Hancock, and the other attorneys and staff of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as well as Dennis Taylor of Taylor, Conway, and Price PLLC stepped up and offered their legal expertise for free. They fought hard for us. They might not have received the outcome we wanted from the high courts, but they fought for our community and did an outstanding job of telling our story. The work that they did for our entire community was honorable. I will never forget the countless individuals and agencies who stood up for the library in our time of need.

All of this is not over. While we are grateful for any support, the fact remains that we are facing a significant budget cut that will impact our library system. We appreciate your continued patience with us as we navigate these unknown waters. Please continue advocating for the things that you want to see in your community. I hope future Cabell County includes a thriving library (and parks) system.



Breana Bowen, Director
Cabell County Public Library

Join us as we Celebrate Women's History Month Throughout the Month of March

Portraits of thirty women from our past and present - ten local, ten state, ten national - will be on display at the library through the month of March. In addition, local eateries and taverns have created menu items featuring some of the honorees. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.



Grow with Us!

There is still time to earn your green thumb at Guyandotte Public Library!

Smarty Plants with Autumn. Tuesdays during March at 4:00 P.M.

Join MU Instructor Autumn Starcher-Patton and students from Marshall University's Natural Resources and Environment program for some gardening tips, tricks and activities! All ages invited.



Herb gardening class with the WV Extension Office.



Village of Barboursville Elementary School students stopped by to learn about growing their own food.

Celebrate EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

Help us celebrate Earth Day! The library will be giving away reusable water bottles throughout the day (while supplies last). Thank you to City Council Member Tia "Fix" Rumbaugh for awarding the library a City of Excellence Micro Grant for two bottle filling stations.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 23–29, 2023

The Main Branch

Music Monday

1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 10:00 A.M.

Young children will explore the world of music through playing instruments, dancing, and singing all while using tools to enhance their creativity.

Tech Tuesday

Last Tuesday of each Month, 3:00 P.M.

Explore some of our fun and educational tech devices.

Toddler Time

Every Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

Join us for an interactive story time that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, finger plays, body movement, and crafts.

Learn Japanese

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 11:00 A.M.

Students ages 8 – 13 will learn beginning Japanese, songs, and customs from Ms. Ashley.



Scan here for our calendar —>



There is so much more to do at Your library!

For a full list of upcoming events scan the qr code below or visit the Youth Services department for a copy of their spring calendar.



Dav Pilkey's Masterpiece Challenge

Monday, March 4 - Saturday, March 30

Let your imagination run wild as you draw one of Dav Pilkey's beloved characters like Captain Underpants and Dog Man for a chance to win an awesome prize.

Entries are due by March 30.

Movie & Popcorn

Monday, March 4, 4:00 P.M.

It's Dav Pilkey's birthday so we are celebrating with a movie in his honor.

Quilting Squares

Tuesday, March 5 – Thursday, March 7, all day

Design a quilting square with various supplies for us to display. While you're here, check out the quilts on display from February 26 – April 26 by the Creative Quilters of Huntington.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Monday, March 25, 10:30 A.M. & 4:00 P.M.

Here comes Peter Cottontail! Get a picture just in time for Easter!

Eggs-periments - Tuesday, March 26, 11:00 A.M.

Bunny Art - Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 P.M.

Egg Hunt - Thursday, March 28, 3:30 P.M.

Egg Art - Friday, March 29, 11:00 A.M.

St. Patrick's Day Craft

Thursday, March 14, 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Our St. Patrick's Day craft that will make you feel lucky.

St. Patrick's Day Story & Activity

Friday, March 15, 3:30 P.M.

Hear a story that will make you want to dance a little jig and play a few games that every little leprechaun will love.

Youth Programming & Events

For a full description of our programs visit www.cabell.lib.wv.us, call 304-528-5700, or find us on Facebook to join in the fun.

Open Mic Night

Monday, April 1, 6:00 P.M. (High Schoolers Only)
Monday, April 15, 6:00 P.M. (Middle Schoolers Only)
Share your poetry or read from a book, sing, play an instrument, or dance in a relaxed, coffee house setting. Refreshments will be served.

WrestleMania Madness

Friday, April 5, 4:00 P.M.
If you're ready for WrestleMania then this program is for you. Hear a story, make your own championship belt, and meet some wrestlers who might show you a few moves.

National Library Week

Monday April 8 – Saturday 13
Stop by during National Library Week and pick up a Reading Challenge game sheet. Complete it and turn it into the Main Library by April 30 for a chance to win 4 Malibu Jack's Play Cards.

Final Four Fun

Monday, April 8, 3:30 P.M.
Dribble your way in as we celebrate the Final Four with a free throw contest and a movie.

Story Book Mini-Golf

Friday, April 12, all day
Putt-putt around the 4th floor through our story book course.

Save the Bees

Friday, April 26, 3:30 P.M.
Make a bee hotel and learn about pollination. You'll BEE happy you came.

It's Gonna Be May!

Tuesday, April 30, 3:30 P.M.
Say "Bye Bye Bye" to boredom with an epic afternoon of music, memories, and NSYNC trivia fun.

Fashion at the Finish Line

Friday, May 3, 3:30 P.M.
Giddy up, young designers! Kids will decorate their own Kentucky Derby hats, just like the ones worn at Churchill Downs.

May the 4th Be with You

Saturday, May 4, 3:30 P.M.
Grab your light saber as we celebrate the epic saga that has captivated fans across the galaxy.

Comic Crusaders

Monday, May 6, 3:30 P.M.
Channel your creativity and bring a story to life on paper. Receive a free comic book while supplies last.

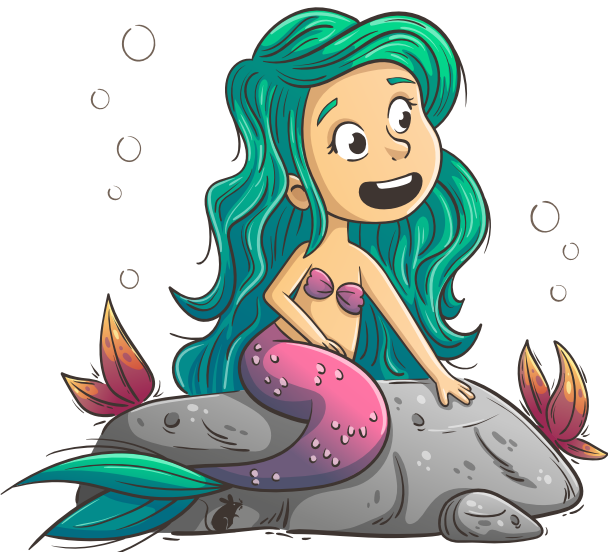


Trolls Takeover

Friday, May 17, 3:30 P.M.
Join Branch and Poppy as you dance, dance, dance, hear a story, and play a few games.

Junk This Journal

Monday, May 20, 4:30 P.M.
Teens will design a personalized journal/sketchbook to prompt their creativity.



Splash into Mermay

Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 P.M.

Dive deep with our mermaid design prompts. Participants will receive their own booklet to draw and bring underwater fantasies to life.

The Main Branch

SPANISH SPEAKING GROUP

PRACTICE LISTENING TO AND SPEAKING
SPANISH IN A FRIENDLY SETTING.

LEVELS: ADVANCED BEGINNER,
INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED.

MEETINGS: 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
5:30PM - 6:30PM
CABELL LIBRARY (MAIN)

¡Hola!

¿Cómo
estás?

1ST MEETING ON
MARCH 11TH

muy bien

BIENVENIDOS

¡hablamos
español!

¡vamos!

Adult Crafts

3rd Thursday of each month, 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Make crafts with us at the main library; all materials for this
make-and-take program will be available.

March 21: Spring Craft; April 18: Mother's Day Craft; May 16: Upcycling



Celebrate Quilting Month!

Friday, March 29, 12:00 P.M.
Join us as we explore quilting basics.

Quilt Showcase

by Creative Quilters Of Huntington

Monday, February 26 – Saturday, April 6
Quilt Month come visit the outstanding quilt display
at the main library and learn about these talented
artists and their works.



Adult Programming & Events

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Smart Retirement Plans

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Personal Financial Goal-Setting and Investing 101

Join experts from Chase Bank and learn about many ways you can plan for your retirement, including Personal Financial Goal-Setting and Investing 101. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required.

Poetry Month Celebration

April 26, 12:00 P.M.

Join Jeff and other local poets and enjoy reading or listening to some poems.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Tuesdays, 12:00 P.M.

Come and crochet or knit with us! All skill levels are welcome and materials will be provided.

Yoga at the Library

Mondays, 5:30 P.M.

Balance your body and mind! Beginners are welcome. Mats are available to borrow.

DND Gaming

3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00 P.M.

March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, & May 4 & 18

Open-ended RPG at the Library. We provide everything you need to play. Please email us if you are interested in joining us! (circulation@cabellcountylib.org)

Math Tutor Saturdays

Saturdays, 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Need help with a math assignment? All ages and levels are welcome. For more information email us at reference@cabellcountylib.org.

Movie Day

Friday, May 24, at 2:00 P.M.

Refreshments will be served.



Wonka (2023) PG

Armed with nothing but a hatful of dreams, young chocolatier Willy Wonka manages to change the world, one delectable bite at a time.

Adult Art Classes

Drawing and painting classes will begin this spring.

To register email Circulation@cabellcountylib.org.

Our Branches

Barboursville (304) 736-4621

- Teen Book Club
1st Tuesday of each month, 3:30 P.M.
Join Miss Kristin for a book club for teens!
- Mystery Book Club
1st Wednesday of each month, 2:00 P.M.
Join Jill and her Book club as they read mysteries and more!
- Story Hour
Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M..
Join Miss Jordan for music, stories and a fun craft.
- Novice Chess League
Wednesdays, 3:30 P.M.
Join our Novice Chess League and learn how to play chess
- VITA Tax Help
Every Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Call 211 to register and get your taxes prepared for free until April 15.
- Origami Workshop
Thursday, March 21, April 18, and May 16, 3:30 P.M.
Join PengPeng and Sarah to learn about origami.
- How to Catch a Leprechaun Story and Craft
Friday, March 15, 3:30 P.M.
Join Ms. Jordan for a fun story and craft about leprechauns.
- Coloring Day!
Tuesday, March 19, All Day
Join us for another fun coloring day to welcome in spring. All ages are welcome.
- Celebrate Public Health Week with Us!
April 1 – 5, during library hours
Pick up a sheet to track healthy habits. Join the librarians as we try to walk 10,000 steps a day!
- Barboursville Brain Games
Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 P.M.
Leap into logic with Machella as we learn to use critical thinking skills.

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9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Saturday

Cox Landing (304) 733-3022

- St. Patrick's Day Craft
Thursday, March 14, 4:00 P.M.
We will be making leprechaun gardens.
- Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 23, 12:00 P.M.
This Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Lesage Lions Club.
- Anime and Manga Lovers Program
Thursday, April 4, 4:00 P.M.
We will be showcasing famous Anime and Manga, and will have different materials to check out and various games.
- Book Collage
Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 P.M.
We will be making a book collage out of various materials.
- Junk Art
Monday, April 22, 4:00 P.M.
We will be making art from different kinds of junk to celebrate Earth Day!
- Reading Dragons Tournament
Wednesday, May 1, 4:00 P.M.
We will be hosting a tournament for those who have already signed up for the program. There will be prizes for the winners.
- Mother's Day Craft
Friday, May 10, 4:00 P.M.
We will have various crafts to choose from to make for Mother's Day!
- Virtual Escape Room
Monday, May 20, 9:00 A.M.
We will be posting a virtual escape room for all ages on our Facebook page.
- Story Hour
Every Friday, 10:30 A.M.
- The Hive Book Club
3rd Monday of each month, 10:30 A.M.
- Hypertension Awareness
2nd Thursday of each month, 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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Gallagher Village (304) 528-5696

- Story Time
Thursdays, 10:30 A.M.
Children's story time takes place every Thursday. All ages welcome, contact us to request special/private story times: quiet, sensory, classroom visits, etc.
- Saturday Morning Kids Events
Saturdays, 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Join us every Saturday morning for a rotating selection of family friendly programming. See calendar or Facebook for details.
- Cozy Crochet Club
Mondays, 2:00 P.M.
Interested in learning to crochet or just finding people to crochet with? All ages/skill levels are welcome, basic supplies provided.
- Nintendo Switch Tournament
2nd Friday of each month, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
Mario Kart or Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo Switch. Small prizes up for grabs!
- Friends & Family Game Night
3rd Friday of each month, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
New & Classic Board games for all ages. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Free snacks!
- Monthly Maker Space
3rd Tuesday of each month, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
All-age crafts with a focus on creative freedom.
- Perspectives Book Club
Last Wednesday of each month, 2:00 P.M.
Explores titles with the goal of learning about new topics and considering diverse viewpoints.
- Reading Dragons Collectible Card Game
All School Year through May
Collect and battle families of colorful Dragon cards just by reading books! Open to all ages.
- Gallagher Village Neighborhood Assn. Meeting
2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 P.M.
Discuss community engagement projects. The April meeting will also serve as "meet the candidates" night for local political nominees.
- Outdoor Movie Night
Saturday, May 18, Sunset
In conjunction with the neighborhood association, the library will provide the monthly movie and yard games prior to each showing.

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Hours:
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9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Saturday

Adult & Youth Programming & Events

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Guyandotte (304) 528-5698

- Smarty Plants with Autumn (all ages)
Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 P.M.
Join MU Instructor Autumn Starcher-Patton and students from Marshall University's Natural Resources and Environment program for some gardening tips, tricks, and activities!
- Middle Grade Book Club
3rd Thursday of each month 4:00 P.M.
Call the library for each month's selection.
- Boredom Busters
Monday, March 25 – Friday, March 29, during library hours
Stop in each day for a different activity.
- Romance Book Club (adults only)
Last Thursday of each month, 5:00 P.M.
- National Unicorn Day
Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 P.M.
Come celebrate Ms. Kista's favorite holiday! There will be treats, games and activities
- Taylor Swift Jam In
Friday, April 19, 4:00 P.M.
Jam to Taylor Swift's New Album, "The Tortured Poets Department" by making friendship bracelets.
- Superheroes Party
Friday, April 26, 4:30 P.M.
Come dressed as your favorite superhero for fun activities, crafts, games, and maybe even a few surprises. Costumes are optional.
- Fancy Fascinators
Tuesday, April 30, 5:00 P.M.
Make a fancy hat in time for the Kentucky Derby.
- May Book Sale
Thursday, May 2 – Friday, May 3, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 4 – Sunday, May 5, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
- Mother's Day Arts And Crafts
Tuesday, May 7, 4:00 P.M.
Make your mom a card or a fancy paper flower. For kids of all ages.
- Lego Drop-In
Thursday, May 23, 4:00 P.M.
Let the kids unwind with some Lego building.

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9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Saturday

Milton (304) 743-6711

- Reading Dragons 4th and 5th Grade Tournaments
March 8 and May 17, 3:30 – 5:00 P.M.
Kids can go head-to-head to compete for our grand prize: an exclusive set of cards! Recommended for kids ages 7+.
- Eat Smart, Stay Active
Wednesday, March 6, 10:00 A.M.
Kandi Messinger introduces a new program called "Eating Smart, Being Active".
- Eating Smart, Being Active (all ages)
Mondays from March 11 – April 30, 3:00 P.M.
Join health educator Kandi Messinger for a fun and healthy lifestyle program featuring healthy recipes and activities to incorporate and maintain in day-to-day life.
- Tails That Teach
Tuesday, March 19, 3:00 P.M.
Special guests from Little Victories are coming to teach us how to interact and take care of cats and dogs, featuring a story about one of their own animals. All ages welcome.
- Egg-stra Fun Easter Crafts
March 25 – 29, during library hours
Kids can participate in making a number of Easter and spring-related crafts to take home!
- Local Art Display
Throughout April
Celebrating our community by displaying art, crafts, photos, and more – made by our very own lovely Miltonians!
- Ongoing Programs:
Knotty Knitters – Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Story Time – Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M.
Dungeons and Dragons – Thursdays, 3:30 P.M.
Recommended ages 10 – 16.
- Chess Club – Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Come play with local chess enthusiasts! All ages welcome.
- Munchkin Monday
3rd Monday of every month, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Choose from our large collection of board games to play together!
- Spice of the Month Club
1st Monday of each month
We make monthly "take-and-make" spice kits that include recipes for you to try.

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9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Saturday



EGG HUNT
EASTER PARTY

Saturday, March 23, 12:00 P.M.
This Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Lesage Lions Club.



VITA
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Barboursville Branch Public Library
Every Monday and Wednesday
from 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Call 211 to register and get your taxes done for free until April 15. Scan the qr code to find other VITA locations in your area.



Adult & Youth Programming & Events

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BOARD GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Friends & Family Game Night
(Gallaher Village Library)
3rd Friday of each month, 5:30 P.M.

Board Game Club
(Main Library)
March 16, April 13, & May 11, 12:00 P.M.

New & Classic Board games for
all ages. Young children should be
accompanied by an adult. Free snacks!



Spring Art with Tracy

Salt Rock Public Library
Monday, April 15, 3:00 P.M.

Join Tracy Vickers for a wonderful
afternoon of painting. For adults,
refreshments will be served.



Salt Rock (304) 733-2186

- Who? What? When? Where? Reading Challenge
Now through May 1, During library hours
Calling all youth! Select titles from the Who was... What was...? book series, complete a Bingo card and choose a prize!
 - Grab and Go Craft (while supplies last)
Friday, March 8, All Day
Pick up a goody bag filled with everything you need to create a handcrafted item.
 - STEM Activity with WVU Extension
Wednesday, March 13, 3:30 P.M.
Leslie Summers from WVU Extension will share a story and STEM challenge with students.
 - Spring Papier-mâché
Monday, March 25 – Tuesday, March 26 at 11:00 A.M.
Children are invited to participate in a fun two-day papier-mâché class to make a hot air balloon. Completed projects will then be on display in the library through the end of April.
 - Grab and Go Craft
Friday, April 5, All Day
Pick up a goody bag filled with everything you need to create a special handcrafted item. While supplies last.
 - Spring Art with Tracy
Monday, April 15, 3:00 P.M.
Join Tracy Vickers for a wonderful afternoon of painting. For adults, refreshments will be served.
 - Create & Craft (For adults, while supplies last)
Friday, May 3, All Day
Stop by and pick up a goody bag filled with everything you need to make a special handmade item.
- Ongoing Programs:
- Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M. – Story Hour
 - Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. – Stitch in the Ditch, quilting/sewing group
 - 4th Thursday of the Month, 9:30 A.M. – Valley Health Blood Pressure Checks
 - 4th Thursday of each Month, 11:00 A.M. – Book Club
 - Indian Cupboard Food Pantry: Drop off any nonperishable food items, personal care or paper products to help the Indian Cupboard.

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9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Tuesday

West (304) 528-5697

- Afternoon Storytime with Ms. Teresa
Every other Tuesday, 4:30 P.M., beginning March 5
Join Ms. Teresa for an afternoon of stories, games, and more! For preschool aged children, but siblings are welcome!
- Chess at West
1st Wednesday of each month, 5:00 P.M.
Practice your chess playing skills. Our special guest, Mr. A.J., will be on hand to offer tips and tricks or play a friendly round. For school aged children.
- Kids Night at the Library
2nd Thursday of each month, 5:00 P.M.
Each month will feature a new activity. A light snack will be provided. For school-aged children through 12 years-old.
- Teen Night at the Library
3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:00 P.M.
Each month will feature a new activity. A light snack will be provided.
- Paranormal Madness Book Club
Every 3rd Thursday, 5:30 P.M.
Paranormal romance book club for adults. Current month's book available at the Library.
- Project Make Stuff
3rd Thursday of each month, 4:00 P.M.
Join us as we take on a new creative endeavor every month.
- Canva 101
Tuesday, March 26, 4:00 P.M.
Special Guest Marsha Blevins will be teaching the basics of using Canva. Please bring your laptop or tablet for hands-on learning.
- Painting With Jessi
Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 P.M.
Join us for this adult Paint and Sip style program. Light refreshments will be served.
- Cricut 101
Tuesday, April 23, 4:00 P.M.
Special Guest Marsha Blevins will be teaching the basics of using your Cricut and Design Space.
- The Writers' Room
Last Wednesday of each month, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
Once a month the library will offer a quiet space for writers to come work on their current projects. Light refreshments will be offered.

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What do the Friends of the Library do?

By James E. Casto



As president of the Friends of the Cabell County Public Library, I've been asked: "Exactly what do the Friends of the Library do?" It's a straightforward question that deserves an equally straightforward answer. Since it was chartered in 1944, the Friends of the Library has been in the forefront of public support for the library. Each year the members of the Friends assist the library by helping it provide a variety of programs for children and adults and purchase material and services it might otherwise be unable to afford.

Here are a few examples of how the Friends have recently aided the library:

- When the interior of the downtown library finally got a long-needed new paint job, the price tag was a hefty one as the building's atrium design necessitated a scissor lift. The Friends came up with \$10,000 to help ease the expensive project's impact on the library's budget.
- Summer Reading programs for youngsters have long been a mainstay at the downtown library and the branch libraries around the county. More recently a summer program for adults has been added as well. A variety of events are always planned, with individuals being able to win prizes in connection with their reading. The Friends have always footed the bill for the Summer Reading programs. Last summer that cost was nearly \$8,000.
- "Each December, as our local members of the West Virginia Legislature get ready for the coming legislative session, we invite them to join use for a nice catered breakfast," says Library Director Breana Bowen. "It's a great opportunity for us to emphasize to them the needs of the state's libraries, Our local lawmakers have been very supportive of us and I think our annual legislative breakfast has played a key role in winning that support. We appreciate the willingness of the Friends to pick up the check for this important event."
- Cabell is one of seven counties that make up the Western Counties Regional Library System. Each year 100 or so library staffers from throughout the region gather at the downtown Huntington library for a full day of in-service training, starting with a breakfast, courtesy of the Friends.
- At five-year intervals the library's employees are awarded gift cards recognizing their years of service. The cards, of course, are provided by the Friends.

The list of things the Friends do for the library is a long one. But if you joined the Friends, it could help lengthen that list. When library supporters first organized the Friends 80 years ago, they set the dues at 25 cents a year so that even people of the most modest means could join, in the decades since the Friends board has continued that thinking. Today, annual dues are only \$10 a year, although more generous donations are certainly welcome. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to the Friends of the Cabell County Library and mailed to the library at 455 9th Street, Huntington WV 25701. Please help your library by joining the Friends.

James E. Casto is the retired associate editor of The Herald-Dispatch and the president of the Friends of the Library. The library's local history room is named in his honor.

Book Sales at Your Library

Stock your shelves with gently used books from our sale. The sale features fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, juvenile, young adults, magazines, & audiovisual materials.

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Monday, April 1 – Saturday, April 6, during library hours.

Guyandotte Branch:

Thursday, May 2 – Friday, May 3, 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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Main Branch:

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Fundraising
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library do more!



Find the Library Mouse

Hidden in the **Connection** is the Library Mouse. If you are the first one to post a comment with the location of the mouse and your name on the Cabell County Public Library Facebook page you win a PRIZE! This is the mouse that is hidden within. It could be any size or color. It can also be found on any page.

Happy Hunting!



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Monday, May 27


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