Books 'n Banter

JANUARY 2026

McCord Memorial Library 32 W. Main St. North East PA (814) 725-4057 www.mccordlibrary.org

Adult Winter Bingo! Submit Bingo Cards by January 31

Looking for something to do this winter?

Register for our Winter Reading BINGO. To earn a BINGO, complete a row of challenges (diagonal, vertical, or horizontal).

Each BINGO you complete will count as an entry in our prize drawing. The prize this year is a cozy book-themed blanket throw.







Closing Hours

Thurs, Jan 1- Closed
New Years Day
Monday, Jan 19- Closed
Martin Luther King Jr Day



February Speaker Series

Join us each Saturday at 10:00 for the Friends of the Library's Annual Speaker Series:

02/07- Civic Air Patrol
02/14- Grizzly Bears
02/21- Homesteading
02/28- Darell Myers- Firefighter





2025-2026 Annual Appeal

Our annual appeal is an opportunity for our community members to donate funds to the library. These funds go towards our Current Needs which include building repairs and maintenance, supplies, programming, and more.

Curious of our current donations? Check out our giving thermometer on the lobby window!

Turn Paper Bags into Snowflakes January 7 @ 6:00

Looking for a calming activity to start off the New Year? Join us for this hands-on class where you'll learn to make snowflakes out of paper bags!

Check out the sample snowflake, hanging behind the Main Desk!

Pre-Register by Monday, January 5

Herbal Heating Pad Class January 12 @ 10:00 | Cost: \$5.00

Join us for a cozy, hands-on Herbal Heating Pad Workshop! Pick a pre-sewn pouch, then fill it with rice and herbs from our selection. Great for soothing aches, easing stress, or gifting to someone special!

Pre-Register and pay by January 7

LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:30 - 7:00
CLOSED FRIDAY
SATURDAY 9:00 - 4:00

Programs for all ages that you won't want to miss!!

Read and Create Wednesdays at 4:00

Grades K-5

Join us after school from 4-4:30 each Wednesday for an interactive program for kids in grades K-5! We'll enjoy a read-aloud followed by themed activities, games, or crafts based on the book.

The first meeting of each month features a "Book vs. Movie" showdown where we read a book, watch a short clip, and play a game to test your knowledge!

(No need to have watched the movie.)





Piglet Story Time January 31 10:00-11:00

Join us for a story time with Tree Family Party Piggies who will bring in a couple live pigs. We will have a craft following the story!



STEAM Club Mondays at 4:00

Ages 6+

Join us every first Monday of the month for STEAM Club. We will have activities available such as Beebots, Marble Runs, Legos, and more!

Teen "Crafternoon"

Sat., Jan 3 @ 1:00 Thurs. Jan 15 @ 4:00

Join us for one or both of our two sessions to make your own cut and color foldable crafts with your choice of five different shapes to

choose from.



Take and Make Kits

Cut and Color Foldable Shapes



Welcome to the new books list! These books may be placed on hold.

Adult Non-Fiction

- Adams, Char: <u>Black-Owned: The revolutionary life of the black bookstore</u>
- Fagan, Chelsea: <u>Having people over: a modern guide to planning, throwing, and attending every type of party</u>
- Fox, Michael J.: Future boy: Back to the future and my journey through the space-time continuum
- Green, Fern: <u>Lunch well: 85 recipes to bring a spark to the midday meal</u>
- Kotb, Hoda: <u>Jump and find joy: embracing change in every season of life</u>
- Lee, Harper: The land of sweet forever: stories and essays
- Nasaw, David: The wounded generation: coming home after World War II
- Simi, Sarah: <u>Sew your own nursery rhyme: wheels on the bus</u>
- Vance, Joyce: Giving up is unforgivable: a manual for keeping a democracy

Adult Fiction

- Albom, Mitch: <u>Twice</u>
- Bonam-Young, Hannah: People watching
- Borison, B. K.: Good spirits
- Boyd, William: The predicament
- Carleton, Brisa: Last call at the Savoy
- Connelly, Michael: The proving ground
- Hamilton, Jane: The Phoebe variations
- Kingsbury, Karen: The Christmas ring
- Macomber, Debbie: A ferry merry Christmas
- Olivia, Julie: <u>If it makes you happy</u>
- O'Nan, Stewart: Evensong
- Patterson, James: The Picasso heist
- Robb, J. D.: Framed in death
- Thayne, RaeAnne: <u>Snow kissed</u>
- Thomas, Sherry: The librarians

To place a book on hold

Call (814)725-4057 to request the item OR

- 1. Go to mccordlibrary.org
- 2. Click catalog
- 3. Log in to the catalog
- 4. Username is your library card barcode #
- 5. Password is last four digits of your phone #
- 6. Search for the book
- 7. Click Place request
- 8. Choose your pickup library
- 9. Click submit request



Adult Fiction Large Print

- Berenson, Laurien: <u>Pumpkin spice puppy</u>
- Blackwell, Juliet: <u>Asylum hotel</u>
- Crawford, Isis: <u>A catered bake-off</u>
- Joyce, Rachel: <u>The homemade god</u>
- McKinnon, Hannah Roberts: <u>The Sandy Page</u> <u>Bookshop</u>
- Score, Lucy: The dead guy next door
- Wangard, Terri: No leaves in autumn

Non-Print

DVD

<u>Downton Abbey, the grand finale</u>

<u>Freakier Friday</u>

<u>Superman</u>

Playaway

Sparks, Nicholas: Remain

Ware, Ruth: <u>The woman in suite 11</u>

New-Adult Fiction

• Yun, Jihyun: <u>And the river drags her down</u>

Children's

Blue Dot- Picture Books

- Hemming, Alice: The flower thief
- John, Jory: <u>The humble pie</u>
- Joyce, William: Glitter kittens
- Perry, Caroline L: <u>I am not happy!</u>
- Sambuchino, Chuck: Goodnight, pickleball

Orange Dot - Earliest Chapter

• Random House: Milo the doctor

Graphic Novel

- Curran-Bauer, Christee: <u>Pigeon private detectives</u>,
 1: The case of the missing tarts
- Curran-Bauer, Christee: <u>Pigeon private detectives.</u> <u>The case of the poached painting</u>

Red Dot- 3rd-5th grade

- Ferry, Beth: <u>Growing home</u>
- Kinney, Jeff: <u>Partypooper: A Side-Splitting Birthday</u>
 Disaster

Graphic Novel

• Song, Mika: <u>Night chef: an epic tale of friendship</u> with a side of deliciousness!

Yellow Dot - 6th & 7th grade

- King, Rachael: <u>The grimmelings</u>
- Lin, Grace: The gate, the girl, and the dragon

Graphic Novel

• Sutherland, Tui: Wings of fire. legends. darkstalker

Children's Non-Fiction

• Haidle, Elizabeth: <u>Before they were authors: famous</u> authors as kids

Children's Non-Print Media Wonderbooks

BLU

• Desimini, Lisa: <u>Dot the fire dog</u>

RED

• Kinney, Jeff: Diary of a wimpy kid

NEW! Whazoodle

BLU

• Calling all unicorns!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ask for a bag and registration form at the main desk.

For each 100 books you read, receive a sticker and move your name along the tracker wall located downstairs by the elevator. Receive a free book when you reach 1,000 books!

After every 100 books parents or guardians can take a picture by the milestone posters.



Young Adult

Fiction

• Pipps, Kristen: The library of lost girls



Dial-A-Story

New story every week!

January Stories:

12/07- <u>The Animals' Santa</u> 12/14- <u>Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree</u> 12/21- <u>Mr. Santa</u> 12/28- <u>Squirrel's New Years Resolution</u>

What is Dial-A-Story?

Dial-a-Story is a library program that is available 24/7! Call 814-347-8318 to hear a story read to you. Stories are available in English and Spanish. English stories change weekly and the Spanish story changes monthly.

Call as many times as you want!

Sudoku

8		7			4			9
1		9	8		2	3		7
	3	5			7	4		6
6		4	7	8		9	3	
9		З			1		7	
7	8				3	1	4	
	7	1	4		9	8		3
4	2		3	7	6		9	1
3	9		1		8	7		4

Book Club in a Bag

Want to start a book club? Have a book club but can't find a book to read?

Then check out one of our Book Club in a Bag!
Each bag includes 10 copies of a title, perfect for book clubs.

The waiting list for these kits is long, so reserve a book early.

Some available books include:

Addario, Lynsey: <u>It's what I do: a photographer's life of love and war</u>

Bryson, Bill: <u>A Walk in the Woods</u>

Davis, Fiona: The lions of Fifth Avenue

Hoang, Helen: <u>The kiss quotient</u>

Kingsolver, Barbara: <u>The poisonwood Bible</u>
Klune, TJ: <u>The house in the cerulean sea</u>
Osman, Richard: <u>The Thursday murder club</u>
Quế Mai, Nguyễn Phan: <u>The Mountains Sing</u>

Ward, Catriona: The last house on Needless Street

More titles can be found on our website: mccordlibrary.org!

November/December Books purchased from donations <u>Memorials:</u>

Barbara Brown

By

Allison and Justin Nodes

Furrer, Suzy: <u>Ultimate guide to designing</u> <u>clothing patterns</u>

Shirley Hamilton

By:

Karen, Nancy, & Pam Mallick

Colgan, Jenny: The secret Christmas library

Jobeth LaFuria

By:

Bill and Joyce Beardsley

O'Neill, Heather Aimee: The Irish goodbye

Ву

Carol Dimauro

King, Lily: Heart the lover

Morgan Lash

By:

The Lutz Family

Gopal, Jyoti Rajan: One sweet song

By:

Mrs. Lutz

Marley, Ziggy: Music is everything

John Scott Manison

By:

Heather Hakel

Dewdney, Anna: <u>Llama llama learns to swim</u> Ledecky, Katie: <u>Just add water</u>

Agnes McCord

Ву

Jo and Sue Bauman

Majumdar, Megha: A guardian & a thief

In Honor of:

Elementary School Students

By:

Betsey Sciford

Coulson, Art: <u>All the stars in the sky</u> Sharpson, Neil: <u>Don't trust fish</u>

Memorials, Endowments, and Tributes honor family members and friends

If your employer makes matching donations, be sure to note that on the form.

Memorial brochures are available at the library or by calling:

(814) 725-4057.



Winter Mad Libs

Freestyle Skiing



From the moment the downhill plural occupation leave the verb ending in 'ing' gates
until the second they $\frac{1}{10000000000000000000000000000000000$
a/an part of the body -pounding experience! The skiers must navigate a/an
adverb demanding course that can include verb ending in 'ing' over
bumpy $\frac{1}{10000000000000000000000000000000000$
around plastic plural noun planted in the snow, and jumping over number
feet in the air. If that isn't $\frac{1}{100}$ enough, while in mid- $\frac{1}{100}$ the
skiers flip, twist, and $\frac{1}{1000}$! Similar acrobatics can be seen during the
slopestyle, half- $\frac{1}{1000}$, and $\frac{1}{1000}$ cross competitions, where athletes
try to catch some adjective air before making a clean landing. These
athletes can do so many maneuvers, watching them can make your
nead $\frac{1}{1000}$. But one thing is certain. No matter what event you watch,
these skiers are a/an— _{adjective} — sight to see and are huge
something alive pleasers!

Parts of speech refreshers:

Noun: person, place, thing, or idea

Ex) teacher, chair, college, letter

Verb: expresses action or being

Ex) swing, jump, is, was, become

Adjective: modifies or describes a noun or pronoun

Ex) pretty, green, snowy, old, young

JANUARY 2026 EVENTS & ACTIVITES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	STEAM Club: 4:00-4:30	Preschool: 11:00-11:30	Preschool: 11:00-11:30 Read & Create: 4:00-4:30	Toddler: 11:00-11:30		
Story time: Includes a story & activity or craft. Free to attend, no preregistration required. Adult must stay with child			****	1 CLOSED * * Clo	2	3 1:00 Teen Crafternoon
4	5 4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	6 11:00 The Mitten	7 11:00 The Hat 4:00 Book vs Movie The Lorax FOL: 3:00	8 11:00 Winter Peekaboo	9 CLOSED	10
11	4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	11:00 The Snow Thief	11:00 Snowmen 4:00 Owl Moon	15 11:00 Snowflakes 3:30 Teen "Crafternoon"	16 CLOSED	17
18	CLOSED MLK	20 11:00 Snowmen	21 11:00 Snowmen 4:00 Snow Dough BOD: 3:00	22 11:00 Penguins	23 closed	24
25	26 4:00 STEAM Club Ages 6+	27 11:00 Just One Flake	28 11:00 Snowmen 4:00 Brownie Groundhog and the February Fox	29 11:00 Penguins	30	31 10:00-11:00 All Ages Tree Family Party Piggies