

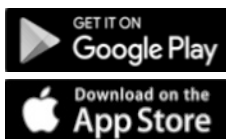
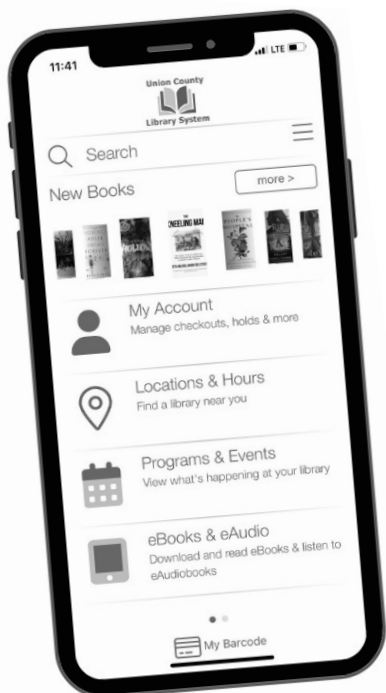


# LIBRARY CONNECTION

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## New Mobile Library App

The official UCLS PA 2Go! App is now available for free download on both Apple and Android devices. This user-friendly application transforms your smartphone or tablet into a virtual library, offering features like exploring the catalog, checking personal accounts, staying updated on library events, and more. Manage multiple accounts effortlessly, keep track of checkouts and due dates, renew items, and enjoy the convenience of a library right at your fingertips. Learn more at <https://unioncountylibraries.org/app>.



Search: UCLS PA 2Go!



Summer Quest gift basket winners.

## Summer Reading Success

Over 600 children and teens joined in kindness, friendship, and unity as part of the Union County Library System's Summer Quest

program, "All Together Now." From nurturing the library's garden to tackling a colossal crossword puzzle, and creating cozy blankets for local nursing home residents, kids of all ages had a blast at the library this summer.

The summer reading program, held from June 1 to August 12, presented an exciting challenge to every participant: read 1,000 minutes! Our library's readers recorded an impressive total of over 140,000 minutes, surpassing last year's program by nearly double the amount.

Thank you to everyone who participated this summer and to our generous sponsors, the Fulton Financial Advisors at Fulton Bank.

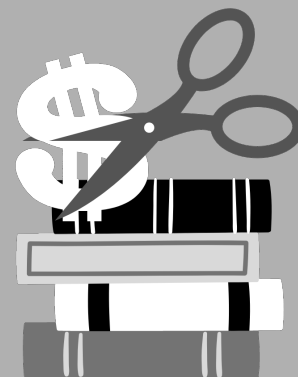


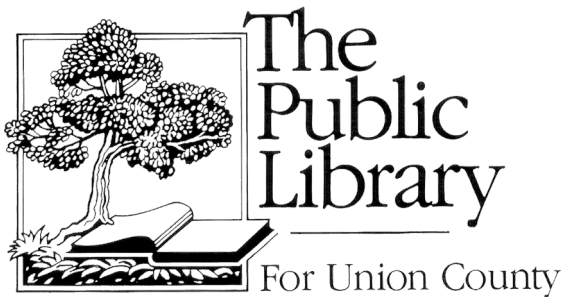
Children made cozy no-sew blankets that will be donated to Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village and Project Linus.

## Half Price Overdue Fines in September

The Public Library for Union County is excited to announce a special promotion for September. Along with its Union County Library System Members, Herr Memorial Library, and West End Library, patrons will have a one-time opportunity to receive half price on overdue fines during National Library Card Sign-up Month!

This initiative aims to encourage individuals to reconnect with the library and take advantage of its valuable resources and services it offers. To qualify for the discount, fines must be paid in full by September 30, 2023. **For more information or to take advantage of this one-time offer, please call the library or see a staff member at the checkout desk.**





# A Note From the President...



A recent article in our local newspaper was titled "Philanthropic giving down across Valley, state, nation." It described the drop in donations to nonprofit organizations that are diligently managing through rising labor costs and services. Many of those organizations were forced to limit fundraising activities during the pandemic, which put them at a disadvantage and fed into this downward trend. I'm pleased to share that the

Public Library for Union County is on solid financial ground, largely because Valley donors have persisted in the face of the trend. It's because of community support that our library retains highly-qualified and attentive staff, maintains a diverse collection of materials available for loan, and offers a wide range of day and evening programming. Your support means so very much. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your steadfast support.

Through the efforts of many, many volunteers, we recently held the annual summer book sale. That three-day event raised more than \$21,000, slightly exceeding our goal. Perhaps just as wonderful, hundreds of people wandered among the tables and selected bargain-priced books - providing thousands of hours of entertainment and education. I honestly believe the summer book sale is as much a service to our community as it is a benefit to the library. As you note elsewhere in this newsletter, our Fall book sale November 15 - 18 is smaller but offers its own particular kinds of treasures.

Another special event is the library's annual auction, on Saturday, September 30th. This year marks the 33rd year of fun, and the theme is 'Leafing Through The Stacks.' Come join us for heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages as you stroll around our lovely building, recall favorite 'reads' and identify a few to add to your list. It's an opportunity to bid on some marvelous items and packages and to enjoy the fun and spirit of the live auction! With thanks to generous supporters, the evening's proceeds go to support library operations.

Another way to contribute to our library is through volunteerism. Earlier this year, we re-started the volunteer program since it paused during the pandemic. At a volunteer 'job fair' staff members described opportunities to work behind the scenes, such as binding damaged books or preparing new arrivals to be shelved, or in more public facing ways. Attendance was amazing, with lots of folks signing up. One new volunteer opportunity is the Youth Advisory Group, a collection of 7th - 12th graders who collaborate with library staff on programming ideas - everything from community service to skills building and fun activities!

Again, it's the resources and talents of our community that make our library. And the library is grateful to offer itself back to our wonderful community.

Becky Perez  
President, Board of Trustees

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The Public Library for Union County Board of Trustees holds monthly meetings in-person and via zoom on the second Monday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

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### Library Hours

- Mon.:** 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tues.:** 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Wed.:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thurs.:** 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Fri.:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sat.:** 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sun.:** Closed



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# Grant Refreshes Prison Outreach Collection

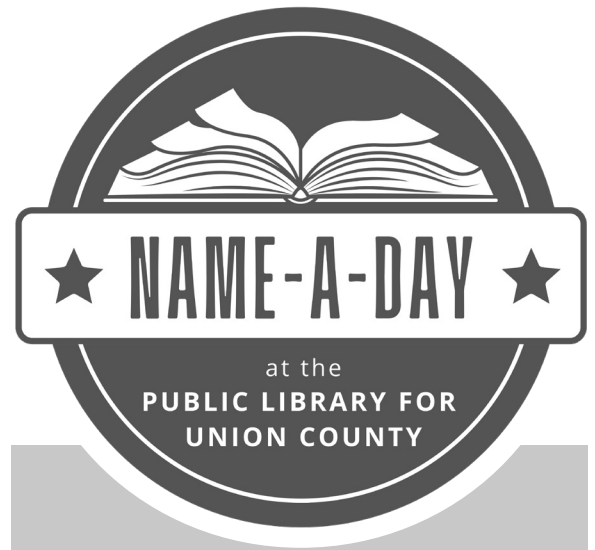


Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Bucknell Community Engagement Fund, the library purchased over 60 new titles for its Prison Outreach program. Each month, approximately 200 books are circulated to the USP Allenwood Medium Security Prison and FCC Allenwood Maximum Security Prison.

# Fall Book Sale: Special & Vintage Books

**Wednesday, November 15 - 9:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Thursday, November 16 - 9:30 am - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, November 17 - 9:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Saturday, November 18 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

This sale is held in the Community Room at the library. The selection of books include newly published books, vintage books, children's books, Civil War and Pennsylvania books, cookbooks, DVDs and more! Items are individually priced.



## A Novel Gift Idea!

**Dedicate one day of library services with a \$100 donation.**

A unique way to honor a friend or family member while supporting the library.

### The honoree will receive:

- A book added to the collection with a bookplate noting the occasion.
- Their special day is announced through signage at the Public Library for Union County, checkout register receipt, library website, eNewsletter, and Facebook.
- A letter mailed to their home notifying them that a day has been dedicated in their honor.

*Request a day by contacting the library or by visiting*

*<https://bit.ly/Name-A-Day>*

## DAYS NAMED IN 2023

- Christy Emigh - May 6**
- Lorna Curry - May 8**
- Mindy Moore - May 15**
- Brooke Persing - May 22**
- Ashleigh Wetzel Espinosa - May 30**
- Lorna Curry - June 6**
- Retta Lincicome - June 13**
- Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary - June 14**
- Bev Neidert - June 20**
- Don & Brenda Adams - August 3**
- Frank Scharl - August 4**

# New magazines alert!

Check out these magazines and more in Libby.

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