



LIBRARY CONNECTION

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OUR NEWSLETTER IS GOING GREEN

The Library Connection newsletter will be going green! We are transitioning to an eNewsletter to reduce the amount of printing and mailing we do. If you have received this newsletter in print, please email cgehring@publibuc.org to request PDF newsletters in your email!



Youth Representatives Added to Board



Katelyn Chen
Board Youth Representative

Almost a year ago the Board of Trustees decided to add two Youth Representatives to the Board, eager for their voices and perspectives. Four high school students applied using the trustee application form and provided their resumes. Katelyn Chen and Gibson O'Mealy were selected to join the Board as non-voting members for 2 year terms and to serve on the Fund Development committee. They've attended monthly meetings, reviewing lengthy pre-read packets, and are always prepared!

Besides being active contributors, the students believe they've grown as well. Katelyn described being a Youth Representative as "a wonderful opportunity that's allowed me to observe and participate in my community in a new way." Gibson echoed this feeling, sharing that "being introduced to the operations of a community hub like PLUC (Public Library for Union County) has been a gratifying and truly informative experience."

At the end of the year, the Board will determine whether to continue the Youth Representative role and recruit students for 2025-2026, but all signs point to this being a very valuable addition! Katelyn and Gibson have set a high bar!



Gibson O'Mealy,
Board Youth Representative

Help Us Reach our Fundraising Goal!

The PLUC Board of Trustees is committed to raising \$148,000 from fundraising events in 2024. PLUC is very grateful to the people and businesses who will support our library through these events this year. Your support allows us to maintain a high-quality public library and offer new programs and services. Here are upcoming fundraising events in 2024:

- \$148,000 -



DVD SALE

Tuesday, April 23 (Election Day)

Stop in to vote and purchase some \$1 DVDs! The sale will be located outside in front of the library, weather permitting, or inside the lobby.

LIBRARY NOTE CARDS & NAME-A-DAY SALES
Saturday, April 27 at the Lewisburg Arts Festival

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
at Union Cellars Winery, Lewisburg

Team Tickets will be sold for groups of 4-6 people at \$160 per ticket. Tables are limited so watch Facebook or the library website for tickets going on sale.

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The Public Library

For Union County

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The Board of Trustees holds monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month starting at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR UNION COUNTY

255 Reitz Blvd • Lewisburg, PA
(570) 523-1172
www.UnionCountyLibraries.org

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



Community Partner



A Note From the President...



Springtime always whets my appetite for adventure. Maybe it's a hike in the woods, searching for early wildflowers or morel mushrooms. It could be organizing a day at Knoebels that includes roller coasters. Maybe it's getting brave and trying contra dancing. Or perhaps it's planning a summer vacation to a place where the language and food and customs are unfamiliar.

The thing about adventures is that they're ageless. The first time on a two-wheel bicycle is an adventure, as is taking the bus for the first time. Beginning a new job, working through the accompanying butterflies in the stomach, is a kind of adventure. Falling in love is an adventure all its own! White-water rafting - just to show the grand-kids that you still have what it takes - can be an adventure. Regardless of our ages, doing something different and pushing ourselves into uncomfortable places illustrate our desire for adventure.



Most of us have also experienced internal adventures through the power of reading. When we pick up a book it can take us to places our eyes have never seen, yet transport us so magically that we would swear we can hear the characters' voices. We may explore fantasy lands that do not exist, relying on not-yet-existent technologies. Travel back in time to better understand the lessons that history offers. Live lives of people who are not us - who experience the world as richer or poorer, American or not, older or younger than we are.

We invite you to begin your latest adventures at the Library. Come find a novel that draws you in and will not let you put it down. Select a book that your parent/child might read, and learn something about a loved one. Research Artificial Intelligence or some other technology you've heard about. Or pull a cookbook off the shelf and try some of its recipes, preparing for that summer vacation. Whatever your adventurous spirit wants to pursue, you can take your first steps at the Library. We're waiting for you.

Becky Perez
President, Board of Trustees



A packed house last year helped us raise \$2,000 for the library - let's do it again this year!

ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE

July 17 through July 20

at Faith Lutheran Church Rt 45 Lewisburg

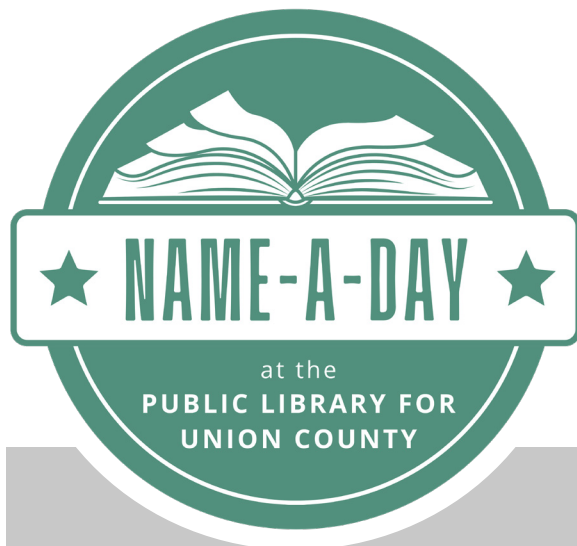
Fill a bag for \$25.00. This is a popular event, so come early!

"AN EVENING AMONG THE STACKS" Live and Silent Auction

Saturday, September 21 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

at the Public Library for Union County

Tickets will go on sale in the summer. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope to see 200 ticket holders at the event, enjoying heavy appetizers and drinks while you bid on many different silent and live auction items, all in support of the library.



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>

RECENT DAYS NAMED

- Library Volunteers - October 9
- Rev. Richard W. Bender - October 23
- Sabra Karr - November 2
- Richard Steffensen - November 7
- Martha Root - November 22
- J. Adam Maguire - December 6
- Mary K. Harper - December 12
- Jan Field - January 27
- Nellie Scharl - February 12
- The Graham Family - March 15

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34TH ANNUAL
AUCTION

Leafing through
the
Stacks

September 21, 2024

AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR UNION COUNTY



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