



# West End Library

## Winter Newsletter 2023-2024



Greetings! West End Library Patrons and Friends,

We at the West End Library hope that you are all well and that you were able to enjoy the beautiful Fall weather that we had. After the busyness of the Summer program it is nice to slow down a bit as we begin our programs for the colder months.

We had some really nice fall programs and had good attendance for them.

We started off in September with a Marianna's delivery for Labor Day and were able to sell a lot of yummy hoagies and pizzas to benefit our library.

On September 6th we held a Wonder Writers Workshop for students who wanted to learn to write in cursive. We only had one student but she was very enthusiastic and her Mom tells us that she has been practicing her handwriting! We are going to try this activity again.

On September 21st Jerry Schneider (a.k.a. the Butterfly Guy) presented a Pollinator program for us. We had a good number of parents and kids turn out for this event. The children enjoyed decorating their pollinator t-shirts. We were very happy to have Jerry be here this Fall as he is retiring from traveling around to do his presentations.

On Saturday, October 4 we had a fun fall event for kids called "EEK! Its Slimy and Sweet!" The children were able to decorate a pumpkin jar and fill it with Fall candy corn. They also had the opportunity to make bright green slime and take some of that home. Apparently there is a lot of interest among young people for making slime.



In September our Drop Your Drawers Campaign had another successful collection. Thanks to all our generous patrons and friends we were able to collect 207 pairs of socks, 17 t-shirts, and 334 pairs of underwear to give to the Mazeppa Manna for children in need. During November we collected hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the Manna to give to children.

On Saturday, October 28th we held a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. The Girl Scout Service Unit 642 and the Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club also participated. There were several families who decorated the trunks of their cars and handed out candy and other goodies. The library handed out candy and books. There were a lot of happy Trick or Treaters here that day.

On Saturday, November 11th, children were invited to the library to watch the movie "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and make a bead and feather necklace. This was a nice activity to get us in a Thanksgiving mood.



We would like to thank everyone who has shopped at our Bi-weekly Book Sales this Fall. This has been a good fundraiser for the library. Starting in April we will resume accepting donations of used books in good condition for our annual book sale in May.

As always we appreciate the support of our community for the library.

## What's Happening this Winter for Kids at the WEL

Weekly Program: Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM we have the Preschool Story and Activity Time for children ages 18 months to 5 years accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Children enjoy a weekly theme with read-aloud stories, age-appropriate activities and crafts, and more. Adults are offered a take-home paper with theme-related crafts, rhymes, snacks and suggested getting ready for kindergarten activities.

### Monthly Programs:

Craft of the Month: Each month children ages 3 to 12 are offered a take home craft. There is one craft per child and supplies are limited.

Reading to Maverick is held on the last Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Children of reading age can sign up for 15 minute increments to read to Maverick. One child is allowed at a time. Please call the library to register.

### Special Programs:

We will be having a special story time with the Union County West End Fair Queen Mary Walter on Sat., Jan. 6 at 11:00 AM. Mary will be reading a story and doing a craft with the children. Children pre-school to age 10 are invited. Please register in advance.

Slime Snow & Hot Cocoa! Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome to come to the library to decorate a snowman jar and to make snow slime. This event will be held on Sat., Jan. 20 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### Looking Ahead to 2024:

During the month of February—  
"Blind Date with a Book."

Thursday, March 14th—*Pi Day!*

Slice of pie=\$2.00

Whole pie=\$8.00



## Monthly Activities for Adults

Basic Crochet meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The class will not meet on Feb. 10 because that is our next Marianna's Hoagie and Pizza pick up day.

West End Readers meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Cooking with Friends will not be meeting during the Winter months. The meetings will resume in the spring on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Mah Jongg meets on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

### Special Events:

Christmas Bingo will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM for ages 8 years old to adult. There will be books and other prizes given out. This event is free but seating is limited so you must register in advance.

Marianna's Hoagie and Pizza Sale is going on till the end of January. Orders and payment are due on January 27th and the delivery date is February 10th. The cost of the hoagies and pizzas is \$10.00 each. There are 3 varieties of pizza and 10 varieties of hoagies. The new hoagie available contains Seltzer's Double Smoked Sweet Lebanon Bologna, American cheese, and Marianna's own Sweet and Sassy Mayo. As usual the mild pepper rings, lettuce, tomato, and onions are packed separately. You can call the library at 570-922-4773 to place your order.



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