



Check It Out

A summer update from North Pocono Public Library

Letter from Don Shiffer, NPPL Board President

Many of the library's friends, patrons, and supporters will have heard the news, but in case you have not, I am writing to let you know that Susan Jeffery has resigned from her position as Library Director. Susan was invaluable through the planning and construction of the building that opened in 2013, overseeing every detail from fundraising and grants to furniture and color choices. After the building opened, Susan led the library and its staff through the growth in collection, circulation, technology and programming that naturally come with the new space. The Board wishes her all the best as she looks ahead to what comes next for her.

The Board is also looking ahead at what comes next for the library. What will the community need in the next 3-5 years? What skills and abilities should the next Library Director bring in order to meet those needs? The Board is working with Molly Rodgers, an independent consultant with 40 years of experience in Wayne County (21 as a volunteer and board member, 19 as a Library Director and Administrator), to create that vision of the future and conduct a Director search. While that process proceeds, Justine Yeager has joined the library as Interim Assistant Director. She has jumped in wholeheartedly, working with the staff, the Friends, and the garden group to make sure all of the summer and fall events and programs are as successful as always.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the library's future. Please take a minute and jot down your ideas and suggestions for the next 3-5 years on the back of the donor form below, or drop an email to Molly at mrodders@albright.org. Together we will make that future vision a reality!

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1315 Church Street
Moscow, PA 18444**



Garden News

Since its first harvest season in 2015 “The Garden Project” at the North Pocono Public Library has grown not only into a community-wide focal point but an award-winning one at that! The project won 2nd place in the Community Service category at the International Master Garden Conference in June. It has also been recognized by the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Moscow Borough.

Our project is noteworthy because its various components meet many different needs in the community. Our “Giving Garden” has donated over 3,000 pounds of fresh, organically grown produce to our local food pantry over the last three years and we are on target to add another thousand this season.

Hundreds of families get to select from the harvest delivered weekly to the food pantry. The “Apprentice Garden” program gives two families a year their own raised beds; volunteers guide families through the growing season; and the parents and children enjoy their own harvests.

Our children’s summer program “Kids Dig It” partners with the library’s story hour. The children enjoy a story that relates to a garden topic and then visit the vegetable garden for a hands-on lesson. This year the children planted their own garden bed. We will be able to expand this program into more learning activities due to the 2019 Gro More Good Grassroots grant awarded to us in April.

The “Pollinator Garden” was established in the fall of 2016 and has received the honor of being certified as a pollinator garden by Penn State University. Special classes are held in this area to explain to children and adults the need for pollinators.

We are always in need of volunteers to plant, weed, water, or harvest. Volunteer forms are available at the library. Please come visit us!

What I’d like to see at NPPL in the next 3-5 years:



Say hi to new staff

If you've been in the library any time in the last 6-9 months, these are familiar faces. But we haven't "officially" introduced them through our newsletter! So please meet Kim Hnatko, Robin Caswell, and Kim Stenlake.

Robin is the newest member of the staff, having started at the beginning of the summer. She helps with kids programs, tech questions, and behind the circ desk and says she feels like she's "supposed to be here." Kim Stenlake brings 20 years of library experience to NPPL and says it's a great place to work. She "loves the folks I work with and it's fun to meet new people." Kim Hnatko echoed Robin and Kim, she loves the people, she feels like she fits here, and yes, there are books everywhere! You'll likely see the two Kims behind the circ desk, ready to help in any way they can!



Left to right: Kim Hnatko, Robin Caswell, and Kim Stenlake

Mark your calendar !

Celebrate fall at the North Pocono Public Library's fifth annual Fall Festival! This free community event will be held Saturday, September 21st from 11 am-2 pm and is for all ages. Join us and special guests for another year of food, activities, games, raffles, entertainment, and so much more. Plus, our Master Gardeners will be giving tours of our community gardens and holding a delicious bake sale to benefit The Garden Project. So gather your family and friends, and stop on by for an unforgettable day of fun at the Library!

APPRISE is coming to NPPL to offer free Medicare counseling and enrollment. APPRISE is the PA Dept of Aging's program to help Pennsylvania residents understand their Medicare and other health insurance benefits, and assist citizens in making informed decisions about their health care options.

Medicare counseling will be offered in our study room on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 am-12 pm, and Wednesday, September 25, 10 am-12 pm. Medicare enrollment will be in our community room from 10 am-2 pm on five successive Thursdays: October 17, 24, and November 7, 14, 21. Appointments are not required but a sign-up sheet will be available to help the counselors prepare.

For a complete calendar of all of the library's regular and special events visit us at <https://lclshome.org/north-pocono-public-library-calendar/>

News from the Friends of NPPL

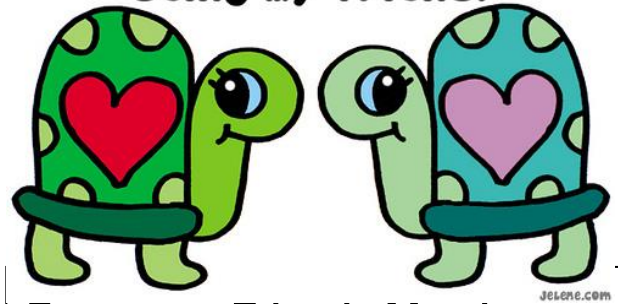
The Friends are selling Cards for a Cause at the library until Saturday, August 10th. You'll get 30 cards in a decorative book for \$30.00 (compare that to the cost of one greeting card sold at stores!). There are four different boxes to choose from: All Occasion, Thanks & Blanks, a Kids Birthday Box, and a Holiday Card Collection. Or get all four and be ready for the year ahead!

In September the Friends will hold a Basket Raffle. This is an annual effort and the baskets are always amazing! Starting Monday, September 9th this year's baskets will be on display in the library so you can pick your favorites to take chances on. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 28. You do not need to be present to win.

Friends Helping Friends Boscov's Shopping Passes are on sale now. Please see any Friends member or ask at the library desk. You purchase a Boscov's shopping pass for a \$5.00 donation to the library, then you can use that pass on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at all Boscov locations to get 10-15-25% off depending on the department.

These and other Friends activities support the library and all of its services, collections, and programs. We're always looking for new members to get involved!

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