The library will have the **Indoor Yard Sale** on Fri., May 3, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat., May 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations of clean, gently-used items or new items are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off during regular library hours. Please, no electronics or large items like furniture. You can also support the library by shopping at this fundraising yard sale. We will have candles, dishes, kids toys, kids clothes, books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, holiday items, etc. There will be a $5 per bag sale from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, so bring your bags (any size)!

Want an easy way to help the library? If you shop at Redner’s Markets, we have a new opportunity for you with the **Save-A-Tape** program, which they’ve developed to help various non-profit organizations throughout the community. We have a box in the library where you can drop off your Redner’s receipts. We can collect these and return them to Redner’s to earn 1% of the total amount you spent.

Take a **Blue Book Bag** on vacation or your “Staycation!” You can purchase one our NEW blue book bags for $4 each, and then you can take it on vacation, take a picture, and send that picture to us! (You can be in the picture or not, depending on how camera-shy you are.) We’ll be **posting pictures** on the wall near the water fountain until January 2020, so send us your best shot and have a FUN vacation! Email pics to: researcher1998@yahoo.com or drop off a copy of the picture to the front desk. (We can even scan the picture and give it right back to you if you want to keep the original.) You don’t need to leave your name, but we’d appreciate it if you told us where the picture was taken.

Are you getting ready to do some research? **Power Library** can be found on the databases listed on the right side of our website. This is for all Pennsylvania residents, and each library in the state has a link to this database and its e-resources. An e-resource is information that the library provides via a computer or other device. Power Library’s **e-resources** include thousands of magazine and journal articles, newspapers, photographs, pictures, charts, maps, and reference materials for people of all ages. Many of these would not otherwise be available via the web. Commonwealth Libraries has purchased subscriptions to these resources to provide Pennsylvanians with easy access to what they want to know when they want to know it. As a Pennsylvanian, you enjoy 24/7 access simply by using your local library card or registering for an e-card.

The **Spring Fundraiser Letter** will be out in May-June 2019. Twice a year we send these out to some patrons and have copies at the front desk for folks to donate to the library. These funds are used for adult and children’s programs, guest speakers, prizes for the summer reading programs, etc. This year we are proud to
Did You Know?

Armed Forces Day (3rd Sat. in May - this year May 18) was created in 1949 thanks to Pres. Truman to replace separate days for all military branches. This day pays tribute to the men and women who serve.

The library will be closed all day on Mon., May 27 for Memorial Day.

Library Lines

Bargain Hunting

Do you love a good yard sale? Do you enjoy the thrill of the hunt as you uncover hidden gems? Are you always up for a bargain? If this describes you, or if you just want to support the library, then come out for our Indoor Yard Sale on Fri., May 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sat., May 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. You can come out early to get the biggest selection of items, and if you want the best deals, you can always come back at the end of the sale. On Saturday from noon until the end of the sale, we’ll have a $5 per bag sale. Bring your bags (any size) and load them up.

If you want to get things out of your own house, we are taking donations for the sale through Thursday. Most clean, gently-used or new items are greatly appreciated. The only things we’re not taking are electronics or large items like furniture.

Ongoing Programs

- Beading Club - Mondays & Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
- Lehigh Valley Knitting Guild - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 6-8 p.m.
- Adult Coloring Club - 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- 3rd Monday Open Mic/Jam - 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m. (audience & performers welcome)
- Family Movie Night - 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
- What Are You Reading Now?: Adult Book Talks - 4th Tuesday, 1-2 p.m.
- Teen Advisory Board Meeting - 1:30-3 p.m., once a month on a Saturday (see library for dates; this month, it’s May 11)

At the Movies: Aquaman (PG-13)

Every month, the library hosts a movie night where you can gather with friends and family. Check it out on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. This month’s movie will be Aquaman, shown on May 21. In this film, Arthur Curry, the human-born heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, goes on a quest to prevent a war between the worlds of ocean and land.

Aquaman the character first appeared in 1941 in a comic by National Comic Publications (which later became DC Comics). There have been many versions of Aquaman, some of which you can find in books and movies in our newly expanded 11-library system. This incarnation of the character, played by Jason Momoa, first had a cameo in Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice and a larger role in Justice League. You can also find Momoa voicing this character in The Lego Movie 2, which is still in theaters.
Honoring mothers on a special day has a long history. Spinster Anna Jarvis (1864-1948) is credited with spearheading Mother’s Day as a national holiday in the U.S., which President Woodrow Wilson enacted in 1914. Ironically, when Jarvis saw how fast it become commercialized, she spent the rest of her life and fortune trying to repeal it.

If you have read any of these fiction books, perhaps you’d like to think about them from a maternal perspective: *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood; *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave; *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch; *Heart of the Matter* by Emily Giffin; *Another Piece of My Heart* by Jane Green; *Chocolat* by Joann Harris; *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis; *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty; *One Plus One* by Jojo Moyes; or *The Next Always* by Nora Roberts.

A few suggestions for nonfiction readers: *The Color of Water* by James McBride; *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed; *In Pieces* by Sally Field; *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance; and *The Matriarch* by Susan Page.

For children: *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown; *Ramona and Her Mother* by Beverly Cleary; *Son* by Lois Lowry; *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn; and *Pecan Pie Baby* by Jacqueline Woodson.

Our reading is influenced by our experiences, so sometimes it’s refreshing to read from another viewpoint. Happy Mother’s Day!

~ Chris Andrews

Did You Know?

Since May is often the start of the grilling season, it’s become National Barbecue Month and National Hamburger Month. If you’re looking for new ways to spice up your meats, you can check out the library’s collection of cookbooks under the Dewey number 641.5. (This is in both the adult and juvenile sections, so kids can help, too, with adult supervision.) You can also search for recipes in our database AtoZ World Food, found on the right-hand side of our homepage.

Did You Know?

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, since conditions like depression and anxiety are real, common, and often treatable, and the more we know, the better. Check out www.mentalhealthamerica.net for more information.

Receipts for a Cause

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**How It Works**

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be part of the Lehigh Carbon Library Cooperative, and this gives YOU additional resources to use from other libraries in the valley. AND LCLC saves our budget so funds can be used for books and online databases. No need to carry around 11 different library cards when one card will give you access to all 11 LCLC libraries. Old cards will be exchanged for free! Come see your library staff for all of the details. A new era for Carbon and Lehigh County libraries has begun!

The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 4, 2019 and the theme this year will be “A Universe of Stories.” It will be for all ages from kid to adult, so watch for more info in the June newsletter, calendar, and “Library Lines” in the Whitehall Press. We’ll be exploring space, since it’s the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk!

~ Patty Vahey

Last Month

In April, we celebrated National Library Week with a bunch of programs such as the Battle of the Books with local authors (right, above), a library-related version of Adult Bingo (right, below), and classes on How to Sell on eBay and an Intro to Fold3. eBay is a popular site for our patrons to visit, and Fold3 is our newest database, which collects military records that are useful for military historians or those researching their family genealogies. Thank you to everyone involved in these programs and all the staff and patrons who make the library such an incredible place!

Database Spotlight: Ancestry

One of the most popular ways to research ancestry is the website Ancestry.com. We’ve subscribed to the library edition so that you can get all the benefits without paying for the service yourself. Unlike most of our databases, you have to be in the library building to use it, but you can do all kinds of things there including:

- **Search** - Find records of your ancestors by searching through past censuses, vital records (on events such as birth, marriage, and death), military records, immigration records, and more.
- **Collaborate** - Visit the site’s message boards to find the conversations people are already having about specific families, or start a topic of your own. This lets different site members swap information.
- **Learn** - Get tips on how to search more effectively with the Learning Center, whether you’re just getting started and don’t know where to begin or you want to move beyond the basics.
- **Get Tools** - Download charts and forms that can help you keep records more effectively. For instance, you can get a family tree template or different ways to record your research process.

If you’re outside the library, you can use your library card to access our Heritage Quest database, which has many records including the census, wills, immigration records, and more!