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19th Annual Author Gala 2022



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Best-selling author **Elin Hilderbrand** is the featured speaker for the **Library's 19th Annual Author Gala** on the main stage of the **Community Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. October 13th.**

Hilderbrand is the proud mother of three, a dedicated Peloton rider, an aspiring book influencer, and an enthusiastic at-home cook (follow her on Instagram @elinhilderbrand to watch her Cringe Cooking Show). She is also a grateful eight-year breast cancer survivor. Her most recent book, *Hotel Nantucket*, went on sale June 14th.

General admission tickets are on sale now at the **Community Arts Center Box at 570-326-2424** or caclive.com. Tickets are **\$30 or \$45 per person, based on seating.** All funds raised benefit the Library and its mission to

be the place to go to learn, connect and grow. A book sale and book signing will take place for attendees after the keynote from 8:30-9:00 p.m.

The event will also be **livestreamed for a \$25 fee** for those who are unable to attend in person. To purchase the link, contact Dana Brigandi at: dbrigandi@jvbrown.edu.

The Gala, in its 19th year, will also feature an online auction for the general public, which will open **October 6th** at virtualgala.events/AuthorGala and close at **10:00 p.m.** the night of the event, **October 13th.** The gala is the Library's main fundraising event each year.

Hilderbrand joins the group of best-selling authors who have made this event a must-attend: David Baldacci in 2021; Lisa See in 2019; Dennis Lehane in 2018; Louise Penny in 2017; Chris Bohjalian in 2016; Ruth Reichl in 2015; Jennifer Weiner in 2014; and more.

Hilderbrand's visit is generously sponsored by the Friends of the James V. Brown Library.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Library joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel, will serve as honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month 2022.

As honorary chairs, Idina and Cara will remind everyone that one of the best places to find your voice is at the library. And during Library Card Sign-Up Month, they want you to explore all the library has to offer, like new children's books, access to technology, and educational programming.

"It's a little card that goes a long way. Let your imagination sing at the library." — Idina Menzel

"The library is where your imagination sings. Get your library card and 'check it out' today." — Cara Mentzel

Also in September, the sisters' debut picture book, *Loud Mouse*, about a little mouse named Dee who loves to sing very loudly, will be released by Disney Hyperion.



Library Receives FCFP Grant

The Library recently was the recipient of a grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

The \$1,500 grant will enhance the Barbours Link Library as part of the Plunketts Creek Township Foundation Fund at FCFP. The Library, in collaboration with Plunketts Creek Township, operates a small satellite library in Barbours as part of our "Link Library" rural outreach.

Located within the former Barbours Schoolhouse, the Link Library provides materials ranging from early childhood literacy, adult new releases, popular bestsellers, adult and juvenile DVDs, public computers & tablets, and free Internet access.

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- 9/1 - Huck Hepler Day
- 9/2 - JR Confer Day
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- 10/1 - In honor of Shane Carey
- 10/4 - Amelia Rau Day
- 10/5 - In memory of Richard Lightbourn
- 10/9 - Ruth Fink Day
- 10/12 - Rich Roan Day
- 10/17 - In memory of JoAnn Mapstone Mincemoyer
- 10/18 - Karyn Yagel Day
- 10/20 - Megan Boyle Day
- 10/24 - Remembering Robert Orso Sr.
- 10/29 - Barbara Thomas Day
- 10/31 - In memory of Mary Lou Archambault

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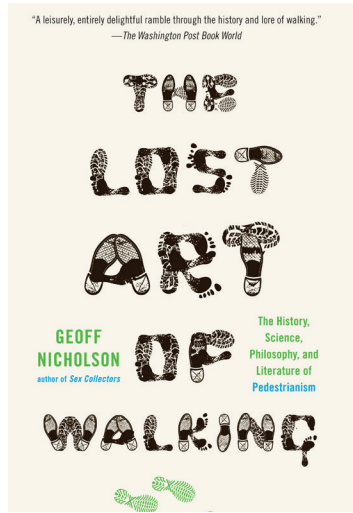
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Friends of the Library Host October and November Book Review Talks

October 7th @ 12:15

Mark Noe will talk about a number of books on walking. His selections range from broad surveys to volumes on specific trails, memorable hikes, religious treks, and pleasant walks, with even a bit of fiction added for good measure.

His primary text will be **Rebecca Solnit's Wanderlust**, a 2000 publication fundamental to any discussion of the topic. The book is a work of philosophy, theory, experience, example, and history. More recent writers typically cite her study as foundational. Indeed, *Wanderlust* covers all the types of walks noted above, essentially outlining what any book on walking must describe.



A second broad survey is **The Lost Art of Walking by Geoff Nicholson**, published in 2008. Duly acknowledging his debt to Solnit's work, Nicholson, a British writer best known for his quirky novels, takes an equally structured but less formal approach. While the works cross paths (no pun intended), the second is not a clone but rather a complement to the first; together, they form a more complete picture. The Appalachian Trail, a popular writing topic of recent decades, will get plenty of coverage, thanks to several books devoted to it.

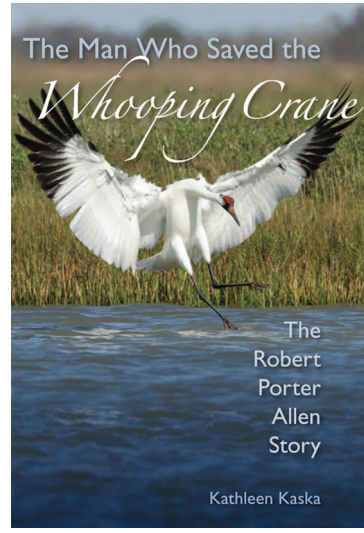
Noe hopes to combine the theoretical and the historical with the practical, perhaps enticing his audience members to discover a read devoted to whatever narrower part of the broad topic of walking they might find personally interesting.

Noe retired from Penn College as a Professor of English. He is also a retired Military Intelligence Officer, having spent nearly 25 years on active duty. A graduate of Bradley University (BA) and Sangamon State University (MA), his Doctorate is from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

November 4th @ 12:15

Bruce Buckle will review **On the Trail of Vanishing Birds**, by Robert Porter Allen, and **The Man Who Saved the Whooping Crane**, by Kathleen Kaska.

Who was Robert Porter Allen? His autobiographical account vividly describes his life as a "Seton Indian" growing up in the shadow of Bald Eagle Mountain on the family farm near the newly established Robert Porter Allen Nature Area. Allen was the Research Director of the National Audubon Society, and his work during the 1940s was instrumental in saving the Whooping Crane from extinction.



Readers will be captivated by his wilderness adventures in what is today the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge along the Texas coast and in the Whoopers' nesting grounds in northwest Canada. Kaska's biography credits Allen with raising the public's awareness of the effects of overdevelopment, habitat loss, and unregulated hunting on migratory bird species like the Whooping Crane, Roseate Spoonbill, and American Flamingo. For Kaska, his story is a timeless reminder of the importance of living harmoniously with nature.

Buckle is a retired social studies teacher with a lifelong interest in the outdoors. He is an active volunteer with the Lycoming Audubon Society, which seeks to preserve and enhance the natural environment for birds and other wildlife, and provides programs and field trips to educate both youth and the general public about birds and the places they live.

The review begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Lowry Room of the Welch Family Wing of the James V. Brown Library with a Q&A from 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Reservations are required due to space considerations. Please call the library at 570-326-0536 or use the library's online reservation calendar (calendar.jvbrown.edu) before 3:00 p.m. the Wednesday before the event. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.

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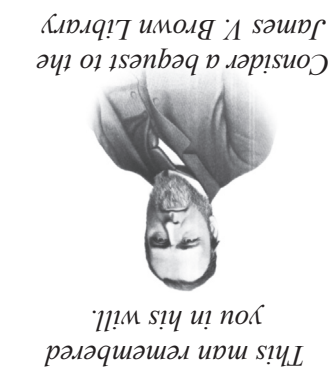
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