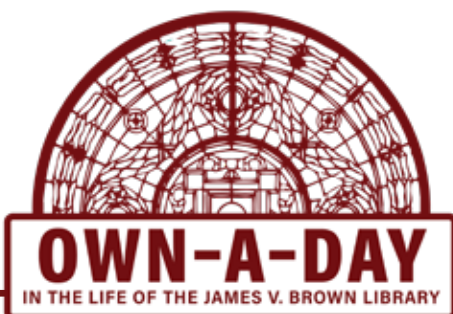


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## The Perfect Gift

The Library's "Own-a-Day" program makes the perfect gift. For \$100, you can Own-A-Day at the library and have your gift be recognized on the receipts at circulation desks, on the flat-screen TVs inside the library, on the library's home page, and in the library's email and printed newsletters. This is the perfect way to honor or memorialize someone special, publicize a business, or celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

### MAY

- May 1, 2023 Hannah Marston Day
- May 2, 2023 Vincent Rau Day
- May 6, 2023 Richard Tignor Day
- May 7, 2023 Elizabeth Harris Day
- May 8, 2023 Ann Y. Lamade Day
- May 10, 2023 Nancy S. Boyer Day
- May 18, 2023 In honor of Candy Dewar
- May 19, 2023 In memory of David C. Wright
- May 20, 2023 Barry Boyer Day
- May 22, 2023 Alfonso and Leonilda Mercado Day
- May 23, 2023 Chris Plankenhorn Day

### JUNE

- June 5, 2023 Hannah Confer Day
- June 6, 2023 In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- June 8, 2023 Patsy and Josephina Picco Day
- June 9, 2023 Nancy Lady Day
- June 12, 2023 Dale and Shirley Bittenbender Day
- June 13, 2023 In honor of Jack D. Hawkins Sr.
- June 26, 2023 Shirley Schuler Day
- June 27, 2023 Linda Schramm Day
- June 28, 2023 Charley Elizabeth Greevy Day
- June 29, 2023 In memory of Jack and Janet Buckle

### JULY

- July 1, 2021 In memory of Gary L. Brown
- July 2, 2023 Nancy McCarty Day
- July 4, 2023 Phil Thomas Day
- July 8, 2023 In memory of Luana Cleveland
- July 10, 2023 In memory of Ann Sue McCormick
- July 11, 2023 In memory of Lillian M. Gehret
- July 22, 2023 Mary B. Ginter Day
- July 23, 2023 In memory of Joseph B. Gehret Sr.
- July 25, 2023 Michael Boyle Day
- July 30, 2023 In memory of Birch Phillips Jr.

### AUGUST

- Aug. 1, 2023 Tim Baltz Day
- Aug. 3, 2023 Nancy Lady Day
- Aug. 4, 2023 Patrick Carey Day
- Aug. 5, 2023 Ashley Armstrong Day
- Aug. 8, 2023 Jack Confer Day
- Aug. 9, 2023 Isabella Marye, Michaela Jayne, and Penelope Tyler Thomke Day
- Aug. 10, 2023 In memory of Nancy B. Spangle
- Aug. 11, 2023 Charles Greevy Day
- Aug. 13, 2023 The Fisher Family Day
- Aug. 14, 2023 John M. Confer Day
- Aug. 16, 2023 In memory of Simon Maurice Rivers
- Aug. 18, 2023 In memory of Alice McBride's Birthday
- Aug. 19, 2023 JoAnn Mapstone and Bob Mincemoyer Anniversary
- Aug. 24, 2023 Justin Aaron Drezner Day
- Aug. 25, 2023 Happy Birthday, Rita Dell
- Aug. 28, 2023 Christine Kaiser Day
- Aug. 29, 2023 Joy Walls Day
- Aug. 30, 2023 Dale Bittenbender Day
- Aug. 31, 2023 In honor of Mary Beth Tilburg

For more information or to Own-A-Day, visit: [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu)



## SUMMER LEARNING 2023 Summer Learning at the Library!

Summer learning at the James V. Brown Library is always a special time, full of wonderful programs, performers and visitors, great books and prizes. This year is extra special for summer learners as the theme *All Together Now* focuses on kindness and community!

The Summer Learning Program runs from June 1st to August 1st with a special Summer Learning Finale on August 1st.

Summer reading is for everyone! Participate in one of our clubs: Birth to 5, Children, Teens or Adults for a chance to win prizes for reaching your learning goals during the summer months.

All summer learning events will be published in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette's special summer learning section on May 25 and listed on the Library's website under "Events."

Don't forget to check [calendar.jvbrown.edu](http://calendar.jvbrown.edu) for weekly events.

There's still time to Sponsor-A-Summer Learner at [jvbrown.edu](http://jvbrown.edu) or by calling 570-326-0536. Summer learning is completely funded from the generosity of donors like you!



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## 20<sup>th</sup> AUTHOR GALA

Best-selling author **Marie Benedict** is the featured speaker for the Library's 20th Author Gala at the Community Arts Center on October 12, 2023.

Marie Benedict is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of eight works of historical fiction. A lawyer with more than 10 years' experience at the country's premiere law firms, she found her calling in unearthing the hidden historical stories of women.

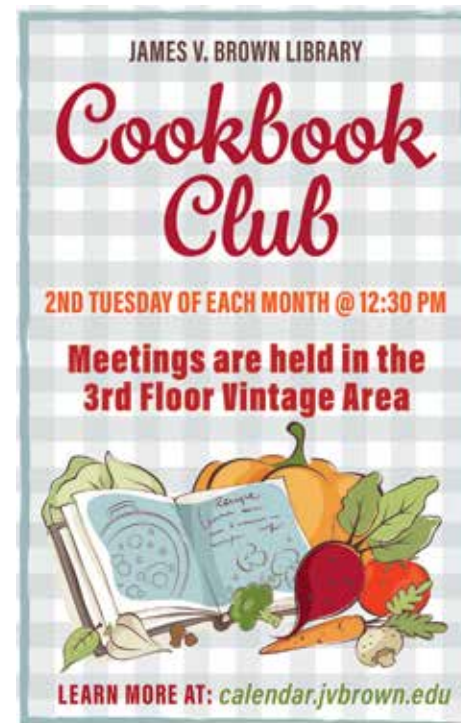
Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present-day where we can finally perceive the breadth of their contributions as well as the insights they bring to modern day issues.

Her books include *The Mitford Affair*, *The Personal Librarian*, *The Only Woman in the Room*, *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *The Other Einstein*, *Lady Clementine*, *Agent 355*, and *Her Hidden Genius*.

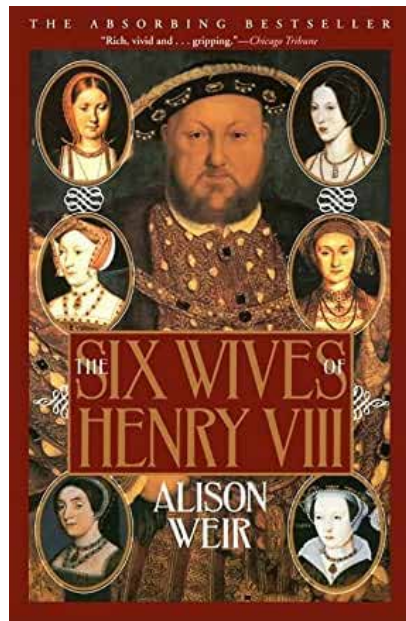
The Gala is the Library's main fundraising event each year. Sponsorships are available by calling **Dana Brigandi** at 570-327-2957. A limited number of sponsorships are available and will feature an exclusive private meet-and-greet with Benedict in the Capitol Lounge.

Postcards highlighting the event will be mailed in May and general admission tickets will go on sale in July at the Community Arts Center box office at 570-326-2424.

*Benedict's visit is funded by a generous sponsorship from the Friends of the James V. Brown Library.*



# Friends of the Library plans May Book Review Events



role they played in Henry VIII's life, as well as the role of women in society during the time period and how these women fit into that role. This book does an excellent job in separating these remarkable women from the king who made them famous. Finally, Henry VIII's desire for a male heir shows how the lives of these women were created and destroyed but forever immortalized.

**Mazzante**, a retired Williamsport Area High School social studies teacher, department leader, and athletic coach, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Lycoming College and began teaching in the Williamsport

On **May 5th**, the Friends Book Review Committee will host **Marilouise Mazzante**, who will review **The Six Wives of Henry VIII** by Alison Weir.

Henry VIII is one of the most famous English monarchs in history. While much has been written about the political achievements and ambitions during his reign, it is his love interests that have captivated audiences for centuries. Weir, a prominent British author and public historian, brings to light the lives of the six women who were married to Henry VIII. It's a detailed, chronological masterpiece examining each of the wives and the

Area School District in 1976. During her years as a teacher, she received the WAHS Teacher of the Year Award, Lycoming College Alumnus of the Year Award, and was selected several years for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Presently, Mazzante is an adjunct at Lycoming College serving as a Field Supervisor in the Education Department, and an Educational Consultant at St. John Neumann Regional Academy. In the field of athletics, Mazzante coached Women's Track and Field for WAHS for twenty years; she was inducted into the West Branch Valley Sports Hall of Fame, and she was the first, and currently only, female coach to be inducted into the Pennsylvania Track and Field Hall of Fame. She also received the East Region Women's High School Service Award from the U.S. Women's Track Coaches Association and served as assistant coach on the USA East Region staff for the Olympic Sports Festival Meet.

*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 12:45p.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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