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JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2024

Dedicated people, bound together like pages in a book, have the strength to achieve great things.

LAID-BACK BOOK CLUB

JANUARY 3rd & FEBRUARY 21st

5:00 pm — 5:45 pm

- ★ **ADULT HYBRID PROGRAM** (online & in-person)
- ★ **LOWRY ROOM (3rd FLOOR WELCH)**
- ★ **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

HYBRID REGISTRATION: Please provide an up-to-date email address. A Zoom link will be provided to you before the program begins.

BASIC LITERACY

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
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OWN-A-DAY

IN THE LIFE OF THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

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.

- JANUARY:**
- 1/2/2024 In memory of Doris B. Deffaa
 - 1/11/2024 Jill Louise Confer Day
 - 1/14/2024 In memory of Paul McBride's Birthday
 - 1/15/2024 Nicole and Megge Pereiballi Day
 - 1/17/2024 In memory of Patricia Baker
 - 1/18/2024 In memory of Mary Catherine Murphy
 - 1/20/2024 Mike McCabe Day
 - 1/27/2024 In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
 - 1/31/2024 Alexis Weissner Day

- FEBRUARY:**
- 2/1/2024 In memory of Jane Hawkins
 - 2/2/2024 In memory of Andrew T. King
 - 2/3/2024 In memory of Pauline Callahan
 - 2/4/2024 Peter P. Crowell Day
 - 2/8/2024 Andrea Sapiente Day
 - 2/9/2024 In memory of Audrey L. Tochter
 - 2/13/2024 Will Hepler Day
 - 2/16/2024 Sydney Handler Day
 - 2/18/2024 Jason, Victoria, Ari, and Ziva Hurwitz Day
 - 2/23/2024 In memory of Thomas Shivetts
 - 2/24/2024 Harper Rose and Bailee Layne Wheeland Day
 - 2/29/2024 Miles William Boyle Day

For more information or to Own-A-Day, visit:
www.jvbrown.edu

From Childhood Reader to Library Trustee: A Lifelong Journey



For our first patron story of the New Year we're proud to feature John M. Confer. John currently serves as the President of the James V. Brown Library Board of Trustees, however his relationship with the Library began when he was growing up in Williamsport. He would often visit the Library to work on research papers for school, and occasionally check out new books. He remembers how different the Library was back then, with the children's collection in what is now the basement of the Vintage wing!

In 1984, he was elected to the Williamsport City Council, where he became the council representative on the Lycoming County Library System (LCLS) board. John's involvement with the LCLS and passion for the success of libraries led to a recommendation to join the James V. Brown Library board of trustees in 1988, where he has been an active member to this day. During his time serving on the board, John has overseen and helped facilitate monumental changes to the Library, most notably the construction of the Welch Children's Wing in 2008; one of the projects that he is most proud of. Not only did the addition of the Children's Wing have a positive impact on the community, but it also meant a lot personally to John as it provided a new expanded space for children's programming that he and his wife could take their grandchildren to. He greatly enjoys seeing them playing in the children's area and finding new books that pique their interest.

Along with the Children's Wing, John is also very proud of the expanded outreach that the Storymobile, Bookmobile, and Book's Bus have provided to the community. Being able to serve those who don't have the means to visit the Library in-person is something that he is passionate about. John believes that the absence of these outreach services, as well as the many other services we provide, including public WiFi, computers, digital resources, a wide collection of books, CDs, DVDs, etc., would be a huge loss for the community and affect people of all ages. We are so grateful for John's guidance and support of the Library over the years, as both a member of our board and patron.

BE A LIBRARY

Champion

GIVE MONTHLY

Make a lasting difference

Your monthly gift provides consistent and reliable income to support the Library.

SPREAD YOUR GIFT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Each month you will be charged the amount you select. You may cancel at any time by calling the Library.

We will send you a special gift to thank you for your donation of \$25 a month or more.

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February is Love Your Library Month

Want to show your Library some love? Your Library feels loved when you are using us! So here are a few ideas:

- Come in and check out a book, an audiobook, a movie, board game, or Nintendo Switch Game.
- Come in and use a computer or our free Wi-Fi.
- Download an ebook or magazine from **Libby**.
- Stream some music or a movie from **Hoopla**.
- Check out all the resources available on our website, such as digital photo archives and local newspapers.
- Join the **Friends!**
- Give an **Own a Day** at the Library to someone you love.
- Attend a library program. Learn more at: calendar.jvbrown.edu

The Library is so much more than books.
To learn more, visit us in person or online at: jvbrown.edu

FEBRUARY

STAFF PICKS

Every month our staff reads books that they love and enjoy. Have a favorite reviewer? Know that you'll love anything they suggest? Check it out at:

jvbrown.edu/staff-picks

SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WORKSHOP

with April Line

JANUARY 22nd from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
FEBRUARY 12th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

JB LOWRY ROOM (3rd FLOOR WELCH) • ADULT PROGRAM • REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
FOR FULL DESCRIPTION & TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: calendar.jvbrown.edu

BLOCK PARTY

2nd Thursday of Every Month
(Starting January 11th)

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm

This program is for the kids who love to build! We will have lots of different building materials including LEGOS®, MAGNA-TILES®, wooden blocks, and more!

WALK-IN PROGRAM
BLUE PROGRAM ROOM
Grades K to 2

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BASIC LITERACY

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WE PLAY @WECARE

Are you looking for a place to connect with other generations? Then join Kaylin and Ms. Jacquie at WeCare Loyalsock for an intergenerational storytime!

Meet us at WeCare Loyalsock located at:
1445 Sycamore Rd, Montoursville, PA 17754

JANUARY 8th
10:30 am — 11:15 am
We will learn a game called Noodle Ball.

FEBRUARY 12th
10:30 am — 11:15 am
We will use the parachute and play with bubbles.

MARCH 11th
10:30 am — 11:15 am
We will build and paint birdhouses.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED • OFF SITE PROGRAM • ALL AGES WELCOME
TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: calendar.jvbrown.edu

A PAWSITIVE READING EXPERIENCE

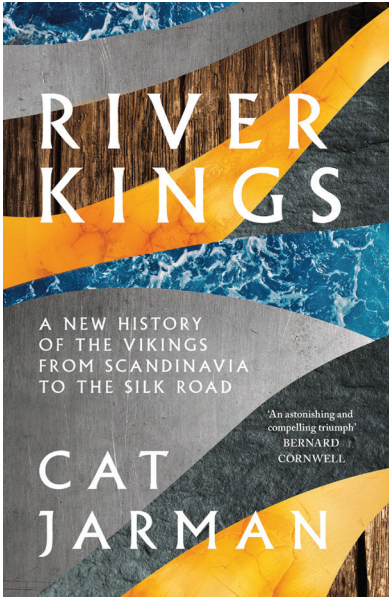
4th Tuesday of Each Month
@ 4:30 pm (Starting in September)

The Alliance of Therapy Dogs will be here, ready to listen to books! Come join us and read to a furry friend! No registration is necessary.

Walk-in Program • Age(s) 5 - 12
Blue Program Room

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Friends JVB Library February Book Review Event



becomes the main character of a story, in a way, that features cutting edge science, such as strontium-isotope analysis, that completes—if not reshapes—how we understand the Vikings. Far from savage raiders and pillagers from Scandinavia who wrought havoc on their unsuspecting victims, the Vikings emerge from Jarman’s story as a developed civilization possessing contacts across Eurasia, from India to Iceland and beyond.

On **February 2nd**, Dr. Cullen Chandler, *Frank and Helen Lowry Professor of History at Lycoming College*, will review **Cat Jarman’s *River Kings: A New History of Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads*** (Pegasus Books, 2021).

In *River Kings*, Jarman weaves the results of her own research and the history of the Vikings into a compelling and comprehensive understanding that will surprise and delight readers. She begins by explaining the archaeological find of a small carnelian bead at a site in England associated with the Vikings. That bead

Violence was certainly a part of that civilization, as it historically has been in all civilizations, but Jarman allows us to develop a more nuanced understanding of the Vikings and their age.

Chandler has been a member of the faculty at Lycoming College since 2003. He has degrees in History from Austin College (Sherman, TX), Fordham University (New York, NY), and Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN). Chandler teaches an array of courses in ancient and medieval history, including Ancient Greece and Rome, The Vikings, The Rise of Islam, and The Middle Ages in Modern Eyes. He also serves as director of the Lycoming Scholars program, which engages the top students of the college in interdisciplinary exploration and advanced research.

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 12:45-1 p.m. Complimentary snacks and bottled water will be available. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own lunch. 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 p.m. Nov. 1. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.

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Member Special

50% OFF

Inspiration (includes Religion & Philosophy),
Self-Help, Parenting

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Monday & Friday
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Tuesday & Wednesday
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Thursday & Sunday
Closed

Friends of the JVB Library

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP 2024

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