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## MARCH—APRIL 2024

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

Friends of the JVB Library

# BLOOM with BOOKS

## SPRING BOOK SALE

**April 18th — 20th**

**@ Christ Episcopal Church**  
426 Mulberry Street, Williamsport

**"FRIENDS" PREVIEW NIGHT**  
Thursday, APRIL 18th — 5 pm to 8 pm  
*Memberships available at the door*

**PUBLIC HOURS:**  
Friday, April 19th — 9 am to 7 pm  
Saturday, April 20th — 9 am to 3 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE VISIT: [jvbrown.edu](http://jvbrown.edu)

# ADVENTURE

BEGINS AT

# YOUR LIBRARY™

## SUMMER LEARNING 2024

You can help the Library be a partner in the summer fun for all ages by supporting the reimagined Summer Learning Program this year.

This year's theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," focuses on learning about the world through travel, exploring new cultures and places, promoting positive family fun in the community, and staying connected with books and reading over the summer.

Did you know that children who are read to from an early age have a larger vocabulary, acquire better language skills, and are more likely to want to learn to read than children who have not been read to?

Research has shown that children need to develop certain skills in order to fully benefit from the reading instruction they receive when they arrive at school. The Library plays a key role in helping young patrons develop those skills and in educating parents and caregivers about their crucial role as their children's first teachers.

The library's Summer Learning Program is 100% supported by donations from people just like you who understand how books and exciting programs can instill a lifelong love of learning and reading.

This summer, we have completely transformed how Summer Learning will operate to focus on positive, meaningful experiences for families and an increase in community partnerships. We will have a kickoff event, at the Library, on Saturday, June 15; a Pool Party Day at Memorial Park on Saturday, June 29; and community partnerships with the YMCA, Rider Park, a Pirate Party on the Hiawatha, and so much more!

All it takes is \$25 to sponsor one child in Summer Learning. We cannot do it without you. You can give on our website at [jvbrown.edu](http://jvbrown.edu), scanning the QR code at right, or by returning the card you receive in the mail.



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## JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

*appreciates your support!*

**MARCH 13th @ 6 pm until MARCH 14th @ 11:59 pm**

2024

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** On Wednesday, March 13 at 6 pm through 11:59 pm on Thursday, March 14, visit [jvbrown.edu](http://jvbrown.edu) or [raisetheregion.org](http://raisetheregion.org) and donate to the James V. Brown Library. Your gift will be stretched by a generous donation from Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships and may also help us qualify for prizes from other sponsors. **Thank you for supporting the Library!**

## Library Receives Three Grants From Local Foundation



Amy C. Resh, Chief Executive Officer & Director (center) accepts the checks from Jennifer Wilson, President and CEO of First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (left), and Ted Strosser, FCFP board president (right).

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania works to improve the quality of life in north central Pennsylvania through community leadership, the promotion of philanthropy, the strengthening of nonprofit impact and the perpetual stewardship of charitable assets. FCFP strives to create powerful communities through passionate giving.

For more information, visit [www.FCFPartnership.org](http://www.FCFPartnership.org).



## SMALL BUSINESS BANKING & RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS

with Merrill Smith from **M&T Bank**

**MARCH 9th @ 10:00 am**

LOCATED IN THE LOWRY ROOM — WELCH WING, 3RD FLOOR  
THIS PROGRAM IS FOR ADULTS • REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**TO REGISTER VISIT**  
[calendar.jvbrown.edu](http://calendar.jvbrown.edu)

## RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT

# TOWN HALL MEETING

**MARCH 11th**  
**2:00 pm to 2:45 pm**

Theresa Bertucci, *Special Services & Outreach Coordinator* for the RVTA, will be answering questions from members of the public.

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**LOWRY ROOM (3RD FLOOR OF WELCH WING)**

CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

## PUZZLES & PIZZA

**3rd Saturday of Each Month**  
**11:30 to 1:30 pm**

ADULT PROGRAM  
3rd Floor Vintage Area • *Registration is Required*

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**EBSCO**

## MyHeritage Library Edition

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Get ready to uncover your family's rich and vibrant history using MyHeritage Library Edition. With billions of historical records, exclusive family tree profiles and millions of historical photos, this database is your key to your ancestral past.

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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.

**MARCH:**

March 1	In memory of Beulah Yerk
March 7	Bianca and Alberto Taddeo Day
March 12	Marin, Lucia, Giovanni, Emma, and Wilkes Catino Day
March 13	Sabrina Mussare's Find a New Book Day
March 14	Jack Charles Boyle Day
March 16	Micah Kaiser Day
March 18	Fred Schuler Day
March 21	In memory of Jean S. Shelley
March 24	John and Patsy Troisi Day
March 28	In memory of David Steinbacher
March 29	In memory of Richard E. Deffaa
March 30	Christine Rauff Day

**APRIL:**

April 2	Bill Hoffmann Day
April 7	In memory of Barbara Olin
April 8	In memory of Father John Manno
April 9	Joseph McNerney Day
April 11	In memory of John and Ruth Beisman
April 14	Logan and Adelyn Bastian & Zachary and Tristan Campbell Day
April 15	Derek A. DeSeau Day
April 19	Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cooper and Family Day
April 22	In loving memory of Becky Walko
April 25	Edward Kelley Day
April 27	William R. Miller Day
April 28	Jan Dulak Day
April 30	Michelle Frantz McCabe Day

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

# Friends Plan March & April Book Review Events



**MARCH**

On Friday, March 1 Chris Kulp, Professor of Physics at Lycoming College, will review his debut novel, SELECTION.

Seven hundred years in the future, the world is ravaged by the effects of climate change and ruled by an omnipotent AI called the Algorithm. As SELECTION begins, Sam Watkins struggles to survive in Baltimore and faces Selection, the ceremony where the Algorithm assigns eighteen-year-olds their future. It’s Sam’s one chance to escape poverty.

When Selection turns his world upside down, Sam does the unthinkable: fight the Algorithm. Along the way, he is joined by three friends, each one a victim of the world around them. Together, they discover the Algorithm’s true plan. What they learn strains relationships and shocks them to their very core.

Kulp is the John P. Graham Teaching Professor of Physics at Lycoming College. Along with teaching physics, Chris has research interests in machine learning and complex systems. In 2022, he won the Mike Resnick Memorial Award for best short science fiction story by a new author. His latest novel, *The Fable of Earth: The Majestic Chronicles Volume 1* is in development with CAEZIK SF&F. For more information about Chris’s writing, please visit [chriskulp.com](http://chriskulp.com).

**APRIL**

On Friday, April 5, Dr. John F. Piper, Jr., Lycoming College Historian, will review *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*. Nikole Hannah-Jones, a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship winner, as well as a Pulitzer Prize Recipient, created the Project when she was a journalist with The New York Times Magazine. This book is an expansion of the article published in the Magazine in August 2019, the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction of slavery into what became the United States. Hannah-Jones edited this book with co-editors Jake Silverstein, Ilena Silverman, and Caitlin Roper.


As editor, Hannah-Jones expanded the Magazine Project. The book-length version includes nineteen essays on various topics, and thirty-six

poems and short works of fiction. The focus of all these components is on slavery and its impact on many aspects of American History which the essays identify by their titles: Origins; Democracy; Race; Sugar; Fear; Dispossession; Capitalism; Politics; Citizenship; Self-Defense; Punishment; Inheritance; Medicine; Church; Music; Healthcare; Traffic; Progress; and Justice. Hannah-Jones wrote the opening essay on Origins and those on Democracy and Justice. The argument throughout all the essays is that slavery did not end when the nation legally ended it; instead, it transformed into segregation (Jim Crow) which was in some ways worse than slavery. And it continues as part of our society today, although often in hidden ways. Most American citizens know something about their history and about slavery. The challenge of this book is that the reader may glean new data but also an entirely new perspective on the role of slavery and the enslaved and their descendants. It is already clear that some people have not been drawn to the new perspective and moved to oppose it. Welcome to the review and the discussion.



Piper graduated from Williamsport Area High School and has degrees from Lafayette College and Yale and Duke Universities. His Ph.D. is from Duke in Church History. He began teaching at Mount Holyoke College in 1964 and arrived at Lycoming in 1969 as a member of the History Department. His teaching assignments included Ancient Western History, Medieval European History, and various aspects of American History, with a focus on the period since the Civil War. He was taught Afro-American History and Women’s History. He is an elder in the United Methodist Church and served as pastor of several local United Methodist Churches, including Trout Run, DuBoistown, Nisbet, and Grace Church in Williamsport.

*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](http://calendar.jvbrown.edu)) before 3 p.m. February 28th (for Chris Kulp) and by 3 p.m. April 3rd (for Dr. Piper). Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.*



# FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP 2024

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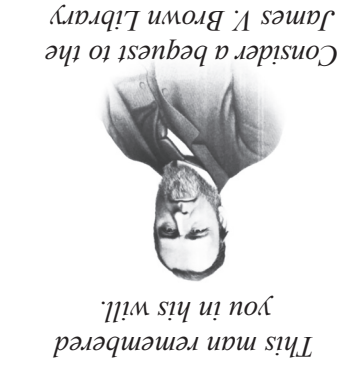
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**APRIL**

*Member Special*

**50% OFF**

Home Improvement (includes Decorating) & Gardening



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Monday & Friday: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Saturday: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, Thursday & Sunday: Closed

**JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday: Closed

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