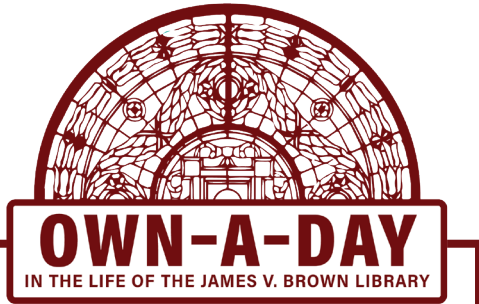


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## The Perfect Gift

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:

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- 5/23/2024 Chris Plankenhorn Day
- 5/25/2024 Mandy and Greg Mackey Day

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- 6/6/2024 In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
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- 6/12/2024 Dale and Shirley Bittenbender Day
- 6/13/2024 In memory of Jack D. Hawkins
- 6/16/2024 Ethan M. DeSeau Day
- 6/21/2024 In memory of Liz Guillaume
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- 6/29/2024 In memory of Jack and Janet Buckle

### JULY:

- 7/2/2024 Nancy McCarty Day
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### AUGUST:

- 8/1/2024 Tim Baltz Day
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## 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 reimagined Summer Learning Program highlights the theme Adventure Begins at Your Library. We will explore our community through new experiences, by trying new adventures, and staying connected with books & learning all summer. The Library has evolved the Summer Learning Program to give families positive and meaningful experiences at no cost.

There will be big events such as a kickoff at the Library on **Saturday, June 15**; a Pool Party Day at Memorial Park on Saturday, **June 29**; and other exciting community connections with the YMCA, Rider Park, the Little League® Museum, and more.

**The Summer Learning Program runs from June 15 to August 4 with a special Summer Learning Finale on Saturday, August 10, on the Hiawatha!**

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 in late May 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 by the generosity of donors and sponsors!

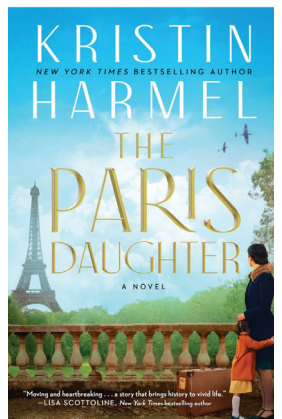
## Save the Date for the 2024 Author Spotlight



Best-selling author **Kristin Harmel** is the featured virtual speaker for the Library's 21st Author Spotlight at the **Williamsport Country Club on October 10, 2024**. Kristin Harmel is the *New York Times* bestselling, USA Today bestselling, and #1 international bestselling author of *The Paris Daughter*, *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*, *The Book of Lost Names*, *The Winemaker's Wife*, and a dozen other novels that have been translated into more than 30 languages and are sold all over the world.

Kristin has been writing professionally since the age of 16, when she began her career as a sportswriter, covering Major League Baseball and NHL hockey for a local magazine in Tampa Bay, Florida in the late 1990s. The Author Spotlight fundraiser will return to a sit-down meal and in-person silent and ticket auction, and feature a virtual conversation with Kristin Harmel at the Williamsport Country Club. Tickets are \$125 per person and go on sale in July.

**Business sponsorships are available by calling Dana Brigandi at 570-327-2957.**



## City and Library to Honor Female Illustrator



The Williamsport community will celebrate a former local artist with the installation of a historical marker this summer by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. **Frances Tipton Hunter** (1896–1957) was a pioneer female illustrator who created magazine covers for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*, and illustrated and published two children's books.

Hunter moved to Williamsport when she was a child and graduated from Williamsport High School in 1914. After graduation, she moved to Philadelphia to study art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

A historical marker honoring Hunter's accomplishments will be unveiled during a ceremony on **Sunday, June 9, at the Ways Garden Art Show**.

The James V. Brown Library has more than 10 large framed illustrations on display on the third floor of the Welch Children's Wing. The art show begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a brief presentation at 1:30 p.m. from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Lycoming County Historical Society, James V. Brown Library, Bald Eagle Art League and Ways Garden, and will be followed by a reception in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Taber Museum.

Lycoming College art professor Marisa Sanchez, PhD, will present a program about Frances's art at **10 am, Saturday, June 8th**, at the Library.



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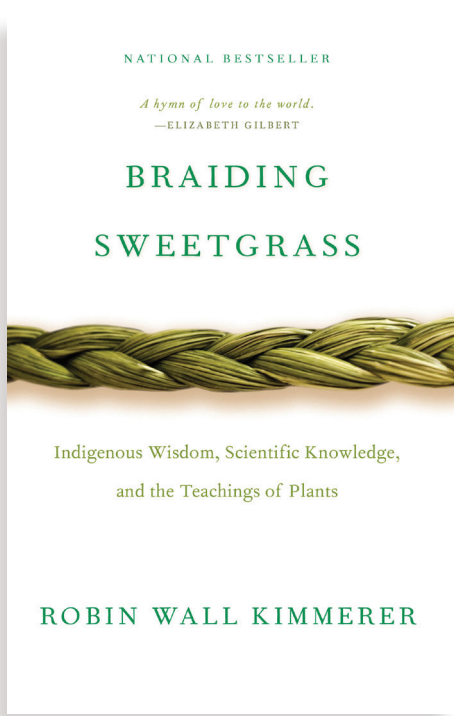
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# Friends Host May Book Review Event



the scientific and traditional ways of knowing. Kimmerer, who holds a PhD in Botany and is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, uses lyrical prose to weave together indigenous wisdom, scientific insights, and personal anecdotes to teach us about nature's gifts, and our responsibility to those gifts. Kimmerer shares stories of giving and receiving, illustrating the importance of reciprocity between humans and the land.

On **Friday, May 3**, Dr. Christina Steinbacher-Reed, Executive Director of BLAST Intermediate Unit 17, will review ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* is a soul-stirring read that explores the reciprocal relationship between humans and the natural world. This beautifully crafted New York Times Best Seller illuminates the interconnectedness of all living beings.

Author Robin Wall Kimmerer is a self-described traveler between

*Braiding Sweetgrass* is more than a book on plants. For the reader who accepts Kimmerer's invitation to explore the relationship between people and the land, it's a reflective journey that will leave them reevaluating their place in the world.

**Dr. Steinbacher-Reed** is the Executive Director of BLAST Intermediate Unit 17, an education service agency that transforms lives and communities through educational service. Dr. Steinbacher-Reed holds a doctorate in school leadership through Drexel University and a master's degree in science education. With over 25 years in education, Dr. Steinbacher-Reed has served in many roles including teacher, administrator, consultant, and Fulbright Scholar - but her favorite role continues to be that of lead learner.

She attributes her appreciation for the natural world to her childhood when she spent countless hours building forest forts, catching crayfish, and making mud pies. In her free time, Dr. Steinbacher-Reed can be found hiking and backpacking - and she still stops to look for crayfish. She lives in Williamsport with her husband, Mike, and their two children, Gavin and Calissa.

*The review begins at 12:15p.m. in the Lowry Room of the Welch Family Wing of the James V. Brown Library with a Q&A from 12:45-1:00 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 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.*

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