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THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY
IS CLOSED ON
NOVEMBER 28th & 29th

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
meeting at James V. Brown Library
Hosted by: **residential**
September 17th — December 17th
(3rd Tuesday of the Month)
from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

FOR FULL DESCRIPTION AND TO REGISTER
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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 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.

- 11/4/24 Mark Hull Day
- 11/6/24 In memory of Lori Ann Borick
- 11/11/24 In honor of all our veterans
- 11/13/24 Sister Christina Cables Day
- 11/15/24 Christi Walls Buker Day
- 11/16/24 In honor of Alexander Mulfinger
- 11/17/24 Victor and Caroline Day
- 11/18/24 In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- 11/20/24 In memory of Dakota
- 11/21/24 In memory of Dr. Gordon Shaw
- 11/24/24 Gary and Diane Fague Day
- 11/27/24 In memory of Wanda Hendershot
- 11/28/24 In honor of Maureen Carey
- 11/30/24 Harold Hershberger Day
- 12/1/24 Sofia Sartori Day
- 12/4/24 Linda Confer Day
- 12/5/24 In memory of Ann Getty
- 12/6/24 Patty Confer Day
- 12/7/24 Jameson Sartori Day
- 12/3/24 All the Wright Dogs Day
- 12/19/24 Karen Morlock Day
- 12/20/24 Heidi Walls Jordan Day
- 12/26/24 In memory of Duane Olin

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

CONNECTING LIVES
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At just 18 years old and in her senior year of high school, Judy Legge faced a life-altering shock: she was unexpectedly pregnant. Without many options or support, Judy knew she would not be able to complete her senior year in school. Faced with this situation, Judy wanted to find a way to finish out her high school education and get her high school diploma.

When she went to the county assistance office for help, a STEP case manager recommended that she take GED classes offered at the James V. Brown Library through the Lycoming County Library System's Learning Center. The program offered free childcare for her son while she was in class. After months of hard work and sacrifice, Judy received her high school diploma.

Now, 14 years later, Judy is the Youth Program Director at Firetree Place. She is determined to make sure the children in her care have access to the educational resources, materials, and books so they can be successful.

"Firetree is a nonprofit, so we don't have a lot of new books that our kids are interested in reading," she said, "so, I reached out to the Library to see what they could provide. I wanted the kids to pick out their own books, learn more about what the Library has to offer, and encourage kids and families to get Library Cards."

Now, Judy is finishing up her bachelor's degree and credits the Library for being there when she needed it.

"I can clearly see how beneficial the Library is to people in our community," she said. "I came here and the people positively impacted my life with kindness and empathy."

Judy's story is a powerful testament to the transformative potential of education, community partnerships, and unwavering support. Your generous gift ensures that the Library remains a vital resource for individuals like Judy. Every dollar you contribute helps provide essential books, programs, and educational materials, empowering people of all ages to reach their potential.

Make a difference today. Secure a donation online at jvbrown.edu/support-the-library/ or by scanning this QR code.



Thank you for giving generously to support library service in your community!

November is National Family Literacy Month

November is National Family Literacy Month, organized by the National Center for Families Learning. This month-long observance celebrates the role that literacy programs play in empowering families.

To celebrate this observance, we encourage Lycoming County residents to get a free Library Card for every member of their family, visit the Library, encourage parents and caregivers to read for both themselves and for their child, and to attend Library programming for additional literacy and educational support.

Children's first teachers are their parents and caregivers. When children are read to, they are prepared to become readers themselves. This also correlates to a higher number of words learned before kindergarten and higher grades.

Here are four ways you can promote family literacy at home:

1. Set aside time each day for reading.
2. Keep books visible around the house.
3. Make regular visits to the Library.
4. Read the book version of your child's favorite movie.

Celebrate family literacy by taking some time out of your day to read.

Library Receives Grant for Bilingual Book Walk

The James V. Brown Library is excited to announce that it has received a \$12,445 grant from the Williamsport Lycoming Competitive Grant Cycle through the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

The grant will fund the installation of a bilingual book walk in Young's Woods Park, 1001 George Street, aimed at promoting family reading, community engagement, and outdoor recreation. A book walk is an innovative literacy initiative that displays an illustrated children's book page by page along a walking path. It is anticipated that the books will be rotated seasonally.

This will mark the first permanently installed bilingual book walk in Williamsport. Additionally, the Lycoming County Library System has secured a grant for a StoryWalk in Trout Run Park, making these two projects the first of their kind in Lycoming County.

The City of Williamsport is actively supporting this initiative by enhancing Young's Woods Park to ensure it is more accessible and inclusive. This effort is part of an existing partnership with the Lycoming County Special Olympics and AllOne Foundation.

This project will ensure that there is a free opportunity for reading and learning outside of the Library's business hours, available in any season, at no cost to local families. A spring 2025 ribbon-cutting ceremony is anticipated and will be announced once the book walk is installed next year.

HOPEABILITY
For Adults with Diverse Abilities
STORYTIME & CRAFTS
1st Wednesday of each month @ 9:30 am
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EVERY OTHER MONDAY
FROM 4:15 — 5:15
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DIAMOND ART CLUB
1st TUESDAY
of the month
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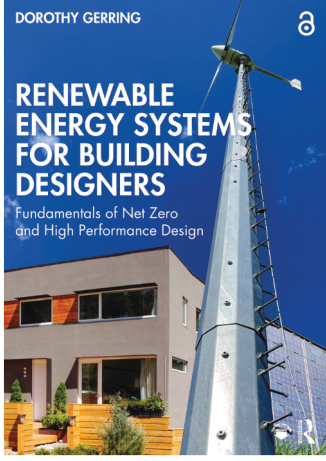
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LOWRY ROOM
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THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY
IS CLOSED ON
DECEMBER 24th & 25th



Friends Host November Book Review and Holiday Event



On **November 1st**, Dorothy Gerring, Associate Professor of Architecture at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, will review her textbook, *Renewable Energy Systems for Building Designers*.

Renewable Energy Systems for Building Designers presents a comprehensive introduction to the latest resources and technologies used in high performance and net zero energy buildings, with a practical focus on the design and integration of these systems.

This textbook and convenient reference offers a single-source guide to renewable technologies, balancing broad knowledge

with the details of implementation crucial for successful sustainable design. It equips students and professionals with foundations and critical information needed to confidently plan for and meet the highest standards of energy efficiency in new construction and retrofitted buildings.

The book covers resources and technologies including photovoltaics, solar thermal hot water, heat pumps, biomass, wind and micro hydro turbines, marine renewable energy, deep cycle rechargeable batteries, and system controllers. The heat pump chapter is available for free on the Department of Energy's building science education website: bsesc.energy.gov/training-modules/hvac-introduction-heat-pumps.

Dorothy Gerring has been a registered architect since 1989 and an Associate Professor of Architecture at the Pennsylvania College of Technology for over 30 years. She holds certifications for LEED AP BD+ C and Passive House US Certified Passive House Consultant (CPHC).

She has presented at conferences and created media promoting sustainability and universal design, as well as leading multiple student teams in the DOE Solar Decathlon Design competition. She served on the National Green Building Standard 2021 revision Task Group 5 for Chapter 7, Energy Efficiency.

The review begins at 12:15 pm in the Lowry Room of the Welch Children's Wing of the James V. Brown Library with a Q&A from 12:45-1:00 pm. 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, October 30. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.



On **December 6th**, the Encores, the New Horizons Band, directed by Judith Shellenberger, will perform a holiday program for the community.

New Horizons Band started in 1991 by Dr. Roy Ernst whose philosophy was that anyone could learn to play music at a level that would bring a sense of personal accomplishment.

Thousands of New Horizons musicians have proven that to be true, many starting in their late retirement years with no musical background at all.

Active participation in music fills important needs for adults – the need for challenging intellectual activity, the need to be a contributing member of a group, and the need to have exciting events in the future. For many people, music can serve these vital needs better than anything else.

The Encores, Williamsport's New Horizons Band, began filling that need 26 years ago by becoming the 13th of over 300 bands in the United States and Canada. Currently there are 18 members in Williamsport's Encores band with three members being over 90 years "young." They practice at Robert M. Sides Family Music Center Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. New members are always welcome and anyone interested can find out how to join by contacting the store.

Director Judith Shellenberger is the past president of the Association of Concert Bands and a 60-year member of the Repasz Band, established in Williamsport in 1831.

The program begins at 12:15 pm in the Lowry Room of the Welch Children's Wing of the James V. Brown Library. 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, December 4. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.

FRIENDS OF THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY USED BOOKSTORE HOURS:

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