Friends OF THE JVB LIBRARY

SHADES OF BROWN

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

NEWS FROM JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY AND THE FRIENDS OF THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

OWN-A-DAY

IN THE LIFE OF THE JAMES V. BROWN LIBRARY

The "Own-A-Day" program is the perfect way to honor or memorialize someone special, publicize a business, or celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

NOVEMBER 2026

- November 6 - In memory of Lori Ann Borick
- November 11 - In honor of all our Veterans
- November 13 - In memory of Sister Christina Cables
- November 15 - Christi Wall Buker Day
- November 16 - In honor of Alexander Mulfinger
- November 17 - Victor and Caroline Day
- November 18 - In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- November 21 - In memory of Dr. Gordon Shaw
- November 24 - Gary and Diane Fague Day
- November 28 - In honor of Maureen Carey

DECEMBER 2026

- December 1 - Sofia Sartori Day
- December 4 - Linda Confer Day
- December 5 - In memory of Ann Getty
- December 6 - Patty Confer Day
- December 7 - Jameson Sartori Day
- December 9 - In loving memory of Sharon Hoffman
- December 11 - In memory of Terry Bair on her birthday
- December 13 - All the Wright Dogs Day
- December 17 - Happy Birthday Maci
- December 20 - Heidi Walls Jordan Day
- December 26 - In memory of Duane Olin

GIVE THE GIFT OF Own-A-Day!

If you're looking for the perfect gift for the person who has everything this holiday season, Own-A-Day is a thoughtful way to celebrate someone special while supporting the James V. Brown Library! We recognize honorees across the library on flat-screen displays, checkout receipts, and in our newsletters, and we mail them a commemorative letter. Visit jvbrown.edu to dedicate your day







Fall Book Sale Raises Over $6K

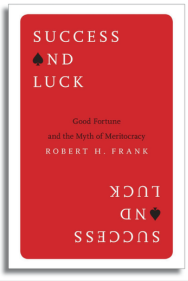
The Friends recently held their fall book sale at Pine Street United Methodist Church. We had 85 volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. We were grateful to have 29 Lycoming College wrestlers and two coaches help move the books for the sale, and six Williamsport High School football players and two coaches help tear down after the sale. We distributed the leftover books to the community through the American Rescue Workers, Lycoming County Housing Authority, and Thrive International, to name a few.

Through our volunteers' hard work, we raised over $6,000, which will support the James V. Brown Library in various projects and endeavors as they arise.

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BOOK REVIEW EVENTS



December 4th @12:15 PM

Success and Luck:
Good Fortune and the Myth of Meritocracy
by Robert H. Frank

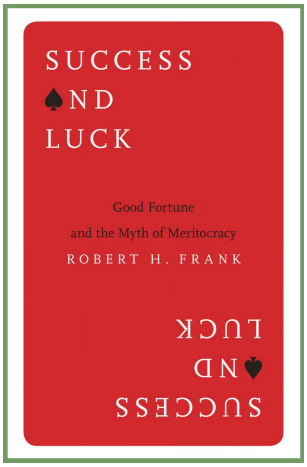
Presented by Hannah W. Espy, PhD
Assistant Professor of Sociology at Lycoming College

LOWRY ROOM (3rd Floor Welch) • ADULT PROGRAM • REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: *calendar.jvbrown.edu*

RSVP for the 12/4 Book Review on "Success and Luck"

On Friday, December 4th, Hannah W. Espy PhD, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Lycoming College, will review Robert H. Frank's *Success and Luck: Good Fortune and the Myth of Meritocracy*. This book encourages the reader to think critically about the role of luck in our lives and why we sometimes struggle to acknowledge its impact.



Espy was born and raised in Maine and has lived in Colorado and Iowa before moving to Williamsport in 2023 to join the faculty of Lycoming College. She completed her undergraduate degree in sociology from Colorado College and her master's and PhD in sociology from the University of Iowa.

Hannah's research has focused in part on the beliefs we hold and the stories we tell about our own successes and failures. Her master's thesis mapped American's beliefs pertaining to the meritocracy ideology. Her coauthors and she currently have a paper under review that explores the strategies Americans use to defend strongly held beliefs about success from contradicting evidence or ideas, such as luck.

The review begins at 12:15PM in the Lowry Room of the Welch Family Wing at the JV Brown Library with a Q&A from 12:45-1:00PM. Complimentary snacks and bottled water will be available. 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 3:00PM on Thursday, December 3. Parking is available in the public lot off Market Street, adjacent to the Welch Wing.

Message From the Friends Membership Committee

Friends of the Library membership starts each year on January 1 and runs through December 31. So why are we including a 2027 membership renewal form in your November/December 2026 issue of Shades of Brown? It's all because so many of our members are "Snowbirds"! Nearly 1/4 of our members vacation in Florida for the winter season and like to renew their Friends membership before they leave.

In addition, some members like to donate additional funds for the Friends with end-of-the-year donations. Most of our members will wait until the January/February newsletter to renew their memberships. Thank you all for supporting the Friends of the Library and Happy Holidays to all of our Friends!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP 2027

MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM January 1st – December 31st

☐ **YES, I WANT TO BE A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY**

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

☐ Individual $20 ☐ Family $35 ☐ Supporter $50

☐ Sponsor $100 ☐ Patron $200 ☐ Benefactor $250+

PAY BY: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check # ____ ☐ Cash

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19 East Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
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- ☐ BOOK SALES
- ☐ SPECIAL EVENTS