



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 2025

- November 11 - In honor of all our Veterans
- November 12 - In memory of Evan McCauley
- November 13 - In memory of Sister Christina Cables
- November 15 - Christi Walls Buker Day
- November 16 - In honor of Alexander Mulfinger
- November 17 - Victor and Caroline Day
- November 18 - In memory of Nancy Ann Charles
- November 22 - In honor of Lois Williams in celebration of National Adoption Day
- November 24 - Gary and Diane Fague Day
- November 28 - In honor of Maureen Carey
- November 30 - Harold Hershberger Day

DECEMBER 2025

- December 1 - Sofia Sartori Day
- December 4 - Linda Confer Day
- December 5 - Happy heavenly birthday, Ann Getty
- December 6 - Patty Confer Day
- December 8 - Jameson Sartori Day
- December 11 - In memory of Terry Bair on her birthday
- December 13 - All the Wright Dogs Day
- December 16 - In memory of Lois Wetzell
- December 17 - Maci & Samantha Day
- December 20 - Heidi Walls Jordan Day
- December 26 - In memory of Duane Olin

Your Tax Dollars, Your Voice and Your VOTE!

This year, the James V. Brown Library turned National Library Card Sign-Up Month into a countywide call to action. We launched the *Your Tax Dollars, Your Voice* campaign initiative to remind decision-makers that public libraries are essential to a thriving community. Through the end of the year, patrons can pick up special advocacy bookmarks and use the information on them to call or email the Lycoming County Commissioners, to urge them to maintain, or increase, library funding for 2026. Through this grassroots effort, the commissioners will hear a clear message: our community values its libraries!

Nearly half of Lycoming County residents hold a library card, and in 2024 that access translated into more than \$8 million in savings in physical materials. Every call and email helps demonstrate that libraries are not luxuries, they are a vital part of the community.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS,

Your VOICE

LIBRARY LOVERS - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

WRITE · CALL · EMAIL

LYCOMING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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570-320-2124

SCOTT METZGER: smetzger@lyco.org

MARC SORTMAN: msortman@lyco.org

MARK MUSSINA: mmussina@lyco.org

WHY YOUR VOICE MATTERS:

OVER 48% OF LYCOMING COUNTY'S 114,188 RESIDENTS HAVE LIBRARY CARDS

LYCOMING COUNTY LIBRARIES SAVED RESIDENTS \$8,126,204 IN 2024.

LIBRARY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO 100% OF LYCOMING COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH PHYSICAL BUILDINGS OR VEHICLE OUTREACH SERVICES.

Grant for a Technology Center



The Library recently was the recipient of a grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

The \$75,000 grant will be used to renovate the basement of the Library into a Technology Center to provide the community with access to digital resources.

Message from the Friends Membership Committee:

Friends of the Library Membership starts on January 1 and runs through December 31.

So why are we including a 2026 membership renewal form in your November/December 2025 issue of Shades of Brown?

It's all because so many of our members are "Snowbirds." Nearly one-fourth of our members vacation in Florida for the winter season and like to renew their Friends memberships 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!



The Friends of the James V. Brown Library **BOOK REVIEW EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 7th @ 12:15 pm

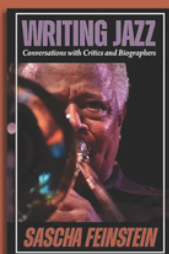
Trilogy: *The Great American House,*
A Place to Call Home, and Home At Last

by **Gil Schafer**

PRESENTED BY: **TOM GRBENICK**



DECEMBER 5th @ 12:15 pm



Writing Jazz:

Conversations with Critics and Biographers

by: **Sascha Feinstein**

PRESENTED BY:
DR. SASCHA FEINSTEIN
Robert L. & Charlene
Shangraw Professor of English
at Lycoming College.

For more information
and to register please visit:
calendar.jvbrown.edu

BOOKSTORE OPEN

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10:30 am–1:30 pm

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

1:30 pm–4:30 pm

SATURDAY

10:30 am–1:30 pm

SUNDAY–Closed

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE VISIT: jvbrown.edu/bookstore/



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP 2026 Membership runs from January 1st – December 31st

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

RETURN THIS SLIP TO: Friends of the JVB Library
19 East Fourth Street, Williamsport PA 17701

**Annual membership contributions are fully tax deductible*

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Supporter \$50
☐ Sponsor \$100 ☐ Patron \$200 ☐ Benefactor \$250+

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

CC#: _____

SEC. CODE: _____ EXP: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER

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| ☐ BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEONS | ☐ BOOK SALES |
| ☐ MAILING CREW | ☐ SPECIAL EVENTS |