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NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Trolley Tours - Friday, December 11th 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Young, old and everyone in between are invited to enjoy a tour of our charming community during the holiday season. After your tour, join us in the Community Room for crafts, music, hot chocolate and cookies. The cost for this event is \$2 for a child and \$5 for an adult. Children under 3 years old can ride for free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Registration will begin Monday, November 2nd. Please register at the Main Desk. *Payment is due at the time of registration. This event sold out last year. We recommend booking your seats in advance.*



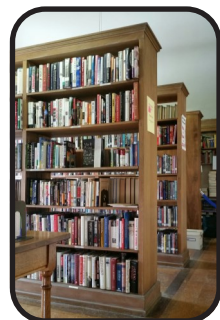
5th Annual Holiday Basket Fundraiser!

Come out and support your library by purchasing tickets for our Annual Holiday Basket Drawing. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25 at the Main Desk. The baskets will be on display at the library in mid-November and can also be seen at the Stone House during the Lighting of the Greens. The final drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Holiday Trolley Tours on December 11, 2015 (You don't need to be present to win.). Here is a list of the baskets we have this year:

- ◆ Gardening Basket
- ◆ Family Kindle
- ◆ Mystery Wallet
- ◆ Holiday Cheer
- ◆ Summer Fun



Shop Local & Support Your Community Library



Need a gift? Looking for a good book to read on vacation? Visit our ongoing **Book Sale**. Located in the mezzanine behind the Main Desk.

Hardcover books sell for \$2 each & soft cover and children's books cost \$1. You can't beat the price! All the proceeds from this fundraiser help support the purchase of new materials and programs at your local library.

**We would like to thank
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generous commitment to
the library as a 2016
Platinum Sponsor for the
Kentucky Derby Party.**



Dear Wyomissing Neighbors,



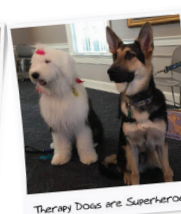
The leaves and the temperature are beginning to fall, and people are spending more time indoors. Now is a great time to explore all the wonderful things the Wyomissing Public Library has to offer. In addition to our popular children's storytimes, our new Adult Program Coordinator, Miss Jill, has done an exceptional job securing speakers, organizing monthly book clubs, and offering movie events. We have been listening to you, our patrons, and are changing with the times to provide a community gathering place for both young and old. As you peruse our Fall Newsletter, I hope you will find something of interest to you. Come out and join us for one of our many engaging programs!

We had an outstanding summer at the library this year. During our popular ten-week Summer Reading Program, 403 children and teens read over 11,000 books. An average of 30 books per child! In addition to boosting reading skills, Miss Joie focused on educational programs for all ages providing almost 100 programs this summer. We also expanded our adult programming by offering activities such as Crafternoon, Meet the Geek, and Art Film Matinee. Program attendance is up 26%! We are thrilled to have more community members utilizing our services.

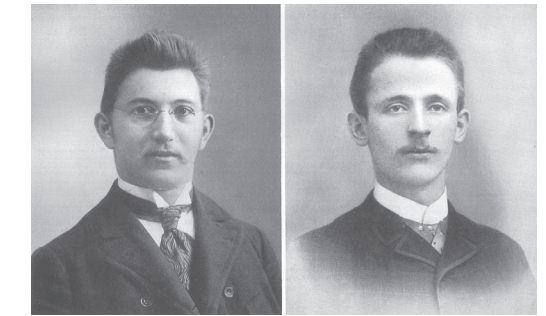
Even though we receive over 50% of our annual budget from the Borough of Wyomissing, we rely heavily on the generosity of our community members to help balance our budget. Each year, we are tasked with raising \$60,000 for the library through individual gifts and fundraisers. So far this year, we are \$20,000 short of our goal. I hope you realize the value the Wyomissing Public Library provides to our community and will consider making a tax-deductible donation to the library. We truly appreciate all the support we receive!

With warm regards,

Colleen
Colleen Stamm
Library Director



Wyomissing Industries: A Historical Perspective November 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.



At the turn of the 20th Century, Ferdinand Thun & Henry Janssen forged several business ventures in Wyomissing including Textile Machine Works, Berkshire Knitting Mills, and Narrow Fabric Company. These businesses came to be known collectively as Wyomissing Industries.

Historian Mark Vaught will share original vintage materials and provide an introduction to these prominent men, and how they impacted the lives of thousands of Berks County residents. The presentation features a 20 minute official documentary film on the Wyomissing Industries from the 1950's.

Please join us for this historical program about Wyomissing Industries, the company that fostered our community.

Thank you!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to those who contributed to our 2015 Summer Reading Program: Ama Photography, Becca Bee Designs, Book Bonanza, Crossroads Technologies, Kooky Bird, Miller Center for the Arts, Peter Munsing, The Wyomissing Hills Citizens Social Committee, Weaver's Orchard, & Yocum Institute.



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The mission of the Wyomissing Public Library is to provide a wide variety of popular and informational material for reading, listening, and viewing. The library places emphasis on those services which encourage children and parents to read together, as well as providing educational, cultural, and general programs for the community at large. Electronic as well as print reference information is available.

Adult Programs

Fly Fishing Clinic

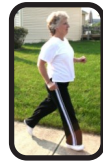
October 3, 17, & 31 @ 9:00 a.m.



Join seasoned outdoorsman and fly-fishing enthusiast, Grant Mahon, for three introductory sessions into this fast growing outdoor sport. The first session will cover tackle and gear required, the second session will go over the types of flies and bugs used for fly fishing and the final session will be a casting lesson with hands-on practice (bring those new rods to class or borrow one of Grant's). The library is accepting a \$20 donation for this 3-part program. Registration is required. Call or visit the main desk to register.

Fitness after Fifty

October 14 & 28th @ 6:00 pm.



Are you interested in starting an exercise program, but have questions about how to begin? Join us for 2 sessions by local fitness expert and personal trainer, John Monteleone. Attendees will learn how to begin maintaining and improving the quality of life by adding fitness into your style of living & the importance of strength training for individuals over the age of 50. Registration is required. Register at the main desk or online at: <http://fitness50-oct2015.eventbrite.com>



Passion in Action Volunteer Fair

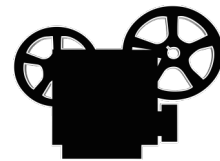
Saturday, October 10th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Do you work for a local non-profit? Need access to volunteers? Call or email Jill Mahon (jill@wyopublib.org) to reserve a table for your organization today!

Are you looking for somewhere meaningful to give some of your time? At the volunteer fair, we are hoping to link local organizations with members of our community who looking for ways to give back. Browse through the library and chat with local groups to see if your interests match their volunteer needs.

Monday Night @ the Movies

Showtime: 5:30 p.m.



Bring your dinner & enjoy a show! We will provide the popcorn.

- October 12th: "Birdman"
- November 9th: "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- December 14th: "Me & Earl & the Dying Girl"

No registration required. For more information, visit us on the Web at: www.wyopublib.org

Book Clubs for Every Genre!

Death In the Stacks Book Club - October 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us in October for our mystery book club. We will be discussing *The Cuckoo's Calling*, a 2013 crime fiction novel by J. K. Rowling, published under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. Refreshments will be provided. Please register at the main desk or online at: <http://death-in-stacks-oct2015.eventbrite.com>

Non-Fiction Book Club - November 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

In November, we will be discussing *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison* by Piper Kerman. Refreshments will be provided. Please register at the main desk or online at: <http://non-fiction-bookclub-nov2015.eventbrite.com>

Tea and Classics Book Club - December 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

We will meet to discuss *Bastard Out of Carolina* by Dorothy Allison in December. Critics have likened Allison to William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, and Harper Lee. Refreshments will be provided. Please register at the main desk or online at: <http://tea-classics-dec2015.eventbrite.com>

**Book Club books will be available for check-out at the Main Desk 6-8 weeks prior to each program.*

Kid's Corner

Storytime

Join Miss Joie for songs, stories and crafts at our weekly storytimes!

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Toddler Storytime (18 months -3): Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

*No registration required.

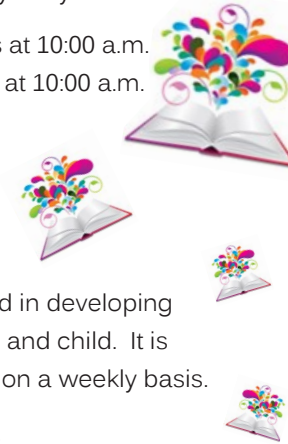
Mini Mother Goose on the Loose

Every Friday @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us for rhymes, music, movement, nursery rhymes, instruments and stories. The program is designed to aid in developing literacy skills and strengthen bonds between care-giver and child. It is most beneficial when children experience the program on a weekly basis.

Infants and children up to age 5 are welcome to attend.

Mini MGOL lasts approximately 15-20 minutes. No registration required.



Family Movie Nights

Tuesday, 10/13 @ 5:30 p.m.: "Hotel Transylvania"

Tuesday, 11/10 @ 5:00 p.m.: "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1"

Therapy Dog Program

For children of all ages.

10/20, 11/17, & 12/15

@ 6:30 p.m.



Read to Trixie & Gifford!

Book Clubs for Kids & Teens

- **Nightmares! Super Spooky Book Club**

Meets every Monday in October from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For 3rd-5th graders. Registration required.

We will be reading "Nightmares!" by Jason Segel



- **Teen Book Club - "Cinder" by Marissa Meyer**

Meets Saturday, 10/10 & 10/31 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.; For ages 12+.

Registration required.



- **Teen Book Club - Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins**

Meets Saturday, 11/14 & 11/28; time TBD; For ages 12+

Registration required.



NaNoWriMo

Celebrate National Novel Writing Month and write with us!

Every Friday in November from 4:00-5:00 p.m. For all ages.



Tutor Time!

Do you know a reluctant reader? Do your kids struggle with reading and writing? Miss Joie is here to help build their skills! This program is FREE and runs every Tuesday after school by appointment ONLY. Email Miss Joie at joie@wyopublib.org for more details.

*Math and science also offered!

Yoga for Kids

With Certified Instructor Amy Sharkey

Mommy & Me Class @ 10:00 a.m. For ages 3-5.

Family Yoga @ 11:00 a.m. For ages 5-9.



Dates:

10/24 11/21

12/19

Class sizes are limited. Registration is required.

Call or visit the main desk to register.

Holiday Traditions

Annual Tree Lighting

Tuesday, 12/1 at 6:00 p.m.

Registration required. For all ages.

Holiday Trolley Tour

Friday, 12/11 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration required. Tickets: \$2 for child, \$5 for adult, under 3 yr. ride free. Tickets on sale 11/2/15.

Gingerbread Build-Off

Saturday, 12/12 at 10:30 a.m.

Registration required. For all ages.

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