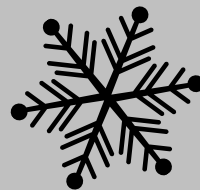


# January - May 2025 @ ELANCO Library



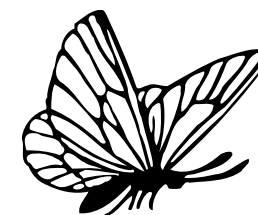
# EVENTS CATALOG



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**ELANCO Library Events  
January - May 2025**



# Every Child Ready to Read

## Music & Movement

**Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. **Each month, we'll focus on a different theme:**

**January:** *All About Instruments:* Learn about the major instruments of the band and the orchestra through listening, play, and stories.

**February:** *Musical Opposites:* Explore concepts of loud/soft, fast/slow, high/low, short/long, and more, with songs, activities, and books.

**March:** *American Treasures:* Sing, listen, and read your way through the great musical traditions of the United States.

**April:** *Music from Around the World:* Learn about the opposites of night and day through stories, crafts, and activities!

**May:** *Silly at the Symphony:* Join us for a hands-on, playful introduction to classical music.

This musical storytime is designed to promote language development and reading readiness skills while providing young children with joyful introductions to a variety of music and music-making experiences. Also a great storytime experience for active children who do not enjoy sitting still! For ages 0-6; siblings welcome.



## Preschool Storytime

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, or movement activities while building language and literacy skills. For ages 4-6 and siblings.

## Toddler Thursdays

**Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot and hop between stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. For ages 0-3 and siblings.

**Each month, we'll focus on a different theme for Preschool Storytime and Toddler Thursdays:**

**January:** *Cats and Dogs:* Woof! Meow! We'll read some of our favorite books featuring our furry friends!

**February:** *Emotions:* Join us for stories and activities featuring identifying feelings and managing emotions!

**March:** *Weather:* Look up in the sky, what do you see? We will focus on stories and activities that explore weather and the seasons!

**April:** *Trees, Flowers, and Plants:* Join us to learn and grow as we take a closer look at trees, flowers, and plants.

**May:** *Dinosaurs:* Join us as we roar, stomp, and learn together through stories featuring some of our favorite prehistoric creatures!



## Winter Play & Learn Series

**Fridays, January 17, 24, & 31, and February 7 at 10:30 a.m.**

Families of children birth through age 5 are invited to connect with other parents and learn about community resources while enjoying opportunities for play and special enrichment activities! This series is co-sponsored by **Community Action Partnership, CrossNet Ministries, ELANCO Library, The Basics Lancaster County, and the Eastern Lancaster County School District. Registration is required.** For more information, and to register, contact **Angela Beck** at [abeck@caplanc.org](mailto:abeck@caplanc.org).





# Local History & Genealogy



## Happy Birthday Pennsylvania!

Saturday, March 8 at 12 p.m.

Join us to celebrate King Charles II granting William Penn the charter to found the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a *Happy Birthday Pennsylvania* Party! This event will include a potluck lunch, a costume contest, and a dramatic reading of the entire Charter. Guests are invited (but not required) to bring a dish to share. Attendees are welcome to come in historical costume, if they like, and one adult and one child will be chosen as the winner of the best costume. The Charter will be read aloud by interested adults, teens, and children who attend the event – we will pass around a large-print copy, and many people will read a section each. For all ages.



## Researching Family History: Getting Started, presented by Aimee Caya, LancasterHistory

Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

The program will give attendees guidance on how to begin compiling family histories, with a focus on researching ancestors in Lancaster County. **Aimee Caya** is the Director of Library and Research Services at **LancasterHistory**, where she helps visitors to the Research Center look for information about their Lancaster County ancestors or satisfy their curiosity about local history.



# ELANCO LIBRARY WINTER READING CHALLENGE



**January 3, 2025 - February 28, 2025**

**Get cozy with your favorite books and read to earn cool prizes!**

**Visit the ELANCO Library to pick up your reading logs starting January 3rd.**



**Adult and children's reading challenges available.**



## Winter Reading Program 2025 Instructions

1. Pick up your winter reading logs at the ELANCO Library starting January 3rd, 2025. Please return logs by **February 28th, 2025!**
2. Fill out the sign-up sheet with your name, date, and age (if 18 or younger). The Winter Reading Program is for all ages!
3. Read! Record your progress with the bingo sheet as you read during the winter.
4. Once you have completed your sheet, bring it to the ELANCO Library to redeem your prize (you may only participate in the challenge once). Prizes are available while supplies last.

**Winter Reading Bingo Prize for Kids:** Choice of prize from prize bin.

**Winter Reading Bingo Prize for Adults:** An entry into a drawing for gift cards for local businesses.

*\*The Winter Reading Bingo Challenge is an extra incentive offered by the ELANCO Library only. You must return your bingo sheet to ELANCO Library to collect your prize!*







# Special Events for Homeschool Families

## Lunch & Learn : How to Use the Library

**Wednesday, February 26 at 12 p.m.**

Attention homeschool families! Are you visiting our library for the first time or need a quick refresher on how it works? Do you want to know what resources our library has to offer to help supplement your curriculum? If so, please join us for this program in the Community Room on the library's lower level! We'll begin with a brief presentation and an introduction to the resources the library offers. You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat it during the presentation.

**The library will provide beverages and healthy snacks.** Following the presentation, we'll take a tour of the library and highlight some of the special new learning kits (focused on science, music, and early literacy) that you can now check out from ELANCO Library. No registration is required. Come prepared with your own questions, research inquiries, and library needs - there will be plenty of time for Q & A!



## Lunch & Learn: Intro to Online Learning

**Saturday, March 15 at 12 p.m.**

Attention homeschool families! Did you know that ELANCO Library has a plethora of online resources that can help supplement your curriculum? These include:

- Reliable reference and information resources on science, history, social studies, current events, literature, and more
- Live, real-time, individualized online tutoring from experts!
- Tools to assist with learning a second language
- Test preparation resources to help your student get ready for their next steps in college, career, or military
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines that you can borrow for free with your library card

Please join us in the library's Community Room for an introduction to these resources! **Free pizza will be provided** for those who do! To ensure that we have the proper amount of pizza, pre-registration is required. Come prepared with your own personal questions, research inquiries, and individual library needs - there will be plenty of time for Q & A! For a preview and more information on the library's online resources, see: <https://elancolibrary.org/lynx-eresources-for-everyone/>

## Lunch & Learn : Research Assistance Drop-In Day

**Friday, April 25 at 12 p.m.**

Homeschool families, are you working on a research paper or other school project and/or researching a topic? Join us to get personalized assistance from a librarian and gather books and other resources that will assist you with your endeavor! We'll begin with a brief presentation introducing library resources. You are welcome to bring your lunch and eat it during the presentation.

**The library will provide beverages and healthy snacks.** Then, we'll help you collect information resources for your project! No registration required; same day walk-ins welcome. Consider sending an email describing your project to [adagostino@elancolibrary.org](mailto:adagostino@elancolibrary.org) by April 18 so that we can be best prepared with what you need.

## Homeschool Curriculum & Book Swap

**Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.**

Homeschooling families are invited to find good homes for books you've outgrown, collect new educational materials for free, and connect with other home educators.

**11-11:30 a.m.:** Drop off books & enjoy social time. **11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.:** Tour the library and learn about resources the library offers to homeschoolers. **12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.:** Select and take home books.

# STEM



## Lego Creation Club

**Thursdays, January 23, February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 8 at 6 p.m.**

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library.

## Birding 101

**Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m.**

Ever wonder what kind of birds are visiting your feeders? Are you interested in birding but don't know where to start? Join **Miss Jen** for this workshop for all ages and skill levels!



## STEM Challenge: Easter Egg Drop

**Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m.**

In this STEM challenge, participants will design a safety device for their egg using basic materials. Then, we will drop the eggs from a high point to see if they "survive" the fall! Workshop is best for elementary-aged students, but all ages are invited to enjoy some family fun with this egg-citing science experiment!

## The Extraordinary Gardener: A Longwood Gardens Community Read Program

**Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m.**

Visit us for a special storytime read of *The Extraordinary Gardener* by Sam Boughton followed by an opportunity to plant your own seeds to take home with you! All ages welcome. Part of the **Longwood Gardens Community Read Program**.



# For Teens



## Teen Tuesdays

**Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

Join **Miss Jen** on Tuesdays during the school year for an hour of crafts, games, snacks and more! No registration required. For tweens and teens.

### Schedule:

**1/7:** Reflection and Goal Setting

**1/14:** STEM Winter Olympics

**1/21:** Investigate an Artist or Author

**1/28:** How to Spot Scams and Fraud

**2/4:** STEM Owl Pellet Dissection

**2/11:** Managing Emotions

**2/18:** Social Issues: World Hunger

**2/25:** Dream Jobs

**3/4:** Board Games Day

**3/11:** Social Issues: Artificial Intelligence

**3/18:** 3-Dux Dream Apartment

**3/25:** STEM Robots

**4/1:** Poetry Slam

**4/8:** STEM LEGO© Day

**4/15:** Endangered Species

**4/22:** Social Issues: Energy Crisis

**4/29:** Common Myths & Misconceptions

**5/6:** Button Making

**5/13:** Craft Day

**5/20:** Support Systems

**5/27:** Pizza Party Hangout





# Special Guests



## Read Aloud with Pepper!

**Saturdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3 at 2 p.m.**

Research shows that therapy dogs help people to improve attention span, focus, & well-being and that reluctant readers enjoy and benefit from reading aloud to a pup. People of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to **Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever**, who will be accompanied by **Mrs. Carol Stark**.

## Folded Book Art Class

**Thursday, January 23 at 2 p.m.**

Join **Jeannette Kolb**, long-time library volunteer and book artist, for a folded book art class! Making folded book art involves marking and folding the pages of a book to create a three-dimensional sculpture, image, design, or word on the edge of the pages. Jeannette will introduce the craft, display some of her work, demonstrate basic techniques, and get you started on your own creation. The class is limited to 10 adults, and pre-registration is required. Learn to transform unwanted books into stunning works of art. All supplies will be provided.



## Read with Royalty!

**Saturday, February 1 at 11 a.m.**

Did you know that New Holland has royalty? Well, we do, and all are invited to meet **2024 New Holland Farmers' Fair Queen Genevieve Adamow** at the library! Genevieve will provide an agricultural informational session featuring read-alouds and a craft. Event is best for children ages 3 to 9 with parent or caregiver, but all are welcome.

## GIANT Mini Chef Program

**Wednesday, April 9 at 10 a.m.**

**Charlotte Scheid, a dietician from GIANT Foods**, will teach children aged 3 to 8 about healthy foods and lead them in making a healthy snack! Registration is required.



# Crafts



## Hooks and Needles: Yarn Craft Club

**Mondays, January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, and May 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us in the comfy chairs on the first floor of the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. For all ages.



# For Adults

## Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

**Mondays, January 6, February 3,  
March 3, April 7, and May 5  
at 2 p.m.**

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. **Book selections are:**

**January:** *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

**February:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

**March:** *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins.

**April:** *A Traitor in Whitehall* by Julia Kelly.

**May:** *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan.

## Tech Tips for Seniors

**Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m.**

Bring your cell phone, tablet, or laptop to the library to get assistance with your perplexing technical problem! Learn how to use Libby to get free ebooks & eAudiobooks with your library card. Tips on how to optimize your devices for low vision will be included. *Questions?*

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