

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY

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SPECIAL EVENTS

AT ELANCO LIBRARY



Researching Your Family Tree

Presented by
Julia Wilker,
Mennonite Life



Happy Birthday Pennsylvania!

A
Community Party
Celebrating
Pennsylvania's
Founding



Researching Family History

Presented by
Aimee Caya,
LancasterHistory

EVENTS ARE FREE
AND NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Researching Your Family Tree: Beginning Research at Mennonite Life, with Julia Wiker **Thursday, January 16 at 2 p.m.**

Ready to learn more about researching your family tree? Join **Mennonite Life Archivist & Librarian Julia Wiker** for an introduction to genealogy and history research! You'll learn how to use the Mennonite Life Library's online and onsite resources to research local Mennonite history and your own genealogy. Online resources include Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/>) and Family Search (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/>) and are accessible to anyone, anywhere. Onsite resources are available at Mennonite Life (2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602-1499), and include archival materials, Newspapers.com, and Ancestry.com. Julia Wiker is the Archivist & Librarian at Mennonite Life. She has a Master's in Library Science from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is passionate about rare books, German translation, and connecting researchers with their heritage/ancestors/stories from family history.

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.

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Winter Reading Program for All Ages*January 3 to February 28*

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

Visit the ELANCO Library to pick up your reading logs starting January 3. Adult and children's reading challenges available.

Music & Movement : All About Instruments*Mondays at 10:30am*

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. For ages 0-6; siblings welcome! In January, we'll learn about the major instruments of the band and the orchestra through listening, play, and stories.

Preschool Storytime: Cats & Dogs*Tuesdays at 10:30am*

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, or movement activities while building language and literacy skills. For ages 4-6, siblings welcome! Woof! Meow! This month we will read some of our favorite books featuring our furry friends!

Teen Tuesdays*Tuesdays at 3:30pm*

Join Miss Jen on Tuesdays during the school year for an hour of crafts, games, snacks and more! For tweens and teens.

Schedule:*1/7: Mental Health Day: Reflection and Goal Setting**1/14: STEM Winter Olympics**1/21: Research Day: Investigate an Artist or Author**1/28: Financial Literacy Day: How to Spot Scams and Fraud***Toddler Thursdays: Cats & Dogs***Thursdays at 10:30am*

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot, and hop with 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, sibling welcome! Woof! Meow! This month we will read some of our favorite books featuring our furry friends!

Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!*Saturday, January 4 at 2pm*

Children 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.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion*Monday, January 6 at 2 p.m.*

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for January is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club*Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm*

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 at the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. For all ages.

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.

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. Please visit www.elancolibrary.org to register. Learn to transform unwanted books into stunning works of art. All supplies will be provided.

LEGO Creation Club*Thursday, January 23 12 at 6pm*

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library. Recommended for ages 8+ and siblings.