

MAY 2025



EXPLORE



ELANCO Library

OUR NEW STORYWALK!



Librarian Jen Watson, attendees of Preschool Storytime, and guests from Garden Spot Village walk the StoryWalk path and read Kenard Pak's **Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring** together.



ELANCO Library and **Garden Spot Village** recently collaborated to set up a **StoryWalk** which spans the Library grounds and the Garden Spot Village campus! **StoryWalks** are designed to **encourage two positive activities, reading a book and taking a walk**; with a view to **promoting literacy, parental involvement, physical movement/activity, and positive community relationships**. People of **all ages** are encouraged to **read a children's picture book** while **walking along a short path**, sometimes with prompts to discuss a question or do an activity at each post. The first book in the StoryWalk is *Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring* by Kenard Pak. ELANCO Library will put a **new book** in the StoryWalk **approximately every three months**, and ELANCO Library and Garden Spot Village will periodically offer special StoryWalk events, both individually and jointly. **Everyone is also invited to enjoy walking and reading your way through the StoryWalk on you own at any time!**

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE!



LEGO Creation Club

Thursday, May 8 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.

The Extraordinary Gardener

Saturday, May 10 at 11am

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. Everyone who attends will have the chance to win four free passes to Longwood Gardens. Part of the Longwood Gardens Community Read Program. For more information, please visit:

<https://longwoodgardens.org/education/community-read/community-read-2025>

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Monday, May 12 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.

Homeschool Curriculum and Book Swap

Saturday, May 17 at 11am

Homeschooling families are invited to:

- Find good homes for books you've outgrown
- Collect new educational materials for free
- Connect with other home educators

11-11:30am: Drop off your books and enjoy social time

11:30am-12:15pm: Tour the library and learn about resources the library offers to homeschoolers

12:15pm-1:00pm: Select and take home books

This will be a completely free exchange, without strings attached – materials are contributed without condition, and people take materials without charge or condition, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Music & Movement: Silly at the Symphony

Mondays at 10:30am - For ages 0-6, siblings welcome!

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. Join us this month for a hands-on, playful introduction to classical music.

Preschool Storytime: Dinosaurs

Tuesdays at 10:30am - For ages 4-6, siblings welcome!

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. This month, we'll roar, stomp, and learn together through stories featuring some of our favorite prehistoric creatures!

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

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:

5/6: Button Making

5/13: Craft Day

5/20: Mental Health Day (Support Systems)

5/27: Pizza Party Hangout

Toddler Thursdays: Dinosaurs

Thursdays at 10:30am - For ages 0-3, siblings welcome!

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. This month, we'll read books featuring some of our favorite prehistoric creatures!

Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!

Saturday, May 2 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, May 5 at 2pm

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for May is: *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan.

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