



# PEOPLES LINK

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FALL 2008

## The President's Message . . .

Another school year is upon us. As the library plans for 2009, we are left to reflect upon the changes that have occurred at our library over the years. 2008 has brought many significant changes to our library and libraries across Westmoreland County. The most far reaching change has been the implementation of our system wide library catalog.

Eight years ago, we sent out a survey to gauge how we were doing. Enclosed with this edition of the newsletter, we are once again asking for your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions as we close in on the end of the decade. A number of the questions on the survey, which can be detached and sent it, require a simple yes/no response, but a few are open ended in nature. I am asking you to please spend a few minutes and consider what you think Peoples Library needs to do in order to continue functioning as an important educational institution in Northwestern Westmoreland County, today, next year and well into the future. We appreciate your thoughts and look forward to reading your responses.

Sincerely,  
**Dom Giordano**  
*President*  
*Peoples Library Board of Trustees*



## Lunch 2008

All theories about how to increase the money earned for the Library are apparently incorrect. We had fewer attendees this year at the Library Luncheon and made more money! Many thanks to **Mary Margaret Zuck, Mary Jo Benec, Millie Pipman, Maxine Seiss, Jo Lee Shamey, Valarie Moses, Dorothy Kress** and all the volunteers who made it such a success.

Every year the baskets (all donated) get bigger and better and this year was no exception. The bake sale, which **Marge Zuck** started just a few years ago has taken off and brings in a great deal of money. All the activities are great fun and this year **Millie Pipman** gave an informal talk on "How to start a book club." The audience participated with their own book suggestions, so everyone was involved. We all enjoyed the festivities and hope that those of you who did not attend this year can make it to the lunch in 2009.

Next year's luncheon will be the first Saturday in May. We hope to see you there and please bring friends. We are aiming for 200 attendees.

## Book Sale 2008

*There is definitely a family element to the Book Sale*



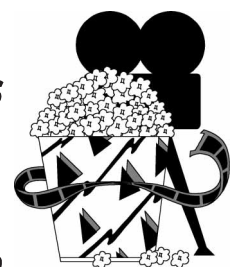
This year featured many people who have been with us for years. And several brought new additions. The **McNutts** brought **Mark** again but also added **David** to help. **Mary Andree's** kids have grown up with us and this year brought a new granddaughter. **Mary Jean Hartman** not only brought her daughter **Susan** to keep the money straight, but **Susan** brought her son **Jeremy**. And the three families joined together to play chess!

And to go full circle ... **Mark** and **Jeremy's** job was carrying books up the stairs and dumbwaiter which was invented some years ago by the sons of our new volunteer recruiter, **Millie Pipman**.

O.K, the real reason for the sale isn't to catch up with friends and relatives. We did make over \$1,000 more this year than last. So we will start again in January of 2009 collecting and sorting and enjoying the "Library Family."

Many thanks to all for your support through donations and hard work.

**Saturday Kids  
Movie Matinees  
return to  
Peoples Library  
New Kensington**



September 13, 2008

September 27, 2008

October 11, 2008

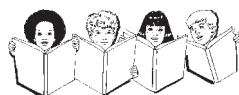
November 8, 2008

**All movies will begin at 1:00 p.m.**

Please call Peoples Library New Kensington  
at 724-339-1021, ext. 10,  
for the names of the movies.

Our license agreement does not enable us to  
advertise the names of the movies outside the  
library.

# Youth Programs at Peoples Library



## STORY HOURS

**September/October 2008**

Join story hour and have fun hearing exciting stories, creating crafts to take home, learning shapes, colors and singing with finger plays.

***Class is about 40-50 minutes long depending on activities.***

**Register Now. Class starts week of September 15th**

### Under 2 Years of Age

Lower Burrell TUESDAY 10:15 AM  
9/16, 23, 30 - 10/7, 14

### 2 & 3 Year-Olds

New Kensington WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM  
9/17, 24 - 10/1, 8, 15

### 4 & 5 Year-Olds

New Kensington WEDNESDAY 1:00 PM  
9/17, 24 - 10/1, 8, 15

### 2 & 3 Year-Olds

Lower Burrell THURSDAY 10:15 AM  
9/18, 25 - 10/2, 9, 16

### 2 & 3 Year-Olds

Lower Burrell THURSDAY 11:00 AM  
9/18, 25 - 10/2, 9, 16

### 4 & 5 Year-Olds

Lower Burrell THURSDAY 12:30 PM  
9/18, 25 - 10/2, 9, 16

### 4 & 5 Year-Olds

Lower Burrell THURSDAY 1:30 PM  
\*Independent\* 9/18, 25 - 10/2, 9, 16

*This is for children who need more independent work.*

### **HOME SCHOOLERS WELCOME!**

**PARENTS MAY REMAIN IN MAIN ROOM OF LIBRARY.**

❖ Work will be done by child following simple directions. Parents are welcome to view progress from window. We've had great results with this method. We do not aim for perfection. Learning is a process. Please note classes offer children a good experience and enhance skills in a pleasant atmosphere.

❖ There is no charge, **but donations are most welcome** to offset the cost of crafts. **ALSO:** Sometimes we must reschedule class due to staff commitments.

### **QUESTIONS? CALL EITHER**

**Lower Burrell (724) 339-1565**

**New Kensington (724) 339-1021, Ext. 15**

## ***Coming in the next newsletter . . .***

Luncheon Update: May 2009  
Exciting Events Coming to the Library  
A feature story about Mary Jean Hartman  
Information about the 2009 Book Sale

## ***Please Mark Your Calendar for the following:***

**October 25th**

***Family Fall Festival & Stage Right***  
2:00 PM at the New Kensington Location

**October 28th**

### ***Safety Fair***

10:00 AM at the New Kensington Location

***Literacy Programs to be announced  
and Family Nights Too!!***

***Please pre-register. Thank You.***



## ***Books Coming to Peoples Library and the Westmoreland Library Network***

### **October**

**One Fifth Avenue** ..... by Candace Bushnell  
**Grace** ..... by Richard Paul Evans  
**A Christmas Wallflower** ..... by Lisa Kleypas  
**The Most Wanted Man** ..... by John LeCarre  
**The Given Day** ..... by Dennis Lehane  
**A Cedar Cove Christmas** ..... by Debbie Macomber  
**Called Out of Darkness** ..... by Anne Rice  
**The Letters** ..... by Luanne Rice  
**Heat Lightning** ..... by John Sandford  
**The Comforts  
of a Muddy Saturday** ..... by Alexander McCall Smith  
**The Lucky One** ..... by Nicholas Sparks  
**Hot Mahogany** ..... by Stuart Woods  
**Before You Do** ..... by T.D. Jakes

### **The Way We Work:**

#### **Getting to Know the**

**Amazing Human Body** ..... by David Macaulay  
**Mother Warriors** ..... by Jenny McCarthy  
**Here's The Story** ..... by Maureen McCormick  
**Members of the Family** ..... by Cesar Millan  
**John Lennon: The Life** ..... by Phillip Norman

### **Daily Readings: From**

**Become a Better You** ..... by Joel Osteen  
**Love Your Life: Living Happy,  
Healthy, and Whole** ..... by Victoria Osteen  
**Against Medical Advice** ..... by James Patterson

### **November**

**The Gate House** ..... by Nelson DeMille  
**Extreme Measures** ..... by Vince Flynn  
**Dark Summer** ..... by Iris Johansen

### **Bones:**

**An Alex Delaware Novel** ... by Jonathan Kellerman  
**Testimony** ..... by Anita Shreve  
**A Good Woman** ..... by Danielle Steel

***Reading at  
Peoples Library  
and much,  
much more!***

***SRP 2008***



***The children, with the help of high schoolers, plant a garden.***



***Gardening Club picking beans***



***Weeding Party***



***Stepping Stones for the garden***



***Amanda and Shaylynn with their bounty***



***Chess Champ***



***Bruce from Children's Institute  
How to be friends with people who have special needs***

# What You Can Do For Your Library

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to Peoples Library

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Patron (up to \$99) \_\_\_\_\_

Century (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

Century Plus (\$101-\$349) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Peoples Library**

**The Library Society**

(\$350-\$1000) \_\_\_\_\_

Please let me know how I can remember Peoples Library in my estate plans. (Check box)



➤ **Celebrate an occasion by purchasing an item for the collection.**

A bookplate commemorating a birthday, anniversary, retirement, or other "celebration" will be placed inside the book, book on tape or other item purchased for the library's collection.

➤ **Consider a charitable income tax deduction or other charitable giving technique.**

For more information on charitable giving options, please contact **Kurt Carlson** at Hefren-Tillotson, at (724) 940-0990 for a confidential discussion of options for giving to Peoples Library.

➤ **Donate empty ink cartridges from your computer's printer.**

Demand for the Internet and word processing increases each year, as does the need for ink to print. In exchange for empty ink cartridges, the library receives credit towards future ink purchases. Please drop off your empty ink cartridges at either library location.

➤ **Honor the memory of an individual.**

A bookplate commemorating the individual will be placed inside the book, book on tape or other item purchased for the library's collection.

➤ **Donate new or gently used materials to the library.**

Last year, Peoples Library added over twelve hundred new or gently used materials to our collections, the retail value of which was in excess of \$21,000. We are particularly interested in books on tape, books on CD, videos and DVDs. Items we are unable to use for the collection are passed on to our **annual book sale** that takes place in July - another wonderful way to support the library.

➤ **Give to the Annual Fund.**

Each autumn, the library conducts its Annual Fund drive. We thank those who have supported us in the past, and look forward to hearing from new supporters.

➤ **Join the Library Society.**

Ten years ago a group of concerned local citizens led by William C. Klingensmith founded The Library Society. An invaluable tool and funding stream, The Library Society raises money for special projects decided upon by the group in conjunction with the Library Director. For more information please contact the Library Director.

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# *Peoples Library*

## COMMUNITY PLANNING SURVEY 2008

### What community do you live in?

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allegheny Township | <input type="checkbox"/> Arnold                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyde Park     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Burrell      | <input type="checkbox"/> New Kensington                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Burrell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Leechburg     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate community) _____ |  |

### Have you ever been to Peoples Library?

- New Kensington Yes  No       Lower Burrell Yes  No       Both Locations

### Do you have a Peoples Library or Westmoreland Library Network card? Yes No

### Approximately how often do you use either Peoples Library location? \_\_\_\_\_ times per month

### Are you usually satisfied with your experience at the library?

- Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Please check all services that you utilize at the library:

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Materials   | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Programs      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DVD/VHS             | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers/Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Research          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Programs       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books on Tape/CD    | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet          |  |

### Please check any programs or services that you would like the library to provide:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Clubs/Discussions | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry Readings/Worshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Check Out Machines  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy Workshops    | <input type="checkbox"/> Travelogues              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wireless Internet Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Nutrition       | <input type="checkbox"/> Study Areas              | <input type="checkbox"/> More Meeting Room Space  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movies                 |   |   |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Does the location of either of our libraries impact your decision to go to Peoples Library?

- New Kensington Yes  No       Lower Burrell Yes  No

(Over)

