Community recreation has long been valued in Derry Township and as our community evolves and grows, we create recreational opportunities to meet the needs of our residents. We are fortunate today to enjoy ten public parks, a 13-mile biking/walking trail, and a Recreation Center with a swimming pool that was built in 1963. The Hershey Recreation Center has served the community’s needs for aquatics classes, swimming competitions, instructional classes, sports, and special events for over 50 years. Families have spent their summers at the pool, and students stop by to hang out with their friends after school. The Recreation Center has been a gem in the community and has meant a lot to many throughout the years. It is a service that Derry Township is recognized for and one that is important to continue.

The time has come to plan for the future of recreation in Derry Township as the Recreation Center can no longer meet the needs of the community in an outdated facility that is too costly to keep in operation. The Township is working with consultants on plans for a new community recreation center that will provide for the needs of the residents, swim teams, senior citizens, and other community partners who have an interest in a new facility.

The scope of the project includes the following phases: The Mission, Identification of Site Constraints and Variables, Programming Needs, Building Concepts, Cost Estimates, and an Operational Cost Analysis.

Ballard King Associates Inc. and the Township’s engineer Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. facilitated an analysis of the site and the collection of community input on the recreational needs in Derry Township. Two public forums were held last year to receive input from the residents and various organizations on what services are wanted in a center.

Kimmel Bogrette Inc. is the consultant contracted to transform the services to be provided at a new center into a visual footprint of a facility. This phase of the project proposes a 63,327 s.f. facility to include a gymnasium, swimming pool, and senior citizen’s center, and a 23,322 sq. ft. outdoor aquatic area.

Currently, an operational cost analysis on the new facility is being performed in order to obtain a full understanding of the entire cost for a new center. A financial evaluation will be made on the methods to fund the construction and operational costs.

A meeting was held on June 27, 2017 to provide an overview of the proposed center and architectural renderings. The slide presentation and video of the meeting can be seen on the township’s website.

Please watch for announcements on the next public meeting to present further information and for the Board of Supervisors to provide direction on the project.
Solid Experience Results in Promotion of Sergeant Terry Ferree to Lieutenant

Twenty-five years with the Derry Township Police Department, 16 years as a sergeant in the department, has allowed Terry Ferree to develop the skills, knowledge, and leadership necessary to hold a top ranking position. His diversified expertise in law enforcement, calm demeanor and well-thought out methods of execution have made him a valuable and respected member of the department, and has led him to a well-earned promotion.

Ferree joined the department in 1992 and was assigned to the Traffic/Patrol Division. He quickly found his niche as a member of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Team and representative the Dauphin County Accident Reconstruction team, holding certifications in both weights and measures, and accident reconstruction.

He joined the ranks as a sergeant in 2001 and was placed in charge of the 1st Platoon. He was responsible for the day-to-day supervision and operations of his platoon. He was also the Sergeant in charge of the Traffic Safety Section.

Chief Garth Warner said, “Terry has always been the consummate professional. He balances his ability to communicate well with his peers and subordinates with the tasks involved in a leadership position. This will be an easy transition into his new role as the Operations Division Commander.”

Chairman John Foley administered an oath to Lt. Ferree on May 23, 2017.
New Parking Option In Downtown Hershey!

Traveling westbound on Chocolate Avenue near 11 East Chocolate Avenue, travelers will soon notice a back-in angled parking option in this area. This type of parking requires a motorist to signal prior to the space, stop just past the space, and then slowly back in until the vehicle reaches the curb. In conjunction with this improvement, the private driveway adjacent to 11 East Chocolate Avenue will be converted to one-way out.

Back-in angled parking offers several benefits to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. It eliminates the difficulty of backing into traffic that is present with pull-in angled parking, provides motorists with better vision of bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vehicles, and also improves safety when loading and unloading cargo and helping children in and out of car seats. With back-in angled parking, open car doors direct young children toward a point of safety rather than out into the street.

Check out the following examples of back-in angled parking in other communities:

Instructions for parking in a back-in angled parking space

Video providing background information on back-in angled parking

Downtown Hershey’s Fall Event
Saturday, October 14
12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Fall is a time for festivals and you don’t want to miss the live music, craft beer, chocolate and delicious food at Choctoberfest 2017.

The event is free with food and beverages available for purchase. Check out www.downtownhershey.com for event details.
Members of the Police Department Are Recognized for Decisive Actions

Chief of Police Garth Warner presented two Life Saving awards and a Unit Citation at the June 13, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Officer Dennis Shearer was recognized for his quick assessment and action to administer Naloxone to an unconscious male suffering from a heroin overdose.

Officer Kenneth Shank was recognized for successfully reversing the effects of an opioid overdose by administering two doses of Naloxone to an unconscious male.

Officers Tim Keister, Jason Rode, Sean Sargen, Dennis Shearer, Dennis Eckenrode, Mike McCormick, and Kevin Leiss, Community Service Officers Ken Crane and John Balint, and Lt. Terry Ferree received commendations for their swift action in response to a brush fire in the area of Waltonville and Wyndham Roads. Due to the conditions, residents in the vicinity were evacuated and the fire was controlled preventing the loss of life and property.

Derry Township Invites Community to Diversity & Inclusion Events

The Township of Derry is pleased to invite the community to the Hershey Area All Things Diversity Sessions for 2017-2018. The educational sessions are organized by the Township, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, The Hershey Company and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts.

All of the sessions will be held on the main level of The Hershey Story located at 63 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey. A light supper and dessert will be provided to attendees. The sessions are free but seating is limited and advance registration is required.
Creating a Safe and Inclusive Community
By Preventing Bullying
September 18, 2017, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Hershey Story Museum
Presenter: Erica Weiler-Timmins, Director of Psychological Services at Milton Hershey School

Bullying can threaten the physical and emotional safety of youth and negatively impact their functioning. A safe and supportive climate can help prevent bullying. In this session, we will address the prevalence and impact of bullying and strategies to create a safer and more inclusive community for our youth.

Erica Weiler-Timmins Ph.D., ABPP is the Director of Psychological Services and Training at Milton Hershey School, with 20 years of experience serving at-risk youth. She is a Pennsylvania Licensed Psychologist, a Pennsylvania Certified School Psychologist and is Board Certified in School Psychology. Her areas of interest and expertise are childhood maltreatment, diversity, ethics, training, and supervision. Dr. Weiler-Timmins serves as the Vice President of the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance.

Please register here for September 18th, 2017 event.

Navigating the Generations:
Creating an Inclusive Community for All Ages
November 20, 2017, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Hershey Story Museum
Presenter: Lynette Chappell-Williams, Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at Penn State Health and Penn State College of Medicine

The U.S. now has six living generations, and each has its own attributes, based on their collective experiences. Recognizing the needs and interests of each age group helps our community develop strategies to create a more inclusive environment for all, regardless of age. This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the general characteristics of each of the age groups and to brainstorm inclusive strategies for the different generations.

Lynette Chappell-Williams, JD, is the Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion for Penn State Health and Penn State College of Medicine. She is a lawyer, by training, but has focused on creating more diverse and inclusive workplaces for the past 18 years.

Please register here for November 20th, 2017 event.

Creating an Inclusive Environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Members
January 15, 2018, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Hershey Story Museum
Presenter: Joan Rater, Producer

According to GLAAD, an organization committed to “rewrite[ing] the script for LGBT acceptance,” we all have an opportunity to change the culture for the LGBT community by encouraging dialogue that leads to this change. Joan Rater will join us to share her experiences raising a transgender child with the hope that what she has learned will help to shape our dialogue for change in the Hershey community.

After joining Grey’s Anatomy at the start of the second season with her writing partner and husband (Tony), Joan Rater (and Tony) rose through the ranks and co-ran the show alongside creator Shonda Rhimes for 10 seasons. For their work on Grey’s, Joan and Tony earned a WGA award for New Series in Television in 2005. They also have been nominated for two Emmys in 2006 and 2007, both for “Outstanding Drama Series”. Among other shows, Joan has also written for Law & Order: Trial By Jury as well as Madam Secretary.

Please register here for January 15th, 2018 event.

Understanding Religious Differences to Create a More Respectful and Inclusive Community
March 19, 2018, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Hershey Story Museum
Presenter: TBD

Please register here for March 19th, 2018 event.

Opening the Dialogue: Sharing Perspectives of Diverse Populations
May 21, 2018, 5:30–7:15 p.m.
Hershey Story Museum

This panel discussion will provide an opportunity for Hershey community members, of different backgrounds, to share their experiences living or working in Hershey and what we can do, as a community, to be more inclusive than we already are.

Please register here for May 21st, 2018 event.
Director of Library Services, Barbara Ellis, Bids Us Farewell

It’s hard to believe that 15 years have passed since Barbara Ellis was hired to oversee the operation and direction of the Hershey Public Library. The position had been vacant for nearly 9 months prior to learning of Barbara’s interest in the position, and ultimately her coming on board.

She had over 30 years of experience in both the academic and public library systems when she came to Derry Township. She began her career in her hometown of Jamestown, NY as a library assistant for the summer children’s programs with the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System and since that first position has managed every aspect and task necessary to successfully run a library. Leading up to her last day of work on May 18th, Barbara said, “It has been a wonderful journey. It is about the people and serving the community to the best of our abilities.” Whether an employee of the library, or a library patron, Barbara was there to listen, understand, support, and help. She has touched the lives of many during her directorship over the Hershey Public Library.

Township Supervisor and Member of the Board of Library Directors, Marc Moyer, said, “Barbara treated the library like her baby and did all that she could day and night to foster its care. I haven’t seen anyone more dedicated and the Township was lucky to have had her in the library.”

While every aspect of library services was a priority to Barbara, she was particularly focused on being on the cutting-edge of technology and library trends. Most recently, she implemented a new security barcode system for borrowing and returning items, and a system that enables borrowers to renew and manage their accounts online. The business of providing library services has become a demanding electronic world and Barbara stayed tuned in to providing digital resources, access to online courses, and Power Library to access books, movies and more from remote electronic devices.

Barbara operated the library under a fiscally conservative budget; however, she managed to grow the collection, provide computer training, and develop the staff to provide professional programming and marketing services. Year after year, Township Manager Jim Negley praises Barbara’s ability to work within the financial parameters of the township. He said, “Barbara has always been a team player and presents an outstanding budget that is cognizant of the community’s needs.”

Barbara’s service to the township was celebrated with friends, family and colleagues at retirement lunches at both the township building and the library. Barbara was presented with a retirement award at the July 11th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Barbara has been having so much fun since her last day in May by going on a family cruise, and traveling with her grandchildren to Canada, that the concept of slowing down in retirement hasn’t yet happened. Barbara’s husband Gene has also recently retired as a college professor and they can ease into retirement together.

Chairman John Foley presents Barbara with a retirement award.
Walk to School on October 4th

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration with record breaking participation each October. Today, thousands of schools across America, from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, participate every October.

Please watch for announcements and instructions on how to sign the pledge and be entered in a drawing for awesome prizes!

New Officer Brings Police Department to Full Complement

William Leadbetter, Jr., is the newest police officer to join the ranks of the Derry Township Police Department. Officer Leadbetter received a Bachelor of Science from Clarion University. He served the United States Marine Corp, holding the rank of sergeant, and serving two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

He graduated from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Police Academy and was selected as the class president by his peers.

He was employed as a deputy sheriff with the Clarion County Sheriff’s Office prior to accepting employment with Derry Township. Chief Garth Warner said, “Bill has shown a great desire to learn as much as he can while starting out with our department, and he brings great enthusiasm and a solid work ethic to work each day. He is a great addition to the Police Department.”

Chairman John Foley, Officer William Leadbetter, Jr., and Chief Garth Warner
Leaf collection is scheduled to begin Monday, October 2 and end on December 4. Residents are asked to observe the following guidelines when placing their leaves at the curb:

1. No leaf collection will be made in alleys.
2. Do not place foreign materials, such as rocks, toys, boards, tree trimmings, garden waste, flower stalks, etc. in the leaves to be collected. If any such items are present, the leaf pile will not be collected. Foreign material in leaf piles can cause personal injuries to workers and mechanical breakdown of equipment.
3. Grass clippings will not be collected with the leaves and can be placed with the trash or taken to the Recycling Center during operating hours.

Inclement weather and an overabundance of leaves may delay the schedule. In preparation of leaf collection, please trim tree branches along the street to a height of 12’ above the cart way to allow clearance for the trucks and make sure that basketball hoops do not extend beyond the curb.
Laura O’Grady stepped foot in the Hershey Public Library several years ago and from that point she had hoped for an opportunity in the future to become a part of it. She took the realm as the director on June 28. She has a high regard for the services provided in Hershey and an enthusiasm and excitement for the “incredible opportunities for what libraries can do in this world’s future”.

Laura’s career in library services began as a volunteer library aide at the 67th St Library in New York while attending Pratt Institute and earning a Masters of Library and Information Science with a concentration in children’s and youth services. Laura believes that she was destined for a career in library services because both her mother and two of her aunts are librarians.

She grew up in York where she attended York College and received a Bachelor of Arts in History, and returned to the area in 2012 to accept a position with the Martin Library as an Information Services Librarian. During the time that she was employed at the Martin Library she also held the position of Youth Services Librarian, and most recently Director of Development. She was successful at receiving a $100,000 grant for workforce development programming at York County Libraries.

“The few short weeks I’ve spent at Hershey Public Library have made me feel right at home. The staff, Friends, Board and community are incredibly supportive of our library and have welcomed me with open arms. Now that information is more widely accessible than ever before we are living in an exciting time for libraries, making library work more about creativity and experimentation than it has been in the past. I’m delighted that I get to help shape the future of Hershey Public Library with the help of so many good people in such a great community,” said Laura.

She feels that the volunteers are the heartbeat of the library and are an advocate for the library’s services. Laura will lead the library staff as a collaborative team with everyone having a hand in it with a fun spin while fostering trust, respect, and open communication.

Township Manager James Negley said, “I was very excited to offer the position to Laura. She possesses a full array of experience in library operations, the skills to develop extraordinary partnerships and work relationships, and an energy for shaping the future of the Hershey Public Library.” She serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Library Association and chair of the Youth Services Division, the American Library Association, the Association of Library Services to Children, and the Rotary Club of York North. She was the 2013 recipient of the Pennsylvania New Librarian Honors Award.

An integral role in this process is the development and review of policies and procedures and documentation to insure that the department is in compliance with the standards of the accreditation. Julia Shirk accepted the Accreditation Manager position on May 1 and will utilize her organizational skills and attention to detail to maintain all of the files and update the electronic accreditation databases.

Julia’s prior positions were in marketing where she created promotional materials, managed website content, and provided account based marketing strategies. She has six years of experience in law enforcement with the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department, Colorado. She managed the department’s records, wrote policies, coordinated the usage of the Colorado and National Crime Information Center Computers and the storage and destruction of evidence.

The former accreditation manager, Leslie Fuller, who now holds another position with the department, has been working closely with Julia since May, and said, “The experience that Julia gained as an Administrative Assistant with the Mt. Crested Butte Police Department coordinating training for the officers and developing department policies and the knowledge she has in these areas has made it a smooth transition into the position of Accreditation/Training Coordinator. She will be a great asset to the Derry Township Police Department.”
The following employees were chosen by their department director to be recognized for their outstanding performance.

**MATTHEW DOTTs, POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Garth Warner said, “Detective Dotts has been employed by the Police Department since April 1999. During his tenure with the department he has moved from the patrol section to the criminal investigative section. He has made a thorough effort to familiarize himself with the aspects of investigations, and theft, multi-lending institution accounts, and the use of modern technology to commit theft and fraud. He is considered an expert in the department and throughout Dauphin County in crime involving modern technology, the internet, and social media.

He has recently been appointed to the regional cybercrime task force for the FBI. He has been instrumental in the department’s development and use of social media and the internet to keep us connected to the community. He is a component of the community policing program and the Coffee with a Cop events. He has consistently shown his dedication to the police department, the township, and the citizens which we serve.”

**ROSEMARY FENYVES, LIBRARY**

Laura O’Grady, Director of Library Services said, “Rosemary was selected for this year’s award because of her willingness to go the extra mile to help her colleagues. She has become indispensable in the circulation department and uses her creativity to help the children’s department prepare for their programming. Rosemary’s smile, humor, and generosity make her a valued member of our team.”

**KATE CLARK, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Matt Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation said, “Kate has been employed since June 2014 as a front desk attendant at the Recreation Center and as such she represents the voice and face of the department to the public. She consistently demonstrates a friendly and approachable style to her work and has gained the respect of both her peers and management through her tremendous work ethic and willingness to assist where she is needed at any given time. Kate has proven her tremendous value to the parks and recreation team. Thanks you for all of your hard work in serving the community.”

**GARY WAGNER, PUBLIC WORKS**

Tom Clark, Director of Public Works said, “Gary has been with the department since 1979. He is an integral part of the department as an operator and crew leader and has also served at the recreation center. He is responsible for making the mulch and compost at the Recycling Center.”

**MARISA WELDON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ADMINISTRATION**

Jill Henry, Assistant Township Manager said, “Marisa was hired in 1997 as a part-time secretary for Community Development and five years later was made full-time. She will be employed 20 years with the Township in September.

To say that Marisa is a valued employee is an understatement because I don’t think that you can put a value on the amount of her dedication to not only her position, but in helping other departments. Throughout the years she has also worked for Administration, Finance, and the Police Department.

The Municipal building opens at 8:00 a.m., but Marisa is here every day at 7:30 a.m. She will work tirelessly to complete not only her own work, but to provide coverage for the front desk in Administration. Over the last two years she has trained two part-time secretaries for...
Community Development and two temporary employees for Administration. She puts the needs of the Township before her own and I want her to know how much her efforts are appreciated.

JOEL CONFER, HERSHEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
David Sassaman, Public Information Officer for the Hershey Volunteer Fire Company said, “This is the second year in a row that the Fire Company has chosen a newer member to receive the performance award. Joel joined the Fire Company in 2015 and has completed the essential training as a firefighter and qualified member of the department. His passion for fire services and to the citizens of Derry Township have led him to taking the tests throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania to become a career firefighter. Not only has Joel been one of the most active members of the department in responding to emergencies, he has many hours of additional training and public services that include fire prevention, public safety events and standbys. Joel’s peers have recognized his efforts to make the community a better place to live and it is an honor to have him as a member of the department.”

The Township congratulates the following employees on reaching a milestone year of employment with the Township of Derry:

5 YEARS OF SERVICE
Cassandra Haldeman – Library
Michael McCormick – Police
David Ceresini – Public Works
Brandon Williams – Community Development

15 YEARS OF SERVICE
Dale Nelson – Police
Dennis Shearer – Police
Marisa Weldon – Community Development/Administration (as a full-time employee)

20 YEARS OF SERVICE
Amy Clemson – Parks and Recreation

25 YEARS OF SERVICE
Jan DeAngelis – Parks and Recreation
Brian Grubb – Police Department
Terry Ferree – Police Department

30 YEARS OF SERVICE
Peter Shearer – Library

The Township is fortunate to have employees who are dedicated to the work that they do and for their commitment to providing services to the Derry Township community.

Michele Robertson Joins Department of Community Development

Michele Robertson has made the decision to change gears from working in library services to government services in her hometown of Hershey. She comes to the Township from the Dauphin County Library System where she was an assistant programming and outreach coordinator since 2012. Michele’s roots are in Derry Township where she grew up and attended high school, and was employed by the Hersheypark Giant Center Box Office, and Hersheypark Entertainment Department from 2001 to 2008.

When she’s not working her full-time job, Michele is having fun teaching tap dancing and ballet at the McCann’s School of Dance. As an instructor for 18 years, she has had the pleasure of having some students from their start in dance until their senior year of high school.

She’s drawn to the performing arts and also shares her talents with Hershey Area Playhouse. She has been a volunteer since 1999, serving as the volunteer committee chair from 2008 to 2010.

Her skills will now serve the community in another aspect. Her new responsibilities will include assisting customers with zoning and code issues, processing building and demolition permits, recording development plan submissions and zoning appeals, preparing code notices, and maintaining the necessary files and reports.

The experience that Michele has gained through her previous employment and hobbies and interests will make her a great fit for working with the public and keeping accurate records for the department. Director of Community Development, Chuck Emerick said, “Despite having had over 250 applications for this position, hiring Michele was an easy choice. I know that she will quickly become a valuable member of our team.”
Saying Goodbye to a Familiar Face

The person behind the reception desk is one that regular visitors get to know. They are the face and voice of the business and the first point of contact. During the 14 years that Donna Sweitzer served as a secretary at the Derry Township Municipal Building, many friendships were made. From those who came in each year to purchase a dog license, to those who dropped in weekly with deliveries, and yet the ones who liked to call and harass her about the Yankees found a friend in Donna. Her fun personality and outgoing demeanor drew people in and made them want to stay awhile.

Her organization skills and attention to detail were an asset in managing the front desk operations for the Township. Assistant Township Manager Jill Henry said, “Donna had the ability to stay on top of her responsibilities and to make it look easy. She had a soft heart for anyone with a problem or in need. She was great at performing price comparisons and was dedicated to getting the best deal for the Township.”

Prior to accepting a position with Derry Township, Donna was employed as a Quality Assurance Representative and a Documentation Analyst with Pennsylvania Blue Shield for 15 years.

She made the decision to retire in April and give up her post with the Township. Since retiring, she is taking it easy and completing projects in the new home that she and her husband Dave bought last year and enjoying her granddaughter who was born in May. Donna was presented with a retirement award at a retirement luncheon held in her honor in May.

Another familiar face will take over at the front desk. Marisa Weldon is ready for a change and has transferred as a secretary with Community Development to Administration. She has been with the township for nearly 20 years and her knowledge and experience will be a smooth transition.

Township Manager James Negley presented a retirement award to Donna Sweitzer.

Assistant Township Manager Jill Henry said, “Donna had the ability to stay on top of her responsibilities and to make it look easy. She had a soft heart for anyone with a problem or in need. She was great at performing price comparisons and was dedicated to getting the best deal for the Township.”
Stormwater-Friendly Lawn Care

Some of the information provided in the following article is from the “Homeowner Guide for a More Bay-Friendly Property – Bay-Friendly Lawn Care” published by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. View the full article here: [http://chesapeakestormwater.net/be-bay-friendly/bay-friendly-lawn-care/](http://chesapeakestormwater.net/be-bay-friendly/bay-friendly-lawn-care/)

What are grass clippings? Don’t worry, this isn’t a trick question, but it is an important question. Grass clippings are organic matter. Organic matter contains nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus. Nitrogen and phosphorus are also called fertilizer, and they can help plants and grass grow. When they’re in your vegetable garden, they help good things grow. When they’re in our water bodies, like the Chesapeake Bay, they can help algae grow and cause degradation of water quality. That’s why it’s important to treat grass clippings like the fertilizers that they are.

I think most of us would categorize spreading a bag of fertilizer on the street in front of our house or pouring it down the nearest storm sewer inlet as a bad idea. We understand that is not a smart thing to do and if nothing else it’s a waste of money. Yet, unfortunately, many people do the equivalent by leaving grass clippings on the street or dumping clippings into the storm sewer or nearby stream.

Most lawn mowers today have the ability to chop up grass clippings as you mow your lawn and return them right back to the soil. This process, called mulching, can provide approximately one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. For a mature, healthy lawn, that’s probably all the nitrogen it needs. By mulching your grass clippings, you save time and money and help to keep your lawn healthy.

Sometimes when you’re mowing, grass clippings are left on impervious surfaces like sidewalks and roadways. Take the time to sweep the clippings back onto your lawn. If left on the hard surfaces, they’ll eventually make their way into the storm sewer or local water way and that’s the same as if you put fertilizer right into the water. If you bag your grass clippings, never dispose of them in a storm sewer or into a stream. Besides being a source of nutrients, the large quantity of clippings may clog the pipe and reduce its capacity to convey stormwater during rain events, which may lead to localized flooding and property damage. Once in the pipe, it is expensive to remove and places additional economic burdens to maintain the stormwater system.

Speaking of fertilizing, do not apply fertilizers before spring green up or after the grass becomes dormant. Researchers have concluded that the highest fertilizer loss occurs when the grass is dormant. Depending on climate conditions, the dormancy period usually begins between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Despite popular belief your lawn will green up on its own in the spring, you don’t need to fertilize to make it happen. If you plan to fertilize in the spring, do so after the grass greens up, which means it’s no longer dormant. If you do apply fertilizer, maximize the use of slow release nitrogen fertilizers. Check the bag label to see how much water insoluble nitrogen or WIN it contains. Generally, 20 to 50% of WIN is desirable. In general, you often need a lot less fertilizer than you think, and in many cases if you are mulching your clippings and have a mature lawn you might not even need to fertilize, or only fertilize once a year. Remember, if you aren’t seeing the results you want, you can always add additional fertilizer later. Chances are, you can do with a lot less, and that will save you time and money.
As I was preparing to write this newsletter I couldn’t believe it was referencing August and the coming fall months of 2017. How time flies. I would like to open with a reminder that children will soon be returning to both college and school in the coming weeks. DTSD’s first day of school is August 28th. Let’s all do our part to make this year a successful and safe return.

**School and Fire Prevention**

The fire department encourages parents to spend a few minutes with their college bound students to talk with them about becoming campus fire safety conscious. Please review this [checklist](#).

Now is the time to begin preparing your fire prevention week activities. This year fire prevention week is October 8th through the 14th. Did you know your Hershey Volunteer Fire Department has a fire prevention team ready to come to your school or place of employment and present a fire prevention program for your audience?

I urge all teachers and interested parties to contact the fire department for further information and to secure a date for this year. The fire department can be contacted by phone at (717) 533-2953, by email at [dsassaman@hersheyfire.org](mailto:dsassaman@hersheyfire.org), or by visiting [www.hersheyfire.org](http://www.hersheyfire.org) to schedule your presentation.

**Safety Note**

Fall produces lots of leaves, and the leaves cause an increased risk of fire from car exhausts. Be aware of where you park. Don’t park on leaf piles and make sure that your leaves are not placed near an open ignition source.

This is a great time to prepare for the colder months that are just around the corner. Soon we will be lighting our fireplaces and enjoying the warmth and comfort of the fire. Now is the time to clean and service your chimney for a fire safe season.
September 13 will mark Milton Hershey’s 160th birthday. While he is known for his amazing success and his philanthropy, Milton Hershey first had to overcome failure and poverty.

In the summer of 1886, Milton Hershey returned to Lancaster after his New York City confectionery business went bankrupt. Penniless, he sought out his Snavely relatives for some financial support but his uncles refused to provide any more loans to help Hershey start another business. They were convinced that their nephew would never be a success. However, help came from an unexpected source. William “Lebbie” Lebkicher, who had worked for Milton Hershey in Philadelphia, offered Hershey a place to stay and even paid the bill due for shipping Hershey’s candy making equipment from New York City.

Lancaster, the city that Milton Hershey returned to, was growing rapidly. In 1886, it boasted about 26,000 residents. The city’s industrial base was expanding with modern factories being constructed within city boundaries. There was a growing group of successful entrepreneurs, and the emergence of a wealthy business class. Lancaster was a city on the rise.

In spite of his own family’s rejection, Milton Hershey was undeterred. He immediately launched his third business, the Lancaster Caramel Company. He rented space in a warehouse sized...
building on Church Street, just off Queen Street. In addition to his caramel company, the building housed a carriage maker's shop, a carpet-beating business and a piano and organ manufacturer.

In this rather humble setting, Milton Hershey began making candies, with his mother and Aunt Mattie (Snavely) working as his only employees.

The key to success in the candy making business is producing a large volume of candy. Hershey needed money to expand his business, but he could not persuade any of the local banks to loan him money. An opportunity to expand his caramel business came when a British importer wanted to place a large order. Milton Hershey, armed with the promise of this large order, again approached and was rejected by several banks. Hershey next approached the cashier of the Lancaster County National Bank, F. H. Brenneman. (Milton Hershey was probably not unknown to Mr. Brenneman. His very successful Snavely relatives banked at Lancaster County National Bank.)

The story of the loan is significant. Milton Hershey was able to borrow $700 by securing it with property owned by his Aunt Mattie. But when the loan came due, 90 days later, Milton Hershey was not only unable to repay the loan, he wanted to borrow more money. He invited Mr. Brenneman, the bank’s cashier, to visit his factory. While Brenneman was not impressed with the factory he was impressed with Milton Hershey. Brenneman decided to loan Hershey the money, but, wanting to avoid questions from the bank’s directors, he put his own name on the loan.

This story has a happy ending. Before the loan came due, the importer’s invoice was paid and Hershey was able to repay the bank loan. This large order was the turning point for the Lancaster Caramel Company’s future success.

Lancaster Caramel Company experienced phenomenal growth between 1886 and 1894. During this time the business expanded from a single room to cover almost an entire city block. While most of the early profits were plowed back into the company, there were signs of Milton Hershey’s growing financial success. In 1890 Hershey embarked on his first visit to Europe, combining business with visits to museums, gardens, the theatre, and casinos. In 1891 he purchased a gracious home on South Queen Street in Lancaster. During the early 1890s, Milton Hershey was learning to enjoy some of the pleasures of upper class life.

One of the most visible signs of Lancaster’s recognition of Milton Hershey as an industrial leader was the invitation to join the Hamilton Club in 1893. The Hamilton Club, a private men’s club, had been established in 1889 by some of Lancaster’s most prominent and wealthy business and political leaders. An invitation to become a member of the Hamilton Club was a sure sign of Hershey’s rising stature in the business community.

The Hamilton Club brought him in contact with a circle of contemporaries: successful, active business men who enjoyed good food, billiards and cards.

Milton Hershey and the success of the Lancaster Caramel Company was formally recognized when he was included in the 1894 Portrait and Biographical Record of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The entry described the scope of the Lancaster Caramel Company and concluded with these words:

"In conclusion it only needs to be said that Milton S. Hershey has made a complete success of his life thus far, and is the President of the largest concern of this kind in the world. Mr. Hershey is a firm supporter of the Republican Party, and no man stands higher in business and social circles in the city of Lancaster than this man who has been crowned with success."

It was also in 1894 that Milton Hershey laid the groundwork for what would become his life’s work. On February 8, 1894, Lancaster Caramel Company was incorporated with a newly established business, the Hershey Chocolate Company listed as a subsidiary of the Caramel Company. While the new chocolate business was just getting underway, producing cocoa and chocolate coatings for his caramel business, by 1900 Milton Hershey would be so convinced of chocolate’s future that he would sell his Lancaster Caramel Company, “the largest concern of this kind in the world,” so that he could develop his chocolate business. Within a few years, the growth of Hershey Chocolate Company required building a new factory in Derry Township, Pennsylvania and the factory would become the center of a new model industrial community, Hershey, PA.

Hershey History Provided by Archivist Pamela Cassidy Whitenack.
## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**LIBRARY HOURS**
**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5TH**

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## ADULT SERVICES

**ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM**
**“BUILD A BETTER WORLD BY READING”**

There is still time to “build a better world by reading” and participating in the Adult Summer Reading Program, “Build a Better World Bingo.” Pick up a bingo card and complete five tasks to receive a raffle ticket that will be entered in the drawing at the end of the program for gift cards to local merchants. Continue to read and complete additional activities for more tickets. The program runs through August 31. All raffle tickets must be turned in to the library by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, to be entered in the drawing.

The program, prizes and bingo cards are provided by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library.
ADULT PROGRAMS

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS. REGISTRATION BEGINS ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. SEATING IS LIMITED. CALL THE LIBRARY’S CIRCULATION DESK AT 533-6555, OR VISIT WWW.HERSHELYLIBRARY.ORG TO REGISTER.

THE NAZI TITANIC

Presented by Robert P. Watson • Saturday, September 9, 1:00 p.m.

Built in 1927, the German ocean liner SS Cap Arcona was the greatest ship since the RMS Titanic and one of the most celebrated luxury liners in the world. When the Nazis seized control in Germany, she was stripped down for use as a floating barracks and troop transport. Later, during the war, Hitler's minister, Joseph Goebbels, cast her as the “star” in his epic propaganda film about the sinking of the legendary Titanic. Following the film's enormous failure, the German navy used the Cap Arcona to transport German soldiers and civilians across the Baltic, away from the Red Army's advance. In the Third Reich's final days, the ill-fated ship was packed with thousands of concentration camp prisoners. Without adequate water, food, or sanitary facilities, the prisoners suffered as they waited for the end of the war. Just days before Germany surrendered, the Cap Arcona was mistakenly bombed by the British Royal Air Force, and nearly all of the prisoners were killed in the last major tragedy of the Holocaust and one of history’s worst maritime disasters.

Although the British government sealed many documents pertaining to the ships sinking, Robert P. Watson has unearthed forgotten records, conducted many interviews, and used over 100 sources, including diaries and oral histories, to expose this story. As a result, The Nazi Titanic is a riveting and astonishing account of an enigmatic ship that played a devastating role in World War II and the Holocaust. Come and listen to Robert Watson as he tells the story about this legendary ship and his experiences writing the book, The Nazi Titanic.

Robert P. Watson, PhD, has published three dozen nonfiction books, two encyclopedia sets, three novels, and hundreds of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and reference essays on topics in politics and history. A frequent media commentator, Watson has been interviewed by outlets throughout the United States and internationally and serves as the political analyst for WPTV 5 (NBC) in Florida. He was a Sunday columnist with the Sun-Sentinel newspaper for many years. An award-winning author, Watson’s recent books include The Presidents’ Wives; Affairs of the State; and America’s First Crisis, which received the 2014 Gold Medal in History from the Independent Publishers’ Association (IPPY). Books will be sold and signed at the event.

ANN CRISS PRESENTS PEANUT BUTTER PASSION

Sunday, October 1, 2:00 p.m.

Calling All Peanut Butter Lovers! Come and meet Ann Criss, author of Peanut Butter Passion: A Peanut Butter Lover’s Cookbook, written especially for the peanut butter lover. Her collection of over 100 mouth-watering recipes features peanut butter as the star ingredient. From breakfast (Oatmeal Buttermilk Peanut Butter Pancakes) to dinner (Sweet-Potato Peanut Soup), and on to drinks and dessert, Peanut Butter Passion has something to suit your every mood. During this presentation, Ann will be demonstrating and sharing samples from two of her favorite recipes.

Whether you’re cooking it for yourself or making a batch of warm, peanut butter cookies for a friend, you are encouraged to experiment, eat and enjoy the plethora of uses for peanut butter!

A long-time peanut butter lover herself, author Ann Criss is excited to share her expansive peanut butter recipe collection with fellow enthusiasts! As a retired licensed Social Worker, Ann provides her services to nursing homes, medical and rehabilitation hospitals, and senior living communities. In the spirit of sharing, at least ten percent of the proceeds from net sales of Peanut Butter Passion will be donated to charity. Books will be sold and signed at the event.
STORYTIME FOR GROWN-UPS
Storytime is no longer just for the little ones. The Hershey Public Library is presenting a new and unique event this fall; Grown-Up Storytime. Sit back and relax as you enjoy short stories, old and new, read aloud.
The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m.
Registration is necessary and can be done either online at www.hersheylibrary.org, or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

WRITING A BOOK AND WHERE TO BEGIN
Saturday, November 11, 2:00 p.m.
Many people aspire to write their own book, but just can’t quite figure out where to begin. They have ideas that they would like to pursue, but have no clue how to proceed.
John Benedict was one of those people who after twenty years has learned invaluable information that can be shared. Come and hear what Dr. Benedict has found as he shares his experiences of the ever-changing publishing process.
John’s presentation will cover areas such as: how does one write a good novel, what is involved in getting a novel self-published today and how do you market that novel and achieve over 100,000 downloads in a year. He will also talk about how to self-publishing a novel today and how to leverage success in the self-publishing arena to acquire a traditional publishing contract from a major publisher, complete with an advance.
The event is free, but registration is necessary and can be done online at www.hersheylibrary.org, or by calling the Circulation Desk at 533-6555.

“HIT THE ROOF” BAND
Sunday, September 10
Join us for the ultimate eclectic musical experience as Hit the Roof band from NYC reinvigorates old songs with a new twist. Matt plays the piano and keyboard as well as writes the melodies and lyrics and produces. Albert the drummer, who is Matt’s younger brother, loves transitioning from one rhythmic style to another all within the same piece. They sample rock ‘n roll and New Orleans-style piano, which has roots steeped in boogie-woogie, gospel, classical, bluegrass, country and funk. Hit the Roof delivers a deep emotional understanding of the musical landscape with classical underpinnings. They possess the unique capability of giving the listener more ways to relate to and understand the music, as well as breaking the barrier between the artists and the audience, making the performance a more personal and interactive experience.
ROSE UNDER FIRE

Presented by Elizabeth Wein • Saturday, October 14, Time: TBA

Come and meet Elizabeth Wein, whose book *Rose Under Fire* was chosen as the 2017 One Book, One Community selection.

Elizabeth Wein spent her early childhood in England and Jamaica, where her father, an educational psychologist, worked for the Headstart program in its formative years. At nine, her parents separated and she moved back to the Harrisburg area with her mother, who’d grown up in Hummelstown. Elizabeth’s parents both died young, and during her teens she was taken in by her maternal grandmother, Betty Saylor Flocken, a native of Lebanon who lived for many years in Mt. Gretna.

In 1996 Elizabeth married an Englishman, Tim Gatland, and has lived in the United Kingdom for over twenty years. Her teenage children both grew up in Scotland. Because of her close relationship with her grandmother Betty, who recently passed away in 2015 at the age of 98, Elizabeth and her family have maintained a strong bond to Central Pennsylvania and spend at least a month there every summer.

As an author of teenage fiction, Elizabeth has led several area school and library events for young people over the years, including multiple visits to the Lancaster Youth Intervention Center. It is an enormous source of pride for her that her novel *Rose Under Fire* was chosen for Central PA’s One Book, One Community read in 2017.

Elizabeth has a PhD in Folklore & Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania and holds a private pilot’s license. Her recent books include the New York Times bestseller and Edgar Award winning *Code Name Verity*, the Schneider Award winner *Rose Under Fire*, and *Black Dove, White Raven*, which received the Children’s Africana Book Award in 2016. Her newest title, *The Pearl Thief*, is a classic "1930s" mystery with a Scottish setting.

This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library and The Endowment Trust of the Hershey Public Library. Books will be sold and signed at the event.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN QUILTS?

Sunday, October 22, 2:00 p.m.

The Underground Railroad, the secret paths traveled by African-Americans who escaped slavery in the South, is well documented by historians. With the aid of “conductors” like Harriet Tubman and shelter “stations” in the homes of sympathetic Northerners and free African Americans, thousands of slaves made their way to freedom in the North and in Canada. Several well-known quilt patterns are said to have been used by people involved with the Underground Railroad to pass along information in code to help guide the escaping African-Americans on their way to freedom. But does historical research support these claims?

Commonwealth Speaker Cassandra Gunkel’s hands-on talk and demonstration will address the ongoing debate. With the use of authentic 19th century quilts and modern reproductions, Gunkel will explore some of the ways in which women may have stitched their politics, history, and mythology in quilt designs. She will share her knowledge of the lives of women who captured our histories and stories in their creative work. Cassandra lives in Bucks County and holds a PhD in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania.
STORIES OF AIR FORCE ONE
WITH AUTHOR JOHN HAIGH SR.

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.

Western Pennsylvania resident and Author John Haigh Sr. will enthral you with stories from his book, *Air Force One: An Honor, Privilege, and Pleasure to Serve*, which highlights his career as Chief Steward Air Force One serving Presidents Carter, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. Enjoy this unique opportunity to view photos, hear personal stories, and learn about the Presidents, members of Congress, and many dignitaries John met en-route aboard Air Force One. His book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

Sundays, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 8, 15
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: $60
Instructor: Laura English

What’s your earliest memory? What happened to change you forever? This six-week course is designed to give you the opportunity to complete two stories, or a chapter based on significant events from your life. The format includes brainstorming sessions, writing prompts, sharing of your work with the group (optional, but very strongly recommended), and thorough discussion afterward. Past groups have proved themselves very dynamic: positive, supportive and encouraging of everyone’s effort. Please bring a pen and paper to each class. The class size is limited to 15.
FUSED GLASS CLASS – HALLOWEEN ORNAMENTS

Saturday, September 30 • 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: $15
Instructor: Kathleen Forney

Learn how to make Halloween themed sun catchers by fusing glass. Students can create either a web design with little baby spiders, or a scene with a wolf howling at a full moon on a hill with bats. Each student will use various types of glass to decorate their unique piece of art. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor’s studio and returned to the library two weeks later to be picked up. Ages 10 and older are welcome. The class size is limited to 20.

FLASH FICTION ADULT WRITING CLASSES

Mondays, October 9, 16, 23, 30 and November 6, 13 • 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Fee: $15/class (It is strongly recommended that you attend all six classes to get the full benefit.)
Instructor: Catherine Jordan

Part poetry, part narrative, flash fiction is a growing genre. Join Catherine Jordan, author and editor, for a six-week series where intermediate and advanced writers will write, critique, and discuss the do’s and don’ts of flash fiction. You will leave with your own drafts worthy of submission. The class size is limited to 20.

LIGHTROOM PHOTO EDITING CLASS

Saturday, October 21 • 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: $45
Instructor: Bryson Leidich

Bryson Leidich will present a three hour Lightroom seminar. Topics will include understanding Lightroom, importing and managing images in the database, developing module best practices, developing module tools, and moving to Photoshop or Elements. Users from beginner to intermediate will benefit from an overview of program preferences and workflow. Learn what you can and cannot do in Lightroom.

ADULT PAINTING CLASS WITH SPLAT STUDIO

Saturday, October 21
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: $35

Meghan from SPLAT Studio in Annville will teach a painting class. The project will be painting two Chickadees on an 18” x 18” inch canvas. No previous experience is needed and all materials are included in the class fee. Ages 16 and older are welcome. We need a minimum of 10 painters to host the class.

*Anyone under 18 must have a parent signed consent to paint.
ADOBE ELEMENTS

Saturday, November 11 • 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: $45
Instructor: Bryson Leidich

Bryson Leidich will present a seminar on Adobe Elements, the little program that can. Explore expert editing techniques, layers and masks and blend modes. It is intended for the beginning user as well as users with some experience. Get beyond the guided edit to control the appearance of your images. Learn how to composite images and modify and enhance both global and local areas of your images. Elements is more powerful than you think.

BOOK ANGEL CLASS

Saturday, November 18
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee: $10

Learn how to create the perfect holiday angel out of a used book. All materials will be provided. Ages 13 and older are welcome. The class size is limited to 15.

FUSED GLASS CLASS — HOLIDAY CORAL BOWL

Saturday, November 18 • 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: $30
Instructor: Kathleen Forney

Learn how to make a coral bowl by cutting glass of various types and colors and fusing it into your own unique design. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor’s studio and returned to the library two weeks later to be picked up. Glass in Christmas colors of red, green and white and Hanukkah colors of blue and white will be available. Ages 16 and older are welcome. The class size is limited to 10.

FUSED GLASS CLASS — HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Saturday, November 18 • 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Fee: $15
Instructor: Kathleen Forney

Learn how to make holiday ornaments by fusing glass. The shapes available to make will be a 5” striped Christmas tree with little glass “bulbs”, or an angel design that can be used either for Mother’s Day, as a gift for someone who has experienced a loss, or as a tree ornament. Students will use various types of glass to decorate their unique piece of art. The design is then fired in the kiln at the instructor’s studio and returned to the library site two weeks later to be picked up. Ages 10 and older are welcome. The class size is limited to 20.
The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of preschool programming from September to July. Each cycle includes two weeks of registration and five weeks of programming.

Programs are designed to help children "cruise into kindergarten."

Pennsylvania Libraries and the Hershey Public Library know that children’s development in the years between birth and kindergarten is impacted greatly by loving relationships, stimulating environments, and engaging experiences. The Hershey Public Library encourages families to build stronger relationships by acknowledging and supporting families as a child’s first teacher. We provide families with a place to socialize, play, read, and find support that will bolster their role in creating the foundations for life-long learning and success.

FRESH EVERGREEN WREATH MAKING CLASS

Saturday, December 9
10:00 a.m.
Fee: $35
Instructor: Andrea Beitzel

Make a beautiful evergreen wreath to decorate your home for the holidays. Fresh-cut greens, ring, wire and ribbons will be supplied and are included in the cost of the class.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME

A five-week series of half-hour programs designed for children 3 to 5. Storytime provides a structured literature-based opportunity for children to gain independence. Parents and caregivers may use Storytime to fill their own library needs, or may be present in the room to observe or participate. Extended conversations with other parents are discouraged in the Storytime space.

To best serve our young listeners, sessions are divided by age.

**Storytime for 3’s and 4’s**
- **Monday mornings at 10:00,**
  - September 11 – October 2
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, August 21.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, August 28.

- **Monday mornings at 10:00,**
  - November 13 – December 11
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, October 30.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, November 6.

**Storytime for 4’s and 5’s**
- **Monday afternoons at 1:30,**
  - September 11 – October 2
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, August 21.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, August 28.

- **Monday afternoons at 1:30,**
  - November 13 – December 11
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, October 30.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, November 6.

TODDLERTIME

A series of 20-30 minute interactive programs for children 24 to 36 months and their caregivers. One child and one adult (accommodations can be made for special circumstances, please speak to a member of the children’s library staff) register together for songs, stories, rhymes, and a joyful introduction to the library. ToddlerTime is presented three times a week.

- **Tuesday mornings at 10:30,**
  - September 5 - October 3
  - Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30,
  - September 6 – October 4
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, August 21.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, August 28.

- **Tuesday mornings at 10:30,**
  - November 14 - December 12
  - Wednesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30,
  - November 15 – December 13
- Derry Township registration begins on Monday, October 30.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, November 6.

PLAY DAY FOR FAMILIES

An hour of center-based free play for families with children ages 3-5 to encourage children and their adults to engage in the five practice of Early Literacy: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. Play Day for Families is held every other Friday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**Pre-registration is requested for each Play Day your child will attend.**
- **Friday mornings at 10:00,**
  - September 15 & 29, October 13 & 27, November 10
  - Derry Township registration begins on Monday, August 21.
  - Open registration begins on Monday, August 28.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

BLOCK PARTY!
Come play with the library’s universal wooden blocks and play sets from Lakeshore Learning. There are over 300 blocks in 25 shapes! Build a tower, a neighborhood, or create your own story! This free play program is especially for families and their children ages 3-6. This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Pre-registration is requested for each Block Party.

**September 1, 10:00–11:00 a.m.** (Registration begins August 21)

**November 24, 10:00–11:00 a.m.** (Registration begins October 30).

WONDERFUL ONES
A five-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for walking children, 12 to 24 months and their caregivers. One child and one adult (accommodations can be made for special circumstances, please speak to a member of the children’s library staff) register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30, September 5 – October 3**
Derry Township registration begins on Monday, August 21. Open registration begins on Monday, August 28.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30, October 10 – 31**
Derry Township registration begins on Monday, September 25. Open registration begins on Monday, October 2.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30, November 14 – December 12**
Derry Township registration begins on Monday, October 30. Open registration begins on Monday, November 6.

No class will be held on Election Day, November 7th.

BOOKS & BABIES
A five-week series of 20 minute interactive programs for pre-walking children, from birth to 12 months and their caregivers. One child and one adult (accommodations can be made for special circumstances, please speak to a member of the children’s library staff) register together for songs, simple stories, nursery rhymes and action plays. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents of young children while introducing your baby to the library and literacy.

**Monday mornings at 9:30 and 10:30,**
**October 9 – November 6**
Derry Township registration begins on Monday, September 25. Open registration begins on Monday, October 2.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month September 6, October 4, and November 1, from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Children ages 6+ are welcome to register for each month they would like to attend.

GIRLS WHO CODE

Girls in grades 6-12 use computer science to impact their community and join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models. The program is designed for students with a wide range of computer science experience. Activities are available for girls with no computer science experience to those who are ready to be introduced to college-level concepts. The broad set of soft and hard skills taught include teamwork, confidence, time management, communication, functions, variables, conditional, and loops.

Tuesday afternoons, 5:30-7:00 p.m., beginning September 19.
Registration begins August 21

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Celebrate a green Halloween at the library! Drop off costumes in clean, wearable condition during Storytime or Toddler time starting September 5. You will receive a ticket for each costume you drop off. Come back on September 30 between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to swap your ticket for a new-to-you costume.
TRICK OR TREAT STORYTIME

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to come in costume to enjoy stories and a chance to trick-or-treat in the library. No registration is necessary.

Tuesday, October 31, 1:30 p.m.

7th Annual Holiday Movie Extravaganza

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Come in your pajamas ready to be transported to the Jolly Old England! By popular demand, we will show the movie, *A Muppet Christmas Carol* and enjoy popcorn and apple juice and maybe even a few surprises.

VISIT THE LIBRARY!

Are you a daycare provider, homeschooler, scout leader, or teacher? The Children’s Services staff at the library is pleased to welcome field trips to the library. We are happy to work with you in meeting your children’s needs. Field trips can be scheduled as our programming schedule permits, please call 533-6555, ext. 3707, for dates. Please note that all evening field trips must be scheduled at least one month in advance.

Register online at [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) for all children's programs!
TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE:
INSECTS

September 17

Ever wondered what’s going on in the lawn in front of the library? Come to the library and the Manada Conservancy will teach you about riparian buffers and why they are important to our community. We’ll take a walk on the wild side and learn about the amazing insects that make their home there. After the program, we’ll go on a “field trip” to the riparian buffer and see how many buffer bugs you can find!

LYN FORD, STORYTELLER,
TELLER OF HOME-FRIED TALES

October 22

Come hear award winning storyteller Lyn Ford perform Affrilachian Folktales, African American folktales, fables, and fool tales from the hills and valleys of Appalachia. Be ready to laugh and learn with these stories full of heart! Please note, this program will take place in the Children’s area of the library, not in the program rooms.

THE GIZMO GUYS: OBJECTS IN MOTION

November 12

Combine world-class juggling skills, solid links to science and math – mix it with lots of comedy, and you have The Gizmo Guys. With unbelievable teamwork and cooperation, this duo, which has been performing for over 20 years, will amaze the audience with their mastery of patterns, gravity, symmetry, and fun!
Communité Events

Hershey Area Playhouse Presents

Mrs. Savage has been left ten million dollars by her husband and wants to make the best use of it, in spite of her grown-up stepchildren’s efforts to get their hands on it. Knowing that the widow’s wealth is now in negotiable securities, and seeing they cannot get hold of the fortune, the stepchildren commit her to a sanatorium hoping to “bring her to her senses.” In the sanatorium Mrs. Savage meets various social misfits, men and women who just cannot adjust themselves to life, people who need the help Mrs. Savage can provide. In getting to know them, she realizes that she will find happiness with them and plans to spend the rest of her life as one of them. But when the doctor tells her there is no reason why she should remain, she hesitates to go out into a hard world where people seem ready to do anything for money. The self-seeking stepchildren are driven to distraction by their vain efforts to browbeat Mrs. Savage, but she preserves her equanimity and leads them on a merry chase. At last her friends conspire to get rid of her stepchildren, and through their simple belief in the justice of her cause, they enable Mrs. Savage to carry out her plans to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams. The dominant mood is high comedy, and the audience is left with a feeling that the neglected virtues of kindness and affection have not been entirely lost in a world that seems at times motivated only by greed and dishonesty.

The Curious Savage runs October 5 to October 15.
Visit www.hersheyareaplayhouse.com for ticket information

Hershey Derry Township Historical Society
5th Annual Preservation Tour: Gone But Not Forgotten

GRAB A ZAPBURGER AND HEAD FOR THE HILL!
Remember the Cacao Lounge and the Oyster Bar?
Remember the sound of engines revving behind the Hotel?
Whether you do or you don't, come find out more at the Hershey Derry Township annual Preservation Tour.

Each year an aspect of our rich Derry Township history is presented. Come this year and explore the many facets of our much missed Cocoa—once Community—Inn. The drugstore, the newsstand, and restaurants, are among the beloved memories most locals fondly recall of this long-gone landmark building.

After a stop downtown, guests will be transported to Pat’s Hill for a presentation by Ron Mann on the former annual Hill Climb. Speed combined with the natural beauty of this setting are the components for an adventurous tale of days gone by.

Check out the images and additional tour details, including how to purchase tickets at www.hersheyhistory.org, or call 717-520-0748. Email us at info@hersheyhistory.org and ask to be signed up for our e-blasts for more information on HDTHS events.
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