



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

We finished 2021 in strong fashion by passing a second consecutive budget without a tax increase. This was no small feat due to the economic pressures created by the pandemic. The 2022 budget maintains and improves township services while reducing spending levels to less than what was spent in 2020. Our taxpayers can count on us to keep their interests at the forefront of everything we do. In 2022, newly elected Michael Corado will join the board. Michael has served on numerous township boards over the years and is well suited

to step in and contribute. We are excited for Michael and look forward to working together to serve our community.

In 2022, we will continue to focus on improving the quality and effectiveness of township services. A new feature being rolled out on the township website in January of 2022 is the

"suggestion/complaint" link that allows residents to submit feedback directly to our department directors for consideration or action. The Township manager will be better able to track complaints to our department directors and use that information to ensure that problems are addressed properly and timely. As we often say during our meetings, township residents are the eyes and ears of the board. Working together, we can keep Derry Township a great place to live, work and play.

We were also pleased to negotiate labor contracts with our police association and AFSCME employees that are sustainable into the future. Both contracts are for a period of three years and represent reasonable wage increases and employment conditions. We are proud to have such talented men and women working for the township. We appreciate the police association and AFSCME negotiating teams for their professionalism and respect. Together, we succeeded in arriving at labor contracts that serve the interests of all parties.

Without question, the biggest event of 2022 will be the opening of the new Derry Township Community Center. We expect the community center to open its doors in time for Memorial Day weekend, assuming no unforeseen supply chain or construction issues. The Parks and Recreation team has done a tremendous job keeping this project on-time and on-budget. The community center will offer a fitness center, a full slate of programs for all ages, two indoor pools, a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball, meeting rooms, a full kitchen facility to accommodate rentals, locker rooms, dedicated space for seniors who belong to the Mohler Center and comfortable seating areas. The indoor leisure pool and outdoor pool include popular features like water slides and zero-entry access. The competitive pool will feature ten 25-meter lanes for lap swimmers and competitions, and seating for spectators. We are excited about the results of our preopening membership sales. We created numerous membership packages to address the needs/desires

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of as many residents as possible. Special thanks to all those resident and businesses who contributed to the capital campaign. We received approximately \$2.8 million in pledges so far.

We are confident that the Derry Township Community Center will serve our community well and be, yet another reason Derry Township is such a desirable place to live.

If you haven't visited the library since the renovations were completed last year, due to Covid or for any other reason, I encourage you to visit. The renovations modernized the interior and exterior appearances of the library and created some additional reading and activity rooms (as well as numerous quiet and peaceful spaces). Under the leadership of former library director Laura O'Grady, and with support from the Friends of the Hershey Library and the Library Endowment Trust, our library continues to be a state-of-the-art facility capable of serving the library needs of all residents. We hope to create some other ways to bring library services out to the community in 2022. Stay tuned for that news.

In 2021, we said goodbye to longtime Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Mandia, who retired after 27 years at the helm of the department. Matt was respected and loved by many and is certainly missed. If you have seen Matt around the community center building since his retirement, it is because he agreed to help finish the project in a consulting role.

We also welcomed two new department directors in 2021—Zachary Jackson at Park and Recreation and Alison Trautman at the Hershey Library. We are excited to have them and while they have big shoes to fill, they are equally up to the task.

In 2022, we are examining the possibility of opening a dog park. Much work must still be done on this project, and no location has yet been selected, but we would like to give this idea a try. We are also working on a home for our war memorials. We expect that the memorials will be located closer to the center of town and be a suitable location for our community to show our respect for the hometown heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Looking forward to a healthy, positive, and productive 2022!

Chois Abougge Chairman,

Derry Township Board of Supervisors

Saturday, *April 9, 2022*8:00 a.m. to
10:45 a.m.

Spring Shred-it Event!

Protect your personal information and bring the documents that you no longer need to be shredded at the Spring Shred-It Event on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the

Public Works Facility, 650 Clearwater Road. The event is for residents only and is limited to two bags/ boxes per household.



2022 Authorities, Boards & Committee Appointments

Re-appointment – Geoffrey Crout to the General Authority for a five-year term.

Appointment – Jeff Sirkot to the General Authority for a two-year term.

Appointment – Matthew Wildasin to the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority for a two-year term.

Re-appointment – Jordan Yeagley to the Board of Library Directors for a three-year term.

Appointment – Karen Golin to the Board of Library Directors for a three-year term.

Re-appointment – Ronald Furlan to the Municipal Authority for a five-year term.

Appointment – Jack Bishop to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a five-year term.

Appointment – Katherine English to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired five-year term (12/31/2023).

Appointment – Michael Guntrum to the Planning Commission for a four-year term.

Re-appointment – Louis Verdelli to the Police Pension Advisory Board for a one-year term.

Re-appointment - Sandra May to the Shade Tree Commission for a one-year term.

Re-appointment – David Heidelmark to the Shade Tree Commission for a two-year term.

Re-appointment – Christopher Dawson to the Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board for a five-year term.

Re-appointment - Kelly Fedeli to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term.

Appointment - Thomas DeDonatis to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term.

We are grateful to the following residents who have faithfully served the Township:

James Ingalzo – Industrial and Commercial Development Authority – 14 years

LeighAnne Dornberger - Board of Library Directors - 7 years

Anthony Potter - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - 5 years

Joyce St. John - Planning Commission - 11 years

Dean Morgan - Zoning Hearing Board - 5 years

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Many know that prior to introducing his wildly popular Hershey's Milk Chocolate, Milton Hershey found his first success in caramels with the Lancaster Caramel Company. However, Lancaster Caramel was far from the first stop in Mr. Hershey's professional ventures – even in the candy industry. This is the third in a series of articles focusing on the lesser-known early ventures of Milton S. Hershey and how they shaped and influenced his later success.

ou may recall that we last left Milton Hershey in Philadelphia in 1882, as his first business venture ended in bankruptcy. It was time to decide what to do -- and where to go -- next. Milton had been corresponding with his father, Henry Hershey (whose idea for a candy cabinet, you will remember, marked the end of his son's first business). Henry was out west, trying to make the most of the silver boom in Denver, Colorado, and wrote encouragingly about opportunities there. So, at about 25 years old, Milton decided that Denver would be his next adventure.

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Denver, Colorado, ca. 1908. Courtesy of Library of Congress.

Milton arrived in Denver in 1882 and was greeted by his father. He set out looking for opportunities to work in the confectionery industry but found that it was difficult to find work in any industry. In fact, Denver had just entered a three-year depression. The silver boom that Henry had raved about in his letters had gone bust.

Paul A.W. Wallace, Milton Hershey biographer, wrote about Milton's search for work in his 1956 manuscript, Milton S. Hershey:



Milton Hershey, 1887. This is one of only a few known photographs of Mr. Hershey as a young man.

When looking about in Denver for a job one day, Mr. Hershey came to a place which had a sign, "BOY WANTED," in the window. When he rapped at the door, he heard a gruff, "Comein." He opened the door and walked in. Inside, there was an old man lying on a couch. He didn't get up. Mr. Hershey told him he was looking for work.

"All right," said the old man. "You can go in that back room with the other boys."

ershey walked back and saw several young fellows, whose appearance he did not like. [...] So M. S. started to walk out, and found the door locked.

Mr. Hershey, as he told this story, said, "In those days we carried a gun." He pulled out the gun and said, "You let me out the door." The old man pulled a string or something that unlocked it, and Hershey went out.

This close encounter is illustrative of the "rough and tumble" nature of the city at that time. As Wallace wrote, "Denver awakened [Milton Hershey] to the wonder, glory, ugliness, and danger of the world, and at the same time gave him pride in his ability to cope with it."

Finally, Milton found work with a confectioner, his chosen trade. We now believe this confectioner was a prominent Denver candymaker named Otto P. Baur; however, more research is required to confirm this theory. It was with this confectioner that he learned a key candy making technique that would come into play later in his career.



Prominent Denver confectioner Otto P. Baur, ca. 1886-1901. It is possible that Milton Hershey worked for Baur during his time in Denver. Courtesy of Denver Public Library, call no. H-9.

The candymaker used fresh milk in their caramels, rather than the then-customary paraffin. Using fresh milk gave the caramels a better mouthfeel and, perhaps even more importantly, a much longer shelf life.

This technique was pivotal to Mr. Hershey's later success. At the Lancaster Caramel Company, he used this method to make his wildly popular caramels. Then, when developing his formula for Hershey's Milk Chocolate bars, he again insisted on using fresh milk, even though it posed many challenges. Today, using fresh milk (rather than powdered) still sets Hershey's chocolate apart from other manufacturers.

After only a few months in Denver, Milton decided to move on, as there was little opportunity to start his own business. He did not see this part of his life as a failure; but rather as a part of his education in the confectionery trade.

Next, he moved on to Chicago, where it's possible he collaborated again with Henry. However, we have little information about that period. Then, he decided to travel to New Orleans to see what opportunities he could find. Again, we know little about this time; but we do know that, when inquiring about candy making equipment for a possible business, he found that he would need to have it shipped from New York City. Why pay the shipping fees from New York to New Orleans, he thought, when he could just go right to the source?

So, in 1883, Milton Hershey made his way to New York, New York to start his next business venture. Stay tuned for our next article about Mr. Hershey's time in the Big Apple!

Hershey Community Archives

Township of Derry Recycling Center

650 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Monday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CLOSED: President's Day, February 21, 2022



Items and wood waste may NOT be dropped off at the Center during non-operating hours.

Mulch and compost may not be picked up during non-operating hours.

Recycle Hotline – 533-8665

Provides Information on Trash and Recycling in Derry Township.

When in doubt, give us a call! One call to 717-533-8665 brings Derry Township residents the current Recycling Drop-Off Center schedule, a list of materials which may be brought to the center, and information about Derry Township's residential refuse collection program.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

ADULT PROGRAMS

RESOLUTION SUPPORT: FINANCIAL LITERACY ON Beanstack

January 1-February 28, 2022

It's the beginning of the year and we have all made some financial goals. It's the perfect time to brush up on some skills and learn new ones. This is a great family activity as well as an opportunity for personal growth. Start the year strong and register on Beanstack. Find the link at www.hersheylibrary.org.

Those who complete the challenge will be entered into a drawing for a very useful surprise.

Sponsored by Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

DANCE CHINA NEW YORK: LION DANCE

JANUARY 29, 2022 • 10:00 a.m. Join Chat with Zoom

This introduction to Chinese culture uses a diverse and authentic selection of dance, costumes, music, artifacts, and historical information to immerse students in the ancient and vibrant culture of China. With **Dance China New York**, students witness beloved Chinese folk-art pieces, including excerpts from Beijing Opera, the Monkey King story, and the "Red Ribbon Dance." This introduction to Chinese culture uses a diverse and authentic selection of dance, costumes, music, artifacts, and historical information to immerse students in the ancient and vibrant culture of China.

Register using our <u>events calendar</u> to receive the ZOOM link. We suggest having a ribbon or scarf available during the program so you can dance along with Dance China New York!



SILENT BOOK GROUP AT MT. GRETNA CRAFT BREWERY

February 2, March 2, April 6, & May 4, 2022 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Grab your current read and join us at Mt. Gretna Craft Brewery, 2701 Horsehoe Pike, Palmyra at 6:30 p.m. for Silent Book Group. What is Silent Book Group you ask? Well, it's the easiest book group you can belong to. There are NO assigned books, NO required sharing, NO awkward discussions. Just bring your book, order a beverage or bite, and sit and read. We will share a bit about what we are currently reading and make recommendations, but that is all. It is a fantastic opportunity to gather and read in the company of other book enthusiasts who understand the importance of not interrupting you. Meet us at the Corner and bring your book.

Registration is encouraged, but not required so we can let the awesome staff at Mt. Gretna Craft Brewery know how many to expect. Please register for all dates individually due to the flexibility this group allows. We will be meeting January - May, usually on the first Wednesday of the month.

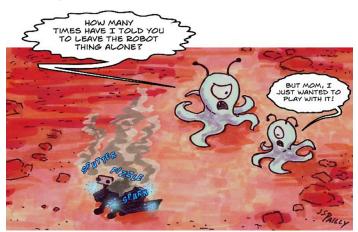
Sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library. Register on the Events Calendar at www.hersheylibrary.org.

ZOOM: WHO SAYS ASTRONOMY CAN'T BE FUNNY? WITH ROBERT NAEYE

February 3 • 7:00 p.m.

Perplexed smarty-pants scientists. Space-suited astronauts with itchy noses. Aliens mocking human folly. For decades, astronomy and space travel have been delightful fodder for some of the world's most creative cartoonists. Join Derry Township resident and former NASA employee Robert Naeye as he presents the lighter side of outer space, with a wideranging assortment of some of the funniest and clever cartoons.

Register on the Events Calendar at www.hersheylibrary.org.



FUSED GLASS WITH KATHLEEN FORNEY

February 5, 2022 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Join Fused Glass artist Kathleen Forney as she walks you through making your own glass creation. Kathleen has taught many classes here at the library and patrons' creations are always fun and beautiful. Pricing ranges from \$18 to \$40 depending on the project. \$40 for the mosaic heart, \$18 for individual hearts with white background, \$30 for the 3-heart mobile, and \$35 for the heart landscape. Register for the program at www.hersheylibrary.org







February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, 2022

Bring your notebook, journal, laptop, quill and/or scroll to Troegs Brewery and join us for some writing time. Grab a refreshment or two and hang with like-minded creative people for writing time. Some weeks we will have guest authors to walk us through writing exercises and "process." Other weeks it will be dedicated writing time with some support. Either way, come join us and dust off the notebooks and stretch those writing muscles. See you at Troegs! Sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

Register on the Events Calendar at www.hershevlibrary.org.



WENDY MAKES DROP IN CARD MAKING CLASS

February 9, February 23,
March 9, March 23, April 6,
April 20 & May 4, 2022
6:00–7:30 p.m. • \$8 per Person

Do you enjoy making handmade cards or would you like to learn? Please join Wendy every other Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:30 p.m. for a card making class. You will make two seasonal cards using the newest Stampin' Up! products with Wendy's expert guidance as your creative coach. No experience necessary! This is a drop-in style class. Feel free to stop by anytime between 6:00 –7:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 which includes all the supplies, envelopes, and a donation to the library. Stop by to say hello and make two quick cards! (1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4)

RSVP to: wendymakes@gmail.com



STORYTELLER BIL LEPP



February 12, 2022 • 10:00 a.m. Join Chat with Zoom

Tune in for a morning full of fun tall tales from comedic storyteller – and five-time winner of the WV Liar's championship – Bil Lepp! Snuggle into your couch and get ready to laugh your socks off! Bil Lepp is an award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist. He's the host of the History Channel's Man Vs History series, the occasional host of NPR's internationally syndicated Mountain Stage, and a contributing columnist to the West Virginia Gazette-Mail. Bil's humorous, family friendly tall-tales and stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life.

Register using our **events calendar** to receive the ZOOM link.

TERRARIUM THERAPY: GEO-TERRARIUM SUCCULENT WORKSHOP

February 16, 2022 • 5:30 p.m. in the Library \$50 per Person

During this workshop, you'll learn how to create your very own geoterrarium filled with a variety of beautiful succulents. Your experience will include a geometrical shaped terrarium, succulents, soil, stones, preserved moss, and step-by-step instructions. Make a great piece to decorate your home, office, or work-from-home desk! Give as a gift, attend with someone and gift them a ticket, or come solo and enjoy a little "me" time.



We will discuss best practices for succulent care and maintenance, sun requirements, watering, and propagation for healthy plants.

Tickets are non-refundable nor transferable. If you purchase a ticket and are unable to attend, please email Terrarium Therapy directly at events@terrariumtherapyworkshops.com to discuss options.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required to hold your spot. Cost: \$50 • Register on Eventbrite Here.

MYSTERY CRAFT PICK UP

February 26, 2022 • All Day

Come into the library and pick up your mystery craft then watch the instructional video when it premieres the next day. We will have 2 different crafts available.

One for teens/adults and one for kiddos. First come first serve.



ASSORTED DRIED FLOWER WREATH WITH ANDREA BEITZEL

PICK YOUR SHAPE!

February 26, 2022 10:00 a.m. in the Library Each wreath is \$30 to make

Each participant can choose from a round, square, or heart-shaped wreath frame and make a masterpiece to hang on the wall or to give as a gift. We will use an assortment of flowers, pods, and greenery for all the perfect touches. Each wreath is \$30 to make.

Register on the Events Calendar at www.hersheylibrary.org.

Neill Hartley as P.T. Barnum

February 26, 2022 • 2:00 p.m. in the Library

Neill Hartley portrays America's master showman P.T. Barnum in this exciting and entertaining look at his incredible life. Best remembered for his entertaining hoaxes and for founding the circus that eventually became Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus.



In his 80 years, Barnum gave the wise public of the 19th century shameless hucksterism, peerless spectacle, and everything in between -- enough entertainment to earn the title "master showman" a dozen times over. Sponsored by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

REGISTER AT WWW.HERSHEYLIBRARY.ORG FOR ALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

CRUISE INTO KINDERGARTEN

The Hershey Public Library provides a regular schedule of preschool programming from September to July. Our 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.



Register online at www.hersheylibrary.org for all children's programs!

BOOKS & BABIES

Books and Babies is a six-week series of 20-minute interactive programs for pre-walking children, birth to 12 months and their caregivers. Join us 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. **Books and Babies** is presented on Monday mornings at 10:15 am.

Winter class begins: January 10

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

REGISTER AT WWW.HERSHEYLIBRARY.ORG FOR ALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

1, 2, WHEE!

Join us for a six-week series of 30-minute interactive programs for children 12–36 months and their caregivers. Songs, stories, dances, fun, and learning – all at the same time!

1, 2, Whee! is presented on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Winter class begins: January 10



STORYTIME FOR EVERYONE

We invite you to join us for 25–30 minutes of stories, songs, fingerplays, and call & response activities.

We encourage parents and caregivers to be present in the room and participate along with your child(ren). Your little one(s) will have more fun if you do, too! **Storytime for Everyone** is presented on Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Winter class begins: January 10

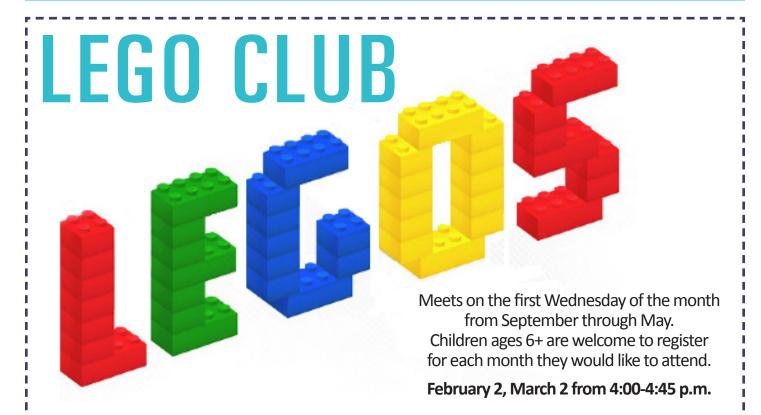
VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Can't make it to the library for read-aloud fun? No worries! **Facebook Live!** programs are back!

Ms. Rita will livestream **Books and Babies** (Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m.) and **Storytime for Everyone** (Thursday mornings at 9:15 am). The livestream videos will be available for one week—until the next video is uploaded. Facebook Live! programs follow the same schedule as our in-person read-alouds, running for 6 weeks with a brief break between the winter and spring sessions.



BIGGER KID'S PROGRAMS





In-person science clubs will meet at the library beginning in January! Each club will meet for four weeks on Friday afternoons from 4:00–5:00 p.m.

*These are not library programs, registration and payment are available at http://scienceexplorers.com

February: Rock Docs

DROP-IN PROGRAMS



Chess Club meets most Saturday afternoons from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Please check the Events calendar to confirm. No registration necessary. While all are welcome, children ages 11 and under must have a responsible person remain in the library during chess club.

CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Bi-monthly USCF Rated Chess Tournaments are held at the library.

2022 dates TBA

Format: Open (all ages) and Scholastic Quads. Quads are 4 player sections. Each player plays one game vs each player in his/her quad.

Online registration available through Eventbrite and will be posted on <u>Library Events Calendar</u>.

Advanced: Cost: \$15 online • On-site: Cost: \$20

Players must register in advance or arrive by 10:30 am to register at the site to participate.

February 19 • March 26 • April 30 • May 21

TEENS & TWEENS PROGRAMS



Drop in and check out our new Teen Space after school. We will have fun things for you to try every Monday-Thursday until 4:30 p.m. including crafts, coloring, and games. Want a space to get your homework done? The Teen Space is a great place to work on your own or with a group.

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AFTER-SCHOOL CRAFTING

Join us at 3:00 p.m. in the Teen Space on the third Wednesday of the month for crafts! Please register in advance so we can prepare the materials for you.

ALL WRAPPED UP

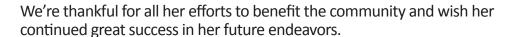


Swing by after school and create a cute keepsake for yourself or a valentine. It's a great way to relax after a long day. Join us in the teen room and get wrapped up in the love of crafting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

You'll Be Missed!

Board of Supervisor, Susan Cort, attended her last meeting on December 21, 2021. She served as a Derry Township Board of Supervisor for six years from 2016-2021. Susan served the Township in many capacities through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Police Pension Advisory Board, the Downtown Hershey Association, the Downtown Core Design Review Board, and the Derry Township/School District Joint Work Group. She also helped manage Hershey Area All Things Diversity. Additionally, she was very active in coordinating the Township's communications efforts.





Community Center... Opening Summer 2022!

Memberships & Gift Cards Are Available Now!

www.derrytownshipcommunitycenter.org

Questions? Contact us at parkshelpdesk@derrytownhship.org or 717-533-7138.



For more information, Visit Our Facebook Page.









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