Anime, Games, and Lasers? Oh my!

The teen center has seen a ton of fun programs recently! Starting off with our anime club that meets the first and third Wednesdays of each week! The club has done a ton of different activities such as making Shrinky Dinks (pictured to the left) and making kawaii (cute in Japanese) notebooks! For all the gamers out there, our game nights could be just what you’re looking for! Our online game nights consist of a ton of different games, including Minecraft, Among Us, Jackbox, and Gartic Phone! For the in person game nights, the teens have been playing the popular roleplaying game Dungeons and Dragons, led by Melissa who is one of our volunteers. And finally, our laser tag event (pictured above) was a huge success this quarter! With a full roster, the teens navigated the dark and empty library in search of enemy teams to fight up against! Each equipped with a laser gun and an optional cardboard box as cover! It’s safe to say the teens had a blast!!

Birthday Bash!!

On February 20th and 21st, we celebrated the birthday of Alexander Hamilton, the original owner of the old house that the library now occupies. Pictured is Jacob Shaffer, playing the song “Happy Birthday” on his trumpet at Hamilton’s grave in Burns Hill Cemetery. Alongside Jacob, Karen, the program coordinator, placed a cupcake on his gravestone to give him a proper birthday celebration.

Knittin’ Away

Whether a long-time knitter, crocheter, or new to the craft, you’re welcome to attend to the Library’s Hooks and Needles group that meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Group members are free to bring in their own projects, or follow a project that is predetermined. Over the last few meets, the group has taken on the task of creating a rag rug (pictured above). As the name suggests, a rag rug is a rug made from rags that are torn into strips and either tied or sewn together. The group also worked on making crochet snowflakes that took a lot of patience!

Book Club Fun

The AHMFL Book Club has been reading away recently! The group has read some very good books in past few months, The Tea Girl from Hummingbird Lane, Isaacs Storm, Oliver Twist and now are delving into the Royers of Renfrew: A Family Tapestry by Maxine Beck & Marie Lanser Beck. If you’re interested in participating, they meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at 1:30 PM. Call the library for more details!
To ring in the new year, the library has some new services to offer and things to check out! Read below to learn more.

- The Library now offers Curbside Pickup once again! Patrons must give 24-hour advance notice before picking up items. Patrons must come to the back parking lot, park close to the building, call the library at 717-762-3335 to let staff know you are here, show an ID, and books will be delivered through the passenger side window!
- WIFI Hotspots are available for patrons to check out with a Library Card and confirmed home address! It can be checked out for 28 days with no renewals. A patron is also only allowed to check out a hotspot three times a year.
- Check out the piles of blankets in the Display Case in the Front Lobby that have been knitted or crochet from participants in the Library’s Hooks and Needles, Waynesboro Senior Center programs and the public. The blankets will be donated to Comfort in Crisis or Sweet Grace Ministries. Comfort in Crisis is a partnership with Franklin County and the Library to provide blankets where there is a crisis situation, such as a fire, car wreck or domestic dispute. Sweet Grace, located in Chambersburg, gives blankets to parents who have lost a baby during or after a pregnancy.

There’s more that happens at the 11 a.m. Tuesday Storytime than just reading books. Miss Janet, former volunteer who is now running children’s programs, spends hours planning Storytime! Copying coloring sheets, coming up with props, and even baking / bringing some kind of treat for the children.

For the Valentine’s program that happened to fall on Feb. 14, she read ‘You Will Be My Friend!’ by Peter Brown. To go along with the story that features a large brown bear, Miss Janet brought along her daughter’s stand-up bear dressed in a homemade tutu. She printed out colorful bears to cut out for Valentine’s cards complete with lollipops each child could take home!

“We normally have about 35 children, parents, grandparents, and siblings coming to Storytime,” Miss Janet said, “Anyone is invited to come to the Tuesday morning readings for a fun time!”

Local Authors Visit Library

Sue James is the author of many children’s books and is an experienced writer. During her visit, Sue delved into how she began her writing career and how she chose what she was going to write about. She also gave advice on where to begin the pursuit of writing a children’s novel!

We welcomed Kalee Oravec to give a talk about her first book! The novel “What We Need to Survive” is about a sister duo braving their way through their new lives in an orphanage home. At the visit, Kalee spoke about how she got her ideas for the novel, why she chose to write about PTSD and mental health, and how she got started as a writer!