

# LAFLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Community Members,

As we look forward to the spring and summer seasons, we are energized by the opportunities to spend time outdoors, and to enjoy nature in our lovely community of Laflin.

We continue our work at the Laflin Library in our effort to meet the needs of the community which can be met by on going library activities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter (which I hope you will take the time to read), you will find a description of interesting library programs that we sponsor and are implemented by our librarian, Nancy Coassolo.

Last, but certainly not least is the current library fund raising drive. We hope you will make a contribution, which is much appreciated and which will enable us to continue our library sponsored activities. A library is more than a collection of reading materials. It is also all those activities which contribute to everyone's learning.

For those of you who observe special holidays this season, may you receive many blessings.

Yours truly,

Dr. Leona Castor, President  
Laflin Library Association

## FUND DRIVE – SPRING 2011 LAFLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Once again we come to you in the hope that you will continue to support the Laflin Library with your generous contributions. With your help we can continue to supply the community with the most current books, DVD's and magazines, and other activities.

We offer programs, such as monthly make & take crafts with holiday themes, nature programs, and the summer reading program to help our children develop an interest and enthusiasm for reading at a very young age. In addition, we have books and programs for adults, such as the AARP Safe Driving Course.

Without your help, our goals cannot be realized. Your contributions, no matter how large or small will be greatly appreciated.

Special Angel	\$100.00 – over
Angel	\$ 25.00 - \$99.00
Friends	\$ 1.00 - \$24.00

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Your gift helps us, and is tax deductible for you. Please mail in your contribution or drop it off at the library during our regular hours. We appreciate your continued support.

We have enclosed a list of our newest books. Please take the time to visit the library and take out a book you think you would enjoy reading. Among our selection of books, there is something for everyone.

## THANK YOU

To the following people whose generous donations were received after the publication of our fall newsletter:

Capitano, M/M Patrick  
Grebeck, M/M Stanley J.  
Giamas, Ms. Mary  
McAndrew, M/M Patrick J.

To Monsignor Van Loon for his continued support of the library.

To the young adults of our community who volunteer at the library.

To all who support the library by purchasing the books we have for sale.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**EASTER EGG ART CONTEST** – Our annual Paper Easter Egg Art Contest is one that children ages 3 and older can enter. The artistic talent of our children gets better each and every year. Please read the enclosed flier. Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> is the closing date for all entries.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Laflin Library Association invites all who live in the community and it's surrounding areas to visit the library. The library has a wonderful selection of books for both children and adults.

Patrons visiting the library during this celebration will enjoy a complimentary cookie, or a snack, and a beverage. Moreover, adults visiting the library may enter their name for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble Gift Card.

Children visiting the library Wednesday, April 13 through Friday, April 15 may make/take a craft for Easter.

Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 the library will feature a collection of life size cardboard replicas of select United States Presidents. Learn fun facts about each of the Presidents that will be featured.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for children to donate a favorite book, new or like new, to the library. Children who donate a book during this week will have their name inscribed in that book.

Author/illustrator Angela DeMuro, will join us for a pajama party story-time and book signing on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30p.m. Children of all ages are invited to join us as Angela, and special guest Baby Milo MU puppet, will read her new book, "Good Night My Little MU". Please call the library to register your child.



Our friends, the Tail Waggin Tutors will be at the library on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. Children who love dogs and would like to practice their reading may come to the library and read a story to one of the dogs. Children may bring a book from home or read a book from the library. For more information on this program please call the library.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM** – This program keeps our children interested in reading books throughout the summer. They enjoy seeing the progress they make each time they return their books and add their stickers on the chart by their name. To close the program they will enjoy a cookout, receive a reading certificate and a gift rewarding them for the number of books they have read. We hope children of all ages take part in this fun and rewarding endeavor – reading for pleasure. The starting date to be announced.

## LAFLIN BOOK CLUB

The Laflin Library shared cost Spring Book Discussion Series will start with the distribution of the first book on April 12, 2011. The book "Noah's Compass" by Anne Tyler will be discussed on May 10, 2011 when the second book "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley will be distributed. On June 14, "A Thousand Acres" will be discussed and the third book "Heaven Is For



Real!" by Todd Burpo will be distributed. The series will end on July 12 with the discussion of "Heaven Is for Real!" This is a shared cost series and refreshments will be provided at each session. All discussions will take place at the Laflin Library at 7:00p.m. on the dates specified.

We have again requested a Commonwealth Speaker with a tentative date of October 23, 2011. Our request is for Smadar Shtuhl, King of Prussia who will present "Nursing in a Civil War Field Hospital". Admission will be free and refreshments will be served.

We have completed our Fall/Winter Book Discussion Group which was funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council in the amount of \$2,500. This was a very successful group of over 30 people. We are also requesting a Fall Grant from PHC as well as requesting "Detecting Women" books or "American Life Stories" from the "Read About It" group. All are welcome to these discussion groups and to join our Library Association. Please contact the library if you are interested.

### **MEMORIALS**

The Laflin Library has received the following memorial donations: In memory of Mr. Jack Robbins, "In the Blink of an Eye – Dale, Daytona, and the Day that Changed Everything" from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pinkos; In memory of the Honorable Bernard J. Podcasy, "Washington, A Life" from Mrs. Mary Slesinski; In memory of Helen Nuzzolo, "This Time Together, Laughter and Reflection" from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lombardo.

To memorialize a loved one or to honor someone for a memorable occasion, please call the Librarian at 654-3323

### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Holy Thursday & Good Friday  
April 21<sup>st</sup> & April 22<sup>nd</sup>



### **NEW BOOKS Adult Reading:**

A Red Herring Without Mustard – A. Bradley  
A Thousand Acres – J. Smiley  
Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom – A. Chua  
Before You Know Kindness – C. Bohjalian  
Chasing the Night – I. Johansen  
Cleopatra, A Life – S. Schiff  
Cutting the Stone – A. Verghese  
Dancing Lessons – C. Burke  
Devil's Food Cake Murder – J. Fluke  
Heaven Is For Real! – T. Burpo  
Live Wire – H. Coben  
Mending Frankie – M. Binchy  
Midwives – C. Bohjalian  
Night Road – K. Hannah  
Sing You Home – J. Picoult  
Strategic Moves – S. Woods  
The Luzerne County Railroad – L. Hohol  
The Other Wes Moore – W. Moore  
The Tiger's Wife – T. Obreht  
Tick Tock – J. Patterson  
Toys – J. Patterson  
Treachery in Death – J.D. Robb  
Unbroken – L. Hillenbrand  
What the Night Knows – D. Koontz



### **Jr. Reading:**

Flawless – S. Shepard  
Juliet the Valentine Fairy – D. Meadows  
Perfect – S. Shepard  
Pretty Little Liars – S. Shepard  
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – J. Kelly  
Tiger's Curse – C. Houck  
Unbelievable – S. Shepard

### **OVERDUE BOOKS**

The number of books and DVD's that are not returned to the library becomes costly to us. Please check among your private collection for any items that need to be returned to the library.

