

# BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## NOVELS, NEWS, AND NOTES

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By popular vote, our fish's name is Bubbles! Thanks to all who suggested such fabulous names (25+) and who voted.



**Grant announcement** - We are proud to be chosen to be part of "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities," an American Library Association initiative! The \$10,000 award will help the library install a stairlift! The library will host an open conversation on May 6 at 10:30 and May 7 at 7:00pm about its proposed use of the grant funds. The public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Winner** - Congratulations to the winner of the April scavenger hunt for adults and young adults: **Mikayla Ferrara-Garval!** Great job to all who entered!

**Copy paper** - We are in need of blank white 8.5 X 11 regular copy paper. If you are willing to donate any, we'd appreciate it.

**Board games** - We now have several to check out! We are also looking for donations of gently used or new games to add to the collection. Please contact the library manager if you have any in mind.

### What's happening at the library?

Closed for Memorial Day: Monday, May 25

#### Silent auction

Through May 6, stop in to bid on a number of fabulous items - great gifts for Mother's Day! Library membership is not required.

#### Scavenger hunt for children

There's a new one for May (sea creatures) in the children's room AND young adult fiction room. Happy searching!

#### Final sessions of spring preschool storytime

For ages 3-5: Wed., May 13 and 27 at 10:30am in the children's room  
Join for stories, songs, and a craft! Space is limited; call the library to register.

#### Book group for adults

May 12 - *Goodnight from Paris* by Jane Healey  
The group meets at 6:30pm. Email [info@bmcl.org](mailto:info@bmcl.org) to register.  
Future pick:  
June 9 - *A Marriage at Sea* by Sophie Elmhirst

#### Board meeting

Tues., May 19 at 6:30pm

- The Frozen River (Ariel Lawhon)
- The Sicilian Inheritance (Jo Piazza)

#### YA fiction:

- Better than the Movies (Lynn Painter)
- The Escape Game (Marissa Meyer and Tamara Moss)

#### Juvenile fiction:

- Enola's Best Friend (Katie Kordesh)
- Ninja Mission (Lego)
- Cuddle Up, Goodnight (Katie Cleminson)
- Midnight on the Moon (Mary Pope Osborne)
- The Spring Break from the Black Lagoon

- The Missing Mitt (Franklin Dixon)
- The Bad Guys (Aaron Blabey)

- What about Worms!? (Ryan Higgins)

#### Juvenile nonfiction:

- Mystery in the Arctic (Wendy Blaxland)
- I Like Making Things (Robin Priddy)
- I Like Machines (Robin Priddy)
- Perfect Planets (John Farndon)
- The Worm (Elise Gravel)

### Summer Fun with Reading Program (SFRP) 2026: Words and Wonders!

Coming soon: all the details about amazing opportunities for ALL ages, including reading challenges, reader's raffle, and special programs! The fun begins June 1!

#### Thank you to our 2026 sponsors:

- **CJ's Heating & Cooling:** Sundaes in the Park, SFRP
  - **Deer Foot Auto Parts:** America on Wheels pass (coming soon!)
  - **Sabatino Insurance Agency:** author luncheon, Sundaes in the Park, SFRP
  - **State Farm (Debbie Pettinari)** - SFRP
- Please utilize the services of these generous community partners!



## Supporting Early Childhood Education

By Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

Recently, we had the opportunity to join the National Head Start Association and parents from across the country in Washington as part of Parents Unite — an event that brings Head Start parents together to talk with lawmakers about the program. Hearing directly from families and educators about the impact of Head Start was a powerful reminder of how important early childhood education is—not just for kids, but for working parents and entire communities.

As a father of two young children, I've seen how early learning can shape a child's future. That's why I've been working in a bipartisan way to support Head Start, strengthen funding, and expand access to early childhood education so more families across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos have the opportunity to succeed.



# FAKE PILLS KILL.

Fake Is Real is a fentanyl awareness campaign whose mission is providing straightforward, fact-based information that reduces harm from fentanyl-laced drugs and counterfeit prescription pills. We do it by giving users the information necessary to survive and save a life.

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