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Mission of Love Food Hub

Every Tuesday- Located at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 8am-12pm. All are invited. Dr. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

Explore Warren County Tourism at: Explore-Warren.org

Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823
 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank

Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. are open every Monday 8:30am-11:30am

Biking

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosrc.org

BIKE TRAIN

ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At <https://pconobiking.com/specialty-trips/bike-train/>

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The East Bangor UMC Church will be

hosting a Lenten Bible Study based on Richard

Wilke's thoughtful book, "He Set His Face To Jerusalem." The 5-week study will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays (February 25 - March 25) and will also be accessible on Zoom. (It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.) The book is available through Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor. If you have any questions and for the Zoom access, please contact Dave Goss at 570-556-9482.

Blue Mountain Community Library News for Early April:

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. A huge thank you to the library's dedicated volunteers. The library is in need of more adult volunteers for all shifts. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and meet like-minded individuals! Commitment involves just 4.5 hours each month. No special skills are required. All training is provided. Pick up an application at the circulation desk.

The library is closed April 2 (evening), April 3, and April 4 for Easter.

Stop in today to see our new mascot: a beautiful little blue fish! Thank you to Waters Edge Aquarium for donating him and to an anonymous donor for donating his bowl, food, and supplies. Through April 18, anyone can suggest a name for the fish. Then through April 30, everyone can vote for a name.

Try the new scavenger hunt for children, with lots of new prizes in the prize basket - plus a scavenger hunt for adults and young adults! Deadline is April 30, with a prize drawn from all correct entries.

Book group for adults is April 14 at 6:30pm, discussing _The God of the Woods_. Register by emailing info@bmcl.org.

A silent auction will be held from April 10 through May 6. We have many great Mother's Day gifts. Library membership is not required to bid.

New to the circulating collection:

- Adult fiction:
 - The Astral Library (Kate Quinn)
 - Cold Zero (Brad Thor)
 - The Crossroads (C.J. Box)
 - More than Enough (Anna Quindlen)
 - The Viper (Brad Meltzer)
 - Cleopatra (Saara El-Arifi)
 - The Castaways (Lucy Clarke)
 - The Devil's Bible (Steve Berry)
 - A Mother's Love (Danielle Steel)
 - The Girls We Sent Away (Meagan Church)
 - How to Read a Book (Monica Wood)
 - The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus (Emma Knight)
 - When I Kill You (B.A. Paris)
 - If Two Are Dead (Rick Mofina)
 - A Dead Draw (Robert Dugoni)

- The Right to Remain (James Grippando) Adult nonfiction:
 - The Let Them Theory (Mel Robbins)
 - Black Dahlia (William J. Mann)
 - The Other Family Doctor (Karen Fine) Large print fiction:
 - Nightcaps at the Beach House Hotel (Judith Keim)
 - New Beginnings in Lavender Bay (Michelle Brouder) YA fiction:
 - Beth Is Dead (Katie Bernet)
 - A Tribute of Fire (Sariah Wilson)
 - A Vow of Embers (Sariah Wilson)
 - A Curse of Ashes (Sariah Wilson) Juvenile fiction:
 - The New Class (Swapna Reddy)
 - Sparkling Steps (Sue Bentley)
 - Pete at the Beach (James Dean)
 - A Bear, a Man, and a Donut Van (Daniel Bernstrom)
 - Fox and the Mystery Letter (Alex G. Griffiths) Juvenile nonfiction:
 - Who Was Nellie Bly? (Margaret Gurevich)
 - What Was the Hindenburg? (Janet B. Pascal)
 - Minecraft Construction Handbook (Matthew Needler)
 - Minecraft Combat Handbook (Stephanie Milton)
 - Who Was Ruth Bader Ginsburg? (Patricia Brennan Demuth)
 - Who Is Malala Yousafzai? (Dinah Brown)
 - The Wonder of Easter (Matt Mitter)

Jacobsburg Community Programs for April 2026

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, April 2026
 Family Science Night - Amphibians & Reptiles
 Friday, April 3, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm

Practice being a herpetologist by studying the differences between amphibians and reptiles! We'll venture outdoors to some of our seasonal pools and ponds to spot some of these amazingly adapted creatures. This program is best for children ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10am to 12pm
 Join volunteer Doug Burton for a walk to the wildflower meadows of Jacobsburg. This program will focus on the identification of flowering plants and interesting folklore surrounding them. Prepare for a 1.5 mile walk in sloping and slightly muddy trail conditions. Please dress appropriately and bring necessary water/snacks. This program is for adults only.

Hike for Health

Wednesdays, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 2 & 30, 2026 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsbursgsp@pa.gov.

Walk through Historic Jacobsburg Saturday, April 18, 2026 Session A: 9:30am to 11am or Session B: 1pm to 2:30pm
 Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by learning about the role that early American industry played in shaping our fledgling country.

On this exploratory walk, we will piece together the clues of the past to imagine the village which would eventually become our namesake. Registration is required. This program is being held twice on the same day, please pick your preferred time.

Talk Birdy to Me!

Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:30am to 11am
 Bird vocalizations are very useful to identify birds but the volume of sounds can be overwhelming at the same time. Now is a great time to brush up on your skills as we approach the peak of migration. We'll spend time both indoors and out using different tools and mnemonics to learn and identify the vocalizations of some of our common resident and migrant birds. Registration is required.

Signs of Spring Hike

Saturday, April 25, 2026 1pm to 3pm
 Join us as we search for wildflowers, new plant growth, migrating birds and other signs of spring. Be prepared for a moderate two-mile hike that involves muddy areas and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required.

Summer Day Camp Registration opens on April 6th at 12:00PM:

Summer Day Camp (Ages 3-5): Animal Olympics
 Tuesday, June 23 thru Friday, June 26, 2026 10am to 11am

Can you flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird? Or run as fast as a deer? Have fun learning while comparing your skills against some of Pennsylvania's amazing wildlife species! Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Adults do not need to be registered for this program. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-8) Session One: The Transformers

Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm

Join us for a fun-filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

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