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We're Open!

Patrons are now able to enter library buildings to access materials and in-house library services.

Social distancing measures are being implemented. We have reduced the total number of seating areas and patron computers, and patrons will be limited to 30 minutes of computer use at a time. We will encourage patrons to limit the total time spent inside the building, and patron seating areas will be reduced. Hand sanitizing stations are in place in the buildings. Masks are also required to enter library buildings. If a patron does not wish to wear a mask for medical reasons, they may continue to request items for curbside pickup.

Please bear with us as we continue to transition during this time. We miss seeing you all, and look forward to seeing you in our buildings again soon!

Hours of Operation:

Montrose: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hallstead-Great Bend: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. to noon.

Forest City: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. to noon.

Susquehanna: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. to noon, Sat. 10 a.m. to noon.

Historical Society: Genealogy open Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., museum open by appointment.

This original Roddy Tilley pastel, "Williams Pond" can be yours! We will have a silent auction at the Montrose Library. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you to Sharon and Tom Norville for the donation!

Help support your Libraries and Historical Society!

During the shutdown, our organization was very fortunate to obtain a grant from the Payroll Protection Program administered by the Small Business Administration. This grant allowed us to cover salaries to our staff and utility expenses that occurred during an eight-week period.

However, the cancelation of several major fundraisers this year has severely impacted our annual fundraising goals. Fundraising accounts for nearly one third of our operating budget, so any reduction in this amount affects us greatly.

Please consider helping us make up for this loss by making a donation to our fundraiser at www.gofundme.com/support-susquehanna-co-libraries. You can also mail a donation to 458 High School Rd., Montrose PA 18801. Any amount will help us! As always, we appreciate your support.

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Blueberry Festival Announcements

In these unprecedented times, and with heavy hearts, the decision has been made to cancel the 2020 Blueberry Festival as it is normally held on the Village Green in Montrose, PA.

In its place, we will hold several smaller celebrations at the Montrose library location at 458 High School Rd. Watch your local newspaper, the library website www.susqcolibrary.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/susqcolibrary as we finalize these plans.

At every step, we took into account not only the time and effort that goes into planning a festival of this size, but also the impact of what canceling this event would mean to both visitors and our local supporters. As the organizers of this festival, it's painful to cancel the 2020 event in its normal capacity, but prioritizing the health and safety of festival goers, volunteers and the community is both the responsible and proper thing to do.

We appreciate the support of everyone as we work through this difficult time, but we know it is the best decision for our event and community.

Please mark your calendar for next year's event on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7, 2021.

We are still having a Blueberry Quilt Raffle this year! This year's quilt is called "Blueberry Tarts," made by the Kaffettes. Tickets will be on sale at all locations: $2 each, 3 for $5, 15 for $20.

Birding backpacks are coming soon to Susquehanna County Library locations! The bags include binoculars, books and other materials to get you started.

Backpacks sponsored by Susquehanna County Birders.

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12th Annual Library Lottery

Saturday, August 29

At the Montrose VFW Noon - 4 PM

Each ticket makes you eligible for every prize!
Pick up your application at any Susquehanna County Library branch or download your own at susqcolibrary.org/lottery.

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