



Be sure to wish our amazing funky sock-wearing librarian Judy a happy birthday the 18th of this month!

Building Updates

Can you believe construction is practically over? Our expansion is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, and the rest of our interior needs will be brought in by March.

Our new building will be more than double the size of our previous space, so be ready for more room, more books, and more fun! We give a big thanks to our amazing construction crew and donors for making this possible!



An updated view of the front of the new building



Do you have a desire to give our library a fresh new look? Simply scan this snazzy QR code to access our Amazon wishlist.

NEW CHILDREN BOOKS

- Happy St. Patrick's Day From the Crayons
- The Three Little Tardigrades
- It's So Amazing
- Nightshade Revenge
- Slugfest
- Uni the Unicorn: Easter Bunny Helper
- Grump Monkey Spring Fever
- Horse&Buggy on Wheels
- Little Critter: Tricky Chickies
- Middle School #16: Million Dollar Mess
- Curios George Colors Eggs
- Remember My Story
- Pizza and Taco: Wrestling Mania
- Beaky Barnes and the Devious Duck
- Bear Finds Eggs
- The Misfits #1: A Royal Conundrum
- Is This Easter

- To Gaze Upon Wicked Gods by Molly Chang

- Better Left Buried by Marie Roach

- The Mayor of Maxwell Street by Avery Cunningham

- Love and Other Conspiracies by Mallory Marlowe

- The Longest Autumn by Amy Avery

Kick-off your reading this new year with new debut authors!

NEW YOUNG ADULT FICTION

- Out of Our League: 16 Stories of Girls in Sports by Dahlia Adler
- A Drop of Venom by Rick Riordan

Betsy's 9th Year of Awesomeness!



Get ready to celebrate, as Elizabeth Kreider, otherwise known as our lovely Miss Betsy, has officially reached her 9th year here at the Bethel Library! Betsy began her journey with us by volunteering and teaching outstanding classes and programs for our community for many years. Her creativity, kindness, dedication, and diligent work were more than enough for us to invite her into becoming official library staff. "Kaitlin asked me to join the library staff and become Bethel Library's first-ever children's librarian. What an honor!" It's important to mention Betsy is now not only our exclusive children's librarian, but one of our incredible library directors as well! What doesn't she do?



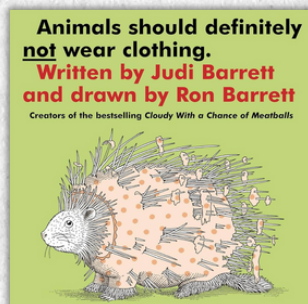
Betsy(left) with her two beautiful daughters, Macy(middle) and Maddy (right)

When asked what is her favorite part of being a librarian here at Bethel Library, Betsy had this to say, "I truly love every part! Our staff is amazing and I consider them my family, which is what I think makes this library unique. I absolutely love the children, our patrons, and our community. Nothing makes me happier than seeing smiling faces of children attending our end of summer reading carnival, preschoolers totally engulfed in a book I'm reading during preschool story time, or making connections with teens and learning about their future dreams."

In regards to construction, Betsy has stated that these are changes all of our staff have been anticipating for a very long time. "I cannot wait to have this brand new space for my coworkers as well as our residents. I'm excited to see the wonderful things we dream up to share with our community in this brand new space as well as the wonderful literacy events we can host to help our young people grow and blossom." Betsy also noted how she knows how important speaking, writing, and reading are to children. We are sure that she along with the rest of the community are hopeful this new space can teach and inspire young and old minds alike.

If Betsy isn't here absolutely killing it, you can find her gardening, spending time with her family, hanging out with her pet chickens, reading thrillers, traveling, or even relaxing with a good puzzle or movie. Betsy has been such an incredible asset to our library and we truly couldn't imagine running this place without her. Her love and empathy for those around her shines through in her work, and we hope she knows how many lives she has impacted through her joy and teachings, and by simply being her. We love you Betsy!

Betsy's top 2 children's books



UPCOMING EVENTS

Many of our program locations have changed due to ongoing construction. Events such as Preschool Storytime and Bestsellers and Baked Goods have been moved to Baked Sweet Coffeehouse and Bakery, while our Trim Healthy Mama program is now being hosted at Little Swatara Church of the Brethren. We thank these organizations for helping us serve you during construction!

*Some Events Require Registration.
Please Contact Us for Information*

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
JAN 4, JAN 11, JAN 18, JAN 25
THURSDAYS, 11AM
@BAKED SWEET

BESTSELLERS & BAKED GOODS
JAN 23, FEB 20
TUESDAYS, 6PM
@BAKED SWEET

BLUE MOUNTAIN BOOK CLUB
JAN 8
SECOND MONDAY, 6PM
@SHEETZ IN BETHEL

TRIM HEALTHY MAMA
JAN 20
SATURDAYS, 10AM
@LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE
BRETHREN

BAKED SWEET
429 FRYSTOWN RD
MYERSTOWN, PA 17067

LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF
THE BRETHREN
31 REHRERSBURG RD.
BETHEL, PA 19507



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research, and more.



Operating Hours

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Tuesday 9:30-8
Wednesday closed
Thursday 9:30-8
Friday 9:30-6
Saturday 9:30-1:30
Sunday 1-4

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