

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 23rd and be closed Dec. 24th & 25th, 31st & January 1st for the holidays.



Life is Better with Friends

The Friends of the South Fayette Township Library have been busy this year and have made quite an impact on our Library. A few highlights include sponsoring the Summer Reading program, buying a play kitchen for the Children's Department, purchasing a window decal with our new logo (pictured above), and sponsoring the Library's table at the Township's Holiday Celebration event in early December.

January kicks off the Friends' membership drive for 2020.

Membership is only \$10 for the year.

Membership forms are available at the Library and online at southfayettelibrary.org/friends-of-the-library.



Photo: South Fayette Township

Youth Services Specialist, Carrie Lowery, with Township Holiday Celebration attendees.

September was **Love Your Library** Month for Allegheny County.

Thanks to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation all funds raised throughout September were eligible for a percentage match. Our biggest fundraiser was our Annual Beer for Books at Helicon Brewery, raising \$6,400.



We also hosted a workshop at the Wooden Loft, where attendees pre-registered for the wooden craft they wanted to make, and the Wooden Loft donated a portion of all proceeds to the library.



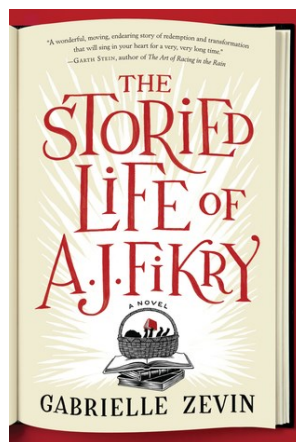
At the end of the month the Youth Services Department held a Teddy Bear Campout. Kids and their favorite stuffed animal came to the library for a fun evening of camping crafts, storytime, and play. Their stuffed animal stayed overnight at the library, and the next day the kids came back for donuts and juice. The library showed pictures of what the animals got up to during their overnight stay.

View the Teddy Bear Campout Video Online: <https://youtu.be/MZfAqyyWGko>

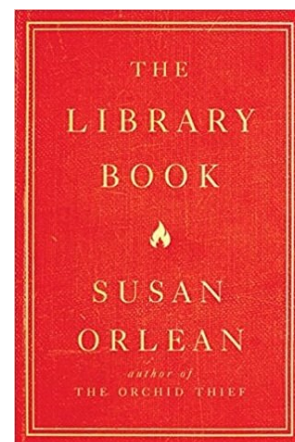


For Fire Safety week in October the library held a special Saturday storytime at the South Fayette Volunteer Fire Department.

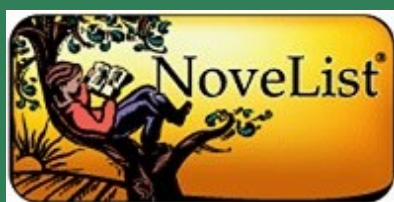
Staff Recs: Perfect for the Season



A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner of Island Books, has recently endured some tough years: his wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and his prized possession--a rare edition of Poe poems--has been stolen.



In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the Los Angeles Public Library fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives.

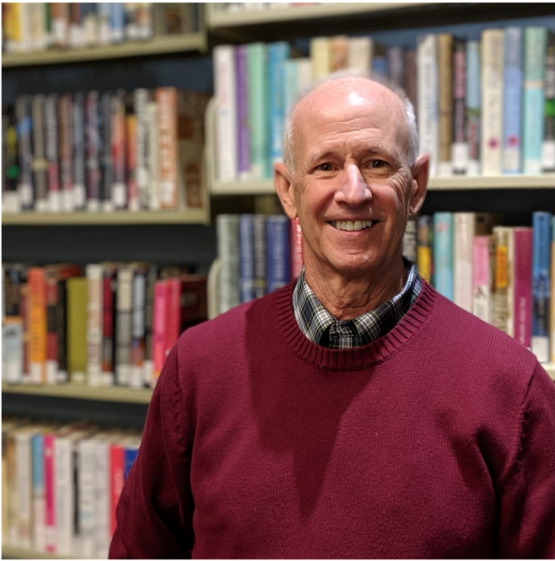


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Volunteer Spotlight



We sat down with South Fayette Township Library Board Treasurer Bob Milacci - a vocal supporter, dedicated volunteer, and generous donor to the Library. At the end of January, Bob will be leaving the Library Board, after eight years of service, having reached the term limit. We thought this was a fitting opportunity to get him to share his insights and reflections.

How did you first get involved with the South Fayette Township Library?

While serving as a South Fayette Township Commissioner in the late 90s/early 2000s, I acted as the Library Liaison, so I was attending the Library Board meetings. In 2011, the Library recruited me to the Board. I was elected President in 2013 and transitioned into the Treasurer position in 2019 as part of our

succession planning.

What is your favorite thing about the Library?

That's a hard question! One of the things I wanted to stress when I came on board was that since we are a small library, outreach is key to impacting more people. Over the years our outreach program has really grown. Not only do we visit local daycares, preschools, and elementary school extended care programs, we also do outreach for seniors at Country Meadows and other senior care centers in the area.

All of the programming we do for children is phenomenal. It's not just storytime anymore, we also do STEM programming. We help get kids ready for school.

Do you have any favorite events or memories?

One of the things that I am proudest of is the Contract for Management of the Bridgeville Public Library. Since 2014, South Fayette has been managing the Bridgeville Public Library. We were able to dramatically improve Bridgeville's operations and enhance our own. We now share staff, programs, and sometimes space. When we experienced the flooding a few years ago. Instead of closing down completely, we temporarily packed up and moved to Bridgeville during the repairs. It has definitely been a win-win relationship.

Where do you see the Library in 10 years?

It has to be in a new and bigger building. The people in this township deserve a new library capable of hosting more and larger programming, more room for children, room for teens, and meeting rooms. I would also like to see the Library as an official department of the Township to give the community and the staff more security.

What is your favorite book?

I like reading history, so -- *John Adams*, by Pittsburgh author David McCullough.

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This library-funded resource presents articles on health, public safety, marketplace economics and the judicial & regulatory actions that affect consumers from 1985-Present.

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