



# Community Library of the Shenango Valley

## January 2022 FREE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF THE SHENANGO VALLEY

11 N. SHARPSVILLE AVE. SHARON, PA 16146  
724-981-4360 www.clsv.net  
10 AM—8 PM Monday—Thursday  
10 AM—5 PM Friday & Saturday

### CLSV STEY-NEVANT LIBRARY BRANCH

1000 ROEMER BLVD. FARRELL, PA 16121  
724-983-2714 www.steynevantlibrary.com  
Monday—Thursday 11 AM—6PM  
Saturday 10 AM-2PM

**Both libraries will be closed January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.  
CLSV will be closed Jan. 4, 6, 11, and 13.**

### A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT....



Dear Library Friends and Patrons,

Happy New Year! I am honored to be able to introduce myself as the new Board President of the Community Library of the Shenango Valley. I have been blessed by the work of libraries throughout my life, and my family and I have been dedicated patrons of CSLV since we moved to Sharon! I am currently the priest at St. John's Episcopal Church, and I previously served as a representative of Sharon City Council to the library board before recently being appointed to the board myself.

Over the past year, the library staff and volunteers have done incredible work maintaining, and in some ways expanding, services during the pandemic. We have received a significant grant to enable hundreds of people in this area to receive laptops and wifi to access remote learning opportunities. Our ebook programs allow patrons to borrow books to read even when physically isolated. While following safety protocols, we have sponsored the programming that can create important connections, especially during this time. We have also continued the important work of maintaining two locations that are accessible to patrons by car, public transportation, and walking. The longtime friends of our main branch and the Farrell community have both come together with incredible support to ensure that our libraries can continue to make a difference in the coming years.

The library is a community treasure, and it takes the support of our community to succeed. I am grateful for all the ways you have supported our library and I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Blessings for a safe, happy, and prosperous 2022!

Peace,

Adam Trambley

### Hello Valley Friends,

It is with a grateful heart, that I accepted the position of branch manager for the CLSV Stey-Nevant Branch Library. In the New Year I look forward to rekindling relationships, making new friends and meeting with all of you that attend this branch that I fondly call, "Our Friendly Place."

Libraries are helping with preservation and telling of community stories. In a recent published *Library Journal* "LJ" interview, "What you need to know to help African American patrons start their genealogical research," I share as a subject expert how individuals are searching for their roots in libraries. My staff and I held our first meeting that has ascended us to implement excitingly new plans for a streamline programming approach and maintain "Our Friendly Place." The Branch Library invites you to opening cultural events: "Sharing Reflections, Celebrating Farrell and Sharon's Neck District Exhibit" on Jan. 22; "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Youth Poster Contest" on Jan. 15.

I recall among my childhood memories that my mom took me to our community library in search of answers to my many questions. From a world forged by steel the library was a crucible for freedom's exploration, provided roots and wings to soar. Serving as your new branch manager, gives me the privilege to give back to this well deserving community valley of friends and continue our rich tradition.

Wishing you and your family good health and prosperity,  
Roland Barksdale-Hall

## For Children



### Lego Club

Tuesdays, 4:00 -7:00 PM.

You have the imagination and we have the Legos! Build something new each week! Limited to 15 participants on a first come first serve basis.

### Music with Miss Jess

Friday, Jan. 7 @ 10:30 AM.

Sing, dance, and make music with us! Enjoy a musical adventure with music therapist Jess Davis.

### Story Time

Wednesdays, Jan. 12, 19, & 26 @ 10:30 AM.

Join us for hands-on activities, stories, songs, and more!

### Ooey Goey Art

Fridays, Jan. 14, 21, & 28 @10:30 AM.

A messy and fun project! Please come prepared to get messy.

### After School STEM

Tuesday, Jan. 18 @ 4:30 PM.

Come join in as we learn about magnets and make our own toy using magnets.



## For Teens



### Teen Journaling Series

Wednesday, Jan. 12 @ 3:15 PM.

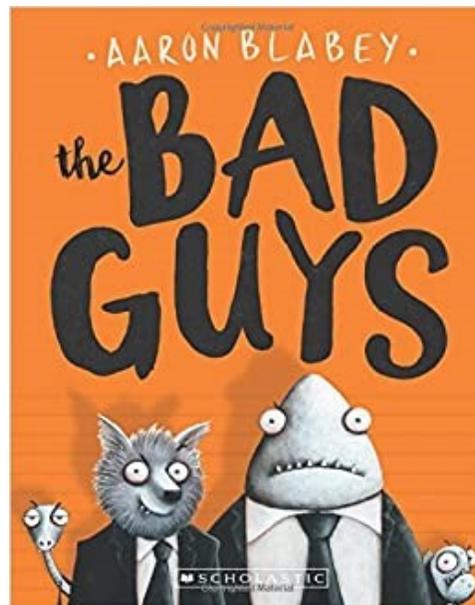
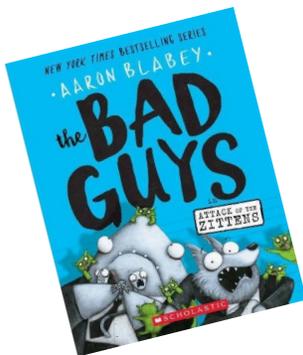
Learn how to use a journal for your mental health.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, @ 3:15 PM.

Come down and learn how to use a journal to make a budget.

*All teen programs are for ages 12 –18.*

Coming soon to a theater near you!



Read it here first!

## For Adults

### Writers Group

**Mondays, 1:30-3 PM.**

Join in a creative environment and meet with other writers.

### Knit, Needle Work, & More

**Tuesdays, 12:30-2 PM.**

Bring any kind of needlework! Get tips, ideas, and new patterns.

### Chess Club

**Thursdays, 5-7:30 PM.**

Advance your skills or learn how to play! All levels of expertise welcome!

### Fine Arts Painting

**Canceled**

### Gadget Workshop

**Thursday, Jan. 20**

Need help learning how to use your phone? Not sure what the icons do on your laptop? Sign up for a one-on-one session! Call or come in to sign up.



### Adult DIY: Constellation Canvas

**Tuesday, Jan. 25 @ 5:15 PM.**

Come down and make a cute mixed media constellation using paint and some basic embroidery. Registration is required prior to the day of the event.

### Book Club

**Thursday, Jan. 27 @ 2:00 PM.**

We will be reading *A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild Ride to the Edge and Back* by Kevin Hazzard.

### League of Women Voters: Legislative Interviews

**Friday, Jan. 28 @ 12:00 PM.**

League of Women Voters of Mercer County will be asking questions of our legislators during its annual Legislative Interview. Please join us as we discuss what Mercer County can expect in 2022. This will be held on Zoom. You can join using the I.D. number: 835 1946 3443 or using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83519463443>



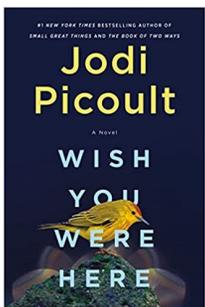
# On the New Shelf



Two years into World War II, Britain is feeling her losses: The Nazis have won battles, the Blitz has destroyed cities, and U-boats have cut off the supply of food. In an effort to help housewives with food rationing, a BBC radio program called The Kitchen Front is holding a cooking contest—and the grand prize is a job as the program's first-ever female co-host. For four very different women, winning the competition would present a crucial chance to change their lives.

For a young widow, it's a chance to pay off her husband's debts and keep a roof over her children's heads. For a kitchen maid, it's a chance to leave servitude and find freedom. For a lady of the manor, it's a chance to escape her wealthy husband's increasingly hostile behavior. And for a trained chef, it's a chance to challenge the men at the top of her profession.

These four women are giving the competition their all—even if that sometimes means bending the rules. But with so much at stake, will the contest that aims to bring the community together only serve to break it apart?



Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galápagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. But then a virus that felt worlds away has appeared in the city, and on the eve of their departure, Finn breaks the news: It's all hands on deck at the hospital. He has to stay behind. You should still go, he assures her, since it would be a shame for all of their nonrefundable trip to go to waste. And so, reluctantly, she goes. Almost immediately, Diana's dream vacation goes awry. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. Slowly, she carves out a connection with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to Diana, despite her father's suspicion of outsiders. In the Galápagos Islands, where Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection was formed, Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different.

# Events at the CLSV Stey-Nevant Branch: Jan. 2022



## Children's Programming

### Virtual Story Time Mondays @ 12:30 PM.

Join a librarian for a snowy story time during the month of January. Follow along on Facebook for some chilly cheer!

### Cotton Ball Snowman Crafts Wednesday, Jan. 12th @ 3:30 PM.

Using various supplied craft supplies, kids decorate and make a snowman.

### Buster the Therapy Dog Thursday, Jan. 20th @ 4 PM.

Come read your favorite holiday story to Buster, a registered therapy dog. There will be fun five minute crafts for the kids!

## Teen Programming

### GAME ROOM OPEN!

#### Wednesdays, 4-5 PM.

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to hangout in our Game Room! All gaming equipment was donated by *Seeds of Faith Ministry*. All participants must fill out a registration form prior to using the space.

### STEM

#### Tuesdays, Jan. 4th, 11th, 8th @ 4:00 PM.

Get help with tech support and raise awareness of contributors to American ingenuity!

### Black History Bingo

#### Tuesday, Jan. 25th @ 4:00 PM. Tuesday,

Teens play bingo and learn of different accomplishments and achievements of black Americans.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

#### Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, @ 11:00 a.m.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service Poster Contest.

Make a poster of how they would be of service to a family, community, or country.

## Adult Programming



### "Sharing Reflections, Celebrating Farrell and Sharon's Neck District Exhibit"

#### Saturdays, Jan. 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Come, see the exhibit, and hear a brief presentation.

### Adult Memory Book

#### Wednesday, January 26 @ 1:00 p.m.

Make a Memory Book. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Chess Club

#### Thursdays, 4-6 PM.

Beginners welcome!



## DID YOU KNOW...

CLSV Stey-Nevant Branch will sponsor "MLK Day of Service" Poster Contest for youth ages 9 to 15 years old. Youth will create a poster that emphasizes service to the family, community, or country. The poster should empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems and move society closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community".

Prizes will be awarded in four different age groupings (9-12 years) and (13-15 years). All posters will be displayed in the CLSV Stey-Nevant Branch Library throughout February. The library will provide materials to create the posters. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

