

## Library Article for Frenchtown Township Newsletter

It's time to put away your gardening gloves and pull out your wooly mittens. Pack away your sun visors and straw hats and dig out your scarves and ear muffs. You might even want to check in the back of your closet for a flannel shirt and a jacket or two. Fall is just around the corner and winter will blow in before we know it.

We love the autumn months at your Frenchtown libraries. Schools are back in session, the trees are a blaze of beautiful colors, everything smells like cinnamon and pumpkin spice and your local libraries have lots of fun activities for your whole family.

Take a look at what's coming up this fall.

Our Blue Bush Library is located at 2210 Blue Bush Road (734-242-4085).

Story times begin there week of September 8<sup>th</sup> and meet on Friday morning at 10:30 am. The home school Book Club starts back up in September meeting on the last Monday of each month.

Our popular Mystery Book Club continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our Classic Book Club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

\*On October 9<sup>th</sup> join other grown-ups and create a small hanging "Straw Hat" door decoration for your home. 6:00 pm. Register in advance, on line.

\*October 11<sup>th</sup> bring your children to our "Blue Bush Boo Bash" and "Trick or Treat" behind the library. 6:00 pm. Register on line in advance.

\*November 8<sup>th</sup> enjoy the movie "Toy Story 4" at 7:00 pm and on December 6<sup>th</sup> join us and enjoy the movie "The Lion King".

\*December 11<sup>th</sup>, mark your calendars for a Wednesday night visit with our favorite guy "Santa" at 6:30 pm. Be sure to register on line to let us know you're coming!

The Blue Bush Mystery book club and our Classic book club, our “Sit Chat Finish That” craft night, and our Girls Club are all listed on the Monroe County Library System web site at [www.monroe.lib.mi.us](http://www.monroe.lib.mi.us). Check out dates and times for all library events there, and be sure to register in advance for those events that require pre-registration.

Our R.A. Vivian Library is located at 2664 Vivian Road (734-241-1430).

\*We are excited to welcome Story Time back to the Vivian Library this year. Beginning on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, preschoolers will once again be treated to stories, songs, activities and simple crafts at 10:00 am each week. Story times help introduce children to libraries and books, and to being with other children.

One the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month come into the branch and enjoy “A Puzzle in a Day” from 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm.. Work on your own or with others to help us put together a puzzle in a day. Grab a puzzle piece or two and see what many hands can do.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month children can enjoy “Crafternoons” from 3:30pm until 5:00 pm. Make something special to take home!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month, take part in our “3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Special.” This program runs from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm and those who attend will create unique and beautiful crafts for their homes. Space is limited, so register on line for this fun afternoon break.

And don’t forget, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month “An Afternoon Read” book club meets at 1:00 pm.

Keep an eye on the Monroe County Library Systems web site for times and dates for programs at all of our 16 branches and for your three Frenchtown area libraries. Check out [www.monroe.lib.mi.us](http://www.monroe.lib.mi.us) for more information.

\*“Make a Scarecrow” on September 21<sup>st</sup> and hope for a dry day. Keep that dry weather forecast in mind for our “Trunk or Treat” event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. And don’t forget branch technician Diane is famous for “spur of the moment” craft programs at our Vivian Library.

Our Frenchtown-Dixie Library is located at 2881 Nadeau Road (724-289-1035).

Story times begin the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Toddler story times start on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and preschool story times begin on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Children will enjoy a variety of activities including stories and songs, dances and bubbles and an appropriate craft project. Miss Shannon and her magic shoes will bring the world of books and stories alive for those in attendance.

Book Clubs for grown-ups continue through the year with our popular Tuesday evening book club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our "Soup for the Soul" book club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm and reads books that "inspire."

Hey Kids and Families, join us on Thursday, September 19 for an evening of Minecraft Fun at our 1<sup>st</sup> Minecraft Party. Be here at 6:00 pm.

Princesses, Fairies and Skeletons will be walking through the wilderness behind the Frenchtown-Dixie Library on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm for our annual "Pumpkin Parade". This program is planned for the youngest of Trick-or-Treaters in a nice safe area. Children up to age 10 are invited.

Keep your eyes open and check in periodically to our website at [www.monroe.lib.mi.us](http://www.monroe.lib.mi.us) to find details about upcoming library events. Watch for a special event in November for our teens as our Youth Services gang challenges teens to an evening of Chocolate Olympics. Details to come!

\*\*\*\*For those who are seriously missing the PBS Series Downton Abby, don't despair. The feature length movie is being released in September of this year and your friends at the Frenchtown-Dixie Library will be hosting a unique and lovely Downton Abby Tea on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for more details, on line and in our branch libraries. Start thinking about what to wear and how to decorate your table for this special event.

\*\*\*\*Attention! Attention! Avenger Fans take note!! On Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> be ready for the event of the season: AVEGERS ASSEMBLE!!! The series starts with the showing of the Marvel movie: The Avengers. On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> the

series continues with Avengers: Age of Ultron and on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> watch Captain America: Civil War. The series will continue into 2020 with both Avengers: Infinity War and Endgame. This series event is for those who grew up loving the Avengers comics and as well as the 1966 cartoon series. Come share in the love of all things Avengers with your fellow geeks. Enjoy snacks, quizzes, laughs and good times. This ongoing event is for the adults who still Marvel at the child that lingers in every one of us.

Happy Autumn to All!!! Wishing you a Peaceful Thanksgiving and a Beautiful Holiday Season. And most of all a Safe and Happy New Year!!

Stop in and see us at one of your Frenchtown Libraries this fall and over the holidays, check out a book or a movie, sign up for a program and see what we have for you and your family this fall and winter.

Best Wishes.