

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026



Celebrating Our Roots: Yeadon Public Library (YPL)

From a single room to a modern community hub, YPL has fueled our community's curiosity for nearly a century! Here's a quick look at how we grew:

- 1937: Founded by the Women's Club of Yeadon on the 3rd floor of Borough Hall.
- 1939: Borough Council hired a librarian and library assistants.
- 1967: Moved to Longacre Boulevard facility after a generous School Board land donation and voter approval for construction funding.
- 1981: Joined newly created Delaware County Library System, allowing cross-border borrowing.
- 1995: Current Friends of YPL formed, launching decades of vital volunteer support in promoting YPL's mission.
- 2014: 1,500-sq-ft expansion that included much needed community meeting space.

Yeadon Public Library continues its mission to inspire life-long learning, provide vital resources, and preserve our community's unique historical legacy.

Celebrating 90/60: Another Milestone Year!

2027 will mark another historic double anniversary for Yeadon Public Library! It will be 90 years since the Library first opened its doors on the third floor of Borough Hall in 1937, and 60 years since the dedication of its current home at 809 Longacre Boulevard in 1967.

It is hard to believe a decade has already passed since the 80/50 Celebration and the memorable October Gala at the Oaks Ballroom in 2017. Planning for the 90/60 milestone is getting underway, so stay tuned for event announcements!

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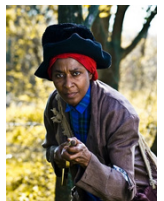
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2025 "**Seed to Supper**" program at the Yeadon Public Library, a dedicated group of beginner gardeners came together for an enriching 7-week series led by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners. Participants learned the essentials of vegetable gardening by taking hands-on ownership of the library's garden plot—planting, watering, and maintaining the beds throughout the course. Their hard work resulted in a beautiful, abundant harvest that provided a steady supply of fresh, free produce for library visitors, showcasing the incredible power of community-driven green initiatives.



YPL and FYPL hosted the annual "**Celebration of Black History**" at YPL on **February 21, 2026**. This year's program celebrated 100 years of Black History and featured Vocal performances, a Presentation on the life of Gordon Parks, an Art Showing, Wraptology Demonstration, a Presentation on the Historic Eden Cemetery, and a Dance Performance. Homemade baked goods were served for refreshments. Hope to see you at next year's celebration!

DR. DAISY CENTURY
4/20/26



Dr. Daisy Century embodies her role as a Historical Interpreter by becoming the historical figures whose stories she wants to illuminate. On **April 20, 2026** Dr. Century wowed the audience with her portrayal of Harriet Tubman!

BOOK FAIR & FLEA MARKET
6/13/26

FYPL hosted this event in conjunction with the Keystone Reads Initiative and Richard E. Ashby Jr., the Director of the Sharon Hill Library and President of the Pennsylvania Library Association. This year we had an amazing turnout with over 30 vendors and authors coming out to engage with the community.

CURRENT & ONGOING ACTIVITIES



Pennsylvania State Senator
Anthony H. Williams'
Mobile Office
Every 1st Monday at YPL
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Joanna McClinton
Speaker of the House of Pennsylvania State Representatives
Brings Her Mobile Office to YPL
Rent Rebates & other services for seniors &
others in the community
Every Thursday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Chair Yoga
Join Us Every Friday, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
To Release Stress & Decompress

Calling All Adults
Interested in a Game of Scrabble
Join us every 4th Wednesday
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM



Evening Readers
Hosted by Juanita Koukou
Meets Every 4th Wednesday - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Teen Advisory Council

The Yeadon Public Library Teen Advisory Council is a group where our high school students work together. They contribute to the community, plan fun activities, and develop leadership skills. The TAC's lead community service project is their Community Cleanup Initiative, which includes past partnerships with Blessed Virgin Mary Church & School and Friendship Circle Senior Center.



Unearth A Story- Summer 2026 at YPL
Monday-Friday (7/6-8/21)

Youth Summer programs Include:

STEAM Programs
Daily Arts & Crafts
Free Lunch Program
GSK Science in the Summer
And so much more



MUSEUM PASSES

Stop by Yeadon Public Library to
borrow free Museum Passes sponsored by
Friends of Yeadon Public Library &
Library Foundation of Delaware County to:



The Legacy Brick Garden Expansion!

The Legacy Brick Garden on the lawn of Yeadon Public Library is being enhanced and will have nearly 200 personalized bricks. Located directly in front of the flagpole dedicated to William T. Kerr, this historic garden serves as a permanent tribute to Yeadon's past and present.

In a nod to our local heritage, the Legacy Brick Garden is bordered by authentic remnant bricks saved from the Yeadon Movie Theater, which once stood in the 500 block of Church Lane.

Stay Tuned! A special dedication ceremony will be announced as soon as the project is completed.



DID YOU KNOW THAT YPL OFFERS:

FREE Access to Computers and Wi-Fi?

FREE Stretch, Line Dance, and Chair Yoga Classes?

LOW COST Access to Fax Machine, Photocopier, Scanner?

If over 18 years of age and with a Delaware County Library Card in good standing, **CAPACITY TO BORROW NOT JUST BOOKS**...but also, Chrome Books, Hotspots, Museum Passes & MORE?

Educational Programs and activities for youth as well as for adults?

WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW?



Check out our **Library of Things Collection** which has been made possible through community donations and grant funding from Robert & Marie Bogle Foundation & Friends of Yeadon Public Library.

LIBRARIES WITH HEART™



We've collaborated with the American Heart Association to bring **Blood Pressure Screenings** to the library. Stop by a self-check station anytime during library hours, borrow a screening kit, or visit **every 3rd Thursday between 2:00pm-3:00pm** to be screened by a professional.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Summer Saturdays (6/27 - 9/5)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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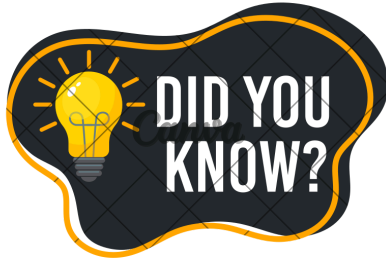
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IF YOU LIKE FACTS...



Benjamin Franklin started up a lending library in 1731.

The largest library in the world - by catalog size - is the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Vermont is home to a library that stretches across the U.S. border to Canada. The Haskell Free Library and Opera House sits directly on the border between the United States and Canada.

It's never too late to return a book. If you stumble across a forgotten library book that's been hiding on your shelf for weeks, months, or even years, don't be afraid to return it.

The Guinness Book of World Records is the most stolen book from public libraries.

Before Google, there was ASK NYPL or 917-275 6975. If you had a question, you would dial that number, and a librarian at the New York Public Library would try to answer it for you. It's still a service they provide today if you want to try it for yourself.

The term 'bookworm' originates from many different types of insects that cause damage to books by feeding upon bindings and pages. It first became a term for voracious readers in Elizabethan times.

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Donations

Financial donations to YPL via FYPL allow us the ability to meet library needs. Donations can be made in person or online via:
yeadonlibrary.org/support/#donate



WORDS FROM YPL'S 2025 POET LAUREATE

Milan Stevens won 3rd place for second graders for the Young Poets of Delaware County 2026 Poetry Contest.

Milan was Yeadon Public Library's 2025 Youth Poet Laureate and a recitation of another of her poems, "The Powerful You" was extremely well received by attendees at YPL's 2026 MLK Commemorative Service.



Here is her winning poem:

Kindness

By

Milan N. Stevens

It doesn't cost a dime
to give up a little time.

Helping others succeed
can help others in need.

Opening the door for others
not just for your brother

Offer to help others
not just your mother.

Don't do it rarely
do it daily.

IN MEMORIAM

The Yeadon Public Library Trustees, Friends, and staff are deeply saddened by the passing of two cherished members:

· Jacqueline B. Mosley
(October 12, 1934 – June 11, 2026)
Member of the Board of Trustees



· Sylvia "Mama Syl" Towns
(July 30, 1957 – May 5, 2026)
Member of the Friends of Yeadon Public Library



Both were deeply valued members of the YPL team. Their dedication, kindness, and years of service left a lasting mark on our library and will always be remembered.