

Entertainment  
**'First Friday'**  
 March 5  
 James V. Brown Library



## Brown Renovations

In order to make it easier for our customers, the library is consolidating the fiction collection so that it is all in one room.

The booths located in Bibliotopia have been relocated to the New Fiction Café at the base of the steps to the lower level. The public can find Bonus Book copies of great titles on display in the New Fiction Café with no wait. The public is welcome to grab a cup of coffee or juice and a pastry or snack from the new vending machines in the hallway and spend some quality reading time in the New Fiction Café.

This will lead to other changes including a move for the Gate's Lab which will move into a larger, more training-friendly space. The current Gate's Lab will become the space for the law computers.

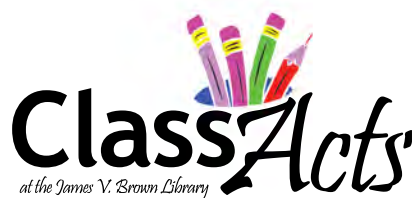


### Question?

Why would anyone pay 99¢ for an answer when libraries answer questions for free and librarians are the information professionals?

### Answer:

They're not using Ask Here PA at [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu). Connect with answers round the clock – no fees, no fuss and real experts.



### Sketchbook Journaling

with Amanda Emig

March 5,12,19,26 from 12-2

### Calligraphy with Amanda Emig

March 27 from 2-5

### Memoir Writing Workshop

with Dr. Rachael Hungerford, Ed.D.

March 6,13,20,27 &

April 10 from 1-3

### Fly Tying Workshop

with Bill Haney

March 13,20,27 from 1-4

### Getting Started in Watercolor

with Carol Wagner

March 10,17,31 & April 7 from 1-2:30

Please register for classes online at [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu) or by calling the library at 326-0536.

Fee schedules and locations vary for each class.

More info online.

James V. Brown Library's  
**NEW HOURS**  
 Weekdays: 10-8  
 Saturdays: 10-6

# Shades of Brown

Dedicated people, bound together like pages in a book, have the strength to achieve great things.

March / April 2010

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## Mother Goose Exhibit in Welch Wing



The James V. Brown Library will be hosting the exhibit "Mother Goose Math: Rhyme & Arithmetic" in the North Room of the Kathryn Siegel Welch Children's Wing of the library from April through June. Mother Goose Math is a hands-on, interactive exhibit from the Children's Museum of Cleveland that brings to life scenes and images from popular nursery rhymes. In the various components of Mother Goose Math, children will use reading to explore mathematics. This exhibit, and the nursery rhyme theme, provides an excellent tool through which complex topics can be simplified and taught to children of all ages.

Just some of the inter-actives in this exhibit include London Bridge, where children fit stones of various shapes and sizes together as they build, knock down, and then rebuild the famous bridge, Three Young Rats Sorting Wall, where the concept of multiples is explored by sorting hats, tails, veils and wigs while tracking them to the appropriate animal, and the Knight's Pear Tree, where children solve the riddle

of the pears and learn about homophones like "pear" and "pair."

"It's unusual to find an exhibit of this caliber in a community our size," says Jeffrey Swope, Assistant Director for the library, "It demonstrates the power of partnerships."

The funding for the exhibit was made possible through the Lycoming County Community Engagement Group (CEG). The CEG is comprised of 43 local agencies involved in early learning efforts. The goals of the CEG are to inform the community about the importance of successful early learning and to involve all members of the community in the effort.

The library will use volunteers as "guides" for the exhibit. The exhibit will be open to the public at no charge. In addition, because of funding through the CEG the library is able to work with child care facilities, preschools, and schools to schedule visits. Specific hours of operation for the exhibit have not yet been determined.

## More Power at Your Fingertips!

The ebranch at [www.lycolibrary.org](http://www.lycolibrary.org) has some exciting new content. In addition to downloadable audio and ebooks virtual visitors can now read full text, same day articles from over 1,000 major newspapers. If you prefer to listen to the stories the "InfoTrac Newsstand" offers you the option of having them read to you in a male or female voice. Magazine readers can cancel their subscriptions and log onto Readers Guide Select to find 100% full text articles from 200 of the most popular general interest periodicals published in the U.S. and Canada. Whether your interest is current events, hobbies, politics, business, sports, recreation, news, cooking, popular music, travel, entertainment, transportation and more the branch has you covered. Get your free ecard online today and start reading!

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## Planning for Life After High School

The James V. Brown Library will be offering a program for middle school and high school students and their parents on a variety of topics related to preparing for life after high school, whether that is college, the military, or employment. The program will focus on how academic development, career exploration, and preparing for life after high school all tie together.

The program will be presented by Don Shade, Regional Director of PHEAA. "Kids too often don't look beyond the immediate future and don't see how what they are doing in school affects them later in life." Says Shade, "And parents often put off thinking about college costs until the senior year. This program will help both students and parents to be forward thinking."

The program will provide a flexible format to cover topics that best suit the audience's needs including a discussion of various topics such as: Learning Styles, Study skills, career exploration (personality types, career clusters, etc.), college searches, preparing for college admissions tests (SAT, ACT, etc.), financial aid, searching for scholarships, de-bunking various myths about higher education, and helping families make smart consumer decisions about how to "buy" their education.

In addition to this program, the library offers Learning Express Library on the library's eBranch, [www.lycolibrary.org](http://www.lycolibrary.org). Learning Express Library offers practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, college preparation, GED practice, elementary, middle and high school learning centers, and more. Included is the Job & Career Accelerator™ that combines everything necessary for a successful job search. With this innovative job-hunting system, you can explore detailed information on over 1,000 different occupations, match your interests and skills with the career that's best for you, search over five million up-to-the-minute local and national job postings, create professional resumes and cover letters, and practice and master interviewing skills.

Charles Ormsbee, webmaster for the library, will do a short demonstration of these resources as part of the program.

The program will be offered twice. The first program will be offered on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm and the second on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Lowry Theatre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Kathryn Siegel Welch Children's Wing of the James V. Brown Library. Registration is required for these programs. To register visit the library's website at [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu) or contact the library at 326-0536.

## Health Care Options for the unemployed and underemployed

**Out of a Job?** Looking for health care benefits and options? For many people, having health insurance is essential. A lack of health insurance is the number one reason individuals file for personal bankruptcy as well as being a major cause for home foreclosure. With medical care costs ever increasing, health care coverage can be expensive. For those with pre-existing medical conditions, the situation becomes even more difficult. Stephen Rzonca, from the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Bureau of Education & Market Analysis, will help explore various health insurance options available to those who find themselves unemployed or underemployed on **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7pm.**

## Identity Theft: How to Defer, Detect & Defend

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. The FTC estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Join Stephen Rzonca from the PA Insurance Department to learn information that can help you deter, detect, and defend against identity theft on **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7pm.**

Registration is required. To register visit the library's website at [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu) or contact the library 326-0536.

Both programs will take place in the Lowry Theatre on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Kathryn Siegel Welch Children's Wing of the James V. Brown Library



**What a Treasure!**  
 written by Jane Hillenbrand and illustrated by Will Hillenbrand has been selected for the 2010 Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child program.

The day mole gets his new shovel and begins to dig for treasure, he discovers something very special indeed—a new friend!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 21st in the Lowry Theatre on the Third floor of the Children's Wing. We will meet Mr. Hillenbrand, hear the story and do a special musical activity. The program is for families of all ages. This is a partnership with The Learning Center.

### Program Times

10:45-11:30am  
 First Floor Programming Rooms  
 6:30-7:15pm Lowry Theater  
 on the third floor of the New Wing

**No Registration is Required.**

## Nutrition Programs

**On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>,** Kelly Hoffheins RD, LDN will present the program, **Healthy Eating for Seniors** from 2pm to 3pm in the Lowry Theatre on the third floor of the Welch Wing. The program is a comprehensive presentation on eating healthfully as we age including common pitfalls to good nutrition, healthy food choices and portion sizes, nutrition facts label reading, and money saving shopping strategies. Hoffheins is a registered dietitian who provides outpatient nutrition counseling for both Susquehanna Health and The Pennsylvania State University.

**On Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>,** Tanya Williams MS, RD, LDN will present the program, **“Healthy Teens: Sport-Specific Nutrition for the Teenage Athlete”** from 11am to 12pm in the Lowry Theatre on the third floor of the Welch Wing. This program is a comprehensive presentation focusing on the nutritional requirements for teen athletes; proper meal, snack and hydration regimes; vitamin and mineral requirements; the dangers of supplements and ergogenic aids, and helpful tips on how to feed your athlete using “real food.” Williams provides private nutrition assessment sessions and campus/community programs and classes. In her private practice, Williams’ specializes in eating disorders and sports nutrition.

**On Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>,** Williams will return to present the program, **Healthy Kids: “Good Nutrition for Preschoolers”** from 11am to 12:00pm in the programming rooms on the first floor of the Welch Wing. This program is a comprehensive presentation highlighting the nutritional requirements for preschool- aged kids, meal and snack ideas, and tips for involving your child in meal preparation, shopping good nutritional practices.

No registration is required for these programs. Freshlife has generously donated three \$40 gift cards for a wellness consultation as door-prizes for attendees.

## Friends Membership

Runs January 1 through December 31. **Membership application for 2010 are available online at [www.jvbrown.edu](http://www.jvbrown.edu)**  
Friends offer a variety of membership levels.  
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Support something in your community that offers lifelong learning.  
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## Friends of the JVBrown Library Book Review LUNCHEONS

Friends of the JV Brown Library will hold Book Review Luncheons on the first Fridays of March and April. These events are open to the public and are free of charge unless you choose to order the light lunch that is available. The lunches cost \$5.00 each and can be reserved by calling the library Information Desk at 326-0536 no later than 3:00 PM the Wednesday before the event. The luncheons start at noon with the program beginning at 12:30. Those interested may attend the 12:30 talk without lunch. The book reviews are held in the Lowry Theatre on the third floor of the new Welch Wing.



**On March 5,** Henry Hopper will be speaking on a topic dear to his heart – the impressive poetry collection at the Brown Library.

The collection includes 1100 volumes of poetry and is supported by 31 endowments placing new books of poetry in the library every year!

Hopper grew up in Delaware County, earned a B.A. in History from the College of Wooster, and a M. Div. from Princeton Seminary. He served pastorates in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Williamsport. He retired as a Parole Agent locally. He has been reading poetry aloud for various audiences for years and is the founder and convener of The Poet Tasters Group which has met regularly for the last four years. His talk is titled “A Poetry Tasting Tour”.



**On April 2,** Mary Sieminski will be reviewing *The Curse of Caste or The Slave Bride* by local author Julia C. Collins. This book is interesting for its history. It was written in 1865.

Julia Collins was a nineteenth-century African American schoolteacher who ran the black children’s public school at the foot of Hepburn Street near the river. At that time Williamsport’s formal school system did not provide for the education of African American children. She started the school in 1864. Her novel is one of the very first ever written and published by a black female author.

Ms. Sieminski was formerly the director of the library of the Pennsylvania College of Technology. She is currently employed by Lycoming College as the project manager for their grant-funded local women’s history project: “Williamsport Women: Words, Images, Actions: 1875 – 1925”. She became fascinated with Collins while helping to do research to have a Pennsylvania Historical Marker erected and dedicated in her name.

## Friends Hold Annual Meeting



New Officers of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors are (l. to r.) Mark Noe (Recording Secretary), Patricia Shipman (President), Dawn Council (Vice-President), and David Wright (Treasurer).

The Friends of the James V Brown Library held their annual membership meeting on Tuesday evening, February 2, 2010. Those attending heard reports from all committee chairs and a report from the library’s Board of Trustees. Revisions to the organization’s by-laws were presented and accepted.

The Friends Favorites Bookstore has been doing well when open on Monday, Friday, and Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoon. It was noted, however, that more volunteers need to be trained in working there.

The slate of officers were accepted and elected by the members. They are President Patricia Shipman, Vice-President Dawn Council, Recording Secretary Mark Noe, and Treasurer David Wright. New board member Greg Thomas was elected to a full term on the board. Members completing terms and will-

ing to remain for another term are Maria Gustafson, Mark Noe, and immediate past-president Margie Shaw.

Plans to have a major book sale in the Spring, specifically April, were discussed and plans were tabled until the March meeting of the Board.



## NEW STORE HOURS!

*For your shopping convenience, we’ve changed our hours!*  
**Mon., Fri. and Sat. 10:30AM-1:30PM**  
**Wed. 1:30PM-4:30PM.**

Shopping at the bookstore is a fun, easy and rewarding way to support Friends. Proceeds are used to help fund library programs and services. Please visit us soon and spread the word to your friends and family about the great used books and media bargains at *Friends Favorites ~Gently Used Book Store!*

**\*\*\*FRIENDS MEMBER SPECIALS\*\*\***  
**March: 50% off all Fiction and April: 50% off all Gardening**  
*With any purchase you are eligible to enter monthly prize drawing!*  
*Please note the bookstore will be closed the week of April 19-24 as we prepare for our Spring Book Sale*

## Special Spring Book Sale!

### Friends of the James V. Brown Library

### April 22, 23, 24

**Pine Street United Methodist Church Hall**  
441 Pine Street, Williamsport

April 22 ....\*Friends Member Preview Night 6 -9PM  
April 23 ... Open to Public 9AM - 6PM  
April 24 ... Open to Public 9AM - 12 noon  
Bag-O-Books Saturday 4/24 12:30 - 2:30PM

**\*Friends Memberships available at the door!**



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