




# Library Connections

A newsletter of Warner Memorial Library

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## Summer Projects at the Library: What We'll Be Doing While You're Away...

 <b>SUMMER HOURS</b> 		
May 9-May 24	May 25-August 7	August 8-August 30
Mondays-Fridays: 8AM-5PM	Mondays-Thursdays: 8AM-5PM	Mondays-Fridays: 8AM-5PM
Saturdays-Sundays: Closed	Fridays: 8AM-2PM	Saturdays-Sundays: Closed
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 *Closed for Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day (July 3)* 		

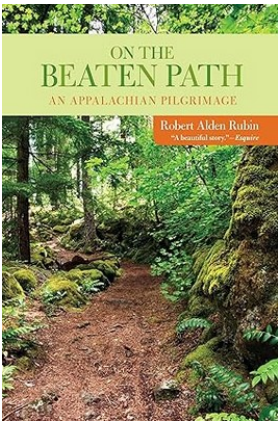
It often surprises our undergraduate students (and may even surprise you) to learn that Warner Library is open during Summer break. Operating on shortened hours, the Library staff takes the time to complete projects that are otherwise difficult to maintain during the academic year. Here are just some of the things we'll be working on this summer:

- Updating the Little Free Library with fresh titles to borrow
- Creating a Philadelphia-centric online research guide to include titles in our collection about the city's history, interesting sites to visit and how to get there on a budget, and more
- Purchasing and cataloging new titles, from DVDs to ebooks and audiobooks
- Replacing and adding items to the Library of Things based off of your recommendations
- Conducting an inventory of and shelf reading the main stacks—100,000 books! No small feat.

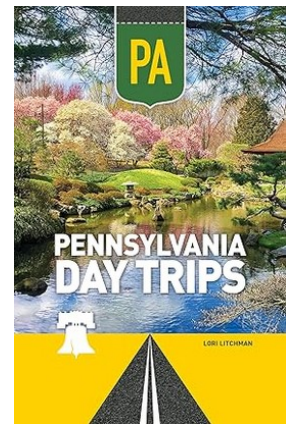
Stop by the library to see what we're up to—and have a blessed Summer Break!

## 5 Out of 5 Librarians Recommend... Books We Suggest You Read For Summer Time!

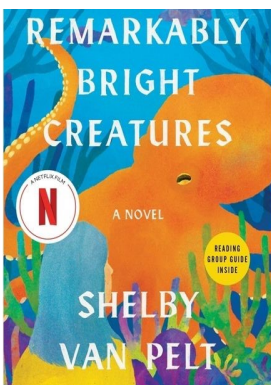
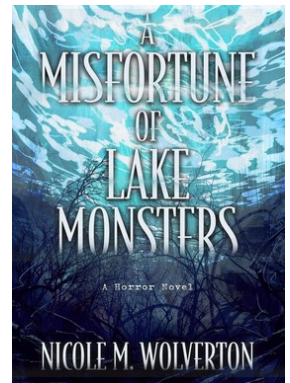
Our latest column titled “5 Out of 5 Librarians Recommend” is where we recommend titles that we think you’d like. This issue, we recommend books that are perfect beach reads. Be sure to stop by the library when you get back and tell us what you thought!



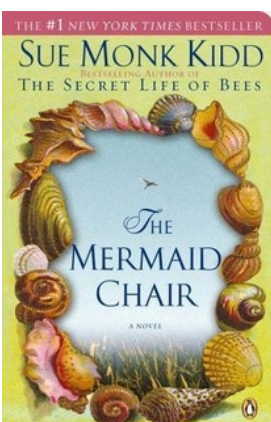
**Anne Schwelm, Director of the Library:** “In the memoir [On the Beaten Path : An Appalachian Pilgrimage](#), the author chronicles a transformative six-month thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail (AT). It captures one man’s perseverance, navigating difficult terrain and weather that becomes a spiritual journey. It will inspire you to tackle some trails of the AT that run through southeastern PA. Somewhat related, [Pennsylvania Day Trips](#) will help you plan your next adventure by downloading this book from Overdrive/Libby. Find tranquility in arboretums and luxury spas, enjoy the beauty of waterfalls and world-class museums and have fun birding or hunting for antiques. This book has something for everyone.”



**Caroline Coriell, Information Literacy Librarian:** “A book that I'm absolutely jazzed to read this summer is [A Misfortune of Lake Monsters](#) by Nicole M. Wolverton. Our protagonist, Lemon Zeigler lives in rural Pennsylvania, and her family runs lake tours, where tourists might see the mysterious lake monster, Lucy. Lemon knows that Lucy is a hoax—one that her family perpetuates to keep the town alive. And, if she leaves for college, the community faces a risk of real economic loss. But those fears take a backseat when a real, lake monster is found in Lake Lokakoma, and it's up to Lemon and her friends to stop this hungry monster before it takes a bite out of their town. I have a physical copy of this book, but you can check out an eBook or Audiobook via The Free Library of Philadelphia's Libby.”

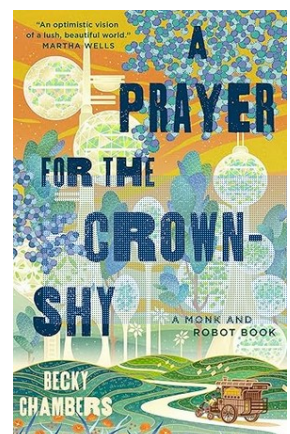


**Chelsea Post, Systems Librarian:** “If I didn’t have a huge backlog to get through this summer, I’d be rereading [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#) by Shelby Van Pelt! Soon to be a Netflix film, this novel interweaves three different POVs: an elderly woman who cleans the local aquarium at night while dealing with the grief of a lost son; a young man coming to town to search for a father who he’s never met; and... an octopus who fancies himself an escape artist. The charm of a Californian coastal town blends with a lively cast of characters who help to knit the varied POVs together, often in unexpected ways. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is heartfelt, touching and just the right amount of bittersweet to make even the crustiest barnacle dissolve. I can only hope the movie will be as good!”



**Kathy Hecht, Access Services Librarian:** “I recommend [A Prayer for the Crown-Shy](#) by Becky Chambers. A companion book to [A Psalm for the Wild-Built](#), readers are encouraged to rejoin the world of monk and robot. It is a heart filling unquantifiable fiction read for those who are looking for meaning.”

**Robyn Cunningham, Reference Librarian:** “My beach read rec is [The Mermaid Chair](#) by Sue Monk Kidd. A middle-aged woman travels back to Egret Island where she grew up to care for her mother, to get away from her life back home, and to find herself. The island-setting is perfect for reading while lounging in front of the water.”





## Ask Paisley

*Ask Paisley the Library Cat!*

Send your library-related questions to  
[reference1777@eastern.edu!](mailto:reference1777@eastern.edu)

Dear Paisley,

Question: I am nosy. I get the feeling that you might be too.

Submitted by On The Nose

Dear On The Nose,

I am nosy and unapologetic about it, my species is known for its 'curiosity' as we like to call it. I am unapologetic about it, I need to know things. I will watch you. You know what, rather than be ashamed of being nosy, I think you should embrace it: get to know all the business happening. One of the ways I do that is to get my school paid subscription to the New York Times. I can read the headlines, even listen to them on the app on the way into work. I can peruse the opinions column, food writing, and I can even do deep dives on topics I care about. For example, I now have a grudge against Waymo, along with a bunch of humans in San Francisco because their [driverless cars killed Kit Kat](#). Another piece recently suggested [dogs are dumb](#), which I liked to see in print.

So nosy friend, be nosy, be even nosier. Get your free subscription and app and let that nosiness run wild. To get your NYT subscription, [click through to the instructions on the landing page of the library](#). To add the app to your phone for audio and the ability to read in app, download in the app store after creating your account.

Sincerely, Paisley the Library Cat

### Earth Day Freestore: A Sustainable Success!

Our recent Earth Day Freestore was a resounding success, bringing the campus community together to promote reuse and reduce waste. The event provided a space for everyone to browse freely. The energy was high and dozens of items found new homes.

Among the treasures claimed, Christmas lights and ornaments were a surprise hit. Books and Pokémon cards flew off the tables. Plants and garden items were also popular, especially catnip and corn seedlings. "Shoppers" enjoyed going through the clothing and selecting household items and small electronics.

Thank you to Eastern EarthKeepers and everyone who participated in making our campus more sustainable and supportive. We hope to make this an annual event. Stay tuned for future opportunities to share and reuse!

### Waddle On! Ducklings at the Library

Duck eggs arrived from Quiver Farms on April 7. Students volunteered to turn them and keep an eye on the incubator temperature and humidity. Several candling sessions occurred where students could see the ducklings moving in their eggs prior to hatch. The eggs hatched on Sunday night and Monday morning. Ducklings were fed, given water, kept clean and provided with lots of love and snuggles. Several duck pool parties happened, introducing ducklings to the water! Dr. Alfaro brought a couple of her Biology classes over to have class with the ducklings. The ducklings went back to the farm on April 17.



# OUT OF THE BOX!



By Caroline Coriell, Information Literacy Librarian  
(and starring her cat, Panda, in a box)

We've had a fun and animal filled month with the ducklings and therapy dogs, but now you're asking for reptiles. Turtles, specifically.

Well, I think there are some in Walton Pond...

I'm joking, and I'm not responsible for anything *you* decide to do. Anyway, we'll see. I floated an idea to our outreach librarian. If you absolutely can't wait, check out [eu.turtlefam](#) on Instagram or check out a book from our collection, like [Box Turtles](#) by Lynne Stone.

Speaking of checking out books, we received a request for a copy of John Calvin's *Institutes Of The Christian Religion*. The good news is, we have [two copies in our physical collection](#). You can also access an eBook version of the text through [ALTA Historical Monographs](#) or [JSTOR](#).

## Attention, Faculty!



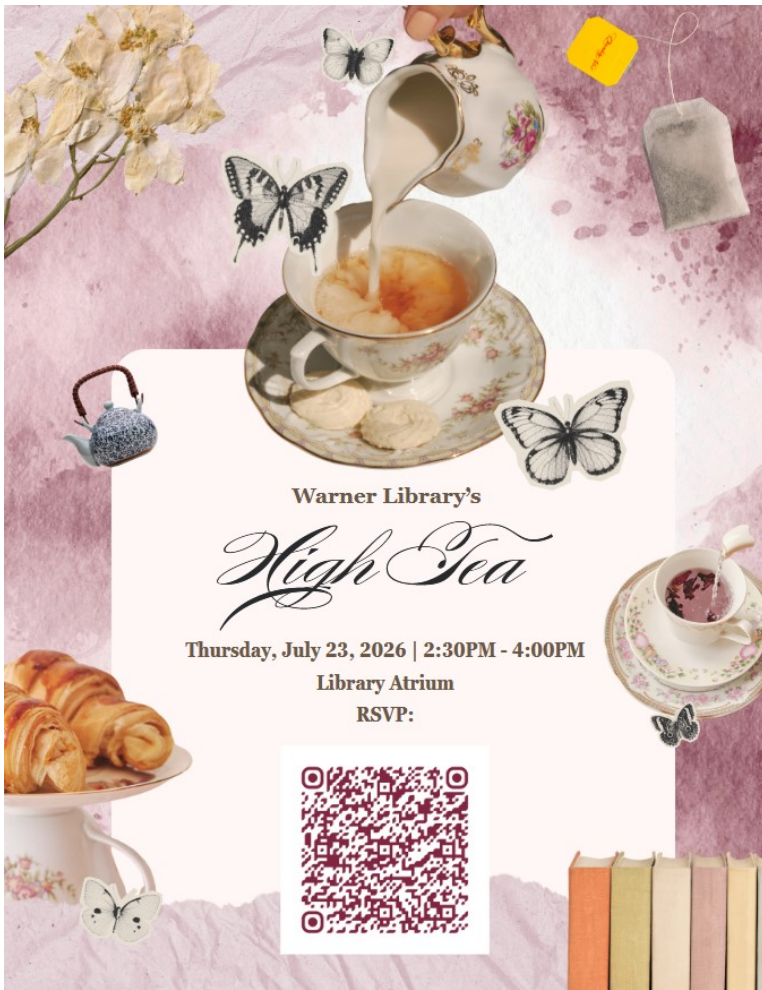
Did you give personal copies of required reading to the library this academic year for reserves? If so, please stop by the library to pick up your copies, or donate them permanently to the library for future courses!

Contact: [Kathy Hecht](#), Access Services Librarian



Have you recently published a book—or have one on the way? We'd love to celebrate your work and ensure it's part of our collection. Please let us know about your publication so we can highlight your achievement and make it accessible to our community.

Contact: [Anne Schwelm](#), Director of the Library



# SUMMER LEARN TO SEW Club

TIME/DAY NEEDS YOUR INPUT



LEARN BASIC SEWING, MAKE A BAG, POSSIBLE LEARN TO CROCHET AS WELL

WARNER LIBRARY SEE KATHY OR EMAIL [KATHY.HECHT@EASTERN.EDU](mailto:kathy.hecht@eastern.edu)

## Here's a library-themed comic for you... Enjoy!

Cartoon by Tom Gauld, May 10, 2025, No. 1435

### JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY: CLASSIC LITERATURE WITH ADDED MUMS



Keep in touch with all the library's updates on Instagram!

