



GREAT DECISIONS
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RPL INTRODUCES "GREAT DECISIONS" PROGRAM

RPL hosted its inaugural season of the "Great Decisions" Program to an enthusiastic group of 14 participants. "Great Decisions" is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. For the debut year, RPL presented *The US and Mexico: Partnership Tested*, *Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics*, and *Refugees and Global Migration*. A \$30 registration fee included a briefing book, video presentations, and group discussions. Scholarships were available. To receive information on the six topic 2020 series, call the RPL Foundation office, 610.478.8977 or email lori.carman@reading.lib.pa.us.

MEET LESLIE: RPL'S EVERYDAY HERO TO OUR COMMUNITY'S SENIORS

(Editor's Note: Leslie is relocating after dedicating ten years of a service to our community as the Senior Outreach Coordinator.)

How long have you worked for RPL and how long have you been in this position?

Ten years ago I answered an ad in the Reading Eagle for an RPL bookmobile assistant. The rest is history!

How has your role evolved and changed?

I used to focus primarily on circulation, but for several years I have encouraged socialization among the residents, fostered book clubs and reading buddies, and established a coloring club and senior circle at some residences.

What would you consider our seniors' favorite genres for books and movies?

Mysteries and Amish fiction are the most popular. Classic dramas and westerns (any John Wayne western) are popular DVD's and many enjoy mysteries and comedies.

What do you believe our service means to the seniors' daily lives?

They appreciate having someone bring the library to them. Most wouldn't have access otherwise. They are grateful for a connection to the outside world.

What have you learned from your senior patrons?

My patrons have taught me to value the simple importance of being acknowledged, validated, and recognized as smart, creative, human beings regardless of age.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Throughout this rainy spring, our library staff has been busy at all four branches serving our community with books, movies, digital materials, and award-winning programs. Plus, as usual, we are planning several months ahead so you can look forward to *Summer@RPL 2019!*

None of this is possible without YOU. The selections we purchase to fill the library's shelves come from your requests, popular websites, and news media, with special attention paid to what gets checked out over and over again. The entrepreneurship and computer classes, the ESL and conversational Spanish classes, messy play, chess, yoga, and Great Discussions are filled with engaged people of all ages who are looking for an outlet for creativity or to pursue lifelong learning. We appreciate your support through donations and attendance. You make Reading Public Library the award-winning institution we love.



In this issue of *Pages*, you will meet a few of our amazing library staff. I like how we represent generations X, Y, and Z plus the Boomers. One thing we all have in common is creativity and a passion for connecting the library with the community. You will meet Angelique who took an extended leave of absence last year to fulfill a dream. We're so glad to have her back – and what an adventure she had! Also featured is Leslie, the epitome of grace under pressure. She is the face of RPL to seniors in Reading. Sadly, she is moving out of the area, but we are proud to be honoring her past ten years of service.

We hope that you will bring your family to one of our library branches in the coming months to share in the excitement of summer@RPL.

Regards, *Bronwen*

CINEMA CLUB

Enjoy the film at home -
join us to share your thoughts.

Wednesdays
7 - 8 pm



<p>A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE WEDNESDAY, JULY 17</p>	<p>THE FAVOURITE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</p>	<p>CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20</p>
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Free SAT Prep

Five Day Workshop for Incoming
High School Juniors and Seniors

July 15 to 19
11am to 1pm
Main Library Teen Loft

Space limited - call or email Teen Loft:
610-655-6350 ext. 241
or rplya@reading.lib.pa.us

MEET ANGELIQUE: AN RPL "EVERYDAY HERO"

(Editor's Note: Angelique began her thru hike of the Appalachian Trail at Amicalola Falls, Georgia on April 25, 2018 and summited Katahdin in Baxter Park, Maine on October 14th, 2018.)

What is your work with Reading Public Library?

I'm currently the youth programming coordinator for our Northeast branch.

Have you thought about hiking the Appalachian Trail for a long time?

I first considered it a few years ago when I started following some Youtubers who were hiking the trail. I had lost 140 pounds and gotten into running in the two years leading up to my hike.

Had did you prepare for the challenge?

Most of my preparation consisted of research, buying necessary gear, and making sure I was in as good physical condition as possible for the trail.

Did you anticipate hiking alone for the most part and was that actually the case?

The first night on trail, I met Young MC and Z and ended up hiking with them every day for about a month. I then met Butterfly and Turtle. Turtle and I hiked together for over 1400 miles.

Were there surprises along the way?

I was surprised that all of my on-trail animal problems were from vermin! I saw fewer bears (9) and venomous snakes (14) than I expected. Meanwhile, mice, chipmunks, and squirrels chewed holes in my sleeping bag and backpack and were constantly ransacking my food supplies.

Was the most difficult part of the hike physical, mental, or emotional?

The physical and emotional were pretty inseparable on trail. Around mile 700, I developed a pain in my left ankle that didn't go away the entire trail, and I found it emotionally taxing.

Did you take reading materials along with you?

I started my trek with a paperback copy of Ursula K. LeGuin's Left Hand of Darkness. After completing that, I read things on my phone in the kindle app and listened to many audiobooks. I actually got almost everything I read/listened to from RPL's Hoopla and Overdrive.

What is the overriding message that you share with others about this experience?

I'd simply encourage people to pursue what they love, even if it may seem a little frightening, crazy, or unachievable. While it was an incredible experience, the difficult parts made it even more worthwhile! As Thich Nhat Hanh says, "No mud, no lotus."

Are you planning another adventure soon and if so what is it?

My big hiking goal is to complete the thru hiking Triple Crown before I turn 30 -- the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Continental Divide Trail. One down, two to go!



Enjoy Angelique's List of Audiobooks for Walking and Hiking

Go to <http://bitly.ws/3YMe>

or find on our Summer@RPL webpage
<http://readingpubliclibrary.org/summer-at-rpl/>



DANCE, TREK, BIKE, HIKE, OR CELEBRATE FOR RPL

Everyday Hero is an easy social media tool that can help you turn your personal accomplishments and celebrations into support for Reading Public Library. To learn more contact Linda Capozello at 610.478.8977 and become an Everyday Hero!

Something for all Ages



Monday, June 10 to Saturday, August 17
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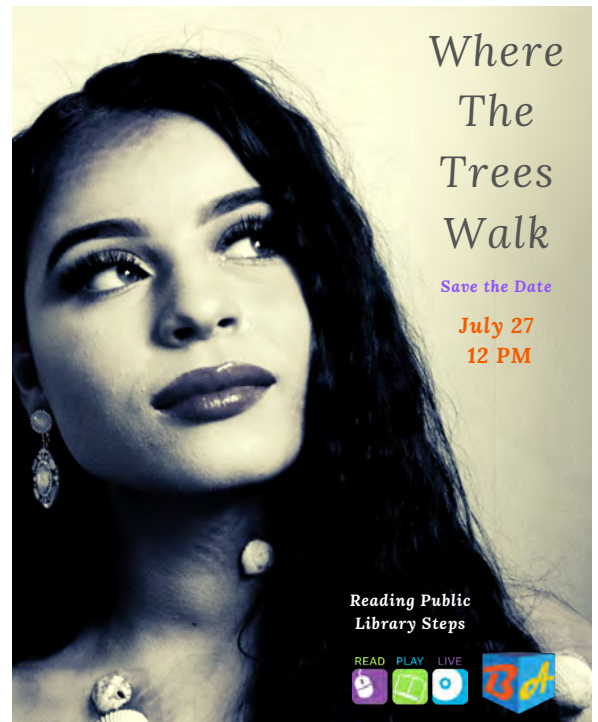
BUSINESS OR PLEASURE - WE HAVE THE MEETING SPACE

Do you belong to a group that needs a place for a meeting or social gathering? Are you a small business that needs an area to hold a training session or presentation? RPL's Northeast Branch or Southeast Branch location may be your solution. Each library has a meeting room available for rent. Hours for use are during the branch's regular operating hours. Maximum capacity at each library is approximately 60 seated or 130 standing. Some audio-visual equipment is available for use. An application for rental is available on our website: ReadingPublicLibrary.org. Rental fees are structured in two tiers: Tier 1 for non-profit groups such as educational institutions, community groups or service clubs and Tier 2 for For-Profit businesses.

The rates are as follows:

Up to 4 hours: \$25 Non-Profit/\$100 For-Profit
4+ hours: \$50 Non-Profit/\$200 For-Profit

To obtain more details about usage and an application, please visit our website and look under "Using the Library/Services/Public Meeting Rooms" or call the Northeast or Southeast Branch manager.



COCKTAILS & CLASSICS 2019

À VOTRE SANTÉ

On March 8th, 325 guests enjoyed the sights and sounds of an evening in Paris while supporting Reading Public Library. The ninth annual Cocktails & Classics, held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, resulted in record-breaking proceeds of \$107,000, including \$65,500 raised through corporate and individual sponsors. Top level sponsors included Baldwin Corporation, Kenneth Haupt of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC, Carpenter Technology, The Holleran Donor-Advised Fund of BCCF and Dr. Jerome Marcus. Sponsorship proceeds were again designated to support our library's ongoing operating expenses.



Guests entered the ballroom through an imagined Paris street, replete with entertainment. Students of the Yocum Institute for Art Education recited poetry and sang classic French tunes for arriving guests. The Hot Club of Reading entertained throughout the night with the lively music of gypsy jazz and French musette. Libations included a French martini as the signature drink as well as French wines from Breakthru Beverage Group and specialty rums courtesy of Reading Distilling Guild.

Extraordinary fare from local restaurants and caterers was a highlight of the evening with something for every taste. Every guest had choices galore - from filet of beef, pulled pork sliders, and smoked turkey breast to wild mushroom risotto and vegetable pad thai. Gourmet cupcakes and handmade chocolates provided a scrumptious ending to what seemed like a never-ending array of gourmet selections. The list of wonderful food donors is below for your shopping pleasure.

Generous auction donors and bidders came together to provide funding for preschool literacy programs and Summer@RPL traveling shows with our various auctions bringing in over \$22,000. A highlight was the "Best of Berks" table featuring donations from fellow 2018 "Best of Berks" winners.

If you attended this year, we thank you. If not, imagine what you missed. Either way, we look forward to seeing you for our 10th anniversary Cocktails & Classics celebration on March 6, 2020.

COCKTAILS & CLASSICS FOOD VENDORS THANK THEM THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT

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A Mother's Reckoning

*Living in the
Aftermath of Tragedy*

Sue Klebold



JOIN "A SUMMER READ"

This year's Summer Read, a collective multi-county read for adults running from June through September, features *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy* by Sue Klebold. Sponsored by Wellspan and WITF Transforming Health, the book by the mother of one of the Columbine High shooters remains tragically relevant.

A Summer Read book discussion will be held at the Southeast Branch on August 10 at 1 pm, led by Branch Manager Emily McNulty. Register by calling the library, 610.655.6362. *A Mother's Reckoning* is available in print, digital e-book and e-audiobook through Reading Public Library.