

## LIBRARY BOOKS

## New books and DVDs available at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library has added the following new books to its collection. The library has also added memorial and honor books. If you would like to donate a book in someone's memory or honor, call the library at 675-1182.

## EXPRESS

(1 week)

"Family Tree" by Barbara Delinsky

"Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult

## FICTION

"Fear of the Dark" by Walter Mosley

"The Bormann Testament" by Jack Higgins

"6 Rainier Drive" by Debbie Macomber

"By My Side" by Nora Roberts

"The Pull of the Ocean" by Jean-Claude Mourlevat

"History Lesson for Girls" by Aurelie Sheehan

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"The Naming of the Dead" by Ian Rankin

"The Double Bind" by Christopher A. Bohjalian

"Lights Out Tonight" by Mary Jane Clark

## NONFICTION

"Inside My Heart" by Robin McGraw

"The Rejection Collection" edited by Matthew Diffie

"\$500 Room Makeovers" by Lisa Quinn

"Palestine Peace Not Apartheid" by Jimmy Carter

"Get the Trans Fat Out" by Suzanne Havala Hobbs

"A Photographer's Life" by Annie Leibovitz

"Travels with Charley and Later Novels" by John Steinbeck

## REFERENCE

"European Union" edited by Norris Smith

## BOOKS ON CD

"Sisters" by Danielle Steel

"High Profile" by Robert B. Parker

"Sliver of Truth" by Lisa Unger

"The Machiavelli Covenant" by Allan Folsom

"Natural Born Charmer" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

"The Castle in the Forest" by Norman Mailer

"The Ruins" by Scott Smith

## DVD's

"Flags of Our Fathers"

"Half Nelson"

"Flyboys"

"Mary of Nazareth"

"Shakespeare's Twelfth"

"The U.S. vs. John Lennon"

"The Secret Life of Geisha"

"Amadeus"

"Edward and Mrs. Simpson"

"A Good Year"

"Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles"

"The Battle History of the U.S. Air Force"

"The Battle History of the U.S. Navy"

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On April 7, 1891, American showman P.T. Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Conn. Though he was gravely ill, the 81-year-old showman's sense of humor hadn't deserted him. He requested that a New York paper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.

On April 6, 1917, the United States formally enters the First World War. By the time the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918, more than 2 million American soldiers had served on the battlefields of Western Europe, and some 50,000 of them had lost their lives.

On April 4, 1933, the dirigible Akron crashes in New Jersey, killing 73 people in one of the first air disasters in history. The Akron was the largest airship built in the United States when it took its first flight in August 1931.

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th career home run, surpassing Babe Ruth's legendary record. Aaron was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982.

On April 2, 1987, the U.S. government allows individual states to increase the speed limit on rural roads from 55 mph to 65 mph. Since 1973, when President Nixon set a federal maximum speed limit of 55 mph, no cars were allowed to exceed this speed.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

If you had been a guest at a banquet in ancient Rome, you might have had the opportunity to sample one of that culture's delicacies: flamingo tongues.

You probably will not be surprised to learn that the tallest president of the United States was Abraham Lincoln, at 6 feet, 4 inches. You probably didn't know who the shortest president was, though: It was our fourth chief executive, James Madison, who was a full foot shorter than Lincoln.

It was, of course, Mark Twain who made the following sage observation: "Few things are harder, to put up with than a good example."

There was a time when some Swanson frozen dinners had printed on the label "Serving Suggestion: Defrost."

Some of the ice in Antarctica is 400,000 years old.

Anyone who's been on a serious bender probably will not be surprised by the following fact: The English word "intoxicate" comes from the Latin word "toxicum," which, literally translated, means "poison."

In his will, wealthy Canadian press baron Lord Beaverbrook had a special message for his great-nephew, Jonathan Aitken: "I am going to pay you the greatest compliment ... I am not going to leave you a cent." I doubt that Aitken much appreciated the sentiment, however.

In 2000, students in Leicester, England, spent more than 106 hours reading Shakespeare's complete works, setting a world record in the process.

When chocolate was first introduced to Bayonne, France, officials banned concocting it within city limits. Why they did so -- and why they considered the culinary delight that is chocolate to be a "concoction" -- is still unknown.

Thought for the Day: "I kissed my first girl and smoked my first cigarette on the same day. I haven't had time for tobacco since." - Arturo Toscanini

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## The Dallas Post

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Some seasons seem to last forever, anchored by jaw-clenching cold or oppressive heat. Those changing seasons, however, seem to move so quickly. In between the time the shutter snaps and the Dallas Post is in your hands, that snow has met the sun, the ice that was going out is gone and bird songs fill the air. When change is good, it's very very good.

70 YEARS AGO  
April 2, 1937BANDITS DRAW  
STIFF SENTENCES

Four bandits who preyed on local gas stations during January and February drew stiff sentences in the Federal penitentiary this week from Judge W. Alfred Valentine who accompanied his action by a

ONLY  
YESTERDAY

ringing attack on lawlessness and banditry.

The men confessed to having held up D.C. Smith of Trucksville on January 26, robbed Woolbert's gas station at Trucksville on Jan. 27, stole an automobile of Daniel Shaver of Trucksville on the same date, stole the automobile of Mrs. Ruth Joseph of Shavertown, and held up the Penn-Fern gas station at Fernbrook.

A feature of a surprise party given by the Men's Club of Trucksville M.E. Church on Monday night to mark the fourteenth wedding anniversary of Rev. Harry M. Savacool, pastor, and Mrs. Savacool was a ceremony in which Rev. George Summerson of Wyoming re-wed the couple. George Reynolds was best man and Mrs. Case Houghton was bridesmaid. Mrs. B. Aubrey Ayre played the wedding march. As a humorous touch, the Men's Club presented a large wooden rolling pin to Mrs. Savacool. The table was beautifully decorated with orchid and cream tapers in silver holders, Easter lilies and a huge, four-tiered wedding cake with a miniature bride and groom on top. Mrs. Savacool cut the cake and, following tradition, the guests each took a piece home to put under their pillows.

Grace Maguire, a senior at Kingston Township High School, won the Girls Oratorical Contest for Luzerne County students at West Hazleton High School on Wednesday night. It was the second victory for Miss Maguire, who took the prize last year. She will compete in the regional contest at Bloomsburg on April 12. Her subject was "The Depression and Its Lessons."

60 YEARS AGO  
March 28, 1957THIEVES BREAK INTO  
DALLAS TWP. H.S.

Sneak thieves, probably members of a ring that operated in this area some months ago, broke into Dallas Township High School last Thursday night and caused considerable damage to filing cabinets, class room doors and teachers' desks, but their take was small, not exceeding \$25. When early arriving teachers and students entered the building on Friday morning they found most of the

room doors on the first and second floor "jimmied" and locks broken. All filing cabinets, including several new ones in the supervising principal's office, were twisted and locks broken. In the library on the second floor the top was broken off a large cabinet.

A play, "The Magic Hen" will be presented by grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Loyalville School on Wednesday evening, April 2, at 8 p.m. at Laketon High School. The play is under the direction of Alfred Milliner-Camp and he will be assisted by Mrs. James Culp and Miss Genevieve Wolfe.

Chairman of the American Cancer Drive to Conquer Cancer in this area is Mrs. Fred Howell of Shavertown. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harry Ohlman, Mrs. Clarence Laidler, Mrs. Thomas G. Reese, Mrs. Frank Harvey and Mrs. Victor Gross.

50 YEARS AGO  
March 29, 1957SCHOOL MEETING  
ATTRACTS HUNDREDS

More than 300 persons jammed every available inch of space in Orange Church Hall Tuesday night to discuss the problems that have arisen concerning the reallocation of students in proposed Junior and Senior High School and the subsequent withdrawal of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township from the Dallas Area Schools jointure. The Rev. William Reid, pastor of Carverton Methodist Church, prefaced the meeting with a charge to the group assembled that they approach the problem under consideration with thoughtfulness and that they be guided in wisdom.

A panel was presented composed of Franklin Township school directors John Perry, president; Henry Hess, vice president; George Dymond, James Mitchell, Harold Lewis, and Hugh Gebhardt, as moderator. Raymond Kuhnert, principal of the Dallas-Franklin Township School, was also present.

With the advent of more favorable weather, construction is moving along at an accelerated pace at the site of the new State Institution for Mental Delinquents in Jackson Township. About 200 men are now being employed there with more being added daily as other prime contractors start operations. The Hughes Corporation, which has the contract for water distribution, moved several pieces of equipment and men on the job this week. Deep wells were drilled earlier by R.B. Shaver & Son who had a sub contract from the Hughes Corporation.

Hot political fights for the Republican nomination are in prospect in Dallas Township where the most exciting contest will be between the veteran tax collector Wilson Ryman and school director Thomas Monroe for the office of tax collector.

When these two old timers

square off in political combat something will have to give and everybody knows it. Next warmest contest will probably be that for school director where three candidates are seeking the two vacancies on the Board. Philip Cheny is seeking re-election and opponents for vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Moore are William Wright and Alton Whittaker.

40 YEARS AGO  
March 30, 1967MCCUTCHEON JOINS  
COLLEGE FACULTY

For Dallas Senior High School students, a strong drawing card for the newly-established Luzerne County Community College will be the presence of George McCutcheon on the faculty. For years, George was student counselor in Dallas. The Community College will be temporarily located in the large building next to the Sterling Hotel on River Street in Wilkes-Barre. The permanent site, says college president Guy V. Ferrell, has not yet been selected.

A new office for Mrs. Martin Davern, librarian, is under construction at Back Mountain Library, situated on the ground floor and jutting toward the driveway from the stacks. With more shelf space constantly in demand, the room on the second floor is needed for books.

Lt. William B. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams of Idetown is home on a 20-day leave after graduating from O.C.S. Fort Lee, Virginia. He is in the Quarter Master Corps. He has been ordered to report in Qui Mohn, Vietnam on the 19th of May. He is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and Shepherd College, West Virginia. Lt. Williams will return to Fort Lee for three weeks training in the duties for which he will be responsible in Vietnam.

30 YEARS AGO  
March 31, 1977WINTER DROUGHT  
HITS BACK MOUNTAIN

The recent record-breaking cold winter may have far reaching effects not only in the fuel conservation vain but also in the water department. Due to the deep frost which penetrated the ground, rain and snow were unable to seep into the earth and there was what has been called a "winter drought."

This drought could possibly be the first step in the march toward a Back Mountain Water Authority. Many residents in this area have felt the pinch of no water for hours and even days, lack of water pressure sufficient to maintain household necessities and poor water quality.

More than 200 fifth- and sixth-graders of the Dallas Intermediate School will be walking 10 miles on Sunday, April 17 for the benefit of another Dallas student. The students are now in

the process of planning a walkathon which will benefit the Heidi Anderson Fund. Heidi is a junior high school student stricken with Hodgkin's Disease. Richard Adamchick, owner of Pizza Perfect in Trucksville, has promised teacher-coordinator Ruth Husband, teacher-coordinator of the walkathon, he will provide refreshments to be served to the hikers at the completion of the hike.

Dottie Gilbert's cat had kittens Sunday night. That may seem like remarkable news, but when you realize that she and the cat are in Wembo Nyama in central Zaire and her family here in Mount Zion got the news by telephone Thursday, you know it's a hopeful sidelight on the world situation. Ever since the invasion of southern Zaire from Angola, the Gilberts have been getting phone calls from concerned friends around the country asking about Dottie's safety. Catherine Gilbert's stock answer to questions about her sisters' status became, "She's okay as far as we know."

20 YEARS AGO  
April 1, 1986AIDS BECOMING  
MORE WELL-KNOWN

The disease AIDS has come into the spotlight increasingly in the past months and public health officials want everyone to know that what we are hearing now is only the beginning. As part of it ongoing "AIDS Awareness Week," College Misericordia will present to the public a free AIDS awareness seminar in Merrick Hall. Director of Health Services Charlotte Slocum has arranged for three area health officials to speak at a panel discussion and answer questions afterward.

Dallas Borough police began cracking down over the weekend on individuals breaking and leaving beer bottles and drinking glasses on properties along the business section of Main Street. Police cited several persons and plan to continue monitoring the situation.

Although no one was ticketed for breaking glass, citations were issued for littering, urinating in public and for loud noise. "We are not going to tolerate it anymore," said police commissioner Tim Carroll. "I'm sick and tired of walking by that section and seeing broken glass all over the place."

The former roadmaster of Dallas Borough filed a civil lawsuit last week against members of the borough council over the termination of his position last January.

Although under the advice of his lawyer, the roadmaster could not elaborate on the matter. He confirmed the suit's contention that council hired him for a 2-year term as road superintendent and then eliminated his job, without voting on it, at a January 1987 meeting.