

# Misericordia schedules Library Week events

As part of "Come Together & Celebrate National Library Week @ Your Library," the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at College Misericordia has scheduled a slate of events, including free lectures about the Gospel of Thomas and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during the week of April 16-20.

Stevan L. Davies, professor of religious studies at College Misericordia, will discuss the Gospel of Thomas at 4 p.m. Friday, April 20 in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. His lecture delves into a subject he wrote in-depth about in one of his six books, "The Gospel of Thomas Annotated and Explained."

Sami Adwan, a Palestinian educator at Bethlehem University, and Saliba Sarsar, a native of Israel, and associate vice president for academic program initiatives and professor of political science at Monmouth University, will discuss the ongoing peace process between Israel and Palestine at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

The Gospel of Thomas was discovered in the Egyptian desert in 1945 and is considered the most important manuscript discovery in Christian history, according to Dr. Davies. It is a collection of sayings attributed to Jesus, some of them new and others also found in the Bible. The Gospel of Thomas also shows how one of the earliest forms of Christianity developed ideas different than those of the orthodox church — ideas that are surprisingly like the ideas of spiritual and new-age religious people today.

Dr. Davies holds a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a doctorate in philosophy from Temple University. He has taught religion at Misericordia for 28 years. During that time, he also has been featured in six nationally televised documentaries. He has appeared on the Discovery Channel's "Ancient Evidence" series and was featured in a one-hour documentary, "The Miracles of Jesus," that was produced by the BBC. National Geographic utilized his expertise for a documentary that delved into Jesus' medical techniques after Dr. Davies published, "Jesus



Stevan Davies will speak April 20 at College Misericordia.

the Healer: Possession, Trance, and the Origins of Christianity," in 1995. The cable network, Arts & Entertainment, had him appear twice to discuss Jesus' disciples and offer insight into Satan and The New Testament.

The Mary Kintz Bevevino Library also presented the lecture, "Diversity and Religion," by Mary Hinton, visiting scholar at College Misericordia, on Thursday, April 12 in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Hinton holds a doctorate from Fordham University in religion and religious education, a master's in clinical child psychology from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree from Williams College in clinical psychology. She most recently was the executive director of Replications, Inc., based at Teachers College, Columbia University, N.Y., and was also an instructor at the University of Kansas and guest lecturer at Williams College.

The library has also scheduled informational workshops, fun activities for preschool children, raffles, and bake and book sales throughout the week. For a complete schedule of National Library Week activities, contact the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at 570-674-6231 or 570-674-6352 or visit [www.misericordia.edu/library/index.cfm](http://www.misericordia.edu/library/index.cfm).

Founded and Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in 1924, College Misericordia is Luzerne County's first four-year college and offers 34 academic majors on the graduate and undergraduate levels in full and part-time formats. College Misericordia has applied for university status in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



It may look ancient, but this barn in Lehman stands proudly, reminding all who pass by of days when such buildings played a vital role in a family's livelihood.

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## New books are added to collection at Back Mountain Library

Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to its collection:

### EXPRESS (1 week)

"Fresh Disasters" by Stuart Woods, "Alibi Man" by Tami Hoag, "I Heard That Song Before" by Mary Higgins Clark

### FICTION

"The Watchers" by Mark Andrew Olsen, "Magic City" by James W. Hall, "The Mathematics of Love" by Emma Darwin, "Finn" by Jon Clinch "The Senator and the Priest" by Andrew M. Greeley, "Fresh Disasters" by Stuart Woods "Alibi Man" by Tami Hoag "I Heard That Song Be-

fore" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Shopaholic and Baby" by Sophie Kinsella "Mr. Monk and the Blue Flu" by Lee Goldberg "The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears" by Dinaw Mengestu "Burning Bright" by Tracy Chevalier "Sleeping with Strangers" by Eric Jerome Dickey

### NONFICTION

"Creating Life Against the Odds" by Ilona Laszlo Higgins, "Born on a blue Day" by Daniel Tammet, "We, The Jury: deciding the Scott Peterson case" by Greg Beratlis

### LARGE PRINT FICTION

"Miss Julia Strikes Back" by Ann B. Ross "Hamilton" by Catherine Cookson, "At Some Dis-

puted Barricade" by Anne Perry, "The Dream Thief" by Shana Abe, "The Testament" by Eric Lustbader, "The Phony Marine" by James Lehrer, "The Echo Maker" by Richard Powers

### BOOKS ON CD

"Hide" by Lisa Gardner, "Daddy's Girl" by Lisa Scottoline "State of Denial" by Bob Woodward, "Alternadad" by Neal Pollock, "Nixon and Mao" by Margaret MacMillan, "Storm from the east" by Milton Viorst, "After the Quake" by Haruki Murakami, "Muhammad" by Karen Armstrong, "When Darkness Falls" by James Grippando

### DVDs

"Man of the Year," "Anna Bo-

leyn," "Keeping Mum," "Bonnie and Clyde," "The Crucible," "A Dog's Life," "A Good Year," "The Bronte Sisters," "Cezanne in Provence," "The Nativity Story"

### YOUNG ADULT

"Bread and Roses, Too" by Katherine Paterson "Jack Kerouac" by Alison Behnke "Vladimir Lenin" by Margaret J. Goldstein "Henry David Thoreau: a biography" by Milton Meltzer

### SPECIAL DONATION

"War, Women, and the News: how female journalists won the battle to cover World War II" by Catherine Gourley, presented to the Young Adults of the Back Mountain Memorial Library by author Catherine Gourley

## MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On April 20, 1906, firefighters halt the spread of flames in San Francisco after an earthquake two days earlier caused a substantial part of the city to burn. Nearly 700 people lost their lives and 200,000 were left homeless.

• On April 18, 1929, "Small Talk," the first Our Gang picture with sound, debuts. The series' mischievous band of kids, later known as the Little Rascals, quickly caught on with the public, especially after characters Spanky, Alfalfa and Darla were added in the early 1930s.

• On April 16, 1943, in Basel, Switzerland, Albert Hoffman, a Swiss chemist, accidentally consumes LSD-25, a synthetic drug he had created in 1938. Widespread use of the so-called mind-expanding drug did not begin until the 1960s.

• On April 19, 1957, the Brattle Theater in Cambridge, Mass., near Harvard University, presents its first showing of "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart, spawning a cult following. Bogart had been wounded aboard a Navy ship in World War I. His upper lip was scarred and partially paralyzed, giving him the tough-guy poker face.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

• In order to stay aloft in its seemingly effortless hover, the ruby-throated hummingbird beats its wings approximately 200 times every single second.

• It was Academy Award-winning screenwriter Marshall Brickman who made the following observation: "When something good happens it's a miracle, and you should wonder what God is saving up for you later."

• Famed director Steven Spielberg got an early start in filmmaking; when he was still a kid, he used his father's Super-8 camera to make several movies.

## 70 YEARS AGO 1937

### REPORTS OF MASS POISONING EXAGGERATED

Sensational reports of a "mass poisoner" who was supposed to have killed 28 dogs in the Dallas section were called "grossly exaggerated" by Chief of Police Leonard O'Kane and State Police this week.

Several weeks ago, as reported in The Post, two state policemen visited Huntsville to investigate reports that several dogs had been poisoned. Another poisoning in Dallas about the same time apparently started the rumor that dogs were dropping right and left from strychnine administered by some person with a hatred for canines.

Chief of Police O'Kane calmed ONLY YESTERDAY

fears this week when he reported that he had no official reports of any "mass poisoning" and state policemen at Wyoming said they had heard of no further poisoning since their investigation of a few cases last month.

Dallas Borough High School auditorium, with more than a score of talented young entertainers from this section competing for cash prizes. "Jimmie" Brennan of Harvey's Lake will be the master of ceremonies and there will be a number of surprise features. The Dallas Borough High School Band will play.

## 60 YEARS AGO 1947

### HOUSES BEING BUILT BEHIND NATONA MILLS

Three houses are completed, three more under construction and the cellars of three more are being excavated on the plot of land on Veteran's Memorial Highway beyond Natona Mills which is being developed by Ber-

nard Banks and Alton Steele Company.

Before the end of the year as many as 50 new homes may be built on the plot if the demand for homes meets the expectations of the developer.

Myra Reese, Pioneer Avenue, was the lucky little girl who won the fluffy, white rabbit with huge pink ears at the children's story hour last Saturday morning at Memorial Library.

Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at the church Wednesday. Present were: Mrs. Byron Kitchen, Mrs. Thomas Hontz, Mrs. Christine Malkemes, Mrs. Willard Lozo, Mrs. Earl Reese, Mrs. John Eck, Mrs. R.J.W. Templin, Mrs. Gertrude Marley, Mrs. William Diebold, Mrs. Harold Ash, Mrs. Catherine Lemke and Mrs. Jane Yorkin.

## 50 YEARS AGO 1957

### CO-CHAIRMEN NAMED FOR GARDEN PARTY

Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, president of the King's Daughters Class of Shavertown Methodist Church, has appointed Mrs. M.J. Borthwick and Mrs. John H.D. Ferguson as co-chairmen for the annual Garden Party to be held June 25 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Abram Nesbitt at Lake Catalpa.

Kingston Township Police will give an Easter Party for children this year instead of the usual Easter Egg Hunt. Children from the Back Mountain from tots to fifth graders are invited to the Westmoreland Gymnasium this Saturday before Easter at 10 a.m. when a film will be shown and door prizes given. Each child will receive a gift of Easter candy.

Lucky winners of \$25 permanents at Winifred's Beauty Salon are Mary McNally and Mrs. James Casterline, both of Dallas. The new salon, located at 36 Main Street, also gave away a wash and set to Mrs. R.M. Body-

comb and Rita Carle, both also of Dallas.

## 40 YEARS AGO 1967

### WORK STOPPAGE AT LINEAR NEARING AN END

At press time, the report was that work stoppage at Linear was gasping its last, and that an agreement had been reached which had only to be ratified at a meeting of the union Wednesday night. The work stoppage has persisted since July 31, 1966.

Jack E. Jones, 54 East Center Street, Shavertown, was surprised to receive a government letter notifying him that the Bronze Star Medal was being sent to him for military action during World War II. Mr. Jones served with the 112th Infantry, 28th Division. He received the Medal for "Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against the Enemy — European Theater of Operations, during the Rhineland Campaign."

An elderly Shavertown couple lost their home and furnishings on Tuesday evening when a fire gutted the upstairs of the dwelling and the kitchen. Mr. Gilbert Turpin was starting a fire in the kitchen stove when flames started from the stove pipe where it adjoined the second floor ceiling.

## 30 YEARS AGO 1977

### SHAVERTOWN CITIZENS PROTEST CONSTRUCTION

A group of Shavertown citizens protested construction of a proposed Sherwood Forest Development at Wednesday night's meeting of the Kingston Township Water Commission. Area residents said they feared construction of approximately 45 homes on the Ferguson Plot off Lawn Street may cause a water shortage in the near future. They also complained about the qual-

ity of water. Despite the fact that there is plenty of water for bathing and flushing toilets, drinking water must be obtained from outside sources due to a strong sulphur taste, they said.

Daring's Markets, Memorial Highway, Dallas, featured the following specials: four bath size bars of Ivory soap for 65 cents; three heads of California lettuce for a dollar; eight 16 ounce bottles of RC cola for 98 cents; and 6 pink or white grapefruits for a dollar.

Lake-Lehman school directors agreed to build a new Lake-Noxen School at a meeting of the board Tuesday night. Arnold Garinger, president of the board, assigned a commission to find an appropriate site, comprised of Ellis Hoover, chairman, Margaret Anderson, Ken Williams and Robert Belles, superintendent of schools.

Winners of the Easter Bunny Coloring Contest, sponsored by the Kingston Township Police Department in Westmoreland Elementary School, were awarded large stuffed animals by trolman Lou Rozelle. The winners were: Marilyn Ward, Steve Ashworth, Billy Jones, Kelly Terescavage, Joy Bearley and Melanie Coscia.

## 20 YEARS AGO 1987

### DALLAS UNITED WOMEN

HOLD RUMMAGE SALE  
A rummage sale was held by the Dallas United Methodist Church women. Planners included: Doris Carey, Ruth Owens, Marge Baker and Harriet Miller.

Five Harvey's Lake Borough residents announced they are running on the Republican ticket in the May Primaries for five seats on Borough Council. George R. Gwilliam, John Yagod-zinski, Joseph Sgarlat, Robert Albee and Jay Orchreiter, D.P.M. will work as a team to win nomination for positions on council which will become vacant this year.

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