Meet Maggie!

Maggie is the Bala Cynwyd Library’s new therapy dog. She and Murray, the library’s other canine friend, are good pals! Maggie comes to the Junior Room on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. Registration is required. Please contact the Junior Room for details.

Periodicals at the Library

Print journalism is alive and well at the Bala Cynwyd Library. Whether you prefer a daily newspaper, a monthly magazine or an online periodical, the library is the place for you. We carry the Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today daily. Weekly periodicals include Barron’s, The Chronicle of Higher Education, the Jewish Exponent, the Main Line Times and the Philadelphia Business Journal.

At the library you will find over 75 magazines covering issues such as the economy, politics, current events, beauty, decorating, cooking and children’s interest. Would you rather read online? RB digital (formerly Zinio) offers a large selection of current periodicals found on our website lmls.org. Value Line Investment Survey is available in the Reference area as well as Consumer Reports and the Delaware Valley Consumer Checklist. Consumer Reports is also online on our website. All you need is a valid Lower Merion library card number.

YA at the Bala Cynwyd Library

Did you know that the Bala Cynwyd Library has a space specifically for teenagers? Our Young Adult Room is the perfect place for teens who want a quiet place to study and do homework, or to just hang out with a good book. Our YA collection consists of a wide array of materials including fiction, nonfiction, DVDs, and the ever-popular graphic novels. We also offer teen-friendly programs throughout the year and summer.

Don’t forget to check out our Young Adult Room during your next visit to the library!
Winter Reading Challenge

LMLS will once again be offering a systemwide Winter Reading Challenge, which will be open to all ages. It will run in conjunction with Beanstack’s nationwide Winter Reading Challenge from January 1–31 sponsored by Penguin Random House and include cash prizes to the top participating libraries. Participants will earn points and badges for their reading; to more fully immerse yourself in your reading, you’ll also earn points for extra activities inspired by your reading, such as baking. Prizes will be themed baskets that include a gift card and goodies and will be selected from the entire pool of participants. Register at lmls.org and record your reading/activity so that you may win one of the fabulous prizes.

Free Programs

The library has a variety of wonderful programs, each of which is free of charge and open to the entire community. Recent presenters include Bala Cynwyd resident Joseph Turow, who spoke about his 2017 book The Aisle Have Eyes: How Retailers Track Your Shopping, Strip Your Privacy, and Define Your Power, and Eric Dezenhall, who talked about his 2018 non-fiction book Best of Enemies: The Last Great Spy Story of the Cold War, co-authored with Gus Russo.

Staff Changes at the Library

Autumn Cavalcante, Library Assistant, Circulation (Started 11/19)
J.W. Law, Head of Circulation (Started 9/19), previously Library Assistant in Circulation
Alex Cavacino, Library Assistant, Circulation/JR Room (Started 10/19), previously Library Assistant in JR Room
Hannah Smith, Library Assistant, JR Room (Started 6/19)

Hoopla

Hoopla is available to all Lower Merion patrons with a valid library card. You can check out music, books, and audiobooks, as well as video content on your computer or devices. It’s great for travel! Go to www.lmls.org and give it a try!

Board News and Thank Yous

The 2018-19 Board has had several changes. Welcome to Evan Davis, Roberta Epstein and Monica Novak, our newest members of the Board.

Thank you to the Bala Cynwyd Neighborhood Club Beautification Committee for their award-winning gardens at the library! The featured plants include Virginia Bluebells, Giant Hyssop, Wild Petunia, and Texas Sage.

As always, we thank those of you who have donated to our Annual Fund. It means so much to the library to have your support, which enables us to purchase new books and audio visuals enjoyed by our customers. While it would be easy to just sit back, we would like to remind you that our need is ongoing. Although the Township is generous, we still need your generosity. The enclosed letter and envelope outlines some of our needs. Here are some ways you can donate:
1) Enclose a check, payable to the Bala Cynwyd Library.
2) Donate online at www.lmls.org/donate
3) Register at www.amazonsmile.com and choose the Bala Cynwyd Library as your donation recipient. 0.5% of each purchase will come to the library.
4) Consult your tax advisor about a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA or other account.

Mango Languages

Mango is a wonderful resource available to our patrons through our website. It is perfect for patrons who are interested in learning a new language or learning English as a second language. Go to www.lmls.org to try it out!
To access Mango, you must have a valid Lower Merion library card and be a resident of Montgomery County.

Longwood Gardens Community Read

The Bala Cynwyd Library is once again participating in the Longwood Gardens Community Read. This year’s book is Semiosis by Sue Burke, Weird Plants by Chris Thorogood, and The Enormous Potato by Aubrey Davis, all of which celebrate the wild and bizarre world of plants. The library will be holding programs in conjunction with these books so you, too, can explore the weird side of plants!

Meet Autumn Cavalcante

After volunteering at the Bala Cynwyd Library for ten years, Autumn Cavalcante began working as a Library Assistant – Circulation in November 2019. Autumn, who has a B.A. in English from Ohio State University and lives in Bala Cynwyd, helps process the library’s new books, DVDs, and audio books. “I love all the people here and I’m very grateful to have the opportunity to work here,” she said, referring to the library. “It really is a community center and it truly has a community feel.” A former national sales manager for CBS Radio, Autumn volunteers her time and talents to an array of organizations and institutions. She volunteered at Merion Elementary School, is part of the Ohio State Alumni Association, and is a Sunday School teacher at St. Matthias Catholic Church in Bala Cynwyd. Furthermore, she works with the Malcolm Jenkins Foundation, which focuses on youth development in underserved communities. “You can never give back enough as far as I’m concerned,” she remarked.

Congratulations to one of our Junior Room Summer Reading winners, Jolie! Jolie (left) and her sister were very excited to pick up her prize.

BCL Out in the Community

Bala Cynwyd Library staff member Suzanne Saltzberg conducted a story time and spoke to patrons about library services at our local Lord & Taylor for their back to school event in September.

Corrections to the 2018 Honor Scroll

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