

# The Circulation Desk

Information on THE LIBRARY PROJECT: Shepherdstown Public Library

January 2014

## Support Your Public Library!

**Mission: To provide a variety of information sources, educational and cultural programs and services to fulfill and inspire a civically and culturally engaged community.**

### Upcoming Events

February 12, 2014

**Library Board Meeting:** At 7 pm at the Shepherdstown Public Library.

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**Children's Programming:** Click [here](#).



With the onset of winter, outdoor work at our new library site has been minimal. As a result, a Certificate of Completion from the WV Department of Environment Protection has been delayed until such time as the soil can be thoroughly tested by all regulating agencies, and we are certain that the site has been remediated to the highest possible standards. In the meantime, our architectural designers and site engineers continue working to develop a concept plan for review by Jefferson County.

**Our Children's Department has added another nature kit to its collection!** The newest kit is our *Nature in Winter Explorer Pack*, funded by the Nora Roberts Foundation and featuring eight paperbacks plus one activity book compiled by Suzanne Taylor of the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS). With glow-in-the-dark winter constellations, instructions for identifying animal tracks and ideas for feeding wild birds, our newest kit offers plenty of reasons to enjoy the outdoors in winter. Other PVAS nature packs include *Backyard Habitats*, which includes pocket guides to urban wildlife, West Virginia birds, and more; a *Reptiles and Amphibians* kit with field guides as well as songs, puzzles, and craft ideas; and an *Insect Explorer Pack* with magnifying viewers, a net, a scavenger hunt bandana, and more. We now have a total of eight fun and family-friendly kits, all of which are available for checkout for three weeks.



### The Value of Public Libraries in Communities

A new report from Pew Research Center found the vast majority of Americans ages 16 and older say that public libraries play an important role in their communities:

- 95% of Americans ages 16 and older agree that the materials and resources available at public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed;
- 95% say that public libraries are important because they promote literacy and a love of reading;
- 94% say that having a public library improves the quality of life in a community;
- 81% say that public libraries provide many services people would have a hard time finding elsewhere.

For more information or to access the new study, click [here](#).

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