

# Flenniken Library

## Newsletter

### Past Events

Just as we did last year, we celebrated National Poetry Month for April again this year.

We had so many great entries this year, and it was a very difficult choice to make

There are so many talented writers, many of which came from West Greene High School, Corry PA, Mount Morris PA, and Morgantown WV!

Thank you to everyone who entered this year, we hope you had as much fun as we did reading your entries.

We also wanted to send out a thank you to Zach Patton, a teacher from West Greene, who dropped off a folder of his students' poetry with a really special note of thanks and recognition for us.

We truly appreciate it, and know you made us feel just simply amazing. Thank you!

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# POETRY CONTEST

Prizes:

- 1st place: \$25 Amazon Gift Card
- 2nd place: \$15 iTunes Card
- 3rd place: \$10 Dunkin' Donut Gift Card

Age groups:

- Pre-K - 6th grade
- 7th - 12th grade
- Adults



# Poetry

Pre K - 6th Grade:

This was our only entry for this age group, but it's the sweetest poem. Congratulations on your win Kaelyn!

## The Bunny Who Escaped the Fox

A bunny tried to pick a flower.  
 In the early morning hour  
 Then mother bunny said, "Come in the house.  
 Please bring your friend, the little mouse.  
 A hungry fox  
 Is hiding behind that box!  
 Wait until he goes away.  
 Then you can go back outside and play."



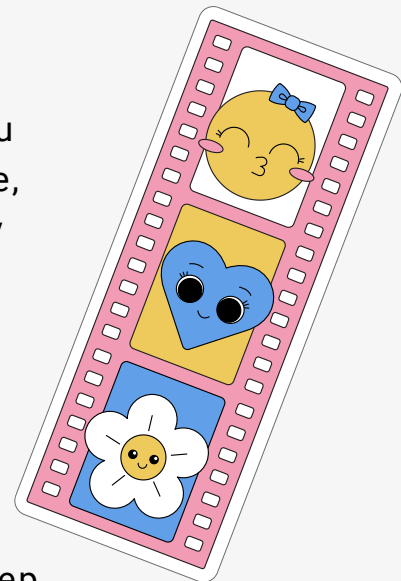
Kaelyn Duncan, Clarkesville, PA

7th - 12th Grade:

1st Place:

## Paroxetine

When my mind wanders,  
 It seems to always find a spot occupied by you  
 Unbeknownst to me. I wonder how that may be,  
 That someone can occupy my mind constantly  
 Without even my own Knowledge.  
 You seem to always be there,  
 Despite my efforts to keep you out.  
 Most days I don't notice,  
 It's only when I'm searching, that I do.  
 Maybe it's because of the time we shared,  
 Or maybe there is a place in my mind that I keep  
 Locked out unless I'm looking for comfort,  
 Which can be found with the memories of the old you.



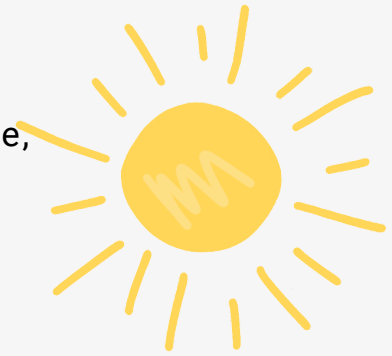
Aubrey Lesnett, Waynesburg, PA

# Poetry

2nd Place

## Life's Path

As I walk through the woods, autumn breeze behind me,  
The dry brown leaves are no match to hide me,  
This path is a part of life in which to guide me,  
Where I walk with hope for someone to find me,  
Within these woods there's nothing to secrete me,  
From the feelings coinciding me,  
They start to eat me,  
Inside these walls are caving around,  
However no one else hears but a sound  
This sound is but a whimper only the wind has found,  
But with the sun beating softly down beside me,  
I walk through the woods autumn breeze behind me,  
So you see life is a path sometimes bumpy and small,  
Sometimes it's big and not very bumpy at all,  
But no matter the paths shape or size,  
It's what life's path looks like in your eyes,  
Everyone has a set pace fast or slow,  
Your pace is something only you can know,  
For me I rather go slow,  
Because you never know where life's path will go,  
Just one thing if I may ask of you,  
Is to walk a bit slower on life's path too,  
You'll come to see all the wonders of life and  
What it can grow to be.



Kendall Triplett, New Freeport, PA

# Poetry

3rd Place

## Duality Of Consciousness

I'd love to be blessed  
with being nice,  
being so blissfully kind,  
and well written

I don't want to be  
someone else,  
but I strive to be my own  
kind soul

I wish I could be like some  
people I see out there

My own story can be written  
well,  
and I can be blissful,  
in time

What a gift they are to  
this world, and  
what a kind and loving  
soul they have

At any moment,  
my body may die,  
but I can live on anyway

Why am I not kind,  
sometimes?  
Why do I have to get angry  
so quickly?

I understand the concept of  
patients and practice,  
but I wonder about the  
duality of my consciousness

My heart is *healing*.



Myrande Hill, Mount Morris, PA

Thank you to all the students who entered! You all did awesome and we really enjoyed reading the pieces you submitted.

You did not make it easy on us to pick. We had to have many blind votes and deliberations.

# Poetry

Adults:

1st Place:

## One Year

Three--

Six--

Five.

Charred days and  
Clenched fist.

I try my best not to look back,  
A subconscious regret.

The words that I knew  
Now stumble out in fifths.

A melody I no longer know,  
One that sounds foreign to my lips.

But I try to sing along,  
Awkwardly keeping time with tapping foot.

The effort is careless,  
Uneasy.

It makes me nauseous and full of guilt.  
So I tear the record off,  
Scratch the vinyl and turn the page.

I write it all down,  
Take a breath,  
Prepare to change.

It'll never be easy:  
Starting over and  
Peeling back.

I'll hold it all in,  
Remembering it's not who I am  
Or what I lack.

There's strength in experience,  
Allowing mistakes to be a guide.

Resilience is in the rebound--  
The result of a phoenix,  
And its rise.



# Poetry

## Tears on the Window

2nd Place:

Tears on the window  
Blurring the view  
Of friendly faces  
You once truly knew  
Sometimes you smile  
So as to conceal  
The fear of these strangers  
You actually feel  
Other times you lash out  
In sheer self-defense  
Of those who make claim  
To be family and friends  
Sometimes the window  
Is open enough

Your vision is clear  
To see that you're loved  
What I would give  
To shatter the pane  
Then witness the flood  
Of all you've regained  
Even if your memories  
Returned without me  
It would be worth the price  
To see you find peace  
Tears on the window  
Be only mine  
'Til we meet again  
One day at a time

Tera Johnson, Corry, PA



# Poetry

## Flight

3rd Place:

Oh Lord, your sea of clouds how glorious the sight,  
The softness in the beauty of your ever shining light.  
Coming through is a clearing of a world blind to see,  
That wonderful treasure of love you gave to me.

Rows pass by of blue and white,  
Captured and thrilled in this delight  
Of a lovely thought you,  
Are walking near this flight!

A voice in me saying, "Peace Be Still"  
Just as He said of a time as real  
When Jesus calmed the angry waters  
And climbed that blood-stained hill.

As the sun break through,  
Soon I am home.  
He has once again showed me,  
I will never be alone!

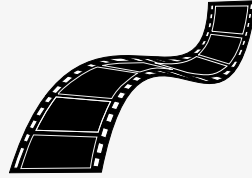


Sandra Shaw, Clarksville, PA

# Poetry

## *Honorable Mention*

*Written by Emma Bates in memory of Chuck and Liz Walker who owned Skyview Drive-in*



## **Sunsets at Skyview**

As the sun sets slowly, dipping under the clear, pink Greene Country  
sky

And the faint strains of 60s music plays on the parking-space radios  
As our car, packed full of laughter and family friends pulls closer to  
the ticket booth

And the smell of fresh popcorn hits our nostrils and runs to our taste  
buds

As an attendant runs up to our truck directing us to one of the few  
empty spaces

And we hop out of the cab and into the grassy rows of green in front  
of the big screen

As the music plays loud and crackly, just waiting for my friends and I  
to dance

And make a ruckus visiting people we haven't seen yet this summer  
As the sky turns black, and the stars start to pop out one by one  
And everyone gawks at the moon, attention turned away from the  
starting movie

As I wave to my bus driver by school year, drive-in owner by summer  
And he chuckles, remembering the tomato plant I once bought him,  
when I bought flowers for my teachers

As I look out at the crowd that has gathered here at the drive-in, this  
first real summer night

I remember

Then I open my eyes and look up at my ceiling

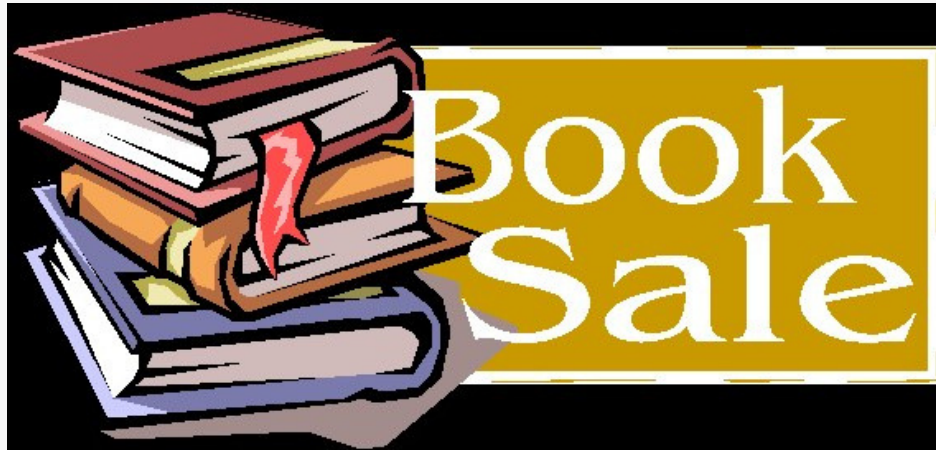
I remember

And I smile



# Upcoming Events

The book sale begins Monday May 16th! Come one down and see if there is anything to tickle your fancy!



Our summer reading program is fast approaching! We're super excited to see everyone come back this summer and maybe even see some new faces!

**Summer Quest**  
**June 20—July 30**

**Mondays:** Movie Mondays Middle School Mondays  
**Tuesdays:** Toddler Time Teen Tuesdays  
**Wednesdays:** Grades 3-5 Lunch Bunch with Ms. Norma  
 Grades 1 & 2  
**Thursdays:** Library at the parks Crafts with Grace  
 YA Movie Night  
**Fridays:** Toddler Time Friday Fun Days


**Free Lunch for kids Monday through Friday at 12.**  
**Please call by 10:30 to reserve your meal.**

**Registration begins June 1st. Stop in, check out the website, or call the library for more details.**

**724-966-5263**  
 102 E George St, Carmichaels  
[www.flenniken.org](http://www.flenniken.org)

# Reading Competition
























The date of the competition is Tuesday May 10th, 2022.



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## May 2022

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 	3 Story Time 11 am	4 Star Wars Day 	5 	6 Toddler Time 11 am	7 International Astronomy Day 
9 National Sleepover Day 	10 Last Story Time 11 am	11 National Eat What You Want Day 	12 National Limerick Day  <small>"There was an Old Man with a beard..."</small>	13 Last Toddler Time 11 am	14 Garden Event
16 Book Sale Begins! 	17 National Graduation Tassel Day 	18 	19 National Devil's Food Cake Day 	20 National Pick Strawberries Day 	21 TALK LIKE YODA DAY, I.P.K. 
23 World Turtle Day 	24 National Brother's Day 	25 National Tap Dance Day 	26 National Paper Airplane Day 	27 National Road Trip Day 	28 National Hamburger Day 
30 Closed 	31 National Smile Day 			<b>Library Hours:</b> Monday: 10am-6pm Tuesday: 10am-8pm Wednesday: 10am-6pm Thursday: 10am-6pm Friday: 10am-5pm Saturday: 10am-5pm	Follow Us: Flenniken Public Library   

## Closed

The Library will closed Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

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