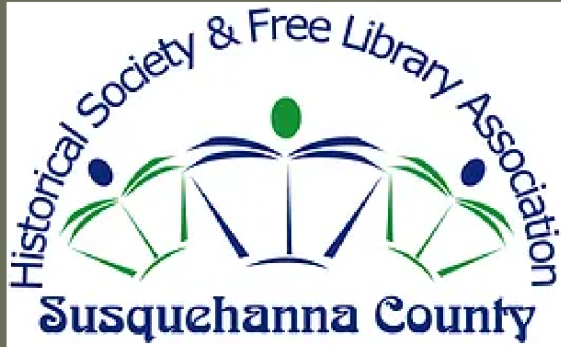


# PEACE, LOVE, LIBRARIES



July 2024

*Branch out!*

What's happening at each branch?



**AUGUST**  
**2ND & 3RD**

**BLUEBERRY**

**FESTIVAL**

## MONTROSE

- Story Times (ages: under 12 months, 0-3.5 years, and 3.5-8 years)
- LEGO Club “Adventure” theme (ages 11-17)
- Block Party Play – a 2 day walk in program. There were wooden blocks and many manipulatives set out for children and their adults to play with. It was nice seeing everyone having fun!

## HALLSTEAD

- Summer Reading Program, run by Shirley Smith, Valerie Burdick, and Andrea Shoemaker, started 6/20/24.
- There are lots of kids coming in to use our back table for Legos, games, and puzzles. It's going to be a busy summer! Stop by, and remember there's more to your library than books.

## FOREST CITY

- What could be more fun than a taco decorating contest!! The Forest City branch finished their S.T.E.A.M. program with just that! Each team of kids got to pick ONE topping to add to a beef taco with either mozzarella or cheddar cheese. There were three judges. The winners were Jocelyn Madden and Alexis Madden. There was a vote taken for what next year's S.T.E.A.M. program theme be. You will just have to wait to hear what it's going to be!

## SUSQUEHANNA

- StoryWalk-“Sam and Dave Dig a Hole” by Mac Barnett; an interactive book that kids and families will love
- The reading corner has been updated with a fresh coat of paint, all new kid-friendly furniture, a new rug, new tablets, seating, toys, and more!! What a difference!
- Honoring a community member: memorial project in memory of Nancy Boughton coming soon.

Featured Resource... Staff Spotlight on

**Mrs. Reed**

Your library is so much more than books.

*Help support all the awesome offered at your library.*



*Adventure Begins at your*

**LIBRARY**

Summer Reading Programs are underway at each library branch. These programs are instrumental in keeping the “summer slide” at bay for many students, as well as, making reading exciting for families. Each week a new program is offered and activities are designed to promote reading and literacy.

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Branch: Montrose since 2008; Children’s Librarian

What is your favorite book/genre/author?

Mrs. Reed: *That's a tough question since I like so many different authors and types of books! It's like a candy store, can you really choose just one? Picture books are wonderful and the illustrations in some of them are a delight for the eyes. Ryan Higgins' books usually crack me up. There are so many good "J" books, which means they are labeled as juvenile. The storylines in many of the fiction books are so well written that adults would enjoy them. I always learn something from the "J" non-fiction books and go around like the town crier sharing it with my co-workers.*

If you could tell people one thing about your job or the library, what would it be?

Mrs Reed: *The one thing I would tell them is that librarians wear many hats! Our job isn't just reading books and running around shushing people. We are a people-oriented place and care about helping them.*

What are you currently reading?

Mrs. Reed: *Big Trouble Ahead, Beartown, and 2 others*

What brings you joy?

Mrs. Reed: *I love working with kids and their families! My kids, God, friends, family, my dog, art, creating things, flowers, and being outside all bring me joy.*

*Mrs. Reed is a true gem and is one of our greatest resources! Next time you're in the Montrose branch, stop by the children's section and get your hands on some great new reads or a fine classic.*