

# Another Year in the Books

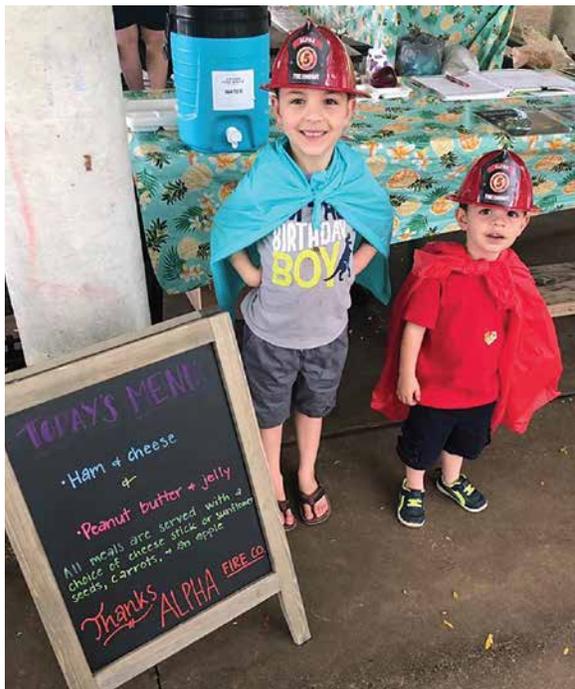
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## Summer Lunch Program offered at Schlow

*Schlow Library helped bridge the hunger gap that many children fall into when school isn't in session.* One of the most essential ways to provide stability and wellness in the community is to be sure that hungry children have access to healthy meals, and parents have the resources to provide good nutrition for their families. We also believe that reading is an essential part of a healthy child's lifestyle.

Partnering with Penn State's Healthy Bodies Project, Schlow was one of six sites in the Centre Region to serve free lunches to children under the age of 18 as part of the Summer Food Service Program. The program ran June 18 to August 24 during Summer 2018, and Schlow offered its free lunches each Tuesday. The Library hosted lunch nine times and served a total of 457 children and 231 adult meals.

Schlow is looking forward to participating in the Summer Food Service Program again this summer!



*"We are thrilled to be able to partner with the Healthy Bodies Project at Penn State again this year to provide free meals to families throughout the summer,"* says Paula Bannon, Schlow's Head of Children's Services.

This is just one example of the great community partnership and outreach programs that Schlow Library can be part of thanks to the generous support of donors.

**For more information about the 2019 Healthy Bodies Project Summer Lunch Program, please visit**

<https://hhd.psu.edu/bbh/summer-feeding>

**For a list of Summer Lunch sites near you:**  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>



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# Mover & Shaker

## Nathaniel Rasmussen

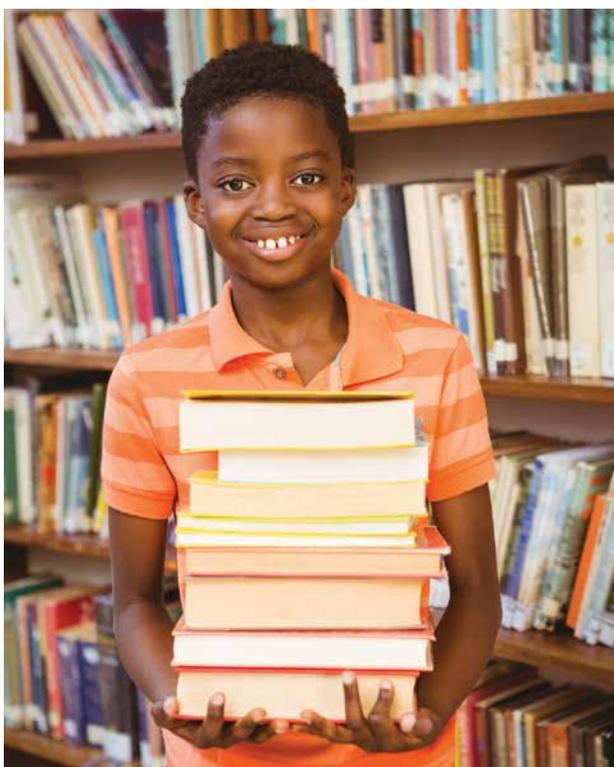
AWARD WINNER AT SCHLOW

Schlow's Head of IT Services, Nathaniel Rasmussen, was named as a Library Journal "Mover and Shaker" for 2018. The Movers and Shakers title is one of the library world's top honors and recognizes people who are fostering significant innovation and change in libraries.

Nathaniel spearheaded the TV White Space project which is working to extend library internet resources into our community using emerging wireless technology.

## Podcasts at Schlow

Last August, Schlow launched the Schlow Library Podcast, a weekly show that spotlights some of the library's many great services and events. The podcast is available on the Schlow Library website as well as the most popular places for people to download podcasts, including iTunes, Google Play, and Spotify. Last year, the podcast had episodes that included a look at the Schlow to School Program, library services for the blind, and interviews with authors Stephanie Powell Watts and JD Barker.



## Schlow to SCHOOL - *Wow!*

**The Schlow to School Delivery Program** allows for students in the State College Area School District middle schools, including the Delta Middle School, to reserve books from Schlow Centre Region Library and have the books delivered to their school. The students can then return the books to their school library for return to Schlow.

What started out as a pilot program between Schlow and the State College Area School District in 2016-17 became a service that was recognized at the annual Pennsylvania Library Association Conference & Expo in 2018 in Harrisburg. The Schlow to School Delivery Program was selected as a **2018 Best Practices in Early Learning Honorable Mention** by the Pennsylvania Library Association.

# 2018 SCHLOW STATISTICS & Encouraging Quotes

Our fantastic 2018 Summer Reading Program included more than **2,400 children and adults!**



Approximately  
**3,800**  
new cardholders!



Schlow provided services to an average of **750 people per day.**

**2,600** people used the community room public meeting space.



*"That's how you grow readers. Books should be available to everyone."*

- CYNTHIA, PATRON

*"My parents take me to the Library once a month but the Schlow-to-School program allows me to get books every week!"*

-MIDDLE SCHOOLER

*"All I have are books. I don't have Internet. I don't have cable... Those have become a luxury."*

- PATRON

**43,460:** The number of items patrons placed on hold!



**81,000** items returned to the remote book drops.

*"My kids grew up here, we love it [the library]."*

-LAURA, PATRON



*"Without Schlow I might not have a chance to read such mind-opening books."*

- SUSAN, PATRON



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## Centre County StoryWalk®

Families will soon enjoy the thrill of walking through a storybook at a Centre County StoryWalk® site where children's books come alive to link literacy with nature and active play. High-quality panels portray beautiful storybook pages on signs placed along walking paths, encouraging reading and interactive enjoyment of natural places. Two StoryWalk® sites will be placed in Centre County during 2019, thanks to a generous Impact Grant from the Centre Foundation to the Centre County Federation of Public Libraries. Watch for more updates coming this Fall!



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24 hours a day, 7 days a week!



*and* CENTRE GIVES

**Mark your calendar! Centre Gives is May 7-8!**

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