

[Spring 2024]

## **Foundation Focus**

In honor of National Library Lovers Month in February, the Schlow Library Foundation Advocacy Committee took the opportunity to celebrate you with the **We Love Schlow Library** project. Patrons were given the opportunity to fill out postcards sharing their Schlow stories and expressing their love for the Library. The Schlow sentiments from our patrons were displayed in the outer lobby.

You can enjoy viewing these special Schlow sentiments in the library's outer lobby near the book return!

Patrons were also invited to participate in the **Faces of Schlow** project, by having their photographs taken enjoying their favorite spot in the Library.



Students from the Advanced Photography class at State College Area High School took some amazing photographs. These pictures will be used by Schlow Library for publicity, illustration, advertising and web content. Participants were also given copies of their photographs as a token of appreciation.

These memories and images will allow Schlow to celebrate you all year long!



## Your Support Brings the Community Together:

#### **PA Native Plants Seed Starters**

Patrons interested in increasing the amount of native plants in their homes and gardens were invited to learn more on Sunday, January 28.

**The Pennsylvania Native Plant Society** educated aspiring gardeners about the benefits of native plants and helped attendees to start some native seeds!

Interested in gardening but missed this event? Head to the Schlow Readers' Garden on Saturday, April 27, for a **Community Plant and Seed Exchange.** 





#### **Disney Melodies Pajama Concert**

On Wednesday, February 21, the **Penn State Thespian Society** treated Schlow's younger patrons, and the young at heart, to a Disney-themed concert.

Patrons were invited to wear their pajamas and enjoy listening to their favorite Disney tunes; including *Hakuna Matata* from the **Lion King**, *You've Got a Friend in Me* from **Toy Story**, and *Do You Wanna Build a Snowman* from **Frozen**.

It was a fun night of singing and dancing.

### **Retro Video Game Night**

On Friday, March 8, Schlow hosted an after-hours video game tournament and a trip down memory lane for the N64 generation. It was an evening of fun, games, and nostalgia.

Old-school video games, a pinball machine, a variety of gaming systems (new and old), classic PC game emulators, and a multi-cade kept everyone entertained throughout the night.

Special thanks to **Joe Schall** with **Silverball Sundays** for the loan of the multicade and pinball machines.





### **Coping with Worries**

On Sunday, March 24, Schlow partnered with **Penn State Psychological Clinic** to present Coping with Worries. Children learned to recognize and manage worries with a reading of *Don't Feed the Worry Bug* by Andi Green, which was accompanied by a fun craft. At the same time, parents met with mental health professionals to learn and practice science-based skills to recognize and manage anxiety in themselves and their children, including a group discussion about how parents can model and coach kids to manage their worries.

### **Author Talks**

Schlow Library proudly presents, in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, virtual talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

Experience these talks live or view past event recordings.

These events are an opportunity for our patrons to interact with popular authors.

Missed an event? Don't worry. Recordings are available after the event.





Upcoming Author Talks:

April 2: Paula J. Johnson

April 9: Diane Foley & Colum McCann

April 17: Xochitl Gonzalez

May 1: Douglas Brunt

May 8: Nina Simon

May 21: R. F. Kuang

June 13: Frieda McFadden



### Target Circle April 1-June 30, 2024

We are honored and excited to announce that we have been chosen to participate in a special charitable giving campaign, sponsored and funded by Target. And you have the chance to help direct a portion of Target's donation to us!

Now through June 30th, vote for us through the Target Circle program to help determine how Target's donation will be divvied up. Find out more about Target Circle here: <u>www.target.com/circle</u>

Every vote counts to help us receive a portion of the available Target funds as we continue our mission!

# What is the Bella Schlow Society?



Charles Schlow and his wife, Bella, started a remarkable legacy in the Centre Region by forming a library over 65 years ago. The Bella Schlow Society keeps that legacy going by inviting members to create a legacy of their own that will support and sustain the Library for generations to come. Legacy gifts can provide donors with tax advantages and the satisfaction of long-lasting community impact.

By joining the society, you show your support and commitment to the Library's future and its importance in the community. There is no minimum to join or complicated paperwork.

Have you already arranged for a gift to the Schlow Library Foundation in your estate planning? Please contact us so that you may be recognized as a member of the Bella Schlow Society at **foundation@schlowlibrary.org**.

Learn More

## **Foundation Volunteer Spotlight**



**Virginia Squier** Schlow Library Foundation



### What are your favorite things about Schlow Library?

I could go on for hours listing my favorite things at Schlow. Obviously, a first response is access to the books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, etc. However, many times I find myself at the library needing information, or suggestions about where to look for the answer. Therefore, I would say my favorite thing about Schlow Library is the librarians. The staff at Schlow are always friendly. They know where and how to help me find the information I seek. Always willing to help when I need it, they are better than electronic assistants because they are accurate and help me with a smile!

### Why do you volunteer, donate and advocate for Schlow Library?

I believe libraries are a bedrock of democracy. Libraries give us access to information when we need it, help us explore other points of view, and expand our empathy. They also provide much needed entertainment.

# **Upcoming Events**











## **Event Calendars**





### Children's Event Calendar

### Adult & Teen Events Calendar

### **Author Talks**



None of this would be possible

without your support.

### THANK YOU!

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