

SCHLOW LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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[Winter 2025]

Foundation Focus

The Schlow Library Foundation was a frenzy of activity this fall. Our biggest fund drive of the year, the **Fall Fund Drive** was in full swing, we laughed, painted, and socialized at **Cheers to Art**, and we welcomed two new members to the Foundation board while saying goodbye to our Assistant Treasurer.

Each fall, we ask our community for their support. This year's theme was focused on opening the door to **ADVENTURE!** Whatever adventure you choose, the resources are here for you at Schlow Library thanks to your generous support. Thank you for making a difference in your community for so many people through a gift during our Fall Fund Drive. We can't do it without you!

As we look ahead to 2025, we have many exciting opportunities on the horizon. We'll be expanding our successful **Cheers to Art** and **Bingo Night** FUNdraisers and also adding in a new FUNdraiser, the **Sweatin' For Schlow Virtual 5K**, opportunities for businesses to support Schlow, and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Schlow Library building all year long!

Our second **Cheers to Art** event of the year took place on Wednesday, October 16. Over 30 people joined us to paint a fun, fall scene.

It was a great night of laughter, fun, and painting. We also raised some funds for the Foundation.

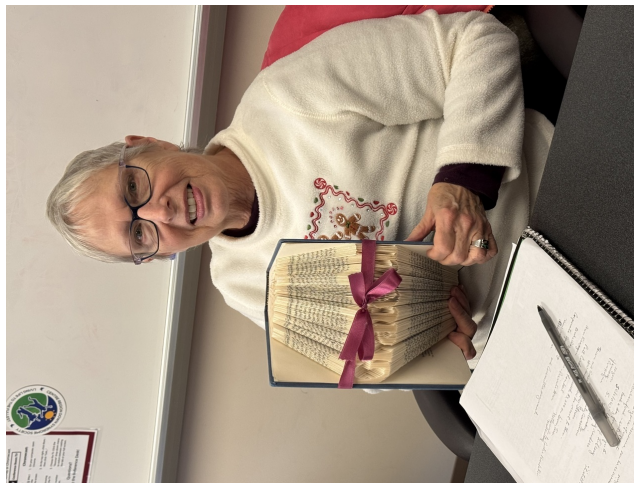
Thank you to everyone who joined us. Also, a big thank you to **The Arena, Northland Bowl** and **Jackie Gianico**.

Missed this event? Don't worry, our next event will be on [January 22, 2025!](#) You can register by emailing northlandbowl@northlandbowl.com. Please register as a group if you would like to sit together.



At the end of 2024 the Foundation board bid goodbye to **Carol Razem**, our Assistant Treasurer. We thank Carol for her service to the Foundation for these past 4 years and look forward to continuing to work with her as a Foundation volunteer.

The Foundation board is welcoming two new board members this month. **Glenn Johnson** who is also a volunteer in the Patron Services department and **Danielle Montler** who is also a volunteer in our Children's Department. Welcome Glenn and Danielle!



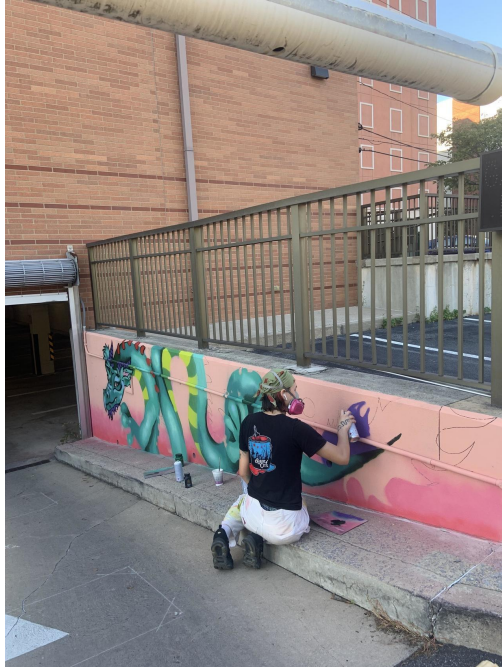
Your Support Brings the Community Together:

Make Your Mark: A Community Mural by Artist Margalo Guo

On **Friday, October 18** more than 80 people came to the Schlow parking lot to add their mark to our community mural.

The mural painted by Margalo Guo, appears on the parking ramp leading into our underground parking.

Although the weather did not cooperate initially and the project was delayed, our community persevered and we now have a beautiful mural to brighten our outside space.



Beginner Sewing and Quilting Workshop for Kids

Over the course of four Sundays in **October** and **November** Schlow hosted a **Sewing and Quilting Workshop**. This four week class introduced children to machine sewing and quilting.

Classes taught basic machine sewing skills and included a variety of fun, small projects. Participants also created four quilt blocks to be put together in a culminating project.

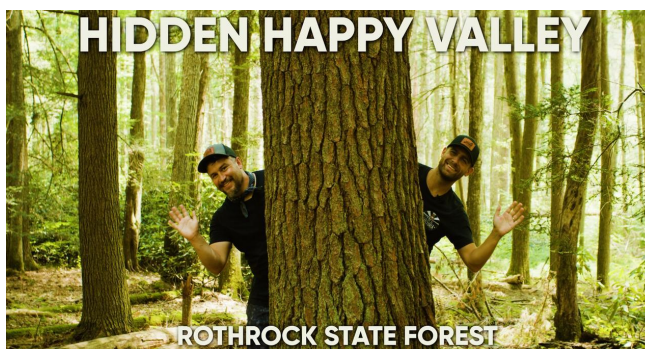
Thank you to the **Centre Pieces Quilt Guild** for providing the classes!

Frost Fest

On **Saturday, December 7**, Schlow Library invited patrons to create a new family tradition. Participants played a giant, wintry game, joined a snowy storytime, decorated snowman cookies, and made their own tiny books.

There were also wintry crafts, a life-size, ice block Jenga game, and ice fishing.

It was a fun day to celebrate the wintry season!



Hidden Happy Valley Season 4

The fourth season of **Hidden Happy Valley** launched in December. This season features episodes on:

- Rothrock State Forest
- Boalsburg Heritage
- Bellefonte Civil War History

Hidden Happy Valley with Local Historia is made possible by a collaboration between **Schlow Library, Happy Valley Adventure Bureau**, and the **Centre County Library & Historical Museum**.

[Hidden Happy Valley Season Four](#)

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.

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Upcoming Author Talks:

January 15: TJ Klune

January 23: Amanda Montell

January 28: Seth Fishman

February 11: Waubgeshig Rice

February 18: Lee Hawkins

March 12: Dan Heath

March 20: Clara Bingham

March 26: Jennifer Weiner

You Helped Add to Our Collections:

Nintendo Switch Video Games



In November, we added **33 new Nintendo Switch** video games to our collection.

These additional games have been so popular with our patrons that we added another **20 Nintendo Switch** games to our collection in December.

Tonieboxes and Tonies



Also in November, we added Tonieboxes and Tonies to our collection. We are currently circulating **4 Tonieboxes**, and almost **50 individual Tonies**.

Demand has been substantial so we will be adding more Tonies and Toniboxes in the near future!

2024 By The Numbers

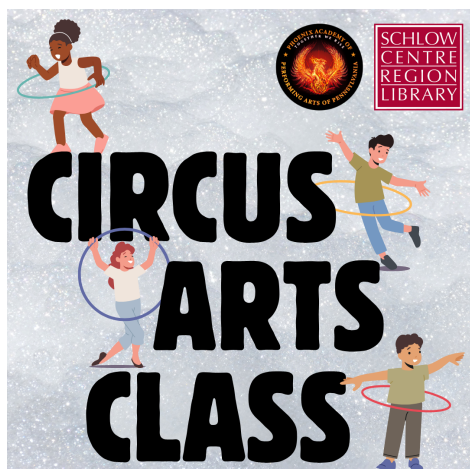
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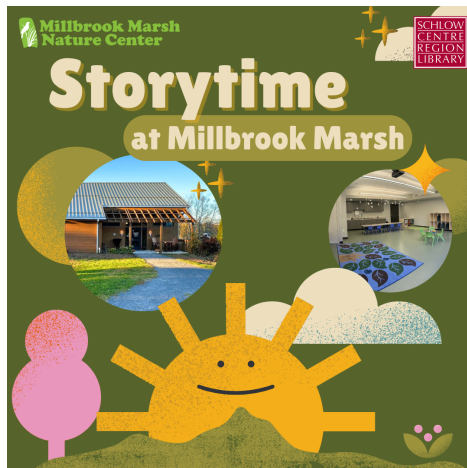


- **Bookfest PA** was a super success with record-breaking attendance and author participation. **3,015** people attended.
- **Farmland Preservation Artists of Central PA Exhibition** had over **60** images and drew attention from across the state.

- **Author Spotlight:** Schlow and the **Library Speakers Consortium** hosted **37** talks with authors like **RF Kuang, Liane Moriarty**, and **Kate DiCamillo** with **4,138** views!
 - **Lion Mobile Clinic** visits, which uses a student-run free clinic model to increase access to healthcare and promote healthy choices, brought necessary services to the downtown area.
 - The **Children's Department** presented over **400** programs attended by over **15,000** people!
 - The **Sensory Crawl** program was awarded the **2024 Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) Best Practices Award**. The award was presented to program developer **Elaine Bayly** at the **Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Conference** in October (pictured).
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Upcoming Events





Event Calendars





Childrens' Events Calendar

Adult & Teen Events Calendar

Author Talks



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