

Good Reads, Good Eats and More for National Library Week

The Community College of Beaver County Library will celebrate National Library Week April 8-12 with an Edible Books Festival, children's storytime, a performance of the works of Robert Frost, student readings, a book discussion and a ribbon-cutting at your library!

The week-long celebration marks the official opening of the newly renovated library. Campus and community members are invited to share in the festivities as the library begins an exciting new chapter in service.

The plot thickens Monday, April 8, with an Edible Book Festival. Campus and community members are invited to sample this literary and culinary contest as competitors, viewers or simply tasters. The event is part of an international movement celebrating books and food each April and, in this inaugural year, coincides with the Beaver County History Coalition's food tradition theme. For the festival, participants create an edible book inspired by a favorite title or tale, a pun or shape of a book for display...and devour. Registration, guidelines and rule forms are available on the [CCBC Library website](#) or at the Circulation Desk; registrations are due April 2 by emailing the completed form to library@ccbc.edu or dropping it off at the library. Edible Books must be delivered to the library on Monday, April 8, between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Voting will take place from 11 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Winners will be announced and eating will commence at 2 p.m. A cash prize will be awarded to the overall winner. (To view samples of Edible Books, visit the [International Books Festival Site](#) or Pinterest.)

The story continues on Tuesday, April 9, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. with a final book discussion of the Common Book Read, "Between the World and Me" by Ta Nehisi Coates, a book written as a letter to the author's son and focusing on racial injustice. The open event will be led by Dr. Cynthia Marshall in the Upper Level of the LRC, Library Room 9217. The book project is in conjunction with the Bridges and Pathways College Partnership of Geneva College, Penn State Beaver, Robert Morris University and CCBC, and is funded by the CCBC Diversity Council.

On April 10, Frost returns to the library forecast – Poet Robert Frost, that is. Beaver County resident Sam Allen will again perform his one-man show feting iconic American poet Robert Frost at noon in the CCBC Library Café. Allen—a Patterson Township writer, bookseller, librarian, editor and researcher— has performed the must-see show from Washington D.C. to sites across Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. Allen becomes Frost, curmudgeon and genius; his play is constantly evolving. The program is also a prime opportunity to become immersed in a national literary treasure. Poetry is not showcased in many venues, so we are opting for...yes, the less traveled option...here at CCBC. The show will be followed by readings of the CCBC Writers Club and refreshments.

April 11's itinerary at the CCBC Library will include a ribbon-cutting declaring the renovated venue officially open at 9 a.m., followed by an afternoon sequel - children's storytime for 4- to 8-year olds but all are welcome. The library will showcase the reading of the favorite tall tale "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" in a special program at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Those interested in attending are asked to register by emailing library@ccbc.edu. Please include your name, phone, email and number of children and adults attending. The book reading is in partnership with the Beaver County Library System's and Beaver County History Coalition's theme of food traditions.

Throughout the week, the library will offer surprise give-aways and tours by request. Bookmark National Library Week for a visit to your CCBC Library. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call 724.480.3442.