Dear Friend: Slow down and enjoy the summer with us and a variety of events this July. Storytime is back for little ones every Thursday this month, with a special Storytime author and illustrator visit on July 6. We also welcome our special summer exhibition, “The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania,” on July 24, with a special evening exhibition opening event on July 27 (tickets coming soon!). And we close out the month with our opening concert for Music on the Lawn, featuring roots, blues, and folk music by Big Sky Quartet. Plus, we just released the next six months of programming over on our website! There’s always something to do at LancasterHistory. -Emily

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July 2023 Upcoming Events

from LancasterHistory

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Storytime

Every Thursday in July
10am at LancasterHistory

Gather ‘round every Thursday in July at 10am for Storytime! Storytime at LancasterHistory takes place among historic buildings, giving children an immersive history experience. A passionate museum educator or volunteer will read aloud from a book centered on a historical theme, and then lead a craft or activity inspired by the theme.

For the month of July, the book selections are as follows.
July 6 - *Market Day: A Lancaster County Poem* by Corey Fogleman & Illustrated by Piper Fogleman | Special Visit by the Author & Illustrator!

July 13 - *Grandma Lisa’s Humming, Buzzing, Chirping Garden* by Lisa Doseff (Illustrated by Duncan Robertson)

July 20 - *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker (Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk)

July 27 - *Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote* by Tanya Lee Stone (Illustrated by Rebecca Gibbon)

This program broadens kids’ historical knowledge and establishes museum literacy and critical thinking skills. The program is free, and registration is required to ensure we have craft supplies for everyone. Storytime is designed for young readers, ages 12 and under. Register for all Storytime programs or individual programs online or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633.

Storytime will take place outdoors unless it rains, in which case it will be moved indoors. We kindly ask that at least one (1) adult 18 years or older attend for every two children or household.

*Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA*

"The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania" Exhibition Opening Event

Thursday, July 27
5 - 7pm at LancasterHistory

**NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "The Long Road" exhibition and opening event will be disseminated in the future. Please check our Press Room for this release.**

Join LancasterHistory on Thursday, July 27 from 5-7pm to celebrate the opening of *The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania*. LancasterHistory will be open with extended hours for visitors to see the new exhibit and enjoy a pop-up outdoor beer garden.

*The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania* is a traveling history exhibit from the LGBT Center of Central Pennsylvania and the LGBT Center Central PA History Project that chronicles the efforts that activists have undertaken in Pennsylvania to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people.

Pennsylvania does not yet have statewide legislation that protects LGBTQ people from discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations. For more than five decades, activists have been working to obtain these protections one battle at a time, one municipality at a time, and the work continues. *The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in*
Pennsylvania chronicles these and other efforts to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people. Enhanced with photographs and materials from the LancasterHistory collections, this special, traveling exhibition highlights not just the political struggles for civil rights, but the personal stories as well.

The exhibit debuted in mid-February 2019, in the 50th anniversary year of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a pivotal event in the LGBTQ+ movement toward equality. From July 24 – September 2, the exhibit will be on display at LancasterHistory.

Tickets and more information about the July 27th special exhibit opening event coming soon! Please check lancasterhistory.org/events for more information.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Creating Habitat for Butterflies

Saturday, July 29
10am at LancasterHistory

On Saturday, July 29 at 10am, join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and presenter Debra Carman for “Creating Habitat for Butterflies.” At this presentation, attendees will learn about the habitat elements necessary for the survival of butterflies from egg to adult. Plus, learn about the critical ecological role native plants and butterflies play in food webs. Carman will discuss multiple species of butterflies commonly found in Pennsylvania as well as display live caterpillars during the Q&A session.

Debra Carman is a Penn State Master Gardener (York County), chair of the Native Plant Habitat Committee, and a butterfly and moth habitat specialist. Carmon’s mission is to inspire others to make positive environmental changes in their gardening practices. She enjoys teaching the importance of creating environmentally-friendly habitats with native plants that foster food webs for all wildlife.

HOW TO REGISTER

The event, “Creating Habitat for Butterflies,” will take place on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 10am at LancasterHistory. Tickets are $5/Adult (18+) and $3/Child. Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members receive complimentary admission, but should still register for the program. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance tickets recommended as the program has limited capacity.

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum is a member of the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program. AHS Reciprocal Admission Program members may register for
tickets in advance and must show a valid membership card upon checking in. AHS Members should contact Emily Miller, emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org, with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Music on the Lawn

Saturday, July 29
5 - 7pm at LancasterHistory

**NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about the Music on the Lawn series will be disseminated in the future. Please check our Press Room for this release.**

Music on the Lawn is back this summer with more fantastic local bands in James Buchanan’s backyard! This family (and dog) friendly event is an opportunity to relax and enjoy an evening outdoors at LancasterHistory. July’s concert features folk, roots, and blues music from Big Sky Quartet.

Tickets are free for LancasterHistory Members, $10/Adult (18+) Non-Members, and free for Children 17 & Under. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are also available at-the-door with cash or card.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, foldable chairs, and picnics. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. If you require any special accommodations to attend, please notify Annie Weeks at (717) 392-4633, ext. 134 or annie.weeks@lancasterhistory.org in advance. Port-a-potties will be available onsite (including an accessible port-a-pot). In the event of inclement weather, the call will be made at noon on July 29 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is July 30 from 1-3pm.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Main Exhibition - Lancaster in the ‘60s
Over the course of more than 350 years, the physical and cultural landscapes of Lancaster County have undergone transformative change. Lancaster in the ‘60s examines the issues of conflict, resolution, and protest against the backdrop of four pivotal decades—the 1660s, 1760s, 1860s, and 1960s—in Lancaster County’s history. The pivotal events that
transpired in each of these decades changed the lives of those who experienced them, and continue to impact the way we live our lives today.

- Exhibition Closes Saturday, September 16, 2023 -

Special Exhibition - The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania
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- Exhibition Opens July 24, 2023 -

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

JULY 2023

All operations of LancasterHistory will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

LancasterHistory is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30am to 5pm to the public.
Tours of Wheatland are available from 10am to 3pm. The Research Center is open Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.