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Cumberland County Libraries Join Longwood Gardens' Community Read

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County book and plant lovers are encouraged to participate in Longwood Gardens' 6th year of the Community Read, designed to encourage reading for pleasure and conversation. This year, the Community Read continues to journey into the science of the plant world by going back to where it all started-seeds.

For adult readers, the feature is "The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, & Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History" by award-winning author Thor Hanson.

For younger readers, there are two features, "The Reason for a Flower," author Ruth Heller shares the story of plants and their functions. In "Seedfolks," author Paul Fleischman tells the story of a 9-year-old girl planting lima bean seeds that sparks 13 very different individuals to come together to create a community garden.

Local Cumberland County Libraries are hosting these upcoming free events:

March 25 - This month at the Fredericksen Library, Camp Hill at 7 p.m., the Longwood Gardens Community Read choice is The Triumph of Seeds. Register online.

March 26 - At the Fredricksen Library, Ruggaber Community Room, Camp Hill, at 6:30 p.m. children, grades K-2, accompanied by an adult, will enjoy The Reason for a Flower. Call 717.761.3900 x229 to register.

March 26 - LEGO Club, grades 3-5: Build Your Own Flower Garden or Arboretum, at the Simpson Public Library, Mechanicsburg, at 6 p.m. After reading The Reason for a Flower, kids will use library-supplied LEGOs to create LEGO flower gardens or arboretums. Call 717.766.0171 to register.

March 26 - LEGO Club K-2: Build Your Own Flower at the Simpson Public Library, Mechanicsburg at 6 p.m. After reading The Reason for a Flower, kids will use library-supplied LEGOs to create LEGO flowers. Register by calling 717.766.0171.

April 11 - A Bit about Seeds and Seed Starting, at New Cumberland Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Cumberland County Master Gardner Betsy Rushong, will discuss starting plants from seeds. Also hear about The Triumph of Seeds. No registration required.

April 11 - The Triumph of Seeds Book Discussion, at the John Graham Library, Newville, at 6:30 p.m. No registration required.

April 16 - STEM Club grades 1-2: The Reason for a Flower at the Simpson Public Library, Mechanicsburg at 6 p.m. After reading, kids will participate in STEM follow-up activities related to the book. Register by calling 717.766.0171.

April 16 - STEM Club Grades 3-5: The Reason for a Flower at the Simpson Public Library, Mechanicsburg at 6 p.m. After reading, kids will participate in STEM follow-up activities related to the book. Call 717.766.0171 to register.

April 25 - Children's activities based on the book, The Reason for a Flower, at the John Graham Library, Newville at 6:30 p.m. Registration is not required.

May 3 - Family STEM Stations: Flower Power, at the New Cumberland Public Library, New Cumberland at 10:30 a.m. Families with children ages 3-7 can enjoy center-based activities to explore the world of plants and flowers based on The Reason for a Flower. Children can make a seed-based craft, and try out some hands-on science activity kits designed for preschoolers. This program is self-guided and no registration is necessary.

May 4 - Fabulous Flowers at the New Cumberland Public Library, New Cumberland at 10:30 a.m. Families with children ages 6-10 can explore the world of plants and flowers based on The Reason for a Flower. Families and children read the book and become plant scientists by exploring seeds and flowers, and planting flowers to take home. Beginning on April 15, call 717.774.7822 to register.

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