

The Kennett Library welcomes all Girl Scout troops to participate in this patch program. After completing the below steps, girls will be introduced and familiarize themselves with the Kennett Library and its mission through an exploration of three learning objectives: community resources, books, and interactive activities. With a robust adult literacy program teaching English to our community, the Kennett Library is committed to a lifelong connection to learning. All ages can get involved. You are taking the first step!



This patch program is open to all Girl Scout grade levels, including Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors and will require both online and in-person activities, culminating with a visit to the Kennett Library. Upon completion of the program, please visit the circulation desk on the first floor to record your involvement and receive the patch. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Cat Stenta CStenta@ccls.org.

*The Kennett Library is grateful for **Emily Baroni** and **Shawna DiFilippo**, who created this program for you all to become more familiar with your local library and resource center!*



The Kennett Library is located at 320 East State Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Parking is available behind the building or in the upper Y lot off of Willow Street. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9AM-9PM; Friday, 9AM-5PM; Saturday, 9AM-4PM, Sunday, closed. Visit the Kennett Library online at: <https://kennettlibrary.org>

Ready to explore the Kennett Library? Begin your journey here!

Please complete all requirements below along with the scavenger hunt. Please note that the starred (*) requirements could be discussed prior to coming to the library.

Requirements (please complete all):

- Review the history of the Kennett Library (see the page attached).*
- Review and discuss the mission statement and fun facts about the Kennett Library (see the page attached).*
- Apply for a library card or show proof of a library card. The Kennett Library belongs to the Chester County Library System. The Chester County Library System has 18 member libraries across Chester County. All county residents are eligible for a free library card if one lives, works, owns property or attends a

school in Chester County. Library cards provide access to more than just books! With a library card one can borrow books from 18 different libraries, check out DVDs, audiobooks, videogames, magazines and graphic novels, along with having access to over 40 online databases. Leaders can have forms filled out ahead of time when you come for a self-led tour to get any girls in your troop library cards to complete this step. Please get parent permissions ahead of time for cards. Some girls already have cards so they won't need to fill another form out. For more information and/or to sign up for a library card in-person (at any library) or visit <https://kennettlibrary.org/library-cards/>

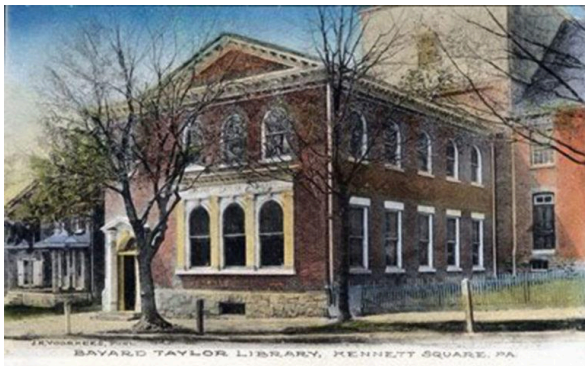
- Discuss library etiquette.* Please see Behavior Policy of the Kennett Library (see the page attached)
 - No running.
 - Keeping a low voice when speaking.
 - Handling books and other library property with care.
- Discuss how to take care of books and library property.*
 - No folding or tearing the pages of a book, magazine, newspaper, etc.
 - No writing or coloring on the pages of a book, magazine, newspaper, etc.
- Check a book out of the Kennett Library.
 - Pick a book to check out of the library and find this book by using the online catalog system ([Explore – Kennett Library](#)) or by asking a library staff member to assist you.
 - Books, audiobooks, and graphic novels may be on loan for 3 weeks.
 - Download the Libby App to read digital books¹¹
 - DVDs may be on loan for 1 or 2 weeks
 - Identify the different book sections at the library.
 - Hangout in the reading nooks areas and dive into the newly selected book!
- If you're in a group of 5 or less, enjoy creating something in one of the Makerspaces. (For a full troop visit, please email Max Mmagendantz@ccls.org to schedule your time *there will be a cost involved for materials and an employee to help teach the troop).
 - The Kennett Library is more than books! Great programs are being offered for all ages. [Kennett Library - LibCal - Chester County Library System](#) Review the Kennett library program calendar and see what other programs are offered. If there is a program of interest, check it out and try something new!*
- Take a self-guided tour of Kennett Library and complete the scavenger hunt (see below).

Scavenger Hunt:

- Daisies choose 1
 - Brownies choose 1
 - Juniors choose 2
 - Cadettes choose 3
 - Ambassadors and Seniors choose 5
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- Visit CreativeBug with your library card access and make a craft.
 - Visit the Game Cart on the 2nd floor (Updated by Junior Troop 41554 for their Bronze award in 2024). Leave a review of the game you played in the binder.
 - Find a magazine two ways: 1. Physical copy and 2. Digital copy (Flipster). Which do you prefer and why?
 - Sign up for Beanstack to track your reading and win prizes.
 - Can you find a book or resource in a foreign language? List two languages you found. How do you say Library in one of those languages?
 - Research the Museum Pass program. What passes can you borrow? How much do they cost?
 - Visit a P.U.L.L station. Where did you find one and what is inside?
 - Take some seeds from the Seed Library* and try growing a garden. While you are there, learn about the Meadowitos program and tell a friend or community member about what you learned. *While supplies last - typically available in the spring!
 - Find out about the tutoring opportunities at the library. Do you need help in school? Are you an older Girl Scout and want to get involved in helping other kids with tutoring?
 - What are the types and names of the animals on the second floor?
 - Name one classroom or study area on the second floor.
 - Who was the first librarian in the Kennett Library's history?
 - What type of animal is the statue out front of the library? *Hint: there is more than one correct answer!*
 - At the front desk, grab a copy of *From the Desk of Alice*. Why is this magazine called *From the Desk of Alice*?

- Find the original date stone from England - what year does it read?
- Go outside to the mural in the parking lot and list all the historical figures you can find. What was your favorite or most interesting piece of this artwork?
- Share your experiences at the library earning this fun patch by using any or all of the following: #kennettlibrary #ksqmake #resourcecenter #publiclibrary
- Volunteer at the library - Find out how to register to volunteer on a regular basis at the library and work towards a community service patch with Girl Scouts at the same time.
- Create a podcast in the AV room! Can your troop create a podcast on a topic you are passionate about? **Advance booking and staff involvement required**

History of the Kennett Library



At the suggestion of William F. Wickersham, a meeting was held on the evening of Dec. 9, 1893 to consider the possibility of establishing a free public library in Kennett Square. Several meetings followed, and by Feb. 10, 1894, a Board of Trustees consisting of nine members was elected. They applied for a charter, which was granted on Jan. 30, 1895. Thereafter, a lot was purchased from the local bank on the corner of South Broad Street and Apple Alley, and a building erected at a cost of \$6,791.50.

The library was dedicated on Sept. 24, 1896, named in honor of Bayard Taylor, and opened to the public on Sept. 28 with a few periodicals and empty shelves. During the day several volumes were received as gifts, and on the following day the contents of the Kennett Square Union Library Company (a circulating library that at the time had no permanent facility) were received.

The first librarian was Miss Alice W. Swayne, daughter of the sculptor, William Marshall Swayne. She was assisted by her sister Ella and Miss Mary S. Allen, who accessioned, classified, and cataloged new books. The first applications for reader's cards were registered Oct. 13, and by the following September, the total number issued was 587. On Sept. 30, 1897, according to the first annual report of the librarian, 7,326 books had circulated during the previous year. The library was open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday during the first 20 years of service. Miss Swayne worked these hours with only one hour off for lunch and dinner. Such ten-hour days were difficult, especially since she did not always have assistance. When she retired in 1918, the library was firmly established in the community.

Miss Florence N. Cleaver replaced Miss Swayne as director. She stayed on until 1930, when her assistant, Letha M. Entekin, took over for one year. In 1931, Miss Anna C. Janke became librarian and worked with few resources during the Depression years. When failing health forced her to retire, Roberta C. Cole (Ficcio) became director in 1939. Mrs. Ficcio retired in 1969, having served the library longer than any other employee. She will be especially remembered for her work with children and local history. Margaret Voorhees Leach became the next director and stayed until her retirement in 1976. At that time, Joseph A. Lordi became director, and stayed until 2005, when Donna Murray became the new library director.

About 1960, the surrounding municipalities agreed to participate in the support of the library, and it was felt that the time had come to construct a new building that would more adequately serve the needs of the residents of southeastern Chester County. There was much discussion, but finally, a new building was erected on the site of the old State Street Meeting House. The new library was dedicated on Feb. 15, 1962. The new facility was a success from the beginning, as circulation and patron visits doubled within the year. Of course, the expenses doubled – from \$12,878 to \$25,580 per year!

During the early 1970s there was discussion about installing a new Children's Library in the basement of the library, but this dream did not materialize until the spring of 1979, when the new Children's and Young Adult Library was dedicated. In 1983 the library began its first Annual Giving campaign, whose purpose was to raise non-tax funds to operate the library. These Annual Giving campaigns have continued, raising more than \$10,000 per year. Since 1990, the library has held additional fund-raising activities, such as the annual Home and Garden Tour, Gift Box and book signings. These special events have been very popular, and help raise at least \$15,000 per year.

In March of 1995, the library entered the computer age when we circulated our first book on our new integrated automated online computer system. The process had begun four years earlier with the retrospective conversion of library materials into computer-readable form. This was followed by the introduction of the Patron Access Catalog, a computerized catalog system, which took the place of the old card catalog. Our new system was fully paid for by a grant from The Longwood Foundation.

By Joseph A. Lordi

Current History:

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Kennett Library is on a mission to ignite imagination, enrich lives, and create community with a vision to be the catalyst for a community of lifelong learning and discovery. We connect people with reading, information and technology to expand curiosity, explore interests, and discover passions. We provide a friendly, helpful, stimulating environment that is built on free access to library resources and the exchange of information.

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The New Kennett Library & Resource Center opened in the summer of 2023!

Mission and Fun Facts

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Fun facts:

1. The new Kennett Library opened up in 2023.
2. The Kennett Library welcomes on average 1,00 people a day.
3. Alice W. Swayne was Kennett Library's first librarian.
4. The auditorium has 110 seats!
5. You can check out 99 books at a time.
6. The life of an uncirculated book is only 2 years.
7. When you enter the lobby there is an inscription reading "All are welcome here" in Lenape.
8. The library has all the date stones on the front of the building.

Created 9/2019 Behavior Policy

1. The Kennett Library welcomes and encourages the use of its facility by the public. The Library is a place for all who wish to read, study, research, write, select books, tutor, and consult with Library staff. All who enter the Library are entitled to enjoy a library atmosphere – a calm space, free from distractions – and have an implicit obligation to contribute to the maintenance of that atmosphere.
2. The Library Board of Trustees ("Library Board"), in establishing this policy, intends to identify behaviors that are contrary to the purposes for which the Library is intended. The Library Board gives full authority and discretion to Library staff to decide whether

any particular conduct or behavior is not in compliance with this policy and to ensure that customers of the Library respect and follow the policy. Library staff will caution patrons when behavior is deemed unacceptable, will attempt to obtain appropriate personal identifying information, and will ask those who fail to comply to leave the Library premises. An Incident Report will be completed by Library staff to document specific violations. Library staff has the discretion to contact the police. Failure to follow this policy may result in a suspension of Library privileges. Failure to provide appropriate personal identifying information may result in suspension of Library privileges until such information is provided. Any customer whose privileges have been suspended may appeal in writing or in person to the Library Board and shall receive the appropriate notice and opportunity to be heard.

3. GENERAL RULE. The Library offers a place for reading, study and research. Anyone who enters the Library is expected to pursue activities with a minimum of disturbance to others. A Library customer shall not engage in disruptive behavior or behavior that interferes with the use of the Library by other customers or with Library staff's performance of their duties. Any behavior that, in the judgment of Library staff, disrupts or distracts other Library users from using the Library or threatens the safety of Library users and staff is inappropriate and shall not be tolerated.

4. GUIDELINES.

a. The following Guidelines are for guidance only and are not intended to be an exclusive list of inappropriate or prohibited behavior.

i. Inappropriate behavior is prohibited. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

ii. running or excessive movement;

iii. throwing items;

iv. loud, offensive or abusive language; v. disruptive and/or persistent noise;

vi. excessive socializing;

vii. verbally or physically threatening or harassing behavior;

viii. abusing or defacing library materials (including library owned hardware).

b. The use of personal electronic communication devices, such as cell phones, shall be brief and shall not disturb other Library customers.

c. Audio equipment and the audio capabilities of computers shall not be used in the Library unless earphones are utilized in a manner that does not disturb other Library customers.

d. Theft of Library materials is prohibited and a violation of state law, and punishable by a fine and/or other penalty according to 18 PA CS 3929.1.

e. Children under eleven years of age must be under the direct supervision of a responsible caregiver (at least 16 years of age) at all times while on Library premises pursuant to the Library's Policy on Unattended Children.

f. Library customers are responsible for their own personal belongings. The Library is not responsible for the personal belongings of Library customers.

g. Food and covered beverages may be consumed in the Library if handled neatly. Containers should be disposed of properly. Customers should alert Library staff to any spills.

h. A shirt and shoes must be worn everywhere on the Library premises.

i. Any person whose bodily hygiene is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons shall be asked to leave the building.

5. PROHIBITED CONDUCT The following conduct is prohibited:

- Threatening behavior, including, but not limited to, violence, threats of violence, and brandishing of weapons is not allowed.
- Consuming alcoholic beverages. Exceptions may be granted by the Library Director in connection with appropriate circumstances, such as programs and events.
- Possessing, using or selling unlawful controlled substances. Violations will be reported to the police.
- The use of tobacco products.
- Bringing large sports equipment inside the library, such as bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. The use of any sports equipment is also prohibited inside the library.
- Blocking or interfering with access to doors, passageways, corridors, handicap accessible areas or devices and driveways inside and outside of the Library.
- Patrons may not use CCLS provided computer workstations or wireless connections for unlawful purposes or to view prohibited content. Viewing materials that contain or display sexually explicit images or obscenity as defined by 18 Pa. C.S. section 5903. The viewing of child pornography is a criminal act and the police will be called. Please refer to the Internet Acceptable Use Policy posted on the Library web site for customer guidelines and responsibilities.

6. SANCTIONS Violations of this policy are grounds for suspension of Library privileges. Repeated or egregious violations of this policy are grounds for losing the privilege to use the Library by public vote of the Library Board. Procedure for Implementing

Behavior Policy These procedures shall be used in the event library staff observes conduct which violates the library's Behavior Policy.

1. The Person-in-Charge will ask a staff member to accompany him/her to the person who is violating the Policy. If circumstances warrant, bring a copy of the Behavior Policy (i.e., if the customer is new and is not familiar with our policies).

2. Inform him/her that he/she is violating a specific provision of the Behavior Policy. Use the language of the Behavior Policy to identify the infraction. Examples: "library policy prohibits ..." a. "running and excessive movement in the library." b. "threatening other people." c. "disruptive noise." d. "blocking access to doors." Do not engage in a conversation regarding the behavior. Note the individuals involved. Inform him/her "If we have to speak to you again about this issue or any other violation of library policy today, you will be asked to leave."

3. If the person is asked to leave, ask for the person's name if it is not known, and write it down.

4. The staff shall contact the police in the event a library customer does not leave the library property when instructed to do so.

5. If the infraction is severe, the Person-In-Charge will ask the customer to leave the library property immediately (i.e., no first warning).

6. An incident report must be written every time a person, or group of people, is asked to leave the library, and any time an incident of note occurs that should be documented for future reference. One copy of the report should be kept in the incident report binder, and a second copy of the report should be given to the director.

7. Be sure to inform the Person-In-Charge on the next shift about the incident so that he/she is aware and knows how to respond to future incidents.