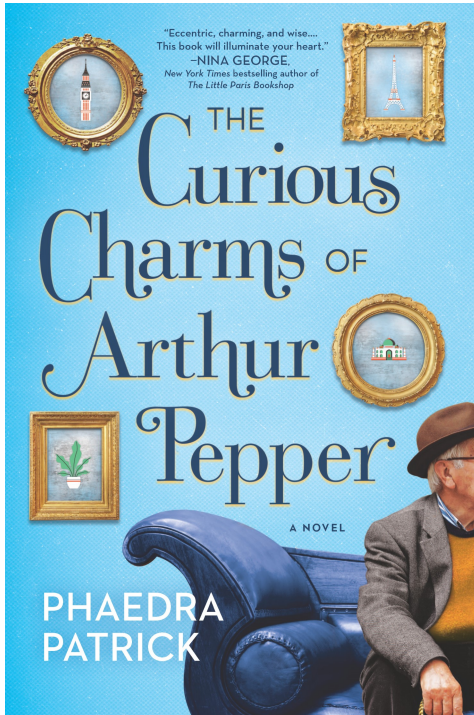


The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper is the 2021 One Book, One Community Book Choice!



Forty libraries in Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, and York counties and their community partners collaborated to plan and implement this year's One Book, One Community (OBOC) regional campaign. In addition, many individual libraries from surrounding Central PA counties also participated in activities that led to the selection of **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick.

Reading campaign organizers encourage residents to read the book during January in preparation to attend free programs and discussions that will be held at public libraries beginning in February, which is designated as both Library Lovers' Month and Book Lovers' Month.

Carolyn Blatchley, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System, comments, "Multiple copies of **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** are available from your local public library, as a paperback, e-book, or audiobook." Everyone is invited to read and discuss the book. A Reading Group Guide and related materials will be listed online beginning this month.

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper beat out **Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the**

American Nation by Andrea Wulf; **Lager Queen of Minnesota** by J. Ryan Stradal, and **With Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo in an October 2020 public vote.

In addition to books, ebooks, and audiobooks available from local public libraries, **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** will also be available for purchase at area at local booksellers. Program schedules for book discussion groups, an author talk, and other innovative activities may be accessed online at oboc.org or cumberlandcountylibraries.org/OBOC_2021.

Cumberland County's public libraries – Amelia Givin in Mt. Holly Springs, Bosler Memorial in Carlisle, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg, East Pennsboro Branch Library in Enola, Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, John Graham Library in Newville, New Cumberland Public Library, and Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg - lead their communities with educational, cultural, and entertainment programs, as well as authoritative and interesting materials.



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