What's a library, you say?

Well a library is not only a building with a lot of books but a quiet place to read or do research and the best part is you can take a book home with you for FREE. That's right…a library is a lending place.

Signing up for a library card is easy. Just fill out a simple form, show some ID and voilà, you have your very own take out a book for Free Card (library card).

Libraries offer a variety of books for pleasure reading and research, magazines and even DVD Movies you can rent for FREE. Public computers are also available. All you need is a library card!

How many times have you ordered a book on Amazon and waited days for it to arrive? With a library card you can get your book the same day. Our Reisterstown Library of Baltimore County is centrally located in our community. So in just a few minutes you could be reading your new book.

The Reisterstown Library holds many events throughout the year. From Baby and Pre-School Reading Time to Teen Time activities and adult reading clubs.

The building which houses the Reisterstown Branch, since 1961, dates back to the 1820's. It was then known as “Franklin Academy”, a private school. In 1874 Franklin Academy became the first public high school in Baltimore County until 1905 when it would be used for an elementary school, before becoming the home of the Reisterstown Library.

Books used to be chained to shelves in libraries, in order to prevent stealing.

People in Iceland read more books per capita than in any other country.

On average across the world people spend 6.5 hours a week reading.
Saying “Thank You”...

How do you thank your friends and family for their acts of kindness, the flowers they sent or the sympathy cards they so thoughtfully picked out for you?

Here is a simple guide:

**Sympathy Cards:** No written acknowledgement is needed.

**Written Letters:** Reply with an acknowledgement card. Thank you for your kind words of sympathy…it is so nice to have friends like you.

**Flowers:** Reply with an acknowledgement card. The (type of flowers, i.e. Roses) you sent for (loved one) were beautiful.

**Flowers from an Organization:** An acknowledgement card to the leader of the group. The flowers sent by the members of the (name of group) were beautiful and greatly appreciated. If members’ names are listed, send each an acknowledgement card (without a personal message).

**Memorial Contributions:** May be acknowledged the same as flowers. Your contributions to the (donation site) in (loved one) name was greatly appreciated.

**Friends who volunteered cars and/or services:** A personal note on an acknowledgement card is appropriate.

**Car:** Thank you, (name of person), for the use of your car. It was needed and greatly appreciated.

**Service:** You were so kind to (example: stay with my Mother after the funeral and help her through that first evening alone.

**Food:** The (example: Apple pie) you sent to the house was delicious; thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

What to do?….Tree Stump Design

What to do with that ugly tree stump…turn it into a piece of art.

The cost of cutting down a tree can be very costly but grinding out the stump that is left behind is just as expensive.

So why not bring out your creative side. Save your stump grinding money and turn your tree stump into a garden focal point. Here are a couple of ideas that won’t break your bank.

A gnome village and a flower planter. Both require minimal work and money. Got a stump…turn it into a bright spot in your yard.

Comfort Food…Chocolate Pretzels

**Chocolate Pretzels...**

**Ingredients:**
- 24 circular pretzels
- 24 milk chocolate candy kisses (Hershey’s Kisses Milk Chocolate)
- 1 (1.69 ounce) package mini candy-coated chocolates

**Directions:**
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Place pretzels on baking sheets. Unwrap candy kisses and place one in the center of each pretzel.
- Place in preheated oven 1 to 2 minutes, until kisses melt.
- Remove from oven and place one candy-coated chocolate in the center of each pretzel.
- Chill in refrigerator until set.
A Natural Way to Honor the Life of a Family Member or Friend

When you choose to have a Memorial Tree planted for your loved one, you are doing more than simply putting a plant in the ground. You are making a long-term commitment to the environment and implanting the memories of your loved one in our planet for countless years to come.

A memorial tree is a unique tribute which provides global benefits like no other memorial gift could.

What you receive:
A memorial tree planted in the area of greatest need, according to the planting schedule of the American Forests Organization.
A memorial card to be sent to your home, or a person of your choosing which demonstrates the gift you have given.
Your name and message listed in this online memorial, and on the honoringalife.org website.
Go to your friend or family members' obituary on our website to order a Memorial Tree. $30.00 each
www.ElineFuneralHome.com

We Can Help...Funeral Terms

Disposition is the term used by the funeral industry to describe the final handling of the deceased's remains. Although your initial decision for the disposition of the body is between burial and cremation, there are several variations on each.

A Burial is the act of placing a deceased person in a grave. It's a ritual of respect and closure.

A Visitation offers a chance for people to "pay their final respects" to the deceased. Just as important, the visitation can be a time for mourners to meet and console each other in a more informal setting than at the funeral. A "viewing" means to have an open casket. A "visitation" is when the body is laid out in the casket (which may be open or closed) before the service so that mourners may come to "visit."

In a death notice sometimes you will read, “Family will receive friends”, this is referring to the visitation or viewing. The family of the deceased is welcoming you to pay your respects to their loved one.
It was approximately 8:30am when an elderly gentleman in his 80’s, arrived at the hospital to have stitches removed from his thumb. He was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00am.

While the doctor got the needed supplies to remove his stitches, they began to engage in conversation. The doctor asked the man if he had a doctor’s appointment this morning, why he was in such a hurry.

The man told the doctor that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. His wife had been there for awhile and that she was a victim of Alzheimer Disease. As they talked, and the doctor finished dressing his wound, he asked the man if his wife would be worried as he was a bit late. The man replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

The doctor was surprised, and asked, “And you still go every morning, even though she doesn’t know who you are?”

The man smiled as he patted the doctor’s hand and said, “She doesn’t know me, but I still know who she is.”

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.