



## State Library of Pennsylvania - Pennsylvania Authors Lunch and Learn Series - *Muncy*

**Date: Wednesday January 23rd**

**Time: 12 PM - 1 PM**

**Location: Room 321 Forum Building  
State Library of Pennsylvania  
607 South Drive Harrisburg, PA 17120**

### Explore the History of Muncy in New Book!

*Muncy* is the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series.

Nestled along the banks of the Susquehanna River, Muncy first situated itself within the dynamic beginnings of America as the center of action during raids and battles on the frontier. Following the American Revolution, the town prospered as the lumber industry profited from its bountiful mountains and waterway accessibility, leaving Muncy with a competitive legacy of commerce. When the Civil War erupted in America, Muncy became both a key stop on the Underground Railroad and a hotbed for abolitionist activity. This colorful history remains preserved in the architecture of the town, as numerous buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These houses are not museum properties, rather the buildings serve as integral parts of the community as both homes and businesses.



**Maggie S. Rymsza**, 21, is a native of Muncy. Her family has occupied the Muncy area for several generations, and Maggie herself continues to hold a dear fascination with her community and the people that occupy it. Maggie is a graduate of Muncy High School, and a rising senior at the University of Pennsylvania, where she majors in Early American history. As a former historical society intern, she was delighted by the opportunity to compile and edit this photographic history in conjunction with the Muncy Historical Society.

Maggie has interned at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia and has worked at the Kislak Center for Rare Books at the University of Pennsylvania's Van Pelt Library.

**M. Earl Smith** is a professor of English literature at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Chatfield College in Saint Martin, Ohio, Smith completed his master's degree in English literature from the University of Pennsylvania in 2017. He is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing in the Solstice MFA program at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. He has written eight books, five of which are published by Arcadia Publishing. He resides in Philadelphia with his Shetland Sheepdog, Che. The pair hope this volume both honors Muncy's past and prepares it for its future. It also stands as a tribute to the Muncy Historical Society, the careful stewards of the town's storied history. (from Publisher)



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