

Abington Free Library
 1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001
 215-885-5180, <http://abg.mclinc.org>
 Circulation Desk ext. 12
 Information Desk ext. 13
 Children's Department ext. 28
 Executive Director ext. 14
 Adult Literacy ext. 27
 Friends of the Library ext. 36

Hours
 Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

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 2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
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Hours
 Mon. 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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 Abington Book Cart Drill Team
 in Glenside's 100th 4th of July Parade!
 Books! Fun! Music! Dancing Library Staff!



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From the Director

By now I hope most Pennsylvania Library users have heard about Governor Rendell's plan to cut State Aid to public libraries by 50%. This plan will be disastrous to the Abington Township Public Library and will devastate libraries across the Commonwealth.

For Abington Libraries, this cut will mean a loss of \$129,000 or about 22% percent of our operating budget. To put this in perspective, such a cut is equal to:

- 61% of the book budget
- 83% of building operating costs
- 27 days open operating costs

It is more than twice the cost of materials for public services such as library programming, computers, this newsletter and book supplies.

We know we are facing hard economic times, and Libraries across the state are willing to help. But a 50% reduction in State Aid is unfairly disproportionate. Hard times mean we see more students and job seekers using our resources, more people are using our computers and attending library programs than ever. Cutting library services affects precisely those hit hardest by the current economy. It hits preschoolers, students and business owners. It will affect the 48% of Abington Township residents who have a library card and the 113 people who enter this building every hour.

How can you help? You can contact your legislators using the information below. Tell them that a 50% cut in State Aid to public libraries is disproportionately harsh, tell them what the Library means to you and your family, and tell them you cannot afford to lose library services.

Beautiful Book of the Month: *Extraordinary Pheasants* by Stephen Green-Armytage.
 Visit the exotic and arcane world of jungle and pea fowl, and learn what "tidbitting" is!
 Who knew birds were so romantic?

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall



Staff Spotlight – Sherrie Diamond



"Good morning, everyone!" rings out musically when TSD staffer Sherrie Diamond arrives to begin another day as fiction cataloging assistant in Technical Services. While we recognize the importance of fiction in public library circulation, we may not realize that Sherrie catalogs every item of adult fiction that we add to our collections ... whether in print, audio, video, or DVD!

Sherrie was born in Philadelphia; as a teenager, she moved to Upper Dublin. Even before she joined the staff, she used this library while she attended Upper Dublin High School. After high school, she earned an Associates Degree from Montgomery County Community College and completed a BS in art education at Temple University.

Sherrie first worked in Circulation, but soon moved to Technical Services. She recalls helping the catalogers with various cataloging and processing tasks, not the least of which was handling box after box of catalog cards from OCLC. As technology has changed library operations, Sherrie has participated in (and survived!) the implementation of three different levels of library automation and has earned MCLINC certifications that permit her to process various materials. Although her principal assignments are in Technical Services, Sherrie keeps her public services skills honed with regular shifts at the Circulation Desk. She comes by her public services skills genetically: Sherrie's mother, Evelyn, worked in the Children's Department for 18 years!

Sherrie's interests and hobbies are many and varied; they include music, art (especially painting, with acrylics as her preferred medium), embroidery, gardening, cooking, aerobic exercise, and walking. She also enjoys watching cooking shows on TV and has a sizeable collection of cookbooks. Several of Sherrie's recipes are included in the Library's cookbook (*The Long Overdue Cookbook*, 1st and 2nd eds.) and many of us appreciate her baking skills. (Her new hobby may result from her participation in the Library's "Precision Book Cart Drill Team" in Glenside's 100th 4th of July parade!)

Sherrie recently celebrated 20 years on the staff of Abington Free Library. Truly, Technical Services and Abington Free Library received the gift of a *real* "diamond" when Sherrie joined us on Valentine's Day, 1983.

- Michael Rechel

Volunteer Spotlight – Julie Capin

For more information/Become a volunteer: 215-885-5180, ext. 11 or abg.mclinc.org/Volunteer.htm



Meet Julie Capin. She is a cheerful, dependable volunteer who has been helping in the Reference Department since 1996. Julie is an avid fiction reader so she decided the library seemed like a good place to volunteer her time. She helps keep our annual reports file organized, works with one of the reference librarians to update the book collection, and checks for duplicates when we receive book donations.

Julie's family lives in Abington, and she spent her senior year at Abington High School. She graduated summa cum laude from Temple University with a degree in early childhood education and worked at a day care center for several years. Both Julie's brother and sister live in the area and each has a set of 9-year-old twin girls. The four girls love to come to the library with Aunt Julie to visit the Children's Department.

Julie also likes to collect dolls, make latch-hook rugs, and enjoys a good movie. She is a delightful person to work with and know. Our library is lucky to have such a great volunteer. -Deanna Collins



Abington returns for Summer 2003

For more information: please contact Ann Fields @ 215-885-5180, ext. 13, afields@mclinc.org or abg.mclinc.org

Get in the Game @ the Library this Summer! READ! In the summer of 2002, 62 young adult volunteers and 125 k-2nd grade students spent a total of 797 hours reading together in the Abington READS! program. It's fun for the young adults – they get the chance to read great children's books while they inspire the younger readers. It's important for the younger readers – they practice reading and gain confidence in their reading ability. Read on for more details and join us for Abington READS!

For Young Adults, an Opportunity to Help Others!

Abington READS! will give you the opportunity to volunteer to help younger students (kindergarten through 2nd Grade) practice reading over the summer.

We need young adults (ages 12-17) to help make this program a success. You can sign up for one or two hours per week for at least 4 weeks.

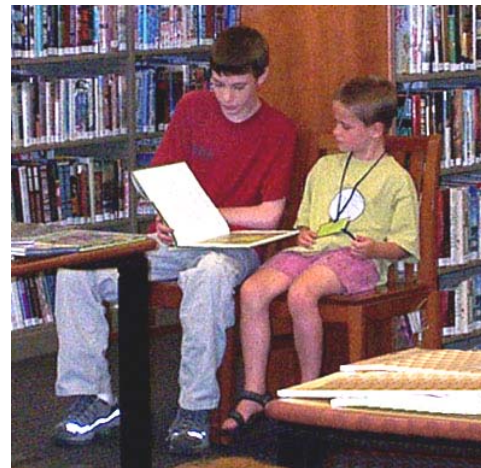
Program begins the week of June 23 and runs until Aug. 14. Sign up begins May 27 in person or by phone.

Sessions:

Mondays @ 6-7 p.m. Thursdays @ 10-11 a.m.
Mondays @ 7-8 p.m. Thursdays @ 11-noon

Training Session:

Please join us on June 19 at 7 p.m. for a one-hour workshop on read-aloud techniques & receive your Abington READS! T-shirt
Sign up begins May 19.



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For Young Readers, a Chance to Listen and Read

Abington Free Library will be offering an opportunity for your child to practice reading this summer with a young adult (a Junior/Senior High student) in our **Abington READS!** program.

This program is designed to offer encouragement in reading to young readers who have completed kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Your child will have the opportunity to listen to several stories, practice reading aloud and select books to borrow with their young adult partner. Join us!

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Young Adult/Teens at Abington

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Art and Journaling

Young Adults – ages 13-18

Join Diana Trout (artist & journaling enthusiast) for creative journaling. Use art, poetry and writing to put your thoughts on paper. Bring your own journal or notebook, other supplies provided. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. - July 8, 15, 22 & 29. Registration begins June 23.



Sign up, Pick up the book, Read, Talk and EAT Great Reads, Friends and Desserts
Here's what we are reading:

<i>The Maze</i>	by Will Hobbs	Thursday, June 19 @ 2 p.m.
<i>Seek</i>	by Paul Fleischman	Thursday, July 21 @ 2 p.m.
<i>Memory Boy</i>	by Will Weaver	Thursday, August 21 @ 2 p.m.

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For more information: 215-885-5180, ext. 14 or abg.mclinc.org/Donate.htm

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Ballinger	Overlook Hills Women's Club	Women's Club of Wyncote
The Colonnade Hotel Boston		

From the Friends

For more information: 215-885-5180, ext. 36 or abg.mclinc.org/aplfrnd.htm

Picnic in the Park/Annual Meeting.

Monday, June 9 at 5:45 p.m., Alverthorpe Park, Fox Chase Entrance.
Pot Luck Supper - Bring a dish of your favorite food and a \$1 donation.
There will be a short business meeting followed by a social hour and fun!
Bring the whole family! We have such wonderful food at the picnic, it was suggested that we bring the recipe and make up a cookbook!



Bookcellar-Used Books for Sale on the Lower Level of the Library!

Monday-Wednesday, 2-4 p.m., Thursday-Friday, noon-4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Volunteer at the Bookcellar!

Donate books (donations are tax-deductible), help sort, price and shelve books, staff sales, or purchase from our selection of used books.

- Lydia Parke