

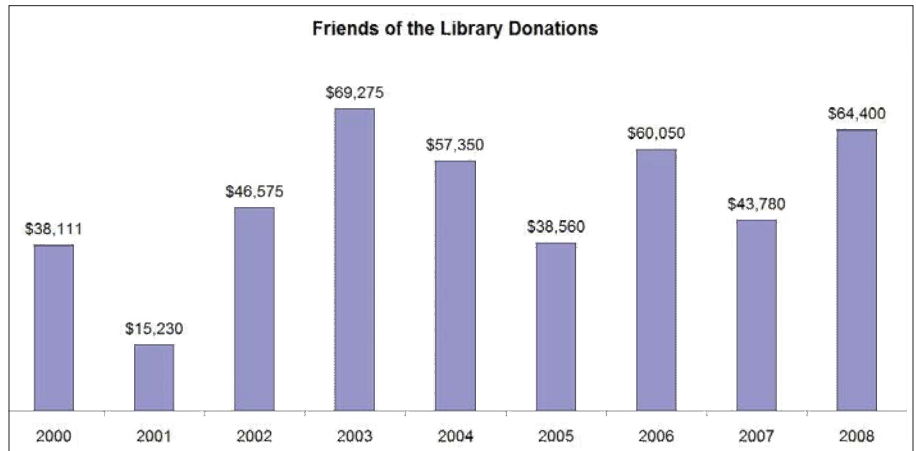
From the Director's Desk Thank you, Friends!

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Abington Township Public Libraries want to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of the Library for their dedicated service.

This past year we enjoyed some of the old favorite fund-raising activities, such as the Bake Sale and the Silent Jewelry Auction. But we also benefited from some new and successful ideas like the Jelly Bean Contest and the Design-a-Bookmark Contest. Our patrons had a lot of fun trying to guess the number of jelly beans. We also were pleased to see the original ideas some of our younger patrons brought to the bookmark contest.

Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of the libraries. We value our relationship with the Friends and look forward to another successful year!

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall



Volunteer Spotlight on All Our ATPL Volunteers!

On May 6, the Abington Township Public Library hosted a luncheon to honor our many volunteers. Library staff and volunteers enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, and each volunteer received a gift bag and an African violet as a thank you from the Library.

You might be surprised to know that we have had 138 volunteers working for both Abington Free Library and Roslyn Branch Library over the past year. Some come in year-round; others

help with special programs. Our wonderful Library Board is composed solely of volunteers, as is our Friends of the Library group. In addition, volunteers work in the Book Cellar, in the Children's Department leading story times and Doggone Good Readers, and in our Reference and Technical Services departments. Volunteers sponsor our World War II



program and our Socrates Café. Many volunteers work for our Circulation department, calling patrons who have Library holds, shelf-reading and shelving books. Our Roslyn Library also benefits from the work of volunteers, with 18 helping out over the past year. In 2008 volunteers donated 4,840 hours in service to the Library, and so far in 2009 they have donated 1,734. Truly, without the passion and dedication of our volunteers, the Abington Township Public Library would be hard-pressed to provide the exemplary customer service for which we're known.

As you can see, we have much to be thankful for here at the Library. That's why we look forward each spring to expressing our gratitude to all our volunteers through the volunteer luncheon. We also send Valentines to each of them in February to let them know how much they are appreciated. If you are already an Abington Township Public Library volunteer but missed the luncheon, we look forward to seeing you there next year. If you are considering becoming a volunteer, please stop by and fill out an application. We'd love to have you join us!

- Rebecca Ritts



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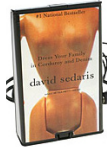
For more information call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/information

LEARN ABOUT OUR ONLINE RESOURCES!

Join us on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Learn how to access our online catalog and your account from home. Learn how to access magazines, legal forms and even foreign language lessons online.



PLAYAWAYS: A NEW CHAPTER IN AUDIOBOOKS



Are you a fan of audiobooks? Do you want to try them but think they are too cumbersome? We have something new at Abington Free Library!

The Library premiered a new audiobook format called Playaway during National Library Week (April 13-18). Playaway is the first self-playing audiobook. About the size of a deck of cards and weighing only 2 ounces, Playaway is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand. It's perfect for walking, jogging, exercising or simply lounging on the couch. Just plug in your earphones (due to public health considerations you must provide your own

earphones), turn on the device and push the play button. It's that simple. Each Playaway contains one unabridged audiobook and is powered by one AAA battery (Library supplied). Our initial collection includes 41 titles, primarily fiction. Stop in and check them out!

LOOK FOR OUR ONLINE MALL BUTTON!



If you like to shop online, you can now earn money for the Abington Township Public Library while you shop! You can reach over 1,000 of your favorite online

mall merchants – right from our website – and earn up to 16% of your purchase amount. Simply click on the Online Mall logo on our website before you shop and we will earn contributions automatically. Please think of us before you shop online. It's free to you and valuable for us. Money raised from Online Mall shopping will be used to purchase new audiobooks for the Library. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Any questions? Please stop by or call us (215-885-5180 ext. 13) at the Information Desk.

- Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff.

Teen Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to the library website, abingtonfreelibrary.org.



Join us this summer for Abington READS! Help younger students (K-2nd grade) practice reading over the summer. Young adults (ages 12-17) may sign up for one hour per week

for at least four weeks. It's fun -- and you get to inspire young students to become better readers. A training session on read-aloud techniques is required for young adults new to Abington READS! The training will be Saturday, June 13, from 10-11 a.m. The program begins Monday, June 22, and runs until Tuesday, July 28. Registration begins Tuesday, May 26. Sessions: Mondays from 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m., and Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15 a.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

TEEN JOURNALING

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays, June 24-July 29, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Join Diana Trout (artist and 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.

Registration begins Monday, June 1.



HIP HOP DANCE

Grades 5-8

Thursday, July 30, 7-8 p.m.

Learn how to dance in the energetic style of music videos and "High School Musical." We'll start by learning some basic movements, and string them together into exciting dance combinations.

No dance experience necessary. Fun for all!

Registration begins July 20.

Sponsored by the Artists Cooperative Community Partnership Program.

HAND-BUILDING WITH AIR-DRY CLAY

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 7-8 p.m.

Use your hands to create a coil pot, pinch pot, small character or sculpture -- whatever project you choose. We'll supply the red clay, which you can air-dry and paint later.

No art experience required.

Registration begins July 20.

Sponsored by the Artists Cooperative Community Partnership Program.



Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit 1030 Old York Road, Abington, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every 1st Thursday at 1 p.m.

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every 2nd Tuesday from 7-8:45 p.m.

July 14 - Show And Tell - Gather at the Table

Aug. 11 - Finding Cousins: Tracing Your Roots through a Collateral Line

SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every 2nd Wednesday from 10:30-noon

Every 4th Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.

What is truth, justice, moderation? Any and every question!

WWII LECTURE SERIES

Every 3rd Tuesday at 3 AND 7 p.m.

PROF. BURTON KLEIN LECTURES

10-11 a.m. in the Shorday Room

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - "Twists" of Leadership

Monday, Sept. 14 - It's Show Time--One Never Gets to See the "Big Apple."

Friday, Sept. 25 - The Zest for Life

Thursday, Oct. 1 - The College for Your Children and Grands

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - A Different Land. . .New England

BACK TO WORK: HOW LIBRARIES CAN BETTER YOUR JOB SEARCH.

Wednesdays, from 7-8:45 p.m.

Sept. 16 - Job Hunting Outside the Box

Sept. 23 - Toolkit for the Job Hunter:

Two Minute Pitch and the Resume

Sept. 30 - Cast the Net: Fish for More Effective Network Contacts.

ATTENTION JOB HUNTERS!
FREE series open to all.



Children's Department at Abington Free Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens. All programs held in the Library's Community Room, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted.



Children of all ages may participate in the Summer Reading Club by reading independently, reading with others, or being read to by a friend or family member. Children read for at least 20 minutes a day and record the titles in a log. Bring your children in to register starting June 12 or register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org. (Those who have signed up through school do not have to re-register.) Each child will receive a reading log, a coupon for a free Rita's water ice, and a place on our recognition wall. Registrants will receive a time log that is redeemable for prizes upon completion of 5, 10 and 15 hours of reading (while supplies last). Reading logs may be turned in to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library any time between Aug. 10 and Sept. 9. Every child who turns in a log will receive a free book.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS FOR AGES 3 AND UP
Seven Wednesdays, 7 p.m. (Shows run 45-60 minutes)



July 1 – "VERY CREATIVE MAGIC SHOW"
STARRING BRIAN RICHARDS
Registration begins Monday, June 29.

July 8 – COMEDY SHOW FEATURING MATT RISSINGER
No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.

July 15 – DRAWINGS & SONGS WITH DAVID PERRY
Registration begins Monday, July 13.

July 22 – "BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY" TALENT SHOW (ALL AGES)
A fun-filled hour starring YOU! See separate flyer for details. Registration to participate in show begins Monday, June 15. Registration to attend show begins Monday, July 20.

July 29 – RAGS TO RICHES THEATRE PRESENTS "CREATING JACK TALES"
No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.

Aug. 5 – KEN KAPLAN "GETS CREATIVE @ THE LIBRARY" WITH MUSIC, STORYTELLING & MAGIC
No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.

Aug. 12 – "FIRE AND ICE: BE CREATIVE WITH SCIENCE" SHOW FEATURING MAD SCIENCE
Registration begins Monday, Aug. 10.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS (ages 2-3)
Thursdays, 10:15-10:55 OR 11:15-11:55
July 9 – TOOT YOUR OWN HORN Registration begins June 29.
July 23 – USE YOUR IMAGINATION Registration begins July 13.
Aug. 6 – DO THE BUNNY HOP Registration begins July 27.

JUNIOR FUN DAYS (ages 4-6)
Mondays, 10:15-11 a.m. OR 11:15-noon
July 13 – MUSICAL MONDAY Registration begins June 29.
July 27 – OCEAN OF ART Registration begins July 13.
Aug. 10 – CAN YOU DO THE CHICKEN DANCE?
Registration begins July 27.



STORY TIMES WITH KAREN & MITZI (ages 3 and up)
Three Mondays, July 20, Aug. 3 & 17, 10:30-11 a.m.
Join Karen Udell and her gentle golden retriever for a special read-aloud time. Open to all area residents; no advance registration required.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS (Completed grades 1-5)
Four Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.

Practice reading in an exciting new way by reading aloud to a therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose from a selection provided by the library. Children must sign up in advance; registration for all sessions will begin on Monday, June 29. Children do not have to come all four weeks; however, they must be able to read and attend programs independently. Open to all area residents.

BOOK BUDDIES – Book discussions for entering 2nd or 3rd grade
Thursdays, 12-12:45 p.m.

July 9 – Stanley in Space Regis. & book pickup June 25.

July 16 – Song Lee and the "I Hate You" Notes

Regis. & book pickup July 2.

July 23 – Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle
Regis. & book pickup July 9.

July 30 – Zero Grandparents Regis. & book pickup July 16.

Bring lunch & a beverage (**please, no peanuts or peanut butter**). Dessert will be provided.

LITERARY LUNCHESES – Book discussions for entering 4th, 5th or 6th grade
Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.

July 8 – Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher Regis. & book pickup June 25.

July 15 – Ghost of Fossil Glen Regis. & book pickup July 2.

July 22 – Summer of Riley Regis. & book pickup July 9.

July 29 – Rules Regis. & book pickup July 16.

Bring lunch & a beverage (**please, no peanuts or peanut butter**). Dessert will be provided.



ART ESCAPE – Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. (ages 6-10)

Creative, hands-on workshops blending art, stories and fun!

July 9 – **FERAL FACES** Registration begins July 2.

July 23 – **CRAYON CREATIONS** Registration begins July 16.

Aug. 6 – **MOBILE MADNESS** Registration begins July 30.

CREATION STATION (ages 5 and up)

Two Mondays, July 20 and Aug. 3, 2-3:30 p.m.

Build stuff out of K'NEX; assemble jigsaw puzzles; play chess or a board game; create a make-and-take craft. Drop in for as long as you like; we'll provide the activities. Children must be at least 5 years old to participate. Open to all area residents.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR GRADES 5-8! 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 – **HIP HOP DANCE**

Tuesday, Aug. 4 – **HAND-BUILDING WITH CLAY (art class)**

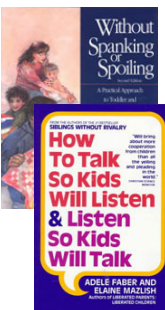
No dance/art experience required. Registration begins July 20; call 215-885-5180, **ext. 13**. Instruction provided by ACPPA Artists Cooperative. Open to all area residents.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Programs are for Abington Township residents only, unless listed as "open to all area residents." Registration begins at 10 a.m. on advertised dates. A library card number is required. You may register in person or call (215) 885-5180, ext. 28. If your child cannot attend a program, please call the Children's Department so that we may admit a child on the waiting list.

Relax & talk with other parents/caregivers about common childrearing concerns during our **PARENT BOOK PREVIEW/DISCUSSION GROUP**

Monday, June 29, 10:15-11:30 a.m.: Without Spanking or Spoiling by Elizabeth Crary
Monday, July 6, 10:15-11:30 a.m.: How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish
No need to read or purchase the books in advance. Coffee & refreshments will be provided. Educators from The Center for Parenting Education will lead each session. Registration begins Monday, June 15. Please sign up in the Children's Department or call 215-885-5180, ext. 28. A story time will be provided for children ages three and up during the program. Children under age three will attend the discussion group with their parents/caregivers. Please let us know how many children will be attending when you register.





Summer Reading Program at Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, call 215-886-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

Children of all ages may participate in the Summer Reading Club by reading independently, reading with others, or being read to by a friend or family member. Children read for at least 20 minutes a day and record the titles in a log.

Bring your children in to register starting June 12 or register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org. (Those who have signed up through school do not have to re-register.) All children must be Abington Township residents.

Each child will receive a reading log, a coupon for a free Rita's water ice, and a place on our recognition wall. Children can get a free sticker or stamp at the library for every book read. Audiobooks, graphic novels and magazines also count toward summer reading.

Reading logs may be turned in to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library from Aug. 10 through Sept. 9. Every child who turns in a log will receive a free book.

When you check out 10 or more books at a time you can fill out a raffle ticket to win a \$25 gift certificate to George's Dreshertown Shop n' Bag! You may enter as often as you like. Drawing will be held in September.

Roslyn Branch Library registrants will receive a time log that is redeemable for prizes upon completion of five, 10 and 15 hours of reading, while supplies last.

CREATE YOUR OWN SUMMER FUN!

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS - Stories, songs, and crafts

Tuesdays for ages 3-6, 11-11:30

Thursdays for ages 2-3, 11-11:30

July 7, 9: The Sound of Music

July 14, 16: Ham It Up!

July 21, 23: Now You See It

July 28, 30: Let's Dance

Aug. 4, 6: Free Play

Aug. 11, 13: Kitchen Fun

Aug. 18, 20: Vacation Time

Registration begins June 15.



Children ages 5 and up can play the **BE CREATIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY GAME**. Earn coupons which you can trade for prizes from our treasure chest. You can participate at any time.

LITERARY LUNCHESES

Bring lunch and a beverage. A snack will be provided.

Fridays from 12:15-1:15.

For children entering 2nd or 3rd grade

July 10: Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control by Louis Sachar Regis. & book pickup June 29.

July 17: Jake Drake, Bully Buster by Andrew Clements, Regis. & book pickup July 6.

READER'S THEATER

For children entering 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade

July 24: Practice reading a skit

July 31: Put on skit for family and friends

PAJAMA PARTY FOR AGES 3-6

Monday, June 8 at 6:30-7 p.m., Registration has begun.

STORIES 📖 SONGS 🎵 FINGERPLAYS ✂️ CRAFTS

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

GARBAGE GARDEN

Friday, June 19 from 11 - noon, K-4th grade

Join Judy Groben for a fun hands-on recycling program including planting and crafts using kitchen waste. Includes information on how to care for unusual plants grown from kitchen seeds. Registration begins June 5.

GARDENING BASICS

Tuesday, June 23 at 11 a.m., K-6th grade

Ron Kushner will present a hands-on program covering topics such as organic gardening, planting seeds, planting vegetables and companion planting. He will bring in the seeds, cups and soil. Registration begins June 5.



CALLING ALL DOG LOVERS

Friday, June 26 at 11 a.m., K-6th grade

Steve Conway, an educator from the Montgomery county SPCA, will teach you how to care for your dog. You will learn about feeding, exercise and veterinary care. He will be bringing a golden retriever. Registration begins June 5.

TALENT SHOW

Monday, July 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m., K-12th grade

What special talents do you possess? Share your talents with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Talents include but are not limited to: singing, dancing, reading, knitting, sewing, painting, drawing, gardening, flower arranging, yodeling, juggling, game playing, playing an instrument, telling jokes, doing magic, storytelling. Each child will get up to 3 minutes to showcase his/her special talents.

Registration begins July 13.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC EXPRESS

Monday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m., birth-age 5

Children's Music Express would like to welcome families with children from birth to age 5 to share in a musical experience through playful expression, interactive activities and fun!

You will be singing, dancing and playing a variety of rhythm instruments. Registration begins July 13.



Roslyn READS!

The Roslyn Branch is offering a fun program where beginner readers in kindergarten through entering third grade will be matched with a young

adult (age 12-17) to listen to stories and practice reading aloud.

Program dates: June 22-Aug. 17. Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 p.m. OR Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration begins June 2.

Training session for young adults: Join us at Abington Free Library on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m.-noon for a workshop on read-aloud techniques. Attendance is mandatory if you have not attended a training session previously. T-shirts will be available. Earn Service Learning hours! Certificates will be awarded.

FAMILY FUN DAYS FOR AGES 3 AND UP*

Six Fridays, 11 a.m. (Shows run 45-60 minutes)

July 10 - COMEDY SHOW FEATURING MATT RISSINGER
Registration begins Friday, June 19.

July 17 - "VERY CREATIVE MAGIC SHOW" STARRING BRIAN RICHARDS
Registration begins Friday, June 26.

July 24 - DRAWINGS & SONGS WITH DAVID PERRY
Registration begins Friday, July 3.

July 31 - RAGS TO RICHES THEATRE PRESENTS "CREATING JACK TALES"
Registration begins Friday, July 10.

Aug. 7 - *MAD SCIENCE WORKSHOP K-5th grade, limited to 20 participants Create Your own skyscrapers! Materials will be provided. Registration begins Friday, July 17.

Aug. 14 - KEN KAPLAN "GETS CREATIVE @ THE LIBRARY" WITH MUSIC, STORYTELLING & MAGIC
Registration begins Friday, July 24.

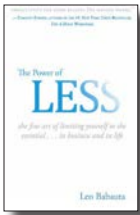


Miss Ellanie - Keeping Life Simple

Do you feel overwhelmed by life's demands? Does every project seem equally urgent? Have you tried to "clean house" mentally or physically, without appreciable success?

For those struggling to simplify their lives, Leo Babauta has authored a transformative book - The Power of Less: The Fine Art of Limiting Yourself to the Essential ... in Business and in Life (Hyperion, 2009). Babauta's approach is radical, yet simple: Set limitations and focus on essentials to conserve energy and maximize your impact. Develop big goals, but keep the component tasks small so that they will be achievable. Babauta addresses topics such as forming new habits, containing clutter and reducing everyday distractions. However, his concept of Most Important Tasks (MITs) may be the most empowering.

Babauta describes MITs as "the tasks you most want or need to get done today." (p. 58) He advocates setting three MITs each morning, then making their completion your top priority. One way to do this is to refrain from checking your email when you first arrive at work. Instead, start your MITs and check your email later, so as not to be driven by email demands. Babauta states, no matter how busy or stressful your day becomes you will feel productive if your MITs have been achieved.



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With its focus on removing mental and physical barriers, Gail Blanke's Throw Out Fifty Things: Clear the Clutter, Find Your Life (Springboard Press, 2009) is a fine complement to Babauta's book. Blanke encourages readers to eliminate 50 items that have blocked them from moving in new directions. Sound easy? Actually, Blanke's standards are tough. If you give away three bedspreads, they count as one thing. A dozen tools? That's another thing. Blanke tackles a different room in each chapter, urging readers to toss everything from empty toothpaste tubes to self-defeating thoughts.

Can't bear to part with your favorite old lamp? Blanke suggests creating a "brand" - a positive view of "who [you] are at the core" (p. 90) - then evaluating your stuff against it. Does that lamp reflect the essence of who you are? If not, you need to throw it, sell it or pass it on.

Whether read separately or in tandem, Babauta's and Blanke's books will provide a boost to anyone seeking to reduce stress and clutter. Those who follow the authors' advice will likely increase their odds of success.

- Miss Ellanie (as told to Carolyn DuBois)

Adult Literacy Events

For more information, call Rob Naborn at 215-885-5183, email AbLit1@yahoo.com, or visit the Literacy Program Office, Abington Free Library, Lower Level.

Annually, the Adult Literacy Program celebrates the achievements of its 200+ students and 100+ tutors at a special reception held in June. It is a wonderful evening, during which achievements great and small are recognized.

This year's gala is on June 10, 7-8:45 p.m. in Abington Free Library's Community Room.



News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or read about us at abingtonfreelibrary.org

The Friends hold their meetings in the Community Room in the lower level of Abington Free Library. See below for information about the annual meeting, our Picnic in the Park. Our next business meeting will be Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

- Picnic in the Park – Join us for a pot luck supper on June 8, beginning 5:45 p.m. at the Pavilion at Alverthorpe Park. Bring a dish to share and a \$1 donation.
- BookCellar – Shop for summer reading! Used books at bargain prices.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FRIENDS:

- Bake for our Election Day Bake Sales.
- Donate books, movies, audiobooks, music and current textbooks.
- Volunteer at the BookCellar or help with Friends activities.
- Become a member.

BOOKCELLAR – Please come by and browse through our extensive collection. New books arrive every day. We are located in the lower level of the Abington Free Library, next to the Children's Department. All our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

BOOKCELLAR hours:

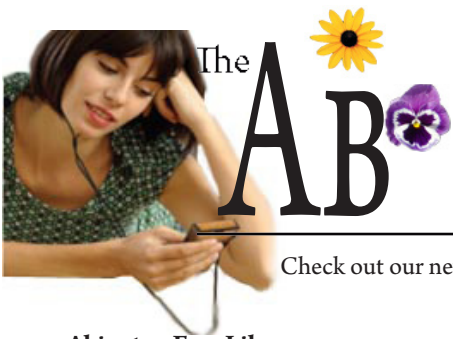
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.;
Wednesday, noon-8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Donations are gratefully accepted daily at the Circulation Desk.

All proceeds from Friends activities go directly to support the Township libraries.

- Lydia Parke, president, The Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries





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Staff Spotlight - Ryan Hargadon

For many people, the word "library" still connotes a place for quiet and sustained reflection. One of our employees, Ryan Hargadon, personifies this image, with his quiet demeanor and sustained effort on behalf of the library and the public.

Ryan is a page, that is, a staff member who shelves the books and "reads" the shelves to make sure the books are all in good, Dewey Decimal, order. After all, if you can't find a book on the shelf, the library has failed its purpose.

Ryan started working at the library in 1997, while a student at Abington High School, and he's been here ever since. He works 19 hours a week. In all those years, he says, he has come to know every nook and cranny of the library, and instantly recognizes when things are out of place.

In addition to his library job, Ryan also works several days a week at Giant Supermarket.

His main interest outside of work is sports, both participating and watching. As part of the Special Olympics of Montgomery County, Ryan plays basketball from January to June and soccer from August to September. He also attends a Special Olympics camp for one week every August.

Off the court and field, Ryan is an ardent fan of the 76ers and our beloved world champions of baseball, the Phillies.

Of course, for such a busy athlete, his favorite food is spaghetti.

Ryan lives with his mom and dad; he has an older brother and a younger sister. We're sure they must be as proud of Ryan as we are.

The library is and dedicated shelves, our very lucky to have such a quiet employee taking care of our books, our order. Thank you, Ryan.

- Lois Odabas

