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### Reference Department News - Interlibrary Loan – Sings a Tune!

We have a wonderful story regarding an interlibrary loan for a musical score that ended on a very happy note!

A patron requested the sheet music for a 1923 popular song, "Blue Hoosier Blues." After locating the music at Bowling Green State University, Michael Rechel, head of Technical Services, telephoned them and requested a photocopy. They did one better: The librarian scanned the sheet music and emailed it.

When we contacted the very thrilled patron, he told us that his wife's father had sung the song to her when she was a child. Today, as the mother of twins, she wants to sing the song to her children.

Technology meets humanity meets great customer service!



Both Abington Free Library and the Roslyn Branch provide interlibrary loans to residents of Montgomery County. If an item is

not available through the county system, we will request it from a library elsewhere in the state, and sometimes outside of Pennsylvania. Items are shipped to our Library and may be checked out for two weeks. These materials cannot be renewed and must be returned to the library that processed your request.

Please stop by the Information Desk or call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, for assistance.

- Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff  
 Email : AskAbington@gmail.com


## Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, email [cfrankford@mclinc.org](mailto:cfrankford@mclinc.org), call 215-886-9818, or go to <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/>.

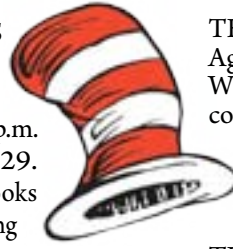
**SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES**  
continue through June 17.  
Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.

**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**  
Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.  
"Gardening With Bulbs," with Julie Phillips. Sad to watch your tulips and daffodils on decline? You can fill your garden with three seasons of color, texture and wonder. Julie Phillips is a Penn State Master Gardener volunteer.

**BABY DAYS**  
Ages 5 months-2 years  
Tuesdays: May 7, 28; June 4 and 11, at 11 a.m.  
Registration is at the beginning of May and June. Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories and do fingerplays.

**"A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: AN IMAGINARY MUSICAL ADVENTURE!"**   
Monday, May 13, from 7-7:45 p.m.  
Families with children ages 2-7  
Registration began April 29.

**THE CAT IN THE HAT'S LEARNING LIBRARY**  
a celebration! Ages 5-9  
Monday, May 20, from 7-8 p.m.  
Registration began April 29.  
Come discuss some of the books in The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library, a series that introduces beginning readers to important basic concepts about the world we live in. After sharing what you've read, you will make unique crafts and enjoy a delicious snack.



**PAJAMA PARTIES**  
Ages 3-6  
Mondays, June 3 and 10, from 6:30-7 p.m.  
Stories \* Songs \* Fingerplays \* Crafts  
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.  
Registration begins May 13. Please register for each program separately.

**THE AMAZING HONEY BEE**  
Ages 5-12 Monday, June 17, at 7 p.m.  
Why do bees swarm? How do bees communicate? Learn the waggle dance and talk like a bee without using your voice.  
Led by Jim Bobb, a Penn State Master Gardener volunteer. Registration begins May 28.

**THE ROLY POLY**  
Ages 5-12. Friday, June 21, from 11 a.m.-noon.  
At this hands-on program we'll explore a half-inch "bug" that really isn't a bug at all. We'll explore where roly polies come from, how they grow, and why they are important in the ecosystem. Led by Judy Groben, a Penn State Master Gardener volunteer. Registration begins May 31, limited to 25 children.

**SUMMER STORY TIMES**  
begin June 25 and run through Aug. 22.  
No story time Thursday, July 4.  
Ages 3-6: Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins June 4.


## 2013 Summer Reading Club



This summer Abington Township/Rockledge Borough children of all ages (including preschoolers) are encouraged to read, or be read to, for 20 minutes per day and record their progress in a reading log. Participants will be eligible for prizes (including a free


book) when they achieve certain reading time goals. Registration will begin on June 14; every child who registers will receive a free Rita's water ice coupon and a place on our recognition wall. Reading prizes will be awarded through Sept. 9.

## 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 <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids/> 

**DROP-IN STORY TIMES**  
All ages  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 23  
Led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

**STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI**  
All ages  
Monday, May 6 & 13, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Enjoy read-alouds with Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji, a registered therapy dog. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

**"A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: AN IMAGINARY MUSICAL ADVENTURE!"**   
Thursday, May 16, 7-7:45 p.m.  
Families with children ages 2-7  
Allison DeSalvo leads a lively concert complete with puppets, instruments and stories in honor of Children's Book Week (May 13-19). Registration began April 29.

**DOGGONE GOOD READERS**  
Completed grades 1-5  
Four Saturdays: July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3  
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.  
Children practice reading aloud in small groups to registered therapy dogs.  
Registration begins June 18.

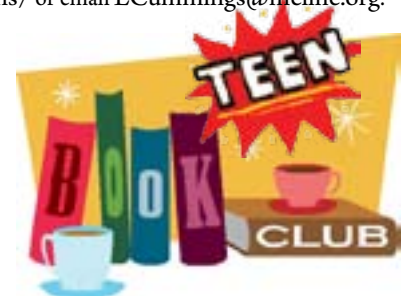
**SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER - "GENETICS"**  
Monday, July 8, through Thursday, July 11 - Morning and afternoon sessions available.  
This four-day science course is for Abington Township/Rockledge Borough students who have completed grades 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Parents/guardians: Register in person Monday, May 20, through Sunday, June 2. Bring your child's library card and sign a GlaxoSmithKline permission slip at the time of registration. Children will be selected by registration lottery. Acceptance notices will be mailed after June 3.

## Teen Programs at Abington Free Library

To find out more, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, visit <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens/> or email [LCummings@mclinc.org](mailto:LCummings@mclinc.org).

**JOIN THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**  
Become a leader at the library and earn service learning hours. At monthly meetings, you can help us select new teen books, plan programs, and coordinate fund-raisers. Come to the Adult Information Desk for a membership application, or download the PDF application from the Teens page on the library website.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB**  
*Sponsored by the Friends of Abington Libraries*  
Grades 6-12  
Monday, June 3, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Join us to chat about a teen book and eat yummy snacks. First 10 registered get a free book! Register at the Information Desk starting May 6.





# Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, email [kburnham@mcclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mcclinc.org), or go to <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/>

Get the latest at <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/> 

## THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion led by Dr. Karen Weekes.  
Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m.  
Maus by Art Spiegelman



## WORLD WAR II LECTURE SERIES

Every third Tuesday of the month at 3 and 7 p.m.

## DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
No registration required. Walk-ins welcome!

## SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every second Wednesday of the month  
from 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Giving Philosophy Back to the People. Let's  
discuss ... What is truth? What is justice?  
What is moderation?

## OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every second Tuesday of the month from 7-8:45 p.m.  
Those planning to attend are encouraged to  
bring mementos of their experiences related  
to the theme of the meeting. All are welcome.

## FLOWER ARRANGING

Thursday, June 13, from 7-8 p.m.  
Laura Kremp of Kremp Florist will  
demonstrate the art of flower arranging.

## WIRED WEDNESDAYS

Every first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.  
in the Community Room:  
Learn about our online catalog, your patron  
account, and how to use online databases to  
learn a language, search newspapers, trace  
your family tree, and much more!

Every second and third Wednesday of the  
month at 2 p.m. in the Community Room,  
and every fourth Wednesday of the month at  
5:30 p.m. in the Community Room:  
Get answers to your questions and learn how  
to download free e-books from the library's  
Overdrive catalog to your Nook, Kindle, iPad  
or other device.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Abington Free Library offers a one-hour class,  
one-on-one with a volunteer computer aide,  
tailored to a person's need. The class could  
cover basic computer skills, the Internet,  
email, Microsoft Word or Excel.

To register, or for more information, visit the  
Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13,  
or email [AskAbington@gmail.com](mailto:AskAbington@gmail.com).

## YOGA OF SONG

Wednesday, May 8, from 7-8 p.m.  
All ages welcome.

Come and experience relaxing and energizing  
chanting for the body, mind and soul. Joseph  
Rogers-Petro will offer musical instruments  
such as African drums, tambourines and guitars  
in this audience-participation workshop.

## A YEAR OF AUSTEN in books and films

Thursdays from 7- 8:30 p.m.  
Read the book and/or watch the film,  
come discuss.

May 30 - Sense and Sensibility 1995 film  
directed by Ang Lee, starring Emma Thompson.

July 25 - Emma 1996 film directed by  
Douglas McGrath, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.

TBA: Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Feb. 13, April 17.

## Abington and Roslyn READS!

**FOR TEENS:** Volunteer this summer for Abington and Roslyn READS!  
Earn service learning hours! We need teens (grades 6-12) who want to help  
young children with their reading skills. By reading to children one hour a  
week, you can inspire a whole new generation of readers to love books.

**Registration begins Tuesday, May 28.**

**MANDATORY TRAINING** at the Abington Free Library (in the Community  
Room): Wednesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. or Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

**Roslyn READS** – Starts Monday, June 24 – Ends Monday, Aug. 19.

To register, fill out the required form at the Roslyn Library or call 215-886-9818.  
1-hour sessions: Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.

**Abington READS** – Starts Monday, June 24 - Ends Tuesday, July 30.

To register, stop at the adult Information Desk at Abington Free Library or  
call 215-885-5180, ext. 13.

1-hour sessions: Mondays at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Come to Abington and Roslyn READS! Parents, keep  
your child engaged in reading this summer! This free program matches your  
child (pre-K – 2nd grade) with a teen buddy for one hour a week. Your child  
will practice reading aloud, learn new words, and discover the joy of reading.

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## BOOKCELLAR

## News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or go to <http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends/>


**THE FRIENDS MEET** in the Community Room  
of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting is  
Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us  
to learn more about the Friends and how you  
can help your libraries. Our pot luck picnic  
is Monday, June 10, beginning 5:45 p.m. at  
Alverthorpe Park.

From September 2012 through February 2013  
the Friends donated \$31,500 to the Abington  
Libraries. Thank you for your generosity in  
supporting Friends activities and fund-raisers.

**FRIENDS SPRING ACTIVITIES** included two  
Jelly Bean Counting Contests. Callie Gingrich,  
10, won the jelly beans at Abington Library.  
There were 1,509 jelly beans and she guessed  
1,500. Ryan Cannon, 7, won the jelly beans at  
Roslyn Library. There were 1,207 jelly beans and  
he guessed 1,194. Congratulations to both our  
winners.

The Book, Plant and Flea Market Sale, along with  
a Bike Expo, were held in April. A Nook HD  
7-inch media tablet was the prize for our new  
library patron contest, held from February until  
April 20.

Below are the winners in our annual Design-a-  
Book Mark Contest:

 Kindergarten: Colin Breslin  
1st grade: P. J. Schloth  
2nd grade: Harrison Homack  
3rd grade: Pippa Young  
4th grade: Callie Gingrich  
5th grade: T. C. Cheng  
6th grade: Mara Lenti  
Junior High (7-8): Micah Cheng  
Senior High (9-12): Lydia Johnson

A reception for the winners and their families was  
held during National Library Week in April. Look  
for copies of the winning designs in the libraries.

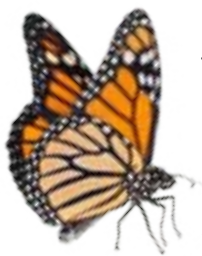
## BOOKCELLAR

BookCellar hours are: Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesday,  
noon to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Donated books arrive every day. Please come by  
and browse through our extensive collection. We  
are located in the lower level of the Abington Free  
Library. All our books, movies and music are for  
sale at bargain prices!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP THE FRIENDS?

Donate books, movies, audio books, music and  
jewelry. Donations are gratefully accepted daily at  
the Circulation Desk. Support our annual appeal  
in June. Become a member and help with Friends'  
activities.

- Linda Connelly, President, The Friends  
of Abington Township Public Libraries



# Adult Literacy Program

# The AB LIB

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Adult Literacy helps adult learners improve their reading, writing and math skills. We also help adults prepare for their high school equivalency diploma, the GED, and other tests. Those whose native language is not English can benefit from our services as well. In addition to individual tutoring sessions, they can attend classes of Conversation Please! on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings, and Idioms and Grammar on Wednesday afternoons.

We will offer training for new tutors in the fall (most likely in September or October). Support meetings for all tutors are offered once a month, along with weekly scheduled training opportunities in the area.

For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office at Abington Free Library, call 215-885-5183, or email us at [AbLit1@yahoo.com](mailto:AbLit1@yahoo.com).

- Elizabeth Sperling, Tutor/Student Coordinator  
- Rob Naborn, Program Coordinator

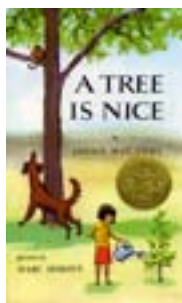


## Staff Spotlight - Cathy Kress

Roslyn Library's many fans know its charm is that of a hometown library, the kind you could walk to when you were a child, the kind that features in so many summer memories.

Cathy Kress grew up walking to a similar library, the old Glenside Library on Easton Road, at the back of a long driveway in the lower level of an old apartment house. She even remembers the first book she checked out, *A Tree is Nice*.

Cathy went to Abington High School, then Montgomery Community College and Penn State, where she graduated with a degree in journalism. Along the way, she worked at both Glenside Library and McNeil Pharmaceuticals corporate library.



She worked as a journalist for 15 years as a writer and editor, for Today's Spirit in Hatboro (where she met her husband, Ken) for the Montgomery County Record (where she was the founding features editor) and finally, for the Burlington County Times in New Jersey, one of the last of its breed, an afternoon daily. When that paper changed to a morning edition, the midnight deadlines proved a bit much for this mother of two, and she switched to free-lance writing and editing from home.

When her son and daughter were in elementary school, the same Glenside-Weldon she had attended herself, Cathy decided it was time to seek a more regular paycheck. She applied for a job at Roslyn Library in 1999 and has been there ever since.

Her favorite part of her job is: everything! Because Roslyn is a small library, she gets to do a little bit of everything, from tracking down requests for obscure titles, to helping patrons with suggestions of new books and authors they may like, to delivering books to the

homebound. She got to dress up as Olivia the Pig one summer and was an energetic member of our Book Cart Drill Team.

Cathy is also the author of a charming blog, <http://momentaryjoy.blogspot.com/>. After she stopped doing freelance work, she didn't write much for a few years. She knew she wanted to start again, and thought about a blog, but wasn't clear which direction to take. And then one day she saw something and it all came together, inspiring one of her first posts:

Seen in passing ... A girl, maybe 14, walking slowly toward school. She is tall, oh so obviously taller than most of the girls in her class, possibly most of the boys as well. She moves in a slow-motion lope, shoulders slightly slumped, head slightly dipped down. And on her larger than average feet? Bright, neon pink sneakers. Those sneakers are a beacon, a contradiction, a counterpoint to any effort to diminish herself. Her beaming pink shoes fairly shouted: "Look at me! I'm here." Gangly angles, with a core of grace.

Not surprisingly, given her energetic spirit, Cathy has been a long-time member of the Springfield Township Women's Softball League, as well as a student of modern and improvisational dance with the late Hedy Tower, who taught until the age of 98. In Hedy's honor, her students, including Cathy, have found a way to keep her legacy going at a studio in Mt. Airy.



- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer

Photo by Cathy Slobodzian Kress.  
From *Momentary Joy*

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Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
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