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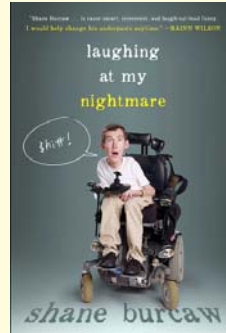


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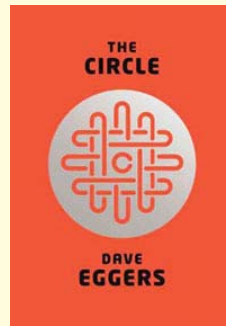
A few of the books featured this season:



Laughing at My Nightmare
by Shane Burcaw

with a special visit from the author

Sunday, May 3, 2-3 p.m.



Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group

The Circle
by Dave Eggers

Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.



Jane Eyre
by Charlotte Brontë

'In Book and Film'

Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m.



Curveball
Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off Party with author Jordan Sonnenblick

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.



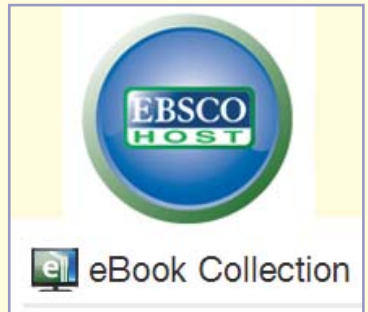
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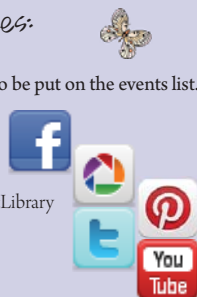


EBSCO host has eBooks!

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries:
 Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events
 Get e-newsletters Email kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.

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Reference News



If you have stopped in to see us recently, you may have noticed that we have moved fiction, mystery and science fiction around. This project has brought all three genres together on the same shelves. Over 26,000 books were moved and found new homes on our shelves. Speaking with a patron recently about the interfiling of the three genres, she said, "I never visited the mystery section before but now I am inclined to pull one off the shelf." We hope that as you browse our fiction collection you will find a new author or stumble upon an "undiscovered" book.

We are excited to offer more eBooks! We have added access to a collection from World Book. This is a premier collection of illustrated, engaging titles that supports various reading levels and a span of curriculum and topical areas. Key features include 24/7 unlimited simultaneous access and downloads for offline reading; offline notes will synchronize with the online reader; your annotations, highlights, and bookmarks can be saved to your account. Go to eResources on the library website, scroll down to find the World Book eBooks entry, then follow the link to download our free World Book eBooks app from the iTunes® store to enjoy on the go!

Interactive features include audio clips, video clips and games, for all reading levels. This service is available to patrons in the Library; remote access is limited to Abington Township residents.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!

–Mimi Satterthwaite,
Head, Reference Department,
215-885-5180, ext. 13

Roslyn Branch Library Events



For information or to register for these programs, email cfrankford@mclinc.org, call 215-886-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS? Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Computer docents available to help you! Call 215-886-9818 to register.

PAJAMA PARTIES - Ages 3-6 Mondays: May 11 and June 1, 6:30-7 p.m. Stories * Songs * Fingerplays * Crafts. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

STORY TIMES
April 6 - June 1. Register now.
Ages 3-6: Mondays, 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays, 11 a.m.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: April 21, May 12 & 19, June 2 & 16. Register now. Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories and do fingerplays.

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK WITH THE MAGIC OF THE GUSTAFSONS for ages 3 and up.

Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
at Abington Free Library.

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.
at Roslyn Branch Library.

Registration begins April 27.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAMS
Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m.
Register now.

April 20 – Rain Gardens for Everyone with Leslie Bass.
Sept. 28 – Planting Bulbs in the Fall for Spring Blooms, A Lesson In Patience with Betsy Nutt.

DOC BRESLER'S CAVITY BUSTERS
Monday, April 27, 6:30-7 p.m.
Ages 2-7. Register now.

STELLA BATTS
Monday, May 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
ages 6-9. Register now.

PERSEUS v. MEDUSA - Ages 7-12
Monday, June 15, from 7-8 p.m.
Registration begins May 26.

SUPERHERO FESTIVAL
Ages 5-9
Friday, June 19, from 11 a.m.-noon
Registration begins May 29.

Start your summer off

by reading Curveball and hanging out with author Jordan Sonnenblick on June 24. Learn more about Teen Summer Reading and how you can win awesome prizes including a Kindle Fire tablet!

ZOO BOOK CHALLENGE

For families with children who have not yet started kindergarten, even newborns. Pick up a reading log at Roslyn or Abington libraries and record the number of books you read to your child.

Children's Programs at Abington Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids. An Abington library card is required to attend programs marked with an asterisk (*).

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY – SUMMER READING CLUB 2015 Preschoolers through entering grade 6
Help your children become better readers – sign them up for Summer Reading Club! Children record the time they spend reading (or being read to) in a special log, and earn free books and prizes along the way. Registration at both Abington and Roslyn Libraries starts June 12.

CREATE A SUMMER SUPERHERO
Ages 7 & up, Monday, June 8, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration begins May 18.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT
All ages – Entire community welcome
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.- noon
North parking lot (rain or shine)
No registration required.

BIG HERO 6 PARTY
Ages 5 & up
Wednesday, June 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
Registration begins June 17.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER OCEANOGRAPHY
Entering grades 2-6
Monday, June 29-Thursday, July 2
Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered; registration begins May 4.
For more information visit scienceinthesummer.com.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS - Ages 2-3
Thursdays: July 9, 23 and Aug. 6
10:15-11 a.m. OR 11:15-noon
Registration is required; check flyers/ website for registration dates.

JUNIOR FUN DAYS - Ages 4-6
Tuesdays: July 7, 21 and Aug. 4
10:15-11 a.m. OR 11:15-noon
Registration is required; check flyers/ website for registration dates.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS* - Ages 3 & up
Wednesdays: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5, 12.
Registration is required; check flyers/ website for registration dates.

Teen Programs at Abington Library

To find out more, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens or email LCummings@mclinc.org.

TEEN SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY
with author Jordan Sonnenblick
Wednesday, June 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

SPECTRUM CLUB
Tuesdays, April 21 & May 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
The Spectrum Club provides social opportunities for teens, ages 12-18, on the autism spectrum or with other developmental disorders. Teens will receive support in initiating and engaging in social interactions with peers through the structure and familiarity of board games.

ART ESCAPE* - Ages 6-10
Thursdays: July 9, 16, 23, 7-8 p.m.
Registration is required; check flyers/ website for registration dates.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Therapy dog reading program for completed grades 1-5
Saturdays: July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins June 16.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages welcome. Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 21. No registration required.

DRAWING IN METAL FOIL WORKSHOP
Completed grades 2-6
Tuesday, July 28, 6:45-8 p.m.
(Repeat of workshop held on Feb 21.)
Registration begins July 14.

BOOK BUDDIES*
Book discussion/craft programs for entering grades 2-3
Thursdays: July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6,
12:15-1 p.m.
Registration is required; check flyers/ website for titles and registration dates.

BEYOND BOOK BUDDIES*
Book discussion/art programs for entering grades 4-5
Two Thursdays: Aug. 13 & 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Advance registration is required; check flyers/ website for titles and registration dates.

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE EVENT
Ages 4-8, Thursday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m.-noon
Registration begins Aug. 4.

SUPERHERO SATURDAY
Ages 3-9 (families & costumes welcome)
Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-noon
Registration is suggested; check flyers/ websites for details.

LAUGHING AT MY NIGHTMARE
Sunday, May 3, 2-3 p.m.
In his critically acclaimed memoir, Shane Burcaw uses wit and humor to deal with a life-threatening disease that has kept him in a wheelchair since age 3. Shane will talk about his book, his non-profit, and his mission to laugh at life's nightmares. Sign up early & get a free copy of his book.

JOIN AB-TAB – Ages 12-18
The Teen Advisory Board shares ideas and plans programs for teens. Service hours are awarded. Apply at the Information Desk.



Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!



More exciting events are being planned!

Check our website, Facebook and Twitter for all the latest news and program updates.

Adult Programs at Abington Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, email kmccinnis@mclinc.org, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org

THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
The Circle by Dave Eggers

NECK AND BACK PAIN
Wednesday, May 13, 7 p.m.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Tuesday, May 19, from 2-3 p.m.

“IN BOOK AND FILM” event with Jennifer Kurowski: Jane Eyre
Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m.

MEDITATION: The Key to a Happy Life
Thursday, June 11, 7 p.m.

A FORUM ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
Three Wednesdays,
Sept. 9, 16 and 23, 7 p.m.

FRONT ROW SEAT TO HISTORY WITH ED EISEN
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m.

Abington Township
Shade Tree Commission
LET'S TALK TREES
Two Mondays: Sept. 21 and
Oct. 5, from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

NAVIGATING SOCIAL SECURITY
Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 6-7:30 p.m.

PETTIT PERFORMS POE
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

MILITARY MEMORIES
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.

SOCRATES CAFÉ
Every second Wednesday of the
month from 10:30 a.m.-noon

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Every second Tuesday of the
month from 7-8:45 p.m.

WIRED WEDNESDAYS

Every first, second and third
Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Every fourth Wednesday of the
month at 5:30 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Register at the Information Desk.
Call 215-885-5180, ext. 13; or
email AskAbington@gmail.com.

News & Views of the Friends of **BOOKCELLAR** Abington Libraries

The Friends are a group of volunteers dedicated to fostering public awareness and support of the Abington Township Public Libraries. New volunteers and ideas are always welcome! We meet in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Free Library. The next meeting is Saturday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m. We plan to have a presentation on Abington Library's outstanding Adult Literacy Program. Please join us!

Thank you to everyone who bid on jewelry in the November Mimi Zabel Jewelry Auction. The auction raised \$2,000. Thanks also to all those who purchased tickets for the “Get Cozy with a Good Book” raffle basket. Each person's participation added up to \$461 for the Library. Congratulations to winner Jennifer Mahood!

A reception was held on April 6 to celebrate the winners of the 2015 Design-a-Bookmark Contest. Winning designs were selected from 81 creative entries, with winners from kindergarten through high school. Congratulations to: Adam Leone, Madeline Krassner, Niko Young, Romily Young, Charlotte Rehland, Emma Klinke, Quinlan Finamore, Hallie Ahrens and Elyse Crawford! Their designs have been made into bookmarks that are available to Library patrons.

The Friends' biggest fundraiser is The BookCellar, a used-book store on the lower level of Abington Library. Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon - 4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Books, movies and music are for sale at bargain

prices! Please stop by and explore our extensive collection. We also sell on Amazon.

Donating to the BookCellar: Donations of books, movies, audio books, music (in good condition) are accepted gratefully at the Circulation Desk: Wednesday through Saturday at Abington; Thursday through Saturday at Roslyn. Limiting your donations to 3 paper grocery bags per visit facilitates the processing of donated items.

By the time this newsletter arrives, I hope many of you are enjoying plants, bargain books, flea market treasures and the works of local authors purchased at the Spring Sidewalk Sale on April 18!

It's the time of year again for the Friends Annual Membership Appeal. Thank you in advance to each of our contributors! Your support helps make it possible for The Friends to help Abington Libraries continue providing the best possible resources for our community.

To learn more about Friends activities, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends; call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; or get in touch with a Friends volunteer.

– Liz Christian, President, The Friends of Abington Libraries

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Recording Secretary

Re/ All Library Events

The views and opinions expressed in various library programs are solely those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of the Abington Township Public Library or the Friends of Abington Township Public Library.

Spring cleaning? Donate

Up to three paper bags per visit of books, books-on-CD, music CDs and DVDs
to Abington: Wed. - Sat.
to Roslyn: Thurs. - Sat.

Thank you!



A Summer Buddy-Reading Program for Children & Teens!

Abington READS!
Monday, June 29 –
Tuesday, Aug. 4.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.,
Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.
To register, sign up on
abingtonfreelibrary.org,
call 215-885-5180, ext.
13, or come to the Library
Information Desk starting
Monday, June 1.

Roslyn READS!
Monday, June 22 –
Monday, Aug. 24.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.
To register, fill out the required
form at the Roslyn Library or
call 215-886-9818.
Registration begins June 1.

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
through entering third 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. Registration begins
Monday, June 1.

FOR TEENS:
Volunteer this summer for
Abington and Roslyn READS!
Earn service learning hours.
We need teens (entering
grades 7-12) 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.

MANDATORY TRAINING
at the Abington Free Library
(Community Room):
Thursday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.
or Saturday, June 20, at 11 a.m.



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Abington Free Library
1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001
215-885-5180, abingtonfreelibrary.org

Circulation Desk ext. 12
Information Desk..... ext. 13
Children's Department ext. 28
Executive Director ext. 14
Office ext. 15
Adult Literacy..... ext. 27
Friends of the Library . ext. 36

Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30-9
Fri. and Sat.: 9:30-5, Sun.: 1-5

Roslyn Branch Library
2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org

Hours: Mon., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.



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Volunteer Spotlight - Lois Grossman



"Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came."

Everywhere Lois Grossman goes, people know her name. She swears she doesn't understand why, but it's easy for us to see. This volunteer is a bright and funny woman, fond of both a barbed wit and the practical joke (she carries a three-carrot-ring around with her).

She was born in West Philadelphia and grew up behind her father's pharmacy. Her friends all envied her, because she got free ice cream, but she always pointed out,



it wasn't free, her father had to pay for it. She liked the ice cream down the street better, anyway, so there went her father's hard-earned money.

Lois graduated from West Philadelphia High School. She was slated to attend Temple University but opted to work

instead. She did get a diploma from a business school, so the mortgage company she worked for could give her a promotion.

Seven years later, she married Alvin Grossman, a marriage that was to last almost 53 years. Alvin and Lois owned a hearing-aid store in the Neshaminy Mall.

Mall stores are never allowed to be closed (!), so she had to recruit relatives to sit in the store while she and Alvin traveled to Israel, Alaska and Arizona, among other destinations.

Lois moved from Bell's Corner in Northeast

Philadelphia to Abington about seven years ago. She started volunteering at the library a few years after that. She loves coming in to work, because she loves socializing with the other volunteers and the circulation staff. Her favorite books are mysteries.

In the midst of our interview, another library volunteer dropped by to share pictures of his grandson. He tapped me on the shoulder as he stood up. "Tell them she brings people together," he said. And that is exactly what she does. And why everybody knows her name.

– Lois Odabas, Staff Writer

