

Dear Library Friend and Patron,

January 1966

No, that's not a misprint. Why does this article open with that simple date? Lyndon Johnson was president, *We Can Work It Out* by the Beatles topped the radio charts, and the book *Up the Down Staircase* opened our eyes about life at an urban high school. It was also the month that the Abington Township Public Library first opened its doors! Our location was on York Road, but in the lovely columned building where Jenkintown Library stands today. (Close observers can still see The Abington Library etched in stone above the entrance.) Even then, Abington Library was poised for success, as we outgrew our first site and moved to our present location only five years later.

Fast forward to January 2016, when our beloved and energetic Library will celebrate its 50th anniversary! Through it all, Abington's two libraries – Abington Free Library and Roslyn Branch, which joined the system in 1967 – have been an unrivaled source of materials, literacy education, programming, technology, and other services that, frankly, nobody could have predicted 50 years ago. Our unparalleled Library staff is planning a full year of celebration and programming, based on the theme "Check out the Future!" With this annual appeal to you, our valuable friend and patron, we invite you to "check out" the imaginative and innovative future your libraries have in store. And part of that future will include a campaign by our Friends of the Library to create a garden in front of the library, for reading, rest or meeting friends. Enclosed, you will find more information about that garden, as well as the opportunity to help by purchasing a commemorative paver.

Last summer, Library Director Nancy Hammeke Marshall gave each Library Board member a copy of *Biblio Tech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*, which has become our road map for envisioning our Library's future. The author, John Palfrey, makes the compelling case that local libraries matter now more than ever:

"Libraries must ensure that they function as both cultural and learning environments... The sweet spot for libraries will be where the physical and the digital – where fun and learning – come together. Neither the analog nor the digital alone is sufficient in cultural and intellectual life. People are moving away from physical objects, by and large, as sources of discovery and information. But the need for human interaction – for humanity in the broadest sense – has never been greater. Libraries can thrive at precisely this intersection."

As 2015 ends and we look forward to our 50th anniversary year, we again ask that you consider the Abington Township Public Library in your year-end gift-giving plans. You could see a tax benefit if you donate by the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support in helping to ensure that Abington's libraries remain the thriving, responsive and innovative community resources you know them to be, now, and for another 50 years!

Sincerely,



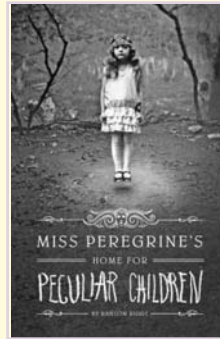
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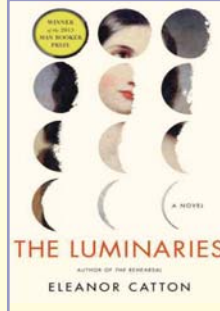
Spotlight on: Books

Here are just a few of the books featured this season:



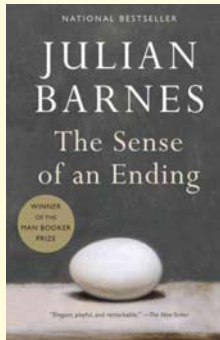
Teen Book Club

March 2



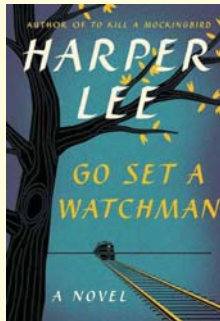
Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group

March 2



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April 6



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May 4

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Check out the future!
Celebrating 50th Anniversary! 1966-2016
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FREE FAMILY FILMS: Home - Nov. 27, 1 p.m.
How to Train Your Dragon - Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m.



Teen Book and Movie Night on Dec. 2
Paper Towns by John Green



10th Anniversary for Doggone Good Readers
See inside for program dates.

Support Abington Libraries!
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Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Dec. 12.
abingtonfreelibrary.org

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.

Join Abington and Roslyn Libraries socially:

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- Follow us @ pinterest.com/AbingtonLibrary
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Reference News



We are excited to announce that we will be offering four Kindle Paperwhites for loan. Each Kindle will have bestsellers pre-loaded on them. This is a great way to read bestsellers and avoid long waits. Watch for more details!



In addition, we offer instructional classes on the use of eReaders and how to access our OverDrive collection every Wednesday.

Please drop in on a Wired Wednesday class at 2:00 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday and at 5:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Questions? Visit us at the Information Desk, call us at 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or email us at AskAbington@gmail.com.

- Mimi Satterthwaite and staff

Novelist

Enhances your catalog searching by offering recommendations and read-alikes right in the catalog! Reviews and ratings can be viewed as well. Click on the "Full display" on the right side of the screen once you have completed your search in the catalog.

Book Snapshots

Offers great book suggestions and helps you find books and authors by topics and genres. It shows you read-a-likes, too. Fiction and Non-Fiction book lists created by library staff can let your imagination soar!

Roslyn Branch Library Events

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

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES
Ages 3-6 meet Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3 meet Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Fall session continues through Dec. 3.
Register now.
Winter: Jan. 25 through March 17.
Registration begins Jan. 4.

PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-6
Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m.
Fall: Dec. 14. Register now.
Winter: Jan. 25, Feb. 8, March 7.
Registration begins Jan. 4.
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months to 2 years
Fall: Nov. 10, 24, and Dec. 8 at 11 a.m.
Register now.
Winter: March 8 and 22 at 11 a.m.
Registration begins Feb. 16.

PUPPETS PIZZAZZ
Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

PIRATE'S TREASURE MAGIC SHOW
Monday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

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

WIRED WEDNESDAYS

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

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

200 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.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOGA!
Ages 4-7
Mondays: Jan. 4, 11 and 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Snow date: Feb. 1)
Join Miss Courtney of Yoga Friends on an imaginary yoga journey that includes a story time, games and relaxation. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate. Registration begins Dec. 14.

PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-5
Thursdays: Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 7, 7-7:45 p.m.
No registration required. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Winter session begins week of Jan. 11 and continues through week of Feb. 22.

Spring session begins week of March 14 and continues through week of April 25.

Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; three- to five-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
No registration required.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages
Thursdays: 11-11:30 a.m., through May 19
(No session on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.)
Led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

FREE FAMILY MOVIES OVER THE HOLIDAYS
All ages
Friday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m. - "Home" (PG)
Registration begins Nov. 16.
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m. - "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG)
Registration begins Dec. 21.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-5
Saturdays: Dec. 5, Feb. 6, March 5, April 2
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 Jan. 12 for 2016 dates.

STAR WARS PARTY
Ages 5 and up
Thursday, Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m.
Star Wars trivia, crafts, food and more! Registration begins Dec. 1.

TODDLER STORY TIMES
Ages 12-23 months (attending with parents/caregivers)
Winter session - Wednesdays: Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, 10, 17, 10:30-11 a.m.
Registration begins Jan. 11.
Spring session - Wednesdays: March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 10:30-11 a.m.
Registration begins Feb. 22.

COME WARM YOUR HEART
Ages 8 and up
Thursday, Feb. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. (Snow date: Feb. 18)
Learn basic hand-sewing techniques while making a mini heating pad. Led by Cadette Girl Scout Troop 7061. Registration begins Jan. 19.

STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI
All ages
Mondays: Feb. 29 and March 7, 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.

COMING SOON - PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPADS!

Loaded with educational apps, these convenient tablet devices will provide children with hours of learning and fun. Look for them this winter in the Juvenile Media section.

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@mcclinc.org.

TEEN BOOK CLUB AND MOVIE NIGHT

Ages 13-18

Wednesday, Dec. 2,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Paper Towns by John Green

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER PARTY

Ages 3-6

Monday, Dec. 14, 7-7:45 p.m.
Led by AB-TAB

Bring a stuffed animal friend for storytime and a craft on Monday night. Then leave your stuffed animal overnight for a fun sleepover at the library. Animals may be picked up on Dec. 15 after 1pm. Register in the Children's Department or call 215-885-5180 ext. 28, starting Monday, Nov. 30.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Ages 12-18

Wednesday, March 2,
7-8 p.m.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
by Ransom Riggs

JOIN AB-TAB - Ages 12-18

The Teen Advisory Board meets once a month to share ideas and plan programs for teens. Get service hours and meet new friends! Apply at the Information Desk.

LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

Saturday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Abington Free Library.

Meet writers from just around the corner. Discuss their books, what inspires them or how to self-publish.

If you are a local author, contact us and join our expo. Call Nancy Marshall at 215-885-5180, ext. 14, or email through our website at abingtonfreelibrary.org/contact.

Adult Programs at Abington Library

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

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Led by Dr. Karen Weekes

March 2 - The Luminaries
by Eleanor Catton

April 6 - The Sense of an Ending
by Julian Barnes

May 4 - Go Set a Watchman
by Harper Lee

DECAFFEINATED AND UNWIRED
Talk with a cuppa decaf and new friends every 4th Thursday,
10:30 a.m.

COLORING BOOK FOR ADULTS
with Diana Trout
Thursday, Jan. 21, from 7-8:30 p.m.

DIY HIP CHICKS
Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.
Tips for a gorgeous home on a budget

LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO
Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

MILITARY MEMORIES
Every third Tuesday at 3 and 7 p.m.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Every first Thursday at 1 p.m.

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

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

Mark your calendars for the

Spring Sidewalk Book /Plant Sale and Flea Market

Saturday, April 16, from 9:30-3 p.m.
at Abington Free Library.

EKPHRASTIC POETRY WORKSHOP
with Kristina Moriconi
Monday, April 4 and 11, at 6:30 p.m.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY REFRESHER COURSE
AARP members \$15;
non-members \$20.
Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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Adult Literacy Program

Over the last 31 years, the Adult Literacy Program has helped thousands of area residents improve their literacy skills. We train volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adults who want to learn English, work on reading and writing skills, or prepare for the U.S. citizenship test, the GED, or other tests required to improve employment prospects. We also offer small group classes for English language learners. With the help of our terrific volunteers, our international students become acclimated to the U.S., obtain jobs, and become more empowered members of our community.



We are always looking for more volunteers. Our next New Tutor Training will be Monday, March 7 and Thursday, March 10, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Please call to register - 215-885-5183 - or send email to ablit1@yahoo.com. We also offer programs throughout the year on topics of interest to our tutors.

Literacy Office hours:
Monday through Thursday,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
and by appointment.

- Elizabeth Sperring,

Donate

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

Thank you!

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BOOKFAIR at Barnes & Noble on Dec. 12

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On Saturday, Dec. 12, there will be a bookfair at the Barnes & Noble in Willow Grove, 102 Park Ave. Activities from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. include crafts, Legos and a scavenger hunt. A percentage of the net sales using the voucher number **11712650** will be

donated to the libraries. Voucher number may be used at any Barnes & Noble location on Dec. 12.

Online shoppers can make purchases with the voucher number **11712650** at bn.com/bookfairs from Dec. 12 to 17.

Please join us at 1 p.m. for a magical afternoon of stories and crafts with the story book fairy!



Pick up a voucher at either Library, or at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Contact Celia Frankford at 215-886-9818 or email cfrankford@mclinc.org.



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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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News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Thank you to all of our fall sidewalk sale shoppers. Sept. 26 proved to be a great day for selling used books and mums! The plants sold out in record time; used book sales alone totaled over \$1,000.

It's become a cheerful and entertaining sign of fall at Abington Free Library when lively, literary-themed scarecrows appear in the lobby. Thank you to each family who entered our scarecrow contest and to everyone who took a moment to vote. Congratulations to the winners: 1st place - the McDaid family, 2nd place - Emmalyn Wilson, and 3rd place - Sarah and Julia Lewis. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively were awarded to the winners. Honorable mention contestants received a \$5 gift certificate to the Book Cellar, our used book store.

The annual Mimi Zabel Jewelry Silent Auction is always a November highlight. It's fun to watch the bids increase throughout the month. Each jewelry donor and bidder contributes to the success of this event. Another November tradition is the Election Day Bake Sale. We are grateful to the bakers who support the library by donating time and

culinary skills. The sweet treats you provided were enjoyed by voters, poll workers, library staff and 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, 12:30-4:30 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. Stop by and explore our extensive collection! We also sell on Amazon. The BookCellar was honored to be one of 36 unique stores selected to be part of the fall Montgomery County Best Kept Secrets (shopping) Tour. At least 60 first-time customers, delighted to discover this "best kept secret," visited the Book Cellar during the two-week tour. Among other promotions and prizes a beautiful fall gift basket was raffled during the tour weeks. Congratulations to the winner, Lansdale resident Joan S.!

In celebration of the Library's upcoming 50th Anniversary, the Friends are planning a courtyard/

garden in front of Abington Library including plantings, a bench and low wall for seating, a sculpture and a courtyard featuring commemorative bricks available for purchase. The bricks are a wonderful way to make a lasting contribution to the Township libraries while honoring a friend or family member. If you haven't received a brick order form by mail, additional forms are available at the library circulation desk and on the website.

All of the Friends share a common appreciation and affection for our libraries, as well as a commitment to helping to pave the way for a bright future. New members and new ideas are always welcome! We meet quarterly in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Library. Our next meeting is Saturday Feb. 13, at 9:30.

- Liz Christian,
President, The Friends of Abington
Township Public Libraries

As you pass by the Circulation Desk, consider buying a 2016 Book Lovers calendar, for the discounted price of \$7.50.

