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ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM in July and August. Our theme will be "Exercise your Mind - READ." Register for a chance to win weekly prizes. No minimum (or limit!) to the number of books you may read! So join us this summer and expand your horizons by reading something new!

LINDA SUE PARK
A Single Shard

 May 7 - Meet the author: Linda Sue Park!

FILM FRIDAYS
 Free movies this summer!
 All movies start at 1 p.m.

Teens: text to screen.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries:
 Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events
 Get e-newsletters Email kburnham@mcclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.
 Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!
 Join Abington and Roslyn Libraries socially:
 Like us @ facebook.com/AbingtonLibrary
 See photos @ picasaweb.google.com/AbingtonTownshipPublicLibrary
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Reference News

We are excited about three great new services at the library.

First, we are now offering access to *The New York Times* online. You can read papers dating from 1851 through 1922 and between 1981 through current day by logging on through our website. All you need is an email address!

Second, we have created new seating space at the south end of the building. Seating and work space is at a premium in the Library and we are delighted to be able to offer more.



And third, we now have a monitor connected to a collaborative table in the Young Adult area. This is the perfect place to meet with colleagues, co-workers or study partners. You can connect a laptop to the monitor to share ideas and work together on projects.

Please call, stop by, or email us with your questions.

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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.

Roslyn Branch Library Events



PAJAMA PARTIES Ages 3-6
Mondays: May 9 and June 13,
6:30-7 p.m.

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

BABY DAYS

Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays: May 10 and 24, 11 a.m.
Register now.

MASTER GARDENER EVENT
Monday, Sept. 19, 7-8 p.m.
"Going Green" with Sharon Gross.
Register now.

SATURDAY LEGO CLUB
Every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES
Now through June 2.
Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.
No story times on May 26 and 30.
Register now.

LEARN TO KNIT

Ages 8 to adult. Bring size 8 needles and solid color worsted weight yarn (No. 4).
Saturdays at 11 a.m.,
April 30-May 21. Limited to 8 participants. Register now.

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS
A program by the American Swedish Historical Museum.
Ages 5-12.
Monday, June 20, 7 p.m.
Registration begins May 31.

BIRD FEET, BEAKS AND TWEETS
Hands-on program with Master Gardener Judy Groben. Ages 5-12
Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.
Registration begins June 3.

FAMILY FUN DAYS
Ages 3 and up
Fridays, July 8-Aug. 12, 11 a.m.
Registration begins June 17.

JUNIOR and PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS
Ages 3-6: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays, 11 a.m.
June 28-Aug. 25

HEALTHY EATING
with Rabiya Bower, RD, LDN.
Ages 5-12
Friday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.
Registration begins Aug. 5.

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Children's Programs at Abington Library

DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages welcome.
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 19
No registration required. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

MEET CHILDREN'S/YA AUTHOR LINDA SUE PARK

All ages welcome.
Saturday, May 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(Doors will open at 3:15; refreshments provided.) Ms. Park will discuss her Korean background and A Single Shard, her Newbery Award-winning book being featured in a People's Light theatrical production. She will also talk about her new books, Yaks Yak: Animal Word Pairs and Forest of Wonders.
Registration is underway.
Presented by The Friends of Abington Township Public Libraries and the Society of Young Korean-Americans.

MARSHMALLOW MATH MADNESS

Ages 4-7; parents/caregivers welcome
Thursday, May 12, 7-7:45 p.m.
Practice basic math with Junior Girl Scout Troop 7050. Build shapes using toothpicks and marshmallows. Yum!
Registration begins May 3.

MAKE YOUR VERY OWN SPORTS BUDDY

Ages 7 and up
Thursday, June 9, 6:30-8 p.m.
Make a sports figure from recycled materials. Registration begins May 18.
Presented in partnership with the Abington Teen Advisory Board (AB-TAB).

I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM: COOKING WITH "COLD"

Ages 4-7; parents/caregivers welcome
Monday, June 13, 7-7:45 p.m.
Explore the science behind ice cream with Junior Girl Scout Troop 7050.
Registration begins May 31.

"ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ" SUMMER READING CLUB 2016

Preschoolers through entering grade 6
Children track the time they spend reading (or being read to) in a special log, and earn free books and prizes.
Registration at both Abington and Roslyn Libraries starts June 17.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER - PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND ELECTRICITY

Entering grades 2-6
Two-day classes will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, June 27 and 28, and again on Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30. 10 a.m.-noon. and 1-3 p.m. Online registration begins at noon on May 5. Visit scienceinthesummer.com for details.

"FINDING DORY" PARTY*
Ages 3 and up, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Registration begins June 16.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS
Ages 2-3, attending with parents/caregivers
Tuesdays: July 12, 26 and Aug. 9
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Registration required. Check flyers/website for registration dates.

JUNIOR FUN DAYS
Ages 4-6; parents/caregivers welcome
Thursdays: July 7, 21 and Aug. 11
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Registration is required; check flyers/website for registration dates.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Therapy dog reading program for completed grades 1-5
Saturdays: July 9, 16, 23, 30
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins June 14.

FUN-O-LYMPICS*
Ages 5 and up, attending with parents/caregivers
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Play Olympic-themed games, make a craft and enjoy a snack.
Registration begins Aug. 2.

SPANISH STORY TIME (HORA DEL CUENTO ESPANOL)
Ages 5-8; parents/caregivers welcome.
Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7-7:45 p.m.
Stories and songs presented in Spanish.
Registration begins Monday, Aug. 1.

*Due to anticipated high demand these programs will be open only to Abington Township/Rockledge Borough residents.

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Teen Programs at Abington Library



TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
June 27 - Aug. 21
Join the reading challenge and win prizes! Sign up on our website.

TEEN AUTHOR TOUR
Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Meet Margo Rabb, author of "Kissing in America."

FANDOM-ONIUM
Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Compete in teams to answer trivia about popular fandoms.

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Adult Programs at Abington Library

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Led by Dr. Karen Weekes
Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.
Go Set a Watchman
by Harper Lee

PROF. BURTON KLEIN
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
May 4 - Coping with Today; It Isn't Easy!
May 11 - Aristotle Said It!
May 18 - Colleges, Colleges, Colleges ...
May 25 - Are These Hotels for Real?

AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE
May 19 and 20, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
You must attend both days.
AARP members pay \$15,
non-members pay \$20.

WHY RAIN BARRELS?
Thursday, May 26, from 7-8 p.m.

BASIC DRAWING CLASS
Thursdays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 13,
7 p.m. 

SAGA OF A WINTERING HUMMINGBIRD
Sunday, Oct. 9, from 2-4 p.m.

DECAFFEINATED AND UNWIRED
Talk with a cuppa decaf and new friends every fourth Thursday, 10:30 a.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,
10:30 a.m.-noon

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News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries


The Friends are a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting and fostering public awareness of the Abington Township Public Libraries. New volunteers and ideas are always welcome! Our next meeting is Saturday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Free Library. Please join us!

Thank you to everyone who bid on jewelry during the Mimi Zabel Jewelry Auction in November. The auction raised \$2,274.

A reception was held on April 21 to celebrate the winners of the 2016 Design-a-Bookmark Contest. The winners are: First grade - Juniper Young, Second grade - Alana Schloth, Third grade - Brandon Bacordo, Fourth grade - Alex Orlevitch, Fifth grade - Jack Rinaldi, Sixth grade - Philippa Young and Junior High - Sofiya Lysenko. The winning designs will be made into bookmarks that will be available in the Children's Department and at Roslyn Library.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Abington Libraries, the Friends are creating a Discovery Garden at Abington Free Library. The vision for the garden is based on the words of Marcus Tullius Cicero:

"If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need."

The Friends thank everyone who contributed to this effort. 

The Friends' biggest fundraiser is The BookCellar, which offers books, movies, audio books, and music for sale at bargain prices. The BookCellar is 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. Please stop by and explore our extensive collection. We also sell on Amazon.

Donations to the BookCellar are most appreciated. We gratefully accept books, movies (DVD only), audio books, and music (CDs) in good condition at the Circulation Desk: Wednesday through Saturday at the Abington Library and Thursday through Saturday at Roslyn Library. Limiting donations to three paper grocery bags per visit eases the processing of donated items.

It's time for the Friends Annual Membership Appeal. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

To learn more about Friends activities, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends; call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; get in touch with a Friends volunteer; or join us for our annual potluck brunch at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 11, in the Community Room. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and your appetite!

- Liz Christian,
Ellen Baxter, Jay Freedman,
Ruth Gehbardsbauer, Terry
Biansco & Linda Connolly

Abington and Roslyn READS!

A Summer Buddy-Reading Program for Children and Teens

Abington READS!
Monday, June 27 –
Wednesday, Aug. 3.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 6 p.m.,
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.,
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
To register, sign up on
abingtonfreelibrary.org,
call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or
come to the Library Information
Desk starting Tuesday, May 31.

Roslyn READS!
Monday, June 27 –
Monday, Aug. 22.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.
To register, fill out the required
form at Roslyn Library or call
215-886-9818. Registration
begins June 6.

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.

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 Abington Free Library
(Community Room): Saturday,
June 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or
Thursday, June 23, 7-8 p.m.

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and do not necessarily represent the
views of the Abington Township
Public Library or the Friends of
Abington Township Public Library.

FILM FRIDAYS

Free movies this summer! All movies start at 1 p.m.

- July 8 – Kung Fu Panda 3 - PG
- July 15 – The Martian - PG-13
- July 22 – X-Men: Days of Future Past - PG-13
- July 29 – Joy - PG-13
- Aug 5 – Rio - G
- Aug 12 – Wild - R
- Aug 19 – The Fault in Our Stars - PG-13



Volunteer tutors working through our



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Adult Literacy Program help adults improve their reading, writing and math skills. In addition to helping with basic skills, tutors help adults learn English and prepare for the GED and other tests. We also offer small-group classes for English language learners.

Please contact us if you are interested in becoming either a tutor or a student. For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office at Abington Free Library, or contact us at 215-885-5183, or at AbLit1@yahoo.com. – Elizabeth Sperling, Literacy Coordinator

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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
Closed Sundays from June 26 through Labor Day Weekend.

Roslyn Branch Library
2412 Avondale Ave., Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818

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 - Shelly Katz

Shelly Katz personifies the many barriers women faced a mere 40 years ago and the determination with which they broke through to lives as full and interesting as imaginable.

Shelly was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia. She moved to Fox Chase when she got married and has lived there ever since.

Her father was a pilot and flying fascinated her. She taught herself what she could from his books and earned her pilot's license in 1970.

She first worked in the Civil Air Patrol, conducting and supporting search and rescue missions. Then she tried to get commercial work. She went over to Northeast Philadelphia

Airport and "hung around," trying to find an open door. Most of the smaller airlines working out of that airport assumed she was applying on behalf of a father or a husband. Finally the flight school hired her. Soon she heard of a better opening for a sightseeing pilot, but the manager insisted he would only hire a man.

Eventually another instructor did hire her (and she was able to successfully sue the original manager). She then worked for Lincoln Flying Service as a manager overseeing written tests for the FAA, covering all sorts of fields from pilots to parachute riggers.

All that time she was also raising a daughter and two sons and being a political

wife while her husband was a state representative. She now has eight grandchildren.

In addition to flying, Shelly's other passion is Alaska. She has visited there twice and faithfully watches every single one of the many cable TV shows set in Alaska. She is also fond of Animal Planet documentaries. Shelly loves cats, and works for a Northeast animal rescue group in its trap, neuter and release program. She also fosters cats for adoption, writing imaginative biographies for them on the website to help them find their forever homes.



Shelly works once a week at the library helping to process holds. That's how she keeps her eye on the latest non-fiction books on CD, which are her favorite.

Getting to know Shelly is, pardon the aeronautical pun, really uplifting. She is smart, sassy and successful, and a source of as many true life stories as those CDs she likes to listen to.