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Your donations have the power to impact our community in a most positive way. Below is a list of our recent significant donors. All of us involved at the library are grateful for your expressions of appreciation for what we do, and we acknowledge your important partnership with us. It really helps us in our efforts to offer the best library possible. Thank you!

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### HAVE A HOT TIME AT YOUR LIBRARIES THIS SUMMER.

We have it all going on: summer science, summer magic, summer story times, summer reading, summer movies, summer safe driving (for teens) and more, more, more.



### Abington and Roslyn READS!

A Summer Buddy-Reading Program for Children & Teens

#### Abington READS!

Monday, June 26 – Tuesday, Aug. 1.  
1-hour sessions:  
Mondays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.,  
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
To register, sign up on [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org), call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or come to the Library Information Desk starting Monday, May 22.

#### Roslyn READS!

Monday, June 26 – Monday, Aug. 21.  
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 5.

#### FOR CHILDREN:

Keep reading over the summer! Children entering grades K-2 will read with a teen buddy for one hour a week. They will practice reading aloud, learn new words, and discover the joy of reading.

#### FOR TEENS:

Volunteer this summer and earn service learning hours. We need teens in grades 7-12 to read with children one hour a week, and inspire a whole new generation of readers. Teens are required to attend training on Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m. – noon, or Thursday, June 22, from 7-8 p.m.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries: Browse our full calendar @ [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events). Get eNewsletters Email [kburnham@mclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mclinc.org) and ask to be put on the events list.

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See photos @ <http://bit.ly/flickrAbingtonLibrary>  
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## REFERENCE NEWS

### Migration update


This spring we upgraded our online library system, and we now have a new web address for searching the online catalog: <http://mclinc.polarislibrary.com/polaris>. Please bookmark (or mark as favorite) this new address on your home computer or mobile device, and be sure to remove the old one.

### Wowbrary

You may be aware of this great, free service, but if not, please consider subscribing to Wowbrary (an email address is required to subscribe). This weekly newsletter will land in your inbox every Wednesday morning, alerting you to new titles added to Abington's and Roslyn's collections.

### Managing your holds while you are away

When you go on a vacation, you make plans for the care of your pets or suspend newspaper delivery. (That's if you still like the print version, as I do!) In addition, you can put your library hold requests "on hold" by calling either of our libraries or logging in to your account.

Go to this address  to log in to your account: <http://bit.ly/ABG-My-Account>

Staff at the Information Desk can suspend your holds for you or show you how to do this in your account. This helps ensure that you will not miss that book or movie you've been waiting for!

You may also want to take particular items with you while you are on vacation, and the holds activation date can be set so that materials may arrive just in time for you to take them with you.


Please call, stop by, or email us with questions. We enjoy hearing from you!

Mimi Satterthwaite  
Head, Reference Department  
215-885-5180, ext. 13  
[askabington@gmail.com](mailto:askabington@gmail.com)  
[abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

## ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

LEGO CLUB every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES  
Ages 2-5  
Continues through May 18  
Mondays at 1:30 p.m.  
Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
Stories, finger play and rhymes, songs, and crafts  
Register now.

MAGIC & ILLUSION WITH TOM YURASITS  
Ages 4 and up, attending with parents/caregivers  
Monday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Children's Book Week with this exciting magic show.  
Register now. 

ADVENTUROUS TEEN VOLUNTEERING  
Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
Ages 11 and up  
Hear from teens who volunteer in adventurous jobs. Register now.

BABY DAYS  
Ages 5 months - 2 years  
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
Continues through May 23.  
Register now.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM  
Mondays, 7-8 p.m.  
Registration starts in September.  
Sept. 25: "A Four Seasons Garden," with Master Gardener Mary McKnight  
Oct. 2: "Native Ground Covers for Shade," with Master Gardener Pam Herceg  
Oct. 9: "Planting Bulbs in the Fall for Spring Blooms, A Lesson in Patience," with Master Gardener Betsy Nutt

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.  
Computer docents available!

215-886-9818  
[abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)  
[MMitchell@mclinc.org](mailto:MMitchell@mclinc.org)

 Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!  
 Abngton Library offers wireless printing!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

MAGIC & ILLUSION WITH TOM YURASITS  
Ages 3 and up with parents/caregivers  
Thursday, May 4, 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
Registration begins April 25.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES  
All ages welcome  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 18  
No registration required.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE  
Ages 7 and up  
Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Make a building using recycled items, to be displayed in the Children's Department.  
Registration begins June 1.  
Presented in partnership with the Abington Teen Advisory Board (AB-TAB).

"MOANA" PARTY  
Ages 4 and up with parents/caregivers  
Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Celebrate the movie "Moana" with games, giveaways, a craft and a snack.  
Registration begins June 13.

"BUILD A BETTER WORLD" – SUMMER READING CLUB 2017  
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 16.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER – THE SCIENCE OF SPORTS  
Entering grades 2-6  
Two-day classes will be offered on June 26-27, and again on June 28-29. 10 a.m.-noon (entering grades 2-3) and 1-3 p.m. (entering grades 4-6)  
Online registration begins at noon on May 4. Visit [scienceinthesummer.com](http://scienceinthesummer.com) for details.

SUMMER STORY TIMES  
All ages welcome, attending with parents/caregivers  
Tuesdays: July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1  
Thursdays: July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3  
10:30-11:15 a.m.  
No advance registration required.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES  
Ages 8-23 months with parents/caregivers  
Wednesdays: July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2  
11-11:30 a.m.  
Registration begins Tuesday, June 27.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS  
Therapy dog reading program for completed grades 1-5  
Saturdays: July 8 and Aug. 5  
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.  
Registration begins June 20.

DESIGN IT, BUILD IT  
Family science program for ages 3-10 and parents/caregivers  
Thursday, Aug. 3, and Wednesday, Aug. 9  
6:30-7:15 p.m. (same program offered twice)  
Registration for both dates begins July 25.

UPCYCLE IT!  
Ages 5 and up with parents/caregivers  
Thursday, Aug. 10  
11 a.m.-noon  
Play games, enjoy a snack, and make a craft with recycled materials.  
Registration begins Aug. 1.

Please check our website and Summer Reading Club flyer for additional summer programs.

215-885-5180, ext. 28  
[abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids)



## TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB  
Ages 12-18  
First Tuesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.  
No sessions in July and August.  
Hone your creative writing skills through fun prompts and exercises. Share your work and get feedback.  
Register now.

SPECTRUM CLUB  
Wednesday, May 10, 7-8 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. Facilitated by a board-certified behavior analyst.  
Register today.

Q-CREW  
Ages 13-18  
Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Hang out with friends to discuss current events and issues facing LGBTQ+ teens today.


NEW DRIVER SAFETY COURSE  
Monday, May 15, 7-8 p.m.  
New drivers will get tips from driving instructor Todd Avery about driving safely without distraction.

JOIN AB-TAB  
Teen Advisory Board  
Teens earn service hours and gain leadership skills. Apply on the Teens page of our website.

215-885-5180, ext. 13,  
[LCummings@mclinc.org](mailto:LCummings@mclinc.org)

Sign up for emails about teen events:  
<http://eepurl.com/UcPwr>

## ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL  
MEMORIAL BOOK AND  
FILM DISCUSSION GROUP  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
May 17 - Black Flags 

AS TIME GOES BY  
musical theater selections  
through the years  
with a healthy shot of Sinatra.  
Mark Daugherty, Piano  
Kirsten Orechivsky, Vocals  
Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.

MEDITATION FOR  
HEALTHY LIVING  
Jim Rose returns!  
Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

MILITARY MEMORIES  
Every third Tuesday of the  
month, at 3 and 7 p.m.  
Talk on all things military.  
Walk-ins welcome.

DECAFFEINATED AND  
UNWIRED...  
Every 4th Thursday,  
at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS ON MONDAY  
Solve the NYT Sunday  
crossword puzzle with others.  
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.  
No registration required.

DAYTIME BOOK  
DISCUSSION GROUP  
Every first Thursday of the  
month at 1 p.m.  
No registration required.

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

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

215-885-5180, ext. 15  
abingtonfreelibrary.org  
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## NEWS & VIEWS: FRIENDS OF ABINGTON LIBRARIES

Summer's almost here! You may be visiting our libraries to check out an audio book for a road trip, finish school assignments, borrow a museum pass or attend a story time. While you're at Abington Library, take a few minutes to enjoy our Discovery Garden, a project developed and implemented by Friends volunteers.

This is also the time for the Friends' annual membership appeal. We invite everyone who uses our libraries to consider making a donation. By becoming a Friend, you will help sustain resources such as new books and movies, the outdoor street sign, indoor info screens, programs for all ages, and the Adult Literacy Program.

Abington is one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County, and we need your support to keep our services strong, especially with decreased government funding. You can find donation cards on the Friends bulletin board at Abington Library, near the new book alcove, and at the circulation desk at Roslyn. The link to donate and join is also on the Friends web page (see below).

Thanks to everyone who bid on jewelry during the Mimi Zabel Jewelry Auction in November. The auction raised \$1,707. We'll announce the fundraising

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!

## BOOKCELLAR

total from our Spring Flea Market, Book & Plant Sale in the next issue of the Ab Lib.

Winners of the 2016 Design-a-Bookmark Contest were celebrated at a reception on April 19. Their winning designs will become bookmarks, and will be distributed in the Children's Department at Abington and at the Roslyn Branch.

The biggest Friends fundraiser is the BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library. You'll find bargain-priced books for adults, teens and children, DVDs, audio books, and music CDs. All items are donated. BookCellar hours: 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. We also sell on Amazon.

BookCellar donations are accepted at the Circulation Desk Wednesday through Saturday at Abington Library and Thursday through Saturday at Roslyn. Please bring only three grocery bags per visit to ease processing.

To learn more, visit [abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends); call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; or email [FriendsATPL@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsATPL@gmail.com). Or please join us on Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m. for our annual potluck brunch in the Community Room.

- Friends of Abington Libraries


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.

## ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers, working through the Adult Literacy Program, help area adults improve their literacy skills. Many of our students are learning English, others are improving their basic reading and writing skills, while others are brushing up their academic skills to pass a high school equivalency test. Students are always welcome since our program continues throughout the year.

Every year, our programs helps over 150 adults improve their literacy skills so they can be more engaged and productive in their communities. Our tutors exemplify the goal of working locally to create real and sustained change.

We conduct tutor training sessions three times a year. We also offer workshops throughout the year on topics of interest to our tutors. Please contact us for more information at 215-885-5183 or [ablit1@yahoo.com](mailto:ablit1@yahoo.com).

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

- Elizabeth Sperling,  
Literacy Coordinator

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.

# FREE FILM FRIDAYS!

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## FILM FRIDAYS RETURNS THIS SUMMER!

See a free film at the library. Ask the Information Desk for more details.  
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Abington Free Library  
1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001  
215-885-5180, abingtonfreelibrary.org

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Adult Literacy ..... ext. 27  
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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 - 9  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 - 6  
Sat., 11 - 2

Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.



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### STAFF SPOTLIGHT – ED FIELDS

Ed Fields works as a library page, the quietest and least assuming of jobs, making sure that the books are where they should be. He has been here 17 years and always has a friendly hello for all the staff, and he always remembers to ask after somebody he knows is dear to us.

Ed is quite the artist in his off hours. He is a portraitist in pastels, using Canson Mi-Teintes paper that he purchases at the Allegheny Art store in Jenkintown.

Ed's subjects are, for the most part, celebrities he is familiar with through TV shows and old movies. Two examples: drawing his step-sister as Olivia Newton-John from Grease and drawing several portraits of Beyoncé.

He also has drawn the Whoopi Goldberg character from Ghost and Telma Hopkins as she appeared on the TV show Family Matters.

Ed graduated from Upper Moreland High School and took art classes at both Penn State and Montgomery County Community College.

Ed said he enjoys working at the library and recognizes the importance of his job. He likes to help people and enjoys being part of the mix of staff and patrons who come through our doors.

- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer



Ed Fields holding his pastel of Tracee Ellis Ross

