

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Library staff recently worked with a consultant on an "Envisioning Project" in order to find out what we do best for our patrons, and what we enjoy the most about our jobs. The answer: reaching outward into the community, taking our show on the road, serving new people and organizations. This summer, we've been able to do this twice, in a big way



In June, the Library partnered with the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard, and launched a "Food For Fines" initiative. Our patrons donated over 1,000 pounds of food in exchange for our waiving overdue fines. Yes, we lost some revenue, but the benefit of giving back to our neighbors and the positive

feedback we received, were priceless. Our patrons responded enthusiastically. Many donated more than they owed, they donated even if they did not have fines, and they paid fines before the drive began and came back just to put food in the bin. Our efforts raised awareness that there is a food cupboard in Abington, at 2068 Parkview Avenue, and our patrons were happy to learn where and how they can help.

In July, the Library Book Cart Drill Team staged a triumphant return to the Glenside Fourth of July Parade. Everybody who participates says it is one of the great days of their year, and the happiness, jubilation, and high lasts for days. We love seeing how excited folks are to see us approach, we love giving books out to children (2,200 this year!), and we are proud to show off our marching skills and intricate book cart maneuvers.



The "Envisioning Project" taught us to keep doing what we do best and like the most: interacting with and serving our community in both traditional and non-traditional ways. Maybe we should form a band. Call it "The Dewey Decibels."

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall, Executive Director

THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT SIGNIFICANT DONORS

Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries

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| Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting | Michael Maruschak |
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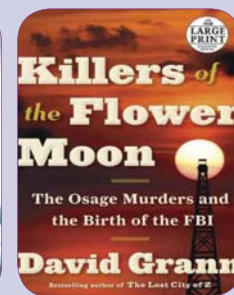
Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Led by Dr. Karen Weekes, we'll discuss award-winning books and films while enjoying decaf coffee, tea, cocoa, and cookies from Curds N Whey. Borrow the film and the books from the Library System.



Sept. 6, *Hidden Figures* (film)



Oct. 11, *Killers of the Flower Moon*



Nov. 8, *Fun Home*



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Delaware Valley Consumers' Checkbook

identifies services and contractors in the area. Find ratings of local service companies, including auto repair shops, plumbers, veterinarians, banks, doctors, dentists, carpet cleaners, etc. You can read the current issues and find guides to health plans, hospitals and top doctors (rated both by other doctors and by patients). Delaware Valley Consumers' Checkbook is available in the library in both print and online form. Remote access to the online form is available to Abington Library cardholders only.

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

- Mimi Satterthwaite
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REFERENCE NEWS

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ROSALYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

LEGO CLUB
every Saturday
between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
No registration necessary.

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?
Saturdays, 11 and 11:45 a.m.
Registration required.

BABY/TODDLER TIME
5 months-2 years.
Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
June 27-Aug. 8, Register now.
Sept. 12-Nov. 28, Registration
begins Aug. 28. Rhymes, finger
plays, and stories.
A caregiver must attend.

PRESCHOOL MORNINGS ages 2-5
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
June 29 - Aug. 10. Register today.
Sept. 14 - Nov. 30. Registration
begins Aug. 28.
Stories, rhymes, and crafts.
A caregiver must attend.

INVENT AND DISCOVER for
those entering grades 2-5
Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
Projects last about 45 minutes.
Aug. 1: Building contest. How
much treasure can your boat
carry?
Aug. 8: Chain reactions. Domino
chains and more.
Aug. 15: Free-range robots.
Register now for each program.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM
Monday evenings 7-8 p.m.
Registration starts Sept. 6:
Sept. 18 - Gourmet Bird Food
with Master Gardener Stephanie
Bennett
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

Friday, Aug. 4, at 11 a.m.
ANIMAL TALK SHOW
(ages 3 and up) Live animal show
presented by Briar Bush Nature
Center. Register today.

GOING SOLAR
Monday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Ages 3-7 and their families
Monday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Dragons Love Tacos Party

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

STORY TIMES WITH PATRICIA AND MARY
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers
Two Wednesdays, Aug. 23 and 30,
10:30-11 a.m.
Join Patricia McGinly and her
registered therapy dog, Mary
(a miniature pinscher) for a special
read-aloud time.
No registration required.

FALL STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers
Join us for stories, songs and crafts
on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30-
11:15 a.m.
Sessions will be offered Sept. 18-
Oct. 24 and Nov. 13-Dec. 19.
No registration required.

KIWANIS STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Oct. 5
through May 17 (No session on
Nov. 23, Dec. 28 and April 5)
Stories and songs presented by
Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members
and library staff.
No registration required.

OH, BABY! STORY TIMES
Ages 8-23 months
Five Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8,
22, and 29 (no session on Nov. 15)
Children attend with parents/
caregivers. Registration begins Oct. 10.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-5
Three Saturdays,
Nov. 4, Dec. 2 and Jan. 6
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 Oct. 17.

BUILD-A-MANIA
All ages
Three Thursdays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and
Dec. 7, 6-7:30 p.m.
Bring your family (toddlers
welcome) and build like crazy with
LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, K'Nex and
colorful Lakeshore Learning kits.
No registration required.

WINTER YOGA SERIES FOR FAMILIES
Ages 4-10, attending with parents/
caregivers
Three Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18,
6:30-7:15 p.m.
Relax and unwind with Courtney
from Yoga Friends.
Registration begins Nov. 21.

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TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
June 26 - August 20
For teens entering grades 7-12

COLLEGE ESSAY BOOTCAMP - Just for Teens
Monday, Aug. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.
Register today.

SURVIVING THE COLLEGE PROCESS - Just for Parents
Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
Register today.

ADVENTURES IN SPACE
through Drexel Space Systems
Laboratory (DSSL)
Monday Aug. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
For teens and adults. Register now.

DESIGNING MOBILE APPS
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5:30-8:30
p.m. Ages 12-18. Register today.

FREE PRACTICE EXAMS
ACT Test
Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
SAT Test
Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Administered by the Princeton Review
On the exam day, arrive by 9:45
a.m. Bring two sharpened #2
pencils and a calculator.
Register now for ACT and
starting Aug. 18 for SAT.

LIGHT PAINTING PHOTOGRAPHY
Wednesday, Aug. 23,
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Ages 12-18. Bring your own
device and lights or use the
library's equipment. Register now.

JOIN AB-TAB Starts again in
September. Apply online.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
Ages 12-18. First Tuesday of the
month, Sept. 5. 4-5 p.m. Register now.

Q-CREW Ages 13-18
Dates and time TBD
Hang out with friends to discuss
current events and issues facing
LGBTQ+ teens today.

PAYING FOR A COLLEGE EDUCATION TODAY
A Financial Aid Seminar with
Dr. Kevin Bukatman of College
Planning Service America
Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

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ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

Join the ADULT SUMMER
READING PROGRAM
through Aug. 20.
Sign up now! Win prizes!

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL
MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM
DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Sept. 6 - *Hidden Figures: film*
Oct. 11 - *Killers of the Flower Moon :
the Osage murders and the birth of the
FBI*, by David Grann
Nov. 8 - *Fun home : a family
tragicomic*, by Alison Bechdel

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

MEET JANET BENTON
Sunday, Oct. 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
Wine & Cheese Book-Signing Social

LIBRARY COOKBOOK CHALLENGE
Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

RUSSIA vs. USA - Espionage at Work
Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY
REFRESHER COURSE
Monday, Nov. 13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

DECAFFEINATED – AND
UNWIRED...
talk with a cuppa decaf and new
friends. Every 4th Thursday of
the month, at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS ON MONDAY
Join us solving the NYT Sunday
crossword puzzle. Mondays at
10:30 a.m. No registration required

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

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

OLD YORK ROAD
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
meets 7-8:45 p.m. every 2nd
Tuesday of the month

SOCRATES CAFÉ
Every 2nd Wed. of the month, 10:30 - noon

COMPUTER TUTORING
Get help with internet, tablets,
smartphones, programs,
or any other miscellaneous
computer questions you may have!
Schedule an appointment.

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NEWS & VIEWS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ABINGTON LIBRARIES

The Friends support the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising from BookCellar sales and special events. We also sponsor library programs and advocate for the library.

JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED NOW:

Please donate your no-longer-worn earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings, and other jewelry for the Friends Jewelry Silent Auction. Donations needed immediately, from July until Oct. 15. Please bring these to the circulation desk at Abington Library. Receipts available for tax-deductible donations. Auction is held in November. Thanks!

Upcoming Friends Activities:

- Quarterly Meeting:
Sat., Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.,
Community Room on the
lower level, Abington Library.
Open to all; ideas welcome!
- Scarecrow Contest:
Create a scarecrow character
from your favorite children's
or young adult book. Entries
due Sept. 27; scarecrows on
display in Abington Library
Oct. 1-25. Library patrons
can vote for their favorite
scarecrow!
- Friends Book and Plant Sale:
Sat., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m.-3:30
p.m., Abington Library. All
books 50% off BookCellar
prices! Beautiful fall flowers
for sale, plus raffle baskets,
soft pretzels and cookies!

FREE FILM FRIDAY

Last film of the season!
No advance registration required.
All movies start at 1:30 p.m.
at Abington Free Library.

Aug 11
X-Men:
Apocalypse
PG-13



Children under age 9 must be
accompanied by a parent/caregiver.
Questions? Call 215-885-5180, ext. 13.



Shop at the BookCellar and support the library.

You'll find bargain-priced used books, DVDs, and more at the BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library. Hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri., noon-4 p.m.; Wed., noon-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. We also sell on Amazon.

The BookCellar needs donations of gently-used books, CDs, and DVDs for adults and children. Please bring in paper bags, 3 bags at a time, to the circulation desk. Donate Wed. through Sat. at Abington Library; Thurs. through Sat. at Roslyn Library. All donations are tax-deductible.

Join the Friends

Visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends or contact us at FriendsATPL@gmail.com or 215-885-5180, ext. 36.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD SUMMER READING CLUB 2017

Preschoolers
through
entering grade 6.
Now until Aug. 25.

Children track the time they spend reading (or being read to) in a special log, and earn free books and prizes. Register at either Abington or Roslyn Libraries.

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 still others are preparing to take a high school equivalency test. Students are always welcome, since our program continues throughout the year.

Every year, our program helps over 150 area adults improve their literacy skills, helping them to be more engaged and more productive members of our community. Our tutors exemplify the goal of working locally to create real and sustained change.

Our next New Tutor Training will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 and Wednesday, Oct. 18. 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.

Literacy Office hours:
Monday through Thursday
10 am. – 1 pm.
and by appointment.

- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator

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 Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
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 Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

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THANK YOU

On July 15, Abington Free Library's air conditioner failed. As luck would have it, we were headed into the hottest week of the summer. Despite horribly adverse conditions, many people worked tirelessly to continue our service to the public and get the crisis resolved. Mega thanks are due to our Board of Trustees, our Executive Director Nancy Hammeke Marshall, volunteer Jim Marshall and Building Manager Steve Trader, who were here eight hours a day, and volunteer Mike Fedorowicz, whose technical skills were invaluable.

All worked in appalling heat and humidity until a solution was found. Our dedicated staff were also in the building, for short shifts, to empty the book drop, publicize our online resources, fill requests, answer the phones, process mail and deliveries, and shelf books.

Our Roslyn Branch became our Lunar Module, and the staff there stepped up to the challenge. Abington staff covered the extended hours, and every morning they packed up as many reserve books as Roslyn had room for and drove them over.

Other libraries in the area, Jenkintown, Upper Moreland, Elkins Park, Glenside and Upper Dublin, welcomed our patrons.

Finally, a huge thanks to you, our patrons, who followed us to Roslyn, who were patient with the situation, who greeted us in the supermarket with cries of, "When are you opening?" and "We miss you." We missed you, too, and we're glad to be back.

