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– Nancy Hammeke Marshall, Executive Director

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HAVE A HOT TIME AT YOUR LIBRARIES THIS SUMMER.

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



Abington and Roslyn READS!

A Summer Buddy-Reading Program for Children & Teens

Abington READS!
Monday, June 25 - July 24
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, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or come to the Library Information Desk starting Monday, May 21.

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.

Roslyn READS!
Monday, June 25 - Aug. 6.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.
To register, sign up on abingtonfreelibrary.org, fill out a form at Roslyn Library or call 215-886-9818.
Registration begins May 21.

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 16, from 11 a.m. – noon, or Thursday, June 21, from 7-8 p.m.

Find more programs and features at abingtonfreelibrary.org

Both Libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!
Abington Free Library offers wireless printing.

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

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See photos @ [http://bit.ly/flickrAbingtonLibrary](https://www.flickr.com/photos/AbingtonLibrary/)
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REFERENCE NEWS

NEW SEARCH TOOL

There's a new search tool on our website! Check out "Search Everything," developed by Ebsco Discovery Service.



Search Everything



Search Catalog

When you visit the library's website (www.abingtonfreelibrary.org) you will see the "Search Everything" button next to the "Search Catalog" button. Search Everything will search, well, nearly everything the library has to offer: the online catalog, Power Library, other databases and the library website! Links to many of the library's other online resources will appear to the right of the search results.

Access is available in the library for all patrons. Remote access is available to Abington Library card-holders with a library card. Give it a try at www.abingtonfreelibrary.org.

WHAT TO READ NEXT?



As reference librarians, we often assist patrons with reading recommendations. The tools we use are also available to you. Novelist, for example, is embedded in the catalog. When you search the online catalog, choose to view the full display for a favorite book, then scroll down to "Reading Recommendations, Reviews, and More." If the book is part of a series you can see details there, too.

Another tool we use is Book SnapShots, which offers book descriptions and lists of titles for all ages. Once you delve into one of the lists, you can find read-a-likes, too.

Book SnapShots is available through our website: <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources/book-snapshots>. Please use either Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer to view this resource.

Try it and let us know what you think. You can stop by the Information Desk; call us at 215-885-5180, ext. 13; or email us at askabington@gmail.com.



- Mimi Satterthwaite
and all the reference staff

ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS



BABY DAYS

Ages 6 months–2 years
Tuesdays 11–11:30 a.m.
Through May 22 and
June 26–Aug. 7
Registration starts June 4.

STORY TIME - Ages 3-5
Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.
Through May 24 and
June 28–Aug. 9
Registration starts June 4.

STITCH AND CHAT
Teens and adults
Fridays, 1–3 p.m.

LEGO CLUB
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

1965-1975
A REVOLUTIONARY
DECADE OF MUSIC
May 7 and 14, 7–8:30 p.m.
Register now.

MAKE-IT TO GIVE-IT
Ages 12–18
Tuesday, May 8, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
Make a survival bracelet or
weave a mat out of recycled
plastic fiber. Earn service
hours. Sign up for all or part of
the time.
Registration starts April 16.

BE A SUPERHERO
Ages 6–11
Tuesday, May 15, 1–3 p.m.
Drop in for crafts.

FAMILY NIGHT
Ages 3–6
Monday, May 21, 6:30–7 p.m.
Registration starts May 8.

PAINTED ROCKS
Ages 5–11
Friday, June 29, 11–noon
Registration starts June 11.

SCIENCE TIME!
Ages 6–10
Tuesdays, July 10-31, 2-2:30
p.m.

BOOK CLUB
Entering 2nd or 3rd grade
Thursdays, Aug. 2-16
2-2:30 p.m.

FAMILY FUN
Fridays, July 6–Aug. 10

Check website for weekly details.
abingtonfreelibrary.org

215-886-9818
abingtonfreelibrary.org
MMitchell@mclinc.org

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

CANTA Y BAILA,
DANCE AND SING!
WITH ALINA CELESTE
Ages 2 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesday, April 24
6:30–7:15 p.m.
Registration is open now.

PRESCHOOL READING
BUDDIES
Ages 3–5, attending with parents/
caregivers
Mondays, April 30 and May 14
6:30–7 p.m.
Led by Girl Scout Troop 7715,
these programs will feature
stories, songs and crafts about cats
(April 30) and Dr. Seuss (May
14). Each Girl Scout will read
aloud to a small group of children.
Register for one or both sessions
starting now.

TURTLE DANCE MUSIC
PRESENTS
"THE MUSIC, BUBBLE AND
COMEDY SHOW:
BORN TO READ!"
Ages 2 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Wednesday, May 2
6:30–7:15 p.m.
Registration is open now.

SPECIAL
DOGGONE GOOD READERS
AT RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN®
Therapy dog reading program for
grades 1–5
Saturday, May 5 – Four reading
sessions (choose one):
11-11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.,
12:45-1:15 p.m., 1:30-2 p.m.
Program will be held at
Raymour & Flanigan®,
939 Old York Road, Jenkintown.
Registration is open now.

KIWANIS STORY TIMES
All ages welcome, attending with
parents/caregivers
Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m.,
through May 17
No registration required.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER –
THE SCIENCE OF SPACE
Entering grades 2–6
Two-day classes: Monday
and Tuesday, June 25–26; or
Wednesday and Thursday, June
27–28. 10 a.m.–noon (entering
grades 2–3) and 1–3 p.m.
(entering grades 4–6)
Online registration begins at
noon on May 15. Visit
www.scienceinthesummer.com
for details.

SUMMER STORY TIMES

All ages welcome, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesdays, July 10–31 (might be
most fun and educational for ages
2–3) and Thursdays, July 12–
Aug. 2 (might be most fun and
educational for ages 3–5)
10:30–11:15 a.m.
No registration required.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES
For ages 8–23 months, attending
with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays, July 11–Aug. 1
11–11:30 a.m.
No registration required.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Therapy dog reading program for
completed grades 1–5
Saturdays, July 7 and Aug. 4
10:15–10:45 a.m. OR 11–11:30
a.m. Registration begins June 26.

All program registrations are
now being taken online at
abingtonfreelibrary.org. For more
information, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org
or call 215-885-5180, ext. 28.



TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
First Tuesday of the month
May 1 and June 5, 4–5 p.m.

AP EXAM STUDY DAY
Sunday, May 6, 1–4 p.m.

NEW DRIVER SAFETY
COURSE
Tuesday, May 22, 7–8 p.m.
For new teen drivers and parents

FINALS STUDY DAY
Sunday, June 3, 1–4 p.m.

Q-CREW
Monday, June 11, 6:30–8 p.m.
For LGBTQ+ teens and friends

Volunteer for Abington READS!
A buddy-reading program
Starts June 25.

ONE SUMMER ONE AUTHOR
Meet author Alex London.
Thursday, July 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

SAT PRACTICE EXAM
Saturday, July 21, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

ACT PRACTICE EXAM
Saturday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Check our website
for more teen programs!

215-885-5180, ext. 13
abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens
LCummings@mclinc.org

ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL
MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM
DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, May 9, 7-8 p.m.
H is for Hawk
by Helen Macdonald

PROF. BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Shorday Room
May 2: A Commodity Called
Happiness
May 9: Power Speaking and You
May 16: So You Really Want to Write

MINDFUL BREATHING WORKSHOP
Thursday, May 10, 7-8 p.m.

JEVS JOB INTERVIEW WORKSHOP
Wednesday, May 23, 7-8 p.m.

LIBRARY COOKBOOK CHALLENGE
Thursdays, May 24, July 5, Sept.
13, and Dec. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

WHY RAIN BARRELS?
Wednesday, June 6, 7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

SOCRATES CAFÉ
Every 2nd Wednesday of the
month, 10:30 a.m.-noon

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

Register @ 215-885-5180, ext. 15
abingtonfreelibrary.org
KMcInnis@mclinc.org

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES! JOIN THE FRIENDS!



Summer's almost here! You may be visiting the library to check out a Playaway for a road trip, finish school assignments, borrow a museum pass, or attend a story time.

This is also the time of year for the Friends' annual membership appeal. We invite everyone who uses our libraries to show their support and consider making a donation. By becoming a Friend, you'll help provide resources such as new books and movies, library programs for all ages, and the Adult Literacy Program.

Abington is one of the busiest libraries in Montgomery County. Your support is needed now to keep our services strong, especially with decreased government funding. You'll find information about donating and joining the Friends at the Circulation Desk and on the Friends bulletin board, near the new book alcove, at Abington Library and at the Circulation Desk at Roslyn Library. 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 \$3,331.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Design-a-Bookmark Contest:
Kindergarten: Timothy Li
Grade 1: Sophia Micciolo
Grade 2: Sylvie

Merryman-Lotze
Grade 3: Kate Arabchuk
Grade 4: Maddie Krassner
Grade 5: Jordyn Halpern
Grade 6: Romilly Young
Junior High: Pippa Young
Senior High: Sophia Dellerman

Winners were honored at a library reception in April. Their winning designs are featured on bookmarks, which are available in the Abington Children's Department and at Roslyn Branch.

The biggest Friends fundraiser is the BookCellar, located 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.

Donations accepted at the Circulation Desk: Wednesday–Saturday at Abington Library and Thursday–Saturday at Roslyn Library. Please bring only three grocery bags per visit to ease processing.

To learn more, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends; call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; or email FriendsATPL@gmail.com.

We welcome you to join us at our next Friends Meeting on Saturday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us on Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m., for our annual potluck brunch in the Community Room at Abington Library.

– Ellen Baxter, President
Friends of Abington Libraries

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Do you know an adult struggling to learn English, or one who needs help with basic or academic literacy skills? Since 1984, volunteer tutors, working through the Adult Literacy Program, have helped thousands of area adults improve their skills. Some are working on basic reading and writing or studying English and math to prepare for a high school equivalency test. Others, who grew up speaking a language other than English, are working to improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Our program is free and we give priority to low-income individuals, so they and their families can prosper in the future.

Please consider becoming a volunteer tutor. To learn how you can become involved, please contact us at 215-885-5183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.

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



– Elizabeth Sperling,
Program Coordinator

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 the Abington Township Public Library.



A staffer recalls: One time I offered a plastic bag to a patron for the books she had just checked out. She said that she was OK; she had one with her.

She pulled out a plastic Target bag, put it on her head (to protect her hair) and walked out into the rain with the books in her hand! *Remember, only you can prevent Library items from getting wet and moldy. Protect them with our donated plastic bags! Thank you!*

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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How Materials Make their Way to the Library Shelf

How does a book — or film or music CD — make its way to the library shelf, ready for you to discover, check out, take home and enjoy?

While it's tempting to say it begins with a spark of an idea in the mind of an author, that may be stretching things a bit, in terms of what we at the library can take credit for. Nevertheless, there are more steps involved than you might imagine.

The process begins in our Reference department. Each week our knowledgeable and dedicated reference librarians choose new titles to order, based on critical reviews, reader demand, collection development, and budget allowances.

Nancy handles the DVDs; Carolyn and Jessica choose children's titles; Lindsay those for teens; Gloria stays on top of adult fiction; Mimi, Lois, Jay, Brian, and Anna handle nonfiction; and Meg fills out the Roslyn Branch collection. Together, they cover nearly every topic imaginable! Once their lists are compiled, the process moves to the Technical Services department.

In Tech Services, our acquisitions assistant, Susan, places the orders with our vendors. Many titles arrive the very next day. Susan unpacks the items and updates the online inventory. The materials are not free, of course: Invoices are tallied and sent to Dimitra, our fiscal manager, for payment. Meanwhile, the items themselves go to Heather, Sherrie, and Jeanne — our cataloging team.

The catalogers create detailed online records for each item, showing title, author, subject, call number, publication date and more. Their hard work, handling nearly 9,000 titles each year, helps make it possible for you to find just what you want in the library.

Next the items move on to Belinda and her crafty team of "shelf-prep" volunteers, while Roslyn materials head across town to Caitlin's desk. They ensure every item is attractive and durable. Books are covered with protective laminate; audiovisual materials are fitted to security cases; cover artwork is sized to fit; and identifying spine label stickers are added.

Now the items are checked in, appearing at last in the online catalog. Off they go to the Circulation desk, where, finally, our tireless pages file each one in its proper place on the shelves, ready for your perusal.

All of this is performed quickly and accurately, in a matter of days, so we can get the materials to you. The next time you take home that gripping novel, eye-opening nonfiction, or stack of children's picture books, we hope you will appreciate the many steps involved, and the dedicated and hard-working staff that make it all possible.

And as for that author with the spark of an idea, if she or he spends time in a library — inspired by works on the shelves, informed by research, aided by able staff, or simply enjoying a quiet place to work — libraries can indeed take some credit in the very first steps of creating the works that eventually find their way to you.



- Susan M. Schmid
 Interlibrary Loan and
 Acquisitions Assistant