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Abington Free Library
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Information Desk ext. 113
Children's Department ext. 128
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Adult Literacy ext. 127
Friends of the Library ext. 136
Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30-9
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215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org

Hours: Mon., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Thomas E. Tyler is president of the Abington Township Public Library Board of Trustees. He is a born raconteur, with an infectious sense of humor and boundless energy. We are so lucky to benefit from his cheerful enthusiasm for our libraries and the community they serve.

Tom and his twin brother were born in Indiana, the youngest of six boys, although his twin was actually younger... by 20 minutes! He was in junior high when his family moved to Abington. Tom graduated from Abington High School and went on to attend Hamilton College in upstate

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - THOMAS E. TYLER

New York. He majored in history, having been inspired by a high school teacher who "lived and breathed" history. He only thought about becoming a lawyer later, when it seemed like a good way to distinguish himself from his other brothers. He attended New York Law School while clerking at a venerable New York admiralty law firm whose founder had represented the owners of the Titanic.

After returning to this area, he realized he needed to get involved in activities outside of work. For 12 years, he was active in Philadelphia's Savoy Company, the world's oldest continuously active theater company dedicated solely to the works of Gilbert & Sullivan. In 1994, while president of Savoy, he organized a trip to England for the whole company - some 50 actors and their costumes - for the juried International G&S Festival.

Savoy garnered a prize or two, but Tom was lucky enough to win the Big One: He met his wife, Belinda, there. After a whirlwind and bi-continental romance, they were married in November 1996 in West Yorkshire. Tom and Belinda helped produce Savoy's multiple returns to the G&S Festival, most recently in 2016 and again this last summer.

Belinda and Tom have three children: an 8th grader and a 10th grader, both in Abington schools; their oldest, also an Abington graduate, is studying at St. Andrew's in Scotland. As his family grew, Tom wound down his involvement in Savoy, looking for opportunities closer to home to volunteer and serve his community. In 2002, he became a trustee of the library and in 2014 was elected president.

One of Tom's interests combines all of his enthusiasm for history, community service and just plain fun. He is his neighborhood's unofficial meister of Fish House Punch. It's a recipe his mother found while volunteering some 45 years ago at the Powel House in Old City Philadelphia. She assigned his father to make it for the historic home's annual Christmas party, and it became a Tyler family tradition as well. It's a kind of potluck of rum and brandy, so the more who come to the bottling party, the happier everyone leaves.

We at the library are grateful for Tom's service and always happy to see him walk in the door, because we know there will be a story and a good laugh.

- Lois Odabas
Staff Writer

DEAR FRIENDS, PATRONS, AND PARTNERS OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARIES,

An October essay in the New York Times describes "a really good thing happening in America."

Columnist David Brooks wrote of a burgeoning "collective impact" approach to community problem-solving, a strategy by which "Trust is built and the social fabric is repaired [as] people form relationships around shared tasks." Brooks observed, "Building working relationships across a community is an intrinsically good thing."

When I read those lines, I thought of our own "shared tasks," and felt that Brooks could well have been describing most of what your Abington and Roslyn Libraries routinely accomplish, but they speak as well to the latest challenge the Library has accepted.

For nearly 35 years, the Library has offered the Adult Literacy Program, initiated in 1984 by the legendary Marlyn Cohen, and now administered by the talents and passion of Elizabeth Sperling and our volunteer tutors. Through the Adult Literacy Program, over 150 (mostly low-income) adults visit the Library each year to regularly meet with their loyal and equally passionate volunteer tutors, with whom they improve literacy skills, prepare for the GED, or become English language learners. Though previously publicly funded, the program this year saw long-declining state and federal funding dry up completely, a circumstance that has forced other area programs to shutter their efforts.

Recognizing that the Library's Literacy Program is now in even higher demand, and that adults need literacy skills more than ever to succeed in today's demanding

society, the Library Board of Trustees has decided to rise to the challenge and assume funding and operational responsibilities for the continued vitality of the Adult Literacy Program.

We look at this as a perfect example of a community's "shared task." We look forward to generous funding assistance from the Abington Township Commissioners. As one student of the English as a Second Language program wrote to us, "I thank Abington for giving us a great place to learn English and know each other." For students such as Keren, Rosa, Mirela, Daniela, and a host of others, we will dedicate the entirety of your generous response to our Annual Appeal to underwriting the annual expenses of the Adult Literacy Program. As always, your donation may result in tax benefits for you if made by the end of the year.

Your support of the Library and this newest "shared task" will be appreciated, most especially by the students who rely on the promise and hope the Adult Literacy Program offers. As David Brooks concluded, "You do enough intrinsically good things, and lives will be improved in ways you can never plan or predict." Your donation this year will indeed help ensure that lives improve. Thank you for your continued support of the Abington Township Public Libraries and, now, the Library's Adult Literacy Program.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Tyler
President, Board of Trustees



Nancy Hammeke Marshall
Executive Director

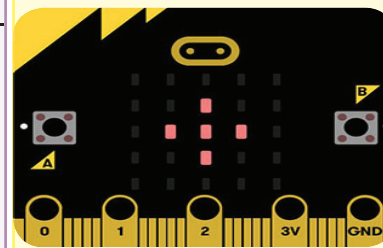
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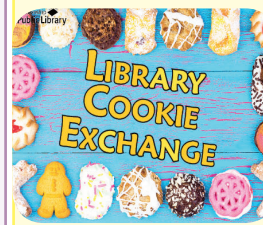
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FEATURED EVENTS AND ITEMS



LEARN TO CODE WITH MICRO:BIT
For ages 10 & up. Take home this pocket-sized microcontroller and create games, robots and more. Learn more at the Information Desk or at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

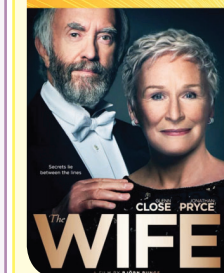


LIBRARY COOKIE EXCHANGE
Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
Bring two dozen cookies with you and be prepared to take at least that many home.



Can you please identify which hand was mistakenly amputated?
Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.
Prof. Laura Little introduces her book, *Guilty Pleasures*.

TWO FILMS, TWO FRIDAYS



at 1:30 p.m.

The Wife
Jan 11
R, 1 hr 40 min
Read the book by Meg Wolitzer, too!



The Greatest Showman
Feb 15
PG, 1 hr 46 min

No registration required.



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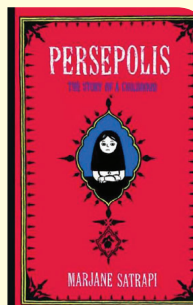
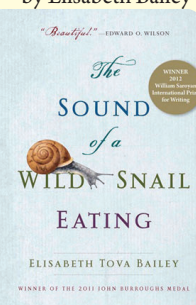
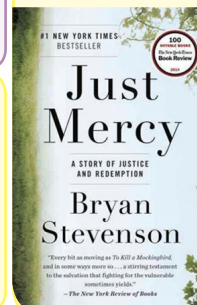
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.
Mark Daugherty, Piano and
Kirsten Orechivsky, Vocals

Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

March 13
Just Mercy,
by Bryan Stevenson

April 10
The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating,
by Elisabeth Bailey

May 8
Persepolis,
by Marjane Satrapi



REFERENCE NEWS



YOU ASKED, AND WE'VE LISTENED. We will be offering streaming and downloadable digital video, eBooks, eAudio books and comic books through hoopla. This service offers over 200,000 titles!

Hoopla is available to Abington Township cardholders only, and is available both in the library and from home. Cardholders will be limited to three checkouts per month. As of this writing, we're still finalizing all the details, but please stop by the Information Desk to ask about this wonderful new service. (No hula hooping required.)

You can also ask us about the library's other digital resources. We offer eBooks and eAudio books through OverDrive. Read or listen on a computer, or download the Libby app by OverDrive to your mobile device, and take your library on the go! We also offer digital magazines through RBDigital. Just download the RBDigital app, and you can read magazines on your computer or mobile device.

You can find all of these resources on our website: www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/resources.

Let us know what you think by stopping by, calling or emailing us at the Information Desk. Call 215-885-5180 ext. 113, or email askabington@gmail.com.

- Mimi Satterthwaite
and all the reference staff

ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

PLAYDATE ON AVONDALE AVE.
Ages 2-5
Fridays, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

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

LEGO CLUB - Ages 5 and up
Saturdays, 11a.m.-1 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT: LET IT SNOW
Ages 3-8
Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30-7 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHTS
Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.
Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 11

BABY DAYS - Ages 6 months-2 years
Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
Session I - Jan. 8-March 5
Registration starts Dec. 29.
Session II - March 26-May 16
Registration starts March 11.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Ages 3 to 5
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
Session I - Jan. 10-March 7
Registration starts Dec. 29.
Session II - March 26-May 23
Registration starts March 11.

DJEMBE - AFRICAN DRUM CIRCLE
All ages
Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-1:30 p.m.
Registration starts Jan. 14.

GROW IT: A TEEN SERVICE PROJECT
Ages 12-18
Monday, Feb. 18, 1-2 p.m.

DROP IN FOR CRAFTS AND SCIENCE PROJECTS ON PRIMARY DAY
Ages 5-11
May 21, 1-3 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

KIWANIS STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 16 (No session on Nov. 22, Dec. 27 and April 18.) Stories and songs presented by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and Library staff. No registration required.

STORY TIMES — FALL, WINTER, SPRING
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers. Join us for stories, songs, movement activities and crafts!

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Nov. 5-Dec. 10; Jan. 7-Feb. 18;
March 11-April 15
All ages welcome.
This program might be most fun and educational for ages 3 to 5.
No registration required.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Nov. 6-Dec. 11; Jan. 8-Feb. 19;
March 12-April 16
All ages welcome.
This program might be most fun and educational for ages 2 and 3.
No registration required.

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUR CHILDREN
For parents/caregivers
Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7-8 p.m.
Learn how to help your children become successful, emotionally healthy adults.
Presented by life coach Adrienne Bishop.
Register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE —
"THE BOSS BABY" (PG) All ages
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.
Thursday, Dec. 27, 1:30-3 p.m.
Each guest may bring a packaged snack (no peanuts or peanut butter, please).
Bottled water and juice boxes will be provided. No registration required.

MANDARIN CHINESE WITH HOWARD ZHANG AND CECILIA GUI
Grades K-2, attending with parents/caregivers
Mondays, Jan. 21-Feb. 25, 7-7:45 p.m.
Learn the basics of Chinese conversation and culture. Register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org starting Jan. 7.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES
Ages 8-23 months, attending with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.
Winter/spring session: Jan. 23, 30;
Feb. 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13
(No session on Feb. 20.)
Online registration begins Jan. 7 at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

BUILD-A-MANIA - All ages
Thursdays, Jan. 3, March 7, May 2, 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.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-6, attending independently*
Saturdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, and April 6
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m. (2-2:30 p.m. session available on Dec. 1)
Practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog in small groups.
Register for Dec. 1 session now at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Online registration for 2019 dates begins Dec. 10.

PAINTING WITH JOY!
Ages 8-11, attending independently*
Monday, Feb. 18, 2-3:30 p.m. (Schools closed that day.) (Snow date: Saturday, Feb. 23, 2-3:30 p.m.)
Artist Joy Fine returns to lead a winter-themed paint-along. All supplies provided. Come ready to paint and have fun! Register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org starting Feb. 4.

*For children 10 and under, parents/caregivers are asked to remain in the Library while the program is in session.

TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

DIY PHONE STAND
Monday, Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.
Ages 12-18
Decorate, paint, or personalize a wood laser-cut stand for your smartphone. All supplies will be provided.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
Ages 12-18
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 4-5 p.m.
Hone your creative writing skills through fun prompts and exercises.
Share your work and get feedback.

SAT Practice Exam — Saturday, Jan. 12
ACT Practice Exam — Saturday, Feb. 16
10 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Take these full-length practice exams and get a detailed report to help you improve your score. Administered by the Princeton Review.

CREATIVE JOURNALING
Ages 12-adult
Wednesdays, March 6-27, 6:30-8 p.m.
Learn how to start a personal art journal with artist Diana Trout.

COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOPS
Teens: Monday, April 1
Parents: Monday, April 8
6:30-8 p.m.
Get started on your college application essay with advice from writing coach Linda George.

AP EXAM STUDY DAY
Sunday, May 5, 1:30-4 p.m.
Enjoy snacks and cuddle with therapy dogs while you study at the library for AP exams.

Check abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens for more programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

LIBRARY COOKIE EXCHANGE
Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
Bring two dozen cookies with you and be prepared to take at least that many home. Taste cookies and exchange recipes and tips as well. Please list all ingredients.

GUILTY PLEASURES
Sunday, Dec. 9, 2-4:30 p.m.
Abington resident Prof. Laura Little introduces her book, *Guilty Pleasures: Comedy and Law in America*. Register now.

TWO FILMS, TWO FRIDAYS
No registration required.
Jan. 11, 1:30 p.m. - *The Wife*, rated R; 1h 40m
Feb 15, 1:30 p.m. - *The Greatest Showman*, rated PG, 1h 46m

STAYING MOTIVATED THROUGH A JOB SEARCH
Jan. 23, 7-8 p.m.

PAFA TRAVELING LECTURE:
Make Me a Summary of the World
Feb. 6, 7-8 p.m.

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
March 13 - *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
April 10 - *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*, by Elisabeth Bailey
May 8 - *Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi

25 CATEGORIES GUARANTEED TO DISAPPOINT WHEN SELLING YOUR HOUSEHOLD STUFF
Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m. Presented by Michael (Mike the Appraiser) Ivankovich.

CONCERT IN MAY
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.
Mark Daugherty, piano
Kirsten Orechiwsky, vocals

COMPUTER TUTORING
Get help with internet, tablets, smartphones, programs, or any other computer questions you have! Schedule an appointment at Information, 215-885-5180, ext. 113.

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

SUNDAY'S ON MONDAY
Join us solving the NYT Sunday crossword. Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Every 1st Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.

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

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

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES! JOIN THE FRIENDS!



The Friends are volunteers who support the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising and advocacy.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Fall Sidewalk Sale in September. We raised more than \$2,200 through sales of books, plants, cookies and soft pretzels, and proceeds from five raffle baskets! A special thank you to the Abington Hair Cuttery, which donated a beauty basket, and to Terry Biansco, Linda Connelly, Susi Cottle and Etta Norton, who each prepared a spectacular raffle basket.

The annual Mimi Zabel Jewelry Silent Auction continues through Nov. 30. Please visit the display case in the front of Abington Library to view the beautiful items for auction, and place your bids in the book provided. All proceeds support the Friends.

The 10th Annual Design-a-Bookmark contest is open to students in kindergarten through senior high school. Watch for details in early February. You can drop off your entries at the Abington and Roslyn Libraries through March. The awards ceremony will be in April. Please encourage the young artists you know to enter! We will print bookmarks - available at both libraries - featuring the winning designs.

The BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library, is the Friends' biggest fundraiser. We sell gently used books, fiction and nonfiction, for all ages, as well as audio books, music CDs and DVDs. All items are for sale at bargain prices. Stop by and explore our extensive collection! We also sell on Amazon.

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.

Donations for the BookCellar are always needed. Please bring donations, a maximum of three shopping bags or three small boxes at a time, to the Circulation Desk at either Library.

Next Friends meeting: Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. in the Staff Lounge at Abington Library. We welcome new members and ideas!

To learn more about Friends activities, visit <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends>, stop by the BookCellar, email us at FriendsATPL@gmail.com, or call 215-885-5180, ext. 136.

- Ellen Baxter,
President of the Friends
of Abington Libraries

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Every year, our wonderful volunteer tutors help over 150 area adults improve their literacy skills.

Some of our students are learning English, others are improving their basic reading and writing skills, while still others are improving their academic skills to pass a high school equivalency or similar test. Students are always welcome, since our program continues throughout the year.

Interested in getting involved? Our next New Tutor Training will be held over three evenings: Monday, March 11; Wednesday, March 13; and Thursday, March 14. Registration is required. 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 a.m. -1 p.m., and by appointment.

- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy 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.