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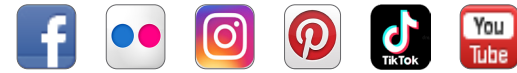
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Roslyn Branch Library
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215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - ANGIE MORETTI

"Can I attend one of your library programs?"
"Sure, would you be interested in assisting as well?"
"Absolutely!"

This innocuous exchange back in the fall of 2022 opened up a new learning pathway for Angie Moretti, our Drexel library student volunteer. Angie has been working enthusiastically and reliably in the Reference Department, starting with the AARP Digital Skills Ready@50+ classes. When particular students required one-on-one assistance, Angie helped to give those older adult learners the support and confidence that helped them grow.

When we began offering One-on-One Tech Help in December 2022, Angie was eager to be part of this popular initiative. She has spent more than 25 hours volunteering in both of our libraries and in the community.

She visited Sunrise of Abington three times this year, and helped one Personal Care resident sign up for a health portal, which gave the woman more peace of

mind while preparing for an upcoming surgery.
Angie hails from Jenkintown, where she enjoyed going to her local library as a child. It inspired her to study librarianship. "I remember loving the atmosphere and the programs they held there. I want to help continue libraries' missions to serve and bring information to their communities."

The Abington and Roslyn libraries strive to champion learning and foster connections for everyone in our community. Angie's volunteerism embodies that mission.

She started volunteering at our libraries to fulfill a requirement for a graduate class, and has stayed on.

"I think this is important work that I would like to contribute," Angie said. "My first capstone semester is wrapping up, and I'm looking forward to continuing the project next semester too!"

Angie was a vital contributor to the

successful launch of our One-on-One Tech Help service. She provides hands-on assistance and gets feedback from the participants to help improve the service. "Volunteering with seniors has been a pleasant challenge for me," she said. "It's not something I would have come up with on my own, but I wanted to help fulfill an already existing need."

In addition to providing all of her tech help, Angie has been part of a library staff working group.

"I'm learning a lot," she said. "Seeing the behind the scenes of how librarians collaborate and mobilize towards a goal is inspiring for someone just starting their librarian career like myself."

We are so grateful for all of the work Angie has done and look forward to seeing where her future in librarianship takes her!

- Anna Kraynak



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THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT SIGNIFICANT DONORS

I am moved and humbled by the generosity of the Abington community. Your support is critical to our success and we are grateful for your partnership. Thank you for your support for what the program does for so many. With your help, all things are possible!

– Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director



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SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES
Children, teens, and adults. Join us on Monday, June 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Abington Free Library for a party to kick off Summer Reading! Find details at abingtonfreelibrary.org/events.

ROSLYN READS!
Children entering grades 1 – 3
Mondays, June 26 – July 31
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Registration starts June 1.

ABINGTON READS!
Children entering grades 1 – 3
Mondays, June 26 – August 7
(No session July 3.)
Two sessions:
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. or 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Registration starts June 1.

Teens interested in volunteering should contact YA Librarian Sara Huff: shuff@mclinc.org or at Roslyn, Meg Mitchell: mmitchell@mclinc.org

FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

- "All Together Now" Summer Reading program for preschool through fifth grade
- Children's Art Workshops
- Graphic Novel Book Club
- Family Fun Nights

FROM ROSLYN LIBRARY:

- Celebrations around the World on Friday nights
- Special programs on Monday nights.
- Magic Tree House Club

Visit the library table at Summer Youth Meals in Crestmont Park!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK AND PLANT SALE AND FLEA MARKET
Saturday, April 22
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Flea Market:
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Native Plant Sale:
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Free Tree Giveaway:
9:00 a.m. – Noon
All proceeds benefit Abington Township Public Libraries.



REFERENCE NEWS

The New York Times

Cooking

Bon appetit! We are now offering digital access to the New York Times AND to NYT Cooking. Explore all the news that is fit to print and peruse some delicious recipes while you're there.

For details about how to set up your free New York Times account, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources/new-york-times. NYT Cooking access requires a 24-hour redeemable code. Access to the full New York Times requires a 72-hour redeemable code. Once the time is up, come back to the library website for a link to get a new code. It's free!

Study Rooms

Two study rooms are available for two to four people. You can book a room for 30 minutes to two hours, and up to one week in advance. You may make two bookings per week. To reserve a study room, stop by the Information Desk or call 215-885-5180, and press 3.

- The Reference Department staff

ROSLYN PROGRAMS

Please register online for all programs at abingtonfreelibrary.org/events.

STITCH AND CHAT, Adults and teens
Drop in with your handicrafts.
Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

PLAYDATE ON AVONDALE
Fridays through June 16, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Drop in for open playtime, most appropriate for ages 2½ to 6 years.

DIGITAL SKILLS READY@50+ LECTURES
Affordable Home Internet
Monday, April 3, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Protecting Your Personal Info Online
Monday, April 24, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
In person and online. Register now.

STORY TIME, Ages 3 – 5
Thursdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
April 20 – May 11
Registration starts April 3.
June 22 – July 13
Registration starts June 5.

TODDLER TIME
Ages 18 – 36 months
Tuesdays, June 20 – August 22
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Rhymes, stories and play.
Registration starts June 3.

DROP IN AND PLAY, Ages 5 to 12
Monday, April 10, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

WONDERS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM WITH THE BARN NATURE CENTER
Ages 4 – 10
Monday, April 17, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Registration starts March 27.

MAKE A PENDANT, Ages 14 and up
Monday, May 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration starts April 17.

CARDS FOR HEROES, Ages 4 to 12
Friday, June 16, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Use our craft supplies to make Fourth of July cards for emergency workers.
Drop-in event.

ROSLYN READS!
Entering grades 1 – 3, and teens ages 12 – 17
Mondays, June 26 – July 31, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Registration starts June 1. Teens interested in volunteering at Roslyn should contact Meg Mitchell mmitchell@mcclinc.org

MAGIC TREE HOUSE
Entering Grades 2 – 4
Tuesdays, July 11 – August 1, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Registration starts two weeks before each session.

ALL TOGETHER NOW IN THE REEF! WITH THE ADVENTURE AQUARIUM
Ages 4 to 12
Monday, June 26, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration starts June 5.

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD
Ages 4 – 10
Fridays, June 30 – August 4, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
See abingtonfreelibrary.org for registration details.

AWESOME ADAPTATIONS
with Briar Bush Nature Center
Ages 3 – 11
Friday, July 7, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Registration starts June 19.

SCIENCE OF TOYS AGES 6 – 12
Monday, July 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Registration starts June 19.

GELLI PRINTING, Ages 8 – 12
Monday, August 7, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration starts August 17.

MLANJENI MAGICAL THEATER
Ages 3 to 8
Friday, August 11, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
Registration starts July 24.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Please register online for all programs at abingtonfreelibrary.org/events.

SPRING PROGRAMS

TODDLER STORY TIMES, Ages 1 & 2
Tuesdays, April 18 through May 16
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Community Room
Led by Miss Emily or Miss Beth.
Register for any or all sessions starting April 11.

RAINBOW CONNECTIONS
Grades K – 5
Mondays, April 10, May 8, July 10
(no meet-up in June) Start times vary.
Join LGBTQ+ kids & allies via Zoom!
Talk about LGBTQ+ themed books and topics in a safe space. Registration required.

SPRING BEE DRAWING WORKSHOP
Ages 4 – 7
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Anita Thompson will provide instruction via Zoom. Registration required.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS VIA ZOOM
Grades 1 – 5
Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 – 7:35 p.m.
Read to a registered therapy dog online!
Registration required.

SCIENCE STORIES IN THE PARK
Ages 3 – 5
Thursdays, April 20 through May 11
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Alverthorpe Park (Mini-golf pavilion)
Led by Miss Andrea (a.k.a. Jungle Annie). Register for any or all sessions starting April 13.

POETRY PALOOZA: Grades 2 – 5
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Community Room
Play games and participate in activities to create and read poems.
Registration begins April 6.

SNUGGLE-UP STORY TIMES: Ages 2 – 6
Mondays, April 24 and May 22, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Led by Miss Jessica via Zoom.
Registration begins one week before each program date.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

TODDLER STORY TIMES
Ages 1 and 2
Tuesdays, June 13 and 27; July 11, 18, 25
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Community Room
Led by Miss Emily or Miss Beth. Register for any or all sessions starting May 30.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Ages 3 – 5
Thursdays, June 29 through July 27
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Community Room. Led by Miss Jessica.
Registration begins one week before each program date.

Check the library website for more program listings.

"ALL TOGETHER NOW" – 2023 SUMMER READING CLUB
Children in preschool through entering fifth grade are invited to join our Summer Reading Club. Read at least 20 minutes per day and win free books and other prizes! All children's reading time will be recorded on paper logs this summer. Register at Abington or Roslyn Libraries starting June 19.

PRIDEFEST: ALL AGES
Thursday, June 15
Rain date: Thursday, June 22
Abington Free Library parking lot

TEEN PROGRAMS
Register with Young Adult Librarian Sara Huff at shuff@mcclinc.org, 215-885-5180 ext. 147, or abingtonfreelibrary.org/events

SAT AND ACT SUCCESS WITH MY COLLEGE PLANNING TEAM
Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Zoom
For teens and parents. Find answers to your questions about college entrance exams, including the best time to start studying, keys to achieving your highest score, and how the tests can impact merit aid and scholarships.

VOLUNTEER EVENT: FLEECE BLANKETS FOR FURRY FRIENDS
Friday, April 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Make easy, no-sew blankets for local shelter cats and dogs! Your time will count toward service hours.

VOLUNTEER EVENT: WINDOW PAINTING
Monday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Help us welcome spring by painting our windows! No art skills required. Your time will count toward service hours.

PEEPS DIORAMAS
Thursday, April 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Make a shoebox-sized diorama with the iconic Easter candies—PEEPS!—as the main characters. We'll display them in May and invite the public to vote for their favorite! We supply everything, you bring the creativity.

TAYLOR SWIFT ERAS PARTY
Thursday, May 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Are you ready for it? Join us for a night all about Taylor Swift! Dress up in your favorite era and enjoy snacks, games, music, and more. *Long story short*, you'll be sure to have an *enchanted* evening.



Roslyn libraries. Many thanks to his wife, Belinda, and children Harriet, Henry, and Lucy, for sharing Tom with us. Tom, thank you for everything that you have done for the Abington libraries!

THANK YOU, TOM TYLER!

After more than 20 years of service, Thomas E. Tyler retired from the Abington Township Public Library Board of Trustees at the end of 2022. Most recently, Tom served as the president of the board for eight years. Tom's kindness, intelligence, good humor, and wit made him an invaluable asset during his tenure on the board, where he provided thoughtful counsel, mentored other board members, and advocated on behalf of libraries. We are grateful for all that Tom has done for the Abington and

ART CLASS: MAGIC MOBILE
Thursday, June 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Use air-dry clay to sculpt a magic mobile.
Class led by local artist Amy Grebe.

ART CLASS: NAILED IT
Monday, July 10, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Create your own work of art with nails and string. Class led by local artist Amy Grebe.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Register at the Information Desk, 215-885-5180, ext. 113, or abingtonfreelibrary.org/events

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP - Zoom
Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
April 19: Station Eleven, by Emily St. John Mandel
May 17: Horse, by Geraldine Brooks

VIRTUAL DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
First Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
April 6: Our Country Friends, by Gary Shteyngart
May 4: The Violin Conspiracy, by Brandon Slocumb
June 1: Black Cake, by Charmaine Wilkerson

HISTORY OF JAZZ IN PHILADELPHIA
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
April 19: Lecture on Philadelphia's role in "America's Music"
April 26: Jazz Trio Concert

ADULTS READ YA BOOK CLUB
First Thursday of each month, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Join YA Librarian Sara Huff for a monthly book discussion.

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH
Lectures led by Delaware Valley Advisors.
Wednesdays in April, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Community Room and Zoom
April 5: Principles of Personal Finance
April 12: Financial Planning
April 19: College Planning and Estate Planning
April 26: Emotional Investing and Long-Term Care

CPR/AED CERTIFICATION CLASS
Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Receive your CPR/AED Certification from the American Heart Association at no cost. Sponsored by the Friends of the Abington Township Public Library. Registration required.

HISTORY OF ANTISEMITISM: THE LONGEST HATRED
Wednesday, May 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Room & Zoom
In honor of Jewish History Month, join us in understanding the history of Antisemitism. Registration starts Monday, April 17.

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

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Sign up for a free, 30-minute, one-on-one session with a trusted digital navigator. Register online or call the Information Desk at 215-885-5180, ext. 113.

CHEMISTRY IN EVERYDAY LIFE
Mondays in April, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration required.

STITCH AND CHAT
Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Bring your current projects and stitch with us.

DIGITAL SKILLS READY@50+
Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
April 5: All Things Zoom
April 12: Telemedicine
April 19: Mobile Health Apps
May 3: Online RX Drug Resources
May 10: Money Matters
May 24: Cloud Storage
May 31: Google Maps
June 7: Smartphones
June 14: Introduction to Translation Tools
Register through partner AARP's site or call our Info Desk.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Every Third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – noon

WATERING CAN VIRTUAL WATERCOLOR CLASS
Thursday, April 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration required.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT GOING BROKE
Thursday, April 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Free workshop presented by College Funding Advisors of PA.

JOIN THE FRIENDS! SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES!

The Friends of Abington Libraries is a group of volunteers who support the township libraries through fundraising and advocacy. Our fundraisers support programs such as museum passes, Lucky Day Books, author events, and more.

The Book Cellar, located in the lower level of Abington Library, is our biggest fundraiser. We also run the Silent Jewelry Auction and special sales in the spring and fall. The upcoming Spring Sale is Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., including great bargain prices on books, a plant sale (partnered with the Environmental Advisory Council), bake sale, pretzels, and more. A flea market will open at 9:30 a.m.

We also raise money through membership. You can join by visiting our Friends page on the library website.

Please support us by visiting the Book Cellar on a regular basis, or by coming to Friends events, which are always fun. Look for us at special library events, too.

Our BookCellar hours are:

Monday – Friday: Noon – 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon – 4 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

We welcome all to come to our quarterly meetings, the next two on May 13 and September 9, at 9:45 a.m.

We would love to see you and welcome you as a Friend. Thank you for your support.

- Terry Biansco
President, Friends of Abington Library

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Do you know an adult who is struggling to learn English or who needs help with basic or academic literacy skills? Our volunteer tutors have helped thousands of adults achieve their goals.

Every year people come to us to improve their non-native English skills, to become U.S. citizens, and to become better acclimated to our community. While we welcome people from all over the world, we also help people born and raised nearby. We help adults improve their basic reading, writing and math skills, and help some of our student prepare for a high school equivalency test. We offer small-group classes for English language learners and one-on-one tutoring with our wonderful volunteer tutors. New students are always welcome.

Please consider becoming a volunteer tutor. We have students waiting for help. No experience is necessary! We hold training sessions three times a year. Contact the Adult Literacy Program to learn more.

Contact us for details at 215-885-5183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.

- Elizabeth Sperling,
Program Coordinator

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