

### From the Director's Desk



Our library boasts a useful, easy-to-navigate website, and many of you use it. But many don't! According to a recent Pew Research study, the majority of library users don't even know their library has a website, much less use it to actively enhance their library experience.

Time for you to click on our website! Go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org), and from there you can access the wealth of information and resources our staff has assembled. Manage your account, reserve books, sign up for programs, and explore our online reference resources (eResources).

While you're there, please take a moment and investigate some of the options on the lighter side. There are, literally, thousands of photos spanning a dozen years.



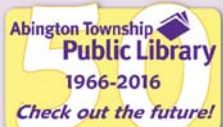
Click on the Picasa icon to see the kids in story time, our volunteers at work, and our staff dressed in their lookalike best.



If you are on Facebook, then "like us" to receive our timely posts. Haven't joined Facebook? You can still browse the latest library events and features on our Facebook page.



Check us out on Pinterest, where we share unique moments in library-land across the world.



Finally, in 2016 we will

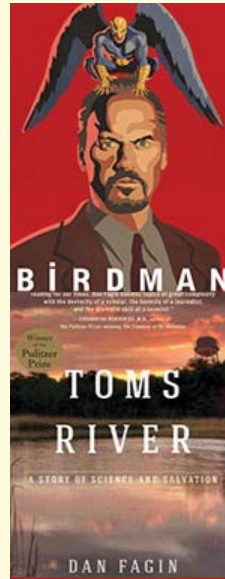
celebrate our Library's 50th birthday! If you have photos or special memories of the Abington Libraries, please share them with us at [abglibrary50@gmail.com](mailto:abglibrary50@gmail.com). Thank you! See you on Facebook and, of course, at the Library.

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall, Executive Director

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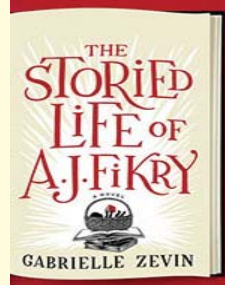
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### Featured Books



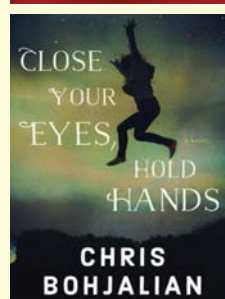
RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion on Sept. 9, 7 p.m.  
Birdman  
Watch the film at Abington Library  
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m.



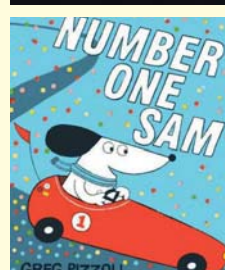
Nov. 4, 7 p.m.  
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry  
by Gabrielle Zevin

...and more!



DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Sept. 3, at 1 p.m.  
Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands  
by Chris Bohjalian



Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child

Number One Sam  
Monday, Oct. 5, from 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
Roslyn Library

### Featured Events



A FORUM ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS  
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 16 and 23, at 7 p.m.



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NAVIGATING SOCIAL SECURITY  
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PETTIT PERFORMS POE  
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.



MILITARY MEMORIES  
Every third Tuesday at 3 and 7 p.m.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries:

Browse our full calendar @ [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events)

Get e-newsletters Email [kburnham@mclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mclinc.org) and ask to be put on the events list.

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[youtube.com/user/AbingtonLibrary](https://youtube.com/user/AbingtonLibrary)





Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!

Abington Library offers wireless printing!

## Reference News

Fall into the library this September and you'll find great ways to learn and grow.

Discover how to use your mobile device to read or listen to books at one of the Wired Wednesday classes.

Learn basic computer skills by signing up for a computer class.



Drop into Decaffeinated and Unwired on the fourth Thursday of the month and join the conversation about books, current events or movies.

We also offer online resources for job seekers and homework help. Go to the eResources page on our website to uncover these and other resources.

Stop by the Information Desk and Ask Us! We look forward to seeing you.

-Mimi Satterthwaite,  
Head, Reference Department,  
215-885-5180, ext. 13

### WIRED WEDNESDAYS

Every first, second and third Wednesday at 2 p.m.  
Every fourth Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

Register at the Information Desk.  
Call 215-885-5180, ext. 13; or email AskAbington@gmail.com.

### Re/ All Library Events

*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.*

## Roslyn Branch Library Events

For information or to register for these FREE programs, email [cfrankford@mclinc.org](mailto:cfrankford@mclinc.org), call 215-886-9818, or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).

**CINDERELLA WILL BE VISITING THE BRANCH!**  
Ages 3 and up  
Friday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.

**PAJAMA PARTIES**  
Ages 3-6  
Mondays: Sept. 14, Dec. 14  
6:30-7 p.m.  
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

**NUTRITION**  
Mary Ann Moylan, nutritionist  
Friday, Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m.

**LEGO CHALLENGE**  
Ages 5-12  
Monday, Sept. 21, 7-8 p.m.

**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**  
Monday, Sept. 28, 7-8 p.m.  
Planting Bulbs in the Fall for Spring Blooms, a Lesson in Patience, with Betsy Nutt.

**BABY DAYS**  
Ages 5 months to 2 years  
Tuesdays: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 27,  
Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m.

Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child  
**NUMBER ONE SAM**  
Ages 3-6  
Monday, Oct. 5, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
Ages 2-5  
Monday, Oct. 26  
6:30-7:15 p.m.  
Stories, dancing, a fun craft and refreshments. Children should wear their costumes.  
Registration begins Oct. 5.  
Limited to 15 children.

**TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?**  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.  
Computer docents available to help you! Call 215-886-9818 to register.

### ZOO 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.

## Children's Programs at Abington Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids).

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Session 1 begins week of Sept. 14 and continues through week of Oct. 19.  
Registration begins Aug. 31.

Session 2 begins week of Nov. 9 and continues through week of Dec. 14.  
Registration begins Oct. 26.

Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Three- to five-year-olds meet on Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

### DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages  
Thursdays: Oct. 1 through May 19, 11-11:30 a.m.  
(No session on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.)  
Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.

### DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Grades 1-5  
Saturdays:  
Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5,  
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 Sept. 15.



### STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI

All ages  
Mondays: Oct. 26 and Nov. 2,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
Enjoy read-alouds with Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji, a registered therapy dog. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.

### TODDLER STORY TIMES

Ages 12-23 months  
Wednesdays:  
Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4 and 11,  
10:30-11 a.m.  
Children attend with parents/caregivers.  
Registration begins Oct. 12.

### STAR WARS PARTY

Ages 5 and up  
Thursday, Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m.  
Celebrate the release of "Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens" with Star Wars trivia, games, food and more!  
Registration begins Dec. 1.

### Gave Money and Energy

Abington Township Environmental Advisory Council's Annual ENERGY SAVING EXPO  
Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

## Teen Programs at Abington Library

To find out more, stop by the Information Desk (215-885-5180, ext. 13), visit [abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens) or email [LCummings@mclinc.org](mailto:LCummings@mclinc.org)

### TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

There's still time left to read & win prizes like a Kindle Fire Tablet!  
Log your reading online at [abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens) by August 16.



### CREATIVE JOURNALING with artist DIANA TROUT

Thursdays @ 6:30-8pm  
Sept 10 - Oct 1.  
Ages 12 & up  
Bring your journal and explore new techniques!

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
"THE MAZE RUNNER"  
Monday, Sept 14, from 6:30-8:30pm  
Ages 13-18  
Watch "The Maze Runner" with other fans before you see the sequel "The Scorch Trials" in theaters Sept 18.

### Join AB-TAB

Become a member of the library's Teen Advisory Board. Plan programs, vote on new books, and earn service hours. Get an application at the Information Desk or email [LCummings@mclinc.org](mailto:LCummings@mclinc.org).

## Adult Programs at Abington Library



To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office (215-885-5180, ext. 15), email [kmccinnis@mcclinc.org](mailto:kmccinnis@mcclinc.org), or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

**DECAFFEINATED – AND UNWIRED**  
talk with a cuppa decaf and new friends every 4th Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

**RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Sept. 9 - *Birdman* (Come watch the film Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m.)

Oct. 7 - *Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation* by Dan Fagin

Nov. 4 - *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Charbonnet

March 2 - *The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton

April 6 - *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes

May 4 - *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee

**FORUM ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**  
Wednesdays: Sept. 9, 16 and 23, 7 p.m.

**DRAWING CLASS LEVEL II**  
Thursdays: Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1 and 8, 7 p.m.

**PARTICIPATION IS POWER CONVERSATION HOUR**  
State Sen. Art Haywood's neighborhood meeting.  
Thursday, Sept. 17, 7-8 p.m.

**FRONT ROW SEAT TO HISTORY WITH ED EISEN**  
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
Mondays: Sept. 21 and Oct. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

**ELLEN TEPPER AND FRIENDS**  
Sunday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m.

**ITALIAN CLASS**  
Mondays: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1-2 p.m.

**NAVIGATING SOCIAL SECURITY**  
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE**  
Oct. 15 and 16, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

**LIFE COACHING**  
Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

**PETTIT PERFORMS POE**  
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY REFRESHER COURSE**  
Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

**MILITARY MEMORIES**  
Every third Tuesday of the month at 3 and 7 p.m.

**DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**SOCRATES CAFÉ**  
Every second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-noon

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

## News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

### BOOKCELLAR

The Friends of Abington Libraries are volunteers dedicated to helping ensure the future and excellence of our libraries through a variety of fundraising, advocacy and community-spirit building activities. The Friends meet in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9:30 a.m. New members (and new ideas) are always welcome.

To learn more about the Friends, call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; speak to one of our members; or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends).

**FALL BOOK AND PLANT SIDEWALK SALE:** Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Abington Library (rain or shine). All books will be half price. Colorful mums will be on sale.

**SCARECROW CONTEST:** month of October. Create a scarecrow resembling a character from your favorite children's or young adult book. Entry forms and contest rules will be available at the Circulation Desk and on the website. Scarecrows will be displayed in Abington Library.

**MIMI ZABEL JEWELRY SILENT AUCTION:** month of November. This is a great opportunity to purge your jewelry box of items you no longer wear and to benefit your library. Please drop jewelry donations at the Circulation Desk at your earliest convenience.

**ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE:** Tuesday, Nov. 3. Contributions of home-baked goods will be needed for this event.

**BOOKCELLAR**  
The Friends' biggest fundraiser is the BookCellar, a used-book store on the lower level of the Abington Library. 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. Books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices. Stop by and explore our extensive collection! We also sell on Amazon.

### 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!*

Many thanks to those who have already contributed in response to our 2015-16 annual appeal letter!

We appreciate your partnership in supporting our community libraries.

- Liz Christian, President,  
The Friends of Abington Township Public Libraries

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## Adult Literacy Program

Since 1984, the Adult Literacy Program has been pairing trained volunteer tutors with adults wishing to improve their English literacy skills. Each year, our tutors help over 140 adults, whether they are interested in improving their reading and writing skills or learning English for the first time. Our tutors also help students prepare for the high school equivalency diploma and other tests. In addition, we offer small-group classes for English language learners to practice their English skills as they learn about our government and culture. With the help of our terrific tutors, our students gain employment, enter educational or vocational programs, become U.S. citizens and become more empowered members of our community. Since all our programs are free of charge, we rely on the support of the community to continue this effort.

We will be training new tutors Monday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. We also offer programs for our volunteer tutors on various topics throughout the year.


For more information, please stop by the Literacy Office or contact us 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



## Featured eResources

 **WORLD eBook**, a premier collection of illustrated, continually updated titles, supports a span of curriculum areas and reading levels. It offers eBooks with unlimited simultaneous access and downloads for offline reading, interactive games, videos, audio clips and even a free app. You can customize online bookshelves, highlight text and make notes.

**Bloom's Literature** covers "the greatest achievements of the Western literary tradition" by author, their works, themes, critical analyses and more. Learn strategies for writing essays on literature. Explore thousands of essays, biographies and character entries. Expand your research with award-winning performances by such actors as Kate Burton, Helena Bonham Carter, James Earl Jones and George Takei. Watch videos ranging from 1922's "Nosferatu" to the 2013 productions of William Shakespeare's plays performed at Shakespeare's Globe – all from *Bloom's Literature*.

### Abington Free Library

1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001  
215-885-5180, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://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](http://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.

[AskAbington@gmail.com](mailto:AskAbington@gmail.com)

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## Staff Spotlight - Linda Jones

 Linda Jones is the reference librarian who organizes all our computer classes and our job center and has an uncanny ability to plan hugely popular library programs, such as "Meditation and Stress Management."

She was born in Lynchburg, Va. and lived there for her first 25 years. She still maintains both her twang and her charm and will sweetly say, "Well, bless your heart," when what she really means is, "Are you kidding me? You must be crazy!"

Linda moved to Pennsylvania after attending East Tennessee State University. She had started as an accounting major. (Her dad, was, after all, a Virginia state accountant.) Despite loving numbers and trying to balance them, she also had a side that loved to read, so she switched her major to English.

She also volunteered in her high school and college libraries. Even though she didn't know it at the time, her career was unfurling right in front of her.

Among her many library jobs were those with ECRI, a bio-medical company, and the Montgomery County Library in Norristown.

She also worked for McNeil Laboratories, which offered to pay her graduate school tuition, so off she went to Villanova.

She managed a job, two children and graduate school but also found time for serious downhill skiing, which had become a passion when she moved to colder climes.

Degree in hand, she went to work at Cold Spring Elementary School in Upper Moreland before joining the Abington Library staff in 2002.

In addition to downhill skiing, she traveled extensively in the Caribbean, including visits to Belize, the Turks and Caicos, Montego Bay and Cabo San Lucas. One of her more memorable vacation experiences was getting upgraded to first class for free.

When she's not working, Linda loves to garden, both here and at her house in Cape May. She loves the sea and the sand and spends many summer weekends at the shore, where she also diligently attends every possible yard sale.

When she reads, she likes true crime and novels by John Grisham, James Patterson



and Patricia Cornwell. She lives in the moment, she says, and she always has. Fantasy and science fiction have never been appealing to her.

But margaritas, now, they really appeal to her. Bless her heart.



– Lois Odabas, Staff Writer