

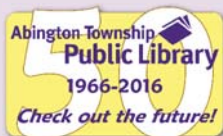


### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

In 2016, the Abington Township Public Library is celebrating 50 years of serving our community.

Our libraries are still what they were in 1966: reliable, helpful and open to all. Along the way to 2016, we have become high-tech, professional and innovative. Just ask the more than 335,000 people who pass through our doors each year to read, study, use our computers, learn how to use their devices, borrow the latest bestseller (we checked out more than 500,000 items last year), work on a family tree, look for a job, participate in our Adult Literacy Program or read stories to a dog.

This year, in partnership with our Friends of the Library, we created a beautiful Discovery Garden, complete with commemorative pavers, to mark this milestone. We're also proud to have been named Non-Profit of the Year by the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.



Fifty years is no small thing! And I thank all who have made it possible: our top-notch staff, committed Friends and Board of Trustees, and our loyal patrons. Because we worked together, we can all say we had a part in creating two library gems, founded way back when the Beatles and the Beach Boys ruled the airwaves.

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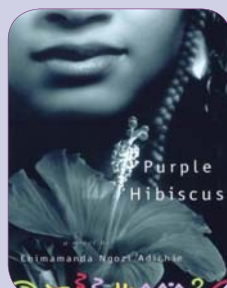
### FEATURED BOOKS AND FILM

Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group

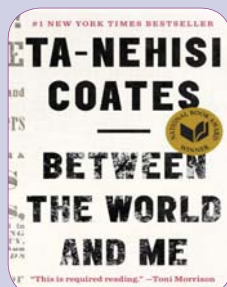
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Oct. 19, *Purple Hibiscus*



Nov. 16, *Between the World and Me*



*Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story*  
Oct. 17,  
6:30 p.m.  
Ages 3 to 6.

### FEATURED EVENTS

#### GILBERT & SULLIVAN



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CAROL B. POLIS, The First Woman Professional Boxing Judge  
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MOST INFLUENTIAL MUSIC ALBUMS Monday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.



SAGA OF A WINTERING HUMMINGBIRD  
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Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries: Browse our full calendar @ [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events). Get e-Newsletters Email [kburnham@mcclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mcclinc.org) and ask to be put on the events list.

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## REFERENCE NEWS

### This fall, stop by the library and try out a laptop or an iPad

Five laptops and five iPads are available for the public to use on the study tables throughout the library – on the main floor, in Young Adult, in Children’s and the Roslyn Branch. They are another resource for accessing your email account, browsing the Internet, typing a paper or practicing your computer skills.

### Magazines

We have many magazines available for you to read in the library and to check out! Our magazine collection is located at the south end of the building. We also offer young adult and children’s magazines. Please ask about our collections.

We also offer access to 100 digital magazines through an online service called Zinio. All residents of Montgomery County can access this service to borrow magazines online. You can find a link to Zinio and instructions for using this service on our website.

### Yearbooks

Our Abington High School Yearbook collection (The Oracle) has been digitized! The years 1918-2015 (except 1922) are available to view at Abington and the Roslyn Branch on DVDs created by the Oklahoma Correctional Industries. They will be available online in the fall on POWER Library’s PA Photos and Documents site. This can be found by clicking on eResources on the library website and looking for POWER Library.

Please call, stop by, or email us with your questions.

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## ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS



**On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!**  
Children’s Summer Reading Club continues through Sept. 2.  
Book Wheel game continues through Sept. 30.

**Roslyn READS!**  
Continues through Aug. 22.  
Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. OR  
Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**LEGO CLUB** every Saturday  
between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**KIDS COOK: TZATZIKI** Ages 5-12  
Friday, Aug. 26, from 11-noon.

**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**  
Monday, Sept. 19, 7-8 p.m.  
Going Green with Sharon Gross

**PAJAMA PARTIES** Ages 3-6  
Mondays: Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, 6:30-7 p.m.  
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

**MOST INFLUENTIAL MUSIC ALBUMS**  
Monday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.  
Join Gary Cunningham, R.N., M.A., a local resident, for an open discussion about music.

**FALL PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES**  
Oct. 3-Dec. 15.  
Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 12.

**BABY DAYS**  
Ages 5 months to 2 years  
Tuesdays: Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, and Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 13.

**JOIN BEDTIME MATH’S MARCH OF THE STUFFED ANIMALS!**  
Ages 3-6. Monday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7:15 p.m.



**KITE DAY: A BEAR AND MOLE STORY**  
Pennsylvania’s One Book, Every Young Child  
Ages 3 to 6. Monday, Oct. 17, 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 26

**HALLOWEEN PARTY** Ages 2-5  
Monday, Oct. 31, 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
Children should wear their costumes. Registration begins Oct. 10. Limited to 20 children.

**TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?**  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.  
Computer docents available!

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## CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

**PRESCHOOL FUN DAY** Ages 2-3  
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Stories, songs, crafts and games for children and their parents/caregivers.  
Registration begins July 26.

**JUNIOR FUN DAY** Ages 4-6  
Thursday, Aug. 11, 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Sports-themed stories, songs, crafts and games. Parents/caregivers welcome.  
Registration begins July 26.

**STORY TIMES WITH PATRICIA AND MARY** - All ages  
Wednesdays: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 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. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

**SPANISH STORY TIME (HORA DEL CUENTO ESPANOL)** Ages 5-8  
Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7-7:45 p.m.  
Join us for stories, songs and crafts presented in Spanish. Registration begins Aug. 1. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES**  
Session 1 begins week of Sept. 12 and continues through week of Oct. 17. Registration begins Aug. 23. Session 2 begins week of Nov. 7 and continues through week of Dec. 12. Registration begins Oct. 18. Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. (no session on Election Day, Nov. 8); three- to five-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**DROP-IN STORY TIMES** All ages  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Oct. 6 through May 18  
(No session on Nov. 24, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.)  
Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

**TODDLER STORY TIMES**  
Ages 12-23 months  
Wednesdays: Oct. 19 and 26; Nov. 2 and 9, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Children attend with parents/caregivers. Registration begins Oct. 10.

**DOGGONE GOOD READERS**  
Grades 1-5  
Saturdays: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3  
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. 13.

**BUILD-A-MANIA** All ages  
Thursdays: Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Everyone’s favorite building program is back! Bring your family (toddlers welcome) and build like crazy with LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, K’Nex and more than a dozen Lakeshore Learning kits. Come when you can; doors will open at 6. No registration required.

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## TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

**TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**  
Continues through Aug. 21.  
Ages 12-18. Read for a chance to win! Log your reading online every week and you’ll be entered to win raffle prizes like gift cards and free food. The more you read, the more raffle entries you’ll get. Reach the goal of more than 600 minutes and you’ll be invited to the Teen Summer Reading Party on Aug. 30, where you could win the grand prize, a Kindle Fire HD tablet!

**COLLEGE ESSAY BOOTCAMP – JUST FOR TEENS**  
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Get proven tips on writing a college essay.

**SURVIVING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS – JUST FOR PARENTS**  
Thursday, Aug. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Parents will learn how to help their teen write a college essay.

**STYLIZE YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - Ages 10 and up  
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2-3 p.m.  
Go back to school in style! Bring in your new school supplies and personalize them with washable tape, markers and more.



**MINI-OLYMPICS**  
Monday, Aug. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Ages 12-18  
Form an “Olympic team” and try to win gold by completing challenges in under a minute. The fastest team wins prizes! Register at the Information Desk or online.

**JOIN AB-TAB**  
Ages 12-18.  
The Teen Advisory Board shares ideas and plans programs for teens. Service hours are awarded. Apply at the Information Desk.

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Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!

Abington Library offers wireless printing!

## ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

Join the first ever Abington ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM through Aug. 21. Sign up now!

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

Sept. 14 - *The Revenant*  
Oct. 19 - *Purple Hibiscus*  
Nov. 16 - *Between the World and Me*  
March - *The Sympathizer*  
April - *The Vegetarian*  
May - *Black Flags*

“GILBERT & SULLIVAN”  
Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m., featuring  
a touring group from the Savoy  
Company of Philadelphia.

BASIC DRAWING CLASS  
Thursdays: Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13,  
7-8:30 p.m.

CAROL B. POLIS, The First  
Woman Professional Boxing Judge  
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2-4 p.m.

VINTAGE BOOK TO E-READER COVER  
Monday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. with  
Diana Trout. For teens to adults.

SÅGA OF A WINTERING  
HUMMINGBIRD  
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2-4 p.m.

THE WORLD OF ESPIONAGE  
Two Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Nov. 7: “The U.S. Intelligence  
Community: Honorable Treachery?”  
Nov. 14: “The U.S. Intelligence  
Community: Future Challenges”

MILITARY MEMORIES  
Every 3rd Tuesday, at 3 and 7 p.m.  
Walk-ins welcome.

DECAFFEINATED – AND  
UNWIRED ...  
Every 4th Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS ON MONDAY  
Solve the NYT Sunday crossword  
puzzle with others. Mondays at  
10:30 a.m. No registration required.

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

SOCRATES CAFÉ  
Every second Wednesday of the  
month from 10:30-noon.  
Walk-ins welcome!

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

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## NEWS & VIEWS OF THE FRIENDS OF ABINGTON LIBRARIES

The Friends are saddened by the loss of our past-President, Liz Christian, whose dedication and enthusiasm enriched the library and the Friends.



Liz was an avid promoter of the library and its programs, particularly Adult Literacy. As a member of the Library's 50th Anniversary Committee, she was instrumental in planning the Discovery Garden, dedicated on June 25. The garden, near the Abington Library main entrance, features a “literary” bench and commemorative pavers and is an inviting reading and meeting space. The Friends thank everyone who purchased pavers.

The Friends support the programs of the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising and advocacy.

### BOOKCELLAR

The BookCellar, which sells gently used books, DVDs, audio books, and music CDs at bargain prices, raises funds for our libraries. Donations of books and media are needed all year and are tax-deductible.

Please visit the BookCellar on the Abington Library lower level. Hours are 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.

#### 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!

## UPCOMING FRIENDS ACTIVITIES:

**Quarterly Meeting:**  
Saturday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.,  
Community Room in the lower  
level of the Abington Library.  
Open to all; ideas welcome!

**Friends Book and Plant Sale:**  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,  
Abington Library.  
Books will be half-price!

**Scarecrow contest:** Create a  
scarecrow character from your  
favorite children's or young adult  
book. Entries are due Sept. 28;  
the scarecrows will be on display  
in the Abington Library Oct.  
1-23. Library patrons can vote  
for their favorite scarecrow!

**Boscov's Friends Helping  
Friends Day:** Support our  
Libraries; buy a shopping  
pass for \$5 and receive a  
25% discount on purchases  
made at the Boscov's store in  
Plymouth Meeting on Tuesday,  
Oct. 18. Passes will be sold  
in the BookCellar starting in  
September.

**Mimi Zabel Jewelry Silent  
Auction:** Jewelry donations are  
needed! Purge your jewelry box  
of items you no longer wear.  
Please leave your donations at  
the Circulation Desk between  
Aug. 1 and Oct. 15. The auction  
will be in November.

Please join the Friends!  
Visit [abingtonfreelibrary.org/  
about-us/friends](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends).

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## ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



For over 30 years, the Adult Literacy Program has been pairing trained volunteer tutors with adults wishing to improve their 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. In addition, our tutors help students study for tests necessary to move forward in their careers, including the high school equivalency test. 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 of our programs are free of charge, we rely on the support of the community to continue this effort.

We will be training new tutors on Oct. 26 and 27. Please contact us for details. We 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

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ”  
SUMMER READING CLUB 2016  
Preschoolers through  
entering grade 6. 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.

**FILM FRIDAYS**  
**FREE MOVIES THIS SUMMER!**

No advance registration required.

Come early; seating is limited.  
All movies start at 1 p.m.  
at Abington Free Library.

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July 22 - X-Men: Days of Future Past - PG-13 *text to the screen!*  
July 29 - Joy - PG-13  
August 5 - Rio - G  
August 12 - Wild - R  
August 19 - The Fault in Our Stars - PG-13 *text to the screen!*



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Children's Department ext. 28  
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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  
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Hours: Mon., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
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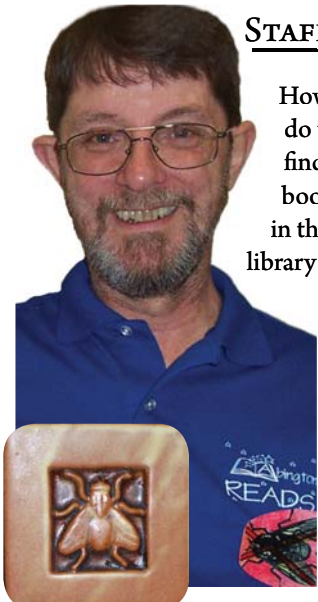
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**STAFF SPOTLIGHT – MICHAEL RECHEL**



How do you find a book in the library?

Michael Rechel is the Head of our Technical Services Department. He oversees the processing of every item that is purchased or donated to the library. It is a daunting task, but Michael brings to it a wealth of experience.

Raised in Williamsport, Pa., he attended the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, with the intention of becoming a music teacher. But opera stole his heart. In the absence of a major in opera production and direction, he created his own, at one point taking four German and three Italian classes simultaneously. (His ability to perfectly decline a German sentence didn't much impress his Italian professor.) Deciding not to teach, he chose to pursue a graduate degree in musicology, which required him to find some way of paying the rent and eating. He took a job at the Sibley Music Library in 1975,

and, thanks to tuition remission, was able to earn his master's degree in library science.

In the winter of 1977, 20 feet of snow fell in Rochester and chased him down to Philadelphia, where he became a cataloging librarian at Bryn Mawr College. There he developed a lasting love of archaeology, particularly Bronze Age Aegean art. Bryn Mawr was followed by stints at the N.J. State Library; as an editor for Catholic Library Association; and as director of the Pitman (N.J.) Public Library and Head Librarian at the East Cheltenham Library, before finally returning to his roots, cataloging, here at Abington.

When Michael arrived here in 2002, he discovered 10,000 records of items that had been cataloged "on-the-fly" when the library adopted barcodes in 1999. These were records that

essentially had no information in them, save a barcode and a call number. Michael and his staff doggedly tracked down every single one of them and properly cataloged them, so people could find the titles they were looking for. At the end of that mammoth project, in 2005, he was presented with a large ceramic fly, which still adorns his desk.

But what of opera? He channeled that passion into a series of cats he adopted over the years. In order, Boheme, Tosca, twins Mimi and Rudi, Mario, Lucia, Giorgietta and Isadora. Presently, he is the fond human of Thais and Sophie.

So the next time you walk into the library and find exactly what you want, thank the alchemy of cataloging and our wizard of same, Michael Rechel.



-Lois Odabas, Staff Writer