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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT - SHIBANI MITRA

Shibani Mitra is our magazine maven. You will see her as she makes her rounds, replacing the magazines in their plastic folders, sorting out and putting the older issues in order on the shelves underneath. Of course, she does so much more that you can't see, including processing purchase orders, linking serial records, and preparing all the legal, medical and financial newsletters that we carry.

Shibani was born and raised in Calcutta, India. She comfortably speaks three languages, Bengali, Hindi and English. Her father worked for India Railway, which meant her family got to ride first class all over the country. As a child, she saw most of India: from cooling river cruises in Kerala, and

the amazing architecture and ancient temples of Madras in the south; to Darjeeling in the Himalayan north.

In India, Shibani got a degree in science, before immigrating to the United States with her husband, who got his MBA here. Before her children were born, she worked in the Herbarium at the Academy of Natural Sciences, which is a library of plants. She also worked on early digitization projects at the Morris Arboretum.

When her daughter was born, Shibani became a full-time mother and a full-time library mom. She brought her children to all the storytimes and children's programs that Abington Library offered, especially Science in the Summer. Her daughter,

especially, loved to read, bringing actual boxes to fill at the library so she would have enough to read. When she was old enough, her daughter started working as a library page, and her son became a volunteer helper for Science in the Summer.

That daughter is now a lawyer and her son, an engineer.

Shibani also volunteered at the library at Rydal Elementary, which made for a logical launchpad to working in a public library. Shibani started working at the Jenkintown Library in 1998, a position she still holds. She added Abington Library to her résumé in 2005.

- Lois Odabas  
Staff Writer

Don't you just love the library, where you can come in and read all the new issues of your favorite magazines? Or check out older issues and take them home with you? It's such a comfy feeling, you probably don't even realize there's work involved. Sorting, routing, Rolodex ... these are all terms we librarians throw around to describe the path a magazine takes from the mail bin to the shelf.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I write this from the tiny Cape May (City) Public Library. It is small, but mighty. Their library system uses the same ILS (Integrated Library System, similar to inventory control) as Abington's; the staff is helpful and tech-savvy; and, as of 9:15 a.m., there are at least 20 people in here.

Why not write this at home? Because I love a busman's holiday. When traveling, I visit libraries. Up and down 7-Mile Beach, one can find some of the newest libraries out there. Stone Harbor Public Library has a fireplace (I wouldn't sleep nights); Wildwood Crest's has a green roof, from where one can sit and see and hear the surf. Heaven. This fall I'll be in Mountain Grove, MO. One of my first stops will be the library.

Most of our staff and Board of Trustees do the same thing. We have dozens and dozens of photos of us posing in front of library signs around the world. My neighbor, a pharmacist, visits local pharmacies. Another visits hardware stores. I think we all do this for one reason: to bring home ideas we can put into motion, to learn best practices, and to connect with colleagues from around the world.

Abington Libraries staff encourage you to do the same and to share your discoveries with us. Who knows what we might "borrow" from a library halfway around the world?

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall  
Executive Director of Abington Libraries

*In the photos:*  
Doug Callantine at the State Library of New South Wales, Australia, Lois and Leyla Odabas at the Bursa Town Library, Turkey, Nancy Marshall at the West Yellowstone Public Library, MT, Linda Jones at the Cape May Public Library, NJ



## FEATURED EVENTS AND ITEMS

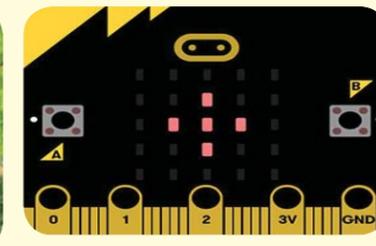


### Searching for Your Roots

Tour led by David Rowland  
Saturday, Sept. 15, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Introduction led by Heather Willever-Farr  
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Find out more inside...



Thursday, Oct. 4,  
6:30-8 p.m.



Code Quest - Micro:bit  
Ages 10-14. Date TBD.



Sunday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.  
Prof. Laura Little introduces her book  
**Guilty Pleasures.**



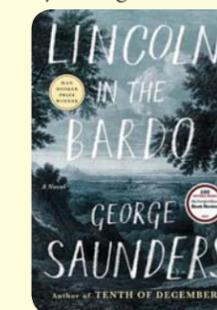
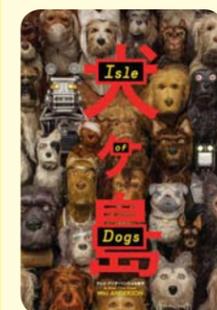
Borrowable Science Kits  
at Roslyn Library!

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

Sept. 12, *Isle of Dogs*  
(A Wes Anderson film)

Oct. 10, *A Tale for the Time Being*,  
by Ruth Ozeki

Nov. 7, *Lincoln in the Bardo*,  
by George Saunders



## RECENT SIGNIFICANT DONORS

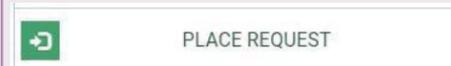
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## REFERENCE NEWS

This fall starts off with a new look to our online catalog and new e-resources available on our website from the state's Power Library. Please stop by for more information or instruction.

Many features in the online catalog remain the same, but you'll find them in new places. For example, the drop-down menu to switch between branch libraries is now on the top left, instead of the top right. You can use this menu to find out more quickly if a specific library has the item you want.

To place a request, look for this new icon on the screen:



Once you click on "Place Request," log on with your library card and password.

The menu to sort search results is now in the right corner of the results list, instead of in the center. This option appears when performing keyword, phrase or advanced searching.

Power Library resources are changing!

Power Library offers electronic resources to all Pennsylvania residents, with funding and support from the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

A few resources of note are:

Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL), which offers encyclopedias and specialized reference sources on a variety of topics from history, government, environment and math.

Informe Académico, which supports Spanish-speaking researchers with a wide range of full-text articles from scholarly journals and magazines both from and about Latin America, written in Spanish and Portuguese.

(Informe Académico proporciona acceso a periódicos y revistas especializadas de lengua española y portuguesa. La base de datos ofrece una amplia gama de contenidos sobre América Latina.)

Power Search, which searches three Gale e-resources – Academic OneFile, General OneFile and InfoTrac Newsstand – all in one place!

To access these resources in the library or remotely (requires a library card), go to: <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources/power-library>

 Look for the Power Library logo!

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](mailto:askabington@gmail.com).

-- Mimi Satterthwaite and all the reference staff

## ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

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

**LEGO CLUB**  
Saturdays 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**BABY DAYS**  
Ages 6 months–2 years  
Tuesdays 11–11:30 a.m.

Session I  
Sept. 11–Oct. 30  
Registration starts Aug. 20.

Session II  
Nov. 13–Dec. 4  
Registration starts Oct. 29

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**  
Ages 3 to 5  
Thursdays 11–11:30 a.m.

Session I  
Sept. 13– Nov. 1  
Registration starts Aug 20.

Session II  
Nov. 15–Dec. 6  
Registration starts Oct. 29.

**KNITTING CLASS**  
Ages 16 and up  
Mondays 3–4 p.m.  
Sept. 10–Oct. 15  
Registration starts Aug. 27.

**MOVIE EXCITEMENT**  
Crafts based on kids favorite movies. Ages 5 to 11  
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1–3 p.m.  
Drop In

**MASTER GARDENER TALKS**  
"The Fall Garden: Put it to Bed, Plan Ahead"  
Monday, Oct. 1, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

"Your Perennial Garden: Fall Flowers and Color"  
Monday, Oct. 8, 7–8 p.m.  
Registration starts Sept. 10.

**FAMILY NIGHTS**   
Ages 3–8  
Mondays, 6:30–7:15 p.m.

Sept. 24  
Registration starts Sept. 4

Oct. 15  
Registration starts Sept. 24

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

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

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Sept. 10-Oct. 15; Nov. 5-Dec. 10  
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.  
Sept. 11-Oct. 16; Nov. 6-Dec. 11  
All ages welcome. This program might be most fun and educational for ages 2 & 3. No registration required.

**KIWANIS STORY TIMES**  
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Oct. 4- May 16  
(No sessions on Nov. 22, Dec. 27 and April 18)  
Stories and songs presented by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff.  
No registration required.

**"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES**  
Ages 8-23 months  
Wednesdays, Oct. 17– Nov. 14  
Children attend with parents/caregivers. Online registration begins Oct. 3 at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).

**BUILD-A-MANIA**  
All ages  
Thursday, Nov. 1, 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.

*More children's programs (including Doggone Good Readers) are in the works. Please visit our website or watch for new flyers this fall.*

## TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

Teen Advisory Board: AB-TAB  
Grades 6-12  
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7-8 p.m.  
Get service hours and volunteer at the library! We meet once a month to create programs and complete service projects.

**SAT vs. ACT WORKSHOP**  
Monday, Sept. 17, 7-8 p.m.  
MK Tutoring will explain the differences between these college entrance exams so you can choose the best exam for your needs.

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS:**  
It's All About U  
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.  
Students and parents will learn how to get an edge in the competitive world of college admissions.

*Check the website for more teen programs!*



## ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

**RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 12 - Isle of Dogs, film  
Oct. 10 - A Tale for the Time Being  
Nov. 7 - Lincoln in the Bardo

**SEARCHING FOR YOUR ROOTS?**  
Abington Presbyterian Cemetery Tour  
Saturday, Sept. 15, 10-11:30 a.m.

Intro to Genealogical Research and Preserving Documents and Photos  
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register for both now.

## LIBRARY COOKBOOK CHALLENGE

Thursday, Oct. 4 & Dec. 6 (cookie exchange) 6:30-8 p.m.

**MAKE, RAK, AND TAKE** (RAK = random acts of kindness)  
Saturday, Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m.  
Make greeting cards with artist Diana Trout. Donate some to a local nursing home. Drop in or stay the whole time.

Celebrate Burton's 20<sup>th</sup> year with us!  
**BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS**  
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.  
Shorday Room  
Nov. 1 – Obsessive Compulsive Can Be Fun  
Nov. 8 – Hotels, Hotels, Hotels  
Nov. 15 – The Best Years 

**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.

**COMPUTER TUTORING**  
Get help with internet, tablets, smartphones, programs, or any other computer questions you may 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, at 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 support the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising from BookCellar sales and special events. We also sponsor library programs and advocate for the libraries.

### JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED NOW

Please donate your gently used earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings and other jewelry for the Friends Jewelry Silent Auction. Donations needed immediately, though we will accept them until Oct. 15. Please bring them to the circulation desk at Abington Library. Receipts available for tax-deductible donations. The auction takes place throughout November to honor Mimi Zabel, longtime BookCellar volunteer. Thanks!

Upcoming Friends Activities:

Quarterly Meeting:  
Saturday, Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m., Community Room on the lower level, Abington Library. Open to all; ideas welcome!

Friends Book and Plant Sale: Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Abington Library. All books 50% off BookCellar prices! Beautiful fall flowers for sale, plus raffle baskets, soft pretzels and cookies. In addition, there will be a bag sale – fill a bag of books for \$2! in the Community Room on Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., and on Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Election Day Cookie Sale, Tuesday, Nov. 6. Please support the library by baking or buying cookies. You can bring donations to the circulation desk the day before. Please indicate if your cookies have nuts.

Support the libraries by shopping at the BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library. You'll find bargain-priced used books, DVDs and more. Hours are:  
Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri., noon-4 p.m.;  
Wed., noon-4:30 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
We also sell on Amazon.

The BookCellar needs donations of gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for adults and children. Please bring them in paper bags, up to three bags at a time, to the circulation desk. Donate Wednesday through Saturday at Abington Library; Thursday through Saturday at Roslyn Library. Your donations may be tax-deductible.

Join the Friends

Visit [abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends) or contact us at [FriendsATPL@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsATPL@gmail.com) or 215-885-5180, ext. 136.

- Ellen Baxter,  
President of the Friends of Abington Libraries

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## ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Now in its 34th year, the Adult Literacy program continues to help area adults improve their literacy skills. Volunteers, trained through our program, help students learn English, improve their basic reading and writing skills, or prepare to take a high school equivalency test. Our volunteers work with students individually. We also offer small-group classes for adults who are learning English.

Every year, our free program helps over 150 students, helping them become more engaged and more productive members of our community. Our tutors exemplify the goal of working locally to create real and sustained change.

Our next New Tutor Training will be held over three evenings: Monday, Oct. 8, Wednesday, Oct. 10, and Thursday, Oct. 11. 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](mailto:ablit1@yahoo.com).

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

- Elizabeth Sperling,  
Literacy Coordinator