



From our Director

Year after year, the annual Summer Reading Club frenzy heralds the arrival of one of our busiest times of the year – and one of the most fun! More than a thousand children will enroll in our SRC to read for the fun of it.

Studies show that these clubs help ensure that students retain reading and learning skills over the summer vacation, and they take advantage of children's natural curiosity. Children who read during the summer discover new interests, genres and favorite authors based on their own self-directed efforts. Who knows what they might find in our stacks?

Summer Reading Club members will be greeted by the fabulous dragon pictured on the right. I'd like to extend our thanks to the talented Abington High School students who created him: Kimberly Bing, Sharon Bing, Jarred Haines, Stephen Harris, Marley Weiner and their teachers Nicole Caracciolo and Dave Ferro.



- Nancy Hammeke Marshall

Volunteer Spotlight – Hannah Sutin

Hannah Sutin saw a need. She grew up with the wonder and magic of classic and modern fairy tales and realized that many children didn't. Now, some would sit back and complain – but not Hannah. Spotting a Philadelphia Eagles grant application at school, she imagined a solution. She got the grant and, guided by Carolyn DuBois, Children's Librarian, she created the exciting, interactive program called "Reading for Rascals" that features fairy tale read-alouds, impromptu skits, hands-on crafts, and lots of laughter! Although Hannah plans and purchases behind the scenes, she also joins her team of nine dedicated and creative co-leaders in performing skits and crafts. Children are captivated by the teens' enthusiasm for reading and acting out their favorite stories, and parents rave about the programs, too.



Talking to Hannah is quite an experience: wonderful ideas flow freely from her; she wears beautiful, flowing dresses in wild colors. Perhaps a sparkling star will appear next to her eye or a bright color will be streaked in her hair. She is a breeze to work with, being capable, affable, and driven; she is determined to enrich children's imaginations and to put books in their hands.



This summer, Hannah has developed four more "Reading for Rascals" programs. When she couldn't reinstate the grant, she turned to our Friends of the Library, who gladly gave her the funds. April's Anime Drawing Workshop for teens turned out to be so popular that the participants urged Linda Jones, Young Adult Librarian, to offer more. Hannah and her team to the rescue: three more Anime programs are scheduled for this summer.

Oh, one more thing – Hannah was just 15 when she first came to us. She's now 16, and we can't wait to see what she comes up with next!

- Karen Burnham and Carolyn DuBois



FAMILY FUN NIGHTS - Ages 3 and Up

- July 6, 7-8 p.m. - **READING IS MAGIC**, Registration begins June 27.
- July 13, 7-8 p.m. - **"JOUST" JOKING**, Registration begins July 5.
- July 20, 7-7:50 p.m. - **MUSIC MANIA**, Registration begins July 11.
- July 27, 7-7:45 p.m. - **A "KNIGHT" TO REMEMBER**, Registration begins July 18.
- Aug 3, 7-7:45 p.m. - **PRINCELY PUPPETS**, Registration begins July 25.
- Aug 10, 7-8 p.m. - **"SHREK" & "THE LION KING"**, Registration begins August 1.

READING FOR RASCALS - Ages 6-9 - Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m.

- Entirely created and led by teens. Stories, skits, crafts, games. Explore real and imaginary worlds.
- July 6 - **ABINGTON IN WONDERLAND** - Registration begins June 27.
 - July 13 - **THE WORLD OF DREAMS** - Registration begins July 5.
 - July 20 - **DRAGONS** - Registration begins July 11.
 - July 27 - **ASIAN INFUSION** - Registration begins July 18.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS - Ages 2-3 Stories, songs & crafts. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 or 11-11:30 a.m.

- July 5 - **POP-UP STORIES** - Registration begins June 23.
- July 12 - **SOUNDS & MOVEMENT** - Registration begins June 30.
- July 19 - **TO MARKET, TO MARKET** - Registration begins July 7.

JUNIOR FUN DAYS - Ages 4-6 Stories, songs & crafts. Mondays, 10:15-11 or 11:15-noon

- July 11 - **A DRAGON-LIKE DAY** - Registration begins June 30.
- July 18 - **A UNICORN DAY** - Registration begins July 7.
- July 25 - **A MAGICAL DAY** - Registration begins July 14.

BOOK BUDDIES - Book discussion - Entering 2nd or 3rd grade - Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

- July 14 - **HORRIBLE HARRY AND THE DROP OF DOOM** - Regis. & book pickup June 30.
 - July 21 - **BUTTERFLY BUDDIES** - Regis. & book pickup July 7.
 - July 28 - **JAKE DRAKE, BULLY BUSTER** - Regis. & book pickup July 14.
 - Aug 4 - **STUART'S CAPE** - Regis. & book pickup July 21.
- Please pick up books within 2 days of call-in registration.
YOU BRING LUNCH—BEVERAGE & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED

LITERARY LUNCHESES - Book discussion entering 4th or 5th grade - Wednesdays, noon-1 p.m.

- July 6 - **TALES OF A FOURTH-GRADE NOTHING** - Regis. & book pickup June 23.
 - July 13 - **THE MAGIC PAINTBRUSH** - Regis. & book pickup June 30.
 - July 20 - **MISTER AND ME** - Regis. & book pickup July 7.
 - July 27 - **STUART LITTLE** - Regis. & book pickup July 14.
- Please pick up books within 2 days of call-in registration.
YOU BRING LUNCH—BEVERAGE & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED

LITERARY DESSERTS - Book discussion entering 6th or 7th grade - Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- July 12 - **GHOST OF FOSSIL GLEN** - Regis. & book pickup June 30.
 - July 19 - **ELLA ENCHANTED** - Regis. & book pickup July 7.
 - July 26 - **FLYING SOLO** - Regis. & book pickup July 14.
 - August 2 - **SUMMER OF RILEY** - Regis. & book pickup July 21.
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BEVERAGE & DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED

COME SEE THE DRAGON MURAL Abington High School Students created in the Children's Department!
Join the Summer Reading Club and put your name on a dragon scale!



PARENT BOOK PREVIEW/DISCUSSION GROUP - 10:15-11:15 a.m.

- Enjoy two relaxing sessions led by certified educators from The Parenting Center at Abington.
- July 20 - Topic: Effective communication. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. Registration begins July 11.
 - Aug 3 - Topic: Handling behavioral challenges/discipline. Without Spanking or Spoiling: A Practical Approach to Toddler and Preschool Guidance by Elizabeth Crary. Registration begins July 25.
- A story time will be held during each discussion group for children ages 3 and up.
Advance registration is required. Children 2 and under will attend the group with their parents.

Abington Township Blood Drive



June through August is a crucial time to give blood. You can help by adding the *Route 56 Blood Drive* to your summer plans. Give blood every 56 days.

The Abington Township Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Bring some form of ID. Abington Township Building - Boardroom, 1176 Old York Road, Abington.

Contact Maria Wyrsta at the Township Building, 267-536-1000, ext 1003, to make an appointment, or sign up online at www.pleasegiveblood.org, and enter sponsor code 9H60. Together we can save a life.

Young Adult/Teens at Abington Free Library

For more information: Linda Jones, Young Adult Librarian, 215-885-5180 ext. 13 or e-mail ljones@mclinc.org

TEEN BOOK SWAP – There are 2 dedicated shelves for teen swaps in the adult book swap shelves.



Abington READS!

The Abington Library is offering a fun program where beginner readers in kindergarten through entering third grade will be matched with a young adult (age 12-17) to listen to stories and practice reading aloud.

Program dates: June 27 – Aug 11; [Mondays, 6-7, 7-8 p.m. are full] Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-noon. Select one session per week. *July 4th program will be held July 5th.

EXPRESS YOURSELF - from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your own journal or notebook, other supplies provided. June 29, July 6, 13 & 20 - Join Diana Trout (artist and journaling enthusiast) for creative journaling. Use art, poetry and writing to put your thoughts on paper.

ANIME WORKSHOPS - 6th to 9th grades from 7-8 p.m. Registration begins June 30. Limit 20. Drawing instruction in every session. Free time for developing your skills.
July 14 - ANIME DRAWING 101 - Learn basic Anime drawing skills or improve your style.
July 28 - WHAT'S JAPANESE IN ANIME? – Explore the Japanese culture through Anime/Manga.
Aug 4 - SHOW & TELL – Share your favorite Anime/Manga and showcase your artwork.

Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

For information contact Library Office 215-885-5180, ext. 15, abg.mclinc.org/calendar.htm or kburnham@mclinc.org

WORLD WAR II LECTURE SERIES – Every 3rd Tuesday at 3 & 7 p.m.

July 19 - The Barbed Wire - POW in the USA by author Gerhard Hennes
Aug 16 - TBA
Sept 20 - A Pearl Harbor Survivor's Story by Paul Brown - USS Shaw

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – Every 1st Thursday at 1 p.m.

Jul 7 - Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia by Jean P. Sasson
Aug 4 - Meeting to select books for next year
Sept 1 - Truth & Beauty : a Friendship by Ann Patchett

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Every 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

July 12 - Red Lion FHC? New Location-some information
Aug 9 - Annual Computer Genealogical Update

SOCRATES CAFÉ – Every 2nd Wednesday from 10:30-noon.

July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 - Giving Philosophy Back to the People. Open discussion.

CONSCIOUS GLOBALISM – by David A. Schwerin, Ph.D. Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Sept 21 – Bold new book examines modern globalism and lays framework for positive change.

ME? A POWER SPEAKER – Prof. Burton Klein at 10 a.m.

Oct 20, 27, Nov 3 – Yes, really; one can learn to command an audience's attention by attending these three power-laden sessions.

Adult Literacy

Literacy Line: 215-885-5183

TUTOR SUPPORT MEETING

Aug 10 at 7 p.m.

FALL TUTOR TRAINING

Sept 19, 20 6:30-8:45

From the Roslyn Branch Library

For more information: 215-886-9818 or <http://abg.mclinc.org/aplros.htm>



Roslyn READS!

The Roslyn Branch is offering a fun program where beginner readers in Kindergarten through entering third grade will be matched with a young adult (age 12-17) to listen to stories and practice reading aloud.

Program dates: June 27 – Aug 8; Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.*

*July 4th program will be held July 5th, 3-4 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Registration has begun.

IF YOU CHECK OUT 10 BOOKS OR MORE you can fill out a raffle ticket to win a \$25 gift certificate to George's Dreshertown Shop N Bag! You may enter as often as you like. Drawing will be held in September.

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER READING CLUB!

Bring your children in to register. Children must have a current Abington Library card. Reading logs may be turned in to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library between **Aug 15** and **Sept 9**. See flyers for details.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Registration began June 14. Fridays, 11 a.m.

July 8 - READING IS MAGIC

July 15 - "JOUST" JOKING

July 22 - MUSIC MANIA

July 29 - A "KNIGHT" TO REMEMBER

Aug 5 - "SHREK" & "THE LION KING"

Aug 12 - PRINCELY PUPPETS

PAJAMA PARTY FOR AGES 3-6

Aug 15, 6:30-7 p.m.

Registration began May 23.

stories + songs + fingerplays + crafts

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.



STORY TIMES

Registration began June 14.

STORY TIMES FOR THE 3-6's

Tuesdays, 11-11:30 a.m., June 28 – Aug 9

STORY TIMES FOR THE 2-3's

Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., June 30 – Aug 11

LITERARY LUNCHES Fridays, 12:15-1:15

You bring lunch. Beverage & dessert provided.

Book discussion - entering 3rd or 4th grade

July 8 *Arthur and the Lost Diary* by Marc Brown.

Registration and book pickup June 20

July 15 *26 Fairmount Avenue* by Tomie DePaola.

Registration and book pickup June 27

Book discussion - entering 3rd, 4th or 5th grade

July 22 *The Minstrel in the Tower* by Gloria Skurzynski

Registration and book pickup July 5

Book discussion - entering 4th, 5th, or 6th grade

July 29 *Morgan's Zoo* by James Howe

Registration and book pickup July 11



DRAGONS, DREAMS & DARING DEEDS GAME

For ages 5 and up Earn castle coupons, which you can trade for prizes from our treasure chest. You can participate at any time.

Children's Department at Abington Free Library

For information please call 215-885-5180, ext. 28. <http://abg.mclinc.org/Children.htm>

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ART ESCAPE - An Exciting Adventure on Three Thursday Evenings!

Escape to Abington Free Library for three art workshops led by experienced instructor Diana Trout.

June 23 - CASTLE-BUILDING (AGES 8-12) - 6-8 p.m. [June 23 program is full]

Your castles will be displayed in the Children's Department all summer long.

July 7 - HATCH A CREATURE (AGES 6-10) - 7-8 p.m. Registration begins June 27.

July 21 - MAKING MAGIC (AGES 6-10) - 7-8 p.m. Registration begins July 11.

An Abington Library card is required to register for all SRC programs except the Preschool Pajama Party and the Parent Book Preview/Discussion Groups.

Thank you to our recent, significant donors

For more information: 215-885-5180, ext. 14 or abg.mclinc.org/Donate.htm

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Some Library News

- Watch for the 3rd annual appearance by Abington Library's Book Cart Drill Team in Glenside's 4th of July parade!
- DID YOU KNOW ... that you can determine what library books you have out, the status of your requests and place requests online? Come to the library and find out how!
- Come see the dragon made by Abington High School Students in the AFL Children's Department! Join the Summer Reading Club and put your name on a dragon scale!
- Castles built by children in a library workshop will be displayed in the AFL Children's Department all summer.
- AFL Children's Department will have drawings throughout the summer for free Keswick Theatre show tickets and children's summer reading club t-shirts.
- At Roslyn Branch Library children ages 5 and up can play the "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds Game." Earn castle coupons which you can trade for prizes from our treasure chest.
- Check out ten books at Roslyn and get a raffle ticket to win a \$25 gift certificate to George's Dreshertown Shop N Bag! Enter often. Drawing held in September.

Friends of Abington Library/News and Views

Find out about the various activities of the Friends: call 215-885-5180 ext. 36, <http://abg.mclinc.org/Friends.htm>

The Friends are supporting and funding the "Reading for Rascals" Children's Youth Program, chaired by Hannah Sutin. Call the Children's Department for details; 215-885-5180, ext. 28.

VISIT OUR BOOKCELLAR - Fine selection of pre-owned books, video/audio tapes, CDs, DVDs. Lower Level of the library, Mon-Fri noon-4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 215 885-5180, ext. 36 for Sunday hours.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER FRIEND! - Bill Tinsman, President, Friends of Abington Library

Miss Ellanie

For more information, email: kburnham@mclinc.org

May I introduce myself? My name is Miss Ellanie. Pleasure to meet you. In my travels I see so many library, um, well, "things" that you might not know about, but you or a loved one can use.

So, I'd like to write articles for you. These might include an explanation of how a machine in the library works, such as the one that magnifies to make reading easier. I might highlight a certain collection, say: automotive, audio-visual, parent-teacher, graphic novels or our lovely art books. Many might know about the free Internet access offered in the library, but what about the free access to databases such as POWER Libraries, Science Online or The Philadelphia Inquirer Online? I might tell you a way that your library needs you; perhaps donating an unused something that can be auctioned or maybe you have skills that we need. I might feature a program, such as the wonderful Burton Klein talks, or Richard Tyre's fascinating Ruth Abel Memorial Seminars, the cozy the Daytime Book Discussion Group, or our branch of the nationwide "Socrates Café".

Not everyone can know all that the library has to offer, but maybe a beneficial connection can be made. I hope these articles will make your day be easier, fuller and brighter. The libraries - Abington and Roslyn - are here for you.

- Miss Ellanie (as told to Karen Burnham this time)



Abington Free Library

1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001
215-885-5180, <http://abg.mclinc.org>

Circulation Desk ext. 12
Information Desk ext. 13
Children's Department ext. 28
Executive Director ext. 14
Adult Literacy ext. 27
Friends of the Library ext. 36

Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

Roslyn Branch Library

2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818 <http://abg.mclinc.org/aplros.htm>

Hours

Monday, 11-9
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 11-6
and Saturday, 11-2

Roslyn Branch is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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Staff Spotlight – Anne Morrison

Anne Morrison was recently awarded a 25 year pin for service to Abington Library. Anne is one of those people at the library who never changes, although the library is in constant flux all around her. She is always calm, always smiling, never ruffled. For the many people who see her at the circulation desk, she is the face of Abington Library, reassuring and steady.

Anne was born and raised in Germantown and attended the Cecilian Academy, a Catholic high school for girls. After graduating, she moved to Pompano Beach, Florida. The weather was great, but she missed her friends, so back to Philadelphia she came.

She worked for a few years as a cosmetician at Strawbridge and Clothiers and then at Wanamakers, but her love of books overcame her, and she decided to give the library a try. The rest, as they say, is history.



Anne still loves to read good fiction and romance. She also loves classical music and is an accomplished pianist. It's hard to get her to take her vacation, but when she does she loves New York City and the Jersey shore.

In this techno-crazy age, libraries are busier than ever, especially ours. The old idea of the quiet public library is nowhere to be seen (or "heard"). Anne is a quiet center in all that, reminding those of us who work here and those of you who visit of the timeless value of peace and quiet.

- Lois Odabas