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Your donations have the power to impact our community in a most positive way. Below is a list of our recent significant donors, along with a heartfelt letter from one of our patrons. All of us involved at the library are grateful for your expressions of appreciation for what we do, and we acknowledge your important partnership with us and how it helps us in our efforts to offer the best library possible. Thank you!



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Hi Nancy,



As a follow-up to my voicemail in which I told you how I was very happy with the service provided at Abington Library, I will summarize the same thoughts in this e-mail.

I am a 54-year-old man from Staten Island NY. I grew up in the 60's learning that the Library was a "quiet place" where you could magically take out any book you want at no cost. It was the time when Captain Kangaroo was reading us "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" on TV.



Since my days growing up within the New York Public Library system and then as a library page in the Great Kills Public Library from age 15 through 21, since my days being a circulation clerk at the City College of New York Library, I have most respected those libraries that honored silence and books.

Your library does both. There is such a diversity of material in this library and such a quiet and respectful atmosphere is sustained here that I feel at once welcomed and slightly awe-inspired, just like my days as a child and teenager in New York.

I know the Montgomery County Library system to a fair degree. My card is from the North Wales Library. I have frequented the Wissahickon Library on Skippack Pike and the Upper Dublin Library, have visited the Lansdale Library at times, have been to Norristown's Central Library and others. Each of them has its own strength and uniqueness, but your library is where I go for "peace and quiet", for re-organization of my mind and soul, and for access to the "new" and the "time-honored".

It's not that I feel like this is a place of worship. I have my own church for that!

But The Abington Free Library does so well at sticking to the knitting of what libraries should be about: Access to information in many varieties and forms in a respectful place where people can gather and speak quietly with one another, where public events are placed on bulletin boards, where free newspapers and handouts are available in the outer room, where there are Learning Courses, a Computer Center, an real information desk with informed librarians, where there is access for someone from the public, like myself, to use this computer to type this e-mail at no charge!

Wow! That's all. My thanks to you, the board, and to your staff for making this library all that a library should be.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Brey



# Children's Department at Abington Free Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28 starting at 10 a.m., or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens). All programs held in the Library's Community Room, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted.



Complete summer program listings will be available in May at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).

**STORY TIMES WITH JEAN & NIJI** – Ages 3 and up  
Mondays, April 18, 25 and May 2, 9: 10:30-11 a.m.  
Led by volunteer Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji, a certified therapy dog. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.



**DROP-IN STORY TIMES** – All ages  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m. through May 26.  
Led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.

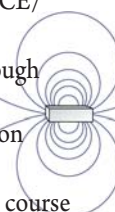
**JIM GALLOWAY'S REPTILES** – Ages 4 and up  
Two live reptile shows:  
Monday, May 2, 7 p.m. (Roslyn Branch Library) and  
Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m. (Abington Free Library).  
Registration for both events begins April 18.  
Call (215) 885-5180, ext. 28 (Abington)  
or (215) 886-9818 (Roslyn).



**SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER**  
“PHYSICAL SCIENCE/  
ELECTRICITY”

Monday June 27 through  
Thursday June 30 –  
Morning and afternoon  
sessions available.

This four-day science course is for Abington Township/Rockledge Borough students who have completed grades 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Parents/guardians: Register in person Monday May 23 through Tuesday June 7. Bring your child's library card and sign a GlaxoSmithKline permission slip at the time of registration. Children will be selected by registration lottery. Acceptance notices will be mailed after June 8.



**2011 SUMMER READING CLUB**  
“ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES”

This summer Abington Township/Rockledge Borough children of all ages (including preschoolers) are encouraged to read 20 minutes per day and record their progress in a reading log. Children may read independently or be read to by others. Those who maintain a time log will be eligible to receive prizes upon completion of 5, 10 and 15 hours of reading. All participants will receive a free book at the end of the summer. Registration will begin on Thursday June 16; every child who registers will receive a free Rita's water ice coupon and a place on our recognition wall. Reading logs may be turned in to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library any time between Aug. 8 and Sept. 8.

**DOGGONE GOOD READERS** (grades 1-5)

Four Saturdays: July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6,  
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.



Children practice reading aloud in small groups to certified therapy dogs. Registration begins Monday June 27.

# Teen Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to the library website, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).



**TEEN JOURNALING**

Students completing grades 6-12. Five Wednesdays beginning June 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join Diana Trout (artist, author, and journaling enthusiast) for creative journaling. Use art, poetry, and writing to put your thoughts on paper. Bring your own journal or notebook, other supplies provided. Registration begins May 27.



**DRAPO DAZZLE**

Students completing grades 5-8.

Tuesday, July 26, 7-8 p.m. Drapos are elaborately decorated flags originating from Haiti. Design your felt flag using rhinestones, sparkles, glitter, and metallic objects. Registration begins July 1 with a maximum of 20 students. The program will be presented by ACPPA Community Art Center.



**PICASSO FACES**

Students completing grades 5-8.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 7-8 p.m. Learn how to create a collage of abstract and cubist abstract faces emulating Picasso's style. Registration begins July 1 with a maximum of 25 students. The program will be presented by ACPPA Community Art Center.

Check out our expanded Young Adult area! Watch for the mural that will soon be created by Abington Senior High School art students. Check the website for updates and more information on programs.

# Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

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

**THE RUTH R. ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Shorday Room.  
Ed Pettit is our discussion leader.

April 27 - Sailing Alone Around the Room by Billy Collins  
May 25 - Parrot and Olivier in America by Peter Carey

Learn about our  
**COMPUTER RESOURCES**  
and how to use the computer catalog.

Discover what your library card can do for you!  
Thursday April 28 from 7-8 p.m.  
Mimi Satterthwaite will lead the discussion.



**SAY CHEESE!** Using Your Digital Camera & Organizing the Images

Thursday May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Reserve your space now by registering at the Information Desk, calling 215-885-5180 ext.13, or emailing [rritts@mclinc.org](mailto:rritts@mclinc.org).

Bring your camera and camera manual with you for the question and answer time.  
David Porter, instructor, Larmon Photo

**DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
No registration required. Walk-ins welcome!



**OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Every second Tuesday from 7-8:45 p.m.

**WWII LECTURE SERIES**

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

**SOCRATES CAFÉ**

Every second Wednesday of the month from 10:30-noon  
AND every fourth Friday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m.



# Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, call 215-886-9818, or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).



## Celebrate Children's Book Week (May 2-8) with JIM GALLOWAY'S REPTILES

See and touch a live: bearded dragon, rat snake, ball python, blue-tongued skink and Colombian boa.

Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Two one-hour shows:

Roslyn Branch Library: Monday May 2 at 7 p.m.

Abington Free Library: Wednesday May 4 at 7 p.m.

Please sign up at either library or call 215-886-9818 (Roslyn) or 215-885-5180, ext. 28 (Abington).



## MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Two Mondays at 7 p.m.

May 16 - Companion Planting Your Vegetable Garden with Susan Doblmaier.

June 6 - Organic vs. Non-Organic Gardening with Leslie Smith.

These presenters are Penn State Master Gardener volunteers.

## BABY DAYS

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: May 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14.

Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories, and do finger plays.

For babies ages 5 months - 2 years.

Please register for each program separately.

## PAJAMA PARTIES for ages 3-6

Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m.: May 23 and June 13.

Stories, songs, finger plays, crafts.

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

Please register for each program separately.

## PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

begin June 28 and continue through Aug. 18.

\*Note: No story times on Tuesday July 5 and Thursday July 7.

Story times for ages 3-6 will be on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Story times for ages 2-3 will be on Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Registration begins June 14.

## MR. PUTTER AND TABBY

Monday May 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mr. Putter and his fine cat Tabby live together. Their neighbor, Mrs.

Teaberry, has a dog named Zeke. Read books in the Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant, and then come to the Roslyn Library prepared to share what you know with a group. We'll also do fun crafts and enjoy a delicious snack. Ages: 5-9



## OLIVIA PIG

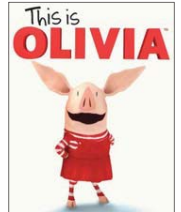
will be visiting the Roslyn Branch Library on Friday July 15 at 1 p.m.

courtesy of Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

There will be stories and an activity.

Program is for ages 2-7. Bring your camera and take a picture of your child with Olivia Pig.

Registration begins June 24.



## Hey, Teens! Join us this summer for Abington READS! and Roslyn READS! Earn Service Learning hours! Certificates will be awarded!

Help younger students (K-2nd grade) practice reading over the summer. Young adults (ages 12-17) may sign up for one hour per week for at least four weeks. It's fun -- and you get to inspire young students to become better readers. A training session on read-aloud techniques is required for young adults new to the program. The training will be at Abington Free Library on Saturday June 18, from 10-11 a.m.

**For Children K-2nd Grades:** Your child can practice reading this summer with a young adult volunteer through Abington READS! and Roslyn READS! These programs are designed to offer encouragement in reading to children who have completed kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Your child will have the opportunity to listen to stories, practice reading aloud and select books to borrow with their young adult partner, ages 12-17. The summer is an important time for young readers to practice and gain confidence in their reading ability.



### Abington READS! Program dates:

June 20-Aug. 2

Mondays from 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15 a.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration begins May 26. To register, stop at the Adult Information Desk at Abington Free Library or call 215-885-5180, ext. 13.



### Roslyn READS! Program dates:

June 20-Aug. 15

Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration begins May 23. To register, stop by the Roslyn Branch Library or call 215-886-9818.



## News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries



Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or read about us at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

The Friends hold their meetings in the Community Room in the lower level of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting is May 14 at 9:30 a.m. The annual meeting, our Picnic in the Park, will be June 13, 5:45 p.m., at Alverthorpe Park.

### Spring Activities:

- National Library Week (April 10-16): Dessert reception for the winners of the Design-a-Bookmark Contest
- Book and Plant Sidewalk Sale - April 30
- Election Day Bake Sale - May 17

### HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FRIENDS:

- Donate books, movies, audiobooks, music and current textbooks.
- Volunteer at the BookCellar or help with Friends' activities.
- Become a member.
- Donate online now using [JustGive.org](http://JustGive.org)
- Go to the website, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org) for details.

NEW BOOKS ARRIVE EVERY DAY AT OUR BOOKCELLAR - Please come by and browse through our extensive collection. We are located in the lower level of the Abington Free Library, next to the Children's Department. All our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

BOOKCELLAR hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon-8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Donations are gratefully accepted daily at the Circulation Desk.

All proceeds from the Friends' activities go directly to support the township libraries.

- Lydia Parke, president, The Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries



# Our Adult Literacy Program

helps over a hundred students improve their

reading, writing and math skills. We also help students prepare for their high school equivalency diploma, the GED, and other tests. Those whose native language is not English benefit from our services, too. In addition to individual tutoring sessions, they can attend Conversation Please! classes on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings, and our new ESL class, English Literacy and Civics, on Thursdays. We will offer training for new tutors in the spring (most likely in April). Support meetings for all tutors are offered once a month, along with weekly scheduled



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training opportunities in the area. For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office, or call 215-885-5183 or email us at AbLit1@yahoo.com.

- Elizabeth Sperling,  
Tutor/Student Coordinator

Rob Naborn,  
Program Coordinator

### Abington Free Library

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### Roslyn Branch Library

2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001  
215-886-9818, 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.



## Reference Department News

For more information call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/information

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

Abington Township Public Library is offering email reference as a new way to find the answers to your questions.



Our email address is AskAbington@gmail.com. This service is offered to Abington Township and Rockledge residents only. Contact us by email if

you have requests for brief, factual information. All questions will be answered by someone on the Reference staff Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. We look forward to "hearing" from you!

Please join us for a computer resources/research and computer catalog class at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday April 28. Learn how to access resources either here in the library or from your home



computer. You will learn how to search databases, download audiobooks or eBooks, place requests on library materials and much more. To register, call 215-885-5180, ext.13, or stop by the Information Desk at the Library.

**SAY CHEESE!**  
Using Your Digital Camera & Organizing the Images  
Thursday May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



### LEARN HOW TO:

- Recognize the important features of a digital camera
- Hone your picture-taking techniques
- Transfer pictures from camera to computer
- Edit & organize digital images

Reserve your space now by registering at the Information Desk, calling 215-885-5180 ext.13, or emailing rritts@mclinc.org.

Bring your camera and camera manual with you for the question and answer time.

David Porter,  
instructor,  
Larmon Photo

- Mimi Satterthwaite  
and her staff at the  
Information Desk

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