



Support Abington Township Public Libraries! Come to our

Bookfair on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Barnes & Noble in Willow Grove, 102 Park Ave. Activities from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. include a life-size game of Candy Land and story telling.

Here's how the fundraiser works: Pick up a voucher at Roslyn or Abington Library, or online at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Our voucher number is 12273587. Shop at any

Barnes and Noble location on Dec. 2 or shop online Dec. 2-7. Use the voucher number, 12273587, at check-out. The libraries will receive a percentage of the net sales made

with the voucher number. Pass the word ... and help out your libraries. For more information, contact Meg Mitchell at 215-886-9818 or email mmitchell@mclinc.org.

Abington Free Library
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215-885-5180, abingtonfreelibrary.org
Circulation Desk ext. 12
Information Desk..... ext. 13
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Executive Director ext. 14
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Adult Literacy ext. 27
Friends of the Library . ext. 36

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.



Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30-9
Fri. and Sat.: 9:30-5, Sun.: 1-5



SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES! JOIN THE FRIENDS!

The Friends are volunteers who support the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising and advocacy projects.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Fall Sidewalk Sale in September. Sales of books, plants, cookies and soft pretzels, and proceeds from three raffle baskets brought in more than \$2,400 – a record! A special thank you to Quinn and Wilson, Realtors, who donated a basket of children's games, and to Linda Connelly and Terry Biansco of the Friends, who each prepared a beautiful fall-themed basket.

In October, the library was decorated again with scarecrows based on literary characters for the Friends Annual Scarecrow Contest. Library patrons voted for their favorites.

Congratulations to the winners:

First Place, \$50: Peril the Skywing by Tristan and Brandon Bacardi.

Second Place, \$30: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by the Braveboy-Sargeant family.

Third Place, \$20: Ursula by the Arabchuk Family.

Pictures of the winners and all the scarecrow entries can be found at: <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends>.

The Election Day Bake Sale was changed to the Election Day Cookie Sale. The Friends are grateful to all the bakers who provided delicious cookies, and all those who purchased them.

The annual Mimi Zabel Jewelry Silent Auction is underway until Nov. 30. Please visit the display case in the front of Abington Library to view the beautiful items for auction, and place your bids in the book provided.



The BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library, sells gently used books, fiction and nonfiction, for adults, teens and children, as well as audio books, music CDs and DVDs. All items are for sale at bargain prices. Stop by and explore our extensive collection. We also sell on Amazon. 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.

The BookCellar is the Friends' biggest fundraiser.

The BookCellar can always use new items. Please bring your donations – a maximum of three bags at a time, in paper bags, preferably double-bagged – to the Circulation Desk at the Abington Library, Wednesday through Saturday, or to the Roslyn Library, Thursday through Saturday.

Next Friends meeting: Saturday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Staff Lounge at Abington Library. We welcome new members and ideas!

To learn more about Friends' activities, visit <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends>, stop by the BookCellar, email us at FriendsATPL@gmail.com, or call 215-885-5180, ext. 36.

– Ellen Baxter, President
Friends of Abington Libraries

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DEAR PATRON OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES:

“For a documentary about a library, that movie didn't have a whole lot to say about books.” So remarks one viewer of *Ex Libris: The New York Public Library*, according to a film review by Tim Markatos in *The Weekly Standard*.

“An existential question underlies *Ex Libris*: What are libraries for?” writes Markatos. For most public libraries, he says, the answer to that question is “decidedly ... democratic.”

“Libraries exist to further the enlightenment and well-being of the public; it's less important that a library's stacks be comprehensive than that its spaces extend equality of access to everyone, regardless of class or profession.”

We hope you'll agree that Abington Free Library and the Roslyn Branch perfectly fit that definition.

The Library's diligence in offering so much more than books was sorely tested this year with the failure in July of the main branch's aged HVAC system, which was scheduled to be replaced in the fall. While the Library staff and Township management worked to move up the new installation, temporary coolers could not fully allay the heat and humidity. The result: too many early closures, and too many program cancellations. We regret the inconvenience this caused to all of our loyal patrons, and are happy to report the system is back at full operation.

And none too soon, as the demands on our libraries, and the innovative programming produced by our imaginative staff, continue apace. A quick scan of the Library website www.abingtonfreelibrary.org, offers a hint of what's on offer over just a few days in November: the continuing Adult Literacy program; Doggone Good Readers; Baby Days; Socrates Café; the Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and

Film Discussion series; college application and financial aid programs; Stitch & Chat; the Teen Creative Writing Club; Invention Station; Sunday's on Monday (for crossword puzzle fans!); Family Fun Nights, and the Aktion Club. I could go on, but you get the idea!

Speaking of documentaries and the Aktion Club (a Kiwanis program for adults with disabilities), Abington Library served as the meeting place for the couple profiled in *Dina*, which won Best Documentary at this year's Sundance Film Festival, and is now in theaters.

But, like the observer of *Ex Libris*, we return to books. Abington Library was pleased to host two recent author forums, with Janet Benton reading from her compelling historical novel *Lilli de Jong*, and former Congressman Joe Hoefel speaking on his book *Fighting for the Progressive Center in the Age of Trump*. Discussion was lively and engaging. These events, as do the host of all other Library offerings, demonstrate that your Abington Township Public Libraries indeed meet the challenge “to further the enlightenment and well-being of the public.”

If you agree, we ask that you again consider the Abington Township Public Libraries in your year-end gift-giving plans. Contributions may result in tax benefits for you if made by the end of the year. Your past support is most appreciated, and we hope you will continue that support, to help ensure that the Abington Township Public Libraries remain an exemplary community resource. See you around the stacks!

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Tyler
President, Board of Trustees



Nancy Hammeke Marshall
Executive Director



Sunday's on Monday



Roslyn Branch Story Time



Family Fun Night with Briar Bush



Doggone Good Readers

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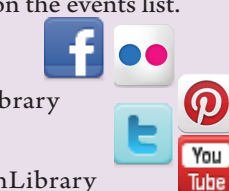
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Find more programs and features at abingtonfreelibrary.org

Both Libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi! Abington Free Library offers wireless printing.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries: Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events. Get eNewsletters Email kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.

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REFERENCE NEWS



Tax season will be upon us soon, and the Library has several resources to help. We do not have income tax forms in bulk to give out, but we do have some available for photocopying. All forms are available on the appropriate websites: www.irs.gov for federal forms; <http://www.revenue.state.pa.us/> for state forms.

The Library is a site for the AARP Tax-Aide program, for middle- and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. This free service, run by volunteers, is by appointment only. We will begin scheduling appointments on Jan. 2. The program runs on Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., from early February through April 13.

Please call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, for an appointment, or contact AARP toll free at 888-OUR-AARP (888-687-2277) for more information or a location near you.

Naturally Sharp will perform in the Community Room from 2-3 p.m. on March 4. This group of 16 singers from Drexel University performs "anything that swings," doing a variety of pieces from the past 100 years with a three-piece back-up band. Registration is required.



We continue to add new museums to our museum pass collection. Abington Township residents may borrow the passes for three days. Check out the list of museum passes here:

<http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/museum-passes>

We enjoy hearing from you, so please call, stop by, or email us with questions.

- Mimi Satterthwaite
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ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

LEGO CLUB - Ages 6 and up
Saturdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

STITCH AND CHAT
Fridays 1 p.m.

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?
Saturdays 11 a.m. and
Mondays 1:30 p.m.
Registration required

MAKE A MORAVIAN STAR
Ages 12 and up
Saturday, Dec. 16,
11 a.m. -noon
Registration required.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months - 2 years
Winter session:
Tuesdays, Jan. 9 - March 6
11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Dec. 18

Spring session:
Tuesdays, March 20 - May 22
11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Feb. 26.

STORY TIMES
Ages 2 - 5
Winter session: Thursdays, Jan.
11 - March 8, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Dec 18.

Spring session: Thursdays,
March 22 - May 24,
11 - 11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Feb. 26.

3-D SNOWFLAKES
Ages 6 and up
Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Registration begins Dec. 18.

FUN WITH FRUITS AND VEGGIES
Ages 6 and up
Friday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. - noon
Meet a nutritionist from Giant Food Store.
Registration begins Jan. 8.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with
parents/caregivers
Mondays and Tuesdays,
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Fall: Nov. 13-Dec. 19
Winter: Jan. 8-Feb. 20
Spring: March 12-April 17
Monday sessions may be most
fun and educational for ages 3
to 5; Tuesday sessions for ages
2 and 3.
No registration required.

KIWANIS STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with
parents/caregivers
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.,
through May 17
(No session on Nov. 23,
Dec. 28 and April 5.)
Stories and songs presented
by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club
members and library staff.
No registration required.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES
Ages 8-23 months, attending
with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays, Jan. 24-March 7,
10:30-11 a.m.
(No session on Feb. 21.)
Registration begins Jan. 9.

FREE FAMILY MOVIES
All ages, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m.
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The
Long Haul" (PG)
Thursday, Dec. 28, 1:30 p.m.
"Captain Underpants:
The First Epic Movie" (PG)
Each guest may bring a
packaged snack (no peanuts or
peanut butter, please).
Bottled water and juice boxes
will be provided.
No registration required.

BOOKFAIR at
Barnes & Noble
on Dec. 2!
(see more on back)

YOGA FOR FAMILIES
Ages 4-10, attending with
parents/caregivers
Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18
6:30-7:15 p.m.
Learn what it means to be
grateful through stories,
games and yoga! Children
and families will learn calming
breathing techniques and fun
partner poses. Presented by
Courtney D'Avella of Yoga
Friends.
Registration required.

BUILD-A-MANIA
All ages
Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1,
March 1 and April 5, 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.

STAR WARS PARTY
Ages 5 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us for crafts, games and
refreshments in celebration of
"Star Wars VIII: The Last Jedi."
Dress as your favorite Star
Wars character!
Registration required.

IT'S ELECTRIC! TECH
STUDIO FOR KIDS
Ages 8 and up
Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-noon
(Snow date: Jan. 27)
Explore electronic circuitry
and robotics, using Dash-and-
Dot, littleBits, Snap Circuits
and more.
Registration begins Jan. 2.

MEET HARRIET TUBMAN
Ages 7 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn about this courageous
heroine during Dr. Daisy
Century's dramatic
performance.
Registration begins Jan. 9.

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION
Ages 4 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Listen to a lively reading of Dr.
Seuss's Horton Hatches the Egg
by special guest Janet Barron.
Registration begins Feb. 6.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-5
Saturdays, Feb. 3, March 3 and
April 7
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 Jan. 9.
(Sessions will also be held on
Dec. 2 and Jan. 6; registration is
open now.)

215-885-5180, ext. 28
abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids

TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

YOU CAN CODE!
JUST FOR GIRLS
Ages 10-18
Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Teen leader Sofiya Lysenko will
help girls explore the vast world
of computer science.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
Ages 12-18
First Tuesday of the month:
Dec. 5, Jan. 2, etc., 4 - 5 p.m.
Hone your creative writing
skills through fun prompts and
exercises. Share your work and
get feedback. Register now.

Q-CREW
Ages 13-18
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:30-8 p.m.
LGBTQ+ teens and friends
are invited to join the Q Crew!
Discuss the past, present, and
future of LGBTQ+ issues in a
safe space.

ACT Practice Exam
Saturday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sign up by Friday, Jan. 12.
SAT Practice Exam
Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sign up by Friday, Feb. 9.
Get familiar with these college
entrance exams by taking a full-
length practice test. Administered
by the Princeton Review.

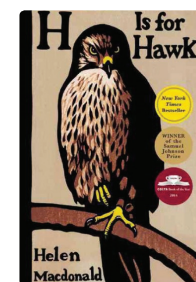
JOIN AB-TAB
Would you like to volunteer at
the library? The Teen Advisory
Board (AB-TAB) is a group
of teens who help plan teen
programs and give input about
books and movies for the library,
all while earning community
service hours. AB-TAB offers
a forum to have your opinions
heard and a way to expand
your leadership skills. Getting
involved in AB-TAB looks great
on college applications and job
resumes. Apply online.

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ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL
MEMORIAL BOOK AND
FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
March 14 - *The Invisible Bridge*,
by Julie Orringer

April 11 -
*News of the
World*:
a novel, by
Paulette Jiles
May 9 - *H is
for Hawk*,
by Helen
Macdonald



LET'S TALK MYSTERY
Mystery Writers of America
Wednesday, Dec. 6
Panel: 7-8 p.m.
Meet and greet, 8-8:30 p.m.

NATURALLY SHARP
A jazz vocal group
from Drexel University
Sunday, March 4, 2 - 3 p.m.
Registration required.

COMMUNITY CONCERT
Saturday, March 17, noon
Premiere of three songs by Peter
Hilliard based on poems by Elise
Paschen. Reception and book
signing to follow. Registration
required.

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 puzzle.
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
No registration required.

MILITARY MEMORIES
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month,
at 3 and 7 p.m.
Talks on all things military.
Walk-ins welcome.

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

OLD YORK ROAD
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Every 2nd Tuesday of the
month, 7-8:45 p.m.

SOCRATES CAFÉ
Every 2nd Wednesday of the
month, 10:30 - noon

COMPUTER TUTORING
Get help with internet, tablets,
smartphones, programs, or any
other computer questions you
may have! Schedule
an appointment.

Register@215-885-5180, ext. 15
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ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Volunteers, working through
the Adult Literacy Program,
help area adults improve their
literacy skills. Some of our
students are learning English,
others are improving their
basic reading and writing skills,
while still others are brushing
up their academic skills to pass
a high school equivalency test.
Students are always welcome,
since the program continues
throughout the year.

Last year, over 100 volunteer
tutors helped more than 160
area adults improve their
literacy skills. These volunteers
are making real change in our
community.

Interested in getting involved?
Our next New Tutor Training
will be held on two evenings:
Wednesday, March 7, and
Thursday, March 8. Registration
is required. 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.

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

- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator

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expressed in various library
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