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Adult Literacy

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of the Library's many goals for 2019 was to create monthly infographics. What's an infographic? It's a collection of imagery, charts, and minimal text that gives an easy-to-understand overview of a specific topic. We had three reasons for implementing this new way of communicating our statistics (aside from the fact that the old way was incredibly dry and boring (:):

• To provide valuable information about our services to our community in a way that is remembered and understood by patrons, staff, and other stakeholders.

- To improve communication about who we are and what we do, using a colorful, eye-catching, easy-to-understand format.
- To improve communication regarding our activities, programs, and services.

I think our staff hit this one out of the park! We have had so much enthusiastic feedback from our users - next time you are in the Library, please take a moment to check out the latest infographic right near the exit.

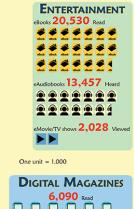
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- Nancy Hammeke Marshall **Executive Director of Abington Libraries**





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Abington Library hires many teens to shelve books, keep the shelves in order and perform minor janitorial duties as required. Some of them stay in our hearts forever. They jump into their jobs enthusiastically, go far above everything that is required of them, and become people we are so proud of, even after they go on to college and beyond.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - ANDY JEON

Andy Jeon is one of those teens.

Andy was born in Jenkintown, but his family moved quickly enough for him to be considered a lifelong Abingtonian. He attended Rydal Elementary and Abington Junior and Senior High Schools.

Andy started volunteering at the library the summer before 9th grade. He needed to fulfill 15 hours of a school service requirement, but he put in 50 hours. He enjoyed coming to the library for a few hours every morning, he said, because it helped him calm his mind and get the rest of his day together. And it was cool in the summer.

In addition to the library, Andy volunteered as a camp counselor at a science day camp held at Copper Beech Elementary School.

After volunteering for several literally — a type of eyewear summers, Andy started working as a library page two to whatever a person is years ago. He works hard and he is utterly dependable. by his father, who owns Andy is the sort of person who sees you trying to do something, figures out a better way, and suggests it. And then he takes over.

That skill set will serve him well as he leaves us to start his college career. When asked recently where he would be going to school, he replied simply, "New Jersey." A co-worker, who thought he

could be a bit more specific, chimed in, "He's going to Princeton!"

His dream is to invent a

new way of seeing things that will automatically adjust looking at. He was inspired eight or nine pairs of glasses and stacks them in various combinations to see better.

We all enjoy working with Andy, especially our Wednesday night crew, and we wish him all the best as he heads off to ... that college in New Jersey.

> - Lois Odabas Staff Writer

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Featured Events and Items



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SUICIDE PREVENTION Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.



10 TIPS TO GET INTO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR DREAMS Monday, Sept. 9, 7–8 p.m.



AUTHOR TALK, Kristin Smedley Thriving Blind Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7-8 pm



NEW! KANOPY on-demand video streaming service

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL **BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP**

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Led by Dr. Karen Weekes.

Sept. 11: *The Rider* (film) Watch the film before the event.

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Oct. 16: An American Marriage, by Tayara Jones

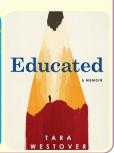
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MARRIAGE

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JONES

Nov. 13: Educated: a Memoir, by Tara Westover



Reference Did vou know... News

.. Abington and Roslyn Libraries offer access to two streaming services: hoopla and Kanopy. Township library cardholders can explore a multitude of eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, movies and television series.

You can use both streaming services from your computer or mobile device; add the hoopla app or the Kanopy app for iOS or Android.



hoopla: Enjoy access to nearly half a million titles, from six different

formats, instantly - no waiting! Internet access is required to establish a hoopla account and search its collection of movies, television shows, music, eAudiobooks, eBooks, comic books and graphic novels. You may borrow up to three titles per month. This limit will reset at the beginning of the calendar month. Unused borrows will not roll over into the next month.

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Kanopy: You can stream over 30,000 films from hundreds of popular

producers such as The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, and PBS, as well as thousands of independent filmmakers — on every topic imaginable.

There is a limit of 10 checkouts per calendar month, with a loan period of three days. Once you press "play" on a film, you may watch it as many times as you like without using another play credit. Credits reset on the 1st of the month.



... Staff create reading guides and recommend books on a SnapShots variety of topics and genres. Non-fiction guides cover topics such as

memoirs, hobbies, audiobooks and job searching; fiction guides include romances, thrillers, historical fiction, prize winners and more. You can find the guides online at http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/ eresources/book-snapshots.

Questions? Stop by, call or email us! We enjoy hearing from you. The Information Desk phone number is 215-885-5180 ext. 113; or email us at askabington@gmail.com.

> -- Mimi Satterthwaite and all the reference staff



HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK and Rem Murphy Monday, Sept. 23 and 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Registration starts Sept. 9.

FAMILY NIGHT: ELEPHANTS, PIGS, AND PIGEONS Ages 3–7 Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30–7:15 p.m. Stories, crafts and games based on books by Mo Willems. Registration begins Sept. 3.

CONSTRUCTION CREW: LEGOS PLUS Ages 5 and up Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon

PLAYDATE ON AVONDALE Ages 2–5 Fridays, 11–12:30 p.m.

HELP NAVIGATING THE COMPUTER magic show, watch illustrator Patrick Call 215-886-9818 for an appointment. Harrington's caricatures come to life,

BABY DAYS Ages 6 months-2 years Tuesdays, 11–11:30 a.m. Session 1: Sept. 17-Oct. 29 Registration starts Sept. 3. Session 2: Nov. 12-Dec. 10 Registration starts Oct. 28.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME Ages 3–5 Thursdays, 11–11:30 a.m. Session 1: Sept. 12-Oct. 17 Registration starts Sept. 3. Session 2: Oct. 31–Dec. 5 Registration starts Oct. 21.

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE KNITTING CLASS Ages 16 and up Mondays, 3-4 p.m. Sept. 9–Sept. 30 Registration begins Aug. 26.

FAMILY NIGHT HALLOWEEN Ages 3–7 Monday, Oct. 28, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Registration begins Oct. 14.

ELECTION DAY: School out? Drop into the library. Crafts and activities. Ages 4–11 Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1-3 p.m.

CRAFT NIGHTS Dye a silk scarf: Ages 14-adult Monday, Nov. 4, 7–8 p.m. Registration begins Oct. 21. Cat Castles: Ages 10-adult Monday, Nov. 18, 7–8 p.m. Registration begins Nov. 4.

FAMILY NIGHT CAMPOUT Ages 3–8 Monday, Nov 11, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Make a lantern and read books in our "tents." Registration begins Oct. 28.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

STORY TIMES WITH A DOG! With musicologists Gary Cunningham All ages, attending with parents/caregivers Learn to make friendship bracelets Wednesdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11 a.m. with Cadette Scout Maddie Slavin. Join us for a special read-aloud time with our Doggone Good Readers volunteers and their registered therapy dogs. No registration required.

> IS IT SCIENCE ... OR ART? Ages 8-11, attending independently Thursday, Aug. 15, 6:30–8 p.m. Learn about aliens and exoplanets. Make cool art, too! Online registration story Leo Lionni's Inch by Inch and begins Aug. 5.

CHILDREN'S BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA AND MAGIC SHOW All ages, attending with parents/caregivers Thursday, Aug. 29, 6:30–8 p.m. Celebrate the publication of Ms. Love's Mystical Island Adventure. Enjoy a

the book signing. Books will be available No registration required. for purchase. Hosted by the Friends of Abington Township Public Libraries. Online registration begins Aug. 19.

FALL STORY TIMES

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Sept. 9-Oct. 14; Nov. 4-Dec. 9 All ages welcome. This program might b most fun and educational for ages 3–5. No registration required.

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m. Sept. 10-Oct. 15; Nov. 5-Dec. 10 All ages welcome. This program might be and bring home a masterpiece. All 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. 3-May 22 (No session on Nov. 28, Dec. 26 and April 9) Stories and songs presented by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members projects. and library staff. No registration required.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES Ages 8-23 months, attending with parents/caregivers. 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Nov 6, 13, 20. (No session on Oct. 23) Online registration begins Sept. 23.

DAY WITH A FISH

All ages, attending with parents/caregivers Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join local author Charlene Crawford for a story time featuring Marcus Pfister's Rainbow Fish and Crawford's picture book, Number Lake. No registration required.

SPREADING FRIENDSHIP Grades 5–6

Mondays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 6:30-8 p.m.

Weave a different pattern during each session. Online registration begins Sept. 16.

CLEVER BUG FRIENDS

All ages, attending with parents/caregive Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Charlene Crawford returns for a Crawford's picture book, Lucky the Ladybug. No registration required.

BUILD-A-MANIA

All ages, attending with parents/ caregivers

Thursdays, Oct. 3 and Dec. 5, 6–7:30 p.m. Bring your family (toddlers welcome) and build with LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, and meet the author Susan Love during K'Nex, and Lakeshore Learning kits.

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



PAINTING PARTY

Follow step by step to paint a galaxy supplies provided.

AB-TAB: Teen Advisory Board Grades 6–12 Thursday, Sept. 19, 7–8 p.m. Get service hours and volunteer at

the library! We meet once a month to create programs and complete service

LIGHT PAINTING PHOTOGRAPHY DECAFFEINATED - AND UNWIRED ... Grades 6–12 Wednesday, Sept. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. "Paint" with Sphero robots to create cool photo effects.

COLLEGE PREP PROGRAMS

FREE ACT PRACTICE EXAM Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Provided by the Princeton Review. Find out what the full-length exam is like and get a full report to improve your score.

10 TIPS TO GET INTO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR DREAMS For teens and parents. Monday, Sept. 9, 7-8 p.m. Presented by C2 Education.

FINANCIAL AID: THE CHALLENGES OF PAYING FOR A COLLEGE EDUCATION For teens and parents. Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7-8 p.m. Presented by College Planning Service America.

Adult Programs AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Sept. 11: The Rider (film) Oct. 16: An American Marriage Nov. 13: Educated: a Memoir

FILM FRIDAYS @2 P.M. Aug. 9: Tolkien (PG-13)

HISTORY AND LEGACY OF THE BASILIAN SISTERS IN FOX CHASE Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.

ASK A QUESTION, SAVE A LIFE SUICIDE PREVENTION Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

The producers of WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO DRIVE?! will share their story of creating a podcast... and how a show Ages 12-18, Wed, Aug. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. about driving can also delve into issues of rage, technology, race, gender and ability. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7-8 p.m.

> AUTHOR TALK: KRISTIN SMEDLEY, THRIVING BLIND Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7-8 p.m.

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.

Talk with a cuppa decaf and new friends. 4th Thursday of the month, 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 1st Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

SOCRATES CAFÉ 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 library.

JEWELRY DONATIONS **URGENTLY NEEDED**

Please donate your gently used earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, rings and other jewelry for the Friends Jewelry Silent Auction. Donations are needed now, but will be accepted until Oct. 21. Please bring them to the circulation desk at Abington or Roslyn Library. Receipts available for tax-deductible donations. The auction is held in November to honor Mimi Zabel, longtime BookCellar volunteer. Thanks!

UPCOMING FRIENDS ACTIVITIES

Friends Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, Sept.14, 9:30 a.m., Community Room on the lower level, Abington Library. Open to all; ideas welcome!

Friends Book and Plant Sale: Sat., Oct. 5, 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. There will be a bag sale (fill a bag of books for \$2!) 2-3:30 p.m. in the Community Room.



Friends Silent Jewelry Auction: November. Bid on beautiful jewelry items to support the Libraries.

Come shop at the BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library. You'll find bargain-priced used books, DVDs and more. BookCellar hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 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 your donations to the circulation desk at either the Abington or Roslyn Libraries. We can accept up to three grocery store-size bags or small boxes per visit. Please check the library website: (http://www. abingtonfreelibrary.org/ about-us/donate/usedmedia) for additional guidelines. All donations are tax-deductible.

Join the Friends by visiting http://www. abingtonfreelibrary.org/ about-us/friends.

To learn more, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/ about-us/friends; email FriendsATPL@gmail. com; or call 215-885-5180, ext. 136.

> - Ellen Baxter, President of the Friends of Abington Libraries

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Adult Literacy Program



Since 1984, volunteer tutors, working through the Adult Literacy Program, have helped area adults improve their literacy skills. Every year, approximately 160 people come to us to improve their literacy skills. We help adults improve their basic reading and writing skills, their ability to communicate in English, or increase their academic skills to pass a test, such a test to earn a high school equivalency diploma. Most of our tutors work individually with students, but we also have a corps of dedicated volunteer teachers who conduct small-group classes for English language learners to learn English in a supportive environment. We take pride in helping individuals improve their literacy skills which allows them to better provide for their families and contribute to our community.

We are very fortunate to live and work in a community in which talented volunteer tutors are willing to help others. Please consider joining our wonderful group of volunteer tutors. Our Fall New Tutor Training will be held over three evenings in October – Monday, Oct. 21, Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Thursday, Oct. 24. We also offer workshops for our tutors throughout the year. Please contact us for details 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, Program Coordinator