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- Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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SUMMER READING FOR ALL AGES - children, teens, and adults begins June 20.

Join us on Monday, June 20 for a party to kick off Summer Reading! 4:00-6:00 p.m. Abington Free Library Find details at abingtonfreelibrary.org

ROSLYN READS!

Entering K or 1st grade: Mondays, June 27–July 25, 1:30–2:15 p.m. Entering 2nd or 3rd grade: June 27–August 8, 6:30–7:15 p.m. Registration starts June 6.

ABINGTON AND ROSLYN READS! - TEEN VOLUNTEER TRAINING Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m. Registration begins June 1.

ABINGTON READS! Children entering grades 1-3 Mondays, June 20-August 8 (No sessions July 4) 6:00–6:45 p.m. OR 7:00-7:45 p.m.



FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

- "Oceans of Possibilities" summer reading program for preschool through entering fifth grade
- Children's Art Workshops
- Graphic Novel Book Club
- Outdoor Family Fun Nights
- New STEAM program for grades K-4: Ocean Life Observations

FROM ROSLYN LIBRARY

Crafts and science on Wednesday mornings in the park and



ROSLYN PROGRAMS

FAMILY MORNINGS Ages 2 and up Fridays in May, 10:30-11:00 a.m. One family or small group may register for a playtime before public hours.

STITCH AND CHAT Adults and teens Fridays until June 10 1:00-3:00 p.m. Drop-in program

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER **CROCHET** Teens and adults Mondays, May 2 and 9 7:00-7:45 p.m. Registration open now.

DINOSAURS AND DRAGONS Ages 4-10 Monday, May 16 6:30-7:00 p.m. Registration open now.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT Ages 2-5 Tuesdays, May 3-24 10:00-10:45 a.m. Registration open now.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME Ages 3-5 Thursdays, June 2–June 23 10:30-11:00 a.m. Registration begins May 15.

TODDLER TIME Ages 18 months-3 years Tuesdays, June 7 and 14 10:15-10:45 a.m. Registration starts May 23.

MAKE A PUPPET Ages 4-11 Friday, June 17 11:00-11:45 a.m. 1:00-1:45 p.m. Registration starts May 31.

BRIGHTEN THE FOURTH FOR VETERANS Ages 6-12 Monday, June 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Drop in to make cards for the veterans hospital.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT AT ROSLYN PET FAIR Saturday, June 11, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Ages 2-4 Tuesdays, July 5-26 10:00-10:45 a.m. Registration starts June 20.

FUN ON FRIDAYS Friday mornings, July 1-August 12. TBD Crafts and fun Registration starts two weeks before each event.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME Ages 3-5 Thursdays, July 14-August 4 10:30-11:00 a.m. Registration starts June 27.

LIBRARY AT CRESTMONT PARK Ages 3-11 Wednesday mornings, June 29-Aug. 10 Check with the library for schedule.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

RAINBOW CONNECTIONS LGBTQ+ kids and allies in grades K-5 Monday, May 9 6:00-6:45 p.m. for grades K-2 7:00-7:45 p.m. for grades 3-5 Meet new friends and talk about LGBTQ+ themed books and topics in a safe space. Registration open now.

SPRING STORIES ON THE LAWN Recommended for ages 3-5 Mondays, May 2, 9, 16 10:30-11:00 a.m. North parking lot lawn Led by Miss Jessica. Register one week before each story time date.

SPRING STORIES ON THE LAWN Recommended for ages 1-2 Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 10:00-10:30 a.m. OR 11:00-11:30 a.m. North parking lot lawn Led by Miss Emily. Registration open now (pick one time slot per date).

SCIENCE STORIES IN THE PARK Recommended for ages 3-5 Thursdays, May 5 and 12 Mini-golf pavilion at Alverthorpe Park 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Led by Jungle Annie (Miss Andrea). Registration open now.

SNUGGLE-UP STORY TIME Recommended for ages 2-6 Monday, May 23, 6:30-7:00 p.m. Led by Miss Jessica on Zoom. Registration begins May 16.

Celebrate National Pet Month! PAWS FOR SHELTER PETS Thursday, May 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. the functioning of the library,

PRIDE MONTH EVENT Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Rain date: Tuesday, June 21 Details coming soon!

SUMMER STORIES ON THE LAWN Recommended for ages 3-5 Thursdays, June 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 10:30-11:00 a.m. North parking lot lawn Led by Miss Jessica. Register one TIE-DYE FOR TEENS

SUMMER STORIES ON THE LAWN Recommended for ages 1-2 Tuesdays, June 21, 28 and July 12, 19, 26 10:30-11:00 a.m. North parking lot lawn. Led by Miss Emily. Registration begins June 13.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER Entering grades 2-6 This two-day "Be a Biologist!" course will be held twice at Abington Free Library in August. MEDITATION (Visit abingtonfreelibrary.org for dates and times.) Enter online registration lottery May 9-27 at scienceinthesummer.fi.edu.



TEEN PROGRAMS For grades 6-12.

POWER OF THE PEN Submissions accepted April 1-June 30. Original short stories and poems by teens will be published in an anthology and added to the Library's collection. https://bit.ly/ power of the pen 2022

PEEPS DIORAMAS Thursday, April 21 Make a shoebox-sized diorama using PEEPS candies as the main characters! We'll display them in May and invite the public to vote for their favorite. Supplies provided.

AB-TAB Third Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Teen Advisory Board (AB-TAB) is a group of teens who participate in and influence especially for teen programming and library materials. Have your opinions and suggestions heard, and earn volunteer service hours.

Q CREW Second Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. LGBTQ+ teens and allies are invited to join the Q Crew! Hang out with new friends and discuss LGBTQ+ issues in a safe space.

week before each story time date. Wednesday, June 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Grab a shirt and join us for tiedye! All supplies provided, except what you want to dye.

> RECYCLED BAG ART PRINTS Wednesday, June 29 2:00-3:00 p.m. Explore printmaking, using plastic grocery bags, with local artist Amy Grebe.

ADULT PROGRAMS

MINDFULNESS Monday, May 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Zoom, with Jesse Frechette

EMPOWERING YOUR HEALTH

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free blood pressure screening and stroke prevention education

Monday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.-noon Free blood pressure screenings.

THE MILE BEFORE THE AISLE: Planning your Wedding Day Wednesday, May 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

DOWNTON ABBEY RELEASE PARTY Saturday, May 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Community Room

ADULT ART CLASSES Save the date - May 18 and June 22

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesday, May 25, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Led by Dr. Karen Weekes Running with Sherman, by Christopher McDougall

SUNDAY'S ON MONDAY Join us solving the NYT Sunday crossword. Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP First Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. May 5: The Song of the Jade Lily, by Kirsty Manning June 2: Have you Seen Luis Velez?, by Catherine Ryan Hyde July 7: Dead Wake, by Erik Larson Aug. 4: The Plot, by Jean Hanff Korelitz

ADULTS READ YA BOOK CLUB Thursday, June 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Book TBD

VIRTUAL TOUR: African American History Museum Friday, June 3, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT: SCHITT'S CREEK Thursday, July 21, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

SUMMER READING KICK OFF All ages!

Monday, June 20, 4:00-6:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Celebrate the start of Summer Reading!

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Read an eBook or graphic novel, listen to an audiobook, take a class, learn a new language, stream a movie or TV show, listen to music... all for free with your Abington Township Public Library card.







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Join the Friends! Support Your Libraries!



The BookCellar is back!

Historically the Friends' biggest

fundraising effort, the BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Free Library, reopened on Monday, April 18 at our prepandemic hours:

- Monday-Friday: noon–4 p.m.
- Wednesday evening: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Please stop by and visit. The BookCellar offers great bargains on gently used books, and all sales benefit both the Abington and Roslyn libraries.

The Friends are dedicated volunteers who support the township libraries through fundraising and advocacy. In addition to the BookCellar, our other successful fundraisers include the Spring and Fall Book and Plant Sales and the November Jewelry Auction. The Friends Annual Membership Appeal in June has been the main source of revenue during the past two years of the pandemic.

The Friends welcome new members. We meet quarterly; the next two meetings will be Saturday, May 14 & September 10, at 9:30 a.m. The Fall Book and Plant Sale will be Saturday, September 24. If you would like more information, please email the Friends at FriendsATPL@gmail.com,

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Our commitment to helping area adults improve their literacy skills is as strong as ever. Throughout COVID, our small-group classes met remotely, and our tutors continued to meet with their students both in person, when safe, and remotely, when that felt right. Now, our classes for English language learners are meeting in the library, and our tutors are coming back, too.



If you know an adult who needs literacy help, whether it's to improve their nonnative English

skills, their basic reading or math skills, or to help them pass a test, such as a high school equivalency test, please contact the Literacy Office.

Interested in becoming a volunteer tutor? No experience is necessary. If you have skills and time to share, please give us a call. We offer new tutor trainings three times a year. The next training will be in July.

Literacy Office: 215-885-5183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.



– Elizabeth Sperling,Program Coordinator

QUESTIONS?CONTACT US!

267-245-7337 (Text us)









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Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m 9:00 p.m.	
Friday - Saturday: 9:30 a.m 5:00 p.m.	
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	



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Reference News

Welcome to the new Adult Graphic Novel/Comics section! Previously, these books were scattered all over the library depending on their category, such as fiction, biography, gardening, etc. Now, you can browse them all in one place.

Due to demand, we are adding more books than ever! The new section includes a variety of styles and stories, including romance, quiet drama, crime, horror, fantasy, sci-fi, and comedy. Follow the signs or ask a staff person where they are. We guarantee you'll find something beautiful.

We are excited to announce that Grove Art Online is now available through the Grove Art Online Library's website. This digital art encyclopedia covers global art and architecture from prehistory to present day, and includes articles contributed by nearly 7,000 scholars from around the world. Get started at abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources

Save the date for these Abington Library events:

May is High Blood Pressure Education Month, as well as Stroke Awareness Month.

Wednesday, May 4, 9:30–11:30 a.m.: Stroke Awareness program and free blood pressure screenings.

Monday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.-noon: Free blood pressure screenings.

Monday, June 20, 4:00–6:00 p.m.: Summer Reading Kickoff for all ages.

Borrow a HotSpot or Connected Chromebook and take the Internet home with you today.

Pick up your device at the Information Desk. Hotspots and Chromebooks are available for a 3-week loan period.

*Devices are CIPA-Complian

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Something for everyone, wherever you are.

- Mimi Satterthwaite and all the reference staff