Volunteer Spotlight – Doris Lukin

We often reiterate in these columns how important our volunteers are to us and Doris Lukin is a shining example of why. Doris has been a volunteer at the Abington Free Library for 36 years, since the day we opened our doors.

The library was much smaller then, a small room upstairs, and the reference department was behind the counter. We had single card cataloging, no online databases, and no automated checkouts. Doris was instrumental in helping thousands of our patrons sign up for new library cards when we automated in 1999. She sat by the door for weeks cheering patrons on to sign up, and asked every patron who came in the door, “Are you an Abington resident? and “Have you registered for a new card yet?” Needless to say, it was not an easy job and she really didn’t enjoy it, but she did it for us nonetheless, which is Doris all the way.

Most recently, she has been coming in once a week to help keep the shelves in proper Dewey Decimal order. Doris was born and raised in Philadelphia. She attended Germantown High School and Temple University’s Secretarial School. She worked as a secretary for seven years before settling down to raise a family. She met her husband, Walter (called “Polka” by his friends) while she was busy flirting with one of his friends. Together they have three children and nine grandchildren. They have been residents of Abington since 1955.

Thumbs up for Doris Lukin!
Young Adult/Teens at Abington Free Library
REGISTER for these programs or get more information @ Information Desk, abingtonfreelibrary.org or 215-885-5180, ext. 13.

Research class in the Library’s Science Online Database and Internet Resources.
Sept 29 and Oct 13 from 11-noon in the Staff Lounge
Bring your laptop with wireless access and library card. Learn how to access online resources with your library card. Research your Science Fair project.

A workshop for high school students and parents …
Oct 8 from 7 - 8 p.m.
High Level and Ivy League College Admissions: How to Successfully Navigate the Admissions Process

Grades 6-12.
Oct 15 – Nov 19 from 6:30-8 p.m.
Join Diana Trout (artist and journaling enthusiast) for creative journaling. Use art, poetry and writing to put your thoughts on paper. Bring your own journal or notebook.

Adult Programs at Abington Free Library
REGISTER in the Library Office or call 215-885-5180, ext. 15. abingtonfreelibrary.org.

RAU ANIMAL HOSPITAL PRESENTATIONS
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Sept 5 - Do Felines have Canines? Pet dental care. Speaker: Vickie Byard, CVT, VTS
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GUITAR WORKSHOP SERIES
Seven Lesson Course, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Sept 19, 26, Oct 17, 29, Nov 21, Dec 5, & 19 Play Folk Guitar!

THE ART OF LOOKING AT ART
Thursday, Sept 20 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Sheldon Weintraub will discuss: “Is She Nude or Is She Naked?”

DROP IN FOR DESSERT AND DATA
Sept 25 and Oct 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Mimi Satterthwaite leads a discussion of the library’s online databases. Register at Information Desk, 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or online at abingtonfreelibrary.org

Commonwealth Speaker, and three-time Emmy Winner, BILL WINE, Film Critic, KYW Newsradio; Sept 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. AFL Pitfalls and perks of seeing and reporting on virtually every new movie.
To register for this free program, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, call 215-886-9818, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org or visit the Roslyn Branch Library.

PROF. BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS ABOUT …
Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m.; Shorday Room.
Oct 4 - Restaurants: An Opinionated View …
Oct 11 - When the Good Guys Used to Win …
Oct 18 - Women's Rights: One Man’s Perspective …
Oct 25 - Leadership Styles: A Look-See …
Nov 1 - Writing with Pizazz …

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Every first Thursday at 1 p.m.
Oct 4 - Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky
Nov 1 - Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Dec 6 - The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan
No registration required. Walk-ins welcome!

ADULT LITERACY EVENTS - 215-885-5183
Oct 9 - 7 p.m. Tutor Support Meeting
Nov 14- 7 p.m. Tutor Support Meeting
Dec 10 - 7 p.m. Tutor Support Meeting

WWII LECTURE SERIES
Every third Tuesday at 3 and 7 p.m.
Oct 16 - 6–9 p.m. 10th Anniversary Celebration at Williamson Restaurant
Nov 20, 3 p.m. - German Luftwaffe Pilot & POW Pitfalls and perks of seeing and reporting on virtually every new movie.
Nov 20, 7 p.m. - P-47 Fighter Pilot 9th Airforce - Pearl Harbor and 9/11 Attacks

SOCRATES CAFÉ
Every second Wednesday from 10:30 - noon
Every fourth Friday from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Giving Philosophy Back to the People.

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

These library programs are FREE and take place in the Library’s Community Room on the Lower Level unless another location is specified. REGISTER in the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15.
Children's Department at Abington Free Library
For information or to register for these programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org or visit the Children's Department.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Fall Session #1 Story times begin the week of Sept 10 and continue through the week of Oct 15.
Fall Session #2 Story times resume the week of Nov 5 and continue through the week of Dec 10.
(No four- and five-year-old session on Nov 22)

TWO-YEAR-OLDS
Tuesdays, 10-10:45 a.m.
Parents/caregivers attend this lap sit program with their children. **Advance registration is required.**
Registration for Fall Session #1 begins Aug 27.
Registration for Fall Session #2 begins Oct 22.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS
Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Children may attend independently or with parents/caregivers. **No advance registration is required.**

FOUR- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS
Thursdays, 2-2:30 p.m.
Children are encouraged to attend independently. **No advance registration is required.**

LITTLE CRAWLER STORY TIMES
For ages 6 months and up who are not yet walking
**Three Wednesdays:**
Sept 19, 26 and Oct 3, 10:30-11 a.m.
Registration for Abington Township residents begins Sept 10; out-of-township residents, Sept 14.
These programs are designed for one-on-one interaction between parent/caregiver and child. Please arrange for care of siblings during this time.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS (ages 6-10)
Three Saturdays: Oct 6, Nov 3 & Dec 1
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Calling young dog lovers! Read to a dog and have loads of fun! Registration begins Monday, September 17. Children do not have to attend all three Saturdays.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
A festive fall event for new kindergartners and their parents
Thursday, Oct 11, 6:30-8 p.m. **OR**
Saturday, Oct 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Join us for stories, crafts, entertainment, and workshops on how to enhance your child’s kindergarten experience. Register for either the Thursday evening or Saturday morning session starting Monday, October 1.

HALLOWEEN ART CLASSES
Thursday, Oct 18
Make a Mask You Can Wear (ages 5-6): 6-6:30 p.m.
Build Your Own Haunted House (ages 7-10): 7-8:15 p.m.
Feeling “crafty”? Get in the Halloween spirit with experienced art instructor Jill Appleman. Registration for both programs begins Monday, October 8.

TODDLER STORY TIMES
For children aged 12-23 months & their parents/caregivers
**Four Wednesdays:** Oct 31, Nov 7, 21, 28, 10:30-11 a.m.
(No session on Nov 14)
Registration for Abington Township residents begins Oct 22; out-of-township residents, Oct 26.
All children registered must be walking independently. These programs are designed for one-on-one interaction between parent/caregiver and child. Please arrange for care of siblings during this time.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES (all ages)
Weekly story times for parents and caregivers led by members of the Jenkintown Kiwanis Club.
Dates and times to be announced — check library website for updates.

Why bring your child to story time?
Library story times are a wonderful way to introduce books and reading to your child. Through age-appropriate stories, rhymes and songs, your child will develop valuable pre-reading skills while learning that reading can be enjoyable, too. Take advantage of the **FREE** programs listed to help your child discover the joys of reading.

New Web Photo Albums!
Did we snap a photo of your child at a Library event?
Go to abingtonfreelibrary.org and click on “photos.”
There you can easily see snapshots or slide shows, copy or download pictures!
Reference Department: News

For more information call 215-885-5880, ext. 13 or abingtonfreelibrary.org

Here are highlights from Reference and Information!

We have updated our collection with the following new reference sources:

- Slavery in the United States: a social, political, and historical encyclopedia, Santa Barbara, Calif.; ABC-CLIO (2007)

This fall Computer Classes will be offered late September through November. We will schedule classes on the Internet, Word and Excel. Please contact the Information Desk to register, by calling 215-885-5880 and then press 5.

We are offering two programs this fall - please check under Adult Program listings for Dessert and Data and for Science Online and Internet Resources.

These free library programs start at 7 p.m. Register at the Abington Free Library Office, call 215-885-5880, ext. 15 or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org

Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, call 215-886-9888, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org or visit the Roslyn Branch Library, 2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, PA 19090.

PAJAMA PARTIES FOR AGES 3-6
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Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5880, ext. 36, or read about us at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

NEW BOOKS COME IN EVERY DAY TO OUR BOOKCELLAR - You are invited to browse our selection. We are located in the lower level of Abington Free Library, 1030 Old York Road, next to the Children's Department. All books, movies and music are available for sale at very reasonable prices!

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

NEW MEMBERS/BOOKCELLAR VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED - Support your Library by joining a very sociable group and enjoy the comraderie and satisfaction of being a part of your Library's growth!

Remember, all funds from the Friends activities go to support your Library.

Get engaged now!

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