

## From the Director's Desk - A Guyton Collaboration

Abington Township qualifies as a Pennsylvania Clean Energy Community and received the gift of a 1.26-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system from the Sustainable Development Fund. The Township gave the system to Abington Free Library, and it was installed on the roof on July 27. Once it is certified by the electrical inspector, this system will provide the electricity to run the Library's Computer Center.



- Rick Guyton, Building Manager

Every day in the newspapers and on TV we hear about the closing of libraries, pools, and recreation centers because of the lack of funding. We, as adults, wonder exactly what we can do but usually just shake our heads and hope "something" will improve. However, sometimes it is those we would never think of who do that "something."

On August 8, 2009 those of us who work at the Abington Free Library were very surprised and extremely gratified when

Dr. Bethany Perry and her children Isabelle, age 8, and Max, age 6, came to our Circulation Desk. Dr. Perry explained that she and her children had a discussion at home about how much the library meant to them, so the children set up a lemonade stand and had a bake sale, and all the proceeds, \$41.76, were donated to the library.

What a marvelous gift these children gave us with their concern and generosity. We truly appreciate what they did.

- Jackie Guyton, Library Circulation Assistant

P.S. As we went to press, we received a note from DeAnna Schaefer with a check for \$30, the proceeds from Hudson's and Quinn's lemonade stand!



## Volunteer Spotlight - Prof. Burton Klein

Abington Free Library is delighted to have its own "professor."

Burton Klein had a stellar, 36-year career in the Philadelphia school system as a teacher, television-demonstration teacher, vice principal, principal, and assistant to seven superintendents.

Klein's principalships at three schools were earmarked by his visits to every student's home yearly, visiting each teacher's classroom daily, and releasing two teachers daily for free time as he taught their classes for one hour. Every student was called by name in the hallways and in each classroom. In addition, family members and children were taken to dinner. It's no wonder that the inner-city Walton School principal received the highest rating from his teachers in the *Philly Talk* magazine of January 1977.

Professor Klein is the former president of the prestigious Schoolmen's Club of Philadelphia and the English Club of Philadelphia. Many of his published articles appear in "The Social Studies" and "The Science Teacher."

In 1993, Klein decided to embark upon a new venture. He taught advanced writing, power speaking, and Aristotelian Logic at The College of New Jersey where he was the first recipient of an award named for him, "The Burton H. Klein Distinguished Service Award." So as not to labor over a 50-mile daily sojourn to New Jersey, Burton started teaching power speaking and the logic of Aristotle at Strayer

University's Lower Bucks County site. At the University's 2006 graduation ceremony, he was awarded the Donald R. Stoddard Faculty Award of Excellence.

For the past ten years, Klein speaks over 100 times yearly, including his popular talks at the Library. He also lectured on Oceania and Crystal cruise lines with many "appearances" on Philadelphia radio. All speaking proceeds are sent to a designated charity.

Professor Klein has been inducted into the West Philadelphia High School Hall of Fame predicated on his service to that community. The College of New Jersey inducted Burton into the Golden Key International Honour Society in 2003.

Temple University receives the credit for "introducing" his beloved wife, Sandra, to him. After more than 51 years of pure joy, his recently retired darling Sandra and Burt continue their world travels. Sandra, by the way, completed 50 years of grandeur in the Philadelphia schools and the Community College of Philadelphia.

Abington Free Library is pleased to showcase Professor Klein's multi-faceted talents. Starting on Sept. 8, he will give a series of lectures at the Library:

"Twists" of Leadership (Sept. 8);

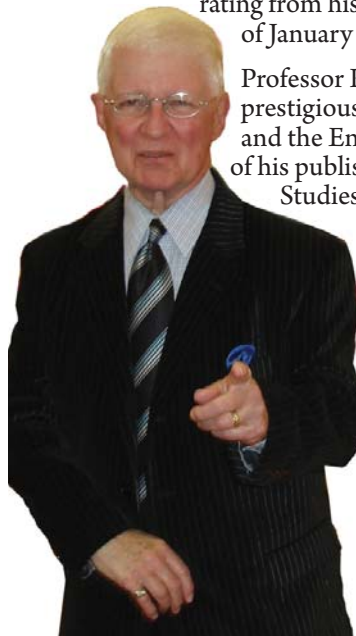
It's Show Time – One Never Gets to See the "Big Apple." (Sept. 14);

The Zest for Life (Sept. 25);

The College for Your Children and Grands (Oct 1); and

A Different Land ... New England (Oct 7).

 - Gloria Bors





## Reference Department News

For more information call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/information](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/information)



Databases,  
e-resources,  
online  
subscriptions...  
a sea of  
information!

You can also attend an online resources class, scheduled for Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room.

Are you looking for a job? We can help you in your search. ReferenceUSA is an online resource that



provides company information – contacts, financial reports, locations of nearby businesses, and more. ReferenceUSA is offering online training to patrons. Ask for details at the Information Desk. The Library also is offering three sessions for people who want to sharpen their job hunting skills. These sessions will be held Sept. 16, 23 and the 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Library!

- Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff

Describing a resource available online (which is not Google or Wikipedia!) can be a challenge for a librarian. Libraries purchase a wide variety of online resources. How do we get the word out? Many of you come to our Information Desk, and this gives us an opportunity to tell you about the wealth of information available online. However, many patrons rely on their own intuition and knowledge of the Internet to find information. Please come see us at the Information Desk to enrich your searching capabilities.

## Roslyn Branch Library

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



### MASTER GARDENER SERIES

Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

Master Gardener Peggy Rastiello, Four Season Gardening.

Explore the best ways to have blooms in your garden for almost 12 months of the year. You'll discuss various types of plants to help fill the garden gap in spring, autumn and late winter. No matter what size garden you have, you'll learn tips and tricks to ensure a four-season garden for your home. Registration begins Aug. 31.

### COOKIE MOUSE

Friday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. Ages 2-7

Cookie Mouse's visit comes courtesy of Barnes & Noble Booksellers. There will be stories, songs, and fingerplays. Bring your camera and take a picture of your child with Cookie Mouse. Registration begins Sept. 4.



### BRIAR BUSH: CRITTERS TO KIDS

Saturday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Ages 5-12

Do you like animals? Join us at Roslyn Library where an educator from Briar Bush Nature Center will bring live animals to share with children. Learn why animals behave and look the way they do. Discover how various animals adapt to survive in challenging environments. Registration begins Sept. 8.

Learn about famous author and illustrator

### JIM ARNOSKY

Monday, Oct. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. For children ages 5-9, who like to draw. Librarian Celia Frankford will read The Empty Lot written by Dale H. Fife and illustrated by Jim Arnosky. Draw your own illustrations using the techniques of Jim Arnosky. Edie Tanis Brenna, library assistant and studio artist, will be there to help. Registration begins Sept. 14.

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Oct. 5 through Dec. 10

Story times for ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Story times for ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Note: There will be no story time on Nov. 2.

Registration begins Sept. 8.



### PAJAMA PARTIES

Mondays, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, 6:30-7 p.m.

Ages 3-6.

Registration for all three events begins Sept. 21. Note: You can register for each program separately.

### WATER CONSERVATION

Monday, Oct. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten through sixth grade

How do children in other countries get water? What happens if the water is contaminated? Learn from a group of local teens who recently raised money to install bathrooms and water systems and provide hygiene education to people in Mali and New Delhi. This group, H2O has presented information to a national audience and is well-respected in their field. Registration begins Sept. 29.



### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wear a costume and join us for some spooky fun!

Monday, Oct. 26

Ages 2-5: 6-6:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12: 7-8 p.m.

Stories, games, crafts and refreshments.

Registration begins Oct. 5.



Local scouts invite you to the Roslyn Library to listen to the story A PORCUPINE NAMED FLUFFY by Helen Lester.

Afterwards the scouts will help you create porcupines out of craft materials and teach you how to play animal lotto.

Monday, Nov. 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This program is for children ages 4-8.

Registration begins Oct. 19. Guests are encouraged to register early. Space is limited to 15 children.



# Children's Department at Abington Free Library

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



## PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

### Fall Session #1

Story times begin the week of Sept. 14 and continue through the week of Oct. 19.

### Fall Session #2

Story times resume the week of Nov. 9 and continue through the week of Dec. 14.

### TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Parents/caregivers attend this lapsit program with their children. Advance registration is required.

Registration for Fall Session #1 begins Mon., Aug. 31.

Registration for Fall Session #2 begins Mon., Oct. 26.

### THREE-FOUR-AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS

Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Children may attend independently or with parents/caregivers. No advance registration is required.



## BOX CRAFTS WITH BUBBIE THE BOOK LADY

Tues., Sept. 22, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

For children ages 3-7 attending with parents/caregivers Stretch your imagination with Bubbie the Book Lady (author Carol Kasser). Listen to Bubbie's stories I Brought Home a Skunk and "Bobby's Box," then use boxes, construction paper, markers, cardboard tubes, stickers and more to make your own box creation. Please bring one cereal box (any size) per child. All other supplies will be provided. Registration will begin on Monday, Sept. 14.

## LEARN TO SAVE MONEY WITH LESS THAN ZERO

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7-8 p.m. Ages 6-10

This program, based on Stuart J. Murphy's book Less than Zero, will teach the importance of saving money. Students will learn the difference between borrowing and saving, and be encouraged to start their own savings plan.

Registration begins Monday, Sept. 14.

Space is limited to 40 children attending with parents.

## DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Read to the world's best listener—a DOG!

Three Saturdays: Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5

10:15-10:45 OR 11-11:30 a.m. Grades 1-5

Get to know lots of friendly dogs!

Meet other kids who love dogs & books.

Practice reading in an exciting new way.

Registration begins Monday, Sept. 21.

Children do not have to attend all three Saturdays.

## Adult Literacy Events

For more information, call Rob Naborn at 215-885-5183, email [AbLit1@yahoo.com](mailto:AbLit1@yahoo.com), or visit the Literacy Program Office, Abington Free Library, Lower Level.

The Adult Literacy Program is going strong, but will go even stronger with more tutors to help the 200+ students who ask for help every year. There will be training for new tutors on Monday, Oct. 5, and Friday, Oct. 9, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. on both evenings.



## DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages

Join us in the Community Room every Thursday, 11-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 8 through May 20, 2010

No advance registration is required.

These informal story times will be led by members of the Jenkintown Kiwanis Club in cooperation with the Children's Department staff. **PARENTS/CAREGIVERS MUST ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN.**

## PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTIES

Ages 3-5

Three Wednesdays: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 7-7:30 p.m.

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle. Children must be the appropriate age and accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No advance registration is required.

## GOOD STORY TIMES WITH KAREN & MITZI

Ages 3 & up

Two Mondays: Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 10:30-11 a.m.

Listen to stories read by former elementary school teacher Karen Udell. Pet her gentle golden retriever, Mitzi, a certified therapy dog. No advanced registration required.

All children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

## STAR WARS PARTY

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7-8 p.m. Ages 5 & up

Join us for intergalactic games, refreshments and fun as we celebrate our favorite heroes and villains from a "galaxy far, far away." Come in costume, if you like. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 19.

## TODDLER STORY TIMES

Ages 12-23 months & their parents/caregivers

Four Wednesdays: Oct. 28, & Nov. 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11 a.m.

Registration begins on the following dates:

Abington Township residents: Monday, Oct. 19

Out-of-township residents: Friday, Oct. 23

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.



## VIRTUAL WHALE WATCH

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m. For homeschoolers in grades K-8

Learn about humpback whales through an exciting multimedia simulation of a Hawaiian whale watch. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 26. Space is limited to 35 students.



For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office in Abington Free Library, on the Lower Level across from the Children's Department. You can also call Rob Naborn at 215-885-5183, or email him at [AbLit1@yahoo.com](mailto:AbLit1@yahoo.com).

# 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).

## HIGH LEVEL AND IVY LEAGUE COLLEGE



**ADMISSIONS:** How to Successfully Navigate the Admissions Process

Workshop leader: Byron L. Goldstein, M.A.  
Independent College Admissions Counselor  
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7-8 p.m.

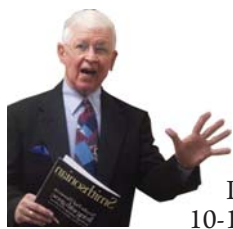
Find out about: Impact of economic conditions;  
School selection; Essay preparation; Teacher recommendations; Resume preparation and presentation; Transcript review; Interviews; Campus tours; Financial aid

## CHESS ANYONE?

Grades 6-12. Adults welcome!

Fridays, 3:30 - 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 9 - May 2010

For experienced and beginning players. Register for instructions  
Something to do Friday afternoons! Meet new friends!  
Exercise your brain!



## 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)

### PROF. BURTON KLEIN LECTURES

10-11 a.m. in the Shorday Room

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - "Twists" of Leadership

Monday, Sept. 14 - It's Show Time -- One Never Gets to See the "Big Apple."

Friday, Sept. 25 - The Zest for Life

Thursday, Oct. 1 - The College for Your Children and Grands

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - A Different Land ... New England

### RUTH ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. **Registration is a must!**

Sept. 9 - Revolutionary Road The film may be borrowed through the Library Office or the library system.

Oct. 14 - Poe Readings - packet available soon.

Nov. 11 - Netherland: A Novel by Joseph O'Neill

The book may be purchased for \$9 in the Library Office or borrowed through the library system.

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY UNDERTONES

Friday, Sept. 11, 7-7:45 p.m.

The Northwestern University Undertones, an award-winning a cappella group and one of the top a cappella groups of the Midwest, is coming to the Abington Free Library. They promise an evening of "great music, fun audience participation, and an all-around wonderful time."

This FREE program is for the entire family.

Registration begins Aug. 21.

### FOLK GUITAR WORKSHOP SERIES

Six-lesson course for ages 15 and up.

Mondays, 7 p.m.: Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9 and 23

Instructor Rich Kaufman will bring some guitars to lessons.

Register for this free program.

### BACK TO WORK: HOW LIBRARIES CAN BETTER YOUR JOB SEARCH

Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m.

Sept. 16 - Job Hunting Outside the Box

Sept. 23 - Toolkit for the Job Hunter: Two-Minute Pitch and the Resume

Sept. 30 - Cast the Net: Fish for More Effective Network Contacts

Register in the Library Office.

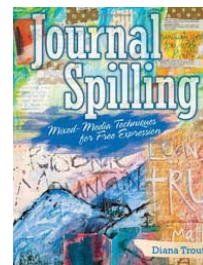
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JOB HUNTERS!  
FREE series open to all!

## CREATIVE JOURNALING

Grades 6-12

Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 7 - Nov. 11

Join Diana Trout (artist and journalist enthusiast) Explore some new journaling techniques from her upcoming book: Journal Spilling - [dianatrout.com](http://dianatrout.com). In your personal art journal, you don't have to stay inside the lines. Spilling words, colors, and images in your journal can be like a big, long sigh of relief.



## LEARN TO STUDY EFFECTIVELY: STOP WASTING TIME

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. Edward C. Crapps, Ph.D.

Learn how to: retain and recall study materials by applying visualization, association, listening, writing and verbal exercises; think critically about reading materials and the world around us; take personal responsibility for your personal development and career goals; use concept maps to enhance your learning; **earn better SAT scores.** Adults welcome!



## DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.

Oct. 1 - Three Cups of Tea: one man's mission to promote peace -- one school at a time by Greg Mortenson

Nov. 5 - Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

Dec. 3 - Ladies of Liberty: the women who shaped our nation by Cokie Roberts

## ONLINE RESOURCE CLASS

Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.

Oct 13 - History of the Penn Treaty Park, with author Kenneth Milano

Nov. 10 - Let's Start at the Beginning - a workshop on how to start your genealogy project

Dec. 10 - Preservation on a Shoestring, a National Archives presentation

## SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every second Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Every fourth Friday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

What is truth, justice, moderation? Any and every question!

## WWII LECTURE SERIES

Every third Tuesday of the month, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sept. 15 - Carol Schultz Vento will discuss her father's service with the 82nd Airborne Division, and her Daughters of D-Day website.

Oct. 20 - Dr. David H. Burton, professor of history at Saint Joseph's University and author of 22 books. He served in the 84th Infantry Division in WWII.

*Note from the lecture series coordinator:* I need your help. Instead of being the only coordinator of this program I was hoping I/ we could start a committee to keep this program afloat. I am no longer able to commit the same amount of time to the program as I have in the past. Please get in touch with me if you can help out. Thanks for your time. -- Brandon C. Traister

Call Brandon at 856-296-9256 or email him at [brandon.traister@us.army.mil](mailto:brandon.traister@us.army.mil).

## Miss Ellanie - Overheard at the Library

Children say the cutest things:

- A librarian was chatting with a patron about her books when the patron's 2-year-old son said, "Shh, we're in a library!"
- A little boy singing, "If you're happy in your nose, clap your hands. If you're happy in your nose, clap your hands."



- A little boy wanted to read the Huffy Puffy Dog book. Huh? Oh, the big, bad wolf.

- Lois Odabas, Reference Librarian



## Thank You to Our Recent Significant Donors

The Friends of the Abington Township Public Library  
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### Barnes & Noble

102 Park Avenue, Willow Grove

Saturday, Dec. 5, All day

CRAFTS - STORY TIMES - THINKFUN GAMES

*A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our library.*

For more information contact:

Celia Frankford at 215-886-9818 or cfrankford@mclinc.org



The Friends of the Abington Library and Samuel T. Freeman & Company announce an

## ANTIQUES APPRAISAL FAIR

*Sponsored by Carol K. Gerstley*

*Dust off your heirlooms and join us!*

**Sunday, Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m.**

Participants may have up to 3 items appraised!

If you have questions, please call the Library BookCellar at 215-885-5180, Ext. 36.

All proceeds benefit the Abington Township Public Library.



- APPRAISAL CATEGORIES include (but are not limited to) paintings; jewelry; books; prints & manuscripts; silver; ceramics; toys; American and European furniture & decorative arts; 20th century design. A detailed photograph can be used for large items.
- COST: \$15.00 for the first item; one or two additional items @ \$7.50 each
- REFRESHMENTS and RAFFLE: The \$15.00 registration fee includes wine and cheese reception and one ticket for gift basket raffle.
- REGISTRATION: The number of tickets must be limited to give each participant adequate time for the appraisal process. Please register in advance. Forms are at either library. Send completed forms to address provided along with your payment. Your tickets will be held for you at the entrance. Ticket purchase at-the-door is contingent on availability.



## 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. We'll meet on the following Saturday mornings at 9:30: Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Feb. 20 and May 15. The annual meeting, our Picnic in the Park, will be June 7, 5:45 p.m., at Alverthorpe Park.

Fall Activities:

- Antique Appraisal Fair – Oct. 25
- Election Day Bake Sale – Nov. 4
- Bangles, Baubles & Bids – the month of November – The Friends' Annual Jewelry & Collectibles Silent Auction. Bring donations in now!
- Early 2010 – Design-a-Bookmark Contest for children grades K-12

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FRIENDS:

- Donate jewelry and small collectibles now through Oct. 30.
- Donate books, movies, audiobooks, music and current textbooks.
- Love to bake? Donate your favorite cake, cookies, pie or bread on Nov. 4.
- Volunteer at the BookCellar or help with Friends' activities.
- Become a member.

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 of our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

BOOKCELLAR hours:

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





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Pair that with the **FREE** series, **BACK TO WORK** starting Sept. 16. **Find out more inside and at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)!**

### Abington Free Library

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Office .....ext. 15  
Adult Literacy .....ext. 27  
Friends of the Library ....ext. 36  
Hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun, 2 - 5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays in August.

### Roslyn Branch Library

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Tues, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Closed Wednesdays  
and Sundays.

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## Staff Spotlight - Carolyn DuBois

Ask Carolyn DuBois what it takes to be a children's librarian, and she will answer, "All of the knowledge and skills that you have." As head of the Children's Department for the past 12 years, Carolyn has planned and publicized children's programs, developed the children's and parent-teacher collections, supervised staff, managed the children's program and book budgets, and provided outreach to schools and other community organizations. She has instituted many popular programs, including Doggone Good Readers, Art Escape, and the Kiwanis drop-in story times. She also coordinates Science in the Summer and the Summer Reading Club.

Carolyn came to Abington Township Public Library fresh out of library school, having worked as a desk assistant at Jenkintown Library while earning her master's degree in library and information science at Drexel University. Like many librarians, Carolyn did not initially seek a career in the field. Her primary interest was in writing, a passion that led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in English at The College of William and Mary.

After graduation Carolyn worked in public relations and development for five years. Before long, however, she felt compelled to change careers. Given her lifelong love of children's literature and a desire to serve others, children's librarianship was the obvious choice. Accordingly, Carolyn enrolled at Drexel.

During graduate school her life took a fortuitous turn. While working as an employment specialist for Access Services Inc., Carolyn placed a client at Builders Square in King of Prussia. The young man's supervisor was Daniel DuBois, with whom Carolyn had many conversations. Carolyn's client eventually lost his job, but Dan and Carolyn were married four years later.

Always a writer, Carolyn is working on a middle-grade novel to enter in a contest in June 2010. Her love of the written word is apparently contagious: patrons Samantha and Erica Simon, ages 8 and 6, respectively, agree that "Miss Carolyn finds the best books, like the Magic Tree House and Rainbow Magic Fairies series." Grayson Meyerowitz, age 9, has benefited from Carolyn's help in finding books that match his love of history with his reading skills. His mother, Clair, remarks, "Carolyn easily goes to whatever the child's level is."

Indeed, Carolyn strives to remain a child at heart. As for what she has accomplished at the library, she is quick to acknowledge her staff's contributions. "I feel fortunate to work with so many talented people," she says. "Our library could not offer the variety of children's programs that we do without them."

