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## Reference Department News



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



We are excited to welcome our new staff member, Lindsay Cummings. Lindsay is our new Young Adult librarian. Please be sure to stop by and meet her!

Our fiction genre and associated author lists are being updated. These are helpful when looking for good reads. Here are some of the genre lists to look for:

Adventure, African American Men, African American Women, Legal Thrillers, Chick Lit, Contemporary Romance, Horror, Humor, Legal Thrillers and Military Thriller.

The lists reflect new titles and the associated author lists now contain only current authors (published within the past five years). These lists are available in print (near the Information Desk) and on our website: [http://abg.mclinc.org/reading\\_room/Genrelists.htm](http://abg.mclinc.org/reading_room/Genrelists.htm).

Don't miss "First Wednesdays"! Stop by and learn about the online catalog, your patron account and accessing eBooks and audio books. Also discover online resources that are available to you as a resident of Abington Township, Montgomery County and Pennsylvania. Join us this spring from 2-3 p.m. on May 2 or June 6.



Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff  
 Email : [AskAbington@gmail.com](mailto:AskAbington@gmail.com)

# Children's Department at Abington Free Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28 starting at 9:30 a.m., or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens). All programs held in the Library's Community Room, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted.

Complete summer program listings will be available in May at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).

## GROW WITH ME

Ages 4-7  
An Earth Day Celebration  
Tuesday, April 24, 7-7:45 p.m.  
Listen to gardening and planting stories read by Cecelia Stanton.  
Meet master falconer Tom Stanton and his live Harris's hawk!  
Registration is now open.



## CHE-MYSTERY FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Grades 2-7  
Monday, April 30,  
11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (two sessions)  
During this Mad Science of West New Jersey workshop, children will learn about chemical reactions and grow crystal gardens. Registration is now open. Space limited to 20 children per session.

## SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER "SIMPLE MACHINES"

Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28  
Morning and afternoon sessions available.  
This four-day science course is for Abington Township/Rockledge Borough students who have completed grades 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. Parents/guardians: Register in person Monday, May 21, through Sunday, June 3. Bring your child's library card and sign a GlaxoSmithKline permission slip at the time of registration. Children will be selected by registration lottery. Acceptance notices will be mailed after June 4.

## SATURDAY STORY TIMES

Ages 3 and up  
April 28 and May 19, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Join Karen Udell for these fun-filled story times.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.

## DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages  
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m. through May 31.  
Led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

## STORY TIMES WITH JEAN & NIJI

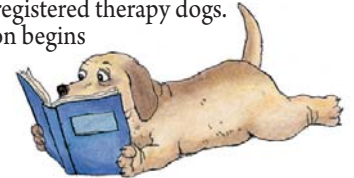
Three Mondays: April 23 and May 7, 14  
10:30-11 a.m.  
Listen to stories read by Jean Campellone. Pet her gentle yellow Lab, Niji, a registered therapy dog.  
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  
No registration required.

## LAUGH, DANCE & SING WITH PETER MOSES

Two 50-minute shows for ages 2 and up:  
Monday, May 7 - 7 p.m. Roslyn Branch Library  
Thursday, May 10 - 7 p.m. Abington Free Library  
Please sign up at either library or call 215-885-5180, ext. 28 (Abington) or 215-886-9818 (Roslyn). Both shows presented in honor of Children's Book Week (May 7-13).

## DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Grades 1-5  
Four Saturdays: July 14, 21, 28 and Aug. 4  
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  
Monday, June 18.



## 2012 SUMMER READING CLUB "DREAM BIG - READ!"

Dream Big  
READ!

This summer Abington Township/Rockledge Borough children of all ages (including preschoolers) are encouraged to read, or be read to, for 20 minutes per day and record their progress in a reading log. Participants will be eligible to receive prizes (including a free book) when they achieve

certain reading time goals. Registration will begin on Friday, June 15. Every child who registers will receive a free Rita's water ice coupon and a place on the recognition wall at either Abington Free Library or the Roslyn Branch. Reading prizes will be awarded through Friday, Sept. 7.

## 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).

### STITCH ALONG:

A Place to Learn, Stitch and Share  
Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Stop by and stitch or knit with the group.

### BOARD GAMES

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. & Fridays at 3:30 p.m.  
Scrabble, dominoes, chess, checkers, Othello, and other board games.  
Meet new friends! Exercise your brain!  
Board games are always available.

Watch for the mural that will be created soon by Abington Senior High School art students.

Check the website for updates and more information on programs.

## Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, email [kburnham@mclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mclinc.org) or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

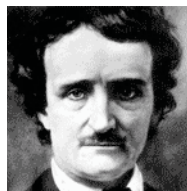
### PROF. BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS!

*Abington Libraries' favorite professor returns!*

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Shorday Room

April 24: "Hotels, Hotels, Hotels"  
It's all about one's experience.  
However, we'll learn what makes some hotels supreme.

May 1: "What is Worthy News?"  
It really comes down to a point of view - NOT your lecturer's.



### THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

One Wednesday a month at 7 p.m. in the Shorday Room.

April 25 - Poe's Poetry led by Ed Pettit, the Philly Poe Guy! We have packets of Poe's poetry available in the Library Office.

May 16 - No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy, led by Chad Whitman. Books are available for \$9

in the Library Office or through the library system.

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STITCH ALONG: A Place to Learn, Stitch and Share  
Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Stop by and stitch or knit with the group.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP  
Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Every second Tuesday from 7-8:45 p.m.

WWII LECTURE SERIES  
Every third Tuesday at 3 and 7 p.m.

SOCRATES CAFÉ  
Every second Wednesday of the month from 10:30-noon

Complete summer program listings will be available in May at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).

## Roslyn Branch Library

For information or to register for these programs, call 215-886-9818, email [cfrankford@mclinc.org](mailto:cfrankford@mclinc.org) or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/Roslyn](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/Roslyn).



### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES

Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Spring session runs April 16 through June 14.

Summer session runs July 10 through Aug. 16.

Note: No story time on Monday, April 23;

Thursday, April 26; and Thursday, May 24.

Registration began March 26 for spring session.

Registration begins June 19 for summer session.

### PAJAMA PARTIES

Ages 3-6

Mondays, April 30, May 21, June 25

6:30-7 p.m.

Please register for each program separately.

Stories \* Songs \* Finger plays \* Crafts

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

### BABY DAYS

Ages 5 months-2 years

Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 29 & June 5

11 a.m.

Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories, and do finger plays.



**LAUGH, DANCE & SING WITH PETER MOSES**  
Bring your family for an evening of sing-alongs, music, movement and fun! Always energetic and enthusiastic, Peter will have everyone singing and moving to the beat.

Two 50-minute shows for ages 2 & up:

Monday, May 7 - 7 p.m. Roslyn Branch Library

Thursday, May 10 - 7 p.m. Abington Free Library

Registration for both events will begin April 23.

Please sign up at either library or call 215-885-5180, ext. 28 (Abington) or 215-886-9818 (Roslyn).

**BOTH SHOWS PRESENTED IN HONOR OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK. (MAY 7-13)**



### DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT

New summer program for teens! Join the digital scavenger hunt! You could win a prize!

Take a picture of each item with your cell phone or digital camera. All of these items

can be found in the Roslyn Library. You may work with a partner. Be creative! When you have all 10 pictures, show or e-mail them to the librarian. You will receive a small prize and be entered into a raffle for a Starbucks gift card.

A star	A poem	The number 520	A book about
A fish	A monster	A nocturnal animal	life after high
A tomb	A fingerprint	A ghost or werewolf	school

For photographers ages 13-18. Program begins June 18 and ends Sept. 5. No need to register.

### NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

Ages 3-12

Friday, June 22, 11 a.m.-noon.

Encounter nocturnal animals with Briar Bush Nature Center! Learn what special senses and adaptations allow these critters to hunt, play and move around in the dark. Test your senses against nocturnal hunters such as bats, owls and rats, and meet some these amazing creatures up close. Registration begins June 1.

Montgomery County Master Gardener Program with Judy Groben

**TERRARIUM BASICS FOR KIDS**

Grades kindergarten through fourth

Friday, June 29, 11 a.m.

This hands-on program introduces children to a mini-history of how terrariums were "invented" and shows how to construct a closed terrarium. Each child will make a small terrarium to take home. The steps they learn can be used to make any size terrarium, huge or tiny. Registration begins June 8. Limited to 20 participants. All materials will be provided.

**Hey, teens! Join us this summer for Abington READS! and Roslyn READS!** Earn Service Learning hours! Certificates will be awarded. Help younger students (entering kindergarten -- 2nd grade) practice reading over the summer. Young adults (ages 12-17) may sign up for one hour per week for at least four weeks. It's fun -- and you get to inspire young students to become better readers. All students are required to attend a training session on procedures and read-aloud techniques. Required training sessions will be at Abington Free Library Wednesday, June 13, from 7-7:45 p.m., or Saturday, June 16, from 10-10:45 a.m. Registration begins May 29.

**For Children entering kindergarten-2nd grades:** Your child can practice reading this summer with a young adult volunteer through Abington READS! and Roslyn READS! These programs are designed to offer encouragement in reading to children entering kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Your child will have the opportunity to listen to stories, practice reading aloud and select books to borrow with their young adult partner, ages 12-17. The summer is an important time for young readers to practice and gain confidence in their reading ability.



#### \*Abington READS! Program dates:

June 18-July 31

Mondays from 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration begins May 29. To register, stop at the adult Information Desk at Abington Free Library or call 215-885-5180, ext. 13.



#### Roslyn READS! Program dates:

June 18-Aug. 13

Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration begins May 29.

To register, stop by the Roslyn Branch Library or call 215-886-9818.

## BOOKCELLAR

## 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** raise funds for and foster public awareness of the Abington Township Public Libraries.

The Friends meet in the Community Room in the lower level of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting date is Saturday, May 12, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us. New members are always welcome.

**Our annual pot luck picnic** will be held Monday, June 11, beginning 5:30 p.m. at Alverthorpe Park.

### FRIENDS SPRING ACTIVITIES

Activities have included a book and plant sale, jelly bean contest, Election Day bake sale and the Design-A-Bookmark contest.

#### The winners of the bookmark contest are:

Kindergarten - Samuel Mahood  
First grade - Harrison Homack  
Second grade - May Choi  
Third grade - Callie Gingrich  
Fourth grade - Josiah Kane-Howell  
Fifth grade - Bella Straface  
Sixth grade - Micah Cheng  
Junior High - Jessica Ruggieri  
Senior High - Lydia Johnson

A reception for the winners and their families was held during national Library Week. Look for copies of the winning designs in the library.

### BOOKCELLAR

BookCellar hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donated books arrive every day. Please come by and browse through our extensive collection. We are located in the lower level of the Abington Free Library. All our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FRIENDS

Donate books, movies, audio books, music and jewelry. Donations are gratefully accepted daily at the circulation desk.

Become a member and help with Friends' activities.

Support our annual appeal in June.

From September 2011 through February 2012 the Friends donated \$37,500 to the Abington Libraries. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all of the Friends' activities and fund-raisers.

- Linda Connelly, president, The Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries

## Adult Literacy Program

For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office, or call 215-885-5183 or email us at [AbLit1@yahoo.com](mailto:AbLit1@yahoo.com).

Adult Literacy helps over a hundred students improve their reading, writing and math skills. We also help adults prepare for their high school equivalency diploma, the GED, and other tests. Those whose native language is not English benefit from our services, too. In addition to individual tutoring sessions, they can attend classes of Conversation Please! on Monday

nights and Tuesday mornings, and Idioms and Grammar on Tuesday afternoons.

We will offer training for new tutors in the fall (most likely in October). Support meetings for all tutors are offered once a month, along with weekly scheduled training opportunities in the area.

For additional information, please stop by the Adult Literacy office at Abington Free Library, call 215-885-5183, or email us at [AbLit1@yahoo.com](mailto:AbLit1@yahoo.com).

- Elizabeth Sperling, Literacy Coordinator;  
 Rob Naborn, Program Coordinator



### Friends Flea Market, Book and Spring Plant Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, April 21  
 from 9:30-3:30  
 at Abington Free Library

Half-Priced Books!  
 Spring Plants!  
 Flea Market Finds!

### Abington Free Library

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

### Roslyn Branch Library

2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001  
 215-886-9818, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://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.  
[cfrankford@mclinc.org](mailto:cfrankford@mclinc.org)



## Volunteer Spotlight - Kristen Brehant: Providing Service with a Smile

Helping comes naturally to 13-year-old Kristen Brehant. In summers past, during Family Fun Nights at Abington Library, she was often chosen to assist visiting magicians and jugglers. It was a joy to watch her take the stage, flashing her megawatt smile as she awaited her volunteer "assignments." Now a bit older, but still full of positive energy, Kristen has moved

on to a more sophisticated volunteer role – shelving children's materials.

Kristen became interested in shelving at age 11 when her mother, Karen, started working as a page in the Children's Department. Initially she shadowed while Karen shelved, eager to learn what her mom was doing. In time Karen let Kristen try her hand at it, providing expert guidance at every turn. Kristen has since become a shelving dynamo, putting in 249.75 service hours last school year, and more than 263 so far this school year in her quest to earn the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award. She is now one of the department's most dependable and productive volunteers.

"I really like volunteering at the library," Kristen says, adding that shelving is a great way to discover new books. An excellent student and avid reader, Kristen's favorite author is Lincoln Peirce, creator of the popular Big Nate series, although she also likes horror, adventure, fantasy, science fiction, graphic novels, in short – "everything."

Currently a seventh-grader at Abington Junior High School, Kristen participates in tennis, track and the Art Club there. She also plays in the AJHS band, having studied clarinet since fourth grade, and likes to swim in her backyard pool. At home she looks after her family's two Maltese terriers, KC (age 6) and Katie (age 16), often watching TV with KC by her side. Kristen also enjoys playing video games, drawing and listening to music on her iPod. She is a "huge fan" of boy band Big Time Rush, whose September 2011 show was the first concert she had ever attended.

Kristen's cheerful personality is reflected in her favorite color (pink), and in her frequent inclusion of smiley faces in her artwork, handwriting and clothing. Describing herself as "full of laughter," Kristen loves helping people, especially "little kids." What would she tell others looking to volunteer at the library? Do it because you want to, and "be responsible and respectful." Kristen has shown herself to be that and much, much more.

- Carolyn DuBois

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