



Dear Patron and Supporter of the Abington Libraries,

What does autumn mean to you ... falling leaves, chilly mornings, the start of football season, pumpkins and Honeycrisp apples? Well, it's all of that to us, plus it means thinking and planning for next year's library finances.

Each new year brings new challenges and new possibilities. We need to be smart and resourceful and still provide our patrons with the latest and greatest books and technology.

Have you taken advantage of Zinio, one of our latest offerings? It's a wonderful way for you to stay current with all your favorite magazines. Once you have a library card, a wealth of information – current events, financial strategies, home décor, fashion, etc. – is available to you

for free on your computer or mobile device.

Have you noticed our new meeting rooms on the main level of Abington Library? If you need a place for a study group, small business meeting or conference call, we've provided the necessary space. At the Roslyn Branch, we have new, comfortable furniture in the adult and children's sections.

We welcome your suggestions throughout the year and do our best to continue to meet the needs of our community. You can help us to fulfill our mission of enriching the lives of our residents by donating to this year's Annual Appeal.

Support of lifelong learning is essential. Think of what your library donation provides: a place to read, learn, plan a trip, find a job, discover art, architecture, discuss books and movies, relax, meet your neighbors, enjoy lectures, introduce your children to the love of reading, plan lessons for home-schooling, and so much more. Where else does your dollar go so far!

Please consider making a donation to the Abington Township Public Libraries. Think of the library as a community effort. We all need to come together to keep this wonderful resource open, available and evolving.

Thank you for your kind support.

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Adult Literacy Program

The Adult Literacy program helps over 100 students annually improve their literacy skills. We pair volunteer tutors with adults who want to improve their reading, writing or math skills, as well as adults who are learning English for the first time. We help students prepare for their high school equivalency diploma, the GED, and other tests. We also offer small-group classes for English language learners.

To learn more about our program, or to sign up to become a tutor, please stop by the Adult Literacy office, across from the Children's Department at Abington Library.

You may also call us: 215-885-5183, or email us: AbLit1@yahoo.com.

– Maryellen Troyer, Literacy Coordinator
 – Rob Naborn, Program Coordinator

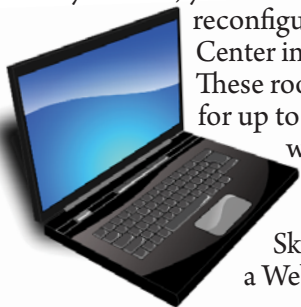
We will be training new tutors in March and April. Support meetings for all tutors are offered once a month.

Thank You to Our Recent Significant Donors

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Reference Department News - New study rooms and loanable laptops at Abington Library

If you haven't been here in a while, or even if you have, you will notice that we have reconfigured our Computer Center into two study rooms. These rooms are available for up to four people to work together on a project, or for someone to use Skype or access a Webinar on a laptop.



We also have three laptops that may be checked out for up to two hours while you are in the library. Please ask at the Information Desk about these new services.

Have you heard about Zinio? All residents of Montgomery County can access Zinio to borrow magazines online. Choose from 100 titles. You can find a link to Zinio and instructions for using this service on our website.

Fiction bag sale starts Dec. 1! Books are priced at \$3 a bag or 25 cents a book. Stop by for your holiday shopping needs.

Questions? Visit us at the Information Desk or call us at 215-885-5180, ext. 13.

- Mimi Satterthwaite, Head, Reference
 email: AskAbington@gmail.com

Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, email cfrankford@mclinc.org, call 215-886-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

PAJAMA PARTIES

Ages 3-6
Mondays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and March 10
6:30-7 p.m.
Stories * Songs * Fingerplays * Crafts
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.
Registration begins Dec. 23.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES begin
Jan. 27 and continue through March 27.
Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Registration begins Jan. 6.

TWO DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

(Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2.)
Ages 6-12
Monday, Feb. 17, 7-8 p.m.
Stories, crafts and refreshments.
Registration begins Jan. 27.
Ages 2-5
Monday, Feb. 24, 6:30-7 p.m.
Stories, crafts and refreshments.
Registration begins Feb. 3.



BABY DAYS

Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays: March 18 and 25
11 a.m.
Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories and do fingerplays.
Registration begins Feb. 25.



Find out about
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on the back page.

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/kids

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
Ages 3-6
Monday, Dec. 9
Hosted by the Abington Teen Advisory Board
Bring a stuffed animal friend for stories and a craft from 6:30-7:15 p.m. Then leave your stuffed animal overnight for lots of sleepover fun! Animals may be picked up on Dec. 10 after 1 p.m.
Registration begins Nov. 26.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Ages 2-5

Winter story times begin week of Jan. 13 and continue through week of Feb. 17. Registration begins Dec. 16.

Spring story times begin week of March 10 and continue through week of April 14. Registration begins Feb. 24. Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., three- to five-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

TODDLER STORY TIMES
Ages 12-23 months
Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Winter session: Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12
Registration begins Jan. 13.
Spring session: Feb. 26 and March 5, 12, 19 - Registration begins Feb. 17.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 15
(No sessions on Nov. 28, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.)
Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-5
Wednesdays: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, 7-7:45 p.m.
No registration required for these evening story times. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS - WINTER SPECIAL
Grades 1-5
Friday, Dec. 27, 10:30-11 a.m.
(Note different day and time.)
Missed reading aloud to the therapy dogs this fall? See your canine friends over break! Bring your own book to read or use one of ours.
Registration begins Dec. 9.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-5
Saturdays: Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5
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 Jan. 14. Children do not have to attend all three Saturdays.



More exciting events are being planned!
Check our website for winter/spring program updates.

Teen Programs at Abington Free Library

To find out more, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens or email LCummings@mclinc.org.

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Monday, Feb. 17, 6:30-8 p.m.
We're reading Clockwork Angel by Cassandra Clare. Registration begins in January. Call or visit the Info Desk, or register on the website.

JOIN AB-TAB
Abington Free Library's Teen Advisory Board
Get active at the library by planning teen programs and selecting books. Earn community service hours. Fill out an application today! Ask at the Info Desk.

CANDY SUSHI CREATIONS
Wednesday, Jan 29,
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Ages 10-18
Wow us with your candy sushi creations!
Registration starts in January.

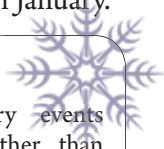


Visit our website & click on TEENS to see more programs!

FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7-8 p.m.
Teens and parents will learn about the college financial aid process during this program, presented by a PHEAA staff member. Registration starts in January.

Paperless

Consider getting your library events information through email rather than through the post office. Email your email address to kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the Paperless list. *Thank you!*



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, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org

Get the latest at abingtonfreelibrary.org

THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Shorday Room. Led by Dr. Karen Weekes

March 5: Half of a Yellow Sun

by Chimamanda Adichie

April 2: Poet: Robert Penn Warren

May 7: Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien



ZENTANGLE

Tuesday, March 25, from 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Ages 16 and up

Zentangle® is a relaxing, easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Develop your own images with guidance from instructor Katy Abbott, CZT. No artistic skill is needed; all supplies will be provided. Registration is limited to 30 people.

A CELEBRATION OF POET AND LYRICIST ROBERT BURNS

Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m.

In honor of the Scottish bard's birthday, we will discuss his life and times, poetry and songs. Presented by the Jameson Sisters (Ellen Tepper and Terry Kane) with guests Don and Susan Simon, who will perform on harp, mandolin, guitar, smallpipes (not the loud ones), and bodhran (Celtic frame drum).

WHEN THEY WERE BOYS

The True Story of the Beatles' Rise

to the Top by Larry Kane

Larry Kane shares his insider information.

Sunday, February 2 at 2 p.m.

CORMAC MCCARTHY BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m.

We'll discuss All the Pretty Horses

led by Chad Whitman.

A YEAR OF AUSTEN IN BOOKS AND FILMS

Read the book and/or watch the film, come discuss.

Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Feb. 13: Northanger Abbey

April 17: Pride and Prejudice



STATE SEN. LEANNA WASHINGTON'S MOBILE OFFICE INITIATIVE

is a partnership between Washington and the Montgomery County Library System. The senator's staff will be available Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 1-4:30 p.m. to answer questions and assist constituents with legislative work.

WORLD WAR II LECTURE SERIES

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

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. No registration required.

SOCRATES CAFÉ

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

Giving Philosophy Back to the People. Let's discuss ... What is truth? What is justice? What is moderation?

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring mementos of their experiences related to the theme of the meeting. All are welcome.

MEDITATION: A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION TO STRESS, ANGER AND CONFLICT

Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.

Jim Rose, M.Ed., will engage you through a series of meditative exercises.

CONCERNING HOBBITS (AND ALL THINGS TOLKIEN) QUIZZO

Thursday, Dec. 12, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Come get your Middle Earth on. Compete as teams or individuals. Adults, teens and inner children welcome. Prizes, lembas, but no pints (sorry, Pippin).

WIRED WEDNESDAYS

Every first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.: Learn about our online catalog, your patron account, and how to use online databases to learn a language, search newspapers, trace your family tree, and much more!

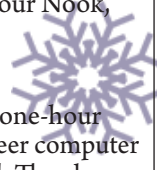
Every second and third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m., and every fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.:

Get answers to your questions and learn how to download free e-books from the library's Overdrive catalog to your Nook, Kindle, iPad or other device.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Abington Free Library offers a one-hour class, one-on-one with a volunteer computer aide, tailored to a person's need. The class could cover basic computer skills, the Internet, email, Microsoft Word or Excel.

To register, or for more information, visit the Information Desk; call 215-885-5180, ext. 13; or email AskAbington@gmail.com.



News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends

The Friends meet in the Community Room of Abington Library. Our next meeting is Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us to learn more about the Friends and how you can help.

The Friends Fall Book and Flower Sale was a great success. Thanks to all who purchased books and the beautiful mums, asters and daisies.

Congratulations and thanks to all who made a scarecrow for the Friends third annual Scarecrow Contest. We had eight creative entries this year. The scarecrows attract lots of attention, especially from our young patrons. We appreciate all who took the time to vote. First place (\$75) went to Emily, Julia, Susan and Ed Schumacher-Kelly for the "Loracrow." Second place (\$50) to Laura, Melanie and Emily Machuca for the "Tin Man." Third place (\$25) to Stacy, Paige and Claire Pitcairn for "Willy Wonka."

The Friends are selling the "Book Lover's Calendar for 2014" in the BookCellar and at the circulation desks at Abington and Roslyn Libraries. Cost is \$6.50. These calendars make great gifts, especially for book club members.

Thank you to all who donated and purchased baked goods for our Election Day Bake Sale, Nov. 5.

Each year the Mimi Zabel Silent Jewelry Auction is held during the month of November. We truly appreciate the generosity of our patrons, library staff and Friends members who donate their jewelry to this event.

The Friends have a bulletin board by the copy room on the main floor of Abington Library. Check it out for information and pictures regarding Friends activities.



A special thanks to all who supported the Friends of the Abington Libraries annual appeal. We continue to receive donations, and all monies raised benefit both the Abington and Roslyn libraries.

Be sure to visit our BookCellar, located in the lower level of Abington Library. All our books, DVDs, videotapes and music are on sale at bargain prices. We have a great collection of childrens and young adult books. Sign our e-mail list to be notified of special sales. BookCellar hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations are gratefully accepted at the Circulation Desk. Donated books should be in good condition.

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

BOOKFAIR
at Barnes & Noble
on Dec. 14

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On Saturday, Dec. 14, there will be a bookfair at the Barnes & Noble in Willow Grove, 102 Park Ave. Activities from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. include crafts, Legos and a scavenger hunt. A percentage of the net sales using voucher number 11209350 will be donated to the libraries. Voucher number 11209350 may be used at any Barnes & Noble location on Dec. 14.

Online shoppers can make purchases with the voucher number at bn.com/bookfairs from Dec. 14 through midnight Dec. 19.

For more information, contact Celia Frankford at 215-886-9818 or email cfrankford@mclinc.org.



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Information Desk ext. 13
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Adult Literacy ext. 27
Friends of the Library ext. 36

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

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Staff Spotlight - Jeanne Zucker

When I sat down to interview Jeanne Zucker, I made a crack about "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair."

"Stephen Foster," she said. "Mid 1800s."

And that's our Jeanne, a MENSA member and onetime Jeopardy contestant, who currently brings her considerable attention to detail to her job as the cataloger of children's books. But I'm getting ahead of the story.

Jeanne was born in Germany, where her father was stationed in the Army. She spent her first three years there and even learned to speak German before English. When her parents returned stateside, they spent a few months in Kentucky and then moved to Baltimore, where she went to school.

She graduated from the Bryn Mawr Preparatory School for Girls, which had been founded as a pioneering school in women's education, and was once headed by Edith Hamilton, one of the premier classical scholars of her time.

While there, she participated in the North American Invitational Model United Nations, as well as a model OAS meeting. Jeanne reports lots of travel as a teenager; she still has a stuffed goat from West Point.

After graduating from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland with a degree in political science and a minor in Spanish, she was well-positioned for her first job doing data entry for the Senate campaign of Maryland's Barbara Mikulski. When it was time to go home, she frequently caught rides from the man who is now Maryland's governor, Martin O'Malley.

A later gig in the U.S. Senate had her working for Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland.

And as long as we're dropping names, let's get to Alex Trebek, whom Jeanne met, however briefly, as a contestant on Jeopardy in 1993. She came in second place, after failing to answer a question that stumped even the winner of that round and that only two people she has ever asked were able to answer. Here it is: What is the name for an apple grown from a seed, not a grafting?

Jeanne works in our Technical Services department, which is where books are cataloged and processed. She previously worked as a cataloger at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She also worked on the National Union Catalog of

Manuscript Collections and for a friend who is an antiquarian children's book seller.

She met her husband Jon at a MENSA convention. He was singing karaoke and she was pleased he was good enough that she didn't have to lie to him. They dated for several years before he took her on a roller coaster ride at Six Flags Great Adventure one particularly cold and rainy afternoon. She really would have been happy to stay home that day. But as the roller coaster coasted to a stop, she saw a series of signs:

Here I am/ Down on one knee/ Asking you, Jeanne /Will you marry me?/ Burma Shave. How could she refuse?

Because Jon lived in Willow Grove, she moved up here, working for the 1999 Census and volunteering at Abington Free Library. A part-time job in the Children's Department was followed by a part-time assignment in Technical Services, and, finally, her current, full-time job cataloging children's items.

One last thing to know about Jeanne is that there's just not as much of her anymore. In the past 13 months, she has lost 130 pounds.



- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer