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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 Free Library. Our next meeting is Saturday, May 10, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us to learn more about the Friends and how you can help your libraries.

From September 2013 through February 2014 the Friends donated \$31,000 to the Abington Libraries. Thank you for your generosity in supporting Friends activities and fund-raisers. The Mimi Zabel Jewelry Auction brought in \$2,351. Congratulations to Linda Weinberg, the winner of our Re-Gifting Basket.

The Book, Plant and Flea Market Sale was held in April. Our May 3rd bus trip to Winterthur to see the Costumes of Downton Abbey exhibit is sold out. The Friends Election Day Bake Sale will be held on Tuesday, May 20, in Abington 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 inventory. 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. Support our annual appeal in June. Become a member and help with Friends activities.

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

Roslyn Branch Library

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

BABY DAYS

Ages 5 months to 2 years
May 6 and 13 at 11 a.m.
June 2 and 9 at 7 p.m.

Registration is in May and June.

Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories and do fingerplays.

Take the 200 BOOK CHALLENGE!

For families with children who have not yet started kindergarten, even newborns! Pick up a reading log at Roslyn or Abington libraries and record the number of books you read to your child. When you finish 100 books, come to the Roslyn Branch and receive a small prize. After finishing 200 books you and your child will get a certificate and have your picture taken and sent to the local paper.

In honor of Children's Book Week
A VISIT WITH MOTHER GOOSE
Age 15 months to 7 years
Monday, May 12, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Mother Goose (Carol Spacht) will present traditional nursery rhymes with lots of group participation. Everyone gets to pet the goose! Register now.

IVY + BEAN BOOK CELEBRATION

Ages 5-9
Monday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Read any or all of the books in the series. Register now.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES

April 7 - June 12. Register now.
Ages 3-6: Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays at 11 a.m.

PAJAMA PARTY

Ages 3-6
Monday, June 16, 6:30-7 p.m.
Registration begins May 27. Stories * Songs * Fingerplays * Crafts. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

"NOT YOUR AVERAGE LADYBUG"

Ages 5-12
Friday, June 27, 11 a.m.-noon. A hands-on program where you can explore the life, colorings and markings of a variety of ladybugs. Learn which ladybugs are native to our area. Paint a ladybug craft to take home. Release convergent ladybugs into the great outdoors. Registration begins June 6.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS:

June 24-Aug. 21
Ages 3-6 Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Ages 2-3 Thursdays at 11 a.m.

FAMILY FUN DAYS:

July 11-Tom Yurasits - Magic Show
July 18-Eyes of the Wild - Animals
July 25-Allison DeSalvo - World of Song
Aug. 1-Puppets Pizzazz
Aug. 8-Sciencetellers
Aug. 15-Ingrid Bohn, Storyteller



Get the latest at abingtonfreelibrary.org

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

DROP-IN STORY TIMES

All ages
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 15
Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and Children's Dept. staff. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

SET SAIL WITH THE VIKINGS

Homeschoolers in grades 1-6
Wednesday, May 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Students will learn about Viking longships, mythology and trade, and make Viking crafts. Presented by the American Swedish Historical Museum. Registration begins April 30.

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY AND CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK WITH KATHLEEN LINDSEY

Grades K and up
Thursday, May 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
Author Kathleen Lindsey will present an exciting show based on her children's book Run Faredy Run, about a slave girl who runs north to freedom with her sister. Learn about the Underground Railroad, view slave period

artifacts and freedom quilts, and create a paper freedom quilt. Registration begins May 6.

BUILD-A-BOT

Monday, June 2, from 6:30-8 p.m. Ages 7 and up
Children and teens will build robots with recycled items. Robots will be displayed in library over the summer. Registration begins Tuesday, May 13. Presented in partnership with AB-TAB.

"FIZZ BOOM READ!"

SUMMER READING CLUB
Preschoolers through entering grade 6
Help your children become better readers - sign them up for Summer Reading Club! Children record the time they spend reading (or being read to) in a special log and earn free books and prizes along the way. Registration begins June 13.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER

Entering grades 2-6
Monday, June 30-Thursday, July 3
This free, four-day chemistry course is open to Abington Township and

Rockledge Borough residents. Morning and afternoon classes will be offered. Registration is by lottery; applications will be accepted May 1-31. Written acceptance notices will be mailed after June 3. Please visit abingtonfreelibrary.org for details.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Completed grades 1-5
Four Saturdays: July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2
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 June 17. Children do not have to attend all four Saturdays.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Session 1 begins week of Sept. 8 and continues through week of Oct. 13. Registration begins Aug. 25. Session 2 begins week of Nov. 3 and continues through week of Dec. 8. Registration begins Oct. 20. Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., three- to five-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.



More exciting events are being planned!
Check our website for summer/fall 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.

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.

COLLEGE ESSAY BOOT CAMP

Thursday, May 15, from 6:30-8pm

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



TEEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 27, from 6:30-8pm
Ages 13 & up
We're reading The Fault in Our Stars by John Green. Sign up in April and get a free copy of the book!
AND
Wednesday, July 16, from 6:30-7:30pm
Ages 12 & up
Author DAVID LUBAR visits! Read one of his teen books & meet the author. Sign up in May and get a free book!

NEW! TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Entering grades 7-12
Starts June 16.
Reads books to win cool prizes!



Abington READS! needs teens ages 12-18
June 23 - July 29
Earn service hours and have fun reading to kids for 1 hour a week.
Sign up starting May 19.

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

HIP CHICK BETH ALLEN PRESENTS HOME REPAIR MADE EASY

Monday, May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

With solid DIY skills and knowledge you can shop for materials, ask the right questions and tackle the basics of home repair on your own.

FDR: A NEW DEAL FOR AMERICA

Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. For audiences of all ages. In the early 1930s the country was in the midst of the Great Depression. Americans deserved a "New Deal." Neill Hartley brings the era to life in his one-man show.



A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON PEACE, HOPE, AND LEADERSHIP - DENIS OKEMA

Wednesday, May 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Denis Okema is an advocate for human rights and peace for people around the world.

KREMP FLORIST TOUR

June 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

at Kremp Florist, Willow Grove

Sponsored by the Friends of Abington Libraries.

Take a tour and make your own flower arrangement with the help of Kremp's professionals. \$20 fee to cover the cost of materials. Register at Abington Free Library.

MEDITATION: A SPIRITUAL SOLUTION TO STRESS, ANGER AND CONFLICT

Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m.

Join Jim Rose as he discusses the effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve circulation, enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium.

RAIN BARRELS

Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

Abington Environmental Advisory Council
You'll be singing in the rain!

BASIC DRAWING CLASS

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1 and 8
Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

If you can't draw, but always wanted to, Earl Weldon will teach you the basics so you can.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

ROBERT MORRIS SKALER

Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m.

Our forensic architect is back to tell us the history and sociology of Rittenhouse Square.

COMMON SENSE WEIGHT LOSS

Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

R. Scott Thornton, M.D., will be here to answer your questions and sign his book, [Ask Your Gynecologist](#).

WWII LECTURE SERIES



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

SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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, iPad, email, Microsoft Word or Excel.

"WIRED WEDNESDAYS"

Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.:
Learn how to use your library account, the online catalog and online databases.

Every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. and

Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.:
Learn how to borrow free eBooks.

Abington and Roslyn READS!

★ FOR TEENS: Volunteer this summer for Abington and Roslyn READS! Earn service learning hours. We need teens (grades 6-12) who want to help young children with their reading skills. By reading to children one hour a week, you can inspire a whole new generation of readers.

MANDATORY TRAINING at the Abington Free Library (Community Room): Thursday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, June 21, at 11 a.m.

Roslyn READS – Monday, June 23 – Monday, Aug. 18.

To register, fill out the required form at the Roslyn Library or call 215-886-9818. 1-hour sessions: Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. Registration begins May 19.

Abington READS – Monday, June 23 – Tuesday, July 29.

To register, sign up on abingtonfreelibrary.org, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or come to the Library Information Desk starting Monday May 19. 1-hour sessions: Mondays at 6 p.m. or 7 p.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN: Come to Abington and Roslyn READS! Parents, keep your child engaged in reading this summer! This free program matches your child (pre-K through entering third grade) with a teen buddy for one hour a week. Your child will practice reading aloud, learn new words, and discover the joy of reading. Registration begins Monday, May 19.

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Intern Spotlight - Josh Messinger, Coming Full Circle

Josh Messinger, a University of Maine student, has been our intern for the past three months, studying each library department in Abington and Roslyn. But this isn't his first connection with us. He started as a child by coming to our story times! It's always good to see our story time kids coming back full circle, whether

it's bringing their own children in for programs, using the libraries as an office away from the office, or, in Josh's case, figuring out a career. He plans on becoming a reference librarian when he graduates in December.

– Karen Burnham and Celia Frankford,
Head of Roslyn Library





Job Center

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Looking for a job? Check out our Job Center, located on the kiosk straight in front of you as you enter Abington Free Library. You will find calendars for Montgomery County

and Philadelphia CareerLink sites. Inside you'll find listings about workshops to help you update your resume and interview skills, learn computer and job search skills, and discover job and

training opportunities. Check out the Federal Job Digest, information about job-posting sites, how to set up an email account and much more.

- Linda Jones, Librarian

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Circulation Desk ext. 12
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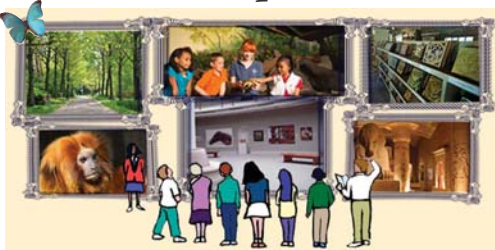
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Reference Department News - Museum Passes, eCards, Magazines - on paper and online



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We provide access to online journals several ways:

MasterFile Premier - available in the library as well as from home to Abington residents. Titles found here include BabyTalk, Consumer Reports, OAH Magazine of History, and Vegetarian Times.



MUSEUM PASSES

Abington Free Library now offers free museum passes available for check-out! Each pass checks out for three days and can be used at the museum for a group of people. (Passes vary in the number of people admitted, so check with library staff on the specifics.) Ask at the Information Desk for details on guidelines and visitor information.

Museums: Academy of Natural Sciences; Elmwood Park Zoo; Glencairn Museum; Morris Arboretum; Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; and Woodmere Art Museum.

A limited supply of guest passes are available for the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works.

Searching for magazines and journals? We offer several ways to find the titles you are seeking.

Print copies of various titles are available at Abington and Roslyn libraries.

Ask about borrowing back issues. Titles found in print include The American Philatelist, Family Handyman, Listen Magazine, and hundreds more!



America's News Magazines - available in the library as well as from home to Abington residents. Titles found here include Foreign Affairs, Philadelphia Magazine, Science News, and Smithsonian.

PowerLibrary offers a variety of titles through Business Source, GreenFile, MasterFile Main and Newspaper Source. This is available to residents of Montgomery County.

ZINIO, a digital magazine database, is available to residents of Montgomery County. Titles found here include American Craft, Bloomberg Businessweek, The Economist, and National Geographic Interactive.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!
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