From the Director’s Desk

Our library boasts a useful, easy-to-navigate website, and many of you use it. But many don’t! According to a recent Pew Research study, the majority of library users don’t even know their library has a website, much less use it to actively enhance their library experience.

Time for you to click on our website! Go to abingtonfreelibrary.org, and from there you can access the wealth of information and resources our staff has assembled. Manage your account, reserve books, sign up for programs, and explore our online reference resources (eResources).

While you’re there, please take a moment and investigate some of the options on the lighter side. There are, literally, thousands of photos spanning a dozen years. Click on the Picasa icon to see the kids in story time, our volunteers at work, and our staff dressed in their lookalike best.

If you are on Facebook, then “like us” to receive our timely posts. Haven’t joined Facebook? You can still browse the latest library events and features on our Facebook page.

Check us out on Pinterest, where we share unique moments in library-land across the world.

Finally, in 2016 we will celebrate our Library’s 50th birthday! If you have photos or special memories of the Abington Libraries, please share them with us at abglibrary50@gmail.com. Thank you! See you on Facebook and, of course, at the Library.

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall, Executive Director

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries:
Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events
Get e-Newsletters Email kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.

Join Abington and Roslyn Libraries socially:
Like us @ facebook.com/AbingtonLibrary
See photos @ piczoo.com/google.com/AbingtonTownshipPublicLibrary
Follow us @ twitter.com/AbingtonLibrary
Watch videos @ youtube.com/user/AbingtonLibrary
We also offer online resources. Drop into Decaffeinated signing up for a computer class. Learn basic computer skills by Wednesday classes.

Drop into Decaffeinated and Unwired on the fourth Thursday of the month and join the conversation about books, current events or movies.

We also offer online resources for job seekers and homework help. Go to the eResources page on our website to uncover these and other resources.

Stop by the Information Desk and Ask Us! We look forward to seeing you.

–Mimi Satterthwaite
Head, Reference Department
215-885-5180, ext. 13

Roslyn Branch Library Events

For information or to register for these FREE programs, email cfrankford@mclinc.org, call 215-885-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

CINDERELLA WILL BE VISITING THE BRANCH!
Ages 3 and up
Friday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-6
Mondays: Sept. 14, Dec. 14 6:30-7 p.m.
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

NUTRITION
Mary Ann Moylan, nutritionist
Friday, Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m.

LEGO CHALLENGE
Ages 5-12
Monday, Sept. 21, 7-8 p.m.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM
Monday, Sept. 28, 7-8 p.m.
Planting Bulbs in the Fall for Spring Blooms, a Lesson in Patience, with Betsy Nutt.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Ages 2-5
Monday, Oct. 26 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Stories, dancing, a fun craft and refreshments. Children should wear their costumes. Registration begins Oct. 5. Limited to 15 children.

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.
Computer docents available to help you! Call 215-886-9818 to register.

2016 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.

Children’s Programs at Abington Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Three- to five-year-olds meet on Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages
Thursdays: Oct. 1 through May 19, 11-11:30 a.m.
Children practice reading aloud in small groups to registered therapy dogs. Registration begins Sept. 15.

STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI
All ages
Mondays: Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 10:30-11 a.m.
Enjoy read-alouds with Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji, a registered therapy dog. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.
No registration required.

TODDLER STORY TIMES
Ages 12-23 months
Wednesdays: Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4 and 11, 10:30-11 a.m.
Children attend with parents/caregivers.
Registration begins Oct. 12.

STAR WARS PARTY
Ages 5 and up
Thursdays, Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m.
Celebrate the release of “Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens” with Star Wars trivia, games, and more! Registration begins Dec. 1.

Teen Programs at Abington Library

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

TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
There’s still time left to read & win prizes like a Kindle Fire Tablet! Log your reading online at abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens by August 16.

CREATIVE JOURNALING with artist DIANA TROUT
Thursdays @ 6:30-8pm
Sept 10 - Oct 1.
Ages 12 & up
Bring your journal and explore new techniques!

MOVIE NIGHT “THE MAZE RUNNER”
Monday, Sept. 14, from 6:30-8:30 pm
Join AB-TAB
Become a member of the library’s Teen Advisory Board. Plan programs, vote on new books, and earn service hours.
Get an application at the Information Desk or email LCummings@mclinc.org.

Re/All Library Events

The views and opinions expressed in various library programs are solely those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of the Abington Township Public Library or the Friends of Abington Township Public Library.

Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi! Abington Library offers wireless printing!

Abington Township Environmental Advisory Council’s Annual ENERGY $AVING EXPO
Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Save Money and Energy

Gave Money and Energy

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Fun Events

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Fun Events

“THE MAZE RUNNER” in theaters Sept 18.
With other fans before you see the sequel
Ages 13-18
“THE MAZE RUNNER”
Ages 13-18
Watch “The Maze Runner” with other fans before you see the sequel “The Scorch Trials” in theaters Sept 18.

Friends of Abington Township Public Library
215-886-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids.

Abington Township Public Library
215-885-5180, ext. 13

Visit the library this September and you’ll find great ways to learn and grow.

Discover how to use your mobile device to read or listen to books at one of the Wired Wednesday classes.

Learn basic computer skills by signing up for a computer class.

Check out the eResources page on our website to uncover these and other resources.

Stop by the Information Desk and Ask Us! We look forward to seeing you.
Adult Programs at Abington Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office (215-885-5180, ext. 15), email kmcinnis@mclinc.org, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

DECAFFEINATED – AND UNWIRED talk with a cuppa decaf and new friends every 4th Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
{Sept. 9 - Birdman (Come watch the film Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m.)
Oct. 7 - Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation by Dan Fagin
Nov. 4 - The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
March 2 - The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton
April 6 - The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes
May 4 - Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

FORUM ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS Wednesdays: Sept. 9, 16 and 23, 7 p.m.

DRAWING CLASS LEVEL II Thursdays: Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1 and 8, 7 p.m.

PARTICIPATION IS POWER CONVERSATION HOUR State Sen. Art Haywood’s neighborhood meeting. Thursday, Sept. 17, 7-8 p.m.

FRONT ROW SEAT TO HISTORY WITH ED EISEN Sunday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION Mondays: Sept. 21 and Oct. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

ELLEN TEPPER AND FRIENDS Sunday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m.

ITALIAN CLASS Mondays: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1-2 p.m.

NAVIGATING SOCIAL SECURITY Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE Oct. 15 and 16, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

LIFE COACHING Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

PETIT PERFORMS POE Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY REFRESHER COURSE Thursday, Nov. 19, 9:30-1:30 p.m.

MILITARY MEMORIES 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.

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

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

News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

BOOKCELLAR

The Friends of Abington Libraries are volunteers dedicated to helping ensure the future and excellence of our libraries through a variety of fundraising, advocacy and community-spirited building activities. The Friends meet in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 12, at 9:30 a.m. New members (and new ideas) are always welcome.

To learn more about the Friends, call 215-885-5180, ext. 36; speak to one of our members; or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends.

FALL BOOK AND PLANT SIDEWALK SALE: Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Abington Library (rain or shine). All books will be half price. Colorful mums will be on sale.

SCARECROW CONTEST: month of October. Create a scarecrow resembling a character from your favorite children’s or young adult book. Entry forms and contest rules will be available at the Circulation Desk and on the website. Scarecrows will be displayed in Abington Library.

MIMI ZABEL JEWELRY SILENT AUCTION: month of November. This is a great opportunity to purge your jewelry box of items you no longer wear and to benefit your library. Please drop jewelry donations at the Circulation Desk or the website. Scarecrows will be displayed in Abington Library.

BOOKCELLAR

The Friends’ biggest fundraiser is the BookCellar, a used-book store on the lower level of the Abington Library. Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices. Stop by and explore our extensive collection! We also sell on Amazon.

Donate

Up to three paper bags per visit of books, books-on-CD, music CDs and DVDs to Abington: Wed. - Sat. to Roslyn: Thurs. - Sat.

Thank you!

Many thanks to those who have already contributed in response to our 2015-16 annual appeal letter!

We appreciate your partnership in supporting our community libraries.

- Liz Christian, President, The Friends of Abington Township Public Libraries

FRIENDS EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2015-2016:

Elizabeth Christian, President
Ellen Baxter, Vice President
Terry Bianco, Corresponding Secretary
Jay Freedman, Treasurer
Ruth Gebhardtsbauer, Recording Secretary

Adult Literacy Program

Since 1984, the Adult Literacy Program has been pairing trained volunteer tutors with adults wishing to improve their English literacy skills. Each year, our tutors help over 140 adults, whether they are interested in improving their reading and writing skills or learning English for the first time. Our tutors also help students prepare for the high school equivalency diploma and other tests. In addition, we offer small-group classes for English language learners to practice their English skills as they learn about our government and culture. With the help of our terrific tutors, our students gain employment, enter educational or vocational programs, become U.S. citizens and become more empowered members of our community.

Since all our programs are free of charge, we rely on the support of the community to continue this effort.

We will be training new tutors Monday, Oct. 12 and Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. We also offer programs for our volunteer tutors on various topics throughout the year.

For more information, please stop by the Literacy Office or contact us at 215-885-5183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.

Literacy Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and by appointment.

- Elizabeth Sperling, Literacy Coordinator
Staff  Spotlight - Linda Jones

Linda Jones is the reference librarian who organizes all our computer classes and our job center and has an uncanny ability to plan hugely popular library programs, such as “Meditation and Stress Management.”

She was born in Lynchburg, Va. and lived there for her first 25 years. She still maintains both her twang and her charm and will sweetly say, “Well, bless your heart,” when what she really means is, “Are you kidding me? You must be crazy!”

Linda moved to Pennsylvania after attending East Tennessee State University. She had started as an accounting major. (Her dad, was, after all, a Virginia state accountant.) Despite loving numbers and trying to balance them, she also had a side that loved to read, so she switched her major to English.

She also worked for McNeil Laboratories, which offered to pay her graduate school tuition, so off she went to Villanova.

She managed a job, two children and graduate school but also found time for serious downhill skiing, which had become a passion when she moved to colder climes.

Degree in hand, she went to work at Cold Spring Elementary School in Upper Moreland before joining the Abington Library staff in 2002.

In addition to downhill skiing, she traveled extensively in the Caribbean, including visits to Belize, the Turks and Caicos, Montego Bay and Cabo San Lucas. One of her more memorable vacation experiences was getting upgraded to first class for free.

When she’s not working, Linda loves to garden, both here and at her house in Cape May. She loves the sea and the sand and spends many summer weekends at the shore, where she also diligently attends every possible yard sale.

When she reads, she likes true crime and novels by John Grisham, James Patterson and Patricia Cornwell. She lives in the moment, she says, and she always has. Fantasy and science fiction have never been appealing to her.

But margaritas, now, they really appeal to her. Bless her heart.

– Lois Odabas, Staff Writer