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- Nancy Hammelke Marshall, Executive Director

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Abington and Roslyn READS!
A Summer Buddy-Reading Program for Children & Teens

Abington READS!
Monday, June 26 – Tuesday, Aug. 1.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.,
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
To register, sign up on abingtonfreelibrary.org,
call 215-885-5180, ext. 13,
or come to the Library
Information Desk starting
Monday, May 22.

Roslyn READS!
Monday, June 26 – Monday, Aug. 21.
1-hour sessions:
Mondays at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.
To register, fill out the required form at the Roslyn Library or
call 215-886-9818.
Registration begins June 5.

FOR CHILDREN:
Keep reading over the summer! Children entering grades K-2 will read with a teen buddy for one hour a week. They will practice reading aloud, learn new words, and discover the joy of reading.

FOR TEENS:
Volunteer this summer and earn service learning hours. We need teens in grades 7-12 to read with children one hour a week, and inspire a whole new generation of readers. Teens are required to attend training on Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m. – noon, or Thursday, June 22, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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See photos @ http://bit.ly/flickrAbingtonLibrary
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Watch videos @ youtube.com/user/AbingtonLibrary
Migration update

This spring we upgraded our online library system, and now we have a new web address for searching the online catalog: http://mclinc.polarislibrary.com/polaris. Please bookmark (or mark as favorite) this new address on your home computer or mobile device, and be sure to remove the old one.

Wowbrary

You may be aware of this great, free service, but if not, please consider subscribing to Wowbrary (an email address is required to subscribe). This weekly newsletter will land in your inbox every Wednesday morning, alerting you to new titles added to Abington's and Roslyn's collections.

Managing your holds while you are away

When you go on a vacation, you may plan for the care of your pets or suspend newspaper delivery. (That's if you still like the print version, as I do!) In addition, you can put your library hold requests "on hold" by calling either of our libraries or logging in to your account.

Go to this address to log in to your account: http://bit.ly/ABG-My-Account

Staff at the Information Desk can suspend your holds for you or show you how to do this in your account. This helps ensure that you will not miss that book or movie you've been waiting for!

You may also want to take particular items with you while you are on vacation, and the holds activation date can be set so that materials may arrive just in time for you to take them with you.

Please call, stop by, or email us with questions. We enjoy hearing from you!

Mimi Satterthwaite
Head, Reference Department
215-885-5180, ext. 13
askabington@gmail.com
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Roslyn Branch Library Events

LEGO CLUB every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES
Ages 2-5
Continues through May 18
Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Stories, finger play and rhymes, songs, and crafts
Register now.

MAGIC & ILLUSION WITH TOM YURASITS
Ages 4 and up, attending with parents/caregivers
Monday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate Children's Book Week with this exciting magic show.
Register now.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months - 2 years
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Continues through May 23.
Register now.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM
Mondays, 7-8 p.m.
Registration starts in September.
Sept. 25: "A Four Seasons Garden," with Master Gardener Mary McKnight
Oct. 2: "Native Ground Covers for Shade," with Master Gardener Pam Herceg
Oct. 9: "Planting Bulbs in the Fall for Spring Blooms, A Lesson in Patience," with Master Gardener Betsy Nutt

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.
Computer docsent available!

215-886-9818
abingtonfreelibrary.org
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Children's Programs at Abington Library

MAGIC & ILLUSION WITH TOM YURASITS
Ages 3 and up with parents/caregivers
Thursday, May 4, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Registration begins April 25.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages welcome
Thursdays, 11:11-12 a.m., through May 18
No registration required.
Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE
Ages 7 and up
Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
Make a building using recycled items, to be displayed in the Children's Department.
Registration begins June 1.
Presented in partnership with the Abington Teen Advisory Board (AB-TAB)."MOANA" PARTY
Ages 4 and up with parents/caregivers
Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-8 p.m.
Celebrate the movie "Moana" with games, giveaways, a craft and a snack.
Registration begins June 13.

"BUILD A BETTER WORLD" – SUMMER READING CLUB 2017
Preschoolers through entering grade 6
Children track the time they spend reading (or being read to) in a special log, and earn free books and prizes. Registration at both Abington and Roslyn Libraries starts June 16.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER – THE SCIENCE OF SPORTS
Entering grades 2-6
Two-day classes will be offered on June 26-27, and again on June 28-29.
10 a.m.-noon (entering grades 2-3) and 1-3 p.m. (entering grades 4-6)
Online registration begins at noon on May 4. Visit scienceinthesummer.com for details.

SUMMER STORY TIMES
All ages welcome, attending with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays: July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1
Thursdays: July 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3
10:30-11:15 a.m.
No advance registration required.

"OH, BABY!!" STORY TIMES
Ages 8-23 months with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays: July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2
11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, June 27.

DOG GONE GOOD READERS
Therapy dog reading program for completed grades 1-5
Saturdays: July 8 and Aug. 5
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11:11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins June 20.

Design it, build it
Family science program for ages 3-10 and parents/caregivers
Thursday, Aug. 3, and Wednesday, Aug. 9
6:30-7:15 p.m. (same program offered twice)
Registration for both dates begins July 25.

UPCYCLE IT!
Ages 5 and up with parents/caregivers
Thursday, Aug. 10
11 a.m.-noon
Play games, enjoy a snack, and make a craft with recycled materials.
Registration begins Aug. 1.

Teens page of our website.
http://epurl.com/UGPw

Teen Programs at Abington Library

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
Ages 12-18
First Tuesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.
No sessions in July and August.
Hone your creative writing skills through fun prompts and exercises. Share your work and get feedback.
Register now.

SPECTRUM CLUB
Wednesday, May 10, 7-8 p.m.
The Spectrum Club provides social opportunities for teens, ages 12-18, on the autism spectrum or with other developmental disorders. Teens will receive support in initiating and engaging in social interactions with peers through the structure and familiarity of board games. Facilitated by a board-certified behavior analyst. Register today.

Q-CREW
Ages 13-18
Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
Hang out with friends to discuss current events and issues facing LGBTQ+ teens today.

NEW DRIVER SAFETY COURSE
Monday, May 15, 7-8 p.m.
New drivers will get tips from driving instructor Todd Avery about driving safely without distraction.

JOIN AB-TAB
Teen Advisory Board
Teens earn service hours and gain leadership skills. Apply on the Teens page of our website.

215-885-5180, ext. 28
abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids

Sign up for email alerts about teen events.
http://epurl.com/UcPwr
Adapted Programs
at Abington Library

Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
May 17 - Black Flags

As Time Goes By
Musical theater selections through the years with a healthy shot of Sinatra.
Mark Daugherty, Piano
Kirsten Orechiwsky, Vocals
Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.

Meditation for Healthy Living
Jim Rose Returns!
Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

Military Memories
Every third Tuesday of the month, at 3 and 7 p.m.
Talk on all things military.
Walk-ins welcome.

Decaffeinated and Unwired...
Every 4th Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.

Sundays on Monday
Solve the NYT Sunday crossword puzzle with others.
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
No registration required.

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-noon.

Old York Road Genealogical Society
Every second Tuesday of the month, from 7-8:45 p.m.
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News & Views: Friends of Abington Libraries

Summer's almost here! You may be visiting our libraries to check out an audio book for a road trip, finish school assignments, borrow a museum pass or attend a story time.
While you're at Abington Library, take a few minutes to enjoy our Discovery Garden, a project developed and implemented by Friends volunteers.
This is also the time for the Friends' annual membership appeal. We invite everyone who uses our libraries to consider making a donation.
By becoming a Friend, you will help sustain resources such as new books and movies, the outdoor street sign, indoor infographics, programs for all ages, and the Adult Literacy Program.

Adult Literacy Program
Volunteers, working through the Adult Literacy Program, help area adults improve their literacy skills. Many of our students are learning English, others are improving their basic reading and writing skills, while others are brushing up their academic skills to pass a high school equivalency test. Students are always welcome since our program continues throughout the year.

Every year, our programs help over 150 adults improve their literacy skills so they can be more engaged and productive in their communities. Our tutors exemplify the goal of working locally to create real and sustained change.

We conduct tutor training sessions three times a year. We also offer workshops throughout the year on topics of interest to our tutors. Please contact us for more information 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

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.

Donate
Up to three paper bags per visit of books, books-on-CD, music CDs and DVDs.

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.

Thank you!
Staff Spotlight – Ed Fields

Ed Fields works as a library page, the quietest and least assuming of jobs, making sure that the books are where they should be. He has been here 17 years and always has a friendly hello for all the staff, and he always remembers to ask after somebody he knows is dear to us.

Ed is quite the artist in his off hours. He is a portraitist in pastels, using Canson Mi-Teintes paper that he purchases at the Allegheny Art store in Jenkintown.

Ed's subjects are, for the most part, celebrities he is familiar with through TV shows and old movies. Two examples: drawing his step-sister as Olivia Newton-John from Grease and drawing several portraits of Beyoncé.

He also has drawn the Whoopi Goldberg character from Ghost and Telma Hopkins as she appeared on the TV show Family Matters.

Ed graduated from Upper Moreland High School and took art classes at both Penn State and Montgomery County Community College.

Ed said he enjoys working at the library and recognizes the importance of his job. He likes to help people and enjoys being part of the mix of staff and patrons who come through our doors.

- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer

Ed Fields holding his pastel of Tracee Ellis Ross