This Spotlight usually shines on staff and volunteers, but this month we just couldn’t resist telling you about library assistant Kathleen Zimmerman’s musical son, Tyler Zimmerman. Tyler realized he wanted to sing opera when he was about six years old, after his parents took him and his brother to a production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Academy of Music. There were opera singers in the pit, and he decided he was going to sing like that one day.

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One of our favorite guests just celebrated his 100th birthday. Don visits the library several times a week, and he never passes a single staff member without acknowledging his hat. He is a true, old-fashioned (and camera-shy) gentleman. Happy birthday and best wishes for a healthy year, Don!

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall, Executive Director

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**NEW IN THIS YEAR’S ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM**

Our Adult Literacy Program has helped thousands of people improve their literacy skills. Some of our volunteers have students who are trying to learn English. They work on improving their English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills so they can better acclimate to the U.S. Other tutors work on language and academic skills with English-speaking adults, helping them prepare for tests, enter secondary education, or find a better job. In addition to individual tutoring, we offer small-group classes for English learners to practice their skills in a supportive environment.

We are fortunate to live in a community that not only values literacy, but is also rich with talented people who are willing to help others. Please consider becoming a volunteer tutor. No experience is necessary! Volunteers attend a seven-hour training program for new tutors, which is offered three times a year.

Our next training session will be held over three evenings in July.

Please contact us for more details at 215-583-1183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.

**LIBRARY EVENTS**

**JOIN THE FRIENDS!**

Please visit the BookCellar on the lower level of Abington Library. You will find great bargains on used books for adults, teens, and children, DVD, audio books, and music CDs. BookCellar hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–4 p.m. We also sell on Amazon.

We gratefully accept BookCellar donations at both libraries. Please bring only three grocery bags per visit.

**FAMILY NIGHTS Ages 3–11**

- **Parent & Child Book Club**
  - June 9: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
  - July 7: **What’s the Big Dill?**

- **Kids Can Code**
  - June 24:
  - July 8:
  - July 22:
  - July 29:

- **Story Time with a Volunteer Tutor**
  - June 16:

- **Family Story Time**
  - June 18:

- **Children’s Program at Abington Library**
  - June 25:
  - July 2:

- **Teen Programs at Abington Library**
  - AP Exam Study Day
  - SAT vs. ACT Workshop
  - Daytime Book Discussion Group

**FREE COMPUTER HELP FOR BEGINNERS**

- Check with a cuppa decaf and new friends. 4th Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m.
- Free computer help for parents/caregivers

**SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER**

- **SCIENCE TIME Ages 6–10**
  - Tuesdays in July, at 2 and 3 p.m.
  - Make a sundial, miniature hovercraft, or astronaut ice cream.

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  - Grades 6–12
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