

WACL chosen as **WQED Inquire Within** library!



We are so excited about our selection as a WQED “Inquire Within” Library!

“Inquire Within” is an impactful out of

school time program which is designed to encourage family engagement and a love of learning. As an “Inquire Within” library, WACL will have access to PBS Kids themed materials and programs, so you know you are getting the good stuff!

WQED recognizes the importance of the public library as a community resource, and with their help, we can continue to expand our educational programs, services, and resources.



For special WQED “Inquire Within” programs, look for this picture throughout this newsletter!

Be on the lookout for even more special “Inquire Within” programming and activities in the coming months. And a very special thank you to Chick-fil-A Robinson (at North Fayette), who has generously sponsored this partnership. We really couldn’t make it happen without them!

PLUS, thanks to the “Inquire Within” program, the library also now has six PBS Playtime Tablets available for checkout! They are preloaded with kid-friendly apps & games and check out for 3 weeks. Check one out & take it home today! If they’re all checked out, you can ask to place a hold, & we also have two available for in-house use—ask for details!



Library News

WHAT’S INSIDE:

Spring Programs for All Ages
Special Events & Fundraisers
“Take 5” Campaign
WACHS Local History Programs

LIBRARY HOURS:

The library opens at 10:00 a.m. on last Mondays.
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sundays (September—May): 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Western Allegheny Community Library
181 Bateman Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
www.westernalleghenylibrary.org || 724-695-8150

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Tech Talk: More New Tech Takeout

In the mood for some takeout?

“Tech Takeout” is a smorgasbord of gadgets, gizmos, and tools for you to take home (and bring back when you’re done, of course!). In addition to our already popular items like **WiFi hotspots**, **GoPro Hero Camera**, and **Nintendo Classic Consoles**, we have recently added even more cool items for taking out and taking home! We now have four **Roku Devices** (complete with subscription to Netflix!), a **Radon Detector**, and a **Portable DVD Player** for on the go or even on the road enjoyment (for those in the back seat of course, not the driver!).

New to the menu!

For 2019, we have added three all-new items to our Tech Takeout menu. First is a portable **Voice Amplifier** with lapel mic, perfect for being heard better in a classroom or for a presentation. Second, we acquired a weatherproof **Trail Camera**, which can capture HD video daytime or nighttime, with motion-sensitive activation for watching wildlife or for security purposes. Last but not least is a **Diagnostic Code Reader**. Plug it in to your car to determine what that pesky “check engine” light is all about. With live vehicle sensors and graphic interface, this does more than generate an error code—it can help you fix it! You’d probably only need to use these items once or once in a while, so like with all our Tech Takeout items: **Why buy when you can try?** Check our online catalog for availability of these and other Tech Takeout items, or ask at the library front desk to place a hold.



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

Spring 2019

A Publication of Western Allegheny Community Library

Books & Brew at Helicon Brewing

Thursday, April 25
6:30—9:00 p.m.

\$20 per person
admission includes:

- ★ 1 complimentary Helicon Brew
- ★ 50% off any additional Helicon pours
- ★ Entry into a door prize

There will also be a food truck from Pigs in Paradise and wine available for purchase. For tickets visit our website, stop by the library, or call 724-695-8150 with a credit card. Proceeds benefit the library!

Helicon Brewing
102 Union Avenue
Oakdale, PA 15071



“TAKE 5” and help your library **GROW!**

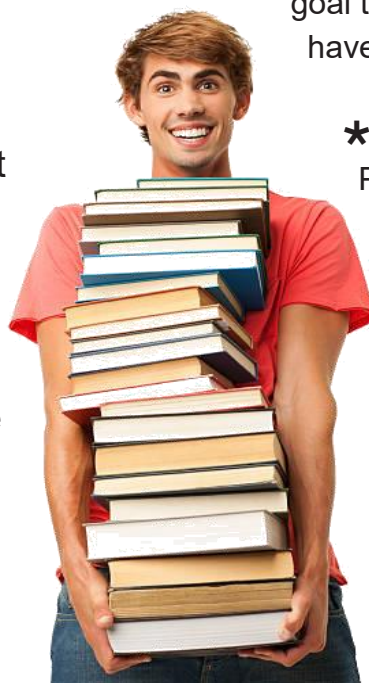
Did you know that the more items you check out, the more funding we receive?

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- ★ Library cards are free. Anyone can have a library card, even babies!
- ★ The more items you check out, and the more people who have library cards, the more funding we receive.
- ★ We have 38,000 items in our library alone, but access to over a million, including a growing library of downloadable books, magazines, videos, and music.

For 2019, the library has set a goal of 150,000 checkouts. You can help us reach our goal by participating in our “TAKE 5” campaign!

- ★ Every time you visit the library, check out at least 5 items,
- ★ Be sure to sign everyone in your family up for a library card.
- ★ Download eBooks, magazines, or stream some videos and music. Online checkouts count toward the goal too—and they never have ANY late fees!
- ★ Try something new! Pick up a kit, borrow a Roku with Netflix, or check out a board game.
- ★ Help us spread the word! Tweet it, share it, send it, shout it from the rooftops!



Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

DINE TO DONATE

Thursday, March 21 @ Celebrations, 4:00—10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23 @ Chipotle Mexican Grill, 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening out and support your library - it's a win-win! A portion of sales will benefit the library. Check our website for details and look for more "Dine to Donate" dates to be announced!

EXCITING EXCURSIONS: WEST VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.

Meet us at the library, then we'll carpool/caravan down to WV for a fun-filled day! 90-minute guided tour of the Penitentiary will consist of an astonishing history, a touch of art, cold hard facts, and an insight into the justice system. We'll walk through this Gothic-style structure, visit the recreation yards, visitation rooms, and the new cafeteria that resulted from the riot of 1986. You will also take a walk through the cell blocks, including "The Alamo," which once housed the most dangerous and violent inmates, and "New Wall," where you just might get LOCKED UP! Then we'll head to a local restaurant for lunch (Dutch treat). Tour tickets can be purchased at the door (\$14 for adults and \$11 for seniors 55+). Registration is required; contact Amy with questions, mcdonalda@einetwork.net.

WINE & CHOCOLATE TASTING

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Come join us for this fun evening out! We'll also learn some tips on how to best pair chocolate with wine. Presented by My Favorite Sweet Shoppe & PK Winery. \$20 per person; stop by the library or call with a credit card to register.

SPRING PHOTO SHOOT WITH MD PHOTOGRAPHY

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Get your Easter photos done in time to share with Gramma! Michelle will be bringing live bunnies and ducklings to add to her Spring theme. \$85 per session includes sitting fee and choice of two packages. Package A includes (1) 8×10, (2) 5×7, and (8) wallets. Package B includes (1) 8×10 and (16) wallets. Additional prints are available (prices vary) as are Easter Cards (\$20 for every 20 cards). Families will return on April 14 to select prints, package, and order any add-ons. Stop by the library or call with a credit card to register for your time slot.

BOOKS & BREW AT HELICON BREWING

Thursday, April 25, 6:30—9:00 p.m.

\$20 per person admission. See front page for details! Helicon Brewing is located at 102 Union Avenue, Oakdale, PA 15071.

SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Tax return burning a hole in your pocket? Come and do some spring shopping at the library! We're once again hosting our Spring Vendor & Craft sale, featuring a variety of vendors and crafts of all kinds.

POINTILLIST LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS

Sunday, May 19, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Join local artist Elizabeth Blair and learn simple techniques that will help you create your own Pointillist Landscape. You'll be using acrylic paints on canvas to create your masterpiece. This is a great way to spend time with your teenager as it's designed for ages 13 and up. \$15 per person to cover cost of supplies. Please call with a credit card or stop by the library to sign up; payment required on registration.

Save the date for W.A.F.E.L.'s semi-annual **Book Sale!**

Thursday—Saturday

May 2—4

\$5 per bag (or individually priced)

- ★ Fiction & Non-Fiction Books
- ★ Adult, Teen, and Children's Materials
- ★ Audio books on CD & Cassette
- ★ Movies on DVD, VHS, & Blu-ray
- ★ Music on CD & Cassette
- ★ Puzzles, Games, Magazines, & More!

Don't forget...the sale also includes raffle baskets and delicious baked goods!

Book Sale Hours:

Thursday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

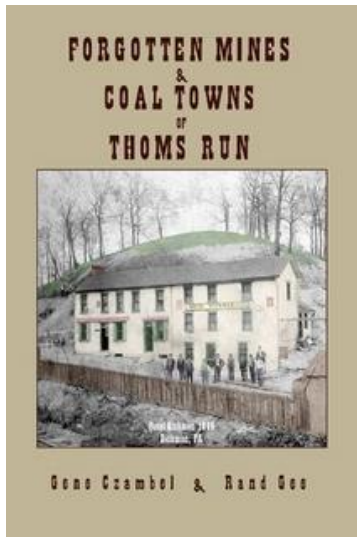
Friday, May 3, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by W. A. F. E. L. = Western Area Friends to Enhance the Library. Interested in helping out? We are looking for volunteers to help set up, take down, and assist with the book sale. W.A.F.E.L. accepts year-round donations of gently used books and other materials. Your donations are tax-deductible and always greatly appreciated! This book sale raises funds to support library programming and services. Many thanks to those who donate materials and time to make this effort possible.

2019 Local History Programs

Presented by Western Allegheny Community Historical Society



FORGOTTEN MINES AND COAL TOWNS OF THOMS RUN AUTHOR VISIT

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

This program is a content overview of the book *Forgotten Mines and Coal Towns of Thoms Run* by author Rand Gee and co-author and Oakdale native Gene Czambel. The authors will present what life was like in the coal towns and businesses in the area.

ESPY POST FIELD TRIP

Saturday, November 9, Time TBA

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall is home to one of the last remaining Grand Army of the Republic Posts left in the country. The Capt. Thomas Espy Post No. 153 was chartered in 1879 and moved into the library in 1906. When the last Civil War veteran member died in 1938, the Room was locked and left undisturbed for 50 years, and it became a virtual time capsule. The Espy Post is one of 6 most intact GAR posts in the country, of the 7,000 GAR posts across the United States in the late 19th century. Not only does it house invaluable artifacts, but the room itself provides a unique historical record of the first part of the century. It was lovingly restored in 2010. Transportation not provided; will meet at the library in Carnegie.

The historical society is asking the community for old photos from the area to compile a feature panel in their gallery for a "Then and Now" display. Original photos can be scanned and copied and returned to the owner. The feature panel currently has the story of Margaret McFarland, an Oakdale native and mentor of Fred Rogers. Please contact the library if you have any photos you wish to have copied, or email us at wahistoricalociety@gmail.com.

Have an idea for a history program or event? Interested in joining the Western Allegheny Community Historical Society? Fill out the application below and drop it off at the library today!

EXPLORE HISTORY WITH OUR EXPERIENCE PASSES

Thanks to partnerships with local attractions and museums, we are now lending special experience Ask at the front desk or call the library for availability and plan your trip through history today!

- ★ **Heinz History Center** (plus Western PA Sports Museum, Fort Pitt Museum, and Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Old Economy Village**
- ★ **Mt. Pleasant Historical Society**
- ★ **Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum**
- ★ **West Overton Village & Museum**

Western Allegheny Community Historical Society Membership Application

For the year January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

DATE: _____

NAME/S: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Home/mobile/work (circle one)

Individual Membership = \$5.00 per year

Please enroll me/us in WACHS.

Number of memberships: _____

Make checks payable to Western Allegheny Community Library.

Membership meetings are held four times a year.

Check our website for meeting dates and special announcements.



Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

COMMON MISTAKES IN ADVERTISING

Presented by Pittsburgh SCORE

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Lots of marketing and advertising advice is floating around out there. Much of it is wrong, especially for small and startup businesses. An award-winning advertising copywriter and creative director shows you what's wrong and what to do instead.

GAME DAY @ UPPER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Saturday, March 9, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and join us for our special GAME DAY! Bring games you own or try out our board games, RPGs, and card games. You can even check out the games you enjoy! All ages welcome.

HOME SCHOOL Q & A

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Have you ever considered if home schooling is a good choice for your child? Join us for an informal Q&A session with a parent & home school teacher who has been at it for 14 years. She can answer your questions on how to get started, local organizations, and resources available.

COFFEE, TEA, & AUTISM

Thursday, March 14, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Come for informational parent-led sessions and meet-and-greets with the Autism Caring Center. Topic for March is IEPs—Learn the basics of Individualized Education Plans. More dates & topics coming soon! Presented by the Autism Caring Center.

40 SMART MARKETING THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR UNDER \$500

Presented by Pittsburgh SCORE

Tuesday, March 26, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Most books and other sources of advertising advice are great multi-million-dollar budgets, which small businesses and startups don't have. Here are some effective street-smart tactics that work for small business budgets and cost \$0 to \$500 maximum.

AFTER HOURS GAME NIGHTS

Saturday, April 6, 5:00—9:00 p.m.

@ Cooper-Siegel Community Library

Saturday, May 11, 6:00—10:00 p.m.

@ Western Allegheny Community Library

Bring your friends and join us for our special after-hours GAME NIGHTS! Bring games you own or try out our board games, RPGs, and card games. You can even check out ones you enjoy! For adults 21 & up - BYOB.

Computer Classes

MICROSOFT OFFICE ON THE JOB

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Part Three, Publisher: March 11

Part Four, Excel: April 1 (A Money Smart Week Program)

Are you new to the workforce or going back for a second career, and the job description requires "proficiency in Microsoft Office"? Come to our MS Office series and get the skills you'll need to start out! In this series of computer classes, we will cover the basics of Microsoft Office, including how to create a document, use a template, change fonts and styles, and use pictures and other objects. Learn the basics in an easy step-by-step overview, and then work hands-on using laptops provided by the library. Basic computer knowledge required.

Need further help on a technology topic? Request a one-on-one appointment!

LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

Looking for a job or shopping around for a better one? The library offers a variety of free resources to assist with your career goals. This program will cover a variety of eResources for Job Seekers, including the Pennsylvania Career Guide, Occupational Outlook Handbook, and Job Gateway, all of which are available in the library or from home through the eResources website. We will also discuss reference materials available through the library system, and point you where you can go for even more free one-on-one help.

EXTREME E-COUPONING

A Money Smart Week Program

Saturday, March 30, 12:30 p.m.

Are you still clipping coupons to save money? Why not ditch the scissors and hit the apps instead! We'll overview this new wave in couponing using cash back services like Ibotta and Checkout 51, plus discuss paperless coupons in RetailMeNot and various store-specific savings and rewards.

MONEY SMART eRESOURCES

A Money Smart Week Program

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

The first step in being Money Smart is being money-savvy! Come learn about all the FREE library eResources to help you manage your money. We will have a short overview of our variety of Consumer and Financial databases, & show how to access them at home using your library card.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS

1st Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

WACL's Monthly Adult Book Club. Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction.

ANIME & MANGA CLUB

4th Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy watching, sharing, and discussing a variety of anime and manga? Then this is the group for you! We will explore the art form, cultural context, history, and pop culture.

WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB

3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

Each month, we'll reserve a copy of the book for you and make reservations at a local restaurant. All you have to do is show up, enjoy the deliciousness, and share your thoughts on the book. Please RSVP by the evening before so we can make accurate restaurant reservations.

- ★ March 21 - *The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise* by Julia Stewart @ Celebrations
- ★ April 18 - *A Simple Favor* by Darcey Bell at Max & Erma's
- ★ May 16 - *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara at Walnut Grill
- ★ June 20 - *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan at North Star
- ★ July 18 - *Matchmaking for Beginners* by Maddie Dawson at TGI Fridays

Special Events

PLANNING FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA



Wednesday, March 13, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

More than 15 million Americans provide unpaid care for people living with dementia. This program will discuss the development of Care Giving Plans and Financial Strategies for someone affected by this disease. Sponsored by Integrity Financial Advisors.



A TASTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Come for a presentation on the popular Mediterranean diet, including recipe suggestions, healthy meal ideas, and an "Ask the Dietitian" session. Tastings provided by Walnut Grill, Settler's Ridge. Registration required to attend; please call 724-773-2045 to register. Presented By: Mary Baun, Registered Dietitian & Certified Diabetes Educator, Heritage Valley Health System. Sponsored by Heritage Valley Health System.

KID'S CLOSET CONNECTION SALE

Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

1:00—5:00 p.m.



Kid's Closet

Connection is a twice-yearly children's consignment sale that brings area parents together to buy and sell gently used baby to teen items. Clothing, baby furniture, toys, & books are sold at a fraction of their retail prices, saving parents anywhere from 50% to 90%! Our local consignors make at least 65% of their asking price, and we do the selling for you! There will be a special presale on Thursday, April 4, 1:00—4:00 p.m., plus a "Shop for a Cause" event at 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. to benefit Autism Caring Center. See website for details: www.kidscloset.biz/swpittsburgh.

SOCIAL SECURITY 101

Wednesday, May 1

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Please join us as we discuss Social Security with regard to:

- How Social Security works
- What you should know
- Different claiming strategies
- Issues around the program

We will also review how the program was not meant to be your only source of income during retirement, so it may be appropriate for you to explore choices with your assets for generating consistent income throughout all of retirement.

Sponsored by Lifetime Financial Growth.



INVESTING IN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

Wednesday, May 15

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Paying for college is the second largest expense a family will undertake, next to the purchase of a home. In this program, Presenter Mark Palmer will discuss various planning tools and techniques to help families prepare for this cost. Sponsored by Integrity Financial Advisors.



LET'S TALK ABOUT STROKE

Wed., May 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

This program will discuss the signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with stroke. Presented by Kristen Ronosky, MSN, RN, Stroke Coordinator for HVHS. Sponsored by Heritage Valley Health System.

RETIREMENT 101

Wednesday, June 12,

6:00—7:30 p.m.

The majority of retirees think that the cost of healthcare is the biggest concern about retirement. But what they don't realize is that medical expenses are only one of several large financial stressors you can expect when you retire. If you fail to prepare for these other common threats, your retirement plan could fall apart when you least expect it. Learn about the five biggest threats to your retirement plan and how you can protect your family from long-term care issues. Sponsored by Lifetime Financial Growth.



Money Smart Week 2019



HOME BUYING 101

Monday, April 1, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Thinking of buying or selling a house? Come learn some tips from Amanda Barbano, local licensed realtor with Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services. Bring your questions!

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HEALTHCARE: Retirement Wild Card

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Healthcare is a topic many individuals do not plan for prior to retirement. This program will provide you with information to help you prepare for the potential costs and risks. Presented by Integrity Financial Advisors.

SCORE SOME POINTS: Understanding & Raising Your Credit Score

Thursday, April 4, 1:00—2:30 p.m.

What is a credit score and what does it really mean for you? Join Lisa Ragan of Citizens Bank as she explains the importance of credit scores, what impacts a credit score, and what actions you can take to raise your credit score.

SECRETS OF SAVING \$ ON TUITION

Thursday, April 4, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

The FAFSA (Free Application of Student Aid) leaves the majority of families being awarded loans; however, other techniques present opportunities for "free" money. We will cover proven techniques including the inner workings of the FAFSA, tuition discount programs, tax savings, non-loan student aid, and how to leverage assets. Presented by INNOVA Financial Concepts.

Money Smart Week is sponsored by



Children & Family

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SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS WITH PBS KIDS

**Saturdays, March 16, April 13
10:30—11:30 a.m.**

Thanks to our partnership with WQED, we are so excited to bring you Saturday Morning Cartoons at the library! You bring your jammies, blankets, and anything you need to get cozy, we will provide the cereal and milk—and of course the cartoons! All showings are going to be PBS Kids, so you know you are getting the good stuff. Please register online, so we know how much cereal to get!

STORYWALK @ CLINTON PARK

**Sunday, April 28
1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Join us at Clinton Park for a special story walk! We'll take a leisurely walk around the path as we read a book along the way. We'll do a craft related to the book and have time to check out books from the Book Bus, so be sure to bring your library card! Please be sure to register online so we know how many crafts to prepare.

Storytimes

Regular storytimes run
January 2—April 30

BABY CIRCLE TIME

Wednesdays

9:30—10:30 a.m.

Birth—2 years

The first half hour we sing, move, and read together, and the second half hour is for babies Birth—2 years to play and caregivers to hang out and chat. We provide great early learning toys to keep the little ones occupied and stimulated.



LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

2—5 years

We sing, move, and read together! Perfect for little ones ages 2—5 with their caregivers.



LITTLES OPEN GYM

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

2—5 years

Need to get some energy out? After storytime, we will open up our large performance space for free play. Bring what ever toys you would like to share and we will have some things as well. No wheels permitted please.



ONE BOOK EVERY YOUNG CHILD

One Book Every Young Child is a statewide initiative to encourage a lifelong love of reading. Research shows that reading to your children for 20 minutes every day can dramatically increase their success later in life. More than this, children who love books grow into more well-rounded adults. Now in its 14th year, OBEYC highlights the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers and the significance of engaging them in conversation and other activities around books. We at the library want to be a part of developing the early literacy skills of our community's youngest members!



PLAY K

Mondays, 10:30—12:00 p.m.

or Tuesdays, 1:00—2:30 p.m.

Entering Kindergartners

This program is exclusively for kiddos entering Kindergarten Fall 2019 and will give them a chance to practice their skills at the library! Together we'll work on listening, taking turns, and basic concepts like letters, numbers, shapes, and colors to help get your little one ready for a successful year in kindergarten!

SENSORY STORYTIME

Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Sensory storytime is a welcoming, friendly environment for children with special needs, and all children are welcome. During our special storytime, we will read, sing songs, and do rhymes in a unique way. After our storytime we will play with sensory activities! Please register online.

PAWS FOR READING

**SUNDAYS, MARCH 17 & APRIL 14,
1:30—3:30 p.m.**

This program encourages children to practice reading aloud by providing a furry, non-judgmental, certified therapy dog with eagerly listening ears! Children who read with therapy dogs learn positive associations with the practice, and over time may find their ability and confidence improved. Register online for your time slot. For new & independent readers.



Throughout the month of April, we are celebrating two books: *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis and *Barnyard Banter* by Denise Fleming. *Not a Box* is all about expression and imaginative play, which as many parents know can be found even in something as simple as a cardboard box! *Barnyard Banter*, with its big bold colors and short sentences is excellent for helping babies and toddlers develop and improve their language skills. Whether your children are visiting us for a morning storytime or stopping by with their preschool class, the library is the place to be for OBEYC this April!

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER LEARNING KICKOFF

Saturday, May 18

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Save the date for our Summer Learning Kickoff! This year we are teaming up with Remake Learning Days and WQED to present a "Day of Making." Join us in celebrating all the exciting things to **Read, Play, Explore, Discover, and Make** at the library! As an added bonus, attendees will get a first chance to register for our in-demand summer programs!

School Age

AMERICAN GIRL BOOK CLUB

Sundays, March 10, April 7, May 5

2:00—3:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy American Girl dolls as much as we do? Explore history through the American Girl books with us at our library book club! We'll meet once a month and discuss the book we read, and after that do a fun activity that goes along with the book. For grades 3—5. Please register online.

WASD BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PRACTICE SESSION

Wednesday, March 20 or 27

5:30—6:30 p.m.

West Allegheny School District students rejoice! We are offering two sessions of Battle of the Books practice for elementary school students. There are no winners or losers; this is just a practice session to get you ready for the real deal. Please register online; each team registers only once for ONE session.

ELEMENTARY MAKER LAB

Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

In Maker Lab, we will tackle a new maker project each week! So whether you want to learn a new skill like sewing, printmaking, or woodworking, or want to work on awesome design challenges, we have a project that's right for you! For students grades 2—5; all skill levels welcome!

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PINKALICIOUS TEA PARTY

Sunday, May 5, 1:30—3:00 p.m.

Break out your best tea party attire because we are hosting our third annual Tea Party Fundraiser. This year, we will have Pinkalicious themed tea & treats, games, activities, door prizes, and more! Fancy dress is encouraged but not required. Tickets would make a perfect Mother's Day gift! Fundraiser tickets cost \$25 a pair, \$10 additional child, \$15 additional parent. Stop by the library front desk or call with a credit card to make your reservation today! Sponsored by Celebrations.

Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

TEEN ANIME CLUB

Mondays, 4:00—5:30 p.m.

Can't get enough anime or manga? Discover and discuss the genre with other teens! Our local teen, Arielle, will be leading the club, so prepare for awesome activities while enjoying some of our favorite anime.

TEEN D&D

Tuesdays, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to battle a dragon? Or discover a new world? Explore our quests in dungeons and dragons where the possibilities are endless!

MIDDLE GRADE D&D

Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to battle a dragon? Or discover a new world? Explore our quests in dungeons and dragons where the possibilities are endless! For grades 5—8.

TEEN MAKER LAB

Wednesdays, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Tackle a new Maker Lab project each week specifically targeted for teens. All skill levels welcome!

GAME DAY @ UPPER ST. CLAIR

Saturday, March 9, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and join us for our special GAME DAY! Bring games you own or try out our board games, RPGs, & card games. You can even check out the games you enjoy! All ages welcome.

Middle & High School Students:
Need volunteer hours? Want to
participate in fun afternoon activities?
Need a quiet place to study?

TAKE THE BUS

to the library after school! See our
website for details & permission form.