Back to School begins @ the library

Need help with an assignment? Looking for the perfect book for a report? Have a research question? We're here to help! Stop by and access all that the library has to offer.

- ★ Desktop and laptop computers
- ★ High-speed internet & Wi-Fi
- ★ Print/Copy/Fax/Scan (up to 5 pages free printing for students)
- ★ Accelerated Reader Testing (WAMS only)
- ★ Test proctoring (see details on our website)
- ★ Private Study/Tutoring Rooms & Café

Forgot your library card? Each school in the district has a designated card for student in-library computer access - ask at the front desk for details.

Stop on by with the School Bus Stop! Don't forget—Middle and High School students can visit the library using the special school bus stop. Drop by the library after school Monday—Thursday; the permission form is available on our website.

Need volunteer hours for school or scouts? Why not take the bus and do them at the library? School year volunteer opportunities are now open for grades 9-12. Visit our website for details and fill out a volunteer application today!





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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.

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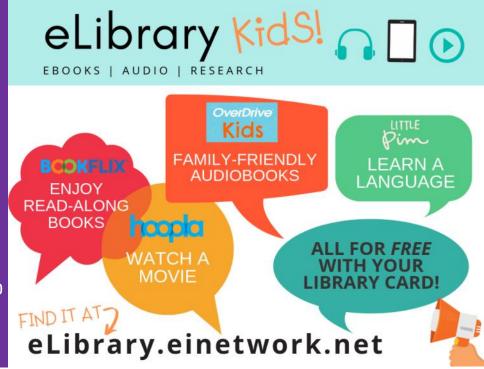






Tech Talk: eResources for Kids

The newly designed county eLibrary website makes it easy to find safe & reliable online resources for kids. These are available for free with your library card, and are accessible in the library or at home (which could be really useful if there's a report due tomorrow!).





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Love Your Library Month September 2019

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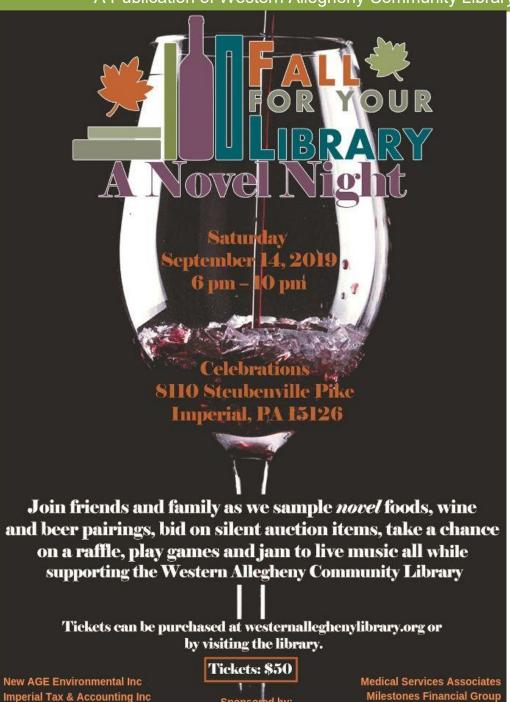
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Merchandise Sales

You can even help by purchasing Sarris candy bars, earbuds, tote bags, and more at the circulation desk. Everything counts!

For more information regarding **Love** Your Library, call us or visit our website at westernalleghenylibrary.org.



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Program Highlights

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ALERT 360 SELF-DEFENSE Saturdays, September 7 & 14 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Thursday, November 21—Celebrations

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

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

Thursday—Saturday November 14—16

\$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!

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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.



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CUT THE CABLE CORD Monday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Can you really live without cable? You can...and maybe you should! Come learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials.

MEAL KITS UNBOXED Tuesday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Our schedules today are so full, and when we get home in the evening, the last thing we want to do is figure out the age-old question, "What's for dinner?" Wouldn't life be so much easier if the groceries came delivered to your front door, with recipes all ready to be made? Well put on your blue apron and get ready to say hello to fresh! Our resident meal kit expert has tried them ALL (16 to be exact!) and has a comparison lined up to share, including cost, packaging, ease of preparation, taste, special diet adaptability, support, and more. We'll also unpack an actual meal kit box, see just how easy prep & cooking work can be, and of course sample what we make. Plus, attendees will get a coupon for a free meal kit trial (while supplies last)!

HOW TO INSTANT POT Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! The instant pot craze is in full swing...are you in? If you haven't yet tried it out, or aren't sure if you want to invest in one, come get the rundown with a self-proclaimed instant pot fanatic! We'll cover how to (and how NOT to) do the instant pot thing, share some tips and tricks, look at some basic tools of the trade, and best of all — we'll sample what we make! Plus, attendees get a chance to check out the 6-quart Instant Pot the library now has in our Tech Takeout collection.

Computer Classes

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 p.m.

Are your pockets overflowing with sticky notes and reminders? Do you carry around a bag full of planners, calendars, calculators, coupon files, etc.? Learn how to lighten the load using just your smartphone and some helpful apps! We'll discuss various programs for organization, productivity, shopping, and time management, that can help you eliminate the paper trail.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR SENIORS Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

This beginning computer class covers basic skills in using the computer, including an introduction to Microsoft Windows and Internet Explorer, with hands-on practice and individual help. Have questions - feel free to bring them! Laptops will be provided by the library for use during this class.

Need further help on a technology topic? Ask for an individual appointment!

OVERDRIVE VS. LIBBY Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Are you still using Overdrive to access our library eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines? Well, there's a new girl in town, and her name is Libby! Bring in your mobile device and learn about Overdrive's simplified, streamlined app, with new features like family sharing and one-tap downloads. Overdrive was awesome – who knew it could be even better?!

INTERNET MYTH-BUSTERS Monday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.

Is that 10-foot spider on Facebook real? How do you tell if something is news or fake news? What about online security, phishing, malware, & viruses? Let's bust some online myths using Snopes, learn about website reliability, & find out how you can make sure your computer is secure from online attacks.

RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP Monday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.

Are you new to the workforce and need help creating a résumé? Or are you back for a second career, and need to update your old one? This workshop will demonstrate the basics of using a template to create a résumé from scratch, as well as tips for editing and updating your résumé. Further individual assistance may be requested by appointment.

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, & discussing a variety of anime and manga? Then this is the group for you! We will explore the art form, cultural context, history, & 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 reserve at table 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 reservations. This is a 'Dutch Treat' event. Check our website for details on dates and book & restaurant selections.

- ★ August—Summer Secrets by Jane
 Green @ Celebrations
- ★ September—All American Boys by Jason Reynolds @ Max & Erma's
- ★ October—*The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah @ Walnut Grill
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CBD 101 Tuesday, October 15

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Have you heard people talking about CBD? Would you like to learn more about it? CBD Consultant and Health Coach, Jill Sodini, will explain what CBD is, how it works in the body, potential benefits, how to use it, and how to identify a safe and effective brand.

GET THE RETIREMENT YOU WANT Wednesday, October 16 6:00—7:30 p.m.



Vacation home? Early retirement? World travel? Everyone's path to retirement is different

& your plans will be as unique as your dreams. Integrity Financial Advisors will discuss tried and true steps you can take to plan for secure retirement.

ALASKAN CRUISE NIGHT Wednesday, October 23 6:00—7:30 p.m.



Come join us as Rusty Pettit from Cruise Planners and Alisa Roberts of Princess Cruises tell you all about

exploring this amazing destination on both land and sea. Not only will you learn why Alaska is one of the most popular travel destinations year after year, but you will also discover how easy it is to make this dream vacation a reality!

ESTATE PLANNING 101 Thursday, October 24 6:00—7:30 p.m.



It is never too early or Michele from Conti

Law will discuss why it is important, regardless of the amount of wealth you've accumulated, to plan for your estate. Conti Law can guide you through this difficult legal and emotional process, to ensure last wishes are met & legally upheld.



LIBRARY GAMING PARTNERSHIP

GAME DAYS

Saturday, August 17 @ WACL 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

December TBA @ Mt. Lebanon

Gather your friends & family and join us for our special GAME DAYS! Bring games you own or try out our board, card, & RPG games. You can even take home the games you enjoy! For teens & adults.

AFTER HOURS GAME NIGHTS

Saturday, September 9 @ Upper St. Clair, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 @ Whitehall 6:00—10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2 @ Cooper-Siegel, 6:00—10:00 p.m.

Gather your friends for our after-hours GAME NIGHTS! Bring games you own or try out our board games, RPGs, and card games. You can even borrow the games you enjoy! Note: Some events are BYOB for 21 & up; see library websites for details.

ESPY POST FIELD TRIP Saturday, November 9, Time TBA

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library is home to one of the last remaining Grand Army of the Republic Posts left in the country. The Espy Post is one of most intact GAR posts in the country. Not only does it house invaluable artifacts, but the room itself provides a unique historical record of the first part of the century. Transportation not provided; meet at the library in Carnegie. Presented in conjunction with WACHS; RSVP to wahistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

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Storytimes

Storytimes run September 3— December 12

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, 10:30—11:00 a.m. 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. (Note: Both weekly sessions cover the same content).

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PLAY K

Wednesdays, 1:00—2:30 p.m. OR Thursdays, 9:30—11:00 a.m. Entering Kindergartners

This program is exclusively for kiddos entering Kindergarten Fall 2020 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, & colors to help get your little one ready for a successful year in Kindergarten! Each child should bring a packed lunch. Please register once online on the first day of the session. (Note: No Play K November 28).

SENSORY STORYTIME Mondays, 10:00—11:00 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, & do rhymes in a unique way that is sensitive to friends with different sensory needs. No storytime October 7.

FALL CRAFT DAY Sunday, October 13 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Make a seasonal fall craft, perfect for decorating your room! Please register online so we know how many crafts to prepare. All ages welcome!

FROZEN SCAVENGER HUNT Sunday, November 10 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Find all the hidden *Frozen* characters around the library and win a *Frozen 2* themed prize! No need to register; drop in!

STAR WARS PARTY Saturday, December 7 10:30—11:30 a.m.

We are so excited for the release of *The Rise of Skywalker*! To celebrate we are throwing a big party with *Star Wars* games, crafts, and activities. All ages welcome; please register online.

Love the library? Why not work here?

Western Allegheny Community Library is looking to add to the team! The part-time **Early Literacy Outreach Specialist** will be fun, creative, and committed to library service. We are looking for someone who is flexible, hardworking, organized, and most of all, interested in a rewarding job!

Job duties would include conducting early literacy storytimes at area preschools & daycares, and planning creative & engaging programming for Birth—7 years. Bachelor's degree & related experience required; see details

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Holiday Events

HALLOWEEN STORYWALK Saturday, October 12 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Grab your costumes and meet us at Clinton Park for a special Halloween Story Walk! We will take a stroll around the park and read *Halloween Hustle*. At the end, we will make a special Halloween craft. Costumes are not required but encouraged! Please register.

HALLOWEEN PARTY Thursday, October 31 12:00—1:00 p.m.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP Sunday, December 1 1:30—3:00 p.m.

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Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest standing traditions. All ages and skill levels are welcome, but please make sure to bring a can of frosting, a cookie sheet or baking pan to build on, and a sweet treat to share with your friends! We will provide all of the building materials and the instructions. As space is limited, please register participating children online, and let us know what decoration you are bringing.

Early **Learners**

EXPLORE MAGNETS Saturday, September 14 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Discover the science behind magnets, part of our Sensational Science series! Please register online; this program is for children ages 3—6 with a caregiver.

BACKYARD BUGS Sunday, September 15 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Our backyard is filled with all kinds of creepy -crawly friends! Grab a magnifying glass and see how many bugs you can identify!

BUILD & CREATE FREE PLAY Sunday, October 27 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Build, create, and destroy with a variety of early learning toys, blocks, and kits. This is a drop-in program, perfect for a Sunday play date!

DINOSAUR DAY Saturday, November 9 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Dig for fossils and make dinosaur eggs at Dinosaur Day! This program is for ages 3—6 with a caregiver. Please register online.

School Age

Programs

LEGO CLUB Wednesdays September 4—December 11 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Drop in for a few minutes or stay for a while and play with our fabulous collection of LEGOs! It's a great way to build independently or make some new friends. This program is designed for school age students, but all ages are welcome.

MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB

Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m. September 5—December 12

Each week we make, create, build exciting projects and lean a few new skills on the way. For grades 2—5. (No Maker Lab November 28).

DIY DAY: MAKE A NOTEBOOK Sunday, September 29 1:30—2:30 p.m.

Make a new notebook for school or drawing using recycled materials and bookbinding techniques! For grades 2—5.

DIY DAY: MAKE A TRICK-OR-TREAT BAG Saturday, October 26 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Are you prepared for Halloween? We will create and decorate our own custom Trick-or-Treat bags. For grades 2—5. Please register online.

Teen & Middle Grade

PUMPKIN SCIENCE Saturday, October 19 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Just in time for Halloween, we will perform science experiments on real pumpkins! This program will get messy, so please dress accordingly. For grades 4—8; register online.

TRIVIA DAY: JUNIOR EDITION Saturday, November 16 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Get your best trivia team assembled for our first every Trivia Day: Junior Edition! Answer questions in categories like Disney, Books, and Minecraft. The winners will receive Target gift cards! For grades 4—8; register online.

ADULTING 101 Wednesdays, 4:30—5:30 p.m. September 4—December 11

Adulting is hard! Learn a little more about real life skills, like how to cook yourself a meal, how to balance a checkbook, how to sew on a button, and so much more! For teens in grades 6—12.