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## Library News

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

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### 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.

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News

Summer 2019

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Save the date  
(or make a date)  
**for FFYL 2019!**

*Summer's only just begun—  
and we're already planning for  
the fall! Save the date for our  
annual fundraiser and look for  
more details to come.*

**Fall for Your Library**  
**Saturday, September 14**

Join Western Allegheny Community Library for our annual **Fall for Your Library** Event! FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier wine tasting event, with nearly 300 guests from the local community and beyond enjoying special food and wine pairings, games, & auctions. For ticket information, call the library or visit our website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org).

**Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Amy McDonald at [mcdonaldae@einetnetwork.net](mailto:mcdonaldae@einetnetwork.net) or 724-695-8150 x5 for details.**

FFYL will take place on **Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 6:00—10:00 p.m.** at the Celebrations Banquet Hall, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

## **DISCOVER** Summer Learning @ the Library!

**Join us for another awesome Summer @ the library—Kickoff is May 18!**

School is finally out and we are looking forward to Summer Learning at the library! Join us in celebrating all the exciting things to **Play, Read, Make, Explore**, and **Discover** at the library. Take a look through this newsletter for all the awesome summer programs we have planned. Sign-ups for our youth programs begin at our Kickoff.

### **SUMMER LEARNING KICKOFF** **Saturday, May 18**

**10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

It all kicks off at our Summer Learning Kickoff! This year is extra-special, as we are teaming up with Remake Learning Days and WQED to present a "Day of Making." As an added bonus, attendees will get a first chance to register for our in-demand summer programs!

### **FUN FOR ALL AGES**

And the fun doesn't end there! Throughout the months of June and July, we have a wide variety of programs and events scheduled for children and their families. Join us for visits from the Heinz History Center, Allegheny Parks, Gateway to the Arts, Carnegie Museum of

Natural History, and Pittsburgh Zoo! In addition to our regular storytimes, we are bringing back some of our most popular camps from last year, including printmaking, messy art, cooking, and woodworking. Brand new to our summer lineup are a Superhero Training Camp and WACL's School of Witchcraft & Wizardry—adventures galore!

For older students, our lineup includes a cool jewelry making workshop and SAT prep. You can even bring a group of friends for our very own Escape Room (for teens & adults). Plus don't forget our adult programs—we haven't forgotten you! Check out the Instant Pot craze, bust some internet myths, and learn how to cut the cable cord. There's something for everyone at the library!

### **PLAY. READ. MAKE. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.**

We are once again keeping track of how we spend our time this summer. Stop by and toss in a token in one of our special activity trackers each time you use your summer time to do something awesome and educational. With so much to **play, read, make, discover**, and **explore**, we hope to see you at the library all summer!

# Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

## SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

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. The perfect place to shop for Mother's Day!

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## 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. Bring your hubbie, a group of your friends, or even drag along your reluctant teenager! 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.

## LIBRARY CLEAN-UP DAY

**Sunday, May 19, 1:00—4:00 p.m.**

Calling all volunteers! There will be a variety of projects to work on, including painting, weeding, planting, and cleaning. This is a family-friendly event, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own gloves & gardening tools if you want to work outside. Please register online—thanks in advance for your help!

## DINE TO DONATE

**Thursday, May 16—Walnut Grill**

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!

## DAVID BRADFORD & THE WHISKEY REBELLION

**Saturday, June 15, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Come to the library for a kick-off event for the "Be a Tourist in Your Own City" project, launching experiences around the city of Pittsburgh. Dave Budinger from the Bradford House Historical Association will come in 18th century dress to come talk about the Bradford House museum, the history of the Whiskey Rebellion, and 18th century life and times of David Bradford. The library will also be launching a new Experience Kit for a free visit to the Bradford House, and all attendees will be entered to be the first to use it.

## MEET THE AUTHOR: MICHAEL OCILKA

**Saturday, June 22, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

*Finding a Forever Home* is the story of an abandoned dog as he starts a new life at a local shelter. There he meets new friends, shares happiness and disappointment, and waits for that "special owner" to take him to his new home—his "forever home." An entertaining, heartwarming story for children and adults alike. Mr. Ocilka will read & discuss selections from his book.

## YOUR EVENT HERE!

Have a program idea? Want to sponsor an activity or event? We are always looking for outside groups and volunteers to bring new programs to the library. Call 724-695-8150 or email [westallegheeny@einetwork.net](mailto:westallegheeny@einetwork.net) to let us know you're interested!

## Check out an experience with our new **Experience Passes!**

### Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and Heinz History Center Affiliates, we have been lending special experience passes for free admission. Check out our lineup here—some are returning, and some new passes are being added for 2019!

*Please Note: Experience passes are available on a first come, first serve basis & check out for ONE week, NO renewals. Call the library or check the online catalog for availability & enjoy your adventures in the library – and beyond!*

- ★ **Heinz History Center** (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Old Economy Village**
- ★ **Historic Harmony**
- ★ **Quecreek Mine Rescue Site**
- ★ **David Bradford House**
- ★ **Mattress Factory Museum**
- ★ **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden**



# Computer Classes

Please register online for all programs.

## KICK YOUR SUMMER INTO OVERDRIVE

**Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Summer's finally here, and you need something to read on the plane, at the beach, while waiting in line at the amusement park... Good news - the library offers over 35,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere with never any late fees! Bring in your eReader, tablet, smartphone, or other device and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines through Overdrive, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you.

## YOUR LIBRARY ON THE GO!

**Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.**

We may not be open 24/7...but your online library is! The "WACL Mobile" app, available free for Android or iOS, is a one-stop-shopping spot for all the library has to offer. Check your online account, request an item, or download an eBook—on the go, anytime, anywhere. Bring in your smartphone or other device and we'll get you started – and you'll never be without your library again!

## INTERNET MYTH-BUSTERS

**Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 p.m.**

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

## MAKE SOME HOOPLA

### ABOUT HOOPLA

**Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Have you heard all the hoopla about HOOPLA? It offers free streaming videos, movies and TV shows, music, and more – all FREE through your library! All titles are always available – no holds, no waiting! Bring your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or other mobile device and we'll get you started with this awesome library service. Can't make the program? Go to our website or call for a one-on-one appointment!

## FLIP OVER FLIPSTER

**Monday, August 5, 6:30 p.m.**

Cancel your paper magazine subscriptions for good! Your library card gives you access to our magazine download service, FLIPSTER, where you can get the latest issues of digital periodicals and popular magazines for free and on the go. Bring in your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or other color, internet-capable device and learn how to download full issues of magazines available through Flipster. Can't make the program? Go to our website or call for a one-on-one appointment!

## 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, time management, and shopping that can help you eliminate the paper trail.

# Fall 2019 Preview

Register NOW for these Fall 2019 events!  
We'll let you know if any details change.

## 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.**

Michele from Conti Law will discuss why it is important, regardless of the amount of wealth you've accumulated, to plan for your estate. It is never too early or too late to plan. Conti Law can guide you through this difficult legal and emotional process, to ensure last wishes are met and legally upheld.

## HOLIDAY PHOTO SHOOT

**Saturday, November 1**

**9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**



Get your Winter Photos done in time to share with Gramma! Michelle of MD Photography will be bringing a beautiful winter themed set. \$85 per session. Includes sitting fee, and choice of two packages. Additional prints and Christmas cards are available (prices vary). Families will return the following day to select their prints, package and order any add-ons.

## One-on-One



**Technology Help**

## Need help on a technology topic?

Sign up for a one-on-one session! These classes typically last about 30 minutes and are available on a flexible schedule. Stop by the library or go online to fill out an appointment request form today. Who needs the "Geeks" or "Geniuses" when you have a tech-savvy librarian?

# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.



## SENIOR LIVING & LEVELS OF CARE

**Tuesday, May 7, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Join John Sciulli from Tapestry Senior Living and his partners at Senior Living Advisors to learn about the different housing options available. You'll learn the general guidelines for determining Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Nursing Homes. John will also share with us the variety of services that are offered at each level, the costs associated with each, and how to go about finding the right placement for you or a loved one. Light refreshments available.


## BALANCE BASICS

**Wednesday, May 15, 1:00—2:30 p.m.**

Come join local Physical Therapist Matt Graham from NovaCare Rehabilitation for a short presentation on balance followed by a demonstration of exercises you can perform at home. Matt will also be available following the presentation for balance screening or any physical therapy questions you may have.

## 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 of Integrity Financial Advisors will discuss various planning tools & techniques to help families prepare for this cost.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT STROKE

**Wednesday, May 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

This presentation will cover stroke signs, symptoms, and risk factors. Presented by Kristen Ronosky, MSN, RN, Stroke Coordinator for Heritage Valley Health System.



## INSTANT POT 101

**Monday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.**

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 run-down 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 first dibs on the brand-new 6-quart model the library has for checkout in our Tech Takeout collection!

## 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.

## ESCAPE ROOM: SAVE THE LIBRARY

**Mon., July 8, 15, 22, 29, 4:00—8:00 p.m.**

Solve the puzzles – save the library! The mad scientist Dr. Buchhasser has hatched an evil plan to erase all written words in the library with his monstrous machine. Only you (and a few friends) can help us save our precious books! For teens & adults, groups of 3-5. Sign up for your 45-minute time slot on our website and get ready to play our fun escape-room type game.

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Monday, July 22, 6:00 p.m.**

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.

## HOME RENOVATIONS THAT PAY FOR THEMSELVES

**Thursday, June 20, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

If you're like most Americans, your home is your biggest investment and you want that investment to perform well. This can mean doing some home renovations so your house becomes more attractive to potential buyers. However, not all renovations have an equal impact on what your home is worth. Join Linda Long from Long Awaited Design to learn which home renovations will actually pay for themselves & get you a greater return on your investment.

## MAXIMIZE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

**Wednesday, July 31, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Strategies of when and how to get the most from your social security benefits. Sponsored by R. James Evanish Jr.



# 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.

- ★ May 16 - *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara @ Walnut Grill
- ★ June 20 - *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan @ North Star
- ★ July 18 - *Matchmaking for Beginners* by Maddie Dawson @ TGI Fridays

# The wait is over...have **you** checked out our new **website?**

If so, great job, super library user! If not, check it out at **WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org**. It's easier to navigate, more mobile-friendly, and about 20% cooler (props if you know that reference)!



## Our Mission

The mission of Western Allegheny Community Library is to inspire, engage, and educate the community through high quality, fun, creative, and informative programming and services.

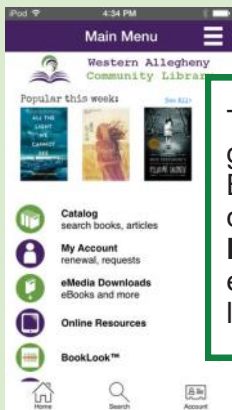
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The new website is located at the same web address—no need to update your bookmarks!



Think our new website looks great on mobile? So do we! But don't forget to also download our free "**WACL Mobile**" app—it makes it even easier to access your library on the go.



## REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT

Name (Required) \*

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Phone (Required)

Email

What do you want to learn? (see above examples)

Are you planning to use a library computer or your own personal

☐ Library Computer

☐ Personal Device

If personal device, please specify type (laptop, iPhone, Kindle, etc.)

SUBMIT

Requesting a room rental? Want to volunteer? Need some tech help? You don't have to stop in—just fill out the form on our website!

May 2019

THIS MONTH

Include All Categories

Search this month's events...

Registering for library programs has never been simpler—you can even sign up for paid events online!

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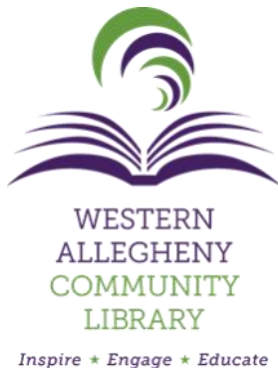
## Meet our newest staff member—**Nicole!**

We are so excited to introduce **Nicole Battaglia**, our new Youth Services Specialist! She joins Rachel and Beth in the Youth Services department just in time for Summer Learning...lucky her. Let's all make her feel welcome!

Nicole was a public school teacher for six years, but got the idea to try us out as her mom, sisters, and brother all worked in a library (it's kind of a family thing). She was born and raised in Cleveland, so she loves all their sports teams (sorry Pittsburgh fans!). But she does like Pittsburgh, too, especially exploring neighborhoods downtown and eating fries & coleslaw on sandwiches. Nicole takes fitness classes in her spare time (it's a good way to work off all those fries!).







Dear Library Friend,

Western Allegheny Community Library is a bustling resource for local residents. Our staff of sixteen continuously works to bring the latest and greatest services to the West Allegheny Community. On a day-to-day basis, there is much going on.

Wednesdays feature storytimes for children of all ages. The mornings are filled with the sounds of singing, laughter and yes, the occasional crying (I mean, no one really wants to leave the library). The afternoons are devoted to Sensory Storytime, a unique program that allows children to experience storytime through a multisensory approach while providing an environment where all families can feel welcome and relaxed knowing they are in the company of peers. These programs engage nearly 120 families a week, 500 a month!

Ms. Beth, our Outreach Librarian, visits area preschools and daycares on a monthly basis serving nearly 768 children that otherwise may not make it to the Library on a regular basis. She brings books, music, and hands-on, engaging manipulatives to host a successful lesson that incorporates early literacy as well as fine and gross motor activities. In addition, there are books and handouts highlighting monthly literacy tips that the children can take home to share with their families.

Heather, with her knowledge of technology, takes to the road and visits our senior citizens at Lafayette Square. She helps each patron with their various technology needs, from helping a grandfather navigate Skype so he can chat with his grandchildren to helping a woman connect her iPad to her hearing aids via Bluetooth so that she can listen to audiobooks.

Throughout the summer months, we will offer nearly 20 camps that span the months of June and July. Summer camps help bridge the learning gap and offer families access to free, educational, and fun activities. WACL also collaborates with area businesses to offer you a variety of informational sessions that may otherwise come with a hefty fee. Heritage Valley Health System hosts a variety of health awareness programs that may focus on safe and healthy eating habits or tips for a healthy heart. Our financial planning partners offer programs on retirement, social security, college planning, and tax planning. We also collaborate with VITA to provide 330 residents free tax filing services.

Oh and did I mention, we house nearly 38,000 items free for checkout? Not only can you borrow books, board games, movies, and video games but we have a variety of gadgets, gizmos, and tools that you can check out. I mean, how often do you really need your own GoPro or a Diagnostic Code Reader for your car? Don't buy it, we have it!

Funding these valuable resources can be costly and unfortunately is not covered entirely by our local and state subsidy. In fact, this year our goal is to raise nearly \$90,000 to simply cover the cost of expenses and provide a small cushion for an emergency such as a leaky roof or a broken furnace (true story). YOU are in a position to help. YOU can truly affect the lives of your friends, family, and neighbors.

A donation of \$50 would fund a visit to Lafayette Square.

A donation of \$75 would cover the cost of one preschool visit.

A donation of \$100 would provide the funding for an entire Wednesday morning of storytimes.

A donation of \$150 would purchase materials for a month of Sensory Storytime.

A donation of \$250 would underwrite the cost of one of our summer camps.

We're able to stretch a dollar and make a little go a long way for so many people. However, we need your help; and as you can see, for less than the cost of a coffee a day, you can make a BIG difference!

Thank you for your continued support!

Timothy O'Sullivan  
President, Board of Directors

Amanda Kirby  
Library Director

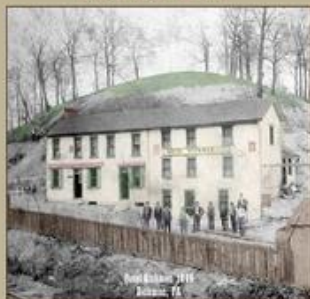
P.S. Your help does not have to stop here! In fact, there are a handful of ways that your actions can make an impact. A portion of our funding comes from RAD (Regional Asset District); this amount varies, depending on the number of individuals who have a library card and the number of items checked out each year. In both cases, the higher the number, the more funding we receive! In 2019, we are asking YOU to help us reach our goal of 150,000 items circulated. Each time you visit the library, we challenge you to "Take 5" items home with you. We have created a thermometer tracker and will update the numbers each month. It's placed by the front desk so that together we can watch that number grow!



# 2019 Local History Programs

Presented by Western Allegheny Community Historical Society

## FORGOTTEN MINES & COAL TOWNS OF THOMS RUN



Gene Czambel & Rand Gee

### 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](mailto: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!*

## Western Allegheny Community Historical Society Membership Application

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

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Membership meetings are held four times a year.

Check our website for meeting dates and special announcements.





# Early Learners

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver



## LET'S DISCOVER BUGS & INSECTS Presented by Allegheny Parks Tuesday, June 11

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Eww? No way! Bugs are cool! A real park ranger from Allegheny County Parks will be here to teach us about bugs and insects. Learn about why bugs are important and what role they play in our ecosystem. Check out some real bug specimens and get more comfortable and knowledgeable about our insect friends.



## LET'S DISCOVER DINOSAURS Presented by Carnegie Museum

Thursday, June 27, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Do you love dinosaurs? Want to explore fossils? The Carnegie Museum of Natural History will teach us all about prehistoric animals in this hands-on program!



## LET'S PLAY WITH WATER Monday, July 1, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

In this fun STEM oriented program we will be getting wet and doing some experimenting. Please bring your own towel!



## LET'S DISCOVER MUNCHIN' MICROS

Presented by ALCOSAN

Thursday, July 18, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Some of our most important friends are also the smallest. ALCOSAN will teach us all about the microorganisms in our water that help us stay healthy and safe.

# School Age

Grades 2—5



## LET'S MAKE SLIME Wednesday, July 3

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We love slime! Glittery, foamy, fluffy...we've been testing out the best recipes to share!



## INNOVATION STATION

Presented by Heinz History Center

Saturday, June 8

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

One of the keys to innovation is the ability to rapidly prototype and iterate an idea. Explore the story of George Westinghouse as he raced against time to create a lightbulb that would light the World's Fair for the first time. Participants then design and develop their own rapid prototypes to solve a historically inspired challenge.



## LET'S MAKE DRAWBOTS Tuesday, July 2

11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Discover the world of circuitry and make your very own drawbot! Please consider bringing a cheap electric toothbrush!



## LET'S MAKE FRANKENSTUFFED ANIMALS

Wednesday, July 3, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Bring your old stuffed toys to the library to make a very unique one-of-a-kind stuffed animal. We'll take apart the toys, share the pieces and sew them back together to create strange and weird new creatures!



## LET'S EXPLORE ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Presented by Allegheny Parks

Thursday, July 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Discover how different adaptations benefit some animals over others. Some animals are generalists and some are specialists – both have advantages and disadvantages that have evolved over time to give animals a better chance for survival in their native environment.



## LET'S EXPLORE GREEN TECHNOLOGY

Presented by ALCOSAN

Thursday, July 25, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Our friends at ALCOSAN are back to teach us all about green technology and how it is transforming our lives.

# 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.

## 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 & Dragons where the possibilities are endless! For grades 5—8.

## ESCAPE ROOM: SAVE THE LIBRARY

Mondays, July 8, 15, 22, 29

4:00—8:00 p.m.

Solve the puzzles – save the library! The mad scientist Dr. Buchhasser has hatched an evil plan to erase all written words in the library with his monstrous machine. Only you (and a few friends) can help us save our precious books! For teens & adults, groups of 3-5. Sign up for your 45-minute time slot on our website and get ready to play our fun escape-room type game.

## SAT PREP

With Omega Learning Center

Saturday, June 15 or August 17

9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

GET THE 'S.A.T. EDGE' with Omega Learning Center. Have your high school student take a FREE SAT Evaluation Test in a proctored, simulated environment. An Omega certified teacher will review your SAT Evaluation Test results and recommend a custom SAT Prep program. This is a no cost, no obligation opportunity!

## LET'S MAKE JEWELRY

Tuesday, July 2, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Come make jewelry with us! Learn some basic techniques for making jewelry with beads and wire, then make some of your own to take home! Grades 6 and up.

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.



## POLICE STORYTIME

**Wednesday, May 15, 10:30—11:30 a.m.**

Do your little ones want to be police officers when they grow up? One of our amazing local police officers, Lt. Walls, will be reading the stories to you! Even better, children can ask any questions they may have about the job. This is one storytime you will definitely not want to miss!



## SUMMER LEARNING KICKOFF

**Saturday, May 18**

**10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

It all kicks off at 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!



## LIBRARY CLEAN-UP DAY

**Sunday, May 19, 1:00—4:00 p.m.**

Calling all volunteers! There will be a variety of projects to work on, including painting, weeding, planting, and cleaning. Please register on the library's event page. This is a family-friendly event, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own gloves & gardening tools if you want to work outside. Thanks in advance for your help!



## MEET THE AUTHOR:

**MICHAEL OCILKA**

**Saturday, June 22**

**11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

*Finding a Forever Home* is the story of an abandoned dog as he starts a new life at a local shelter. There he meets new friends, shares happiness and disappointment, and waits for that "special owner" to take him to his new home—his "forever home." An entertaining, heartwarming story for children and adults alike. Mr. Ocilka will read & discuss selections from his book.

# Storytimes

Storytimes run June 3—July 31  
(no Storytimes July 1—4)



## BABY CIRCLE TIME

**Wednesdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.**

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



## BABY CAFÉ

**Fridays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.**

Have you been looking for a chance to get your little ones out and meet other babies and their caregivers? Join us on Fridays during the summer for a baby café for children 24 months and younger and their siblings. We will have age-appropriate toys for the kids and coffee and tea available for the adults!



## LITTLES STORYTIME

**Tuesdays OR Wednesdays**

**10:30—11:00 a.m.**

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



## WONDERS OF WILDLIFE

**Presented by Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium**

**Saturday, June 22, 10:30—11:30 a.m.**

Friends of all things furry, scaly, and feathery rejoice! The zoo is bringing along some of our favorite critters for a wild lesson!



## STORYWALK @ CLINTON PARK

**Saturdays, June 22 & July 20, 9:30—**

**10:30 a.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!



## PLAY K

**Wednesdays, 9:30—11:00 a.m. OR  
Thursdays, 12:30—2:00 p.m.**

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! Each child should bring a packed lunch.



## 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!



## ROLLIN' & STROLLIN

**Mondays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.**

Get your walking shoes on, your stroller wheels oiled, and meet us at Clinton Park for a nature walk and storytime! Meet at Rainbow's End at 9:30 AM sharp. We'll take a leisurely stroll up and around the walking path and wrap up with a short storytime and a visit to the Book Bus!



## PAWS FOR READING

**Thursdays, June 20—July 25**

**3:00—5:00 p.m.**

Practice reading with our furry friend Ozzy! Ozzy is a trained therapy dog and an excellent listener. Please sign up for one half-hour time slot.



## SHARK WEEK PARTY

**Saturday, July 27**

**10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

We are celebrating Shark Week the best way we know how...with a party! We will have shark-themed games, crafts, and activities. Please register online so we know how much to prepare!

# Summer Camps

Please register online for all programs.  
You **MUST** be pre-registered & able to attend ALL days for multi-day camps.



## LET'S DISCOVER MESSY ART

Monday—Tuesday

June 3—4

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

We love art, almost as much as we love getting messy! We will experiment with different mediums and styles, but mostly we will play with paint, glue, clay, and create to our heart's content!



## LET'S DISCOVER SENSE—ATIONAL SCIENCE

Monday—Tuesday, June 10—11

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Do you love science? Explore the world of science through our five senses!



## LET'S DISCOVER TOOLS

Monday—Tuesday,

June 17—18

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Explore and test different tools and materials and how to use them safely! You'll even get to take home a cool project to put on the wall!



## LET'S DISCOVER PRINTMAKING

Monday—Tuesday June 24—25

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Learn the basics of printmaking and prepare to get messy! At this 2-day camp, we'll create works of art with water, paint, paper and silk-screen. Wear clothes you can get dirty.



## SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP

Monday—Tuesday, July 8—9

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Want to achieve your dream of becoming a superhero? We can't guarantee any actual super powers, but we will have games, activities, and competitions designed to get you ready to take on the bad guys!



## LET'S DISCOVER COOKING

Monday—Tuesday, July 15—16

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Learn some cool food prep techniques and some of the interesting science behind cooking. We'll work with local ingredients and make three delicious meals together! The first day will be breakfast but the second day is ALL dessert! Come hungry!



## LET'S DISCOVER ROBOTS

Monday—Tuesday, July 22—23

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Robot buffet? We are in! Explore and play different types of programming games and age appropriate robots with your little ones.



## LET'S DISCOVER ILLUSTRATION

Monday—Tuesday, July 29—30

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

What could be better than books and art? We will read a book together and then we will learn about the illustration style and recreate our own versions of the book!



## LET'S EXPLORE PRINTMAKING

Monday—Wednesday

June 3—5

1:00—2:30 p.m.

Grades 2—5

In this 3-day camp, learn the ins and outs of making art using printmaking techniques and then learn and play games with the artwork you made! On day 3 we'll create art you can wear! Campers are asked to bring a white cotton t-shirt for this last project.

# PLAY! READ! MAKE! EXPLORE! DISCOVER! Summer Learning



Did you notice the little icons next to the programs in this newsletter? Those stand for the **five key activities** we chose for making the most out of the Summer months.

There is so much to **PLAY, READ, MAKE, EXPLORE,**

and **DISCOVER** at the library AND out in the community and wider world!

Again this year, we're tracking how we spend our time—simply come to the library and throw a colored token into the corresponding activity tracker, and we'll see how much learning—and fun!—the Summer months held for us!



**PLAY.** Have fun AND learn!



**READ.** Spend time with a book!



**MAKE.** All hands on—working!



**EXPLORE.** Get out there!



**DISCOVER.** Try a new thing!





## LET'S EXPLORE DIY

**Monday—Wednesday, June 10—12**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

We love DIY (Do It Yourself) projects and we know that you do too! Create cool and useful projects that you can take home to use or give as a present.



## LET'S EXPLORE CIRCUITRY

**Monday—Wednesday, June 17—19**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

So what makes your TV work or the dishwasher run? When you plug in a lamp, how does it really work? Discover everything cool about electricity and circuits at this 3-day camp! Electricity ROCKS!



## LET'S EXPLORE THEATER

**Presented by Gateway to the Arts**

**Monday—Wednesday**

**June 24—26**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Learn about theater and creative drama with Gateway to the Arts theater artists. In this 3-day camp, you'll learn acting games and techniques around voice, movement and story. And you'll have a chance to show off your acting chops in a mini-performance on Day 3!



## LET'S EXPLORE FIBER ARTS

**Monday—Wednesday, June 24—26**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Learn the basics of sewing and fiber crafts and make some cool projects to take home! On the last day we will learn how to use a sewing machine!



## LET'S EXPLORE

### WOODWORKING

**Monday—Wednesday, July 8—10**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Learn some woodworking skills, explore tools, and learn tool safety! We'll work together to create a large, live-in project for the community!



## LET'S EXPLORE COOKING

**Monday—Wednesday, July 15—17**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Learn some cool food prep techniques and some of the interesting science behind cooking. We'll work with local ingredients and make three delicious meals together! The first day will be breakfast, the second day is dinner, and the third day is ALL dessert! Come hungry!



## LET'S EXPLORE ROBOTS

**Monday—Wednesday, July 22—24**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Robot buffet? We are in! Explore and play different types of programming games with some very cool robots!



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### WITCHCRAFT & WIZARDRY

**Monday—Wednesday, July 29—31**

**1:00—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 2—5**

Sorting, wand-making, Quidditch, and a Horcrux Hunt! If you love Harry Potter, this is the camp for you!

# In Case You Missed It

Did you miss out on one of our in-demand camps? Check out our new "In Case You Missed It" series with the highlights of some of our most popular programs!



## LET'S EXPLORE PRINTMAKING

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For grades 2—5.



## LET'S EXPLORE DIY

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For grades 2—5.



## LET'S DISCOVER SENSE- ATIONAL SCIENCE

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For ages 3—6 with a caregiver.



## LET'S EXPLORE CIRCUITRY

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For grades 2—5.



## LET'S DISCOVER TOOLS

**Thursday, June 27, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

For ages 3—6 with a caregiver.



## LET'S EXPLORE FIBER ARTS

**Mon., July 1, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

For grades 2—5.



## LET'S DISCOVER MESSY ART

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For ages 3—6 with a caregiver.



## LET'S EXPLORE WOODWORKING

**Mon., July 15, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

For grades 2—5.



## LET'S DISCOVER COOKING

**Thursday, July 25, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

For ages 3—6 with a caregiver.



## LET'S EXPLORE ROBOTS

**Mon., July 29, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

For grades 2—5.

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