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## Library News

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
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Sundays (September—May): 1:00—5:00 p.m.

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# News

Summer 2021

A Publication of Western Allegheny Community Library



We missed you last year...

## Don't miss it this year!

*Did you miss last year's holidays?  
Join us for a "holiday re-do" event  
to benefit Western Allegheny  
Community Library!*

### Fall for Your Library Saturday, September 18

Join us 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, music, games, &  
auctions. This year we have a special  
"Holiday Re-Do" theme since we  
missed so many celebrations in 2020!  
Tickets are \$50 and will be available for  
purchase online or at the library. Visit  
[westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) for details.

**Sponsorship opportunities are still  
available. Incentives for sponsors  
may include free tickets, advertising,  
and more! Contact Amy McDonald at  
[mcdonalda@einetnetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetnetwork.net) or  
724-695-8150 x6 for details.**

FFYL will take place on Saturday,  
September 18, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at the  
Celebrations Banquet Hall, 8110  
Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

## Summer Reading returns @ the Library!

After so much being cancelled or  
limited in 2020, we are especially  
looking forward to Summer Reading  
2021! Join us in our summer-long  
celebration with a special "Tails &  
Tales" theme. Take a look through  
this newsletter for all the awesome

programs we have planned for all  
ages. Registration for adult  
programs is now open; sign-ups for  
our youth programs begin **Sunday,  
May 23** at 2:00 p.m. There's  
something for everyone at the  
library!

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF SWAG BAGS

**SATURDAY, MAY 22  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

**THEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS  
SUNDAY, MAY 23 @ 2:00 P.M. ON  
[WWW.WESTERNALLEGHENYLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.WESTERNALLEGHENYLIBRARY.ORG)**

**SUMMER READING IS COMING!  
STOP BY THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK FOR A  
SUMMER READING KICKOFF SWAG BAG  
SPONSORED BY OUR FRIENDS GROUP.  
CHILDREN AND TEENS WILL RECEIVE A  
DRAWSTRING BAG FILLED WITH GOODIES  
(AND OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING NEWSLETTER!)  
ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



# Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

## VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, May 8**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Need to get some Spring shopping done? Have upcoming graduations? Last minute Mother's Day gifts? Mark your calendars now and be prepared to shop 'til you drop! Attention Vendors & Crafters: Sign up online to be a part of our popular event! \$25 per table plus a raffle item. See details & sign up on our website.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, May 22**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Vitalant (previously Central Blood Bank) is once again holding a blood drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time! Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. To make an appointment:

- Visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and click the "Log In" button. On the new window, choose Donor Login (previous donor) or New Donor (haven't donated with Vitalant before) and search with group code D056, or
- Stop by the library or call 724-695-8150 option 2

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, June 2**

**Drop by between 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Looking for something for the whole family to do while you're stuck inside? Aren't we all! Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

## ADULT SELF-DEFENSE WITH ALERT 360

**Mondays, July 5 & 12, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in learning self-defense? Join us for the first tier of Alert 360! Participants in this two-day course will learn practical hand-to-hand combat training that takes the ideas and uses of traditional self-defense to a new level. Taught by a former US Army Special Forces Operator, you'll learn not only how to protect yourself, but also how to become connected to situational awareness and set your mindset to never be a victim. For adults aged 18 and older only; must be able to attend both days.

## RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, July 6, 6:30—7:30 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 given by appointment.

## WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING

**Thursday, July 15, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

One of our most popular programs will be returning this summer! Join us for a fun Thirsty Thursday with Borelli Cellars and My Favorite Sweet Shoppe! They will expertly pair five wines and five chocolate sweets. \$20 per person; register & pay online.

## NOTARY SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE @ THE LIBRARY

Our librarian Heather Auman is a registered Notary Public and can perform notary services by appointment during open library hours. Please fill out the form on our website under "Services & Technology—Notary Services" or call 724-695-8150 option 2 for an appointment. All parties to the transaction must have proper identification and be prepared to pay the required standard fees. See our website for more information.

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

### Have you checked out an **EXPERIENCE?**

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory 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 2021!

*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!*

- ★ **Mattress Factory Museum**
- ★ **Heinz History Center** (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Captain William Vicary Mansion**
- ★ **Quecreek Mine Rescue Site**
- ★ **Zelienople Historical Society & Passavant House**
- ★ **Lincoln Highway Experience Museum**
- ★ **McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center**
- ★ **Pennsylvania Trolley Museum**

# Tech Classes

## OVERVIEW OF OVERDRIVE

**Tuesday, June 15, 6:30—7:30 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 100,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere with never any late fees! Bring in your eReader, tablet, or smartphone and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, & magazines through Overdrive, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you.

## MAKE SOME HOOPLA ABOUT HOOPLA

**Tuesday, July 13, 6:30—7:30 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.

## FLIP OVER FLIPSTER

**Monday, August 10, 6:30—7:30 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.

# Book Clubs

## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**1st Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.**

Western Allegheny Community Library's monthly Adult Book Club. Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's chosen title.

## BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

**4th Mondays, 5:30 p.m.**

"The book was better" - or was it? Come answer the age-old question at our Book-to-Movie Club! Each month we'll choose a book to read, then watch the movie version to share & compare! See our website for each month's book & movie choice.

## 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.

# Health & Exercise

## INTRO TO PIYO

**Saturday, June 5, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Looking for a fun new workout? Join Nicole from Body Systems Fitness for an introduction to PIYO. PIYO combines the core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. You'll use your body weight to perform a series of continuous, targeted moves to define every single muscle. Participants will need to bring their own mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

## MOVEMENT & MOBILITY

**Saturday, June 12, 10:00—11:30 a.m.**

Doctor of Physiotherapy, Tyler Bordick, from Inner Strength: Physio Fitness and Athletics will explain the term functional mobility. He will share techniques to eliminate stiffness while performing normal daily tasks. After this brief discussion, Dr. Tyler will guide participants through a sample routine that each participant (regardless of physical limitations) will be able to do at home.

## BODY SYSTEMS BOOTCAMP

**Saturday, June 12, 12:30—1:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 19, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Body Systems Fitness is back! This time our instructors will be running us through Bootcamp! This fast paced workout combines

a little bit of everything: cardio, strength training, and stretching. This intro course is appropriate for all skill levels and has something for everyone!

## TABATA TRAINING

**Saturday, June 26, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, July 10, 12:30—1:30 p.m.**

Looking for a whole body cardio workout? If so, join instructors from Body Systems Fitness for this high intensity interval training (HIIT). This class consists of 8 rounds of exercises in a specific 20 seconds on, 10 seconds off rotation. You can do anything for 20 seconds, right? Be sure to bring a mat or towel and a bottle of water.

## STRENGTH FOR LIFE

**Saturday, July 10, 10:00—11:30 a.m.**

Dr. Tyler from Inner Strength: Physio Fitness and Athletics returns to discuss the importance of daily strength training. He will talk about some of the behaviors we do daily that may unknowingly be compromising our ability to get stronger. At the end of the presentation, Doc will walk participants through a sample kettlebell-based workout (anyone can do!) that will demonstrate the importance of stability and resiliency in keeping yourself active for life!

## ZUMBA!

**Saturday, July 31, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

This workout, led by Heather from Body Systems Fitness, features a mixture of body sculpting movements and easy to follow dance steps, set to a fusion of Latin and International music. In this party-like atmosphere, you don't have to know how to dance to Zumba!

## FUELING HEALTH & PERFORMANCE

**Saturday, August 21, 10:00—11:30 a.m.**

Whether you're looking to lose, gain, or maintain your weight or simply looking to increase performance, this workshop is for you! Health professionals from Inner Strength will discuss the proper construction of a healthy diet including the caloric and macro nutrient requirements to reach your goals, benefits and pitfalls of popular fad diets, and the importance of proper hydration.

# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## BUYING A HOME IN TODAY'S MARKET

**Tuesday, June 8, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Thinking of buying your first home? Want to sell your current home and move into your dream home? Now could be the time to do it! Join Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services and William Stouffer of Guaranteed Rate Affinity as they take you through the process.

## BEES, BEEKEEPING, AND HONEY

**Saturday, June 12**

**10:00—11:30 a.m.**

Have you heard the "buzz"?! Local beekeeper Hank "The Bee Guy" is returning to the library! He will discuss the history of bees, beekeeping, and honey in this presentation perfect for bee lovers and budding apiarists.

## FILLING YOUR TOOLBOX

**Monday, June 14, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Whether you're just starting out on your own or you've lived somewhere for years, every home should have a well-stocked toolbox. Our library's maintenance man will show you which hand tools are handiest and what kind of small home repairs they can be used for. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a toolbox complete with the essentials!

## GROWN UP GAMING:

### ANIMAL CROSSING

**Wednesday, June 16**

**6:30—8:00 p.m.**

Are you looking for new islands to explore on Animal Crossing: New Horizons? Our library staff member, Mary-Jane, is ready to open the gates at their island airport, to welcome guests 18+! Join us for a chance to show off your island, meet fellow players, trade items/DIYs and wish upon shooting stars! Requirements: Animal Crossing: New Horizons, Nintendo Switch Online Membership, Discord account. Register on our website and add us on Discord at WACLdiscord#4254.

## PRICING YOUR HOME IN A SELLER'S MARKET

**Thursday, June 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Learn about the strategies that home owners employ to get the most for their homes at the best terms. Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services will give you a look at the current market.

## ESTATE PLANNING 101

**Tuesday, June 22**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

It's never too early or too late to plan for the future. Join Michele Conti from Conti Law as she discusses the importance of planning, regardless of the amount of wealth you've accumulated. She'll share tips on how to handle certain considerations, such as blended families, children with disabilities, or an in-law you'd prefer not to inherit. Creating the right plan for your family can be a difficult legal and emotional process, but there are things you can do to ensure last wishes are met and legally upheld.

## PHOTOGRAPHY 101

**Thursday, July 8, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in upping your photography game? If so, this class is for you! Michelle Dunn Photography will be teaching about composition/framing, rules of three, lighting/shadows, and backgrounds. In addition, she'll talk about aperture, shutter speed, light meter, and histogram. Finally she'll teach us about the delivery of digital images and printing.

## LET'S GET TRAVELING

**Tuesday, August 3, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Join Rusty Pettit with Cruise Planners to learn about how the world of travel is preparing to open back up! Learn about places that you and your family can travel to now, as well as where you might be able to take your summer, fall, or holiday vacation. Because most families haven't travelled in over a year, there's a lot of demand. Rusty can help you navigate through any changes that have occurred since you've last travelled, as well as give you tips on planning your next adventure!

# Crafts & Making

## YARN WARRIORS

**2nd Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarn and join us at the library for our knitting & crocheting group! Swap patterns, share your latest projects, and enjoy the company of other crafty crafters. Beginners welcome, as an expert will be on hand to show you the ropes...or yarns, that is! We'll even have some extra supplies if you're just starting out.

## WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

### ABSTRACT CANVAS ART

**Wednesday, June 2, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

We will be letting the creative juices flow by using tape and acrylic paint to create one-of-a-kind pieces of abstract art. Materials will be provided. Register by May 31; limited space.

## CRICUT BASICS

**Wednesday, June 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Do you enjoy crafting? Do you want to take your skills to the next level by incorporating technology? If so, come and join us for a short presentation on how to use the library's Cricut Maker. We will discuss how to use the machine and what types of projects can be made with the Cricut.

## WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

### SEASHELL MASON JAR

**Wednesday, July 7, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Bring the ocean indoors with this DIY beauty! We will be using Mod Podge, seashells, and a Mason jar to create this masterpiece. All materials will be provided. If you have a specific glass jar that you would like to decorate, please bring it to the event. Please register online by July 5; limited space.

## WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

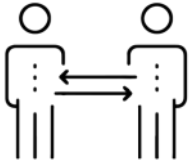
### BUTTON PICTURE FRAME

**Wednesday, August 4, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Frame your beautiful summer memories by creating a button picture frame. All materials will be provided. If you have any buttons that you would like to use, bring them to the event. Register by August 2; limited space.

# Come in, your library is **OPEN!**

The library remains open for our regular hours. We can't wait to see your smiling faces! Please see below for what you need to know and what we are doing to help keep you safe.



★ **Can't wait to browse the collection?** You're welcome to do so! Per the CDC, masks are required for unvaccinated persons at all times while you are in the building, including during programs and at the computers. We will have signs reminding you to wear a mask & observe social distancing guidelines.

★ **Want to keep using contactless curbside?** We've got you covered! Orders may be placed by calling 724-695-8150 x1 or through the online catalog. Park in a designated spot when you arrive & call us for your pickups.



★ **Need to use a computer or make a copy/fax?** Both will be available, with procedures in place for sanitizing between uses. Please see a staff member before using a computer or copy machine & we'll walk you through it.

★ **Need to return some items?** The book drop will remain open 24/7 for your returns. Returned items may continue to be quarantined before being checked in, so don't panic if you still see them on your account for a few days! They will be backdated to the day of return when they are checked in.



★ **Want to place some holds or request items from other libraries?** The county holds systems is currently operating. Go to the online catalog to place your requests from this branch or any library in the system. Please keep in mind that due to necessary quarantining procedures, items from other libraries may be delayed a few extra days.

★ **Eager to come to a storytime or program?** See inside this newsletter for our in-house programs as well as a selection of virtual programs. Social distancing is required for events at the library.

Have any other questions or concerns? Please ask at the front desk, email us, or call 724-695-8150 and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thanks for your cooperation and patience!

## Moving forward as a **PA Forward® Gold Star Library!**



### WACL is a PA Forward® "Gold Star" Library...

What does that mean? PA Forward® is a literacy initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. Its mission is to fuel success in our communities by promoting the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic & Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy. The "Gold Star" library designation showcases WACL as high-quality learning provider, offering programming and services essential for early literacy and life-long learning alike.

### Look for the Literacy logos!

You will notice the PA Forward® literacy logos on our flyers and hashtags on our Facebook posts. These designate those special programs with a focus on one of the five literacies. Want to know more? Ask a librarian or visit [PAForward.org](http://PAForward.org) for more information on this statewide library initiative!





Dear Library Friend,

Thirty years ago, a handful of dedicated volunteers joined forces with the municipalities of Findlay, North Fayette, and Oakdale to create Western Allegheny Community Library. The library was established to improve as many lives as possible. I am proud to say that this past year especially we have done just that!

Many of the things we had once taken for granted have been swept out from underneath us. COVID-19 has caused serious disruption to our daily lives - whether it be to our finances, jobs, education, or general well-being. For some, the consequences related to COVID-19 have been even more severe. But the library has continued to adjust and transform to meet the needs of the community.

During 2020, we became an invaluable resource for job hunters, an office for those forced to work remotely, and an outlet for socialization (albeit virtually) for those that could no longer attend dance class, scouts, or book club. By tweaking our services, we were able to offer over 650 hands-on, educational and recreational programs for children and adults. Adults learned how to access our electronic resources, navigate fact vs fiction on the internet, and relax using Yoga techniques. Our younger attendees learned how to follow routines in preparation for kindergarten, created architectural challenges with Legos, prepared healthy and delicious snacks, and continued accruing needed volunteer hours. We also adjusted our lending policies to accommodate remote registration and curbside pickup, allowing residents to check out 155,820 items (at the average cost of \$15 a book, that's a community savings of over \$2.3 million)!

We could not have done this alone. It's through the generosity of our community that this small non-profit organization was able to offer so many important resources. Without a doubt, the services we provide will continue to be invaluable throughout the next few years and long after the effects of COVID-19 have subsided. However, it's not too soon to think about what the community will need in the months and years to come. Staying on top of the ever-changing needs of our community presents unique challenges, all of which create additional expenses. While our funders have remained committed to the important work we do, we will still fall short of the nearly \$600,000 required to operate annually. That's why we're turning to you. We need your help to ensure the library is able to continue to pivot on a moment's notice and meet the needs of our community.

I believe Western Allegheny Community Library is truly remarkable, and we all need a place like this, now more than ever. With your help, WACL can continue our amazing work. I hope you will join me in making a generous donation to Western Allegheny Community Library to ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to educational opportunities, freedom of information, and hands-on opportunities to learn, to explore, and to grow. Together, we can impact our community in a lasting way.

Your gift can be made online at [www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org) or at the library. Thank you for your continued support!

Erin Carlisle  
Board President

# CONTI LAW

GENEROUSLY PRESENTS



Did you miss last year's holidays?  
Join us for a 2020 Holiday Redo to benefit  
Western Allegheny Community Library.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

6-10 pm

CELEBRATIONS BANQUET, BAR & GRILL

8110 Steubenville Pike

Imperial, PA 15126

Come enjoy holiday themed foods expertly  
paired with beer and wine samplings.  
We'll also have music, games, and a silent auction.  
This ticket makes the perfect gift for a perfect evening.

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at  
Western Allegheny Community Library  
or by visiting  
[www.westernalleghenylibrary.org/fall-for-your-library/](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org/fall-for-your-library/)



# School Age

Grades K—5

## INTRO TO SPANISH at the Library

**Mondays**

**June 21—July 26**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

This 6-week program, geared towards children in grades K-2 and their caregivers, will focus on primary themes such as colors, numbers, greetings, foods, clothing, and body parts. Register online; limited space.

## JUNIOR & MASTER BUILDERS

**LEGO CLUB**

**on Zoom**

**Wednesdays**

**June 9—30 OR July 7—July 28**

**4:00—5:00 p.m.**

Calling all master LEGO builders! Complete the build challenge with the LEGOs you have at home while sharing with your friends on Zoom. Must be able to provide your own LEGOs. Must be able to attend 3 of the 4 sessions. For children going into grades K-5. Please register once online for either the June OR July sessions. Participants are only able to register for one month of the program; limited space.

# Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

## TEEN MAKER LAB: PAPER ROLLER

**COASTERS at the Library**

**Wednesday, June 9. 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Do you love rollercoasters or architecture? Come to the library for this Teen Maker Lab to design and create a roller coaster out of paper! Grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

**“Sleep is good...  
books are better.”  
— George R. R. Martin**

## TEEN YOGA NIGHT WITH YOGA H'OM at the Library

**Wednesday, June 16**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Namaste! Join us for an evening of yoga for teens at all experience levels. The class will be taught by Mary Sandora, instructor at Yoga H'Om. For teens going into grades 6-12. You must be able to bring your own yoga mat or beach towel for the program. Register online.

## BUTTONS, BOOKMARKS, & BOUQUETS at the Library

**Wednesday, June 23**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Join us for this creative night of making your own button, wire bookmark, and faux flower bouquet! For teens going into grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: APPEALING APPETIZERS on Zoom

**Wednesday, June 30**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Grab the chips and make some delicious dips and other mouth-watering appetizers! Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials, then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own tasty apps. For teens going into grades 6-12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Register online.

## TEEN MAKER LAB: DIY PEG LAMP

**at the Library**

**Wednesday, July 7**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

There's no need to buy an overpriced lamp to brighten up your bedroom. Make your own out of clothespins at the library! For teens going into grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN PAINT NIGHT at the Library

**Wednesday, July 14**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Channel your inner Renoir and create a piece of art at Teen Paint Night! For teens going into grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

**See page 6 for how to  
track your summer  
reading & win prizes  
with Beanstack!**

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## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: MAKE 'N BAKE on Zoom

**Wednesday, July 28**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Satisfy that sweet tooth and learn how to bake something yummy! Prior to the program, Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials, then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own tasty treats. For teens going into grades 6-12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register online; limited space.

## LEGO OLYMPICS at the Library

**Monday—Wednesday, June 21—23**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

During this three-day camp, you'll compete in LEGO challenges to test your basic skills, engineering feats, and creativity. Available to LEGO beginners and master builders alike, show your skills and meet others with similar brick-based powers! For teens going into grades 6-8; must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF SWAG BAGS

**Saturday, May 22**  
(while supplies last)

Summer Reading is coming! Stop by the Youth Services Desk for a Summer Reading Kickoff Swag Bag sponsored by our Friends group. Children will receive a drawstring bag filled with goodies on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration opens on Sunday, May 23 @ 2:00 p.m.** for all Youth Services programs on our website. We can't wait to see you!

**See page 6 for how to  
track your summer  
reading & win prizes  
with Beanstack!**

## Storytimes & More

Storytimes run June 7—July 29

### BABY RHYME TIME at the Library Tuesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers in-person at the library while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Best for babies ages birth-18 months. Please register once online for the first day of the season; limited space.

### LITTLES STORYTIME at the Library Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out in-person at the library! Then check out some books to take home and enjoy. The same storytime will be presented both in-person and on Zoom each week. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Best for ages 18 months-5 years. Please register once online for the first day of the season; limited space.

### LITTLES STORYTIME on Zoom Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out from home on Zoom! Then stick around for show-and-tell. The same storytime will be presented both in-person and on Zoom each week. Best for 18 months-5 years. Please register once online for the whole season.

### 1,000 BOOKS STORYTIME on Facebook Mondays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

Add to your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten tracking sheet with this storytime on Facebook! If you are unable to watch live, you can view it throughout the week in the video collection on our Facebook page. Best for ages 0-5, especially children participating in our 1,000 BBK program. Please register on our website to receive weekly reminders for this Facebook Premiere storytime. To separately register a child who has not yet entered kindergarten for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, email Miss Amelia at [dicksona@einetwork.net](mailto:dicksona@einetwork.net) and start earning badges for reading!

### MUSICAL MONDAY at the Library Mondays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Grow your love and interest in music! Come sing songs, play instruments, listen to stories about music, and even share the fun with a musical guest! Best for children ages 3-6. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Register once online for the whole season; limited space. To register after the first day, email [dicksona@einetwork.net](mailto:dicksona@einetwork.net).

### PLAY K on Zoom Thursdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021. We'll support the development of Kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child Kindergarten ready on Zoom! Please register online for the first day of the summer season for either this Zoom session OR the in-person program (to register after the first day, email [dicksona@einetwork.net](mailto:dicksona@einetwork.net)); limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

### PLAY K at the Library Thursdays, 1:00—1:30 p.m.

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021. We'll support the development of Kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child Kindergarten ready in-person at the library! Please register online for the first day of the summer season for either this in-person program OR the Zoom session (to register after the first day, email [dicksona@einetwork.net](mailto:dicksona@einetwork.net)); limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

### ROLLIN & STROLLIN @ Clinton Park Mondays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Get your strollers and walking shoes ready; it's time to enjoy some fresh air and nature time at Clinton Park! Join us promptly at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow's End for a story walk and songs, then check out books from the Book Bus afterwards! Best for families of all ages who enjoy physical movement. Please register once online for the whole season.

### POP-UP STORYTIME @ Oakdale Parklet Wednesdays, June 23 & July 21 9:30—10:30 a.m.

We are taking POP (our Preschool Outreach Program) on the road to visit you out in the community this summer! The Book Bus will POP up at the Oakdale Parklet (on Noblestown Rd across from the gazebo next to Palemieri Dentistry at 5021 Noblestown Rd) with a storytime and the chance to check out books from a limited collection. Don't forget your library card! Please register online.

### POP-UP STORYTIME in Your Community Wednesdays, June 30 & July 28 Time and location TBD

We are taking POP (our Preschool Outreach Program) on the road to visit you out in the community this summer! Look for the Book Bus to POP up with a storytime and the chance to check out books from a limited collection. For location information and time, visit our website. Please register online.

# Summer Camps

Please register online for all programs.  
**MUST** be able to attend ALL days of camps.

## ENCHANTED ENGINEERING

at the Library

**Monday—Wednesday, June 7—9**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

Calling all junior engineers! Test your building skills as we explore engineering in the world of fairytales. Each day, we'll cover a new tale and build something using recyclable materials and our problem-solving skills. Must be able to attend all three days. For kids going into grades K-2. Register online; limited space.

## BUTTERFLIES, BEES, & BIRDS

Hybrid Program

**Monday—Wednesday, July 12—14**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 3—6 with a caregiver**

Flutter, buzz, and soar into this program celebrating animals! On Monday, you'll be at home on Zoom with ALCOSAN to explore the lifecycle of a butterfly. Tuesday we'll buzz back onto Zoom with Phipps Conservatory presenting Busy Bees. Then we'll top it off Wednesday at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden to investigate birds in our backyard! Must be able to attend all 3 days and pick up kits at the library. For children ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Register online; limited space.

## MASTER MONETS ART CAMP

at the Library

**Monday—Wednesday, June 14—16**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Grades 3—5**

Unleash your creativity, and make a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork each day of this three-day camp using a variety of art techniques. For children going into grades 3-5. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

## LITTLES MESSY ART at the Library

**Monday—Wednesday, June 28—30**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 3—6 with a caregiver**

What's better than getting messy? Getting messy at the library! Wear that old t-shirt, and don't be afraid to get some paint in your hair as we make fun art projects, including an edible one. Must be able to attend all three days. For little ones ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

## STEM CAMP WITH COVESTRO on Zoom

**Monday—Wednesday, July 5—7**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Grades 3—5**

Get those STEM gears moving with Covestro over Zoom for this exciting, hands-on, three-day STEM camp! For children going into grades 3-5. Must be able to attend all three days. Must be able to pick up kits at the library. Please register online; limited space.

## MINI MONETS ART CAMP at the Library

**Monday—Wednesday, July 26—28**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

Express yourself with your own one-of-a-kind art! Make a different masterpiece each day of this three-day camp using a variety of art techniques. For grades K-2. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

# Family Events

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

**4th Tuesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Need a night out without breaking the bank? How about a family movie night?! Bring your whole family & meet your friends at the library for new release family-friendly movies on our big screen. Free snacks & drinks will be provided, and chairs will be available, or come in your PJs & bring your sleeping bag for extra fun! See our website for each month's movie choice and to register.

## WILD KRATTS DRIVE-IN

**Saturday, June 19**

**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Get your animal powers and engines ready! Decorate your own "car," then pull up for a few of your favorite Wild Kratts episodes. Drinks and snacks are welcome as long as they are in a container with a lid. Please bring a blanket to "park" on. Best for families with little Kratts of all ages. Register online; limited space.



# BEANSTACK summer

Libraries across Allegheny County (including WACL!) are once again participating in Beanstack Summer Reading! Visit our website beginning June 1 for the link to Beanstack to record your reading, complete challenges, & earn rewards, including chances to win fabulous prizes!



**STELLER STRAW MAZES**

**at the Library**  
**Saturday, June 26**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Design your very own family maze using straws and a box and work your way through other mazes! How challenging can you make your maze? For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

**FAMILY BUTTON DAY**

**at the Library**  
**Saturday, July 3**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

We're dusting off our button maker and inviting you to come make your own pin-back buttons! Rep your favorite sports team, TV series, or your local library with a handmade creation of your very own. Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

**READER RANGER**  
**WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY**  
**PARK RANGERS**

**@ Settlers Cabin Park**  
**Saturday, July 17**  
**11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Put on your hiking boots and head over to Settlers Cabin Park! Rangers will read a story that relates to the natural world and has components of environmental education. After the story, we'll discuss what you learned and explore collections related to the story. For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

**PIPE CLEANER CONSTELLATIONS**

**at the Library**  
**Saturday, July 24**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Calling all star gazers! Learn about constellations in our night sky, and build your own models of some constellations using pipe cleaners! Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

**SUMMER READING FINALE MOVIE**

**at the Library: Secret Life of Pets**  
**(©Universal Pictures)**  
**Saturday, July 31**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Let's end our Tails & Tales summer with a tale about tails! Come watch The Secret Life of Pets (©Universal Pictures) at the library, and make a shrinky dink pet tag. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space, and outside snacks/drinks in a container with a lid are welcome. Register online; limited space.

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE**

**Wednesday, June 2**  
**Drop by between 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Looking for something for the whole family to do while you're stuck inside? Aren't we all! Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

Summer Reading  
**Challenge 2021**  
**June 7 – July 31**

Registration for summer programs opens on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m.! Look through this newsletter to learn about all of our fun summer programs. Most youth services summer programs are held in-person at the library while others are offered virtually on Zoom. See each of the program descriptions for details and be sure to register, both for in-house events and to get access to virtual programs. Questions? Contact Becky at [proieb@einetwork.net](mailto:proieb@einetwork.net) or 724-695-8150 x3.

**Summer Reading Tracking**  
**with Beanstack**

Last summer we introduced you to Beanstack to track your reading and activities, and we're back with that again this summer. Using the Beanstack app or logging in at the Beanstack website, you can track your reading and summer activities to earn tickets for the chance to win great prizes. Just make sure you choose the Western Allegheny Community Library challenge for your age group! Beanstack tracking, just like our summer programming, runs from June 7 – July 31. See our website for more details on how to access Beanstack.

Summer reading tracking returns June 7—July 31, 2021

1

Create an account or log in with your existing Beanstack credentials.

2

Summer Reading is coming in June 2021, but you can use Beanstack to log your reading anytime.

3

Log your reading online or on the Beanstack tracker app, and have fun reading anytime.