

# 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 computers
- ★ High-speed internet & Wi-Fi
- ★ Print/Copy/Fax/Scan
- ★ Accelerated Reader Testing (WAMS only)
- ★ Test proctoring (see details on our website)

**Forgot your library card?** Not a problem! We can provide a guest pass for student in-library computer access. Plus, you can get up to five pages free printing for homework assignments - ask at the front desk for details.

**Parenting & Teaching Resources available!** The library has a variety of parenting and teaching materials. They are located in separate area of Adult Nonfiction and cover a range of topics such as child-rearing, teaching aids, child psychology, and literacy. In addition, we have special collections which may be useful for classroom and home use, including our book club kits and world language section.



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## Tech Talk: eResources for Kids

The 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!).

### Library News

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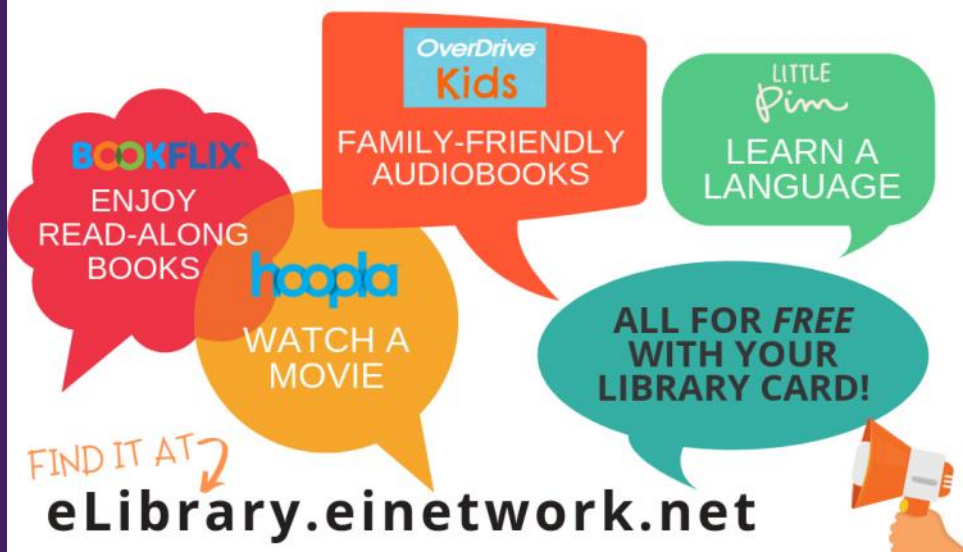
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# News

Fall 2021

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We missed you last year...

## Don't miss it this year!


*Gather your friends & family and  
join us for a "holiday re-do" event to  
benefit Western Allegheny  
Community Library!*

### Fall for Your Library Saturday, September 18



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 beverage pairings, live 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 are available for purchase online or at the library. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 18, 6:00—10:00 p.m. at the Celebrations Banquet, Bar & Grill, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA. Visit our website at [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.**



## LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce the return of Love Your Library month for 2021! Thanks again to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, every donation made to Western Allegheny Community Library throughout the month of September will receive a prorated MATCH - up to \$500 per donor! With an entire month to "Love Your Library," there are many ways to get involved & double the impact of your support. See our website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) for details and get ready to share the love this September!



### Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by making a tax-deductible donation to WACL during "Love Your Library" month! See our website under "Donate," or stop by the library to give in person. Own a business? Sponsorship opportunities are also available—contact Amy at [mcdonalda@einetnetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetnetwork.net) for more information.



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Do some shopping and support your library! Books, DVDs, puzzles, and other items are available for purchase at our ongoing book sale located near the front desk. We are also once again taking donations of books and other gently used materials; see page 2 of this newsletter for donation criteria. Interested in joining our Friends Group? Look for more information on our website under "Get Involved"!



### Merchandise Sales

You can even help by purchasing Sarris candy bars, earbuds, flash drives, and more at the library front desk. Everything counts!



## Libraries connect us with each other

LOVE **YOUR**  
LIBRARY 

DONATE TODAY

All gifts to your local library made during September will be **MATCHED!**  
Love YOUR Library and create a connection by making a gift today.  
For more information call us or visit [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org).

# Event Highlights

See details & sign up on our website.

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, September 1 & Wednesday, November 3**

Back by popular demand - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

## PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

**Saturday, October 2, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

WACHS invites you to join us for a field trip to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, PA! Visitors will be offered a guided tour and a ride on two of the Museum's beautifully restored trolleys. You will be responsible for transportation; be sure to register on our website for this special library field trip.

## DONUTS WITH DEVLIN

**Tuesday, October 12, 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

State Senator Devlin Robinson will discuss current issues facing the citizens of the 37th District. Bring your questions; leave with answers!

## GHOSTS N'AT PARANORMAL ADVENTURES

**Thursday, October 14, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Ghosts N'At is coming to the library! Ghosts N'At is a fully insured, innovative company that takes you to some of the MOST HAUNTED locations in America for a real ghost hunt. Brett McGinnis, the company's co-founder, starred on SyFy Channel's hit TV series "Ghost Hunters Academy." He will explain what they do and give you insight on where some of Pittsburgh's most haunted areas are! Be sure to register online; space is limited.

## PAINT 'N SIP

**Monday, November 15, 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

Inspired by the popular Paint Nite events, we've decided to bring this fun program to you for free! Join local artist, Sheila O'Sullivan, as she guides you through step-by-step instructions to create a beautiful painting of your own. Just grab a bottle of wine and a friend to share it with (if you're so inclined) and we'll provide the rest. This program is appropriate for all skill levels, but space is limited so register today. For adults 21 & up only.

## VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Do some shopping on Small Business Saturday and support your library! A number of vendors will be featured, PLUS a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, accessories, and gifts. Attention vendors - sign up now to be part of our popular event! Details on our website.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

This holiday season—give the gift of life! Vitalant (previously Central Blood Bank) is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Donations will be greatly needed this holiday season. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Check our website for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

## WRAP & YAP

**Monday, December 13, 5:00—7:00 p.m.**

Winter is the time of year for giving gifts. But isn't it mind-numbingly boring to sit on the floor in front of the TV, wrapping your gifts alone? Be bored no more—instead drop by our "Wrap & Yap!" You bring the gifts and we'll provide the wrapping paper, boxes of various sizes, ribbons, bows, and gift tags. Holiday music and snacks will make for a festive & fun occasion for all!

# Save the date for our semi-annual **Used Book Sale!**

**Thursday—Saturday, October 21—23**

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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

**Hosted by our Friends of the Library Group**

*Interested in joining our Friends group or helping out with our book sales? Visit our website under "Get Involved" to learn more!*

**Ongoing used book sale open year-round.**

In addition to our semi-annual book sale, we also always have the bookcases near the front desk full of great used books, movies, puzzles, and more for you to purchase and keep! Our ongoing book sale is provided by our Library Friends group.

**We are accepting donations!**

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Donations may be dropped off inside the library during open hours. Please note we can NOT accept any of the following: VHS, cassettes, LPs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, reference books, National Geographic, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines over two years old, or anything significantly damaged, soiled, or moldy. Thank you for your support!



# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## WE MADE IT WEDNESDAYS

**1st Wednesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

**September:** Book Page Leaves

**October:** Fabric Pumpkins

**November:** DIY Coffee Mugs

**December:** Holiday Cards

Each month features a different seasonal craft to make together & wow all your friends. All materials will be provided. Please register online; space is limited, so sign up early!

## YARN WARRIORS

**1st Saturdays**

**9:00—10:30 a.m.**

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarns 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. Register online; Yarn Warriors will meet 2nd Saturdays in September & October.

## ADULT COLORING KLATCH

**3rd Wednesdays**

**1:00—3:00 p.m.**

Research has proven that coloring reduces stress, fosters creativity, and improves concentration. It's also a great way to meet new people at the library! Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for some creative & colorful times. All supplies provided; drop in as your schedule allows.

## SCRABBLE SCRAMBLE

**4th Thursdays**

**1:00—3:00 p.m.**

Attention logophiles! (That's "word lovers" for the rest of us...). Exercise your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) by playing Scrabble with other like-minded adults. Bring your own game board or use ours; drop in on the 4th Thursday of each month as your schedule allows for words with \*new\* friends! Note: Will meet on 3rd Thursdays in November & December.

## FILLING YOUR TOOLBOX

**Tuesday, Sept. 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

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

## TRAVEL TALKS

**Monday, Nov. 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Love to travel or looking to take the trip of a lifetime? Our own Nancy is coming to share her travels & pictures from her African Safari in Tanzania! Exotic animals, exciting places, & plenty of wild stories will be featured.

# Computer Classes

## MICROSOFT OFFICE ON THE JOB

**Mondays, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**Word:** Sept. 20; **PowerPoint:** Oct. 4;

**Publisher:** Oct. 11; **Excel:** Nov. 1

Are you new to the workforce or going back for a second career, and the job description requires "proficiency in Microsoft Office"? Come to our MS Office series and get the skills you'll need to start out! Sign up for one class or come to them all to experience the entire Office Suite.

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Can you really live without cable? You can... and maybe you should! Learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands.

## HOLIDAY EXTREME E-COUPONING

**Monday, December 6, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

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

# Book Clubs

## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**1st Wednesdays**

**1:00—3:00 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.

## COOK THE BOOK

**2nd Mondays**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

It's the tastiest book club ever! Come together to share food & conversation with recipes made from a single cookbook. See each month's chosen title and register online. Copies of cookbooks will be available for checkout at the library.

## WE BE BOOK'N

**3rd Wednesdays**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Each month, we'll reserve a copy of the book for you and make reservations at a local restaurant. All you have to do is show up, enjoy the deliciousness, and share your thoughts on the book. Please RSVP by the evening before so we can make accurate restaurant reservations. This is a 'Dutch Treat' event. See our website for each month's book & restaurant choice.

## BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

**4th Mondays, 5:30—7:30 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—7:30 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. Note: Anime Club will meet 3rd Thursdays in November & December.

## Middle Grade & Teen

Please register online for all programs.

### MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: DESIGN, CREATE, PLAY SERIES

Thursdays, September 9—30

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Design, create, and play with new gadgets provided by the state library for this Maker Lab series! Get your make on with 3Doodlers, paper circuits, origami circuits, and Gobox Pro: LED Lighting. For middle graders in grades 4—7. Please register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

The kit and supplies for this series were funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

### (TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: PARACORD BRACELETS

Wednesday, September 15

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Are you a survivalist at heart or do you just enjoy wearing functional accessories? Come and learn how to make a paracord bracelet! All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online by September 13; limited space.

### TEEN TEST KITCHEN: APPLE-THEMED RECIPES

Wednesday, September 29

6:00—7:00 p.m.

What's better than eating a fresh Fall apple? Cooking and baking with them via Zoom! We will be making a savory and sweet dish to explore the possibilities of the apple. Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients & materials prior to the program. For teens in grades 6—12. Register online by September 27; limited space.

### MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: POKÉMON SERIES

Thursdays, October 7—28

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Gotta catch 'em all, and make 'em all, for this Maker Lab series! Each week we'll tackle a different creative way to make your favorite Pokémon: pompom Pokémon, perler bead Pokémon, pumpkin Pokémon, and precious diamond Pokémon. For middle graders in grades 4—7. Please register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

### (TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: FALL LANTERNS

Wednesday, October 13

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Glass jars, paint, and vinyl? Something eerie? Something cute? Let's make Mason jar lanterns! All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online by October 11; limited space.

### TEEN TEST KITCHEN: CHOCOLATE-THEMED RECIPES

Wednesday, October 27

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Get ready to indulge your sweet tooth in these chocolate-themed recipes! We will be making two chocolate recipes via Zoom that explore the combination of chocolate and salt! Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients and materials prior to the program. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online by October 25; limited space.

### MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: YARN SERIES

Thursdays, November 4—18

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Let's get loopy with some yarn crafts in this Maker Lab series! We'll make yarn dolls, pompom pets, and a Maker Lab favorite—finger knitting. For middle graders in grades 4—7. Please register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

## Attention: Teen Volunteers wanted!

### Volunteer opportunities now open for the fall.

Are you in need of community service hours? Do you enjoy working with other teens and serving the community? Consider volunteering with us here at the library!

We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2021 for teens of ages 13—17. To apply, fill out our Teen Volunteer Application on our website at [WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org](http://WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org) under "Get Involved—Volunteering." Be sure to apply by September 30. Applications received by then are guaranteed 10 hours; all others received October 1 or later are reviewed only on an as-needed basis.

### (TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: DIY MUGS

Wednesday, November 10

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Fall is here and pumpkin spice is in the air! Join us for hot drinks and DIY mug making. All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online by November 8; limited space.





# LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Dear Library Friend,

Despite what you may hear about how libraries are becoming obsolete, there are actually more public libraries in the United States than there are Starbucks locations! More than a warehouse for books, a library is an important community hub that serves as a center for learning, professional development, and healthcare resources. There's only one place in our community where students can access free Wi-Fi, a senior can find socialization opportunities, jobseekers can receive résumé help, business professionals can host meetings, and community members can receive free tax preparation: Western Allegheny Community Library. Here, we come together to learn, as well as share and celebrate where we live, who we are, and what we want to become.

Western Allegheny Community Library has worked hard to position itself as a community center of information, technology, and learning that fuels educational and economic opportunities for our residents. We are proud to announce that we have once again earned our **Gold Star Status** through the Pennsylvania Library Association's *PA Forward® Program*, which recognizes libraries for serving real-life needs by fueling the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic & Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy. This is not an easy designation to earn, but we've been able to do so each year since the program's inception.

In addition to earning this elite status, we've been hard at work on other projects. We completed a massive energy upgrade, converting all light fixtures from fluorescent to the more efficient LED, and upgraded all of our HVAC units so that they not only work properly and consume less energy, but also provide a safer and cleaner environment for our patrons and staff. We also earned recognition on the state and national level for outstanding program development and implementation. During a year in which continuing challenges caused many to spin their wheels, we were moving forward!

Recent circumstances have made budgets tighter than ever, and funding cuts and canceled fundraisers have put libraries at risk. We are **THRILLED** to announce that the Jack Buncher Foundation has once again agreed to collaborate with the Allegheny County Library Association and Carnegie Library System to offer **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** month, providing a collective \$150,000 match to county libraries that fundraise during the month of September. Equally exciting is that local businesses, organizations, and individuals have also rallied in support of the library by sponsoring our annual "Fall for Your Library" event on September 18. But we still need your help!

We know that **YOU** understand and value the good work being done in West Allegheny, and because of that, we hope you'll consider supporting the library during this matching period. The 2021 fundraising goal to keep your library at the level of activity and engagement that the community has come to expect and deserves is \$115,000. With the generosity of so many supporters like yourself, **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** will help get us closer to that goal. Here is an idea of what your support can do.

- \$50 purchases two books for our collection
- \$75 funds a single session of Middle Grade Maker Lab
- \$100 purchases a unique item (ex: air quality detector or travel hot spot) for our collection
- \$150 provides the resources for a complete season of technology training for seniors



Library staff are 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 choosing to support your community!

Sincerely,

Amy McDonald  
Library Director



# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## Family Programs

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

2nd 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 and meet your friends at the library for new release family-friendly movies on our big screen. Free snacks and drinks will be provided. Chairs will be available, or come in your PJs and bring your sleeping bag for extra fun! See our website for movie choices and to register.



### CLIFFORD PARTY

Saturday, September 11

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Grab your favorite stuffed dog and get ready for a tail-wagging good time at our Clifford themed party! We will enjoy a book reading, crafts, games, and more! For families of all ages. Please register online by September 9; limited space.



### BACKYARD BIRDS WITH PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN

Saturday, September 25

2:00—3:00 p.m.

We're headed to the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden (just 15 minutes from the library!).

Meet us there to share a storytime exploring birds in our backyard. Then spend some free time enjoying the Garden on your own! Best for families with young children. Please register online; limited space.

## Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 7—Nov. 24

Registration required; please visit our website to register.



### PLAY K

Mondays @ 10:00—11:00 a.m.

OR Thursdays @ 1:00—2:00 p.m.

### Entering Kindergarteners

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2022. We'll support the development of Kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, and self-help skills, and even play! Please register online by September 7 for the first day of the whole season for either the Monday OR Thursday sessions; limited space.

Don't forget to register!



Registration is now  
required for all storytimes  
and events.

### COMMUNITY HELPERS SERIES

Thursdays, October 7—November 18

10:30—11:00 a.m.

Helpers can be found all around! Come and learn about their jobs and how they are serving our community. Best for families with children ages 3—6. Potential for offsite field trips. Register once online by October 5 for the first day of the series; limited space.

### DINomite DINOvember

Saturday, November 20

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We dig DINOvember! Celebrate by stomping through our dinosaur stations of crafts, excavations, and maybe even a picture with a T-Rex! For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

### BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Birth—18 months

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Best for babies ages birth - 18 months. Please register once online for the whole season.

### LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then enjoy our Play Area, and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years. Please register once online for the whole season by registering for either day.

### TOYS FOR TOTS

October—December 2021

This holiday season, WACL will be participating in The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. During last year's campaign, Marine Toys for Tots distributed over 20.2 million toys, books, and games to over 7.3 million less fortunate children! We'll receive our collection box in mid-October. Drop off new, unopened items during library hours before December 10, when the donations will begin finding their way to needy children. Thanks in advance for your support in this worthy cause!

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For special events sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program, look for the "i" picture on this page!

# Holiday Events

## PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

October 2021

Jump into fall by decorating a pumpkin as a family project! Decorated pumpkins can be brought to the library from October 16—23. You can then vote for your favorite at the library or on Facebook from October 24—29. Winner will be announced on October 30 and will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card! Ask for details and an entry form at the front desk for our second annual pumpkin decorating contest this October.



### CURIOUS GEORGE HALLOWEEN DRIVE-IN

Saturday, October 23  
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

It's the perfect time for a BOO-vie! Roll on in to our Halloween Drive-In featuring Curious George: A Halloween Boo Fest (© Universal Pictures). Decorate a box (generously provided by GFS) to be your car to sit in during the movie, and enjoy some Halloween treats while you view. For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 4  
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
OR Sunday, December 5  
2:00—3:00 p.m.

Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest standing traditions! Schneider's Dairy graciously provides the tea containers that act as our base. You'll need to provide a can of frosting and a cookie sheet or baking pan to build on. We also ask you to drop off a bag of candy for decoration to share prior to the program. For families of all ages. Please register online for only one of the two sessions; limited space.

## School Age Programs

LEGO CLUB ON ZOOM  
Wednesdays, Sept. 8—Nov. 17  
4:00—5:00 p.m.

Every build is awesome! Complete the weekly build challenge with the LEGOs you have at home while sharing with your friends on Zoom. Must be able to provide your own LEGOs. Best for school age children in grades K—5. Please register once online for the whole season; limited space.



FIRE SAFETY WITH NORTH FAYETTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Saturday, October 9  
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Do you have a plan for your family in case of a fire? The North Fayette Volunteer Fire Department firefighters will discuss fire safety tips and escape planning. You might even see a firetruck! Best for families with children in grades K—5. Please register online by October 7; limited space.

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARK RANGERS  
Saturday, November 6  
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Hoot, hoot! Flap, flap! Who's awake while I nap? Nocturnal animals! The Allegheny County Park Rangers will visit for a fun and interactive presentation on owls and other nocturnal animals. Best for families with children in grades K—5. Please register online by November 4; limited space.

# 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 the library has held since 2017 showcases WACL as a 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!