

Are you a “Friend” of the library?



Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Library is an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. They raise money to help maintain the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and volunteer at events and fundraisers throughout the year. The Friends also help establish and grow community partnerships, operate regular book sales, and manage donated materials.

How do I get involved?

Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? Why not become a Friend of the Library! Membership privileges include early entry to the book sale and discounted tickets to Fall for Your Library. Contact the Friends of the Library at waclfriends@gmail.com, or visit the library website under “Friends of the Library” for more information and to apply.

VITA Tax Service & the 2026 Tax Season

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will be at the library to complete Federal and PA state tax forms and PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate for seniors and qualified tax payers earning less than \$75,000. This service is free and by appointment only on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from February 5 to April 9. The library will begin scheduling appointments on January 12. Interested residents should call the front desk at 724-695-8150 option 1 to schedule. Space is limited so be sure to call early.

Standard Federal tax forms and instructions will be available at the library early February. Other Federal tax forms may be obtained from the IRS website at irs.gov or by calling 800-829-3676. State tax forms are no longer being distributed to libraries; they can be obtained from the PA Department of Revenue at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling 1-888-PATAKES or 1-717-787-8201.

Spring Book Sale

April 23—25

Thursday, 9 am—10 am
Early Bird (\$20 entry fee*)

Thursday, 10 am—7 pm
Friday, 9 am—3 pm
Saturday, 9 am—12 pm

\$10 per bag or individually priced

- ★ Fiction & Non-Fiction Books
- ★ Adult, Teen, and Children's Materials
- ★ Puzzles, Games, & More!



Sale accepts cash or credit. Please note there will not be a Teacher Preview sale. *Early Bird Fee waived for Friends members.

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 see our website under “Friends of the Library—Book Donations” for what is accepted. Thank you for your support!

Welcome Susan as new YS Manager!

Our new Youth Services Manager may have a familiar face to many...it's our very own Susan! Susan has been helping us out this past fall, jumping in to substitute for storytimes while we were seeking a candidate for the position...when it suddenly occurred to us to look no further!



We are so excited to add Susan's enthusiasm, energy, and experience as a preschool teacher and corporate trainer to our awesome Youth Services Department. Please join us in welcoming her in her new job!



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
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News

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Got documents?
Get notarized!



Notary services
are available at
the library!

One of our
librarians is a
registered Notary

Public and can perform notary
services **by appointment only**
during open library hours.

Please fill out the notary appointment
request form on our website under
"Programs & Services" or call 724-
695-8150 x2.

All parties to the transaction must
have proper identification and be
prepared to pay the required
standard fees. See our website for
more information and pricing.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday—Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Winter Reading Challenge

December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026

Tis the season to snuggle up with our
Winter Reading Challenge on Beanstack!

Readers of ALL ages (including adults!) can earn
virtual badges for logging books, whipping
through winter activities, and completing the
challenge by reading at least three books.

Enter your virtual tickets for the chance to win a
whole new set of prizes!

Download the Beanstack Tracker app or go to
waclibrary.beanstack.org to get started.

Preregister for the challenge beginning
November 21.

Questions? Contact Heather at
aumanh@westernalleghenylibrary.org



Beanstack



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
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Adult Programs

Please register online for all events.

CARD CLUB

2nd & 4th Mondays, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

What's your game? Whether it's hearts, rummy, sevens, or anything else you can play with a deck of cards, come to our card club and deal away. We'll make sure you won't have to play "solitaire"! Note: No program May 25.

TRIVIA NIGHT

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Challenge your brain! Knowledge, fun, and friendly competition come together. The theme will change each month. Play trivia in teams of no more than five people. Check for each month's trivia topic and register online.

CUP TALK: CONVERSATIONS WITH A PRO

2nd Wednesdays, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite beverage and settle into a welcoming space where professionals from a variety of fields share their experiences, knowledge, and insights on topics that matter. Whether inspiring, educational, or thought-provoking, each conversation is an opportunity to connect, learn, and reflect in a relaxed setting.

January: Mitch Woods - Medicare

February: Matt Graham - LSVT Big

March: Amerihealth - Smoking Cessation

April: Thomas-Little - Funeral Planning

COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursdays, January 15, February 19,

March 12, April 9, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Cookbook Club will leave your mouth watering and your recipe box full! Stop by the library to choose a recipe from the featured book and make a free photocopy of your chosen recipe. Prepare your dish at home, then bring it in to share with others, and enjoy a diverse array of homemade creations. Be sure to bring a container from home to take leftovers if any are available. Please register online for each individual program; limited space.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

4th Wednesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Ready, set, roll the dice! Or deal the card! Or DON'T be Sorry! Enjoy sharing your strategy, skill, and luck with others by choosing a game from our collection to play together or feel free to bring one from home.

SENIOR PROGRAMS AT LIFESPAN

Tuesday, January 6, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

LifeSpan is a non-profit agency that provides critical support and services for Allegheny County residents who are 60 and over. Learn more about what the center offers.

E-LIBRARY FREE-FOR-ALL

Monday, January 12, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Did you know the library offers over 80,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere with never any late fees? Not to mention digital magazines, audiobooks, and thousands of streaming movies, TV shows, and music albums – all accessible from the comfort of your own home. Bring in your eReader, laptop, or mobile device and learn how to access Overdrive, Hoopla, and more.

IMPACT OF LATEST TAX RETURN

Tuesday, January 20, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Curious about tax changes for 2025 and beyond? Attend an informative session with Pustover Financial Services and bring your questions! The discussion will focus on financial planning and tax considerations.

SOUP & PASTA BINGO

Thursday, January 22, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

January is National Soup Month, and there's nothing better than warm comfort food on a cold winter night! Each participant is asked to bring one item that is related to soup or pasta to donate to the prize table. Then we'll play rounds of BINGO and winners will pick from the donated items!

PRESERVING MEMORIES

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Learn how to preserve your family's memories by digitizing 8mm films, VHS and VHS-C tapes, VideoDV, photographs, and slides. This presentation covers the basics of

converting older formats to digital, helpful tools for editing and organizing, and reliable options for professional services. You'll also pick up tips for sharing your family history on platforms like YouTube and Instagram.

JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, Jan. 29, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Think you're quick with puzzles? Put your skills to the test in a fast-paced, puzzle competition! Ten teams will race to complete the same puzzle—who will finish first? Register once as a team of up to four people. Smaller group? Sign up and let us know you're open to joining another team. For adults and teens age 16 & up.

MAHJONG MEETUP

Tuesday, February 3 and

Thursday, April 2, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or just curious about this classic Chinese game of skill and luck, this is the perfect chance to play, learn, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. New to Mahjong? Don't worry—we'll have easy-to-follow instructions and friendly guides to help you learn the ropes. Already a fan? Come show off your skills and maybe teach a few tips to newcomers.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, February 4

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 9 a.m.—8 p.m. to make your trade, & then let the puzzle fun begin!

MOTHERS AGAINST MEDIA

ADDICTION

Thursday, February 5, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Are you concerned about how screens and social media might be impacting your child's development, mental health, and school experience? Join PA Unplugged, a statewide coalition of parents, educators, and mental health professionals, for a workshop designed to support families navigating the digital landscape. Learn about the science behind screen addiction, hear from digital wellness educators, and connect with other parents in your community.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

STORY STROLLS

The Story Strolls at Clinton Park and Donaldson Park are a great way for your family to burn off some energy, get steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! The stories will change at the beginning of each month and are available for families to enjoy year-round on their own time (Clinton Park is closed November 1 - April 1).

FAMILY PUZZLE COMPETITION

Saturday, January 24

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Does this have you puzzled? This is a *new* friendly competition for families of up to four people aged middle school to adults. Try to complete a 500-piece puzzle before the other groups do! We have space for six teams of four people, so sign up your team today.

POKÉMON DAY

Saturday, January 24

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Gotta catch 'em all! Do you enjoy Pokémon but don't have anyone to share it with? Bring your cards or game consoles to battle, your plushies to show off, or simply join us and do one of our Pokémon-themed crafts! For all ages. Register online; limited space.

SUPERHERO TRIVIA

Saturday, January 31

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Superhero trivia, oh my! Kids, bring a grown up and show us just how much you know about superheroes! This is a family program for adults along with their school age kids. We will be using a Kahoot format, so please have one smartphone available per family.

COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, February 21

1:00—1:45 p.m.

You won't want to miss this Comedy Magic Show presented by 13th Hour Entertainment! Open to all ages. Please register each attendee including adults online; limited space.

Storytimes

Programs run January 6—May 1

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

3—18 months

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, sing, and read a story! Best for babies ages 3-18 months with a caregiver. Register child once for the whole season. No storytime on April 22.

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays OR Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

Welcome back to storytime where we get our sillies out, sing songs, and read stories! Great for toddlers to preschool aged children. Register child only once for the whole season. NOTE: New this season, register to attend either Tuesdays OR Wednesdays. No storytime on April 21 & 22.

PGH CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1:00—2:30 p.m.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Chinese Center presents a fun and interactive program featuring cultural traditions and hands-on activities for school aged kids and caregivers. Please register each attendee including adults online; limited space.

UKULELE LESSONS

Saturday, March 21, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

Musicians from the Steel City Ukuleles will provide ukulele lessons from school age children to senior adults! If you were ever curious about learning to play, this is your chance to try it out. Ukuleles will be provided or you can bring your own! Please register online; class is limited to 20 participants.



Don't forget to register!
Registration is required for
all storytimes and events.

BOOKS & BUDDIES

Thursdays, 12:00—12:30 p.m.

Ages 2—5

Listen to a story, then do an activity with your preschool friends! Every week is a different activity. For preschool aged children with a caregiver. Please check our website for each month's activity and register child for each week you want to attend.

PLAY K

Fridays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Entering Kindergartners

This is fun program for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2026 will provide an opportunity for your child to interact with kids their own age while enjoying story time, songs, movement and hands on activities. Children will attend on their own to help prepare them for kindergarten. Weekly attendance is encouraged. Please register child online only once for the Winter season; limited space. No program on January 23, February 20, March 20, or April 17 & 24.

STEEL CITY UKULELES

Saturday, March 21, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

The Steel City Ukuleles are back by popular demand! This group of skilled musicians and singers are amazing and are sure to give us a fantastic performance. Open to all ages. Please register online; limited space.

LEGO FUN FOR FAMILIES

Saturday, March 28

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Lego have some fun together! Use your imagination or grab a challenge card and let's build with LEGOs! Open to families of all ages. Register online; limited space.

JUST DANCE PARTY

Saturday, April 18

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Just DANCE! Really! No need to take turns in this version of Just Dance; simply pop (and lock) in, pick which character you want to follow, and dance with the rest of us, no Wii remote required! For all ages. Register online; limited space.

School Age cont.

Grades 3—5

Please register online for all programs.

LEGO FUN FOR GRADES 3—5

Thursday, February 19, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Lego have some fun together! Use your imagination or grab a challenge card and let's build with LEGOs.

PAPER QUILLING

Thursday, March 5

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Paper what? Come learn and practice the art of paper quilling!

BUBBLING SLIME

Thursday, March 12

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Are you bubbling over with excitement because SLIME is on the schedule? Wear old clothes as you will probably get slimy!

COOKIES & CARD GAMES

Thursday, March 19

5:00—6:00 p.m.

UNO what? There will be SPOONS to play and cookies to eat! Be a good sport and come have some fun with us.

PARENT PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, April 2, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

This evening will be DANDY and I'm not LION! Bring your grown up and enjoy a fun hour of painting together.

ICE CREAM YOU SCREAM

Thursday, April 16, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

We all scream for ICE CREAM! We will use just a few ingredients to make our own ice cream.

SCRATCH ART HENNA TATTOOS FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, April 30, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

This rainbow scratch art is going to TATTOO-tally catch your eye! Trace your hands and make your own henna-inspired tattoos!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

PRACTICE NIGHT

Tuesday, April 7 OR Wed., April 8

5:00—6:00 p.m.

West A students, bring your team and practice answering questions from the Battle of the Books. Register your team for ONE session, either Tuesday OR Wednesday.

School Age

Grades K—2

Please register online for all programs.

CUPCAKE LINER SNOWFLAKES

Monday, January 12, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow . . .

Cupcakes? Get ready to practice your scissor skills by turning these cupcake liners into beautiful snowflakes!

ARCTIC ANIMAL SUNCATCHERS

Monday, January 26, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Have you ever tried to catch a polar bear?

What about a penguin? Catch them in your window with these arctic animal suncatchers!

GROUNDHOG PUPPETS

Monday, February 2, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Peek-a-boo! Does your groundhog see its shadow? Find out by making this pop-up groundhog puppet just in time for Groundhog's Day!

VALENTINE'S DAY WINDSOCKS

Monday, February 9, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Love is in the AIR! Come make these Valentine's Day themed windsocks with us!

DRAGON PUPPETS

Monday, February 16, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Come make TALON-ted dancing dragon puppets, inspired by Chinese New Year!

SCRATCH ART HENNA TATTOOS FOR GRADES K—2

Monday, February 23, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Interested in making some INK-credible rainbow tattoos? Nothing permanent here! Design your own tattoos inspired by henna!

PAPER SQUISHIES FOR GRADES K—2

Monday, March 2

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Squish, squish, SQUISH your sillies out making your very own paper squishies!

PAPER PLATE TAMBOURINES

Monday, March 9

4:30—5:15 p.m.

TUNE into this activity and make paper plate tambourines with us!

POT OF GOLD RAINBOW LACING

Monday, March 16

4:30—5:15 p.m.

You won't BOW-lieve what's at the end of this rainbow! Come make a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow lace craft. Maybe you'll even catch a few leprechauns!

GROW YOUR OWN CATERPILLARS

Monday, March 23

4:30—5:15 p.m.

These caterpillars will INCH into your heart! Join us in making and growing our very own caterpillar pets (no real caterpillars included).

BIRD FINDERS

Monday, March 30

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Spring has sprung, which means it's FLEW season! Join us in making your own binoculars to watch those birds fly!

OBSTACLE COURSE

Monday, April 6

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Feel the burn and earn your turn with an obstacle course then relay races!

PAINT CHIP EARTHS

Monday, April 13, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Come celebrate the SPACE-ial place we live by making Earths out of paint chips!

HOJALATA INSPIRED ART

Monday, April 27, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's make some TIN-credible designs inspired by Hojalata Art, a type of traditional Mexican folk art!

UNDERSTANDING VETERANS & MILITARY CULTURE

Tuesday, February 10, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Join retired Army Colonel and mental health professional Thomas Stokes as he shares his story as a Mental Health Officer in Afghanistan. Colonel Stokes will share lessons learned about veterans' challenges and needs, as well as help us all learn how we can better relate to and connect with our veterans and military family members.

GALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 12, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

What's Galentine's Day? Oh, it's only the best day of the year! Leave the guys at home and come kick it, breakfast style. Celebrate your lady friends with classy crafts, goofy games, and a waffle bar!

HOME PREP, DOWNSIZING & SELLING

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Thinking about selling your home? Need some direction for downsizing and decluttering? We'll share practical guidance on preparing for a move and the selling process. You'll learn tips and tricks for downsizing, staging your home for sale, and navigating a sale from prep to close.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thursday, February 26, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Everyone loves chocolate. Even better when you add BINGO! Each participant is asked to bring a chocolate item to donate to the prize table. Then we'll play rounds of BINGO and winners get to pick from the donated items!

ALL ABOUT FRESH-MILLED FLOUR

Wed., March 4, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Processed food is out; whole foods are in! Join the craze that is catching on and learn about milling your own flour. Fresh-milled flour is more nutritious, tastier, and easier than it sounds. Take a few items baked with fresh-milled flour and learn about the pros and cons of baking with this type of flour.

EXTREME E-COUPONING

Monday, March 16, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Are you still clipping coupons to save

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

FROM HORSE & CARRIAGE TO HORSELESS CARRIAGE

Tuesday, March 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

In the early years of the 20th century, carriages and cars shared the road in Pittsburgh. Images from the Frick's Car and Carriage Museum provide a look at the transformation of travel during that era, while touchable historic objects offer participants firsthand examination of some of the trappings of transportation from long ago.

HISTORY OF THE SARRIS CANDY CO.

Thursday, April 2, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

If you live in Pittsburgh, you know about Sarris Candies. Learn about the sweet history of Sarris from one of their representatives and sample their chocolates.

CUT THE CABLE CORD

Monday, April 13, 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.

EVENING TEA PARTY

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Bring your childhood memories of tea parties to life by enjoying some tasty teas and creating delicate finger sandwiches. Tea generously provided by The Velvet Terrace.

ECHOES OF THE ALPS: AN ALPHORN ADVENTURE

Thursday, April 16, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Take a musical journey to the Swiss mountains—no passport required! Experience the mighty sound of the alphorn, the long wooden horn once used to call cattle across alpine valleys. Learn about its history and how it's played, then enjoy a live demonstration. Great for music lovers or anyone curious about unique instruments.

SAVE MONEY YOUNG: A DISCUSSION WITH PARENTS & TEENS

Thursday, April 16, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Your Sherpa, LLC delivers a frank conversation about how young people aren't saving money. This simple framework teaches how to "set your sights on age 30 (not retirement)." For adults & teens 15 & up.

HONEYBEES 101

Monday, April 20, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Hank "The Bee Guy" is returning to the library for an informational program about bees and what we know about them. We will look into the history of bees, where they come from, and how they live. Also, we'll cover how to keep them as livestock - yes, just like farm animals, honeybees are livestock! Other interesting topics will include bee health issues, the interesting values of bee stings, and of course HONEY.

DEAD POETS WALK

Wednesday, April 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Take part in an immersive, guided literary experience that invites participants to wander through a curated path inspired by the lives, works, and legacies of iconic poets from the past. Blending storytelling, performance and reflection, participants will encounter the likes of Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Plath, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WINE & DESSERT PAIRING

Thursday, April 30, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Treat yourself to a night of flavors. Four Twelve Winery and L&K Bundt Shop are back with five pairings featuring their signature wines and decadent desserts. Cost is \$20 per person. For adults 21 & up only. Please register online; limited space.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 30

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This spring - give the gift of life! Vitalant is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Appointments recommended! Check our website for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

If you love reading and connecting with fellow book lovers, the Bookworms Book Club is the place for you! As the longest-running book club at the library, we explore a new title each month across a variety of genres. Come share your thoughts, enjoy lively discussions, and make new friends in the process. Check our website for each month's book choice and to register.

WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Let's take reading on the road to some of our favorite local restaurants! Pick up a copy of the month's book from the circulation desk, read and jot down some questions, then make sure you RSVP for our book club evening out on the town. This is a "Dutch Treat" event. Please register online only once for the whole season to "reserve" your book and for restaurant RSVP information. See our website for each month's book and restaurant choice.

Crafts & More

CRAFT NIGHT

1st Tuesdays

5:30—7:30 p.m.

On craft night, your creativity can run wild! Each month we'll provide all the supplies & know-how needed to create various simple & fun decorative craft projects. See our website for each month's craft and register for each one you wish to attend.

CRAFTERNOON

3rd Wednesdays

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Can't make it to our Craft Night? Try Crafternoon! The same craft will be provided at Crafternoon and Craft Night each month. All materials will be provided, but you need to bring the creativity! See our website for each month's craft and register for each one you wish to attend.

STAMP IT UP! RUBBER STAMPING & CARDMAKING WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 8

3:30—4:30 p.m.

Take a break from the everyday and enjoy a relaxing, hands-on creative session! Learn the art of rubber stamping to design beautiful, handmade cards for any occasion. Experiment with colors, textures, and techniques while unwinding in good company. No experience required—all materials provided.

PAINT NIGHT: CARDINAL FOREST

Thursday, January 8

OR Tuesday, February 24

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Spend a creative evening painting a cardinal in the forest—perfect for welcoming the Winter season. The featured design is by Step-by-Step Painting artist Tracie Kiernan. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

ZENTANGLE TILE ART

Tuesday, January 27, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

OR February 24, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Discover the relaxing and creative art of Zentangle®! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to draw structured, repetitive patterns—called "tangles"—on small ceramic tiles. This meditative drawing method is easy to learn, calming to practice, and produces beautiful results with no prior art experience needed. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

PAINT NIGHT: CHOCOLATE BUNNY

Thursday, March 5

OR Tuesday, April 21

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Spend a creative evening painting a chocolate bunny—perfect for welcoming the Spring season. The featured design is by Step-by-Step Painting artist Tracie Kiernan. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

FELTING CLASS

Tuesday, March 17

OR Thursday, March 19

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Curious about needle felting? This hands-on craft night is the perfect way to try it out! Choose to create either a "chocolate" bunny or mushroom—great for spring decorating. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

MASON JAR MAGIC:

FRESH FLOWER ARRANGING

Thursday, March 26

5:30—6:30 p.m.

Add a little bloom to your day with a hands-on workshop where you'll create a charming fresh flower arrangement using a simple mason jar. Learn easy arranging tips, play with color and texture, and take home your pint-sized floral masterpiece. All materials provided—just bring your creativity!

HOOKED ON CROCHET

Tuesday, March 31

OR Tuesday, April 28

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Whether you're a beginner or already have experience crocheting, you'll be hooked from the first stitch! Bonnie Bitner Lepro will teach basic stitches in this program. All materials will be provided. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, May 9

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Did you pick up a crafting hobby that is no longer interesting you? Want to try something new without the upfront cost? Then come to our craft swap! Donations will be accepted starting April 27, or bring them in the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate, but we will have a greater variety when more people do! Donation ideas: yarn, fabric, ribbons, beads, paints, brushes, adult coloring books, clay. See our website for more donation ideas and guidelines.

Middle Grade & Teen

Grades 6–12

Please register online for all programs.

CROCHET GINGERBREAD MEN

Monday, January 12

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Get HOOKED on this simple gingerbread men crochet project! They can be kept separate or turned into a garland.

WATERLESS SNOWGLOBES

Monday, January 26, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Say it ain't snow! Craft your own waterless snowglobes to complete your winter décor.

FAUX AGATE COASTERS

Monday, February 2, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

You will be left a-GAPE at the results of these faux agate coasters! Use them to rest your drinks or add simple décor to your space.

LIGHT UP VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

Monday, February 9, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

"You LIGHT up my world like nobody else!" Does that sound like someone in your life? These Valentine's Day cards are perfect to give to a loved one, or keep them for yourself for some glowing Valentine's Day décor!

TTK: BANANA SPLIT PUDDING CUPS

Monday, February 16, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen is perfect for aspiring teen chefs and foodies, as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. This month we will be making banana split pudding cups. Recommended for teens without food allergies.

ZENTANGLE MINI CANVAS ART

Monday, February 23, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Is your life all TANGLED up? De-stress by making Zentangles® on these mini canvases!

PAPER SQUISHIES FOR TEENS

Monday, March 2, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

SQUISH out your frustrations with these paper squishies! After making one or two, you'll be a squishy making pro!

GEL AIR FRESHENERS

Monday, March 9, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Do you need some FRESH relief? Bring spring into your space by making gel air fresheners!

MUSHROOM FAIRY HOUSE PAINTING

Monday, March 16, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Have you ever seen a fairy? You can paint one in this step-by-step mushroom fairy house painting tutorial created by Tracie Kiernan.

FLOWER TOTE BAG

Monday, March 23, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Forget pressed flowers, try POUNDED flowers instead! We will be using hammers to make these pounded flower tote bags.

POM-POM CACTI

Monday, March 30, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

They say cacti are the easiest plant to take care of because they can go a long time without watering them. Well now you can have an even EASIER plant to take care of with these pom-pom cacti!

TTK: MATCHA ENERGY BITES

Monday, April 6, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen is perfect for aspiring teen chefs, as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. This month we will be making matcha energy bites. Recommended for teens without food allergies.

FAIRY LIGHT JARS

Monday, April 13, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Light up your nights with these fairy light mason jars! Use them to store your trinkets or simply bring you some light in the dark.

WATER CANDLES

Monday, April 27, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

WATER you up to this spring season? Does it have to do with making your very own water candles? Well it could be!

School Age

Grades 3–5

Please register online for all programs.

COOK A BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

January 29, February 26,

March 26, April 23

You asked for it and you got it! Cook A Book Club is back this Spring! We will be discussing a book each month and making a treat to share. Recommended for kids without food allergies. Check online for each month's book and treat and to register for each session you plan to attend.

MAKE YOUR OWN PLAYDOUGH

Thursday, January 8, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Knead some dough? Join us as we make our own playdough!

STEM CHALLENGES

Thursday, January 15, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Foiled again? Let's build our own boats and catapults!

PERLER BEAD CREATIONS

Thursday, January 22, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Time to get crafty with perler beads! Come teach Miss Susan how to create something amazing with these special beads!

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Thursday, February 5

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Got friends? You do here, so come join us in making a bracelet or two to share!

SLOTH HUGS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday, February 12

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Slow down, we are making paper sloths that hug for Valentine's Day!

We love our **Volunteers!**

Are you interested in volunteering at the library? Fill out a registration form on our website under "Get Involved" and we will let you know if we have any openings! Questions? Contact us at westallegheny@westernalleghenylibrary.org.