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With a tax-deductible contribution of \$25, you may choose a **Tribute** gift book, an **Honor** gift book, or a **Memorial** gift book. Additionally, you may indicate an age level and area of interest for the item. The library will then select the actual title to be purchased according to our Collection Development Policy.


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Fall for Your Library

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Save the date for our annual Fall for Your Library Event! FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the

community's premier food & beverage tasting event, featuring special food & wine/beer pairings, games, auctions, and music. Tickets are \$50 and will be available for purchase online or at the library. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 16, 6:00—10:00 p.m. at Celebrations, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Amy McDonald at 724-695-8150 x6 or mcdonald@einetwork.net for details.

Tech Talk: Yes, there's an App for that!

The **Allegheny County Libraries App**, available free for Android or iOS, is one-stop-shopping for all the library has to offer. Check your account, request an item, and so much more—all with an easy tap on your mobile device!

- ★ Access your current checkouts, holds, and reading history
- ★ Search the catalog and request items
- ★ Find links to popular resources, including eBooks and databases
- ★ Show your digital library card at checkout
- ★ Link a child or other family card for convenient access to multiple accounts
- ★ See local library information and events



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WESTERN ALLEGHENY
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News

Summer 2023

A Publication of Western Allegheny Community Library



Want the latest **library news?**

Our **newsletters** are great, but if you aren't getting our **emails**, you're missing out! Here are just some of the things that will hit your inbox:

- Announcements (like closings)
- New programs & special events
- Reading ideas, and more!

We promise not to inundate you with emails—we only send a couple a week! You can also pick which topics you're interested in and opt out of others.

To sign up, go to our website and scroll down to the sign-up box underneath "**Library News.**" And be sure to add our email address (westallegHENY@westernallegHENYlibrary.org) to your safe senders so we won't land in spam!

Summer Reading returns @ the Library!

We at WACL are looking forward to **Summer Reading 2023!** Join us in our summer-long celebration with a special "**All Together Now**" theme. Take a look through this newsletter for all the awesome programs we have planned for all ages, plus

information on joining the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack. Please note that registration for all programs and storytimes opens up on our website on **Saturday, May 20** at 10:00 a.m. There's something for everyone at the library!



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

June 5 - July 28

Summer Reading coming June & July 2023!

Storytimes! Story Strolls! Teen Cooking! Teen Paint! LEGOs!
A Puppet Show! Balloon Twisting! Butterflies! Reptiles! And more!

Program registration will open Saturday, May 20 @ 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website listed below
for more information closer to that date.

Download the Beanstack Tracker app
or go to waclibrary.beanstack.org to track your
summer reading and activities.

Participate in our other reading challenges
until the summer challenges are available in June & July.

Happy reading!

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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.
Sunday: CLOSED

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Oakdale, PA 15071
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Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

NOTARY SERVICES

Notary services are now available at the library! Our librarian Heather Auman is a registered Notary Public and can perform notary services by appointment only during open library hours. Please fill out the form on our website under "Programs & Services" or call 724-695-8150 x2 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 and pricing.

LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE:

Programs for All Ages & Abilities

Mondays, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

June 5: *Bingo*

June 19: *Birdhouse Kits*

July 10: *Backyard Games*

July 24: *Christmas in July*

August 7: *Summer Carnival*

Come join people from all walks of life for a series of interactive programs. See details on each week's theme and register online. A special program for all ages and abilities.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

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 to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin.

BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION CLASS

Thursday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Instructors from VBW Training will be presenting a comprehensive 8-hour babysitting class. Babysitting is a certification from the American Red Cross that will provide ages 11 & up with critical thinking skills, emergency safety prevention and intervention, pediatric developmental milestones, healthy menu and activity planning, CPR and first aid. Attendees will receive Red Cross Babysitting Certification, and also learn about the business side, including creating a resume and mock interview. This program is presented at a special discount price of \$50 per person, courtesy of VBW Training. Attendees should bring a packed lunch and plan to remain at the library for the duration. Must register and pay online; limited space.

LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT EVENT

Saturday, June 24, 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Do you have damaged or illegible Pennsylvania license plates? Are they rusted or faded, or is the laminate coating peeling away, making the plates unreadable and therefore illegal? In partnership with North Fayette Police Department, we are offering a free license plate replacement event at the library. Officers will be on site to inspect and sign the proper forms on the spot, which can then be sent in to get your free replacement plates. No need to register; just drop by with your vehicle, driver's license, and registration information.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Get rid of some old treasures and find some new ones at our huge Garage Sale to benefit the library! Donated items for the sale may be dropped off during open library hours, 9 a.m.—8 p.m. on August 8—10. Please Note: We are not accepting donations of clothes, TVs, or computers; no hazardous materials or weapons; small furniture is ok. To volunteer to help out with the sale or for any questions, contact kdoddata@yahoo.com.

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

Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and Heinz History Center Affiliates, we have been lending special experience passes for free admission to local attractions and museums. Check out our lineup—some are returning, and some are new for 2023!

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

- ★ **Heinz History Center**
(includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Mattress Factory Museum**
- ★ **Pittsburgh Botanic Garden**

New Passes Available May 30:

- ★ **Historic Fort Steuben**
- ★ **Old Economy Village**
- ★ **Altoona Railroaders Museum & Horseshoe Curve**
- ★ **David Bradford House & Whiskey Rebellion Center**
- ★ **Fort Ligonier**

Health & Wellness

IS CBD OR THC RIGHT FOR ME?

Tuesday, June 6

10:00—11:00 a.m. or 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Join Matt Wallace from Relief & Recreation CBD & THC Store to learn if these options are right for you. Matt will discuss the difference between CBD & THC and explain how each helps the body. He'll also have free samples on hand, if you'd like to try before you buy.

NATURAL HEALTH BASICS

Tuesday, June 13

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Allegheny Muscle Therapy & Massage will be coming to give us an introduction to Natural Health Basics. Topics will include navigating where to start in natural health, six areas to focus on for natural health, and natural remedies to have available always. Free samples will be provided!

SUMMER STAPLES

Tuesday, June 20

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Anyone else ready for long days full of warmth and sunshine and slower schedules? Yes please! In this mini class, we'll talk about summer staples like *safe + toxin free* sunscreen, bug spray, and skin care for when you get too much sun or have itchy bug bites. Remember, your skin is your largest organ so what you put on it matters! Presented by Dr. Autumn Leach of The Holistic Nest.

HAPPY HORMONES

Tuesday, July 11

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Our hormones influence so many aspects of our health! Our mood, digestion, thyroid function, libido, fertility, sleep, appearance of our skin, gut health, etc. We'll chat about estrogen dominance, signs of low progesterone, things that can negatively impact our hormone levels, & how to keep your hormones happy! Presented by Dr. Autumn Leach of The Holistic Nest.

HYDRATION & HEALTH

Tuesday, July 18

6:30—7:30 p.m.

You know proper hydration is important, but you may not know just HOW important! The hottest days of the year are the perfect time to learn how to prevent dehydration by proper diet, what foods to avoid, how fruits & vegetables play a part, and just how much an impact water has on your health! This informational session followed by a Q&A s presented by John Morris of Apple Blossom Senior Living.

DR. MOM

Tuesday, July 25

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Join us to learn how to use natural, plant-based tools to support your little ones—better sleep + stronger immune systems + happier moods + improved focus + digestion/tummy distress + teething + boo boos + bug bites, & more! Playdough will be provided for the littles. Presented by Dr. Autumn Leach of The Holistic Nest.

PREGNANCY, LABOR, POSTPARTUM WELLNESS

Tuesday, August 8

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Looking for natural and safe tools to support your body during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum? Growing, delivering, and caring for a tiny human comes with challenges like morning sickness, fatigue, pain, heartburn, stretch marks, emotional ups & downs, stress, etc...but there is hope! Presented by Dr. Autumn Leach of The Holistic Nest.

Tech Classes

TECH TUTORING

Need help accessing our online resources? Having trouble with a specific software or mobile device? Request a one-on-one tech tutoring session! These classes typically last about 30 minutes and are available on a flexible schedule. Visit our website or call 724-695-8150 x2 to request an appointment. Who needs the "Geeks" or "Geniuses" when you have a tech-savvy librarian?

EXAM PROCTORING

Did you know your library offers free exam proctoring? Students should submit their request at least two weeks in advance of the desired date, depending on the requirements of the school or testing entity. See our website under "Programs & Services" for details and fill out the form online or call 724-695-8150 x2 to request an appointment. There is no fee for this service, but a donation to the library would be appreciated!

YOU'LL LOVE LIBBY

Tuesday, June 6

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, smartphone, or other device and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines through Libby, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you.

HOOPLA ABOUT HOOPLA

Tuesday, July 11

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you heard all the hoopla about Hoopla? It offers free streaming 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.

RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 8

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. Further assistance may be requested by appointment.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

FIREARM SAFETY

Saturday, June 3

10:00—11:00 a.m.

One of the most important steps toward ensuring the safety of yourself and others when handling a firearm is knowing the "Ten Commandments of Firearm Safety."

Whether you're a beginner or have experience with firearms, the North Fayette Police Department can teach you the tips to make any firearms experience a positive one. For adults & teens, novice or experienced. (Please leave your own weapons at home).

FIRE PREVENTION

Monday, June 5

6:00—7:00 p.m.

North Fayette Fire Department is coming to present a program for adults regarding fire prevention in the home. Be informed on how to keep yourself, your belongings, and your loved ones safe!

INVASIVE SPECIES OF PITTSBURGH

Wednesday, June 14

2:30—3:30 p.m.

Our region is home to many types of invasive species. Being able to identify and remove them is vital to maintaining a healthy ecosystem! Presented by Allegheny Land Trust.

LEVELS OF SENIOR LIVING

Tuesday, June 20

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Thinking about senior living? There is a LOT to navigate in informing yourself and making decisions. What is the difference between assisted living, independent living, memory care, and skilled nursing? How are these types of housing paid for, and can you get assistance for yourself or your loved ones? This informational session followed by a Q&A is presented by John Morris of Apple Blossom Senior Living.

BUYING & SELLING A HOME IN TODAY'S MARKET

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30—7:30 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 Lisa Bliss of REMAX Realty and Chase Cook of Huntington Bank for information about the best way to proceed in today's market.

VETERANS BENEFITS DROP-IN

Thursday, June 22

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

An area VFW representative will be at the library to meet with vets and give information about benefits for veterans, as well as discuss issues and answer questions. Topics may include VA claims assistance, pensions, and appeals. Drop by any time between 10 a.m. and noon and get your questions answered.

SOLAR OBSERVING AND THE 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Tuesday, June 27, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Larry McHenry, amateur astronomer, will present an introduction to solar features visible on our nearest star—the Sun—and safe solar observing techniques, using both white-light and H-alpha solar filters. We'll discuss where to go and how to observe the upcoming 2023 Partial Solar Eclipse and the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. After the indoor talk concludes, attendees will have an opportunity to safely view the Sun on a solar telescope (weather permitting).

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFO SESSION

Monday, July 17, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

You do not need to be an expert, have prior knowledge, or know someone living with dementia to become a Dementia Friend! Join us for a one-hour session led by a Dementia Friends Champion, where you will learn to: describe dementia; know the most common type; understand five key messages; learn ways to effectively communicate. All attendees will receive a workbook, resource packet, and Dementia Friends certificate.

PUMPKIN NEEDLE FELTING CRAFT

Monday, August 7

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Ever want to try needle felting? We've got a great craft night to get you ready for fall! Join us as we make a pumpkin needle felting craft. Must register; limited space. For adults age 18 & up.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Western Allegheny Community Library's longest-standing book club for adults! Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's book choice.

WE BE BOOK'N

2nd 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 so we can make accurate restaurant reservations. 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 and compare! See our website for each month's book & movie choice.

Summer Reading is for ADULTS too! See page 9 for how to track your summer reading & activities to win prizes with Beanstack.

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Are you skilled at plumbing, HVAC, electrical issues, painting, etc or just a "handyman in general"? Are you retired or looking to give back to our community? Then we **NEED YOU** and your expertise for some special projects!! We'd love to hear from you.

Interested in joining us?

Call us at 724-695-8150
or send an email to
mcdonalda@einetwork.net.
Looking forward
to your help!

Want to get involved?



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. Among other duties, they raise money to help support the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and volunteer at events throughout the year. The Friends also help grow community partnerships, operate regular book sales, and manage donated materials. But above all, they are a group of volunteers who love books, understand the vital role WACL plays in the community, and want to promote the library's programs and services. Contact wacfriends@gmail.com for more information or visit the library website under "Friends of the Library."

Western Allegheny Historical Society (WAHS)



In 2015, a small group of residents from the West Allegheny community formed a Historical Society to tell a story of our

community's past through pictures, articles, and programs. The group is open for yearly memberships at a cost of \$10 per member. Membership meetings are held four times a year. Email wahistoricalsociety@gmail.com or visit www.wahistoricalsociety.com for more information.

WACL helps move **PA Forward®!**

We are 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 WACL has held since 2017 showcases us as high-quality learning provider, offering programming and services essential for early literacy and life-long learning alike. Want to know more? Ask a librarian or visit PAForward.org for more information on this statewide library initiative!

Dear Library Friend,



In my short time as Director, I have witnessed firsthand just how special Western Allegheny Community Library is to our community. WACL is so much more than a place to pick up books or drop in for a storytime. It's a place where individuals can come to learn and grow. It's a place where friendships are formed and memories are made.

Last year, the staff and board, in collaboration with members of the community, updated our mission, vision, and values, then created a new five-year strategic plan (which can be found on our website). We take our responsibility very seriously, and as our communities continue to grow and change, we want WACL to be not only a place where everyone is welcome, but a place where **everyone feels welcome**. With that in mind, we continue to make meaningful changes to ensure that we are meeting the needs of each resident. Recently, we have



- Adopted a new fine free policy, eliminating overdue fines, which reduces barriers for low-income residents and their children.
- Developed a stronger partnership with Citizen Care, a social service agency that provides services and supports to residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (we do this through our *Libraries Are for Everyone* series and our new and expansive volunteer program).
- Begun offering a weekly *Sensory Storytime* to better support the needs of children who may be overstimulated by our larger storytimes.
- Embraced and welcomed our homeschool community for a weekly *Homeschool Lunch Bunch* where attendees can explore fun activities and enjoy the company of other homeschool families.
- Been intentional in expanding our collection, so that everyone sees themselves among the pages of our books.

Isn't it wonderful that our community has a special place where everyone can go to be seen, heard, and valued!

As a mother and a resident, I know how easy it is to take something that you have always known for granted. WACL has become so much a part of our community and because of that, I believe that many of us sometimes forget that as a non-profit organization WACL needs love, attention, and support.



I am writing to you today to **ask for your help**. As we embark on our Spring Appeal, I respectfully ask you to consider making a **meaningful donation**, to ensure that we are able to continue supporting a community where people feel connected while offering the services and resources you have requested. Your contribution will help support our future goals and vision, all which are connected to our new mission:

"To provide a safe, inclusive, and accessible community-centered library that is free to the public and empowers its residents' personal, educational, and professional growth through our collection, programs, and services".

Thank you,

Amy McDonald
Library Director

P.S. You can make your donation at the library, visit our website at westernalleghenylibrary.org, or scan the convenient QR code at the bottom right of this page.



Attention Readers of All Ages (including adults!)
Track your summer reading and activities
for the chance to win great prizes!



with  **Beanstack**

Register for Beanstack by downloading the
Beanstack Tracker app or going to
waclibrary.beanstack.org.

If registering on the app, choose School, Library, or
Bookstore, and search for Western Allegheny
Community Library (PA). Then tap Sign Up
at the bottom of the screen.

Pre-register for the Summer Challenge May 20.

Questions? Ask Becky at proieb@westernalleghenylibrary.org
or Heather (for Adults) at aumanh@westernalleghenylibrary.org

School Age

Grades 3—5

POTTERY PAINTING FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, June 6, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

Dish out some pottery with The Clay Cafe from Sewickley! Kids will get to paint a dish which will be fired at the Clay Café Studio and returned to the library for later pickup. For children entering grades 3—5. Please register online; limited space.

THE SCIENCE OF BUBBLES

Tuesday, June 13, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Don't burst your bubble! Covestro is treating us to an afternoon of bubble science including bubbles filled with fog, bubbles that measure your lung capacity, and square bubbles. For children entering grades 3—5. Please register online; limited space.

FIELD TRIP TO ASA GYMNASTICS FOR GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, June 20, 12:45—2:00 p.m.

Leap on over to All-Star Athletics & Gymnastics in Robinson for an introductory gymnastics class! Try the beam, swing on the bars, and test out the trampoline. We will meet directly at ASA Gymnastics for an hour long class. For kids entering grades 3—5. Please register online; limited space.

COOKIE DECORATING

Tuesday, June 27, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Give your sweet tooth a reason to smile with some beautiful and delicious cookie creations! L&K Bundt Shop will treat us to some hands-on tips and tricks to being brilliant bakers. Recommended for kids without food allergies. Grades 3—5. Register online; limited space.

ANCIENT EGYPT

Tuesday, July 11, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

Move over, Ahkmenrah! Analyze ancient Egyptian artifacts and tools with museum educators from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. You'll even learn to write your name in hieroglyphics! For children entering grades 3—5. Please register; limited space.

MOSAICS WITH PGH GLASS CENTER

Tuesday, July 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a mosaic with a professional! The Pittsburgh Glass Center will teach us every step of the mosaic process, including glass cutting. Participants will create their own mosaic to take home. For children entering grades 3—5. Please register online; limited space.

LEGO MASTER BUILDERS

Tuesday, July 25, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Calling all master builders! Impress our LEGO host Mr. Dan, Miss Becky, each other, and even yourself by completing different LEGO challenges. Please leave your LEGOs at home, and enjoy our presenter's collection instead. For kids entering grades 3—5. Please register online; limited space.

Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

VOLUNTEERS

We are currently accepting applications for Summer 2023 for teens ages 13—17. Applications received by May 9 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours starting in June; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application on our website under "Youth Services."

TEEN PAINT NIGHT: OCEAN WAVE

Monday, June 5, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun night of painting as we make a masterpiece! Try to match the original piece, or use some creative license and give it your own spin. We will be using Step-By-Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register; limited space.

TEEN MAKER LAB: RAINBOW LOOM FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Monday, June 12, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Friendship bracelets are a timeless tradition that never go out of style! Make a unique rubber band bracelet using a Rainbow Loom to gift to a friend or keep for yourself. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Monday, June 19, 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 time we will be making chicken enchiladas in the Instant Pot! Recommended for teens without food allergies. Grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 26, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

3, 2, 1...Go! Whether you're a Mario Kart pro or just want to join in the fun, try your best to see who's the best! You're encouraged to bring your Nintendo Switch from home to play while waiting for your turn in the tourney. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN PAINT NIGHT:

TINY PAINTINGS

Monday, July 10, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Things are so much cuter when they're tiny! Create a series of paintings on tiny canvases—you choose the theme. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN MAKER LAB: MOSAICS WITH PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER

Monday, July 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

We're bringing the glass studio to the library! Pittsburgh Glass Center will teach every step of the mosaic process, including glass cutting. Then create your own mosaic to take home. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

NAILED IT!

Monday, July 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Show off your dessert decorating dexterity as you try to replicate a masterpiece in our first ever "Nailed It!" challenge. Whether you have tons of experience preparing desserts or have no clue what you're doing, you're sure to have good time! Recommended for teens without food allergies. Grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

FAMILY NIGHT: FIREFLIES AND LIGHTNING BUG WALK

at Raccoon Creek State Park

Thursday, June 8

8:30—9:30 p.m.

Stay up late with us at Raccoon Creek State Park! Learn about how and why fireflies and lightning bugs glow during this short walk as the beetles light the way. Dress for the weather, and bring a red lens flashlight if you have one. Location will be emailed to registrants prior to the program. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: ONCE UPON A TOON

Thursday, June 15

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Once Upon a Toon is the perfect program for looney toons and storytellers! Joe Wos, an award-winning internationally syndicated published cartoonist, draws the stories as he tells them combining the visual arts with oral storytelling tradition. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space. Presented courtesy of WQED Inquire Within, powered by Robinson Chick-fil-a.

FAMILY NIGHT: MARIE EXOTICS REPTILE RESCUE

Thursday, June 22

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Slither your way into this program that might leave you scaling the walls! Marie Exotics Reptile Rescue will offer a hands-on experience with a variety of animals, sharing health, care, and other needs for reptiles, in addition to some fun facts about the different species they bring. Printed photos will be available for \$5 to help support upkeep of this local nonprofit. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: ABC BALLOON TWISTING

Thursday, June 29

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Balloon animals, balloon people, balloon creations galore! ABC Balloon Twisting will wow you with their cart full of balloons and creativity as they make a menagerie of balloon art that you might even get to take home. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space.

TISSUE PAPER SPARKLERS

Saturday, July 1

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Happy birthday, America! Celebrate by making your very own (safety approved!) tissue paper sparklers. Each registered participant will get to make one pair of sparklers with chopsticks donated by Ya Fei. Caregivers are required to stay to assist. For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: TINY TERRARIUMS

Thursday, July 6

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Come make an itsy bitsy, teeny weeny, tiny terrarium with Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse! Create a tiny world inside a clear glass or plastic vessel using nature themed bits and pieces such as faux floral, shells, etc. Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse is a non-profit that inspires creativity, conservation, and community engagement through reuse. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: HEROES ON HAND PUPPET SHOW

Thursday, July 13

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Join forces with puppet superheroes to save the day! The "Heroes on Hand" will need lots of help from the audience during their comic book inspired adventures. This show features three different stories about friendship, citizenship, heroes and villains,

and includes original music (there's even a puppet rap battle!). Heroes on Hand with Adam Swartz Puppets celebrates different ways of helping and cooperating and brings out the hero in children and adults! For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: WISH UPON A BUTTERFLY

Thursday, July 20

5:00—6:00 p.m.

I wish I may, I wish I might, wish upon a butterfly tonight! Wish Upon a Butterfly will bring their butterfly box, so families can hold and feed butterflies after learning about their life cycles, needs, and other fun facts. Stick around 'til the end to help us with a group release of Painted Lady butterflies on the patio! For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: LEGO SET BUILDING

Thursday, July 27

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Relive your childhood with LEGO set building! A local LEGO fan is sharing his collection of LEGO sets for your family to spend the evening building together, hopefully finishing before the library closes! For families of all ages (recommended child age of 6+); caregivers must attend with children. Adult fans also encouraged to attend! Please register online; limited space.

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY WITH THE PITTSBURGH ZOO

Saturday, July 29

(More details TBA)

Complete the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack to be invited to our Summer Reading Finale Party - a visit from The Pittsburgh Zoo! You will ONLY be able to attend if you complete the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack by midnight on Friday, July 28. All completers will be provided more information prior to the event. Happy reading!

Summer Reading **Kickoff** 2023

Saturday, May 20
10:00 a.m.

Registration Opens May 20

Summer program registration opens on **Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.** Set an alarm to head to the Event Calendar on our website and get your kids, teens, and yourself registered for all your favorite summer programs because some of them will fill FAST. And don't be afraid of the waitlist; people cancel all the time!

Look through this newsletter for your preview of programs as nothing will be visible online until registration opens. Please thoroughly read all programming descriptions for age/grade ranges, registration requirements, occasional location changes, and other information. We look forward to spending our summer with you!

Summer Reading Challenge

We're back with **Beanstack**! 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. Choose the challenge for your age group and get reading this summer! Beanstack tracking, just like our summer programming, runs from June 5—July 28, but you can pre-register starting May 20. See our website under "Books & More" for details on how to get started on Beanstack and get ready for summer reading!

Storytimes & More

Storytimes run June 5—July 28

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

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

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then make a new friend in our Play Room, and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years with a caregiver. Please register online only once for the whole season by registering for either day. Note: No storytime on June 20, July 4, or July 18.

SENSORY FRIENDLY STORYTIME

Fridays, 10:30—11:15 a.m.

This dynamic and interactive experience is for kiddos with sensory processing difficulties, autism, or other developmental differences. The design of the program allows children to participate at their own level with activities that strive to meet their sensory needs. Songs, movement, and stories will be followed by open exploration activities that promote socialization, motor skills, and more! Best for children requiring an inclusive storytime experience and their caregivers. Please register online; limited space.

HATCH THE CHICKEN

May 3—June 7

We're EGGstatic to be hosting chicken eggs this year! View the eggs in their incubator starting May 3, watch them hatch around May 24, and help the library care for the chicks until they go to live with other new peeps on June 7. Follow our @WaclKidsAndTeens Facebook page for updates. Thank you to our Friends of the Library for sponsoring this experience! Chicks provided by Rent The Chicken.

STORY STROLL @ 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 at Rainbow's End for a story stroll all around Clinton Park, then check out a picture book from a limited selection. Best for families with young children. Please register online only once for the whole season. Note: No Story Stroll on July 3.

STORY STROLL @ Donaldson Park

Thursdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Our Story Stroll at Donaldson Park is a great way to let your kiddos burn off some energy, get some steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! Meet us promptly at 9:30 to walk the loop as we enjoy the weekly story, then check out a picture book from a limited selection. Best for families with young children. Please register online only once for the whole season.

Summer Reading returns June 5—July 28, 2023



WACL is once again participating in Beanstack Summer Reading with the special theme "All Together Now"!

Visit our website for the link to Beanstack to record your **reading**, complete **challenges**, & earn **rewards**, including chances to win prizes! Pre-register starting May 20.

School Age

Grades K—2

POTTERY PAINTING FOR GRADES K-2

Monday, June 5, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

The Clay Café in Sewickley is coming to host an afternoon of pottery painting! Kids will get to paint a dish which will be fired at the Clay Café Studio and returned to the library for later pickup. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

ANIMAL TALES

Wednesday, June 7, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

Meet some of the animal ambassadors from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History! Learn about their habitats and adaptations, and what we as people can do to protect their wild relatives. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

FIELD TRIP TO ASA GYMNASTICS

Monday, June 12, 3:45—5:00 p.m.

Roll on over with us to All-Star Athletics & Gymnastics in Robinson for an introductory gymnastics class! Try the beam, swing on the bars, and test out the trampoline. We will meet directly at ASA Gymnastics for an hour long class. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

THINGS WITH WINGS

Wednesday, June 14, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

What are wings, and who has them? Are all wings the same? Children will explore the flight of birds, bats, and bugs, and even use dramatic play to recreate the flight patterns of these amazing things with wings! Presented by Allegheny Land Trust. For grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

KINDNESS ROCKS

Monday, June 19, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Kindness is contagious! Spread kindness by painting a few rocks to hide out in the community for someone else to find or hand it to a friend, family member, or neighbor in need of a smile. For children entering grades K—2 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

INTRO TO KARATE

Wednesday, June 21, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Karate's not all "hi-yah"s and hand chops! Participate in an introductory class hosted by Black Hawk Martial Arts here at the library. If you're brave enough, you might even get to break a board! For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

LIVING IN SPACE

Monday, June 26, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Mad Science will be hosting an afternoon of outer space investigation! Children will see the special adaptations needed to live in space, learn about mission training techniques, and participate in the construction of a model space station. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

MAKE A SNOW GLOBE

Wednesday, June 28

1:00—1:45 p.m.

Get crafty, and make your very own snow globe! We will provide all materials; just bring your own brilliant ideas. For children entering grades K—2 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

MUSIKGARTEN WITH THE PITTSBURGH MUSIC ACADEMY

Wednesday, July 5

1:00—1:45 p.m.

Music enthusiasts will love this music and movement class hosted by The Pittsburgh Music Academy here at the library. There will be singing, movement, and percussion instrument playing! For children entering grades K—2. Register online; limited space.

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY

Monday, July 10

4:00—4:45 p.m.

What size were dinosaurs? What did they eat? Did they really roar? Become a paleontologist to reveal more about these Mesozoic marvels in this interactive investigation presented by the Carnegie Science Center! For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

WHERE'S THE AIR?

Wednesday, July 12

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Mad Science will amaze you with the power of air around us! Use a vortex generator, watch an aluminum can implode, and make your own paper helicopter to take home. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.

PAINT YOUR OWN BIRDHOUSE

Monday, July 17, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Bring the birds to your own backyard! Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your favorite adult, painting and piecing together a birdhouse to take home. For children entering grades K—2 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

GAME-ON! WITH STRETCH-N-GROW

Wednesday, July 19

1:00—1:45 p.m.

Bring board games to life with this adventure themed movement class hosted by Stretch-N-Grow. From Candyland to Monopoly, this non-stop action class will incorporate endurance, strength, flexibility, motor-skills development, and FUN! For children entering K—2. Please register online; limited space.

STEPPING STONES WITH THE PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER

Monday, July 24, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Step into the glass arts with Pittsburgh Glass Center! Learn how to make mosaics and create a lovely stepping stone for your garden with professional glass artists. For children entering grades K—2; limited space.

LEGO CHALLENGES FOR GRADES K—2

Wednesday, July 26

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Everything is awesome with LEGO! Tackle building challenges, and show off your skills. Please leave your LEGOs at home and enjoy our presenter's collection instead. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space.