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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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**THANK YOU!**  
**GIVINGTUESDAY | NOW**

## Thanks to YOU

#GivingTuesdayNow  
was a great success!

We can't say it enough: thank you, thank you, thank you! You made our #GivingTuesdayNow campaign a success and helped your library continue to serve your community in this difficult time.

**Did you miss the date?** Well we have good news!

#GivingTuesdayNow may be over, but it's not too late to donate. The campaign continues through **May 26** to maximize your impact with a **double match** by the #GivingTuesdayNow initiative and our community partners.

If you aren't able to contribute (or if you already have!) consider **spreading the word** with family and friends. We have simple social sharing buttons on our donation page to help spread the word.

Go to [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) and click "Donate Now" to navigate to the #GivingTuesdayNow match page & share the love!

Thank you in advance for your help during this time of crisis. It's support from you that is key to rebuilding our community. And for that, we at WACL are truly thankful!

## Summer Reading returns!

Yes, we ARE having a Summer Reading Program! Our virtual Kickoff will air on Facebook with a special preview on May 17; registration opens at 2:00 p.m. See below for details & check inside this newsletter for programs you want to sign up for. Plus, new this year you can track your reading online with Beanstack! Record your minutes, complete reading & activity challenges, earn online badges, and be rewarded with raffle tickets for the chance to win great prizes—for all ages! More information coming soon, but it all starts June 1.

## Summer Reading Kickoff

Sunday, May 17

11:00 a.m. teaser video on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/waclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/waclibrary)

Join Becky, Amelia, and Gee to learn about the fun programs  
we'll be offering on Facebook and Zoom in June and July!

2:00 p.m. registration opens  
[www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org)

Click on the event you want to register for  
on the events calendar, and type fast! Summer programs  
that require registration often fill up quickly.



# A very special thank you to our **community partners.**

We wish to extend a very special **THANK YOU** to these local businesses and other community partners for contributing to the **#GivingTuesdayNow donation match!** They have demonstrated that they understand the value Western Allegheny Community Library brings to the our community and realize the impact we will have on families during the coming months.



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## Tech Talk: Flip over Flipster!

Popular magazine titles are available for checkout and download for **FREE** with no wait lists and no limit to the number of issues. Magazines can be also be downloaded to the Flipster app and read offline on the go.

**PC OR MAC:** 1. Follow the link from our website under eBooks & More.  
2. Log in with your library card number.

**MOBILE DEVICE:** 1. Download "Flipster" from your device's app store.  
2. Search for your library and log in with your library card number.

See Flipster's "Help" page for more information. You can also email us for assistance accessing this or any online resource, or request a one-on-one virtual appointment with our tech librarian!

## Library News

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### LIBRARY HOURS:

*Library hours and available services to be determined. Please check our website for updates on services and when the building will reopen.*

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# Library News

Have you heard the word?

## Our app never takes a day off.

Whether or not the doors are closed, your library is always OPEN...through our mobile app that is! The Western Allegheny Community Library app, available free for Android or iOS, is one-stop-shopping for all the library has to offer.

Check your online account, send us a message, or download an eBook—all with one convenient tap on your mobile device. Search for "WACL Mobile" in your Apple or Google Play appstore to download today!

## Your eLibrary never closes.

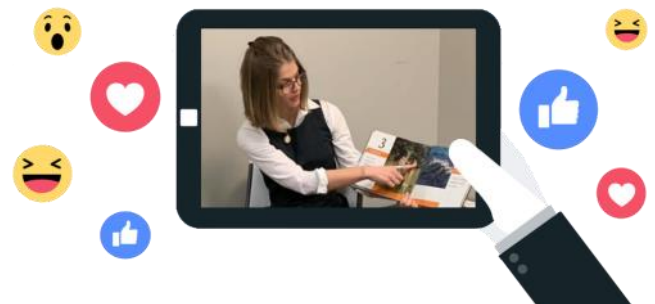
Stuck at home & going a little stir-crazy? Well lucky for you, your eLibrary is open 24/7! Visit Overdrive and download some eBooks to catch up on your reading list. Make it a family movie night with Hoopla. Or get some help with your kids' take-home work through our online databases. You don't have to step foot out of the house - let your eLibrary come to you!

## Follow us on Facebook.

Our staff is hard at work putting together and sharing some "fun things to do" while you're stuck at home. Follow our Facebook page @waclibrary for these and other up-to-the-minute alerts from your library. We'll stay connected by Facebook until face to face is safe!

## We're going LIVE!

Do you wish you could still come to our storytimes? Need some tips about accessing our resources remotely? Or do you just miss all our smiling faces? (We sure miss yours!) Well now we're bringing the programs to YOU. Follow us on Facebook @waclibrary for virtual visits, streaming storytimes, and tech talk, all brought to you through WACL Live! Visit our website to see the events schedule and be sure to follow us on Facebook to get alerts about when we're going live.



## You've got **questions**...we've got **answers!**

### These changing times have brought up a lot of **FAQs**. Here are the big ticket questions with answers to match!

#### *I got an email that my item/s was due! What should I do?*

We don't say this EVER...but ignore it! Due dates will automatically be extended during this time and NO fines will be accrued. Our book drop is also closed, so please continue to enjoy the items you have already borrowed and return them when we reopen.

#### *Can I place something on hold during the closure? What happens to my existing holds?*

The ability to place holds for physical items in our online catalog has been temporarily disabled. However, any holds you already had placed have been frozen. When we reopen, they will be fulfilled in the order they were originally received, so you won't lose your place in line! You can also add items to a list in your account, which you can use to request items once we reopen.

#### *Can I get a library card during the closure?*

Yes, you can apply for a library card in our online catalog. It's instantly approved & gives you access to all our online resources.

#### *What if my library card is expired?*

Expiring library cards should automatically be extended through the end of the year. If yours was already expired or you have some other issue, email us at [westallegheny@einetnetwork.net](mailto:westallegheny@einetnetwork.net).

#### *How do I access eBooks and other online resources?*

Head on over to our eResources page for your online library, including things we've made available for you specially during this time! It's open 24/7 and all accessible from home with your library card.

#### *When will you reopen?*

As Allegheny County moves to "Yellow" status, we will be opening in phases in order to ensure the safety of our staff and community and remain in compliance with state and county regulations. Keep checking our website or follow us on Facebook for up-to-the-minute updates on hours and available services. We'll let you know as soon as we know! Also, please note that due to ongoing social distancing requirements, summer programming will continue as virtual only.

**Don't see your question? Email [westallegheny@einetnetwork.net](mailto:westallegheny@einetnetwork.net) and we'll get back to you within 24 hours!**



# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## NANCY'S KNOWLEDGE

**Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.**

What was the last book you read? Looking for a book that's similar? Or have you read all the books by your favorite author and want a similar title to try? Join Nancy, our resident Reader's Advisory expert, on Facebook for some advice. Leave a message in the comments section and she'll reply with ideas for your next great read!

## JACKBOX GAME NIGHTS

**Last Saturdays**

**8:00 p.m.**

Join us for some adult fun with JackBox Games. You'll need a device to Zoom and every player in the house will need their own touchscreen device to play along. Send Amy an email at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) to register and get the Zoom link.

## MAKE THE ULTIMATE DIY

### SINK SCRUB

**Tuesday, June 2**

**7:00 p.m.**

Do you build your arm muscles by scrubbing your sinks and tubs? Visit our Facebook page to see a quick demonstration of how to make your own amazing sink scrub. You'll never have to waste time scrubbing again. Best part, the main ingredient is likely in your cupboard right now! Interact live in the comments section with our presenter, Kelly Pettit of Drop by Drop Essential Oil Learning Lab.

## REOPENING THE WORLD

### OF TRAVEL

**Tuesday, June 9**

**7:00 p.m.**

Are you ready to get away? Join us on our Facebook page to learn about what is opening up and when in the world of travel! Get all your travel questions answered by Rusty Pettit from Cruise Planners in the comments section.

## BIG IDEAS FOR SMALL SPACES

**Friday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Do you have a small space in your home that you'd like to transform? Maybe you need an office or a playroom, or just a little extra storage. Then this program is for you! Please email Amy at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) to get the Zoom meeting link. Presented by Linda Long of Long Awaited Designs.

## INSTANT POT 101

**Monday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.**

The instant pot craze is in full swing...are you in? If you haven't yet tried it out, or aren't sure if you want to invest in one, get the run-down with a self-proclaimed instant pot fanatic! During this virtual Zoom event, we'll cover how to (and how NOT to) do the instant pot thing, share some tips and tricks, and look at some basic tools of the trade.

## AIR FRYER 101

**Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.**

It's faster - it's healthier - it's air frying! If you haven't yet tried it out, or aren't sure if you want to invest in one, get the basics of air frying in this fun (and delicious) program! For this virtual Zoom event, we'll cover the how-to's of air frying, share some tips and tricks, and look at some basic tools of the trade.

# Computer Classes

## TECH HELP WITH HEATHER

Need help accessing our online resources? Having trouble with a specific software or mobile device? We're bringing the tech help to YOU via Zoom video chat! Fill out the form on our website under "Tech Tutoring" to request a one-on-one virtual appointment with our tech librarian, Heather Auman.

## TECH TALK

**Fridays, 12:00 p.m.**

Join us each week on Facebook Live for Tech Talk with Heather! We'll go step-by-step through some online resources & other technology topics to help you access your library from home. Heather will be on hand to answer your questions during the livestream; you can access the uploaded videos later.

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Monday, June 15, 6:00 p.m.**

Can you really live without cable? You can... and maybe you should! For this virtual event, we'll learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials. Heather Auman will be on hand to answer your questions during this Zoom event. Please register online to receive the Zoom link.

## EXTREME E-COUPONING

**Monday, June 29, 6:00 p.m.**

Are you still clipping coupons to save money? Why not ditch the scissors and hit the apps instead! Tune in to Facebook Live as we 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. Heather Auman will be on hand to answer your questions during the livestream; you can also access the uploaded video later.

# Book Clubs

## BOOKWORMS VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

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

Bookworms goes virtual! Our monthly adult book club featuring a wide variety of fiction titles. Check our website for each month's chosen title. Also, if you are a new member, email Amy at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) to get the Zoom meeting link.

## WE BE BOOK'N VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

**3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.**

Each month, we'll choose a title to read together, then we'll gather in a virtual Zoom meeting to share our thoughts on the book. Instead of going out to dinner, we encourage everyone to cook themselves something delicious and pour their favorite beverage! Email Amy at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) for the Zoom meeting link so you can join in. Check our online calendar for each month's book choice.

# Middle Grade & Teen

Please register online for all programs.

## GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

**Mondays, 4:00—5:00 p.m.**

Whether you've picked up *Guts* for the first time or have read every collection of *Bone*, graphic novel fans will gather together to chat about new novels & old favorites. Gee will contact you about acquiring each week's book. For teens going into grades 5—9. Please register online for this weekly book club; must not miss more than two meetings.

## TEEN R.E.A.L. WRITER WORKSHOP:

**Reading. Empowering. Achieving. Learning.**

**Tuesdays, 4:00—5:30 p.m.**

If you love creative writing, this workshop is for you! Join us on Zoom to talk about all things writing—from outlining to starting your first draft to developing compelling characters. By the end of the workshop, you'll have a completed first chapter of your book and a finished outline of your story. Presented by a teen writer just like you for grades 6—8. Please register.

## ADULTING 101: BUDGETING

**Wednesday, June 3, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Are you excited about making money? Join us on Zoom to learn how to budget and manage your spending so you don't blow it all at once. Adulthood 101 is aligned to PA's Career Education and Work Standards; participation can be used as evidence for your career portfolio. For grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN MAKE 'N BAKE

**Monday—Tuesday, June 8—9**

**1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Who needs an oven when you have a microwave?! Prior to the program, Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials, then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own tasty treats. For teens going into grades 6—12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register online; must be able to attend both days.

## TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT

**June 10 & July 8, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Are you a teen musician or poet looking for a chance to perform? Sign up for a 3-minute slot to show off your special skill with other talented teens on Zoom. Further requirements will be emailed to you by Amelia after you register. For teens going into grades 9—12. Please register.

## DIY DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM

**Monday—Thursday, June 15—18**

**1:30—3:00 p.m.**

Using Breakout EDU's online platform, create a digital escape room to share with the whole WACL community! It's up to you to write a storyline, choose the locks, and design the clues. For teens going into grades 5—9. Please register online; limited space.

## ALERT 360 SELF-DEFENSE

**Wednesday, June 17, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Learn practical hand to hand combat training that takes the ideas and uses of traditional self-defense to a new level. Taught by a former US Army Special Forces Operator, this class will teach you not only how to protect yourself, but also how to become connected to situational awareness and set your mindset to never be a victim! Valued at \$80, we're offering it to you for free on Zoom! Great for students heading off to college but appropriate for ages 16—25. Please register online; limited space. Generously donated by Black Hawk Martial Arts, LLC.

## TEEN RETRO NIGHT

**Wednesday, June 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Get ready for a blast from the past as we party celebrating all things retro! Retro attire is encouraged, and the party will take place on Zoom. For grades 6—12. Please register.

## MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME FOR TEENS

**Tuesday, June 30, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Who said slime couldn't be for teens? Make your very own ooey gooey slime with special scents and glitter, if you wish! Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the Zoom program. For grades 5—9. Please register online; limited space.

## ADULTING 101: CAR MAINTENANCE

**Wednesday, July 1, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Adulthood doesn't come with instructions, but we'll help guide the way! Learn the basics of maintaining a car from T. J.'s Auto, Truck, & Trailer Repair through Zoom. Adulthood 101 is aligned to PA's Career Education and Work Standards; participation can be used as evidence for your career portfolio. Grades 6—12. Please register.

## GREAT LEGO BUILDING CHALLENGE

**July 6—8, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Compete in different LEGO challenges on Zoom to see who is truly a master builder! Becky will contact you about materials prior to the program. Gr. 5—8. Please register.

## TEEN EMBROIDER NIGHT

**Wednesday, July 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Have you ever wanted to try embroidery? Maybe you are already a pro & want to show off your skills! Learn the basics & embroider something at home on Zoom. Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program. Grades 6—12. Please register.

## LET'S PAINT for Grades 7—12

**Wednesday, July 22, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Easel your way into painting by using a variety of materials to create your own painting masterpiece! Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program on Zoom. For grades 7—12. Please register.

## TRIWIZARD GAMES

**July 27—29, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

We cordially welcome you to the WACL Triwizard Games! Teens will be split up into groups for 3 days of magic, mayhem, & fun on Zoom. Gee will contact you about materials. Grades 5—9. Please register.

## WIRE BOOKMARKS

**Wednesday, July 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Read in style with your own wire bookmark! Julie of Wire Creations by Jules will talk you through manipulating wire to decorate with flair. Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program on Zoom. Grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.





## WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Dear Library Friend,

May 1, 2020

No one could have imagined what 2020 would bring. These are unprecedented times and certainly your library being closed is not the worst thing happening in the world right now, but for us it is devastating. We want to be open. **We want to help you—** that's what we do!

The staff is working hard, **bringing the library to you**, our community. You've been joining us in family challenges, attending virtual storytimes, and accessing the many resources available through your eLibrary. Connections are being made through our website, email, Facebook, and video chat. Students learning remotely and small business owners working hard to provide for their employees are all taking advantage of the many library services still available. It has been awesome! Together, through all of this, we have found out something amazing: the library doesn't consist of four walls and a roof. It's not even a collection of materials to check out. Western Allegheny Community Library is YOU - the people in our community.



While there is not a set date for reopening the building, when it does open, the need for library services will be great. Neighbors will need help finding jobs. Moms and dads will need help applying for unemployment and accessing social services. Families will need a safe place to gather, to play, and to re-connect. Just like we are still here for you now, **we will still be here for you** when we open and **we will get through this together!**

You will still be able to participate in the Summer Learning Program. Whether virtual or in person, the plan is to launch a fantastic new lineup of programming for all ages, including some creative ideas to make sure everyone has access, even those without technology. But truthfully, we might not be able to do it all, not without your help.

The reality is that **your library's funding is currently at risk**. At this time, the projections indicate a significant loss in anticipated revenue, nearly 16% of the budget, or \$80,000. While WACL is lucky to have supportive funders, many of them simply aren't receiving the revenue *they* anticipated. In addition, fundraisers have been canceled, there has been a loss of income from room rentals...and the list goes on. You know we don't normally share concerns like this with you, but **these are desperate times**.

There is a widespread recognition of the urgent needs of nonprofits at this time. #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that usually falls in December, has been renamed **#GivingTuesdayNOW** and moved to May 5. That's why you're receiving this letter now, as there is an exciting opportunity to maximize your gift through a **prorated match** provided through the #GivingTuesdayNow initiative and further **double matched** by local partners who have stepped up to support your library. A special thank you to Conti Law, Chartwell PA, the Kosis Family, Moody Funeral Home, and West Hills Law, LLC, who made this possible!

If you are facing troubles of your own, we understand. Let us know what you need, and wait for another day to show your support. But if you can, **please make your gift now** to provide immediate access to programming and services, as well as ensure your library's future in your community. Won't you consider making an emergency gift of just \$25?

As a community, we are all coming together and getting through this crisis, and for that we can't thank you enough! Now let's keep moving forward. **#WeAreStillHereForYou**

Thank you, always, for your support.

Heather Auman  
Head of Library Services



# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## ROLLIN' & STROLLIN'

**Tuesdays, June 2—July 28**

**9:30—10:00 a.m.**

While we may not be able to head to Clinton Park yet (but we'll let you know when that changes!), we can still enjoy some fresh air and a story. Join Miss Gee on Facebook Live for an outdoor storytime that we encourage you to watch outdoors, too. Then she'll issue a fun family challenge. Complete it and post a picture in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket! Best for families of all ages. No registration.

## FAMILY BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

**Wednesday, June 3**

**1:30—1:40 p.m.**

Gather for some inspiration, then go play board games with the family! Miss Amelia will share some suggestions on Facebook Live of apps and how to play at home. Share your family pictures in the comments for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. Best for families of all ages. No registration required.

## MADELINE READS MADELINE

**Saturday, June 6**

**11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Madeline visits from Paris, France to read us her story on Facebook Live! Draw or build something inspired by the story and share in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For children of all ages. No registration required.

## PLAY DAY

**Wednesday, June 10**

**1:30—1:40 p.m.**

Miss Amelia will pump your family up for an afternoon of play! Join her on Facebook Live to get your play challenges to do at home, then share your pictures in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For families of all ages. No registration required.

## Virtual Storytimes

Storytimes run June 1—July 31.

Please check our online calendar for specific dates.

### BABY RHYME TIME

**Wednesdays**

**9:30—9:50 a.m.**

**Birth—18 months**

Calling all babies to bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Miss Becky will share 15 minutes of rapid fire rhymes and a quick story on Facebook Live. Best for babies ages birth—18 months. No registration required.

### 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 with Miss Becky on Facebook Live! The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years. No registration required.

## ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE READ

**ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE**

**Saturday, June 13**

**11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Harold & Piggie are teaming up to share their favorite Elephant and Piggie books with you on Facebook Live! Complete their special challenge after the stories for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For children of all ages. No registration required.

## ARTHUR READS ARTHUR

**Saturday, June 27**

**11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Having fun isn't hard, when you've got a library card! Join Arthur on Facebook Live to hear him read one of his favorite stories. Complete his challenge for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket! For children of all ages. No registration required.

## SENSE-A-STORYTIME

**Thursdays**

**10:30—11:00 a.m.**

Explore your home using your senses! Miss Amelia will see you on Facebook Live to encourage you to see, touch, smell, and hear what's around you at home. Best for ages 3—5. No registration required.

## PLAY K

**Mondays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.**

**OR Thursdays, 1:30—2:00 p.m.**

**Entering Kindergarten**

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2020 and will help your child prepare to enter their classroom. Join Miss Amelia and other Play K friends on Zoom to further support the development of kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child kindergarten ready! Please register online; must not miss more than two days of the program. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program powered by Chick-Fil-A Robinson.

## SENSORY PLAY DAY

**Wednesday, July 1, 1:30—1:40 p.m.**

Encourage your child to explore the world through their senses! Join Miss Amelia on Facebook Live to get your sensory play challenges to do at home, then share your pictures in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For families of all ages. No registration required.

## RUDOLPH READS RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

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

Ho ho ho! It's Christmas in July! Rudolph and friends will share a special reading of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on Facebook Live. Tell us what you love about the holiday season (no matter what you celebrate!) in the comments for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For children of all ages. No registration required.



## **SHAKE IT OFF DANCE PARTY**

**Wednesday, July 15, 1:30—1:40 p.m.**

Show us your moves, and shake it off to your favorite songs at our dance party! Join Miss Amelia on Facebook Live to get the Hoopla album to listen to for your dance party. Post a video of you doing your signature dance move in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For families of all ages. No registration required.

## **ELOISE READS ELOISE**

**Saturday, July 18, 11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Miss Eloise is here all the way from the tippy top of the Plaza Hotel in New York City to share one of her adventures with you on Facebook Live! Share a picture of yourself in the comments completing the mischievous challenge she'll set after the story for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For children of all ages. No registration.

## **INDOOR CAMPOUT**

**Wednesday, July 22, 1:30—1:40 p.m.**

Camping outside is great, but have you ever tried camping indoors? Join Miss Amelia on Facebook Live to get your Indoor Campout challenges to do at home, then share your pictures in the comments section for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For families of all ages. No registration.

## **STUFF-A-PLUSH**

**Wednesday, July 29, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Create your very own special, fluffy friend! Join us on Zoom to stuff, design, and paint a stuffed animal using a variety of materials. Must have a hot glue gun. Miss Amelia will contact you about additional materials prior to the program. For ages 4—10. Please register.

## **MEET MR. MCSLITHERS**

**With Allegheny County Parks**

**Thursday, July 30, 6:00—6:30 p.m.**

Meet Allegheny County Parks' Educational Animal, an Eastern Black Rat Snake named Mr. McSlithers, on Zoom! Learn about the different kinds of snakes that live in our area, where they live, what they eat, and their unique adaptations. Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

# **School Age Programs**

## **PAWS FOR READING**

**Thursdays, June 4—July 30**

**3:00—5:00 p.m.**

Boost your reading skills with a furry friend! Ozzy, a certified therapy dog, is an excellent listener & calming force—even when he's social distancing on Zoom! Best for school age children. Please register online for one half-hour time slot.

## **LET'S PAINT**

**Grades 1—3: Monday—Tuesday,  
June 1—2, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 4—6: Monday—Tuesday,  
July 27—28, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Ready, set, Van Gogh! Join Miss Amelia on Zoom, and create your very own painting masterpiece using a variety of colors and materials. Miss Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program. Please register online; must be able to attend both days.

## **DOLL CARE 101**

**June 1—2, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**OR June 22—23 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Learn how to care for your favorite doll in this two-day online Zoom camp! With a focus on American Girl dolls (though all brands are welcome!), Miss Gee will share tips on cleaning your doll, keeping their clothes in tip-top shape, and even some hair styling secrets. For grades 2—6. Please register online; must be able to attend both days.

## **KNITTING FOR KNEWBIES**

**Monday—Wednesday, June 15—17  
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Whether you've picked up needles before or have never seen them in your life, we're here to teach you the basics in the creative art of knitting! Miss Gee will contact you about materials prior to the program. One project per child registrant over the three-day camp. For students going into grades 2—6. Please register online on first calendar day; must be able to attend all three days.

## **ALICE READS ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

**Saturday, June 20, 11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Go down the rabbit hole with Alice as she reads Alice in Wonderland on Facebook Live! Share a picture of you completing the challenge she'll bestow at the end of her story for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For all ages. No registration required.

**MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME: School Age  
Monday, June 29, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Rise and slime! Make your very own ooey gooeey slime with special scents and glitter, if you wish! Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the Zoom program. For grades 1—4. Please register online.

## **ENCHANTED ENGINEERING**

**Monday—Wednesday, July 6—8  
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Explore the magic of engineering with three classic fairy tales on Zoom. From building a better (and more wolf-proof) home for the Three Little Pigs to trapping the Gingerbread Man, kids will learn how to identify problems and design a solution with tricks used every day by real engineers. Miss Gee will contact you about materials prior to the program. For kids going into grades 2—5. Please register.

## **MIX 'N ART**

**Grades 1—3: Monday—Tuesday,  
July 13—14, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

**Grades 4—6: Monday—Tuesday,  
July 20—21, 1:30—2:30 p.m.**

Unleash your creativity and make your very own masterpiece using a variety of materials & art techniques! Miss Amelia will contact about materials prior to the Zoom program. Please register; must be able to attend both days.

## **HARRY POTTER READS**

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**Saturday, July 25, 11:00—11:30 a.m.**

Harry Potter reads from the Harry Potter series for a spellbinding morning on Facebook Live! Share what spell you wish worked in the muggle world for the chance to win a Summer Reading raffle ticket. For witches and wizards of all ages. No registration required.