

## Sponsor Highlight: Conti Law

**Western Allegheny Community Library wishes to extend their gratitude to Conti Law for their presenting sponsorship of our 2021 "Fall for Your Library" Event, and their commitment to a returning sponsorship in 2022! Read below for a feature article highlighting their services.**

*Whoa ... it costs a lot to die.*

One of the first calls a family usually makes after a loved one passes is to their attorney, at which point we begin to explain the process of settling the estate. And the response is unanimous - it costs how much?!?

The passing of a loved one is hard enough without having to worry about the settlement of their estate. We would rather family members rejoice in the memory of their loved one than struggle with locating documents, fumbling through files, or dealing with family turmoil.

Settling an estate is time consuming and can be very complicated. The executor is a fiduciary under the law who must act in the best interest of the estate and who owes the utmost care while acting. Without a professional walking them through the process, there is not only the stress of missing a key step but, more importantly, paying more than what is legally required.

As estate and tax professionals, we assist our clients with all the necessary administrative steps and tax returns helping them reduce their stress and the applicable tax due with our expertise.

What costs are permitted deductions? Which creditors get paid before others? Does an executor pay tax on their commission? All of these are factors in reducing the tax owed by the estate. And if we are proactive, the estate may receive an additional five percent discount if the return is filed within a timely manner.

The proper plan can allow those family members time to grieve and reduce the likelihood that family relationships will be fractured due to procrastination. Contact us today to help you develop your estate plan or administer your loved one's estate. Conti Law – Specializing in Estate Planning, Estate and Trust Administration, Guardianships, Elder Law, Special Needs & Tax Planning. Visit their website at [contilawpgh.com](http://contilawpgh.com).

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## VITA Tax Service 2022 Tax Season

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers will once again be at the library to complete tax forms for senior citizens and qualified tax payers earning less than \$75,000 on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from February 1—April 11. This service is free but by appointment only. NO walk-ins will be taken.

**Appointments will be taken starting January 10.** Interested residents should call the library front desk at 724-695-8150 option 1 to schedule an appointment. Please call early to be assured of obtaining an appointment.

The library will have standard Federal tax forms and instructions available estimated January 31. Other Federal tax forms may be obtained from the IRS website ([irs.gov](http://irs.gov)) or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

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/PIT](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/PIT) or by calling 1-888-PATAXES or 1-717-787-8201.

## Tech Talk: Hoopla about Hoopla!

### So what's all this Hoopla about?

Hoopla allows you to access music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone—and even your TV! There's no waiting—all Hoopla items can be checked out immediately with no requests or wait lists, and never any late fees!

### How do I sign up?

**PC OR MAC:** Go to [HooplaDigital.com](http://HooplaDigital.com) and search for your library to create an account. Start streaming immediately.

**MOBILE DEVICE:** Download "Hoopla Digital" from your device's App Store. Create an account with your library to access items for download and offline use.

### What if I need some help?

See the "Hoopla Help" page for more information. You can also ask at the library front desk for assistance accessing this or any online resource, or request a one-on-one appointment with our tech librarian!





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# News

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## What's in your wallet? **RAD Pass!**



**Have a library card? Then you already have a RAD Pass!**

RAD Pass is your ticket to culture in the city, connecting library cardholders to the region's vast array of cultural assets. This new online ticket lending system invites Allegheny County library users ages 18 & up to access free or discounted tickets to our region's attractions, including Pittsburgh area museums, theaters, the symphony, and so much more!

Visit **RADPass.org** for participating organizations & more information.

*Need a library card? Ask at the front desk today!*

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

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## NEW HOURS

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: CLOSED

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## Winter Reading Challenge

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We've used Beanstack for the past couple of summers to track your reading and activities, and we're back with that again for a special **Winter Challenge!** Using the Beanstack app or logging in at the Beanstack website, you can log your reading and other fun winter activities to earn virtual tickets for the chance to win great prizes!

**What is Beanstack?** Beanstack is a website and app for you to track your reading and activities, sometimes for the chance to win prizes!

**Why should I register with Beanstack?** Because it's fun! Enjoy completing reading challenges, participating in fun activities, and even adding your friends' and family's share codes to make it a larger battle. Plus, our Winter Reading Challenge provides you with the chance to win a gift card generously provided by our Friends group. More questions? Contact Becky at [proieb@einetwork.net](mailto:proieb@einetwork.net) or 724-695-8150 x3.

**How do I find it?** Go to [waclibrary.beanstack.org](http://waclibrary.beanstack.org) or search for the "Beanstack Tracker" app in your device's app store. 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.

**What if I used Beanstack with WACL in 2020-2021 through the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh?** You DO need to create a new account specifically for Western Allegheny Community Library in order to participate in our library's challenges. You're welcome to keep your CLP account as well and toggle between the two libraries, but you do need a separate registration for WACL.

**Will more challenges be available in the future?** You bet! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a spring reading challenge, and other special challenges are on the horizon. On the app, new challenges can be found by tapping on "Discover" at the bottom of your screen. Happy Reading!

# Event Highlights

See details & sign up on our website.

## DONUTS WITH THE DOC

**Tuesday, January 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Come join local physical therapist Matt Graham from NovaCare Rehabilitation for a chat and bring any questions you may have about personal injuries, balance, exercise, or how physical therapy can benefit you. Free injury screening will be offered along with light refreshments

## WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING

**Tuesday, March 1, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

One of our most popular programs will be returning just in time for Easter! Join us for a fun, Tasty Tuesday with Borelli Cellars and My Favorite Sweet Shoppe. They will expertly pair five wines and five chocolate sweets that will satisfy everyone's palate. \$20 per person; register & pay online.

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, March 2**

Looking for something for the whole family to do while waiting for spring? Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

## CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

**Sat., March 12, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

A presenter from CCAC is coming to the library to present an American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid certification class. This 4-hour class is for adults age 18 & up and is offered at a special discounted price of \$25 per person. Participants will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years.

## HONEYBEES 101

**Sat., March 26, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 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. Other interesting topics will include bee health issues, the interesting values of bee stings, and of course HONEY!

## SOLDIERS & SAILORS

**Monday, April 4, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum will compare and contrast the lives of U.S. Soldiers during the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. They will discuss the soldier's equipment and experiences, bringing with them a footlocker containing artifacts from the museum's collection including documents and photos that can be handled and passed around by the audience.

## HOMESCHOOLING 101

**Tuesday, April 19, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Have you been wondering about homeschooling and what it entails? Perhaps you weren't sure if it would be the right fit for your family? If so, join us for a brief overview, including how to get started, meet state requirements, gather resources, and find support. Afterwards, our parent/homeschool teacher (of 16 years) and presenter will host an informal Q&A session and try to answer all your questions.

## SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Get some Spring shopping done and support your library! A number of vendors will be featured, PLUS a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, accessories, & gifts. Attention vendors - sign up to be part of our popular event! \$20 per table plus an item for our raffle. See details & sign up on our website.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

This spring—give the gift of life! Vitalant (previously Central Blood Bank) is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Check our website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

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

**Thursday—Saturday, April 28—30**

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

(\$10 Early Bird fee 9:00—10:00 a.m.)

**Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

(1/2 price sale 12:00—2:00 p.m.)

**\$10 per bag or individually priced:**

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

Also includes bake sale & raffle baskets. Accepts cash or credit.

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

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

## We are accepting donations!

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Donations may be dropped off inside the library during open hours.

Please note we can NOT accept any of the following: VHS, cassettes, LPs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, reference books, National Geographic, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines over two years old, or anything significantly damaged, soiled, or moldy. Thank you for your support!



# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## WE MADE IT WEDNESDAYS

**1st Wednesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

**January:** Fabric Plates

**February:** Heart Painting

**March:** Pom Pom Garland

**April:** Rock Photo Holder

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

## ESTATE PLANNING SERIES

**Presented by Conti Law**

**Thursdays, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**January 27:** Estate Planning 101

**February 24:** Special Needs Planning

**March 24:** Advanced Estate Planning: Trusts

**April 28:** Estate Administrator

Beginning with a foundation is the most important starting place for any plan, especially one so important. Each month Conti Law will discuss a different topic in estate planning to help you navigate this difficult and often complicated process. See details on each topic & register online.

## YARN WARRIORS

**1st Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarns and join us at the library for our knitting & crocheting group! Swap patterns, share your latest projects, and enjoy the company of other crafty crafters. Beginners welcome, as an expert will be on hand to show you the ropes...or yarns, that is! We'll even have some extra supplies if you're just starting out. Register online; Yarn Warriors will meet the 2nd Saturday in January.

## ESCAPE ROOM: THE RETURN OF DR. BUCHHASSER

**Tuesdays in March, 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

The mad scientist Dr. Buchhasser has once again hatched a nefarious plan. Only you (and a few friends) can solve the puzzles and save the library! For adults and teens, groups of 3—5. Sign up for your 45-minute time slot on our website and get ready to

play our fun and challenging escape room-type game. Please note that gameplay is too advanced for young children; intended for ages 12 & up with adult participation.

## Computer Classes

### TECH OPEN HOUSE

**Sat., January 15, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

Did Santa bring you a new smartphone, tablet, laptop, or eReader for Christmas? Need a little help starting out or setting up your mobile device? Bring it to the library, where staff will be on hand to lend their expertise about your new electronic devices and answer all your tech questions. No appointment necessary - just drop in!

### E-LIBRARY FREE-FOR-ALL

**Tuesday, February 22, 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 over 150 free digital magazines, 20,000 downloadable audiobooks, and thousands of streaming movies, TV shows, and music—all accessible from the comfort of your own home. Bring in your eReader, laptop, or mobile device and learn how to access Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, and Flipster—all completely FREE with your library card.

### EXTREME E-COUPONING

**Monday, April 11, 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. A Money Smart Week program.

### CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Tuesday, May 3, 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 of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials.

## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

### NEW LIBRARY APP INTRO

**Monday, May 16, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Did you know there is an ALL-NEW library app coming soon? It's the best way to access your account, renew your items, make requests, and more! Learn about awesome new features like keeping track of multiple accounts, accessing your digital library card, and getting push notifications for account alerts. Bring your mobile device in and we'll get you started with this quick overview.

## Book Clubs

### BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**1st Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.**

WACL's Monthly Adult Book Club. Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's book choice.

### WE BE BOOK'N

**3rd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

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

### BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

**4th Mondays, 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

"The book was better" - or was it? Come answer the age-old question at our Book-to-Movie Club! Each month we'll choose a book to read, then watch the movie version to share & compare! See our website for each month's book & movie choice. Note: In January book club will meet the 31st.

### ANIME & MANGA CLUB

**4th Thursdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Do you enjoy watching, sharing, and discussing a variety of anime and manga? Then this is the group for you! We will explore the art form, cultural context, history, and pop culture.

# Middle Grade & Teen

Please register online for all programs.

## **(TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: POM POM CRAFT**

**Wednesday, January 12  
6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Colorful creations come in many shapes and sizes. This month we're making our own pom poms and using them to decorate a craft! All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

## **MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: FOOD FLAIR**

**Thursdays, January 13—27  
5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Sometimes it's more fun to play with your food! We'll be playing with crafting materials instead to make your favorites out of the following: clay, perler beads, and pom poms. For middle graders in grades 4-7. Register once online on the first day of the series.

## **TEEN TEST KITCHEN: WINTER TREATS ON ZOOM**

**Wednesday, January 26  
6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Winter is here, and it's time for some cheer. Join us via Zoom as we cook up some delicious winter treats. Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients and materials prior to the program. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, January 24.

## **MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: TASTE TESTS**

**Thursdays, February 3—24  
5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Time to make your foodie opinions known with our infamous Taste Tests! This month we'll be ranking various flavors of: Goldfish crackers, Pop-Tarts, Lay's chips, and, by your request, fruits and veggies! For middle graders in grades 4—7. Register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

## **(TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: CANVAS DOT ART**

**Wednesday, Feb. 9, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Everyone can paint using dots! Get ready to paint your own design, or try some dot painting. You'll be impressed at what a little dot can do! All materials will be provided. For grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

## **HACK A PAINTING Saturday, February 12 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Put on a messy art shirt and hack a painting generously donated by our friends at Painting with a Twist - Pittsburgh (West) and Kolor-N-Kiln. Whether you add silly faces, Godzilla, or a thunderstorm to these pieces is up to you! For grades 3-8. Please register online; limited space.

## **TEEN TEST KITCHEN: COOKIE DECORATING AT THE LIBRARY Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

What's sugary, sweet, and fun to eat? Cookies! Join us for a special in-person TTK as we decorate cookies to share with someone sweet. Recommended for teens without food allergies. All materials will be provided. For grades 6-12. Register online; registration cutoff Monday, February 21.

## **MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: MYSTERY MARCH**

**Thursdays, March 3—31  
5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Maker Lab is getting mysterious for March. You get no hints for our activities this month—attend if you dare! For grades 4-7. Please register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

## **(TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: TISSUE PAPER ART**

**Wednesday, March 9  
6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Did you know you can paint with tissue paper? Come and learn how to make your own tissue paper masterpiece at this event! All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

## **TEEN TEST KITCHEN: BRAND NAME BUST ON ZOOM**

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

Can you tell the difference between an Oreo and its knock off? How about a Pillsbury crescent and its contender? Can you tell the difference when you bake and cook with them? Join us via Zoom and find out! Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients and materials prior to the program. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, March 28.

## **MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB: FAN FAVORITES**

**Thursdays, April 7—28  
5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Pop culture will be abound for this month's fan favorite makes. We'll geek out over each of these fandoms: Harry Potter, Minecraft, SpongeBob, and Star Wars! For middle graders in grades 4-7. Register once online on the first day of the series; limited space.

## **(TLC) TEENS LOVE CRAFTS: MAGNETS**

**Wednesday, April 13  
6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Magnets are a fun way to decorate and organize your space. We'll make a set of six magnets to use on your locker, your fridge, or any metal surface! All materials will be provided. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## **TEEN TEST KITCHEN: INTERNATIONAL FOODS ON ZOOM**

**Wednesday, April 27  
6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Get ready to travel the world without leaving your kitchen! We'll make two international inspired dishes to enjoy. Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients and materials prior to the program. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, April 25.



Dear Library Friend,

I am thrilled to announce that Western Allegheny Community Library has partnered with the West Allegheny School District and our Friends of the Library group to pilot Allegheny County's "Library Cards for All" initiative.

In December, teachers will be handing out public library cards to **every student** enrolled in the district. These cards will be theirs forever, allowing students to **access all the digital and physical materials** available through the Allegheny County Library Association (74 locations). We will be one of the **first in the state** to offer this to our students. And with school libraries currently being re-purposed due to COVID, this couldn't come at a better time!

*We are so grateful to have supporters like you making stories like this a possibility for the community. Your friends and neighbors can't thank you directly, but we can!*

Additionally, thanks to our community's generosity, over 10,000 West Allegheny residents borrowed more than 150,000 items and participated in nearly 700 library programs in 2021 alone. With your help, many of these individuals learned a new skill, made a new friend, or had their taxes filed free of charge.

Now we embark on our End of Year Campaign. Our goal is to continue to adapt to the needs of the community so that we can offer important, needed, and well-used programs and services by raising \$10,000 during this campaign, but we can't do it without your help.

**Would you be willing to make a special year-end contribution** of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help more residents in need? With your support, we can impact our community in a lasting way.

Please join us by making your gift on our online donation form at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](https://westernalleghenylibrary.org) or by dropping off a check or cash at the library. So many people will benefit from your generosity!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Amy McDonald  
Library Director  
Western Allegheny Community Library

P.S. On our website, you'll find a list of the unique programs and services we currently offer, as well as a preview of what's to come. You can learn more about the amazing work your donations make possible by checking out our nonprofit website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](https://westernalleghenylibrary.org) and Facebook page @waclibrary.

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## Family Programs

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

2nd Tuesdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.

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

### STEAM AND A STORY

Thursdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

January 13—April 28

Curious kids will change our world! Get ready to create, build, and inquire during our new hands-on storytime! Best for families with children ages 3—5. Please register once online for the whole season.

### FROZEN II SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, January 15

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Go into the unknown to find all the hidden Frozen II characters around the library! The scavenger hunt will run all day (stop at the Youth Services Desk for your map!) and is for all ages. Please register online.

### SONIC THE HEDGEHOG DRIVE-IN

Saturday, March 12

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Gotta go fast! Run on in to watch *Sonic the Hedgehog* (©Paramount Pictures) before the second movie drops next month! Decorate a box (generously provided by GFS and Aldi) to be your car to sit in during the movie. Rated PG; 99 min run time. Please register online; limited space.

## Storytimes

Storytimes run Jan. 10—Apr. 28

Registration required; please visit our website to register.



### PLAY K

Mondays @ 10:00—11:00 a.m.

OR Thursdays @ 1:00—2:00 p.m.

### Entering Kindergarten

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2022. We'll support the development of Kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, and self-help skills, and even play! Please register online for the first day of the whole season for either the Monday OR Thursday sessions; limited space. Note: No Play K session on January 24.



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

### CUPCAKE WARS

Saturday, March 26

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Calling all bakers and cupcake artists! Get ready to show off your decorating skills in our family friendly Cupcake Wars competition! You will be contacted about materials prior to the program. For families of all ages. Register online; limited space. Registration cut off Wednesday, March 23.

### SPRING PARTY

Saturday, April 23

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Hop on over to the library for our spring party! We'll enjoy a book reading, crafts, and even an egg hunt! Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

### BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Birth—18 months

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

### LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

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



**"FOR ME, FOR YOU, FOR  
LATER" JARS WITH SESAME  
STREET**

Saturday, April 9

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Elmo wants you to know how to be money smart! Watch Elmo make choices with money, work to earn money, and learn about spending, sharing, and saving. Make your own "For Me, For You, For Later" jars to continue being money smart at home. Best for ages 3—6 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space. A Money Smart Week Program.

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picture on this page!

Stay tuned for an all-new event!

## "LINKS FOR THE LIBRARY"

Coming March 4 & 5

A fun, family-friendly fundraiser to support your library! Sponsorship opportunities available; contact [cruisem@einetnetwork.net](mailto:cruisem@einetnetwork.net).

## School Age Programs

### LEGO CLUB ON ZOOM

Wednesdays, 4:15—5:00 p.m.

January 12—April 27

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

### SCIENCE SATURDAY:

#### EGG DROP EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, January 29

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Let's learn and get messy at Science Saturday! Families will design their own vessel to keep an egg from cracking after a high drop. All materials will be provided. Best for families with children in grades K—5. Please register online; limited space.



### POLICE SAFETY WITH NORTH FAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, February 26

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Are you practicing being a good citizen? Are you being safe at school and in the community? The North Fayette Police Department will discuss safety tips and good citizen behavior. You might even see a police car! Best for children in grades K—5. Please register online; limited space.



## Beanstack

## Winter Reading Challenge

December 1, 2021 - February 28, 2022

### How It Works

1

Create a WACL Beanstack account.

2

Select a challenge (or two... or three!).

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Log your reading and activities to earn virtual badges, and sometimes even prizes!

Register for Beanstack by going to [waclibrary.beanstack.org](http://waclibrary.beanstack.org) or downloading the Beanstack Tracker app.

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.

Track your winter reading and activities for the chance to win great prizes!

## Attention: Teen Volunteers wanted!

### Volunteer opportunities now open for the Spring.

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

### Apply to be a VolunTeen today!

We are currently accepting applications for Spring 2021 for teens of ages 13—17. To apply, fill out our Teen Volunteer Application on our website at [WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org](http://WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org) under "Get Involved—Volunteering." Be sure to apply by January 31. Applications received by then are guaranteed 10 hours; all others received later are reviewed only on an as-needed basis.