

## Are you a **"Friend"** of the library?



### Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the

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

### How do I get involved?

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

## Spring Book Sale

April 25—27

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

Thursday, 10 am—8 pm

Friday, 9 am—4 pm

Saturday, 9 am—2 pm



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

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

Cash or Credit will be accepted.

There will be a Teacher Preview night on Wednesday, April 24 from 3:00—6:00 p.m. (must show educator ID).

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Library**

## VITA Tax Service & the 2024 Tax Season

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will be at the library to complete Federal and PA state tax forms and PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate for seniors and qualified tax payers earning less than \$75,000. This service is free and by appointment only on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from February 5 to April 11. The library will begin scheduling appointments on January 8. Interested residents should call the front desk at 724-695-8150 option 1 to schedule. Space is limited so be sure to call early.

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

## Love **local history**? Check this out...



Western Allegheny  
**Historical Society**  
Findlay — North Fayette — Oakdale

In 2015, a small group of residents formed a Historical Society to tell the story of our community's past through pictures, articles, and programs. Their hope is to expand the group to further explore the wealth of information that our area has to offer.

"Step into our Past" by visiting the History Wall at the library, which showcases the communities of Findlay, North Fayette, and Oakdale. There's also a display case located near the library's front desk that features some of the artifacts that have been donated by area residents.

For more information about membership, meetings or upcoming programs, please visit [wahistoricalsociety.com](https://wahistoricalsociety.com)

### Upcoming Program

**The Final Destination Tour:  
Local Road Rally**

*Saturday, April 6*

*9:30—11:00 a.m.*

Join WAHS for a self-guided tour of historical locations in our area. Answers and discussion to follow tour. Route will include North Fayette and Findlay Townships and Oakdale Borough, with approximately 1.5 hours run time and 35 mile distance. Directions with corresponding questions will be provided. 15 car limit, so book your spot today! \$20 per car to benefit Western Allegheny Historical Society.



WESTERN ALLEGHENY  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

Winter/Spring 2024

A Publication of Western Allegheny Community Library

## Got documents? **Get notarized!**



**Notary services  
are available at  
the library!**

Heather, one of  
our librarians, is  
a registered

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

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

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

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

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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.

**Western Allegheny Community Library**  
181 Bateman Road  
Oakdale, PA 15071  
[www.westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://www.westernalleghenylibrary.org)  
724-695-8150

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# Spring Reading Challenge

**March 1 - April 21, 2024**

**Friends of the Library Book Sale April 25-27**

Join our Spring Reading Challenge sponsored by the  
Friends of the Library! This short & sweet challenge will  
run March 1 - April 21, ending just before the big Spring  
Book Sale...which isn't a coincidence, since prizes for this  
challenge are all book sale-related!

You could win a free bag of books, early entry to the  
sale, and more! Plus, there are a ton of fun activities to  
keep you busy as a bee this spring.

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). Once you're registered, join the  
Spring Challenge in your list of available challenges.

Visit our website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) for more  
information. Happy spring, and happy reading!



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# Event Highlights

See details & sign up on our website.

## WINE & DESSERT PAIRING

**Monday, February 5**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

One of our most popular adult programs returns just in time for Valentine's Day! L&K Bundt Shop will once again be partnering with Four Twelve Winery to bring you five never seen before wine and dessert pairings. The cost for this program is just \$20, so it is sure to sell out again this season. Space is limited; please register online.

## "THE HIVE" LOCAL DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING

**Saturday, February 17**

**10:00—11:30 a.m.**

Come witness the very first public showing of the original 30-minute documentary, "The HIVE," a heartfelt story that follows the story of Hank B., a local beekeeper and skilled carpenter whose passion for honeybees extends far beyond conventional beekeeping. Against the backdrop of buzzing bees and vibrant blooms, it provides a touching portrait of Hank's love for his winged companions, showcasing his dedication to sustainability and the sweet alchemy of spinning honey. The film is directed by Pittsburgh native Ryan Matthew Rust and beautifully captured by Cinematographer Ryan Kroboth. A Q&A about the documentary and related bee questions with Hank "The Bee Guy" will follow. Learn more at [hivefilmproject.com](http://hivefilmproject.com).

## FRIDAY FLICKS WITH LIFESPAN

**Fridays, January—March**

**12:30—2:30 p.m.**

Movies are great, but even better when shared! Our friends from Lifespan will join us for Friday Flicks at the library. Various movies & TV shows will be shown, and you are welcome to make suggestions for future films. Check our website for each week's watching choice. Presented in partnership with Lifespan Imperial Senior Center.

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, March 6**

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!

## SOLAR OBSERVING AND THE 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

**Saturday, March 16, 1:00—2:30 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. Additionally, he'll discuss where to go and how to observe the upcoming April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse. After the indoor talk concludes, attendees will have the opportunity to safely view the Sun on a solar telescope (weather permitting).

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Tuesday, March 26, 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.

## WHO KNEW? ODD & CURIOUS PLACES AROUND PITTSBURGH

**Tuesday, April 9, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Interested in roaming around Pittsburgh in search of something new? How about an atom smasher in Forest Hills, a replica of Central Park Uptown, some meditation pools in South Park, Snoopy's doghouse downtown, or the ghost towns of Lincoln Way and Seldom Seen? All these and many more are part of "Who Knew?," a PowerPoint exploration of some of the more interesting, odd, and curious places in and around Pittsburgh. This presentation is designed for those who want to learn the backstories of these places and maybe go find them for themselves! Presenter Becky Carpenter will provide information about, pictures of, and directions to each unique location.

## FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

**Wednesday, April 17**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Thinking of buying your first home? Ready to stop renting and move into your dream house? Now could be the time to do it! Join Carlos Mezarina of First National Bank for information about the best way to proceed in today's market. A Money Smart Week program.

## PA WOMEN WORK PRESENTATION

**Tuesday, April 30**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Pennsylvania Women Work is a nonprofit workforce development organization dedicated to helping individuals find financial stability through sustainable employment. They empower both women and men to advance in their careers and achieve self-sufficiency through life-changing career development programs and mentorship. PA Women Work will present an overview of their free programs, workshops, and coaching services. Interested participants can sign up for any of their offerings on the presentation day, including one-on-one appointments with one of their career coaches.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, May 4**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Vitalant is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time. Appointments recommended! Check our website for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

## YOU DID YOUR DNA...NOW WHAT?

**Saturday, May 9**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Ever wonder where you came from? Did you get your DNA results, but don't know where to go from there? A local volunteer teacher who helps people with their genetic genealogy and history will present a basic class reviewing how to use your DNA results to grow your genetic tree.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: ICE CREAM IN A BAG

**Monday, February 26, 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 ice cream in a bag! Recommended for teens without food allergies. For grades 6-12. Please register.

## TEEN ART NIGHT: SHAMROCK SLIME

**Monday, March 11, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Let's get lucky with shamrock slime! Get ready to get gross and glittery while we messily make some seasonal slime. For grades 6-12. Please register online.

## TEEN GAME NIGHT: JEOPARDY

**Monday, March 18, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Q: Name a fun time with your friends at the library answering questions with questions!  
A: What is Teen Game Night: Jeopardy? For grades 6-12. Please register online.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: NAILED IT!

**Monday, March 25, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

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

## TEEN ECLIPSE NIGHT

**Monday, April 1, 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

Come sparkle as we watch *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* (©Summit Entertainment) and create our own UV bead jewelry! For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN GAME NIGHT: SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

**Monday, April 8, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Calling all Super Smash Bros. fanatics and novices alike! Compete against others to find out who is the champion. You're encouraged to bring your Nintendo Switch from home to play while waiting for your turn in the tourney. For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: MARSHMALLOW POPCORN BALLS

**Monday, April 15**

**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. Learn how to and make some delicious marshmallow popcorn balls! Recommended for teens without food allergies. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## Adult Series

Please register online for all programs.

### GARDENING SERIES

**4th Wednesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Join Elizabeth, a Penn State, Allegheny County Extension, Master Gardener, as she leads us through a series of gardening workshops designed to introduce, reintroduce, and create conversations and shared learning experiences for novice and intermediate level gardeners. See our website for details on each month's topic and register for any/all you are interested in.

#### Part 1: Gaining Inspiration & Knowledge

#### Part 2: Creating Your Plans

#### Part 3: Preparing Your Garden Site

#### Part 4: Container Gardens I

#### Part 5: Container Gardens II

#### Part 6: Working in the Lab & Celebration of Work

### PODCASTS & POPCORN WITH FRIENDS

**Thursdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

**January 18, February 15, March 14, April 18, May 16**

Join our Friends' Group for a monthly exploration of podcasts on a variety of topics. Attendees are encouraged to bring a craft, coloring sheet, or crossword, etc. to work on while listening to the podcast and enjoying some snacks. See our website for details and be sure to register for each week you are interested in attending.

## TECH TUTORING

### By Appointment

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?

## 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 1: LOVE, HISTORY, & MYSTERY

**1st Wednesdays**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Each 1st Wednesday of the 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 choice.

### WE BE BOOK'N 2: FANTASY, HISTORY, & NON-FICTION

**4th Wednesdays**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

A spin-off of the original We Be Book'n for those who want to explore other genres, including Fantasy and Non-fiction. Meets each 4th Wednesday of the month. We'll reserve a copy of the book for you and a room at the library. You are welcome to bring food & drink. See our website for each month's book choice.

# School Age

Grades 3—5

## POKÉMON CLUB

**1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Gotta catch 'em all! Bring your cards to battle (volunteers will be on hand to teach) or trade, play Pokémon Go on your Nintendo Switch, or just enjoy a Pokémon-themed coloring activity. This program is open to all ages but geared toward grades 3-5; adults must stay with children younger than 3rd grade. Please register online only once for the whole season.

## MOM & ME PENGUIN PAINTING

**Thursday, January 11, 5:00—6:30 p.m.**

It's the perfect night to paint a penguin! Bring your favorite adult (doesn't have to be mom!) to create a pair of penguin paintings to display at home. Design courtesy of Step by Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan. For kids in grades 3-5 with an adult; no additional family members may attend due to a full room. Please register online; limited space.

## RADICAL REACTIONS WITH ALCOSAN

**Thursday, January 25, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

It's time to get radical! ALCOSAN will lead us in experimenting with different solutions to create a chemical reaction. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register online.

## PERLER BEAD PARTY

**Thursday, February 8, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Fuse away the winter blues with a perler bead creation! Follow along with a pattern or go freestyle. Each kid should have time to make one large design or two small designs. For kids in grades 3-5. Register online.

## GOLDFISH CRACKERS TASTE TEST

**Thursday, February 22, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Go for gold! Taste test a variety of Goldfish crackers, and share your judgement. For kids in grades 3-5; recommended for kids without food allergies. Adults **MUST** stay at the library during this program. Please register online; limited space.

## SHAMROCK SLIME

**Thursday, March 14**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Let's get lucky with shamrock slime! Get ready to get gross and glittery while we messily make some seasonal slime. For kids in grades 3-5. Register online; limited space.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE DIY

**Thursday, March 28**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

You won't burn in this ring of fire! Create your own eclipse shirt by painting and following a step-by-step sequence, then make a UV bead bracelet that will glow in the darkness of the eclipse. Shirts will be provided. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register online; limited space.

## BOTANICAL ART

### WITH RACCOON CREEK

**Thursday, April 11**

**5:00—5:45 p.m. OR 6:00—6:45 p.m.**

Let the powers of science and art combine! Learn about different parts of a plant from our friends at Raccoon Creek State Park, then create your own watercolor flower. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register online for only one session; limited space.

## YARN LLAMAS

**Thursday, April 25**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

This program will be no prob-llama! Bust into our ridiculous amount of yarn to create your own cardboard llama craft. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register online; limited space.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

### PRACTICE NIGHT

**Tuesday, March 19 OR Wednesday, March 20, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

West Allegheny School District Battle of the Books teams are encouraged to register for a BotB Practice Night to test their skills right before the big event. Team Managers **MUST** attend. The same questions will be asked both nights. Please register your team online for only one session (unless the whole team is unable to attend the same night); limited space.

# Middle Grade & Teen

Grades 6—12

## TEEN ART NIGHT: TIE-DYE SHIRTS

**Monday, January 8**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Calling all artists and tie-dye aficionados! Create and design your own tie-dye shirts. Shirts will be provided. For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN GAME NIGHT: FAMILY FEUD

**Monday, January 15**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

It's time for Family Feud! You will be split into two groups to compete in a fun game of Family Feud, but make sure to leave the family at home! For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: PIZZA IN A MUG

**Monday, January 29**

**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. Come learn how to and make your own savory pizza in a mug! Recommended for teens without food allergies. For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN ART NIGHT: PLUSHIES

**Monday, February 12**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Let's get woolly! Sew your own plushie that we will turn into a keychain with the help of expert Laurie from Catawampus Kitsch! For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN GAME NIGHT:

### WHEEL OF FORTUNE

**Monday, February 19**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Guess a letter to solve the puzzle: Wh \_ \_ I of Fortun \_! Play Wheel of Fortune with your friends, and see who comes out on top. For grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.



# Adult Programs

Please register online for all events.

## RECLAIM YOUR HEALTH SERIES

Join local Wellness Advocate, Allie K, to learn about the different ways to address your health concerns with natural solutions. Be sure to visit our website for details on each month's topic and to register for the classes you're most interested in.

## AN INTRODUCTORY EXPERIENCE TO ESSENTIAL OILS

Saturday, January 6  
10:00—11:00 a.m.

## UNWIND & REBALANCE: MANAGING SLEEP, STRESS, AND EMOTIONS

Saturday, February 3  
10:00—11:00 a.m.

## ESSENTIAL OILS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT

Saturday, March 2  
10:00—11:00 a.m.

## ESSENTIAL OILS FOR GUT HEALTH: NOURISH YOUR DIGESTIVE WELLNESS

Tuesday, April 2  
6:00—7:00 p.m.

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS: NURTURING YOUR FEMININE HEALTH

Tuesday, May 7  
6:00—7:00 p.m.

## RECLAIM YOUR HEALTH: TOXIN FREE LIVING

Tuesday, June 4  
6:00—7:00 p.m.

Need exam proctoring? Visit our website under "Programs & Services" or call 724-695-8150 x2 for a free appointment for

## Test Proctoring!

## EXTREME E-COUPONING: A MONEY SMART WEEK PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 16  
6:30—7:30 p.m.

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

## Crafts & More

### FELTING CRAFT

Wednesday, March 20  
6:30—7:30 p.m.

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

### CROCHET CLASS: FOODIE AMIGURUMI

Thursday, April 4  
6:00—7:30 p.m.

Join us for a "foodie amigurumi" crochet class, where we'll make a cookie and a donut that look good enough to eat...but way too cute to do so! Novice through experienced crocheters welcome. For adults age 18 & up. See more from our presenter at [www.etsy.com/shop/CatawampusKitsch](http://www.etsy.com/shop/CatawampusKitsch) or on Instagram @catawampuskitsch.

### CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, April 13  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Did you pick up a crafting hobby that is no longer interesting you? Want to try something new without the upfront cost? Then come to our craft swap! Donations will be accepted starting April 1, or bring them in the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate, but we will have a greater variety when more people participate! See our website for donation guidelines & ideas.

## CRAFT NIGHTS

First Tuesdays  
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Each month we'll provide all the supplies & know-how needed to create various simple & fun decorative craft projects. Please register for each craft night you plan to attend. For adults only, age 18 & up.

## LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



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Programs for All Ages & Abilities  
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

January 29: Puzzling Palooza

February 12: Love & Threads

March 11: Mario Mania

April 15: Community Gaming Day

May 20: Puzzle Piece Masterpiece

Come join people of all ages & abilities for a series of interactive programs. Visit our website to see details on each week's activity. Please register, as space is limited.

## LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE: SINGING IN THE STACKS

Programs for All Ages & Abilities  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
12:00—2:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy singing? Fantastic! Whether you have a pitch-perfect voice or could use some vocal tips, karaoke is bound to be a great time! Come join DJ Paul from Citizen Care and have a blast with your current and future friends!

LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE:  
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH BINGO  
Programs for All Ages & Abilities  
1st Tuesdays  
12:00—2:00 p.m.

Join us for some friendly competition and a game of BINGO at the Western Allegheny Community Library! Bring a lunch and compete against friends and fellow BINGO enthusiasts. All winners will receive a prize!

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## STORY STROLL @ Donaldson Park

The Story Stroll at Donaldson Park is a great way for your family to burn off some energy, get steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! The story will change around the start of each month and is available for families to enjoy year-round on their own time. Read the story by strolling to the left from the cover page. Scan the QR Code at the end to share stats and feedback!

## HOMESCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH

Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

January 4—April 25 (Offsite January 18, February 22, March 21, April 18 & 25)

Bring your lunch to munch and chat alongside fellow homeschoolers and parents, or just enjoy some self-directed free play, exploration, and art activities! This program is for homeschool families with children and teens of all ages. Please register online only once for the whole season.

## WINNIE THE POOH SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, January 13

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day early with a honey hunt throughout the library. Get a map at the Youth Services Desk, find all of the hidden hungry Pooh bears, and earn a honeycomb shaped melted crayon! The scavenger hunt will be up all day, but prizes will be while supplies last. For families of all ages. No registration required.

## DANCE THE STORY:

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

With Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

Saturday, February 10

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Dance the Story is a fun, interactive program that mingles storytelling and movement. Children learn basic ballet positions then journey into the story and characters of Beauty and the Beast through movement. For kids in grades K-5. Please register online.

# Storytimes

Storytimes run January 2—April 19

Registration required; please visit our website to register.

## 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 with a caregiver. Please register online only once for the whole season. No program on February 7.

## LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

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.

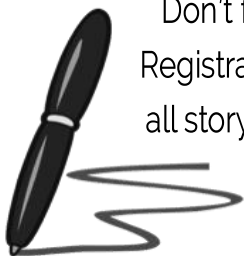
(No program on January 16, February 7 & 20, March 19, April 16. April 9 will be a Story Stroll at Donaldson Park).

## LEAP "FROG" DAY WITH PRINCESS TIANA

Thursday, February 29

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Leap into Leap Day with Princess Tiana! Dress to impress in your favorite green ensemble, enjoy a storytime, then pose for a meet & greet with the frog princess. Princess services provided by Enchanted Experiences. Best for children able to enjoy a 30-min storytime. Please register online; limited space.



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

## PLAY K

Thursdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

OR Fridays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Entering Kindergarteners

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2024. We'll support the development of kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, self-help skills, and even play! Weekly attendance is encouraged. Please register online only once for either the Thursday OR Friday session; limited space.

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY STORYTIME

Fridays, 10:30—11:15 a.m.

This dynamic and interactive experience is best 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, but open to all children. Please register only once online for the whole season; limited space.

## KUNG FU PANDA TRAINING HALL & MOVIE

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Saturday, March 9

Training Hall: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Movie: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Po and the Furious Five want you to prove your prowess by mastering the Training Hall! Stop by the Event Room anytime between 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to test your skills on an obstacle course, and pop into the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. to watch the original Kung Fu Panda (©Universal Pictures). The obstacle course does not require registration but is best for kids 8 or younger. Please register online for the movie ONLY; limited space.

**BEAR’S SHADOW:  
A SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM**

**Saturday, April 6  
10:00—11:00 a.m.**

**OR 2:00—3:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the upcoming solar eclipse by learning about shadows! We'll read Moonbear's Shadow together, then explore on your own with a bear and shadow activity. Must bring your own small flashlight from home. This program is open to families of all ages but best for those with children ages 4-7. Please register online; limited space.

**School Age**  
**Grades K—2**

**ART CLUB: BEADED SNOWFLAKES**

**Monday, January 8, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

Escape the chill, and come inside to create beautiful beaded pipe cleaner snowflakes! You will use your fine motor skills and creativity to construct this project. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MAD SCIENTISTS: MARSHMALLOW  
SNOWMAN CHALLENGE**

**Monday, January 15  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Brave the cold to compete against your peers in a series of different building challenges and construct the tallest marshmallow snowman. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MOVEMENT MAKERS:  
OBSTACLE COURSE**

**Monday, January 29  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

Put on your sneakers, and get ready to move! During each program, we'll be up and moving our bodies by doing fun and engaging movement activities ending with a group parachute time. This month's main activity will be an obstacle course! For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**ART CLUB: CONVERSATION HEART  
PHOTO FRAME**

**Monday, February 12, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

BE MINE. U R COOL. GOALZ. Design and create your own conversation heart photo frame. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MAD SCIENTISTS: POPSICLE STICK  
CHALLENGE**

**Monday, February 19, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts. This month's activity will be different popsicle stick challenges, including chain reactions and making them jump in the air! For children in grades K-2. Please register online.

**MOVEMENT MAKERS:  
YOGA & DANCE GAMES**

**Monday, February 26, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**  
**Grades K—2**

Put on your sneakers, and get ready to move! During each program, we'll be up and moving our bodies by doing fun and engaging movement activities ending with a group parachute time. This month will be all about scarf dancing, dancing games, and fun yoga moves and songs! For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**ART CLUB: SHAMROCK SLIME**

**Monday, March 11, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**  
Let's get lucky with shamrock slime! Get ready to get gross and glittery while we messily make some seasonal slime. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MAD SCIENTISTS: SAVE THE BEARS**

**Monday, March 18, 4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**  
Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! This month's STEM challenge will be too hot to handle with this floor is lava activity. You will save the bears from the lava by constructing different timed structures during a series of challenges. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MOVEMENT MAKERS:  
OBSTACLE COURSE**

**Monday, March 25  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

Put on your sneakers, and get ready to move! During each program, we'll be up and moving our bodies by doing fun and engaging movement activities ending with a group parachute time. This month's main activity will be an obstacle course! For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**ART CLUB:  
ECLIPSE SHIRTS**

**Monday, April 1  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

No need to shield your eyes from this eclipse! You will be creating your own eclipse shirt by painting and following a step by step sequence. Shirts will be provided. For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MAD SCIENTISTS: EXPLORING  
SOUND WITH A DIY KAZOO**

**Monday, April 8  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! This month's STEM challenge will be music to your ears. Make your own kazoo, and experiment with sound! For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.

**MOVEMENT MAKERS:  
MOVEMENT GAMES**

**Monday, April 15  
4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—2**

Put on your sneakers, and get ready to move! During each program, we'll be up and moving our bodies by doing fun and engaging movement activities ending with a group parachute time. This month will be all about movement games, including but not limited to: Red Light/Green Light, Balloon Keep-It-Up, Freeze Tag, and more! For children in grades K-2. Please register online; limited space.