

# Need a good gift idea? Give the gift of reading!



**Need a graduation gift? Stuck on the perfect present for Mother's or Father's Day? Give the Gift of Reading!**

**Gift of Reading** is a lasting way to remember a loved one, celebrate the accomplishment of

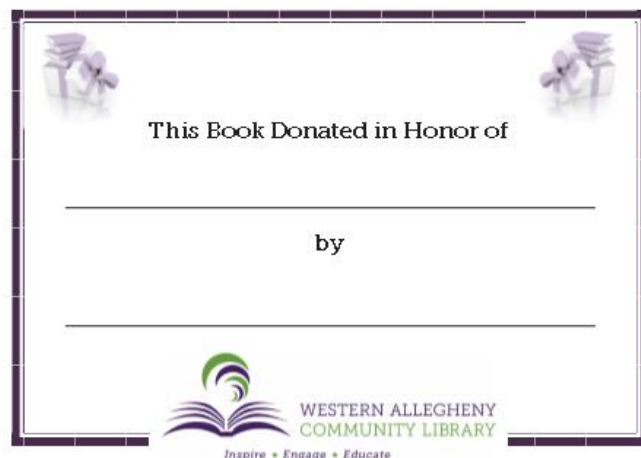
someone special, or just to acknowledge a friend's passion for reading.

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

Once the completed form and payment are received, we will purchase the book and insert a **personalized**

**bookplate**, and it will become part of our circulating collection. We will then notify the honoree (or next of kin) of your gift and invite them to be first to check the item out, or yourself if you so request.

You can find **Gift of Reading** forms at the Circulation Desk or on our website under "Get Involved." Ask any of our staff for more information. The library and all our readers thank you for your generous gift of reading!



## Fall for Your Library

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

Save the date for our annual Fall for Your Library Event! FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier wine tasting

event, featuring special food and wine pairings, games, auctions, and live music. Tickets are \$50 and will be available for purchase online or at the library. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 17, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at Celebrations, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Amy McDonald at 724-695-8150 x6 or [mcdonaldae@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonaldae@einetwork.net) for details.

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

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

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



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WESTERN ALLEGHENY  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# News

Summer 2022

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## Mobile printing now available!



On the go and  
don't want to  
log on to the  
computer to print?

Your library now offers  
mobile printing from your  
own smartphone, tablet, or laptop!  
Bring in your device and send your  
document via the Princh printing  
service, then pay at the front desk  
to release your print job.

Note that the same prices for  
printing apply (25¢ for black &  
white, 50¢ for color). Visit  
**Princh.print.com** or download the  
**Princh app** to get started!

*Need some help with mobile  
printing? Ask at the front desk!*

## Summer Reading returns @ the Library!

We at WACL are looking forward to  
**Summer Reading 2022!** Join us in  
our summer-long celebration with a  
special “**Oceans of Possibilities**”  
theme. Take a look through this  
newsletter for all the awesome  
programs we have planned for all

ages, plus information on joining the  
Summer Reading Challenge on  
Beanstack. Registration for all  
programs and storytimes opens up  
on our website on **Saturday, May  
14** at 9:00 a.m. There's something  
for everyone at the library!

## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES SUMMER READING KICKOFF

**SATURDAY, MAY 14  
STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.**

Visit the Youth Services Desk for a  
Summer Reading Kickoff Swag Bag  
sponsored by the Friends of the Library!  
On a first come, first served basis, children will receive  
a drawstring bag and teens will receive a tote bag  
each full of goodies to get them  
Summer Reading ready.

**Registration for all Youth Services programs  
will also open at 9:00 a.m. on our website at  
[westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) on the Events Calendar.**

Different programs have different  
registration requirements and limitations,  
so please read all descriptions thoroughly.  
We can't wait to spend our summer with you!



### WHAT'S INSIDE:

Programs for All Ages  
Summer Reading Challenge  
Special Events & Fundraisers  
Tech Talk

### LIBRARY HOURS:

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

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

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# Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

## SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, May 7**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Need to get some Spring shopping done? Have upcoming graduations? Last minute Mother's Day gifts? Mark your calendars now and be prepared to shop 'til you drop! Attention Vendors & Crafters: Our event is full. Check back in the Fall for our next vendor and craft event.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, May 21**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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. To make an appointment, visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and click the "Log In" button. On the new window, choose Donor Login (previous donor) or New Donor (haven't donated with Vitalant before) and search for our event with group code D056.

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, June 1**

**Drop by between 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Looking for something for the whole family to do this summer? Aren't we all! Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

## CRAFT SWAP

**Friday, June 17**

**10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Did you pick up a crafting hobby during the pandemic 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 Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16, or bring them in the day of the swap, Friday, June 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You do not need to donate to participate, but we will have a greater variety when more people donate!

Donation guidelines: Fabric must be clean and dry. Tools and machines should be in good working condition. Glues, ink pads, and markers should not be dry or crusty. Papers (scrapbooking paper or books) should be clean and free of water damage. Donation ideas: yarn, fabric, ribbons, beads, paints, brushes, adult coloring books, clay, etc.

## NOTARY SERVICES

Notary services are now available at the library! Our librarian Heather Auman is a registered Notary Public, and can perform notary services by appointment only during open library hours. Please fill out the form on our website under "Programs & Services" or call 724-695-8150 x2 for an appointment. All parties to the transaction must have proper identification and be prepared to pay the required standard fees. See our website for more information and pricing.

## EXAM PROCTORING

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

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

### Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and Heinz History Center Affiliates, we have been lending special experience passes for free admission to local attractions and museums. Check out our lineup—some are returning, and some are new for 2022!

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

- ★ Mattress Factory Museum
- ★ Pittsburgh Botanic Garden
- ★ Heinz History Center (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ Duncan & Miller Glass Museum
- ★ Historic Fort Steuben
- ★ Merrick Art Gallery
- ★ Old Economy Village
- ★ Somerset Historical Center
- ★ West Overton Village



# Tech Classes

## 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?

## 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 way to access your library? The Allegheny County Libraries app, available free for Android or Apple, is one-stop-shopping for all the library has to offer. It's the best way to view your account, renew your items, make requests, and more! Learn about awesome new features like keeping track of multiple accounts and accessing your digital library card. Bring your mobile device and we'll get you started with this quick overview.

## OVERVIEW OF OVERDRIVE

Tuesday, June 7

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Summer's finally here, and you need something to read on the plane, at the beach, while waiting in line at the amusement park... Good news—the library offers over 100,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere, with never any late fees! Bring in your eReader, tablet, smartphone, or other device and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines through Overdrive, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you.

## MAKE SOME HOOPLA ABOUT HOOPLA

Tuesday, July 5

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you heard all the hoopla about Hoopla? It offers free streaming movies and TV shows, music, and more—all FREE through your library! All titles are always available, no holds, no waiting! Bring your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or other mobile device and we'll get you started with this awesome library service.

## FLIP OVER FLIPSTER

Tuesday, August 2

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Cancel your paper magazine subscriptions for good! Your library card gives you access to our magazine download service, Flipster, where you can get the latest issues of digital periodicals and popular magazines for free and on the go. Bring in your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or other color, internet-capable device and learn how to download full issues of magazines through Flipster.

# Book Clubs

## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Western Allegheny Community Library'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

2nd Wednesdays

6:00—8:00 p.m.

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

## ANIME & MANGA CLUB

4th Thursdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.

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

## One-on-One



## Technology Help

## Need **tech help**? Get tutored!

If you need help with the computers, internet, software, equipment, or any other technology, the staff is happy to help. You can even make a one-on-one appointment for further individual assistance. Visit our website or call 724-695-8150 x2 to request an appointment.

## Examples of one-on-ones could include:

- ★ Basic Computer Use
- ★ Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.)
- ★ Social Media (Facebook, Pinterest, etc.)
- ★ Internet Browsing or Websites
- ★ Library Technology and Software
- ★ Accessing Library eBooks or Media
- ★ Using Smartphones, Tablets, or eReaders

# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## TIME TRAVEL WITH TIM

**Wednesday, June 8**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Area resident, Tim Killmeyer, has created and shared his "Time Travel with Tim" videos on YouTube, that include the Montour Trail, Pittsburgh Airport Parkway Construction in 1949, the Corliss Tunnel, Noblestown Road from Pittsburgh to Burgettstown, and Lost Campbells Run Road, to name a few. Please join us as he describes his research and how he came to create those videos. We will also travel as far back as 100 years along local roadways to see how our area looked back then and compare the transformation over time. Presented in partnership with WACHS.

## LSVT BIG: THERAPY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE

**Tuesday, June 14**

**12:00—1:00 p.m.**

Come meet Matt Graham, Physical Therapist from NovaCare Rehabilitation in Imperial and learn about LSVT BIG, a national research-based whole body exercise program specifically designed to help people with Parkinson's Disease. Matt will be on hand to discuss the benefits of the program and how it can help you, and to answer any of your other questions.

## TRAINING YOU TO TRAIN YOUR BEST FRIEND: Dog Obedience Class

**Monday, June 20, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Got a new pup? Frustrated with Fido's behavior? Join us for a free dog obedience class. Learn the basics of obedience training, including "heel," "stay," & "come." Great for all ages, new puppies to rescued seniors! Local expert trainer Ron Burda will work with both dogs and their owners to achieve consistent results in mastering basic commands. We will register up to 12 dogs to be sure everyone has quality learning time! Please be sure that all shots are up to date prior to attending, and that dogs are leashed at all times.

## BRINGING NATURE TO YOUR BACKYARD

**With Allegheny Land Trust**

**Thursday, July 7**

**3:30—4:30 p.m.**

Have you been wanting to attract more pollinators, birds, and wildlife to your backyard? Join Allegheny Land Trust for a presentation on how to make your yard a wildlife oasis. From butterflies to birds, you'll have visitors all year long!

## Virtual Programs

### THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING TOUR

**Wednesday, June 29**

**7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Join UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series aired on PBS and Netflix. Learn about making a proper cup of tea, regional specialties and their origins, and the particular parts of the UK they hail from. She'll translate the trickiest parts of British recipes for Americans so you can try them in your own kitchen. Pick up useful travel tips as well, just in case you'd like to create your own tour! Presented in partnership with West Region libraries.

### POTTERING AROUND THE UK: REAL LIFE LOCATIONS FROM THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER

**Wednesday, July 27**

**7:00 p.m. on Zoom**

Travel vicariously as Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans takes you on a historic, scenic, architectural, and occasionally culinary tour of Harry Potter's magical world. From London to Scotland and points in between, admire the real-life locations film scouts picked throughout the best of the British Isles, and get tips if you'd like to visit the sights yourself one day. Presented in partnership with West Region libraries.

## YOUR EVENT HERE

Have a program idea? Want to sponsor an activity or event? We are always looking for outside groups and volunteers to bring new programs to the library. Call 724-695-8150 or email [westallegheny@einetwork.net](mailto:westallegheny@einetwork.net) to let us know you're interested!

## Crafts & Making

### YARN WARRIORS

**Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

**May 7 & 14, June 4 & 11, August 13**

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.

### WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY: STRAW DECOR

**Wednesday, June 8**

**OR Wednesday, June 22**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Cute and colorful straws are for more than just drinking! Join us as we make a door hanger perfect for your patio this summer. We will create the same craft on both dates. All materials will be provided. Please register online for only one June session; limited space.

### WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY: PATRIOTIC RIBBON HOOP

**Wednesday, July 6**

**OR Wednesday, July 20**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

This July, we're bringing out the stars & stripes and the red, white, & blue to create this patriotic craft. We will create the same craft on both dates. All materials will be provided. Please register online for only one July session; limited space.

WESTERN ALLEGHENY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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

## Interested in joining us?

Call us at 724-695-8150  
or send an email to  
[mcdonald@einetnetwork.net](mailto:mcdonald@einetnetwork.net).  
Looking forward  
to your help!

## WACL helps move **PA Forward®!**

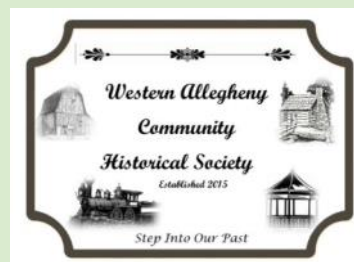
We are a PA  
**Forward® "Gold  
Star" Library!**



What does that mean? PA Forward® is a literacy initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. Its mission is to fuel success in our communities by promoting the types of knowledge essential to success: **Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic & Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy**. The "Gold Star" library designation WACL has held since 2017 showcases us as high-quality learning provider, offering programming and services essential for early literacy and life-long learning alike. Want to know more? Ask a librarian or visit [PAForward.org](http://PAForward.org) for more information on this statewide library initiative!

## Want to get involved? **Join the club!**

### Western Allegheny Community Historical Society



In 2015, a small group of residents from the West Allegheny community formed a

Historical Society to tell a story of our community's past through pictures, articles, and programs. The group is open for yearly memberships at a cost of \$5 per member.

WACHS would like to extend an open invitation to their upcoming quarterly meetings on May 4, August 3, and November 2 from 6:30—7:30 p.m. at the library. Email [wahistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:wahistoricalsociety@gmail.com) for more information or visit the library website under "Get Involved—WACHS."



### Friends of the Library

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

The Friends of the Library would like to extend an invite to their general membership meetings, which will be held July 6 and October 5 from 6:00—7:00 p.m. You can contact the Friends for more information at [wacfriends@gmail.com](mailto:wacfriends@gmail.com) or visit the library website under "Friends of the Library."



Dear Library Friend,



April 15, 2022

Throughout the past 32 years, Western Allegheny Community Library has been so much to so many. The last two years have been no exception. Despite the challenges we've all faced, **WACL continues to evolve to meet the needs of our community**. Take a look at how we've helped in the last two weeks alone...

- \* Tim, an avid library user, learned how to use the new library app.
- \* Bob, a novice gardener, borrowed a rototiller.
- \* Victoria, the field recruiter of a local business that will soon be opening, used a meeting room to conduct interviews.
- \* Marion, a grandmother in a local senior living facility, learned how to download eBooks on her new kindle.
- \* Kathy, a support staff for a local agency, found a free space where she can easily integrate her clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities into the community.
- \* Patti and Jim, recent retirees, got their taxes done for free.



There is nowhere else in our community that offers all this and more! In fact, so many of your friends and neighbors rely on the Library and the resources it provides. In the past year alone, residents borrowed 186,103 items, attended 700 free programs (ranging from Baby Rhyme Time and CPR Certification to Advanced Estate Planning), and logged over 1900 computer sessions. Cumulatively, the programs and services offered by Western Allegheny Community Library realized **a savings of \$3,974,039 for West Allegheny residents**.



That's not all. In an effort to meet the needs of our students, WACL, in collaboration with the West Allegheny School District, piloted a program to provide *every* student enrolled in the district with a free library card. In a time when space is at a premium and school libraries are being repurposed for classroom space, a public library card guarantees each student critical access to a vast array of physical and electronic resources that they might not otherwise have access to.

Western Allegheny Community Library is committed to **eliminating barriers**, filling in gaps, and meeting the needs of our community, but **we need your help**.

As a non-profit, WACL depends on your generous contributions. That's why we've set a lofty goal of raising \$10,000 during this Spring Campaign. I certainly hope you will join me and **make a gift** of \$50, \$75, or \$100. No gift is too small or too large. By donating at the library or online, you will be helping to ensure WACL continues to be a resource for *education, employment, engagement, and entertainment* for *everyone* in our community.

With my sincerest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Melissa Cruise".

Melissa Cruise  
Development and Fundraising Coordinator



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

# **OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES**

**Summer Reading Challenge for All Ages**

**June 6 - July 31**

**with**  **Beanstack**

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

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

**Questions? Ask Becky at [proieb@einetnetwork.net](mailto:proieb@einetnetwork.net) for Youth or Heather at [aumanh@einetnetwork.net](mailto:aumanh@einetnetwork.net) for Adult.**



# School Age

## SCIENCE SATURDAY: FAMILY LEGO BRIDGE BUILDING

Grades K—8

Saturday, June 18

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Science Saturday is back with a new challenge! Build a LEGO bridge over "water" and see if your design can hold its weight! Families will be contacted about materials prior to the challenge date. This program will also feature a special presentation from Glenn Holland, semi-pro LEGO master builder and scale model expert. Best for families with students entering grades K—8. Please register online; limited space.

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## BRAIDS, BUNS, & BOBBY PINS

Grades K—5

Tuesday, June 21, 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Bella Capelli Academy is here to help you become the best hairstylist at home for your long-locked little ladies. Come ready for an arm workout to test out the best tips and tricks for flawless hairdos! For children going into grades K—5 able to sit patiently and an adult enthusiastic to learn hairstyling techniques. Please register online; limited space.

## BUILD IT! COVESTRO GLIDER CHALLENGE

Grades 3—5

Wednesdays

July 6—27

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Calling all young engineers! Get ready to build and design glider planes under the instruction of Covestro's team. Over the four-week course, you will learn about the mechanics and scientific principles of what makes the best glider plane. For kids entering grades 3—5. Must be able to attend all four dates. Please register online; limited space.



# Middle Grade

Grades 4—7

## MIDDLE GRADE MOVIE NIGHT

Grades 4—7

Thursdays, June 9—July 28

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Watch some classic oceany films while making a craft or other hands-on activity. From Kakamora cups to cartoon drawing, DIY journals to sand art! For kids going into grades 4—7. Please register online for each night.

June 9 - Moana ©Walt Disney Pictures

June 16 - The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ©Paramount Pictures

June 23 - Atlantis: The Lost Empire ©Walt Disney Pictures

June 30 - Jungle Cruise ©Walt Disney Pictures

July 7 - Finding Nemo ©Disney Pixar

July 14 - The Little Mermaid ©Walt Disney

July 21 - Muppet Treasure Island ©Walt Disney

July 28 - Luca ©Disney Pixar

# Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

## VOLUNTEERS

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! We are currently accepting applications for Summer 2022 for teens ages 13—17. Applications received before May 16 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application online at [www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org/get-involved/teen-volunteering.html](http://www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org/get-involved/teen-volunteering.html).

## TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Wednesday, June 15

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Curious about those pretty paintings you see on Pinterest? Want to make one yourself? Enjoy a fun night of step-by-step painting as we make a summer masterpiece. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, June 13.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

### SUMMER SNACKS ON ZOOM

Wednesday, June 29

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Summer is an excellent time to try out new recipes on Zoom! We'll make two summery sips and a snack to delight your taste buds. Recommended for teens without food allergies. You will be emailed about ingredients and materials prior to the program. For teens entering grades 6—12. Register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, June 27.

## TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Monday—Wednesday

June 27—29

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Get ready to set off on a wild adventure this summer! We'll learn to fish at Raccoon Creek State Park, geocache at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and make our own fires with the Allegheny County Park Rangers at Settlers Cabin Park! For teens going into grades 6—12; must be able to attend all three days. You will be contacted about meeting locations prior to the camp. Teens 16+ will need to provide their own fishing license with trout stamp. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN SPA NIGHT

Wednesday, July 13

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Looking for a fun and relaxing night? Need a little pampering in your life? Enjoy the company of other teens while we make our own sugar scrub and do our nails! For teens entering grades 6—12. Register online; limited space.



## TEEN TEST KITCHEN

Wednesday, July 27

6:00—7:00 p.m.

My Favorite Sweet Shoppe is sponsoring a special in-person Teen Test Kitchen at the library! Learn about candy making and whip up your own delicious treats! For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space. Registration cutoff Monday, July 25.

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF

### SWAG BAGS

**Saturday, May 14**

**(while supplies last)**

Visit the Youth Services Desk for a Summer Reading Kickoff Swag Bag sponsored by the Friends of the Library! On a first come, first served basis, children will receive a drawstring bag and teens will receive a tote bag each full of goodies to get them Summer Reading ready. Registration for programs for all ages will also open on **Saturday, May 14** at 9:00 a.m. at [WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org](http://WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org) on our Events Calendar. Swag bags available while supplies last. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their generous support of Summer Reading!



## Storytimes & More

Storytimes run June 6—July 28

### BABY RHYME TIME

**Birth—18 months**

**Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.**

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

**18 months—5 years**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

**10:30—11:00 a.m.**

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.



### PLAY K

**Entering Kindergartners**

**Thursdays**

**1:00—2:00 p.m.**

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! Must be able to attend 6 out of 8 sessions. Please register online for the first day of the whole season; limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

### STORY STROLL @ Clinton Park

**For Families**

**Mondays**

**9:30—10:30 a.m.**

Get your strollers and walking shoes ready; it's time to enjoy some fresh air and nature at Clinton Park! Join us promptly at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow's End for a story stroll all around Clinton Park, then check out a picture book from the Book Bus. Best for families with young children. Please register only once online for the whole season. Note: No Story Stroll on July 4.

### PAWS FOR READING

**School Age**

**Thursdays**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Boost your reading skills with our furry friend, Ozzy! Ozzy is a trained therapy dog looking for some human friends to read him a good "tail." Best for school age children. Please register online for one 15-minute time slot.

### SUMMER IN COLOR

**Grades K—2**

**Mondays**

**10:30—11:15 a.m.**

Your summer is guaranteed to look better in color! Join us as we create a new masterpiece every week and get a little messy in the process! For kids entering grades K—2. Must be able to attend 5 out of 7 sessions. Please register once online for the whole season; limited space. No program on July 4.

### MOVE IT!

**Featuring Stretch & Grow**

**Grades 3—5**

**Wednesdays, June 8—29**

**4:00—5:00 p.m.**

Pack your bags, we're going on a movement journey! Each week we'll take a "trip" somewhere in the U.S.A. and exercise along the way. Wear your sneakers and some athletic apparel so we can move with comfort. Each class will be led by a Stretch and Grow professional to help make exercising fun! For children entering grades 3—5. Must be able to attend 3 out of 4 sessions. Please register online; limited space.

**See page 9 for how to track your summer reading & win prizes with Beanstack!**

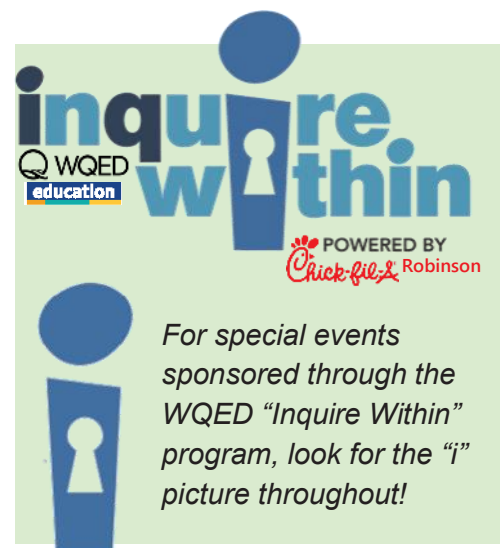


### "CAT"-URDAY

**Saturday, July 16**

**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Everybody wants to be a cat. Or at least rock some cat ears! Join us for a cat-filled day of crafts, presentations from a Banfield vet, and maybe even some special bundles of joy from Nose 2 Tail Cat Rescue. Best for cat-loving families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.



# Summer Reading **Kickoff** 2022

**Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.**

Visit the Youth Services Desk for a Summer Reading Kickoff Swag Bag sponsored by the Friends of the Library! On a first come, first served basis, children will receive a drawstring bag and teens will receive a tote bag each full of goodies to get them Summer Reading ready. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous support of Summer Reading!

## Registration Opens May 14

Look through this newsletter for your preview of all of our fun summer programs. **Registration** for programs for all ages will open on **Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.** on our Events Calendar at [WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org](http://WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org). Programs have different registration requirements and limitations, so please read all descriptions thoroughly. We can't wait to spend our summer with you!

## Summer Reading Challenge

We're back with **Beanstack**! Using the Beanstack app or logging in at the Beanstack website, you can track your reading and summer activities to earn tickets for the chance to win great prizes. Choose the challenge for your age group and get reading this summer! Beanstack tracking, just like our summer programming, runs from June 6—July 31. See our website for more details on how to get started on Beanstack.

# Summer Camps

Please register online for all programs.  
**MUST** be able to attend ALL days of camps.

## WET AND WILD STORIES

**Ages 3—6**

**Monday—Wednesday**

**June 6—8**

**2:00—2:30 p.m.**

Get ready for a-splishing and a-splashing good time during our water-themed camp! We'll enjoy a story, an activity, and maybe even some water play each day! For children ages 3—6 with a caregiver. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

## LEGO CAMP

**Grades 3—5**

**Monday—Wednesday**

**June 13—15**

**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

During this three-day camp, you'll compete in LEGO challenges to test your building skills, creativity, and ability to keep your minifigs alive on the salty, bricky seas. Available to LEGO beginners and master builders alike. Show your skills and meet others with similar brick-based powers! For kids going into grades 3—5; must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

## INTERESTING INSECTS

**Grades K—2**

**Monday—Wednesday**

**June 20—22**

**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

They're infamous! They're incredible! They're interesting insects! ALCOSAN will treat us to a caddisfly activity, Carnegie Museum of Natural History will share their experience with insects and even bring a cockroach, then we'll go sky high learning about butterflies with Wish Upon a Butterfly. Must be able to attend all three days. For kids going into grades K—2. Please register online; limited space. (Children **MUST** wear a mask on Tuesday, or they cannot attend).

## WATER WUNDERKINDS

**Ages 3—6**

**Tuesday—Thursday, July 5—7**

**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

We love water! Learn about water in different ways, from weather with Diana Perry to an outdoor adventure at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden to learning why water's so wonderful with the Allegheny Land Trust. Wednesday's program will take place at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. For children ages 3—6 with a caregiver. Only the registered child and one adult may attend each day. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS  
JUNE 6 - JULY 31  
PRE-REGISTER STARTING MAY 14

## BEANSTACK S

WACL is once again participating in Beanstack Summer Reading! Visit our website for the link to Beanstack to record your **reading**, complete **challenges**, & earn **rewards**, including chances to win fabulous prizes! Pre-register starting May 14.





**BUBBLE BABIES**  
 Ages Birth—2 Years  
**Monday—Wednesday**  
**July 11—13**  
**2:00—3:00 p.m.**


Bring your bouncing bundles of joy to this bubbly camp just for babies! We'll be outside in our backyard as often as the weather lets us for bubble and water play. Tuesday we'll have a visit from British Swim School to talk about water safety, and Wednesday will feature a one-hour visit from Achieva to provide instruction on infant massage. For ages 0—2 with an attentive caregiver; must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space. Achieva visit provided by WQED Inquire Within.

**SHARK WEEK CAMP**  
**Grades K—2**  
**Monday—Wednesday**  
**July 18—20**  
**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

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**GRADE SCHOOL GAMERS**  
**Grades 3—5**  
**Monday—Wednesday, July 25—27**  
**2:00—3:00 p.m.**

Gamers unite to go thru the years from card games to board games to video games! We'll start with some classics like Uno while adding in new hits like Happy Salmon. Then graduate to board games from our collection ranging from Sorry! to Disney Codenames. Finally, bring your Nintendo Switch or other handheld systems on Wednesday (or use the limited gaming options we can provide) to show off your video game skills! For kids entering grades 3—5.; must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

## Family Events


**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 movie choices and to register.

**PUZZLE EXCHANGE**  
**Wednesday, June 1**  
**9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Back by popular demand—bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Looking for something for the whole family to do this summer? Aren't we all! Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m.—8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin! No need to register; just drop by!

**TISSUE PAPER SPARKLERS**  
**Saturday, July 2**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**



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

**ENCANTO SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**Saturday, July 30**  
**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

There's no waiting on a miracle at this *Encanto* scavenger hunt! It's up to you to search for pictures of la familia Madrigal hidden throughout the library. Pick up your map at the Youth Services Desk, find all the characters, and earn an Encanto sticker! For kids of all ages. Please register online.

# Summer Reading Challenge returns June 6—July 31, 2022

1

Create a WACL Beanstack account.

2

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

3

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