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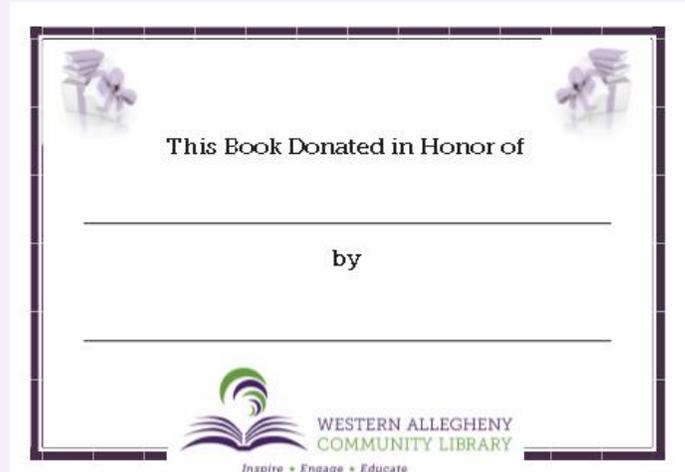
someone special, or just to acknowledge a friend's passion for reading.

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, insert a **personalized**

bookplate, and it will become part of our circulating collection. We will then notify the honoree/s (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, on our website under "Get Involved," or ask any of our staff for more information. The library and all our readers thank you for your generous gift of reading!



Library News

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- Programs for All Ages
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LIBRARY HOURS:

- Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Sundays (September—May): 1:00—5:00 p.m.

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WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

Summer 2021

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We missed you last year...

Don't miss it this year!

Did you miss last year's holidays? Join us for a "holiday re-do" event to benefit Western Allegheny Community Library!

Fall for Your Library

Saturday, September 18

Join us for our annual **Fall for Your Library** Event! FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier wine tasting event, with nearly 300 guests from the local community and beyond enjoying special food and wine pairings, music, games, & auctions. This year we have a special "Holiday Re-Do" theme since we missed so many celebrations in 2020! Tickets are \$50 and will be available for purchase online or at the library. Visit westernalleghenylibrary.org for details.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Amy McDonald at mcdonald@einetnetwork.net or 724-695-8150 x6 for details.

FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 18, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at the Celebrations Banquet Hall, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

Summer Reading returns @ the Library!

After so much being cancelled or limited in 2020, we are especially looking forward to Summer Reading 2021! Join us in our summer-long celebration with a special "Tails & Tales" theme. Take a look through this newsletter for all the awesome

programs we have planned for all ages. Registration for adult programs is now open; sign-ups for our youth programs begin **Sunday, May 23** at 2:00 p.m. There's something for everyone at the library!

**SUMMER READING
KICKOFF SWAG BAGS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

**THEN PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS
SUNDAY, MAY 23 @ 2:00 P.M. ON
WWW.WESTERNALLEGHENYLIBRARY.ORG**

**SUMMER READING IS COMING!
STOP BY THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK FOR A
SUMMER READING KICKOFF SWAG BAG
SPONSORED BY OUR FRIENDS GROUP.
CHILDREN AND TEENS WILL RECEIVE A
DRAWSTRING BAG FILLED WITH GOODIES
(AND OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING NEWSLETTER!)
ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, May 8

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: Sign up online to be a part of our popular event! \$25 per table plus a raffle item. See details & sign up on our website.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 22

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 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 with group code D056, or
- Stop by the library or call 724-695-8150 option 2

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, June 2

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 while you're stuck inside? 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!

ADULT SELF-DEFENSE WITH ALERT 360

Mondays, July 5 & 12, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in learning self-defense? Join us for the first tier of Alert 360! Participants in this two-day course will learn practical hand-to-hand combat training that takes the ideas and uses of traditional self-defense to a new level. Taught by a former US Army Special Forces Operator, you'll learn not only how to protect yourself, but also how to become connected to situational awareness and set your mindset to never be a victim. For adults aged 18 and older only; must be able to attend both days.

RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 6, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Are you new to the workforce and need help creating a résumé? Or are you back for a second career, and need to update your old one? This workshop will demonstrate the basics of using a template to create a résumé from scratch, as well as tips for editing and updating your résumé. Further individual assistance may be given by appointment.

WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING

Thursday, July 15, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

One of our most popular programs will be returning this summer! Join us for a fun Thirsty Thursday with Borelli Cellars and My Favorite Sweet Shoppe! They will expertly pair five wines and five chocolate sweets. \$20 per person; register & pay online.

NOTARY SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE @ THE LIBRARY

Our librarian Heather Auman is a registered Notary Public and can perform notary services by appointment during open library hours. Please fill out the form on our website under "Services & Technology—Notary Services" or call 724-695-8150 option 2 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.

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

Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory and Heinz History Center Affiliates, we have been lending special experience passes for free admission. Check out our lineup here—some are returning, and some new passes are being added for 2021!

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

- ★ **Mattress Factory Museum**
- ★ **Heinz History Center** (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Captain William Vicary Mansion**
- ★ **Quecreek Mine Rescue Site**
- ★ **Zelienople Historical Society & Passavant House**
- ★ **Lincoln Highway Experience Museum**
- ★ **McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center**
- ★ **Pennsylvania Trolley Museum**

Tech Classes

OVERVIEW OF OVERDRIVE

Tuesday, June 15, 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, or smartphone and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, & magazines through Overdrive, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you.

MAKE SOME HOOPLA ABOUT HOOPLA

Tuesday, July 13, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you heard all the hoopla about HOOPLA? It offers free streaming videos, 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

Monday, August 10, 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 available through Flipster.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays, 1:00 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 chosen title.

BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

4th Mondays, 5:30 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.

ANIME & MANGA CLUB

4th Thursdays, 6:00 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.

Health & Exercise

INTRO TO PIYO

Saturday, June 5, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Looking for a fun new workout? Join Nicole from Body Systems Fitness for an introduction to PIYO. PIYO combines the core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. You'll use your body weight to perform a series of continuous, targeted moves to define every single muscle. Participants will need to bring their own mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

MOVEMENT & MOBILITY

Saturday, June 12, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Doctor of Physiotherapy, Tyler Bordick, from Inner Strength: Physio Fitness and Athletics will explain the term functional mobility. He will share techniques to eliminate stiffness while performing normal daily tasks. After this brief discussion, Dr. Tyler will guide participants through a sample routine that each participant (regardless of physical limitations) will be able to do at home.

BODY SYSTEMS BOOTCAMP

Saturday, June 12, 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Body Systems Fitness is back! This time our instructors will be running us through Bootcamp! This fast paced workout combines

a little bit of everything: cardio, strength training, and stretching. This intro course is appropriate for all skill levels and has something for everyone!

TABATA TRAINING

Saturday, June 26, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 10, 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Looking for a whole body cardio workout? If so, join instructors from Body Systems Fitness for this high intensity interval training (HIIT). This class consists of 8 rounds of exercises in a specific 20 seconds on, 10 seconds off rotation. You can do anything for 20 seconds, right? Be sure to bring a mat or towel and a bottle of water.

STRENGTH FOR LIFE

Saturday, July 10, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Dr. Tyler from Inner Strength: Physio Fitness and Athletics returns to discuss the importance of daily strength training. He will talk about some of the behaviors we do daily that may unknowingly be compromising our ability to get stronger. At the end of the presentation, Doc will walk participants through a sample kettlebell-based workout (anyone can do!) that will demonstrate the importance of stability and resiliency in keeping yourself active for life!

ZUMBA!

Saturday, July 31, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

This workout, led by Heather from Body Systems Fitness, features a mixture of body sculpting movements and easy to follow dance steps, set to a fusion of Latin and International music. In this party-like atmosphere, you don't have to know how to dance to Zumba!

FUELING HEALTH & PERFORMANCE

Saturday, August 21, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Whether you're looking to lose, gain, or maintain your weight or simply looking to increase performance, this workshop is for you! Health professionals from Inner Strength will discuss the proper construction of a healthy diet including the caloric and macro nutrient requirements to reach your goals, benefits and pitfalls of popular fad diets, and the importance of proper hydration.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

BUYING A HOME IN TODAY'S MARKET

Tuesday, June 8, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Thinking of buying your first home? Want to sell your current home and move into your dream home? Now could be the time to do it! Join Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services and William Stouffer of Guaranteed Rate Affinity as they take you through the process.

BEEES, BEEKEEPING, AND HONEY

Saturday, June 12

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Have you heard the "buzz"?! Local beekeeper Hank "The Bee Guy" is returning to the library! He will discuss the history of bees, beekeeping, and honey in this presentation perfect for bee lovers and budding apiarists.

FILLING YOUR TOOLBOX

Monday, June 14, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Whether you're just starting out on your own or you've lived somewhere for years, every home should have a well-stocked toolbox. Our library's maintenance man will show you which hand tools are handiest and what kind of small home repairs they can be used for. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a toolbox complete with the essentials!

GROWN UP GAMING:

ANIMAL CROSSING

Wednesday, June 16

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Are you looking for new islands to explore on Animal Crossing: New Horizons? Our library staff member, Mary-Jane, is ready to open the gates at their island airport, to welcome guests 18+! Join us for a chance to show off your island, meet fellow players, trade items/DIYs and wish upon shooting stars! Requirements: Animal Crossing: New Horizons, Nintendo Switch Online Membership, Discord account. Register on our website and add us on Discord at WACLdiscord#4254.

PRICING YOUR HOME IN A SELLER'S MARKET

Thursday, June 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn about the strategies that home owners employ to get the most for their homes at the best terms. Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Services will give you a look at the current market.

ESTATE PLANNING 101

Tuesday, June 22

6:00—7:30 p.m.

It's never too early or too late to plan for the future. Join Michele Conti from Conti Law as she discusses the importance of planning, regardless of the amount of wealth you've accumulated. She'll share tips on how to handle certain considerations, such as blended families, children with disabilities, or an in-law you'd prefer not to inherit. Creating the right plan for your family can be a difficult legal and emotional process, but there are things you can do to ensure last wishes are met and legally upheld.

PHOTOGRAPHY 101

Thursday, July 8, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Are you interested in upping your photography game? If so, this class is for you! Michelle Dunn Photography will be teaching about composition/framing, rules of three, lighting/shadows, and backgrounds. In addition, she'll talk about aperture, shutter speed, light meter, and histogram. Finally she'll teach us about the delivery of digital images and printing.

LET'S GET TRAVELING

Tuesday, August 3, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join Rusty Pettit with Cruise Planners to learn about how the world of travel is preparing to open back up! Learn about places that you and your family can travel to now, as well as where you might be able to take your summer, fall, or holiday vacation. Because most families haven't travelled in over a year, there's a lot of demand. Rusty can help you navigate through any changes that have occurred since you've last travelled, as well as give you tips on planning your next adventure!

Crafts & Making

YARN WARRIORS

2nd Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarn 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.

WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

ABSTRACT CANVAS ART

Wednesday, June 2, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

We will be letting the creative juices flow by using tape and acrylic paint to create one-of-a-kind pieces of abstract art. Materials will be provided. Register by May 31; limited space.

CRICUT BASICS

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy crafting? Do you want to take your skills to the next level by incorporating technology? If so, come and join us for a short presentation on how to use the library's Cricut Maker. We will discuss how to use the machine and what types of projects can be made with the Cricut.

WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

SEASHELL MASON JAR

Wednesday, July 7, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Bring the ocean indoors with this DIY beauty! We will be using Mod Podge, seashells, and a Mason jar to create this masterpiece. All materials will be provided. If you have a specific glass jar that you would like to decorate, please bring it to the event. Please register online by July 5; limited space.

WE MADE IT WEDNESDAY:

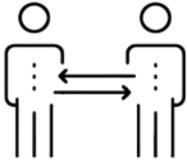
BUTTON PICTURE FRAME

Wednesday, August 4, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Frame your beautiful summer memories by creating a button picture frame. All materials will be provided. If you have any buttons that you would like to use, bring them to the event. Register by August 2; limited space.

Come in, your library is **OPEN!**

The library remains open for our regular hours. We can't wait to see your smiling faces (behind your masks of course!). Please see below for what you need to know and what we are doing to help keep you safe.



★ **Can't wait to browse the collection?** You're welcome to do so! We will have signs reminding you to wear a mask & observe social distancing guidelines. Masks are required at all times while you are in the building, including during programs and at the computers.

★ **Want to keep using contactless curbside?** We've got you covered! Orders may be placed by calling 724-695-8150 x1 or through the online catalog. Park in a designated spot when you arrive & call us for your pickups.



★ **Need to use a computer or make a copy/fax?** Both will be available, with procedures in place for sanitizing between uses. Please see a staff member before using a computer or copy machine & we'll walk you through it.

★ **Need to return some items?** The book drop will remain open 24/7 for your returns. Returned items will continue to be quarantined before being checked in, so don't panic if you still see them on your account for a few days! They will be backdated to the day of return when they are checked in.



★ **Want to place some holds or request items from other libraries?** The county holds systems is currently operating. Go to the online catalog to place your requests from this branch or any library in the system. Please keep in mind that due to necessary quarantining procedures, items from other libraries may be delayed a few extra days.

★ **Eager to come to a storytime or program?** See inside this newsletter for our in-house programs as well as a selection of virtual programs. Social distancing and masks are required for events at the library.

Have any other questions or concerns? Please ask at the front desk, email us, or call 724-695-8150 and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thanks for your cooperation and patience!

It's back...our semi-annual **Used Book Sale!**

Used Book Sale Thursday—Saturday, May 13—15

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

\$5 per bag (or individually priced)

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

Interested in helping out at the sale?

We are looking for volunteers to help set up, take down, and assist with the book sale. This book sale raises funds to support library programming and services. Many thanks to those who donate materials and time to make this effort possible.

Yes, we **ARE** taking used book donations!

Now that we've cleared out inventory at our Fall Book Sale, the library is once again able to take donations of used books and other items. Your donations are tax-deductible and always greatly appreciated! Please drop off your donations inside the library and during open library hours. Thank you so much for your support.



Dear Library Friend,

Thirty years ago, a handful of dedicated volunteers joined forces with the municipalities of Findlay, North Fayette, and Oakdale to create Western Allegheny Community Library. The library was established to improve as many lives as possible. I am proud to say that this past year especially we have done just that!

Many of the things we had once taken for granted have been swept out from underneath us. COVID-19 has caused serious disruption to our daily lives - whether it be to our finances, jobs, education, or general well-being. For some, the consequences related to COVID-19 have been even more severe. But the library has continued to adjust and transform to meet the needs of the community.

During 2020, we became an invaluable resource for job hunters, an office for those forced to work remotely, and an outlet for socialization (albeit virtually) for those that could no longer attend dance class, scouts, or book club. By tweaking our services, we were able to offer over 650 hands-on, educational and recreational programs for children and adults. Adults learned how to access our electronic resources, navigate fact vs fiction on the internet, and relax using Yoga techniques. Our younger attendees learned how to follow routines in preparation for kindergarten, created architectural challenges with Legos, prepared healthy and delicious snacks, and continued accruing needed volunteer hours. We also adjusted our lending policies to accommodate remote registration and curbside pickup, allowing residents to check out 155,820 items (at the average cost of \$15 a book, that's a community savings of over \$2.3 million)!

We could not have done this alone. It's through the generosity of our community that this small non-profit organization was able to offer so many important resources. Without a doubt, the services we provide will continue to be invaluable throughout the next few years and long after the effects of COVID-19 have subsided. However, it's not too soon to think about what the community will need in the months and years to come. Staying on top of the ever-changing needs of our community presents unique challenges, all of which create additional expenses. While our funders have remained committed to the important work we do, we will still fall short of the nearly \$600,000 required to operate annually. That's why we're turning to you. We need your help to ensure the library is able to continue to pivot on a moment's notice and meet the needs of our community.

I believe Western Allegheny Community Library is truly remarkable, and we all need a place like this, now more than ever. With your help, WACL can continue our amazing work. I hope you will join me in making a generous donation to Western Allegheny Community Library to ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to educational opportunities, freedom of information, and hands-on opportunities to learn, to explore, and to grow. Together, we can impact our community in a lasting way.

Your gift can be made online at www.westernalleghenylibrary.org or at the library. Thank you for your continued support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Carlisle".

Erin Carlisle
Board President

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GENEROUSLY PRESENTS



Did you miss last year's holidays?
Join us for a 2020 Holiday Redo to benefit
Western Allegheny Community Library.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

6-10 pm

CELEBRATIONS BANQUET, BAR & GRILL

8110 Steubenville Pike

Imperial, PA 15126

Come enjoy holiday themed foods expertly
paired with beer and wine samplings.
We'll also have music, games, and a silent auction.
This ticket makes the perfect gift for a perfect evening.

Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at
Western Allegheny Community Library
or by visiting
www.westernalleghenylibrary.org/fall-for-your-library/

Middle Grade

Grades 6—8

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB at the Library

Tuesdays, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Hang out with a like-minded crew of teens as we dive deep into graphic novels, discussing story, art-style, and anything else that jumps out at us. We'll also be doing drawing challenges based off what we read! For teens going into grades 6-8. Please register online for the first day of the summer season; limited space. To register after the first day, email bollandg2@einetnetwork.net.

GIRLS WHO CODE at the Library Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization on a mission to close the gender gap in technology. Despite the name, teens of any gender are welcome at this program that encourages reading, friendship, and learning coding skills. For teens going into grades 6-8; must be willing to sign up for a Scratch account. Please register online for the first day of the season; limited space. To register after the first day, email proieb@einetnetwork.net.

LEGO OLYMPICS at the Library Monday—Wednesday, June 21—23 1:00—2:00 p.m.

During this three-day camp, you'll compete in LEGO challenges to test your basic skills, engineering feats, and creativity. Available to LEGO beginners and master builders alike, show your skills and meet others with similar brick-based powers! For teens going into grades 6-8; must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

CRAFTY COSPLAY at the Library Monday—Tuesday, July 19—20 1:00—2:00 p.m.

You don't need a big budget to cosplay! Learn some tips and tricks to making costumes on the cheap while creating your own animal ears and paws. Must be able to attend both days. For grades 6-8. Register online; limited space.

3D PERLER BEAD MINECRAFT CREEPERS at the Library Wednesday, July 21, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Don't missssss out on thissssss explossssssively fun time! We'll take this traditionally flat craft and make it 3D but without the pyrotechnics of the real creature. For teens going into grades 6-8. Please register online; limited space.

Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

TEEN MAKER LAB: PAPER ROLLER COASTERS at the Library Wednesday, June 9, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Do you love rollercoasters or architecture? Come to the library for this Teen Maker Lab to design and create a roller coaster out of paper! Grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

TEEN YOGA NIGHT with Yoga H'Om at the Library Wednesday, June 16, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Namaste! Join us for an evening of yoga for teens at all experience levels. The class will be taught by Mary Sandora, instructor at Yoga H'Om. For teens going into grades 6-12. You must be able to bring your own yoga mat or beach towel for the program. Register online.

BUTTONS, BOOKMARKS, & BOUQUETS at the Library Wednesday, June 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join us for this creative night of making your own button, wire bookmark, and faux flower bouquet! For teens going into grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN: APPEALING APPETIZERS on Zoom Wednesday, June 30, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Grab the chips and make some delicious dips and other mouth-watering appetizers! Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials, then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own tasty apps. For teens going into grades 6-12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Register online.

TEEN MAKER LAB: DIY PEG LAMP at the Library Wednesday, July 7, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

There's no need to buy an overpriced lamp to brighten up your bedroom. Make your own out of clothespins at the library! For teens going into grades 6-12. Please register online; limited space.

TEEN PAINT NIGHT at the Library Wednesday, July 14, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Channel your inner Renoir and create a piece of art at Teen Paint Night! For teens going into grades 6-12. Register online; limited space.

TEEN SELF-DEFENSE WITH ALERT 360 at the Library Wednesday, July 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

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TEEN TEST KITCHEN: MAKE 'N BAKE on Zoom Wednesday, July 28, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Satisfy that sweet tooth and learn how to bake something yummy! Prior to the program, Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials, then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own tasty treats. For teens going into grades 6-12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register online; limited space.

**“Sleep is good...
books are better.”
— George R. R. Martin**

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

SWAG BAGS

Saturday, May 22 (while supplies last)

Summer Reading is coming! Stop by the Youth Services Desk for a Summer Reading Kickoff Swag Bag sponsored by our Friends group. Children will receive a drawstring bag filled with goodies on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration opens on Sunday, May 23 @ 2:00 p.m.** for all Youth Services programs on our website. We can't wait to see you!

Storytimes & More

Storytimes run June 7—July 29

BABY RHYME TIME at the Library

Tuesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers in-person at the library while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Best for babies ages birth-18 months. Please register once online for the first day of the season; limited space.

BABY RHYME TIME on Zoom

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers from the comfort of your home on Zoom while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Best for babies ages birth-18 months. Please register once online for the whole season.

LITTLES STORYTIME at the Library

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out in-person at the library! Then check out some books to take home and enjoy. The same storytime will be presented both in-person and on Zoom each week. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Best for ages 18 months-5 years. Please register once online for the first day of the season; limited space.

LITTLES STORYTIME on Zoom

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out from home on Zoom! Then stick around for show-and-tell. The same storytime will be presented both in-person and on Zoom each week. Best for 18 months-5 years. Please register once online for the whole season.

1,000 BOOKS STORYTIME on Facebook

Mondays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

Add to your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten tracking sheet with this storytime on Facebook! If you are unable to watch live, you can view it throughout the week in the video collection on our Facebook page. Best for ages 0-5, especially children participating in our 1,000 BBK program. Please register on our website to receive weekly reminders for this Facebook Premiere storytime. To separately register a child who has not yet entered kindergarten for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, email Miss Amelia at dicksona@einetwork.net and start earning badges for reading!

MUSICAL MONDAY at the Library

Mondays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Grow your love and interest in music! Come sing songs, play instruments, listen to stories about music, and even share the fun with a musical guest! Best for children ages 3-6. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space. Register once online for the whole season; limited space. To register after the first day, email dicksona@einetwork.net.

PLAY K on Zoom

Thursdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021. We'll support the development of Kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child Kindergarten ready on Zoom! Please register online for the first day of the summer season for either this Zoom session OR the in-person program (to register after the first day, email dicksona@einetwork.net); limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

PLAY K at the Library

Thursdays, 1:00—1:30 p.m.

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021. We'll support the development of Kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child Kindergarten ready in-person at the library! Please register online for the first day of the summer season for either this in-person program OR the Zoom session (to register after the first day, email dicksona@einetwork.net); limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

ROLLIN & STROLLIN @ Clinton Park

Mondays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Get your strollers and walking shoes ready; it's time to enjoy some fresh air and nature time at Clinton Park! Join us promptly at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow's End for a story walk and songs, then check out books from the Book Bus afterwards! Best for families of all ages who enjoy physical movement. Please register once online for the whole season.

POP-UP STORYTIME @ Oakdale Parklet

Wednesdays, June 23 & July 21

9:30—10:30 a.m.

Miss Gee is taking POP (our Preschool Outreach Program) on the road to visit you out in the community this summer! The Book Bus will POP up at the Oakdale Parklet (on Noblestown Rd across from the gazebo next to Palemieri Dentistry at 5021 Noblestown Rd) with a storytime and the chance to check out books from a limited collection. Don't forget your library card! Please register online.

POP-UP STORYTIME in Your Community

Wednesdays, June 30 & July 28

Time and location TBD

Miss Gee is taking POP (our Preschool Outreach Program) on the road to visit you out in the community this summer! Look for the Book Bus to POP up with a storytime and the chance to check out books from a limited collection. For location information and time, visit our website. Please register online.

Summer Camps

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

ENCHANTED ENGINEERING

at the Library

Monday—Wednesday, June 7—9

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Grades K—2

Calling all junior engineers! Test your building skills as we explore engineering in the world of fairytales. Each day, we'll cover a new tale and build something using recyclable materials and our problem-solving skills. Must be able to attend all three days. For kids going into grades K-2. Register online; limited space.

BUTTERFLIES, BEES, & BIRDS

Hybrid Program

Monday—Wednesday, July 12—14

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

Flutter, buzz, and soar into this program celebrating animals! On Monday, you'll be at home on Zoom with ALCOSAN to explore the lifecycle of a butterfly. Tuesday we'll buzz back onto Zoom with Phipps Conservatory presenting Busy Bees. Then we'll top it off Wednesday at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden to investigate birds in our backyard! Must be able to attend all 3 days and pick up kits at the library. For children ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Register online; limited space.

MASTER MONETS ART CAMP

at the Library

Monday—Wednesday, June 14—16

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Grades 3—5

Unleash your creativity, and make a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork each day of this three-day camp using a variety of art techniques. For children going into grades 3-5. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

LITTLES MESSY ART at the Library

Monday—Wednesday, June 28—30

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Ages 3—6 with a caregiver

What's better than getting messy? Getting messy at the library! Wear that old t-shirt, and don't be afraid to get some paint in your hair as we make fun art projects, including an edible one. Must be able to attend all three days. For little ones ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

STEM CAMP WITH COVESTRO on Zoom

Monday—Wednesday, July 5—7

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Grades 3—5

Get those STEM gears moving with Covestro over Zoom for this exciting, hands-on, three-day STEM camp! For children going into grades 3-5. Must be able to attend all three days. Must be able to pick up kits at the library. Please register online; limited space.

MINI MONETS ART CAMP at the Library

Monday—Wednesday, July 26—28

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Grades K—2

Express yourself with your own one-of-a-kind art! Make a different masterpiece each day of this three-day camp using a variety of art techniques. For grades K-2. Must be able to attend all three days. Please register online; limited space.

Family Events

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

4th Tuesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

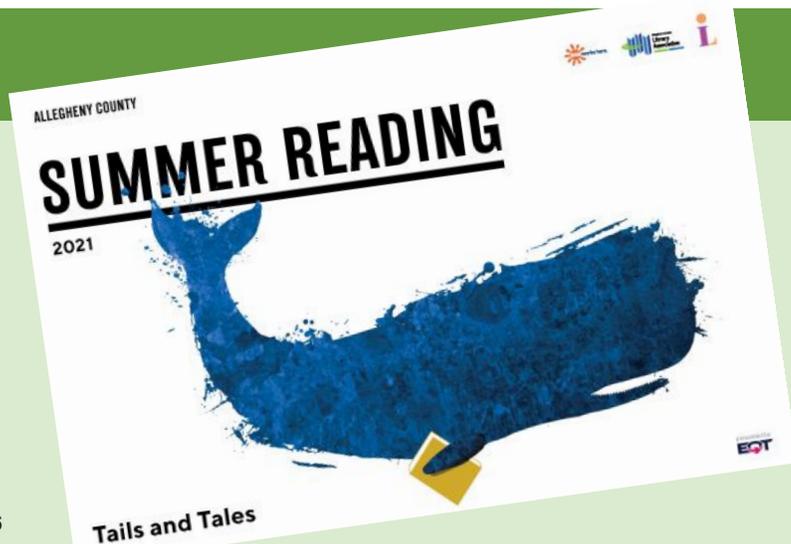
Need a night out without breaking the bank? How about a family movie night?! Bring some snacks and pile in our Garage for new release family-friendly movies on our big screen. Chairs will be available, or come in your PJs & bring your sleeping bag for extra fun! Please only bring dry snacks and drinks in closed containers to avoid messes. See our website for each month's movie choice and to register.

WILD KRATTS DRIVE-IN

Saturday, June 19

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Get your animal powers and engines ready! Decorate your own "car," then pull up for a few of your favorite Wild Kratts episodes. Drinks and snacks are welcome as long as they are in a container with a lid. Please bring a blanket to "park" on. Best for families with little Kratts of all ages. Register online; limited space.



BEANSTACK summer

Libraries across Allegheny County (including WACL!) are once again participating in Beanstack Summer Reading! Visit our website beginning June 1 for the link to Beanstack to record your reading, complete challenges, & earn rewards, including chances to win fabulous prizes!

STELLER STRAW MAZES

at the Library

Saturday, June 26

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Design your very own family maze using straws and a box and work your way through other mazes! How challenging can you make your maze? For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY BUTTON DAY

at the Library

Saturday, July 3

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We're dusting off our button maker and inviting you to come make your own pin-back buttons! Rep your favorite sports team, TV series, or your local library with a handmade creation of your very own. Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

READER RANGER

WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY

PARK RANGERS

@ Settlers Cabin Park

Saturday, July 17

11:00—11:30 a.m.

Put on your hiking boots and head over to Settlers Cabin Park! Rangers will read a story that relates to the natural world and has components of environmental education. After the story, we'll discuss what you learned and explore collections related to the story. For families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

PIPE CLEANER CONSTELLATIONS

at the Library

Saturday, July 24

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Calling all star gazers! Learn about constellations in our night sky, and build your own models of some constellations using pipe cleaners! Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space.

SUMMER READING FINALE MOVIE

at the Library: Secret Life of Pets

(©Universal Pictures)

Saturday, July 31

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Let's end our Tails & Tales summer with a tale about tails! Come watch The Secret Life of Pets (©Universal Pictures) at the library, and make a shrinky dink pet tag. Please bring a picnic blanket for your family's floor space, and outside snacks/drinks in a container with a lid are welcome. Register online; limited space.

School Age

Grades K—5

INTRO TO SPANISH at the Library

Tuesdays, June 21—July 26

10:00—11:00 a.m.

This 6-week program, geared towards children in grades K-2 and their caregivers, will focus on primary themes such as colors, numbers, greetings, foods, clothing, and body parts. Register online; limited space.

Registration for all youth programs begins Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m.

JUNIOR BUILDERS LEGO CLUB

on Zoom

Thursdays, June 10—July 1

OR July 8—29

10:30—11:30 a.m.

Junior LEGO Builders! This is the club for you! Work on the group challenge with the LEGOs you have at home while sharing with your friends on Zoom. Must be able to provide your own LEGOs and attend 3 of the 4 sessions. For children going into grades K-2. Please register once online for either the June OR July session. Participants are only able to register for one month of the program; limited space.

MASTER BUILDERS LEGO CLUB

on Zoom

Wednesdays, June 9—30

OR July 7—July 28

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Calling all master LEGO builders! Complete the build challenge with the LEGOs you have at home while sharing with your friends on Zoom. Must be able to provide your own LEGOs. Must be able to attend 3 of the 4 sessions. For children going into grades 3-5. Please register once online for either the June OR July sessions. Participants are only able to register for one month of the program; limited space.

Summer reading tracking returns June 7—July 31, 2021

1

Create an account or log in with your existing Beanstack credentials.

2

Summer Reading is coming in June 2021, but you can use Beanstack to log your reading anytime.

3

Log your reading online or on the Beanstack tracker app, and have fun reading anytime.