



April 15, 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Homeschooling 101**

*April 19th, 6:00 - 7:00*

**Middle Grade Maker Lab**

*April 21st 5:00—6:00*

**Estate Administrator:  
Settling Your Loved  
One's Affairs**

*April 27th, 6:30-7:30*

**Little's Storytime**

*Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00*

*Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00*

**Vendor & Craft Sale**

*May 7th , 9:00—2:00*

**Battle of the Books  
Practice Sessions**

*May 10th or May 11th,  
5:00—7:00*

**Summer Learning Kick-off**

*May 14th , 9-4*

**There's an App for That!  
New Library App Intro**

*May 16th, 6:30-7:30*

Dear Library Friend,

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 in person or online at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org), 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,

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