

Want to get **involved?**



Join the **Friends** of the Library!

The Friends are an organization created to help support the library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. Among other duties, they **raise money** to help support the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and **volunteer** at events throughout the year. The Friends also help grow community partnerships, operate regular **book sales**, and manage donated materials. But above all, they are a group of volunteers who love books, understand the vital role WACL plays in the community, and want to promote the library's programs and services. Email wacfriends@gmail.com for more information or visit the library website under "**Friends of the Library**" to join today!

Become a Library **Volunteer!**

Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting the library and enhancing our community programs. If you're looking to give back and be part of something meaningful, we welcome your help—join us and make a difference today! Adult volunteers help with any and all of the following, depending on availability:

- ★ Shelving & shelf straightening
- ★ Organizing & shifting collections
- ★ Changing display books
- ★ Light office tasks
- ★ Assembling Welcome Packets

Some physical dexterity and ability is required in order to complete tasks. The Adult Volunteering program is for ages 18 & up. Please complete the application online or stop by the customer service desk at the library. Thank you for your interest and support!

NOTE: Due to clearance requirements, we do not take any community service volunteers.



Check out our "Library of **Things**"!

Our "Library of Things" includes a wide variety of gadgets, games, tech, and tools for you to take home (and bring back when you're done, of course!). Why buy when you can borrow? Here's just a sample of what we offer!

- Experience Passes
- Technology Items
- Household and Kitchen Tools
- Board Games
- Outdoor Games and Kits
- Kids' Toys and Tech

Visit our website under "Books & More" to see our full "Library of Things" list, with more to come! Call the library for availability and to request a hold.

Tech Talk: Tutor.com

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Need a hand with homework?

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WESTERN ALLEGHENY
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News

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LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY 
MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Saturday, September 20, 2025

FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier food & beverage tasting event, featuring special food &

wine/beer pairings, games, auctions, and music. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 20, 6:00—10:00 p.m. at Celebrations, which is located at 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA. Tickets are now available for purchase at the library or on our online calendar.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Mackenzie Partyka at partykam@westernallegHENYlibrary.org or 724-695-8150 x6.

WHAT'S INSIDE:

Programs for All Ages
Special Events
"Love Your Library" Month

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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We are thrilled to announce the 10-year anniversary return of Love Your Library month for 2025! Thanks again to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, every donation made to Western Allegheny Community Library throughout the month of September will receive a prorated MATCH - up to \$500 per donor! With an entire month to "Love Your Library," there are many ways to get involved and double the impact of your support. See our website at westernallegHENYlibrary.org for details and get ready to share the love this September!

Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by making a tax-deductible donation during "Love Your Library" month! See our website under "Donate," or stop by the library to give in person. Own a business? Sponsorship opportunities are available—contact Mackenzie at partykam@westernallegHENYlibrary.org for more information.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Do some shopping and support your library! Books, puzzles, and other items are available for purchase at our ongoing book sale located near the front desk. We are also accepting donations of books and other gently used materials; see page 2 of this newsletter for donation criteria. Interested in joining our Friends Group? Look for more information on our website under "Friends of the Library"!

Merchandise Sales

You can even help by purchasing Sarris candy bars, earbuds, flash drives, and more at the library front desk. Everything counts!

Libraries
connect
us with
each other



All gifts to your local library made during September will be **MATCHED!**
Love YOUR Library and create a connection by making a gift today.
For more information call us or visit westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Wednesday, September 24

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Got talent? Got nerves? Ready to step into the spotlight? Perfect. Join us for a night where anything goes—music, comedy, poetry, storytelling, interpretive dance, dramatic readings of text messages...you name it, we mic it. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just want to test your material in a friendly room (with real humans!), this is your stage. Bring your friends, your flair, and your best/worst ideas.

For adults only, age 18 and up. Please register yourself (and your talent, if you wish to perform) online. If you plan on performing, your talent must be previewed before the event and all acts must be PG. You will be contacted after you sign up.

WHO KNEW? ODD & CURIOUS PLACES AROUND PITTSBURGH, PART 4

Monday, September 29

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Interested in roaming around Pittsburgh in search of something new? Becky Carpenter is back with even more odd & curious places around Pittsburgh, including the Ligonier Water Wheel, Pittsburgh's most famous miser, the Liberty Tunnels, Castle Halloween Museum, and Pittsburgh's Civil War prison! 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. Note: You don't need to have attended the previous presentations to enjoy this additional event.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Saturday, October 25

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

A presenter from CCAC is coming to the library to provide an American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid certification class. This 4-hour class is for adults only age 18 & up and is offered at a special discounted price of \$30. Participants will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years. Must register and pay online; limited space.

WINE & DESSERT TASTING

Thursday, October 30

6:00—8:00 p.m.

One of our most popular programs is back! Four Twelve Winery and L&K Bundt Shop are teaming up once again to pair five wines with five decadent desserts. Stay tuned for the mouthwatering menu. \$20 per person; adults 21 & up only. Must register and pay online; limited space.

A WICKED MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Come to the library for a wickedly fun evening of suspense, secrets, and spellbinding surprises as we venture into the magical world of Wicked—but this time, with a murder to solve. We're inviting adults to don their best costumes inspired by Wicked characters: Elphaba, Glinda, Fiyero, Madame Morrible...or even your own Oz-inspired creation. Costumes are encouraged but not required. For adults only, 18 & up.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Dec. 13, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This holiday season - give the gift of life! 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 and to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

Save the date for our **Fall Book Sale!**

Thursday—Saturday, October 16—18

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

(\$10 Early Bird fee* 9:00—10:00 a.m.)

Friday, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

\$10 per bag or individually priced:

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

There will be a Teacher Preview night on October 15, 3:00—6:00 p.m. (must show educator ID). Sale accepts cash or credit.

Hosted by our Friends of the Library Group

*Early Bird Fee waived for Friends members. Interested in joining our Friends group and helping out with our book sales? Visit our website under "Friends of the Library" to learn more!

We are accepting donations!

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Donations may be dropped off inside the library during open hours. Please note we can NOT accept any of the following: VHS, cassettes, LPs, DVDs, CDs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, reference books, National Geographic, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines over two years old, or anything significantly damaged, soiled, or moldy. Please see our website for details on what is accepted. Thank you for your support!

Grades K-2

CHALK PASTEL SUNFLOWERS

Monday, September 8, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

These blooms are sun-stoppable just like you! Get ready to use your artistic abilities and create a beautiful chalk-pastel sunflower! Register online; limited space.

STRAW ROCKETS

Monday, Sept. 15, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Tick tock, it's rocket o'clock! It is time to make your very own straw rocket and then send it into orbit and compete against your friends! Register child online; limited space.

MAGIC INK

Monday, Sept. 22, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's make some magic-al memories with this magic ink. You will use a magical "potion" to uncover hidden messages then have the opportunity to make your own! Register child online; limited space.

OBSTACLE COURSE

**Monday, Sept. 29 & Nov. 10
4:30—5:15 p.m.**

Feel the burn and earn your turn with an obstacle course then group parachute time! Register child online; limited space.

LIFE-SIZED SCARECROW

Monday, October 20, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Straw-some scarecrow! This week we will be tracing ourselves then making our tracings into a life-sized scarecrow that you will be able to take with you! Register child online; limited space.

HALLOWSLIME

Monday, October 27, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

"I ain't afraid of no slime!" Join us for a fun and messy Halloween themed slime making that is sure to be a blast. Please register child online; limited space.

PULLED STRING ART

Monday, November 3, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Paint it to you make it! Prepare to get those hands messy with this beautiful pulled string art. Register child online; limited space.

WINTER ORNAMENTS

Monday, November 17, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Ready to "letter" rip?! You will be with this fun name-based winter ornament craft! Sign up to create and take home your very own ornament! Caregiver attendance required. Please register child online; limited space.

Grades 3-5

SPLATTER "FIRE" PAINTING

Thursday, Sept. 4, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Let's get fired up for this Splatter Fire Painting! You will be using watercolors and straws to portray a fire in this fun craft. Sorry—no real fire included! Please register online; limited space.

STRAW ROCKETS

Thursday, Sept. 11, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Don't space out, get ready to rocket! You will make your very own straw rocket and then send it into orbit and compete against your friends! Please register child online; limited space.

OBSTACLE COURSE

**Thursday, September 18 & October 23
5:00—6:00 p.m.**

This cardio wont be hardio because being fit is lit! Test your fitness with this obstacle course by running the course alone then relay race with your friends. Please register child online; limited space.

TASTE MAKERS: PB&J TACOS

Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

I "carrot" wait to get cooking with the Taste Makers! Learn basic cooking skills while making tasty treats. This month we will be making PB&J Tacos (Nutella will be an option!) Recommended for kids without food allergies. Register child online; limited space.

MAGIC INK

Thursday, October 2, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

This program is about to be magic-stic! You will use a magical "potion" to uncover hidden messages then have the opportunity to make your own! Please register child online; limited space.

Fall Reading Challenge!



Some of us can't wait for fall! And not just because of pumpkin spice lattes... the return of autumn also means the return of another **Reading Challenge!** There's lots of awesome autumn activities and reading tracking for **ALL** ages (including adults!) to earn tickets for a chance to win a whole new set of prizes. Pre-register beginning August 18 on Beanstack. The Fall Reading Challenge will run September 1—November 26!

SALT PAINTING

Thursday, October 9, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Salt your way to success with this program! We will be using salt and watercolors to make creative and unique pieces of art. Please register child online; limited space.

HALLOWSLIME

Thursday, October 30, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

This program is Slime-ply irresistible! Get ready to get messy with this fun and spooky Halloween slime! Please register online.

PULLED STRING ART

Thursday, November 6, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Prepare to art-fully craft some beautiful designs with this pulled string art craft. Using string as your brush you will make your own masterpieces! Register online; limited space.

TASTE MAKERS: FRUIT CORNUCOPIA

Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

I "carrot" wait to get cooking with the Taste Makers! Learn basic cooking skills while making tasty treats. This month will be festive with Fruit Cornucopias. Recommended for kids without food allergies. Register child online; limited space.

WINTER ORNAMENTS: POM POM POLAROID

Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Come in from the cold and make a winter ornament with your friends! Get ready to be picture perfect for this cute pom pom polaroid ornament that you and your family can cherish for a lifetime! Register online.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

Family Programs

STORY STROLLS

The Story Strolls at Clinton Park and Donaldson Park are a great way to burn off some energy, get steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! The stories will change around the start of each month and are available for families to enjoy year-round on their own time (please note that Clinton Park is closed Nov 1 - April 1).

LIFE-SIZE CHUTES & LADDERS

Saturday, Sep. 6, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Climb up and "slide" down in the exciting game of ups and downs, Chutes and Ladders! You and your family will have a blast with this life-sized version of the classic game! Register online; limited space.

THE CURSE OF FRANKENSCHNOZ

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Frankenschnoz returns to the Youth Services Desk, and we need you to pick his nose! Like an old challenge on Double Dare, reach up in the monster's schnoz, and dig around for a spooky surprise. One per child; while supplies last. Please register if you'd like a reminder; registration does not guarantee a prize.

CANDY BAR BINGO

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

B9! I24! Get ready to play some fun rounds of Bingo and bring your sweet tooth because our prizes will be tasty candy bars. Please consider bringing a suggested donation of one candy bar. For families of all ages. Register ALL Bingo participants online; limited space.

LEGO DAY

Saturday, November 15

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

"Lego" of all your worries and laugh a little at this free build LEGO day. Either do the challenges provided or have the time to build a creation of your heart's desires! For families of all ages. Register online; limited space.

Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 2—Nov. 26

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 child online only once for the whole season. No program October 15.

PLAY K

Fridays, 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 2026. 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. Register child online only once for either the morning or afternoon session; limited space. No program Sept. 5, Oct. 3, 17, & 31.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 6

10:00—11:00 a.m. OR 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest-standing traditions! We'll provide the iced tea container base, and you provide a can of frosting and a cookie sheet or baking pan to build on. You'll also be asked to drop off a candy decoration to share prior to the program. For families of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online only once for each person (child, teen, or adult) who would like to build their own gingerbread house; limited space.



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

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 child online only once for the whole season by registering for either day. No program Sept. 23, Oct. 14, 15, 21, Nov. 18.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY STORYTIME

Thursdays, 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 child online only once for the whole season; limited space. No program on October 16.

BOOKS & BUDDIES

Thursdays, 12:00—12:30 p.m.

September 4—November 20

Listen to a story, then do an activity with your preschool friends! Every week is a different activity. Register for each individual session. For preschool aged children with a caregiver. Please register child online for each week you want to attend; limited space.

September 4: Cookie-Cutter Leaf People

September 11: Sensory Bottles

September 18: Treasure Chest Painting

September 25: Cloud Dough

October 2: Fork Painted Pumpkins

October 9: Life-sized Scarecrows

October 23: Popsicle Stick Acorns

October 30: Ghost Art

November 6: Balloon Tennis

November 13: Sponge Painted Turkey

November 20: Winter Ornaments

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

If you love reading and connecting with fellow book lovers, the Bookworms Book Club is the place for you! As the longest-running book club at the library, we explore a new title each month across a variety of genres. Come share your thoughts, enjoy lively discussions, and make new friends in the process. Please register online only once for the whole season; limited space.

WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Let's take reading on the road to some of our favorite local restaurants! Pick up a copy of the month's book from the circulation desk, read and jot down some questions, then make sure you RSVP for our book club evening out on the town. This is a "Dutch Treat" event. Please register online only once for the whole season.

Crafts & More

CRAFT NIGHT

First Tuesdays, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

On craft night, your creativity can run wild! Each month we'll provide all the supplies & know-how needed to create various simple & fun decorative craft projects. Register online for each individual program; limited space.

CRAFTERNOON

3rd Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Can't make it to our Craft Night? Try Crafternoon! The same craft will be provided as Craft Night each month. All materials will be provided, but you need to bring the creativity! Please register for each individual program you wish to attend; limited space.

PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, Sept. 4, 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Spend a creative evening painting a bright sunflower with a meaningful quote—perfect for welcoming autumn. The featured design is by Step-by-Step Painting artist Tracie Kiernan. Register online; limited space.

REWIND AND REFLECT: A CREATIVE HOUR OF JOURNALING, CURIOSITY, AND CONNECTION

Tuesday, September 16

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Step into a cozy, judgment-free space where your thoughts can stretch and wander.

Rewind & Reflect is a one-hour creative journaling experience designed to help you look inward, let go, and play on the page.

Using evocative prompts—sometimes poetic, sometimes quirky—you'll revisit moments from your day, your week, or your inner world and see them with new eyes.

Whether you write two lines or two pages, a poem, a song or whether you doodle, list, or ramble—it all counts. This is your creative hour. Come as you are, pen in hand. Please register online; limited space.

ZENTANGLE TILE ART

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Discover the relaxing and creative art of Zentangle®! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to draw structured, repetitive patterns—called "tangles"—on small ceramic tiles. This meditative drawing method is easy to learn, calming to practice, and produces beautiful results with no prior art experience needed. Register online.

CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, October 4

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 September 22, 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 and ideas.

FELTING CLASS

Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Curious about needle felting? This hands-on craft night is the perfect way to try it out! Choose to create either a festive pumpkin or a spooky bat—great for fall decorating. Please register online; limited space.

PAPER QUILLING

Tuesday, October 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Discover the art of quilling—creating beautiful designs by rolling and shaping paper strips. In this one hour beginner-friendly skill builder we will be learning how to create the base shapes and build more intricate motifs. Please register online.

HOOKEED ON CROCHET

Tuesday, October 28, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Whether you're a beginner or already have experience crocheting, you'll be hooked from the first stitch! Bonnie Bitner Lepro will teach basic stitches advancing to creating a pumpkin in this program. Register online.

CHRISTMAS JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Think you're quick with puzzles? Put your skills to the test in a fast-paced, Christmas-themed puzzle competition! Ten teams will race to complete the same puzzle—who will finish first? Register once as a team of up to four people. Smaller group? No problem! Sign up and let us know if you're open to joining another team or having someone join yours. Registration required; limited space.

WRAP IT UP: HOLIDAY BOWS & BOXES WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn how to create beautiful handmade bows and fold dazzling origami gift boxes—perfect for adding a personal touch to your holiday presents. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just in it for the glitter, we'll have all the supplies you need. Come sip cocoa, swap wrapping tips, and leave with gifts that wow before they're even opened! Register online; limited space.

INTRO TO CRICUT

Monday, Nov. 24, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

You can design your own t-shirts, cards, artwork, and more with the Cricut machine. Learn the basics of the Cricut Design Space software and how to create a free account. Also get some tips & tricks for working with materials and designs, and see a demo of the Cricut Explore, Joy Xtra, & EasyPress the library has in our collection!

CARD CLUB

2nd & 4th Mondays, 3:00—5:00 p.m.

What's your game? Whether it's hearts, rummy, sevens, or anything else you can play with a deck of cards, come to our card club and deal away. We'll make sure you won't have to play "solitaire!" Register online only once for the whole season; limited space.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 9, October 14, November 25

Challenge your brain! Knowledge, fun, and friendly competition come together. The theme will change each month. Play trivia in teams of no more than five people (you do not need to have a team to register). Please register online; limited space.

CUP TALK CONVERSATIONS

Wednesdays, 3:00—4:00 p.m.

September 10, October 8, November 12

Bring your favorite beverage and settle into a welcoming space where professionals from a variety of fields share their experiences, knowledge, and insights on topics that matter. Whether inspiring, educational, or thought-provoking, each conversation is an opportunity to connect, learn, and reflect in a relaxed setting. Register online; limited space.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Wednesdays, 3:30—5:00 p.m.

September 24 & October 29

Ready, set, roll the dice! Or deal the card! Or DON'T be sorry! Enjoy sharing your strategy, skill, and luck with others by choosing a game from our collection to play together or feel free to bring one from home. Register online for each individual program; limited space.

CAR MAINTENANCE 101

Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn essential tips for keeping your car in top shape from Steel City Wheelhouse! We'll cover how to check and refill fluids, find tire size and vehicle info, and follow the right maintenance schedule from your manual. Discover how to spot unsafe tires, and get the scoop on battery checks and where to get your battery replaced without extra fees.
4 Please register online; limited space.

BREATHE EASY: NATURAL RELIEF

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Discover natural ways to relieve sinus pressure in this relaxing and informative session. Learn about key pressure points that can help ease discomfort, how inflammation contributes to sinus pain, and the soothing benefits of using ice. This program will guide you through simple massage techniques and cooling methods you can use at home to reduce pressure and breathe more freely. Please register online; limited space.

CRUISE ALASKA NOW

Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Rusty Pettit from Cruise Planners will be here to talk about setting sail through Alaska. Explore waters that weave between ancient glaciers and rugged shores and are surrounded by raw elemental forces. Learn about experiencing the edge of the wild in a setting that dares you to look deeper, breathe deeper, and feel more alive. Please register online; limited space.

HOME DÉCOR BINGO

Thursday, October 2, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Looking to refresh your space and have some fun? Play a lively round of Home Décor Bingo! Each participant is asked to bring one gently-used or new home décor item (think picture frames, candles, vases, decorative pillows, seasonal items, etc.) to donate to the prize table. Then we'll play rounds of Bingo and winners get to pick from the donated items! Perfect for redecorating, decluttering, or just enjoying a fun night with your community. Please register online; limited space.

CEMETERY TALES

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Explore the rich history and quiet beauty of Pittsburgh's most picturesque cemeteries. Discover how American burial grounds evolved from simple plots to park-like destinations, and learn about the art, design, and symbolism found in tombstones and memorials. Presented by The Frick Pittsburgh Museums and Gardens, this program features vivid visuals and fascinating stories of the notable (and notorious) Pittsburghers who rest beneath the stones. Register online.

MAHJONG MEETUP

Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Spend an evening enjoying strategy, tiles, and friendly competition! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just curious about this classic Chinese game of skill and luck, this is the perfect chance to play, learn, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. Come for the game, stay for the fun! For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

BATS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Discover the remarkable world of bats—one of the most unique and often misunderstood groups of mammals. This engaging program will explore their biology, behavior, and vital role in the ecosystem, along with challenges they face in the wild. You'll also learn about fascinating bat species found right here in PA. Perfect for nature enthusiasts, wildlife lovers, and anyone curious about these amazing creatures. Presented by Raccoon Creek State Park. Please register online; limited space.

EXTEND THE SEASON: PLANTING FOR FALL AND WINTER

Thursday, November 6, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Who says the beauty of your garden ends with summer? There are plenty of plants that shine in the cooler months—adding vibrant color, unique texture, striking bark, and even food for the birds. In this class, we'll share some of our favorite perennials, shrubs, and trees that bring life to the landscape through fall and winter. Plus, we'll cover tips on pruning, cleanup, and prepping your beds for their season of rest, so you're set up for success when spring rolls around. Please register online; limited space.

CHINESE TEA CEREMONY

Tuesday, December 2, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join the Pittsburgh Chinese Cultural Center for a fun and interactive hour exploring Chinese culture! This special program includes a live tea ceremony demonstration, a trivia game, and hands-on activities like learning how to use chopsticks and discovering the traditions behind Chinese tea culture. Come curious and leave inspired! Please register online; limited space.

**JINGLE & MINGLE: A VERY MERRY
KARAOKE NIGHT**

Thursday, December 4, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Grab the mic, warm up those vocal cords, and get ready to sleigh the stage! Join us for Jingle & Mingle, a holly-jolly karaoke night where holiday hits, guilty pleasures, and off-key carols are all welcome. Whether you're channeling Mariah, belting out Wham!, or just here for the cocoa and chaos—there's a song (and a Santa hat) with your name on it. Please register online; limited space.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 11, October 9, November 20

Cookbook Club will leave your mouth watering and your recipe box full! Stop by the library to choose a recipe from the featured book and make a free photocopy of your chosen recipe. Prepare your dish at home, then bring it in to share with others, and enjoy a diverse array of homemade creations. Be sure and bring a container from home to take leftovers in if any are available. Please register online for each individual program.

Computer Classes

**GO BACK TO SCHOOL WITH
TUTOR.COM**

Monday, September 8. 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Whether getting ready for back-to-school or working on your career, Tutor.com has you covered with 24/7, on-demand tutoring and homework help in more than 250 subjects. Drop-off review service for writing assignments and self-study practice quizzes are also included. Bring your laptop or mobile device and we'll get you started!

**ENHANCE EARLY READING WITH
BOOKFLIX**

Monday, October 13, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Bookflix pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction books, offering an engaging way to link fact and fiction, reinforce early reading skills, and introduce children to a world of knowledge and exploration! Bring your laptop or mobile device and we'll get you started accessing this free library resource.

SELLING ONLINE

Monday, October 27. 6:30—7:30 p.m.

In this class we will explore the various platforms for buying and selling online, including eBay, Craigslist, Facebook, and more. Learn about the process, best practices, scams, and online safety.

TRACE YOUR LINEAGE w/ANCESTRY

Monday, November 10. 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Ancestry.com is the definitive source of information for working on family history & building out your family tree, and is available free for in-library use. Bring your laptop and we'll get you started accessing this resource.

**Middle Grade & Teen
Grades 6—12**

STEP BY STEP PAINTING:

HALLOWEEN TREATS

Monday, September 8. 6:00—7:00 p.m.

No tricks, just treats with this Step-by-Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan using acrylic paints to create cute and fun Halloween Treats. Register teen online; limited space.

BOUNCY BALLS

Monday, September 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

When life gets tough, bounce back with these homemade bouncy balls! You will have the opportunity to create your own color changing bouncy ball! Register online; limited space.

PRESSED LEAF LUMINARIES

Monday, September 22. 6:00—7:00 p.m.

You have the qua-leaf-ications for this fun craft! You will be creating a beautiful and elegant pressed leaf luminary to spice up your space at home. Register online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

APPLE PIE SNACK CUPS

Monday, September 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. This month you will make apple pie snack cups. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Register online; limited space.

YARN PUMPKIN

Monday, October 20, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Orange you pumped to create some pumpkins today?! Create a gorgeous yarn pumpkin that will be great for a table centerpiece or even a fall mantle. Please register teen online; limited space.

HALLOWSLIME

Monday, October 27, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

A bonding experience? It's all about slime. Come bond with new friends and materials to make a spooky Halloween slime! Please register teen online; limited space.

PULLED STRING ART

Monday, November 3, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

You'll have an art-rageous amount of fun doing this pulled string art craft. Using the string as your brush come and create a beautiful masterpiece! Register teen online.

**TEEN TEST KITCHEN: MONSTER
COOKIE PUDDING PARFAITS**

Monday, November 10, 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 month you will make monster cookie pudding parfaits. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Register teen online.

**WINTER ORNAMENTS:
PINECONE SNOWMAN**

Monday, November 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Frosty vibes only with this fun winter ornament craft. Using pinecones and a variety of craft materials, we will be designing and constructing a pinecone snowman! Register teen online; limited space.

ATTENTION TEENS! Need **volunteer hours** or just want to help out at the library? We are currently accepting **Volunteer** applications for Fall 2025 for teens ages 13-17. Applications received by August 15 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours starting in September; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out the application on our website under "Youth Services—Teen Volunteers" to get started!