

# Back to School begins @ the library

Need help with an assignment? Looking for the perfect book for a report? Have a research question? We're here to help! Stop by and access all that the library has to offer.

- ★ Desktop computers
- ★ High-speed internet & Wi-Fi
- ★ Print/Copy/Fax/Scan (up to 5 pages free printing for students)
- ★ Accelerated Reader Testing (WAMS only)
- ★ Test proctoring (see details on our website)

**Forgot your library card?** Each school in the district has a designated card for student in-library computer access - ask at the front desk for details.

**Parenting & Teaching Resources available!** The library has a variety of parenting and teaching materials. They are located in the Youth Services department and cover a range of topics such as child-rearing, teaching aids, child psychology, and literacy. In addition, we have special collections which may be useful for classroom and home use, including our book club kits and world language section.



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## Tech Talk: eResources for Kids

The county eLibrary website makes it easy to find safe & reliable online resources for kids. These are available for free with your library card, and are accessible in the library or at home (which could be really useful if there's a report due tomorrow!).

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#### LIBRARY HOURS:

*Library hours and available services to be determined. Please check our website for updates on services and when the building will reopen.*

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News

Fall 2020

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## Come in, we're **OPEN!**

You have no idea how happy we are that the library is now open for our regular hours! We know it was a long time coming, and we are so happy 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.

### Want to browse the collection?

You're welcome to do so! We will have signs reminding you to wear a mask & observe social distancing guidelines. It's polite - it's required - and it's the best way to keep us all safe!

### Prefer 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.

### Want to use a computer or make a copy/fax?

Both are available, with procedures in place for sanitizing between uses. Please see a staff member before using either & we'll walk you through it.

### Need to return some items?

The book drop is open for your returns. Returned items will 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 return date when checked in.

### Have any other questions or concerns?

Please call or email us and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thanks for your cooperation and patience!



## LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce that thanks again to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, as well as local matches by Clinton Christmas Light-Up Celebration, Fast Eddie's Food-n-Fuel, Kosis Land Company, Sunrise Accounting, and our friends group W.A.F.E.L., 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 & double the impact of your support.



### Vendor & Craft Sale

**Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Do some shopping and support your library! A number of vendors will be featured, PLUS a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, accessories, & gifts. Attention vendors - sign up now to be part of our popular event! \$20 per table plus an item for our raffle.



### Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by giving this September during "Love Your Library" month! See the letter from your library on page 3 for details. Sponsorship opportunities are also available—contact our director Amy McDonald at [mcdonaldae@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonaldae@einetwork.net) for more information.



### 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

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LIBRARY 

DONATE TODAY

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](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org).



# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## RELAX! YOGA WITH CASSIDY

**Saturday, September 12, 11:00 a.m.**

Vinyasa Yoga is a great form of self-care (and we can all use a little self-care right now!). Join Cassidy for a free beginners level class. Together we'll gain strength, stability, and balance, as well as decrease stress and anxiety. If you own a mat, bring it along; if you don't, one will be provided for you.

## YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

**Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Join Citizens Bank for an interactive and engaging workshop focused on the basic fundamentals of banking that we have heard from students are most important to them as they prepare for life after high school.

Includes such topics as opening an account, mobile banking, planning for college, applying for student loans, budgeting, and using credit wisely.

## BRING NEW LIFE TO OLD FURNITURE

**Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.**

Looking for an easy & inexpensive way to update furniture? Come to this fun and informational demo to learn all the steps necessary to "Paint it Beautiful" with Fusion Mineral Paint! Perfect for novice and experienced painters! This program will take place at the library with an option to attend virtually on Zoom; please register online for either option. Presented by Terry & Bob Chesky from Consignment Cottage in Moon Township.

## ESTATE PLANNING 101

**Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.**

It is never too early or too late to plan. Michele from Conti Law can guide you through this difficult legal and emotional process, to ensure last wishes are met and upheld. Conti Law specializes in Estate Planning, Estate & Trust Administration, Guardianships, Elder Law, Special Needs and Tax Planning. This event will take place at the library with an option to attend virtually on Zoom; please register for either option.

## YARN WARRIORS

**2nd Saturdays**

**9:00—10:30 a.m.**

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. Please register online & let us know if you're interested in knitting or crochet or both!

## Computer Classes

### CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Monday, September 28, 6:30 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. Register online to receive the Zoom link for this virtual event.

### INTERNET MYTH-BUSTERS

**Monday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Is that 10-foot spider on Facebook real? How do you tell if something is news or fake news? And what about online security, phishing, malware, and viruses? Let's bust some online myths using Snopes, learn about website reliability, and find out how you can make sure your computer is secure from online attacks. Register online to receive the Zoom link for this virtual event.

### TECH TALK

**Fridays, 12:00 p.m.**

Join us each week on Facebook Live for Tech Talk with Heather! We'll go step-by-step through some online resources & go over other technology topics to help you access your library from home. Heather will be on hand to answer your questions during the live stream; you can also access the uploaded videos afterward.

## MICROSOFT OFFICE ON THE JOB

**Mondays, 6:30 p.m.**

**Part One, Word: September 14**

**Part Two, PowerPoint: October 12**

**Part Three, Publisher: November 9**

**Part Four, Excel: December 7**

Are you new to the workforce or going back for a second career, and the job description requires "proficiency in Microsoft Office"? Come to our MS Office series and get the skills you'll need to start out! In this series of computer classes, we will cover the basics of Microsoft Office, including how to create a document, use a template, change fonts and styles, and use pictures and other objects. Basic computer knowledge required. Register online to receive the Zoom link for each virtual session.

## TECH HELP WITH HEATHER

Need help accessing our online resources? Having trouble with a specific software or mobile device? We're bringing the tech help to YOU via Zoom video chat! Fill out the form on our website under "Tech Tutoring" to request a one-on-one virtual appointment with our tech librarian, Heather Auman.

## 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. August Book: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

### 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. Note: Due to the holidays, Anime Club will meet on the 3rd Thursdays in November & December.

## Middle Grade & Teen

Please register online for all programs.

### MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB

Thursdays

5:00—6:00 p.m.

\*Now requires registration\* Make, create, build, and destroy a range of projects on Zoom from movable mummies to snowball surprise soap. Miss Becky will contact you about materials prior to each program. For middle graders in grades 4—7. Please register once online for the whole season; limited space.

### VOLUNTEERS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 9, September 23,

October 14, October 28,

November 11

Are you a teen looking to volunteer with the library? Join our group of teen volunteers to help the library virtually! Volunteers will meet biweekly over Zoom to work on individual volunteer assignments while also having opportunities to work on projects outside of the scheduled program time. To volunteer, email Amelia at dicksona@einetwork.net and include your first and last name, grade, number of volunteer hours needed, and by what date.

## 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 westalleghey@einetwork.net to let us know you're interested!

### ADULTING 101

1st Wednesdays

September 2, October 7, November 4

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Adulthood doesn't come with instructions, but we'll help guide the way! Get the skills you need to take on the world with help from local community members and businesses on Zoom. Adulthood 101 is aligned to PA's Career Education & Work Standards. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

### TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

#### APPEALING APPETIZERS

Wednesday, September 16

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Grab the chips and make some delicious dips and other mouth-watering appetizers! 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 apps. For teens in grades 6—12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Register online; limited space.

### TEEN TEST KITCHEN: MAKE 'N BAKE

Wednesday, October 21

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 in grades 6—12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register online; limited space.

### TEEN TEST KITCHEN: THANKSGIVING THIRST-QUENCHERS

Wednesday, November 18

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn how to mix and make some thirst-quenching drinks! Prior to the program, Amelia will contact you about ingredients and materials; then join her and other teens on Zoom to create your own specialty drinks. For teens in grades 6—12. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register online; limited space.

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

### Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory and the Heinz History Center and its affiliates, we are able to lend special experience passes for free admission! Check out our lineup here—some are returning, and some new passes are being added for 2020. Make sure to contact your destination for social distancing guidelines and advance reservation requirements.

- ★ **Heinz History Center** (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ **Mattress Factory Museum**
- ★ **Lincoln Highway Museum**
- ★ **PA Trolley Museum**

*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!*

To Our Library Community,

With your help, the Western Allegheny Community Library has weathered the storm...literally! Last year was a challenging one with rain damage, faulty drainage pipes, and broken HVAC units. The current pandemic has created a new set of challenges, but I am proud to say that we have risen to the challenge. By the end of the year, all repairs are targeted for completion and a portion of the roof will again be replaced. A new front desk has been installed and the Community Room has undergone a complete rejuvenation. In addition, staff have transitioned our programs and services to a virtual format and are excitedly offering new programs as well as past favorites for children, teens, adults, and seniors. Western Allegheny Community Library was one of the first in the county to reopen and offer patrons the opportunity to once again browse the collection and access our computers and services in person. As always, we want to acknowledge the unwavering support we continue to receive from the community. We **thank you** for supporting us with your donations as well as concern and well wishes. You have reinforced what we have always known: **your Library is an integral part of this community!**

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2020 and 2021, we expect to again face unprecedented challenges; this time our funding is at risk. Many of our benefactors including the Regional Asset District, Gaming Table Funds, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have encountered their own financial hardships, and as a result, we are not expecting them to give at the same levels as they have in the past. That is why we are **thrilled** to announce that the Jack Buncher Foundation has agreed to collaborate with the Allegheny County Library Association and Carnegie Library to offer **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** month, providing a collective \$150,000 match to county libraries that fundraise during the month of September. Equally exciting is that local businesses, organizations, and individuals have also rallied in support of the library. So far, in an effort to entice community participation, our friends group W.A.F.E.L., Fast Eddie's Food-n-Fuel, Kosis Land Company, Sunrise Accounting, and Clinton Christmas Light-Up Celebration have offered another \$5500 to the WACL match.

Individuals just like you and organizations throughout the community understand and value the good work being done in West Allegheny. They know that Western Allegheny Community Library provides inspiration, exploration, and the resources that can transform a child's world. They know that never before has the library been so important for job seekers who come to the library to find help with résumés, gain access to computers, attend workshops, and receive technology training. They know that during this time of isolation, the library has made it a point to reach out to our seniors and that the library offers a place for all adults to explore, discover, and connect with others.

*"The library is an important thread in the fabric of the community. It offers not only a place to learn and experience many things, but it is also a meeting place of education sharing that allows us to have a window into the world outside of our neighborhood."*  
- Robert (Findlay Township)

The 2020 fundraising goal to keep your Library at the level of activity and engagement that the community expects and deserves is \$110,000. With the generosity of so many supporters like yourself, **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** will help get us closer to that goal. Here is an idea of what your support can do.

- \$50 purchases two books for our collection
- \$75 funds a single session of "Adulting 101" (everyday life skills not taught in school)
- \$100 purchases a unique item (ex: pressure washer or carpet cleaner) for the collection
- \$150 provides the resources for a complete season of technology training for seniors

Library staff are able to stretch a dollar and make a little go a long way for so many people. However, **we need your help**; and as you can see, for less than the cost of a coffee a day, **you can make a BIG difference!** Thank you for choosing to support your community!

Sincerely,



Amy McDonald, Library Director



# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.



## PBS KIDS PALS

Tuesdays, 1:00—1:30 p.m.

September 1—November 24

Get curious with Curious George, go wild with the Wild Kratts, and be welcomed to the neighborhood by Daniel Tiger on Zoom! We'll watch a PBS Kids show together then explore with a craft or activity. Miss Becky will contact you about materials prior to the program. Best for kids in PreK—2nd grade. Please register online for each week as themes will change; limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program powered by Chick-Fil-A Robinson.



## IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR MISTER ROGERS!

Saturday, October 17

11:00—11:45 a.m.

Hello, neighbors! Join in on Zoom to listen to a story about the life of Mister Rogers then create your own Mister Rogers craft. Miss Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program; must provide your own scissors and glue stick. Best for children ages 3—9. Please register online; limited space. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program powered by Chick-Fil-A Robinson.

## DINO-MITE

### DINO-EMBER

Saturday, November 7

11:00—11:30 a.m.

OR 1:00—1:30 p.m.

ROARRR! It's Dino-ember, and we'll be exploring these mighty beasts over Zoom through crafts and hands-on "excavation." Miss Gee will contact you about materials prior to the program. Best for kids ages 4—8. Please register online for one session, as there is limited space.

# Virtual Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 1—Nov. 25

Registration now required; please visit our website to register.

## BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Birth—18 months

\*Now requires registration\* Enjoy the company of other caregivers and babies 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

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

\*Now requires registration\* Read, sing, and shake your sillies out on Zoom! The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years. Please register once online for the whole season.

## STUFF-A-PLUSH: SUPERHERO EDITION

Saturday, November 14

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Create your very own special, stuffed superhero at home! Stuff, design, and paint a superhero using a variety of materials on Zoom. Miss Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program; must provide your own hot glue gun. For children ages 4—10. Please register online; limited space.

## STRAW ROCKETS WITH MS. FRIZZLE

Saturday, November 21

11:00—11:30 a.m.

OR 1:00—1:30 p.m.

Let's get out there and explore! Fly to outer space with Ms. Frizzle on Zoom as she shares a story then shows you how to make your very own Straw Rocket. Miss Becky

## SENSE-A-STORYTIME

Mondays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

September 14—November 23

Ages 3—5

\*Now requires registration\* Explore a story by using your senses! On Zoom, we'll see, touch, smell, and hear to get a sense of the world from the comfort of our own homes. Best for ages 3—5 years. Please register once online for the whole season. No storytime on October 19.



## PLAY K

Mondays @ 1:00—1:30 p.m.

OR Thursdays @ 9:30—10:00 a.m.

## Entering Kindergarteners

This program is exclusively for children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021. Together on Zoom, we'll support the development of Kindergarten readiness skills with a strong focus on social/emotional skills to get your child Kindergarten ready! Please register online for the first day of the fall session; limited space. No Play K on October 19. Sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program.

will contact you about materials prior to the program; must provide your own glue, scissors, scotch tape, and crayons/markers. Best for ages 4—10. Please register online; limited space.

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*For special events sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program, look for the "i" picture on this page!*

## Holiday Events

### HAUNTED HOUSE POPSICLE STICK PUPPETS

Saturday, October 24

11:00—11:30 a.m.

OR 1:00—1:30 p.m.

Happy Halloween! Get spooked by a story, then make your own haunted house popsicle stick puppets together on Zoom. Miss Becky will contact you about materials prior to the program; must provide your own glue. Best for ages 3—8; costumes encouraged! Please register online; limited space.

Don't forget to register!

Registration is now required for all storytimes and programs.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 29,

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 30,

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5,

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6,

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12,

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13,

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19,

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20,

2:00—3:00 p.m.

Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest standing traditions, and it will continue this year on Zoom! A Youth Services staff member will contact you about materials prior to the program. You will provide your own frosting, spatula or knife, and paper plate or baking sheet to build on. Please donate a bag of candy by Friday, November 13. Must register online for one session; limited space.

## School Age Programs

### LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

September 2—November 18

\*Now requires registration\* Every build is awesome! Complete the weekly build challenge with the LEGOs you have at home while sharing with your friends on Zoom. Must be able to provide your own LEGOs. Best for school age children in grades K—5. Please register once online for the whole season.

### EXPLORE MAGNETS

Saturday, September 12

11:00—11:30 a.m.

Discover the world of magnets with us on Zoom! We're going to build our own DIY magnet wands, which we'll use to find out what everyday objects are and aren't magnetic, and create magnet sensory bottles. Miss Gee will contact you about materials prior to the program. Best for children ages 5—9 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space.

### WATCH & WEAVE

Saturday, September 19

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Don't get your yarn in a bunch! Learn how to weave on Zoom using cardboard and stick looms. Miss Amelia will contact you about materials prior to the program. For children in grades 2—6. Please register; limited space.

### HACK-A-PAINTING

Saturday, October 10

11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

OR 1:00—1:30 p.m.

Grab your brushes, head to Zoom, and get ready to "hack" a painting generously donated by our friends at Painting with a Twist Pittsburgh West and Kolor-N-Kiln. Whether you add silly faces, Godzilla, or glitter to these pieces is up to you! Miss Gee will contact you about materials prior to the program. For kids in grades 2—6. Please register online; limited space.

## Up & autumn for Fall events!



### Youth Fall programs will be all virtual.

Although the library is now open, out of an abundance of caution, programming for youth will continue to be only virtual throughout the remainder of 2020. This will include all storytimes and events for ages Birth—Grade 12.

Registration for most programs including our storytimes will also now be required. This will allow us to hold the programs through Zoom and make for a more interactive experience!

Adult programs will follow a hybrid method, with some being at the library, some virtual only, and others a combination of both.

Please visit our website to see the in-person and virtual events schedule and to register for all programs.

### Follow us on Facebook for more family fun!

Our staff is hard at work putting together and sharing some "fun things to do," tech talks, and other creative virtual programming ideas. Visit our Facebook page @waclibrary for these and other up-to-the-minute updates from your library.

Be sure to also follow us on Facebook to get alerts about when we're going live with special appearances and lots of fun challenges for the whole family!

