

## From the Director's Desk

I've been a reader my whole life. One of my clearest early memories is visiting my prospective fourth-grade classroom with my mother to meet the teacher (Ben Franklin Elementary, Glen Ellyn, Ill.). The teacher had created a display of books available in the classroom, including Elizabeth

and sequel, and to this day I'll recommend them to young readers.

Next to actually reading, I most love to talk about books: sharing titles, discussing plots, trying to remember old reads that are now hazy around the edges of my memory. Rock-star librarian Nancy Pearl calls this "book lust." So apt! Luckily, for people like me, our library buzzes and abounds with book discussions year-round, for all ages.

You'll find our groups spotlighted below. We offer discussion groups for children ("Let's Read Math"

at our Roslyn Branch is intriguing), and daytime and evening groups for adults. If you've never come, why not join us at the next session? Both our daytime and evening book discussions are informal and relaxing (I bring my needlepoint). You may join in or just listen, which in itself can lead to new levels of enjoyment. Plus, the personal experience and social interaction are priceless. And, at the Ruth Abel Memorial discussion group, you get cookies! ➔



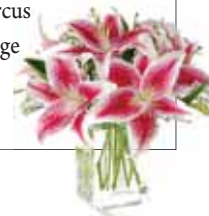
- Nancy Byouk Hammeke Marshall,  
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Enright's The Four-Story Mistake. I couldn't wait to get my hands on it. I still remember the story, its prequel

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## Abington Libraries' Book Discussion Groups

Read more about them and how to register throughout this issue.

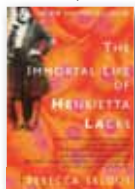
### At Abington Free Library:

THE RUTH R. ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP  
 Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



Sept. 21 - Winter's Bone (a film)  
 Oct. 19 - A Visit from the Goon Squad, by Jennifer Egan.  
 Nov. 30 - The Finkler Question, by Howard Jacobson.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP  
 Every first Thursday at 1 p.m.



Oct. 6 - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack, by Rebecca Skloot  
 Nov. 9 - Cutting for Stone, by Abraham Verghese  
 Dec. 1 - Olive Kitteridge, by Elizabeth Strout

### At Roslyn Branch Library:

LET'S READ MATH!  
 Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Ages 5-9.  
Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson and Hannah's Collections by Marthe Jocelyn

CAM JANSEN  
 Read any or all of the books in the Cam Jansen series (written by David Adler)  
 Monday, Nov. 28 from 7-8 p.m.  
 Ages 5-10.

ARTHUR: A BOOK CELEBRATION  
 Monday, October 3, from 7-8 p.m.  
 Ages 5-9.  
 Fun crafts and delicious snacks.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES  
 Story times for ages 3-6  
 Mondays at 1:30 p.m.  
 Story times for ages 2-3  
 Thursdays at 11 a.m.

### Listen to a Story in Abington Free Library's Children's Department:

DROP-IN STORY TIMES (all ages)  
 Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Oct. 6 through May 31, 2012  
 Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members.

STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI (ages 3 and up)  
 Two Mondays, Oct. 24 & 31, and Tuesday, Dec. 27, 10:30-11 a.m.  
 Enjoy read-alouds with Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS (ages 6-10)  
 Three Saturdays: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3, 10:15-10:45 OR 11-11:30  
 Children practice reading aloud in small groups to registered therapy dogs.

TODDLER STORY TIMES (ages 12-23 months)  
 Four Wednesdays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 9, 16, 10:30-11 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES  
 Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.,  
 three- to five-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.

JAPANESE ORIGAMI & TALES (ages 8 and up)  
 Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:45-8 p.m.  
 Hear stories of courage and hope in the wake of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki WWII bombings. Make an origami crane.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, all day, there will be a **BOOKFAIR** at the **BARNES & NOBLE** in Willow Grove, 102 Park Ave., to benefit Abington Libraries. Activities from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. include crafts, story times, Legos, and a scavenger hunt.

Support Abington Libraries by shopping with a Bookfair voucher. A percentage of the net sales using the voucher will be donated to the libraries. Purchases of food or drink in the café, CDs, DVDs, toys, the Nook Color eReader and its accessories also will contribute to the total.

Note: The voucher may be used at any Barnes & Noble location on Dec. 10. Online shoppers can help by making purchases at [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) from Saturday, Dec. 10, through midnight Friday, Dec. 16, using the voucher number **10543197**. Pick up a voucher at Roslyn or Abington Library.



# Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, call 215-886-9818, or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)



New! Register for Roslyn programs through email: [cfrankford@mclinc.org](mailto:cfrankford@mclinc.org)

## BABY DAYS

Ages 5 months-2 years  
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Sept. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6 and 13.  
Babies and caregivers will sing songs, read stories and do finger plays.  
Registration begins Aug. 23.  
Register for each program separately.



## PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Oct. 3 through Dec. 1

Note: No story time on Thursday, Nov. 10  
Story times for ages 3-6 will be on Mondays at 1:30 p.m.  
Story times for ages 2-3 will be on Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 12. Call or visit the Roslyn Branch Library to sign up.

## SCARY STORY: The Haunting of the Roslyn Library

Ages 6-12  
Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.

We'll have a lot of Halloween fun as local author Don Dougherty spins his scary tale.  
Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.  
Registration begins Sept. 26.



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Ages 2-5  
Monday, Oct. 24, from 6-6:30 p.m.

Wear a costume and join us for some spooky fun!  
Stories, songs, games, crafts and refreshments.  
Registration begins Oct. 3.

## LET'S READ MATH!

Ages 5-9  
Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.

We'll read the books Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson and Hannah's Collections by Marthe Jocelyn, and do some fun math activities.  
Refreshments will be served.  
Registration begins Oct. 10.

## CELEBRATE CAM JANSEN

Ages 5-10  
Monday, Nov. 28, from 7-8 p.m.

Cam Jansen has a photographic memory to help her solve mysteries. Read any of the books in the Cam Jansen series, written by David Adler, and come to the Library ready to share what you've read.  
We will do a fun craft and enjoy a snack.  
Registration begins Nov. 7.



## ARTHUR: A Book Celebration

Ages 5-9  
Monday, Oct. 3, from 7-8 p.m.

Read any of Marc Brown's Arthur books and come to the Library prepared to share what you've read. We will do a fun craft and enjoy a snack.  
Registration begins Sept. 12.



## PAJAMA PARTIES

Ages 3-6  
Mondays from 6:30-7 p.m.

Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Nov. 21, Dec. 12 and 19  
Stories ~ Songs ~ Fingerplays ~ Crafts  
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.  
Registration begins Sept. 6.  
Please register for each program separately.

If you are unable to attend one or more sessions, kindly call the library in advance. This will allow others on the waiting list to attend the program as well as prevent waste of craft materials.

# Children's Department at Abington Free Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/childrens).  
All programs held in the Library's Community Room, Lower Level, unless otherwise noted.

New Hours for Abington Library  
Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30-9  
Fri. and Sat.: 9:30-5, Sun.: 1-5

## PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

Session 1 begins the week of Sept. 12 and continues through the week of Oct. 17. Registration begins Aug. 29. Session 2 begins the week of Nov. 7 and continues through the week of Dec. 12. Two-year-olds meet on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; 3- to 5-year-olds on Mondays, 10:30-11 a.m.



CREATIVE YOGA & PLAY (ages 4-6)  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Dawn and Stan Reese will help children develop coordination, balance and body awareness. Yoga mats provided. Registration begins Sept. 19.

## DROP-IN STORY TIMES (all ages)

Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., Oct. 6 through May 31  
No sessions on Nov. 24, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.

Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. No registration required.

## STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI (ages 3 and up)

Two Mondays, Oct. 24 and 31, and Tuesday, Dec. 27, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Enjoy read-alouds with Jean Campellone and her yellow Lab, Niji. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTIES (ages 3-5)

Three Wednesdays:  
Oct. 12, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, 7-7:30 p.m.  
No registration required for these story times. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## DOGGONE GOOD READERS (ages 6-10)

Three Saturdays:  
Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3  
10:15-10:45 a.m.  
OR  
11-11:30 a.m.  
Children practice reading aloud in small groups to therapy dogs.  
Registration begins Sept. 19.



## STAR WARS PARTY (ages 5 and up)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m.  
Wear a Star Wars costume and have some intergalactic fun!  
Registration begins Oct. 17.

## TODDLER STORY TIMES (ages 12-23 months)

Four Wednesdays:  
Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 16, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Registration for Abington Township/Rockledge Borough residents begins Oct. 17. All others may register starting Oct. 21.

## "PASS THE CITIZENSHIP TEST" (for homeschoolers in grades 2-9)

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1-1:45 p.m.  
Learn your rights and responsibilities as a U. S. citizen. Compete in the "Be a Citizen" game show!  
Registration begins Oct. 17.



## JAPANESE ORIGAMI & TALES (ages 8 and up)

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:45-8 p.m.  
Hear stories of courage and hope in the wake of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki WWII bombings. Make an origami crane. Registration begins Oct. 31.



## K'NEX FAMILY FUN NIGHT (ages 6 and up)

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7-8:15 p.m.  
Take a DVD tour of the K'Nex factory; build a K'Nex seesaw, pirate ship and more. All supplies provided.  
Registration begins Nov. 21.

# Teen Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13 or go to the library website, [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org).



## TEEN JOURNALING

Grades 6-12  
Five Wednesdays beginning Oct. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Join Diana Trout (artist, author and journaling enthusiast) for creative journaling. Use art, poetry and writing to put your thoughts on paper. Bring your own journal or notebook, other supplies provided. Registration begins Sept. 5.



## BOARD GAMES

Every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., starting Sept. 8.  
Scrabble, dominoes, chess, checkers, Othello, and other board games.  
Meet new friends! Exercise your brain!

# Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, email [kburnham@mclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mclinc.org), or go to [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

## WORLD WAR II LECTURE SERIES

Every third Tuesday of the month at 3 and 7 p.m.  
Sept. 20 - John Shepherd will discuss how the Protective Mobilization Program built up the nation's industrial and military capabilities to prepare for mobilization.

## COMPUTER RESOURCES/RESEARCH AND COMPUTER CATALOG CLASS

First Wednesdays  
Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Dec. 7 from 2-3 p.m.  
Nov. 2 from 11 a.m.-noon

- Using your library account
- Accessing resources online
- Mango Languages
- Magazines and newspapers
- Audio and eBooks

To register, or for more information, visit the Information Desk; call 215-885-5180, ext.13; or email [AskAbington@gmail.com](mailto:AskAbington@gmail.com).



## COMPUTER CLASSES

Abington Free Library offers a one-hour class, one-on-one with a volunteer computer aide, tailored to a person's need.

The class could cover basic computer skills, the Internet, email, Microsoft Word or Excel.

To register, or for more information, visit the Information Desk; call 215-885-5180, ext.13; or email [AskAbington@gmail.com](mailto:AskAbington@gmail.com).

## DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
No registration required. Walk-ins welcome!

## SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m.- noon

AND  
Every fourth Friday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m.

Giving Philosophy Back to the People. Let's discuss ...  
What is truth? What is justice? What is moderation?  
Any and every question under the sun!

## OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every second Tuesday of the month from 7-8:45 p.m.

Persons attending meetings are encouraged to bring illustrations or examples of their experiences related to the stated theme of the meeting. All are welcome.

## BEGINNING FOLK GUITAR WORKSHOP SERIES

For ages 15 and up.  
Six-lesson course, Mondays at 7 p.m.  
Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21  
Instructor Rich Kaufman will bring some guitars to lessons.

## MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

For ages 13 and up, maximum of 25 people.  
Monday, Sept. 19, from 7-8 p.m.  
Terrariums: Landscapes in Miniature with Lori M. Hayes.

Create wonderful, easy-to-maintain portable environments in glass. Bring your own glass jar (32 ounces or larger). Lori will provide the dirt, gravel and plants. Register in the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15 or email [kburnham@mclinc.org](mailto:kburnham@mclinc.org)

## THE RUTH R. ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Ed Pettit is our discussion leader.  
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Oct. 19 - *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan  
Nov. 30 - *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson

Books are available for purchase in the Library office for \$9. The office also loans the DVDs for three days. Books and DVDs also may be borrowed from the library system.



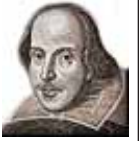
## PROF. BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS!

Abington Library's favorite professor returns!  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Shorday Silent Study Room  
Oct. 11: Cruising in Elegance ...  
Oct. 18: The World of Underground Cities ...  
Oct. 25: The Jews of Shanghai ...  
Nov. 1: The Doomsday Clock ...



## SHAKESPEARE WROTE SHAKESPEARE

or "Shakespeare Was Too Dumb To Have Written All Those Plays" and other nonsensical claims of Shakespearean authorship



Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

Come hear literary historian Edward Pettit discuss the history of what he calls "one of the strangest conspiracy theories of all time."

Pettit writes: "The evidence that William Shakespeare of Stratford was the author of the works that bear his name has always been so overwhelming that Shakespearean scholars have rarely bothered to engage those few (those very few) who have claimed that Francis Bacon or the Earl of Oxford or Christopher Marlowe or fill-in-the-blank were the true authors of all those plays and poems.

"However, the fictional controversy persists.

And now comes *Anonymous*, a big-budget Hollywood movie (Sept. 30) directed by Roland Emmerich, that will further disseminate the phony controversy that Shakespeare was just a dumb country bumpkin who could not have been a literary genius. Well, enough is enough."

Pettit has taught at La Salle University and Lehigh University and has lectured widely on various literary topics. He is a member the National Book Critics Circle and is the current president of the Oak Lane Shakespeare Club, an organization founded in 1908 and dedicated to reading Shakespeare aloud. He is also moderator of Abington Library's Ruth Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group. He can be found online at [www.edwardpettit.com](http://www.edwardpettit.com).



## News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or read about us at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org)

The Friends raise funds for and foster public awareness of the Abington Township Public Library, which includes Abington Free Library and the Roslyn Branch. The Friends hold their meetings in the Community Room in the lower level of Abington Free Library. Our next meeting is Saturday Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us. New members are always welcomed. Additional meeting dates are: Nov. 12, Feb. 11 and May 12.

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## FRIENDS FALL ACTIVITIES:

BOOK AND PLANT SALE: Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Abington Free Library. All books will be half price.

SCARECROW CONTEST: month of October. Scarecrows should resemble a character from your favorite children's book and will be on display in the lobby of Abington Library. Entry forms and contest rules are available at the circulation desk. Judging will be done by the public.



MIMI ZABEL JEWELRY AUCTION: month of November.

## BOOKCELLAR

BookCellar hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New books arrive every day at our BookCellar. Please come by and browse through our extensive collection. We are located in the lower level of Abington Free Library, next to the Children's Department. All of our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP THE FRIENDS

Donate books, movies, audio books, music and current textbooks. Donations are gratefully accepted daily at the circulation desk.

Donate jewelry.

Become a member.

Volunteer at the BookCellar or help with Friends' activities.

Donate online.



Proceeds from fund-raising benefit the Abington Libraries. From September 2010 to May 2011 the Friends donated \$48,500 to the libraries. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all of the Friends' fund-raisers. Help us to keep Abington Township Public Library the gem that it is.

– Linda Connelly, president, The Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries



Introducing  
First Wednesdays!

# The AB LIB

Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month for a computer resources/research and computer catalog class. The class will be held on Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Dec. 7 at 2 p.m., and on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

Learn how to access resources either here in the library or from your home computer. You will learn how to search databases, download audio books or ebooks, place requests on library materials and much more.

Please call 215-885-5180, ext.13, or stop by the Information Desk to register for this program.



Thanks to all who visited with us at Abington Night Out! Another great event.

- Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff at the Information Desk

### Abington Free Library

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Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30-9  
Fri. and Sat.: 9:30-5, Sun.: 1-5

### Roslyn Branch Library

2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001  
215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org  
Hours: Mon., 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

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## Volunteer Spotlight - Leslie Filemyr

If volunteer Leslie Filemyr were a cartoon character, she'd be Tigger. She's just that full of irrepressible energy and enthusiasm.

Leslie was born and raised in Glenolden, PA, a professed tomboy who played basketball and hockey at Interboro High School and wished with all her heart she could play baseball.

She completed East Stroudsburg State College (now University) in three and a half years and started looking for a teaching position. She was hired by Cheltenham School District and spent more than 35 years there, happily teaching 7th and 8th graders. She has the rare gift of really liking teenagers. She also coached almost every sport and, even in retirement, still coaches the girls' track team.

At Cheltenham, she met and married her husband, who taught industrial and graphic arts and later became a manager of the district's computer systems. They have two children: a daughter who works in Austin TX as a full-time computer programmer and almost full-time stage manager, and a son who is a Navy helicopter pilot, most recently assigned to the Persian Gulf. They raised their children in a modest home in Rockledge and moved to a bigger house after the children

moved out. Leslie explains, "Well, we like to entertain."

Since moving and retiring, Leslie has found several new interests. Much to her surprise, she discovered that she loves gardening.

She has two perennial gardens in her yard, a "hot" garden full of red, gold and orange flowers, and a "cool" garden full of pinks, lavenders and blues.

She and her husband have always loved traveling. When their children were young, they went tent camping all over the United States. They still go skiing in Colorado and dude ranching in Washington State. Leslie has been to China and Scotland, and next up will be either Ireland (her roots) or Germany (his).

As a volunteer, Leslie processes hold requests, covers books, cleans our CDs and DVDs and takes on various projects involving cataloging. She is never afraid of a challenge and loves learning new things. We are very lucky she has time in her busy life to volunteer here.

- Lois Odabas



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