

Dear Library Friend and Patron,

A wise philosopher said, *Change is the only constant in life.* We at Abington Township Public Libraries look back on 2014 as a year of continuing changes, but also at how well we believe we've met them: responding to the varied demands and uses made of our libraries, anxiety-producing changes in the funding provided by the Commonwealth, and even unexpected changes called for by a failed boiler and emergency generator (nibbled at by a trespassing rabbit!)

Throughout it all, however, there is the constancy of our reliably dedicated Library staff, which never ceases to amaze in its imagination, creativity and service, the Township community whose use has made us the busiest and most dynamic library in MCLINC, and of course you, the Library Friend and Patron, upon whose generous and consistent support we rely.

Earlier this year, the Library conducted a survey to which over 800 responded with remarkable results: 98.5% said that the Library is important to their family, and 99.3% rated the Library as important to the community. We are exceptionally pleased that these very high numbers indicate such a high level of support for the library and the role it plays in the community.

We believe these positive responses follow from our varied and imaginative programs, ranging from a meditation class, to a Flower Arranging Workshop, a program in learning Basic Chinese, one-on-one computer classes, our remarkably well-

received teen and children's reading clubs, our so-necessary Adult Literacy Program, and our beloved canine programs, Doggone Good Readers and Bark Pals.

Moreover, in recent months the Library built two small meeting rooms for additional quiet study space, increased summer hours, bumped up Wi-Fi coverage and speed, and added more space at the Roslyn Branch. Even as we write, the Library Board and staff are studying new and diverse ideas for innovative space use and programming. We hope you'll continue to look to our libraries for the constancy we offer in dedicated service, imaginative programming, an outstanding print and audio/video collection, and as an invaluable resource for your family and our community.

As we conclude 2014, we ask that you again consider the Abington Township Public Library in your year-end gift-giving plans, to help us as we confront the challenge of the constancy of change. (Of course, your contributions may result in tax benefits for you if made by the end of the year.) Your own constancy in supporting the Library in the past has been appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support in our effort to ensure the Abington Township Public Libraries remain an exemplary community resource.



Sincerely,

Thomas E. Tyler
President, Board
of Trustees

Nancy Hammeke Marshall
Executive Director



Spotlight on: Books

Here are just a few of the books featured this season:



Teen
Book
Club

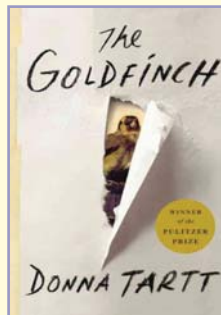
Dec. 1



Dickens'
A
Christmas
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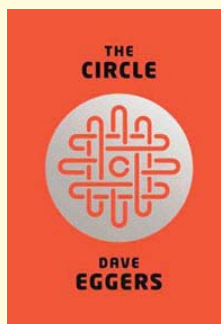
"In Book
and Film"

Dec. 8



Ruth and
Robert
Abel
Memorial
Book
and Film
Discussion
Group

March 18



Ruth and
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Abel
Memorial
Book
and Film
Discussion
Group

May 6



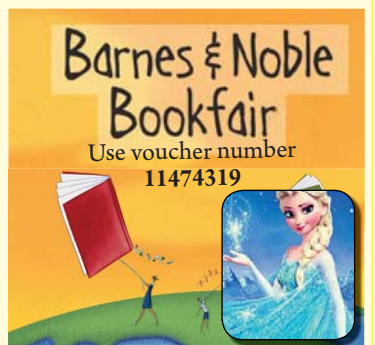
Celebrate Maya Angelou with the Abel Discussion Group this April - Poetry Month!



Visit the Newly Renovated Roslyn Branch!
abingtonfreelibrary.org



Children's Story Times at Abington and Roslyn
abingtonfreelibrary.org



Barnes & Noble Book fair on Dec. 13.
Photo op with Elsa from 1-3 p.m.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries:

Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events

Get e-newsletters Email kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.

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Reference News



Looking for a job or a career change? Check out www.jobgateway.pa.gov and www.pacareercoach.org/. These resources can assist you with building a resume, preparing for an interview and searching for jobs.

Did you know we have eBooks and eAudio books?



Using OverDrive, downloading books is easier than ever! Software updates have made this product more user-friendly. Stop by and see us for a class on Wednesdays (Wired Wednesdays, every first, second and third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. and every fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.). Browse the online OverDrive catalog from home: www.montcolibs.lib.overdrive.com.

Librarians are here to answer your question in person, by phone or via email. Email reference is available to you Monday through Friday by contacting us at AskAbington@gmail.com.

Questions? Visit us at the Information Desk, call us at 215-885-5180, ext. 13, or email us at AskAbington@gmail.com.

-Mimi Satterthwaite and her staff

FREE NEWS

Read from any of hundreds of magazines and newspapers either at the Library or online at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Look for eResources.

Roslyn Branch Library

For information or to register for these programs, email cfrankford@mclinc.org, call 215-886-9818, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org.

PUPPETS PIZZAZZ
Ages 2-8
Dec. 22, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Registration begins Dec. 1.

PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-6
Monday, Dec. 15
6:30-7 p.m. Register now.
Mondays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9,
6:30-7 p.m.
Registration begins Dec. 22.
Stories * Songs * Fingerplays *
Crafts. Children are invited to wear
their pajamas and bring a stuffed
animal to cuddle.

STORY TIMES
Jan. 26-March 26
Ages 3-6: Mondays, 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3: Thursdays, 11 a.m.
Registration begins Jan. 5.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 24
11 a.m.
Babies and caregivers will
sing songs, read stories and do
fingerplays.
Registration begins Feb. 10

**DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**
(Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2.)
Ages 2-5
Monday, Feb. 23, 6:30-7 p.m.
Stories, crafts, refreshments.
Registration begins Feb. 2.

**TROUBLE NAVIGATING
COMPUTERS?**
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon
Computer docents available to help
you!
Call 215-886-9818 to register.

ZOO BOOK CHALLENGE

For families with children who have not yet started kindergarten, even newborns. Pick up a reading log at Roslyn or Abington libraries and record the number of books you read to your child.

Children's Programs at Abington Library

For more information or to register for these FREE programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids

**SWEETS & TREATS
GIFT-MAKING WORKSHOP**
Ages 7 & up. Thursday, Dec. 11,
6:45-8 p.m.
Registration begins Dec. 2.
Not recommended for children
with food allergies.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES
Ages 2-5. Two-year-olds meet on
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.,
three- to five-year-olds on
Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
WINTER SESSION begins week of
Jan. 12 and continue through week of
Feb. 16. Registration begins Dec. 15.
SPRING SESSION begins week of
March 9 and continue through week of
April 13. Registration begins Feb. 23.

**STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND
NIJI (therapy dog)**
All ages welcome. Mondays:
Feb. 23, Mar. 2, April 20, April 27
10:30-11 a.m.
No registration required.

TODDLER STORY TIMES
Ages 12-23 months
Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11
Registration begins Jan. 12.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages welcome. Thursdays,
11-11:30 a.m., through May 21
No sessions on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
No registration required.

PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTIES
Ages 3-5.
Wednesdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 25,
March 25, April 22, 7-7:45 p.m.
No registration required.

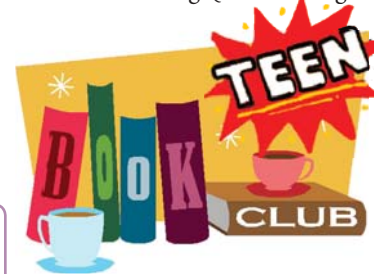
DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Therapy dog reading program
for grades 1-5
Saturdays: Feb. 7, March 7 and April 11
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Jan. 13.

**DRAWING IN METAL FOIL
WORKSHOP**
Grades 2-6. Saturday, Feb. 21,
10-11:30 a.m. (Snow date: Feb. 28)
Registration begins Feb. 10.

**CELEBRATE NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK WITH
PUPPETS PIZZAZZ**
Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.
All ages welcome.
Registration begins April 7.

Teen Programs at Abington Library

To find out more, stop by the Information Desk, call 215-885-5180, ext. 13, visit abingtonfreelibrary.org/teens or email LCummings@mclinc.org.



TEEN BOOK CLUB
Ages 12-18
Monday, Dec. 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
If I Stay by Gayle Forman
Visit the library website to see
what books we're reading next.

JOIN AB-TAB – Ages 12-18
The Teen Advisory Board meets
once a month to share ideas and
plan programs for teens. Get service
hours and meet new friends!
Apply at the Information Desk.

The views and opinions expressed in various library programs are solely those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of the Abington Township Public Library or the Friends of Abington Township Public Library.

Mark your calendars for the
**Spring Sidewalk
Book / Plant Sale
and Flea Market**

Saturday, April 18, from 9:30-3 p.m.
at Abington Free Library.

LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

**Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.-4
p.m. at Abington Free Library.**

**Meet writers from just around
the corner. Discuss their books,
what inspires them or
how to self-publish.**

**If you are a local author, contact
us and join our expo. Call Nancy
Marshall at 215-885-5180,
ext. 14, or email through our
website at abingtonfreelibrary.org/contact.**

Adult Programs at Abington Library

To register for these FREE programs, visit the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15, email kburnham@mclinc.org, or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org

REDUCING STRESS this HOLIDAY SEASON through MEDITATION
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
Facilitated by Jim Rose

A CHRISTMAS CAROL in book and film
Monday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Read the book/watch the 1951 film before the event.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Courtesy of Abington Health, Lorraine Paradis, RN

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT
Wednesday, March 4, 6 p.m.

WRITING EFFECTIVE RESUMES and dynamic LinkedIn profiles
Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.

RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL MEMORIAL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
March 18: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.
April 8: Poetry by Maya Angelou.
May 6: *The Circle* by Dave Eggers.

BASIC DRAWING CLASS
Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m.
April 9, 23, 30, May 14 & 28

MILITARY MEMORIES
Every third Tuesday of the month at 3 and 7 p.m.

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

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

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Every second Tuesday of the month from 7-8:45 p.m.

WIRED WEDNESDAYS

Every first, second and third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.
Every fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Register at the Information Desk.
Call 215-885-5180, ext. 13; or email AskAbington@gmail.com.

News & Views of the Friends of Abington Libraries

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends efforts this fall: our loyal Book Cellar customers and book donors; those who purchased plants and books at our successful September sidewalk sale; the many bakers who donated time and culinary skills to the Election Day Bake Sale; everyone bidding on jewelry in the annual Mimi Zabel Jewelry silent auction and the jewelry contributors; annual appeal donors; purchasers of bookmarks, tote bags and Book Lovers calendars; the very creative library patrons who entered the Scarecrow contest; and those who took the time to enjoy the scarecrow entries and vote. Thanks also to the wonderful Library staff who support all our activities with enthusiasm and patience!

Congratulations to 2014 Scarecrow contest winners:

First Place – “Fancy Nancy” by Charlotte and Julia McDavid

Second Place – “Fly Guy” by Lily, Nicholas and Luisa Gray

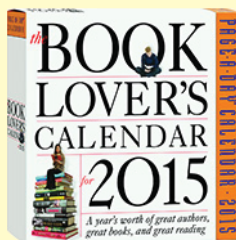
Third Place – “Jack Crowington” by Aidan Kaye.

BOOKCELLAR

Be sure to visit the Book Cellar, located on the lower level of Abington Library. Discover a great variety of books, movies and music – all at bargain prices. Book Cellar 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. Donations of books, DVDs and CDs (in good condition please) may be dropped off at the circulation desk on Wednesday through Saturday; or at the Roslyn Branch Thursday through Saturday.

The Friends meet in the Community Room on the lower level of Abington Library. Our next meeting is Saturday, Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. New members (and new ideas) are always welcome.

- Liz Christian,
President, The Friends of
Abington Township
Public Libraries



As you pass by the Circulation Desk, consider buying a 2015 Book Lovers calendar, for the discounted price of \$7.50.

Adult Literacy Program

For over 30 years, the Adult Literacy Program has been pairing trained volunteer tutors with adults who want to improve their literacy skills. Last year our tutors helped over 150 area adults increase their job prospects and gain confidence through the program.



Our tutors help students improve their reading and writing skills and prepare for the GED and other tests. They also work with residents who are learning English for the first time. We offer small-group classes, allowing English language learners to practice their English skills as they learn about our government and culture.

We will be training new tutors on March 9 and 11, at 6:30 p.m. We also offer training for our volunteer tutors on various topics throughout the year. For more information, please stop by the Literacy Office at Abington Free Library or contact us at 215-885-5183, or AbingtonLiteracy@mclinc.org.



- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator

Pennsylvania Job Resources

For Pennsylvania job seekers and employers: find a good career, review job openings, and match with employers. Resources for veterans will help transition into the work force by translating existing military skills into civilian terms.

Donate

Up to three paper bags per visit of books, books-on-CD, music CDs and DVDs to Abington: Wed. - Sat. to Roslyn: Thurs. - Sat.

Thank you!

Free eResource

LearningExpress - Build your math skills, become a better reader, improve your writing, speaking and grammar, or become a U.S. Citizen.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, there will be a bookfair at the Barnes & Noble in Willow Grove, 102 Park Ave. Activities from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. include crafts, Legos and a scavenger hunt. A percentage of the net sales using the voucher number **11474319** will be

donated to the libraries. Voucher number may be used at any Barnes & Noble location on Dec. 13.

Online shoppers can make purchases with the voucher number **11474319** at bn.com/bookfairs from Dec. 13 to 18.

Between 1 and 3 p.m. there will be a photo op with

Elsa
from
Frozen!



Pick up a voucher at either Library, or at abingtonfreelibrary.org. Contact Celia Frankford at 215-886-9818 or email cfrankford@mclinc.org.



Abington Free Library

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Information Desk..... ext. 13
Children's Department ext. 28
Executive Director ext. 14
Office ext. 15
Adult Literacy ext. 27
Friends of the Library . ext. 36

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

AskAbington@gmail.com

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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Staff Spotlight - Dimitra Seiler

Every day, the doors to the library open to a treasure house of books, CDs, Play-Aways, DVDs and magazines, as well as story times, book discussions, journaling and many other wonderful programs for all ages. Not only that, but our website is "open" 24 hours a day, allowing patrons to download e-books, request books, renew books, look up information or even learn a foreign language.

It seems magical, but it's not. It's actually the result of a lot of people working together, and one of the main players on this team is our Fiscal Manager, Dimitra Seiler. Dimitra juggles just about every financial aspect of the library, from payroll to vendor payments, petty cash to major bills, bank accounts, savings funds, treasurer's reports, budget preparations and the annual State Aid report. She keeps track of an amazing amount of information and can produce the receipt for that printer you bought two years ago in about two seconds flat.

Dimitra was born right here in Abington Hospital and grew up in Glenside, before moving to Warminster in 5th grade. She moved back in time to graduate from Cheltenham High School. She went to Montgomery County Community College for two years, then graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She held a variety of jobs in her career, starting as an entrepreneurial baby-sitting teen and, later, as an accountant, a property manager and a tax preparer. But in 1998, Dimitra's mother, T.R. Seiler, known to many as Dolly, started working part-time at the library. When the bookkeeper's position opened up, she called Dimitra and asked, "Do you have your resume ready?" Dimitra started working here in March 2001.

Aside from her wizardry with numbers, Dimitra is known for her dogs and her cakes. A simple question about how many dogs she has had produced the



following list: Freckles, Tammy, Callie, Tallie, Sandy, Freckles(2), Shana, Teddy, MacGregor, Pepe and Dollar. Dollar's registered name is "Dimitra's Dazzling Dollar Bill," which pays homage not only to her career, but her husband, Bill, whom she has known since she was 8 years old.

Then, there are the cakes. If it's your birthday and the entire staff suddenly disappears into the kitchen, chances are Dimitra is about to surprise you with a birthday cake. She is a talented, creative baker and we are her

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James Cook

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lucky taste-testers. She also manages the Sunshine Club (birthday cards), the Charity Committee, Pink & Denim Day and helps with the Volunteer Luncheon and the annual staff party.

In her free time, she enjoys photography and attending the Philly Pops and the Walnut St. Theater with her mom.

About the library, Dimitra says simply, "It's the best job I ever had."

- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer