

DEAR LIBRARY FRIEND AND PATRON,

This year has been a whirlwind for the Abington Township Public Libraries, as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of unrivaled service to the Township.

In January we accepted a Proclamation by the Township Board of Commissioners;

In March we accepted a generous donation to the Library upon the grand opening of the nearby Ross Dress for Less;

In May we were honored as Non-Profit of the Year by the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and were selected as one of CAPT's 24-Hour Relay honorees;

In June we dedicated the Discovery Garden at the Main Library's front entry;

In July the Library's Book Cart Drill Team triumphantly returned to the Glenside Patriotic Association's July 4th Parade; we also took a trip down to WHY? to staff the phones for their pledge drive;

In October we were honored by the Willow Grove Chapter of the NAACP as the recipient of their Community Service Award.

The Abington Township Commissioners' Proclamation in January reminds us of just some of the milestones in the Library's 50-year history. It reads in part:

Creating the Friends of the Abington Township Public Library in 1966 to support the growth of the Library, a group that continues to serve with its operation of the Book Cellar and a range of other giving opportunities for the Library's benefit;

Incorporating the Roslyn Branch within the Abington Township Public Library in 1967;

Establishing an Adult Literacy program in 1984 in order to assist adults with reading difficulties, and later, expanding it to include

General Educational Development and English as a Second Language tutoring;

Creating the Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group in 1988;

Becoming a founding, and integral, member of the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC) in 1995 in order to purchase and operate an integrated online library system throughout the county;

Developing the innovative Abington/Roslyn READS! summer program, pairing young readers with teen mentors to foster reading development and retention over the summer.

Through it all, our libraries continue to develop popular programs that generate increases in attendance: library records indicate that our turnstile count to the end of October was 282,403, an increase of 4% over last year. To support this record of achievement and accolades, we ask you again to consider the Abington Township Public Library in your year-end gift giving plans, helping us confront increasing demands set against a limited budget. Your contributions may result in tax benefits for you if made by the end of the year.

Your support of the Library in the past is much appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support to help ensure that the Abington Township Public Library remains an exemplary community resource.

Sincerely,



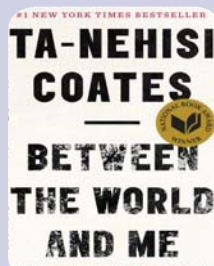
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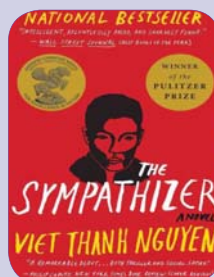


FEATURED BOOKS

Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



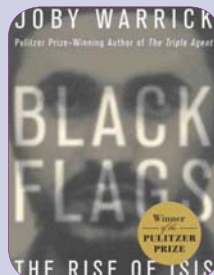
Nov. 16, Between the World and Me



March 15, The Sympathizer



April 19, The Vegetarian



May 17, Black Flags

FEATURED EVENTS



TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
1st Tuesday of the month, 4-5pm



DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Dec. 3, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1
10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.



ROSLYN - STEM LEARNING LAB
Monday, Jan. 16 from 7-8 p.m.



"THE PEANUTS MOVIE" (G)
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

Find more about Abington and Roslyn Libraries: Browse our full calendar @ abingtonfreelibrary.org/events. Get eNewsletters Email kburnham@mclinc.org and ask to be put on the events list.

Join Abington and Roslyn Libraries socially:

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REFERENCE NEWS

LOANING THE INTERNET WITH T-MOBILE HOTSPOTS

The library now has T-Mobile HotSpots for loan! A HotSpot provides Internet access wherever the HotSpot is placed. This is ideal for use at home or when traveling. Up to four devices (e.g. smart phones, tablets or laptops) can be connected to a HotSpot at one time. Limiting the number of connected devices ensures the best response time. The Abington Free Library has four HotSpots, and one is available at the Roslyn Branch. A HotSpot can be borrowed for seven days; one renewal is permitted unless there is a waiting list.

TECH TIP

Always log out of your email, Facebook or any other accounts **BEFORE** closing an Internet browser.

If you need assistance with this, please ask at the Information Desk.

Please call, stop by, or email us with questions. We enjoy hearing from you!

Mimi Satterthwaite
Head, Reference Department
215-885-5180 ext. 13
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abingtonfreelibrary.org

ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

LEGO CLUB every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

PAJAMA PARTIES Ages 3-6
Mondays: Nov. 14, Dec. 5
6:30-7 p.m.

Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to cuddle.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES
begin Oct. 3 and continue through Dec. 15.
Ages 3-6 Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Ages 2-3 Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Register now.

BABY DAYS
Ages 5 months to 2 years
Tuesdays: Nov. 1, 15, 29, and Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. Register now.

Please join Celia Frankford, Roslyn librarian, for a reading of the book
THE STORY OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING
by Elaine Raphael and Don Bolognese.
Ages 5-8
Monday, Nov. 21, 7-8 p.m.
Book discussion and Thanksgiving crafts. Register now.

THE CHICKEN SQUAD
Ages 5-8
Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Book discussion and crafts.
Registration begins Nov. 22.

STEM LEARNING LAB
Ages 5-12
Monday, Jan. 16, 7-8 p.m.
Do you like to build things? Are you interested in learning about robots and electronics?
Registration begins Dec. 26.

TROUBLE NAVIGATING COMPUTERS?
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon.
Computer docents available!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

BUILD-A-MANIA
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursdays: Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, 6-7:30 p.m.
Bring your family (toddlers welcome) and build like crazy with LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, K'Nex and more than a dozen Lakeshore Learning kits. Come when you can; doors will open at 6. No registration required.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-5
Saturdays: Dec. 3, Feb. 4, March 4, April 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.
Children practice reading aloud to registered therapy dogs in small groups. Register now for Dec. session; registration for the other dates begins Jan. 17.

RUSSIAN 3-D SNOWFLAKE WORKSHOP
Ages 4-10, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Create beautiful 3-D snowflakes using white paper, scissors, glue sticks and foil. Program will run 45-60 minutes. Registration begins Nov. 29.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – "THE PEANUTS MOVIE" (G)
All ages
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 6:30-8 p.m.
Spend an evening with the Peanuts gang! Bring a snack if you like (no peanut products, please). No registration required. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

STORY TIME WITH PATRICIA AND MARY
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursday, Dec. 29, 10:30-11 a.m.
Join Patricia McGinly and her registered therapy dog, Mary (a miniature pinscher) for a special read-aloud time. No registration required.

WINTER/SPRING STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Join us for stories and crafts on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Winter session begins week of Jan. 9 and continues through week of Feb. 13. Spring session begins week of March 6 and continues through week of April 17. No registration required.

DROP-IN STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through May 18 (No session Dec. 22 and Dec. 29)
Story times led by Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members and library staff. No registration required.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES
For babies and toddlers (ages 8-23 months), attending with parents/caregivers
Wednesdays: Jan. 25-March 8 10:30-11 a.m.
(No session Feb. 15)
Registration begins Jan. 10.

STORY TIMES WITH JEAN AND NIJI
All ages, attending with parents/caregivers
Mondays: Feb. 20 and 27 10:30-11 a.m.
Enjoy stories and songs with Jean Campellone and her registered therapy dog, Niji (a yellow Lab). No registration required.

215-885-5180, ext. 28
abingtonfreelibrary.org/kids



TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

CODING GAMES WITH SCRATCH & MAKEY MAKEY
Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Ages 10-18
Code a simple game and create your own game controller. Please register. Spots are limited!

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
1st Tuesday of the month, 4-5 p.m.
Starts Dec. 8.
Hone your writing skills and get feedback!

PRINCETON REVIEW SAT PROGRAMS
Practice exam
Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Strategy session
Monday, Feb. 20, 6-7 p.m.
Registration for both programs begins in January.

Join AB-TAB
Teen Advisory Board
Teens earn service hours and gain leadership skills. Apply on the Teens page of our website.

Sign up for emails about teen events:
http://eepurl.com/UcPwr



Both libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!
Abington Library offers wireless printing!



ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

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

Nov. 16 - Between the World and Me

March 15 - The Sympathizer

April 19 - The Vegetarian

May 17 - Black Flags

POPUK TECH TIME

2-3 pm. Young Adult Area.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 – MS Excel

Pennsylvania Academy of the
Fine Arts Traveling Lecture Series
WWI AND AMERICAN ART
Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.

KNEE PAIN THERAPY SEMINAR
Wednesday, March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

BURTON KLEIN SPEAKS!

Mondays, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

April 3 - What Money Can't Buy

April 10 - Restaurants, You Say

April 17 - Doomsday Clock

MEDITATION FOR HEALTHY LIVING

Jim Rose returns!

Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

MILITARY MEMORIES

Every third Tuesday of the month,
at 3 and 7 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

DECAFFEINATED AND UNWIRED...
Every 4th Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS ON MONDAY

Solve the NYT Sunday
crossword puzzle with others.
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. No
registration required.

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday of the month
at 1 p.m. No registration required.

SOCRATES CAFÉ

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

OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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NEWS & VIEWS: FRIENDS OF ABINGTON LIBRARIES

The Friends are volunteers who
support the Abington Township
Public Libraries through
fundraising and advocacy
projects.

Thanks to everyone who
supported our Fall Sidewalk Sale
in September. Sales of books
and plants brought in more
than \$2,200 – a record! Special
thanks to Maddie Krassner,
who set up a lemonade stand,
and Levis Hot Dogs, which sold
food. Both raised additional
money for the libraries.

In October, the library was
decorated again with scarecrows
based on literary characters for
the Friends Annual Scarecrow
Contest. Library patrons
voted for their favorites.
Congratulations to the winners:

- First Place: Steve from
Minecraft by Fox and Ronin
Chandler. \$50 prize
- Second Place: Alice in
Wonderland by the McDaid
family. \$25 prize
- Third Place: Corduroy by
Sarah and Julia Lewis. \$15
prize

The runners-up received a \$5
gift certificate to the BookCellar.

The Election Day Bake Sale
is a November tradition. The
Friends are grateful to all the
bakers who provided delicious
treats.

The annual Mimi Zabel Jewelry
Silent Auction is underway until
Nov. 30. Please visit the display
case in the front of the Abington
Library to view the beautiful
items for auction and place your
bids in the book provided.

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!

The BookCellar, on the lower
level of Abington Library, sells
gently used books, fiction and
nonfiction, for adults, teens and
children, as well as audiobooks,
music CDs and DVDs. All
items are for sale at bargain
prices. Stop by and explore our
extensive collection! We also sell
on Amazon. Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday, noon-4 p.m.;
Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and
6:30-8:30 p.m.;
and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The BookCellar is the Friends'
biggest fundraiser.

Donations for the BookCellar
are always needed. Please bring
donations, a maximum of three
bags at a time, in paper bags,
preferably double-bagged, to
the Circulation Desk at the
Abington Library, Wednesday
through Saturday, or to the
Roslyn Library, Thursday
through Saturday.

Two upcoming Friends' events
to note:

- Next Friends Meeting:
Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m.
We welcome new members
and ideas!
- Design-a-Bookmark contest,
open to kindergarten through
senior high school students,
runs February – mid-March.
The winners will be honored
during National Library Week
in April, and winning entries
will be featured on bookmarks
available to library patrons.

To learn more about Friends'
activities, visit <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends>, stop by
the BookCellar, email us at
FriendsATPL@gmail.com, or
call 215-885-5180, ext. 36.

– Ellen Baxter, President
Friends of Abington Libraries

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Since 1984, volunteer tutors,
working through the Adult
Literacy Program, have helped
over 4,000 adults improve
their literacy skills. Some of
our students are working on
basic reading and writing
skills. Others are working to
improve their English and
math skills to pass the GED
or other tests. Still others,
who grew up speaking a
language other than English,
are attending our small-
group classes and meeting
with tutors to improve their
reading, writing, listening and
speaking skills in English. We
give priority to low-income
individuals, so that they and
their families can prosper in
the future.

Last year, we served over 163
students with the help of 109
volunteer tutors. We are very
fortunate to live and work in a
community in which talented
volunteers are willing to help
others.

Please consider becoming a
volunteer tutor. Our Spring
New Tutor Training will be
held on March 15 and 16 in
the evening. We also offer
workshops for our tutors
throughout the year.
Please contact us for details at
215-885-5183 or
ablit1@yahoo.com.

Literacy Office hours:
Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
and by appointment.

– Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator

200 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.



to Our Recent Significant Donors: Friends of the Abington Township Public Libraries

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 Circulation Desk ext. 12
 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

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 – MITCHELL PINSLY

Mitchell Pinsly wandered into the library about a year and a half ago, looking for a respite from retirement. He quickly became indispensable. He runs two programs for us, Decaffeinated and Unwired, a monthly program for discussion of current events; and Sunday's on Monday, a weekly program devoted to solving the Sunday New York Times' crossword puzzle.

In between, he will take on just about any task, complete with a cheerful smile.

Mitchell was born in Providence, R.I., the middle of three children. From his earliest childhood, he loved to read and loved his little public library, which was first in the basement of an elementary school and then in an old firehouse. His mother was an avid reader, who required her children to take 10 books with them on every summer vacation. Not surprisingly, he matriculated at

Classical High School, a college prep public high school akin to the much better known Boston Latin.

He worked summers for a fruit and vegetable wholesaler, driving a delivery truck from 3 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It convinced him that he really, really needed to go to college. And we can't help but say, he could have gone anywhere, but he chose Temple University. He chose it for its Dental School, but that interest did not endure. He graduated instead with a degree in psychology, which at that time qualified him to teach special-ed. Along the way, he worked in Temple's Paley Library and came to love the periodical section, which held magazines and newspapers from all over the world.

As a young father with one child and another on the way, Mitchell decided to go to Temple Law School. He

completed his law degree in four years, attending at night. He became a civil trial lawyer, a career that lasted 40 years.

He is married to Sandy, a remarkable woman in her own right, who had a career in biochemical research, working at St. Christopher's, Einstein and Temple Medical School. She still volunteers with young patients at St. Christopher's. As might be expected, that early love of international newspapers inspired a love of travel. Mitchell and his wife have been to too many countries to list, and have two sons who both travel extensively and internationally for work.

About the library, Mitchell says that he loves our programs, especially all we do for children and teenagers. He loves seeing the littlest readers come in every day. He appreciates the friendly staff and he wholeheartedly supports the



library's mission to facilitate life-long learning.

In addition to volunteering at the library, Mitchell is the president of Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-el, a Conservative Jewish congregation. He also belongs to a Yiddish class there, which is fitting, because as we have gotten to know and appreciate Mitchell this last year or two, it is quite clear that he is the walking definition of that most famous of Yiddish words. He's a real mensch.

- Lois Odabas, Staff Writer