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Abington Free Library
1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001
215-885-5180, abingtonfreelibrary.org
Circulation Deskext. 112
Information Desk.ext. 113
Children's Department.ext. 128
Executive Director.ext. 114
Office.ext. 115
Adult Literacy.ext. 127
Friends of the Library.ext. 136
Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30am-9pm
Fri. and Sat.: 9:30am-5pm, Sun.: 1-5pm

Roslyn Branch Library
2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org
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Tues. and Thurs., 11am-6pm
Fri., 11am-5pm; Sat., 10am-2pm
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SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES! JOIN THE FRIENDS!

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

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Book and Plant Sale in October, which raised more than \$2,700 for the Abington and Roslyn libraries! We sold books, fall mums, homemade cookies and soft pretzels, and sold raffle tickets for two baskets and a carousel horse.

The Friends are grateful to everyone who baked cookies for the Election Day Cookie Sale, and also to those who purchased cookies.

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

If you are shopping for the holidays, gift certificates from the BookCellar are a great idea!

The BookCellar, on the lower level of Abington Library, sells gently used books (fiction and non-fiction) for all ages, 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.

Please bring donations, a maximum of three shopping bags or three small boxes at a time,



to the Circulation Desk at either library.

Next Friends meeting: Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room on the Lower Level of the Abington Library. We welcome new members and ideas!

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. 136.

- Ellen Baxter,
President of the Friends
of Abington Libraries

DEAR FRIENDS, PATRONS, AND PARTNERS OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARIES,

It is a powerful thing to see the collective impact of a public effort and what can be accomplished when we all work together toward a common goal. It was this time last year that we had the privilege of witnessing this principle in action.

*Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.*
- Helen Keller

As many of you know, the Adult Literacy Program at the Library has been an integral resource within our community for the past 35 years. In 2018, the program faced difficulties when state and federal agencies cut all funding. Over the years, we have seen the positive effects of this invaluable institution on countless people: We have seen the jobs earned and the driver's license tests passed. We have celebrated the many victories of the students, from the big ones, like becoming U.S. citizens and being able to read a bedtime story to a grandchild, to small ones that many of us take for granted every day, like opening a bank account or scheduling a doctor's appointment. The dedication and passion of the program director and the tutors allow people to advance their careers and education, to improve the lives of their friends and families, and to become productive, engaged citizens within their communities.

Last year we reached out to our own Library community and asked you to give a gift to the Adult Literacy Program. It was both a joy and a privilege to see so many of you enthusiastically answer the call. Thanks to your generosity, the program continues to thrive. We continue to train new tutors and provide students with the resources and support they need to advance their skills and make valuable connections with their instructors and with one another. Because of you, the program continues to open its doors to those who want to learn.

We are once again committed to directing each and every donation from our annual appeal to the operating expenses of the Adult Literacy Program. We hope that you will make a gift to support this vital institution. Your contribution may result in tax benefits for you if it is made by the end of the year.

Whether you are a longtime patron, a new friend, or somewhere in-between, thank you for supporting Abington Township Public Libraries and the Adult Literacy Program.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Tyler
President, Board of Trustees

Nancy Hammeke Marshall
Executive Director



THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT SIGNIFICANT DONORS

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FEATURED EVENTS



Greater Philadelphia Chapter Tuskegee Airmen present
A MOMENT WITH LIVING HISTORY

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-3 p.m.

For all ages. Meet original Tuskegee Airmen and/or family members.

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Meet writers from just around the corner, discuss their books, the writing process, or how to self-publish. If you are a local author, please contact us and join our Expo.



FLEA MARKET, BOOK & SPRING PLANT SIDEWALK SALE
Saturday, April 25,
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Flowering plants, used books, CDs and DVDs 50% off, flea market treasures. Vendors welcome! Get application online soon or apply at the Library.

REFERENCE NEWS

DID YOU KNOW...



... Abington Township Public Library staff compile pathfinders (online guides with links to library resources) on a variety of topics. The topics developed to-date include Hispanic Heritage Month, Universe of Travel, Business Resources and more. Each pathfinder explores content available in a variety of formats and provides access to the depth of material available to you. Explore these rich resources brought to you by the reference staff. Go to bit.ly/ABGpathfinders to access the pathfinders. You can also find them by following the "Help Files" link on the Library website.

... Social media presence is a vital means of communication in today's world. Please share, retweet and like our posts! And encourage friends to follow us, too.

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Tweet with us on @twitter.com/AbingtonLibrary



Follow us @instagram.com/AbingtonLibrary

Questions? Stop by, call or email us! We enjoy hearing from you. The Information Desk phone number is 215-885-5180, ext. 113, or you can email us at askabington@gmail.com.

— Mimi Satterthwaite
and all the reference staff

Save these Dates:

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30–8 p.m.:
Intro to Python

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2–3 p.m.:
Original Tuskegee Airmen in
celebration of Black History Month

Wednesday, March 11, 7–8 p.m.:
Amelia Earhart reenactor in
celebration of Woman's History
Month

ROSLYN BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS



PLAYDATE ON AVONDALE AVE.
Ages 2-5 and their caregivers
Drop in on Friday mornings
between 11 a.m. and 12:30
p.m. with your toddlers and
preschoolers. Educational toys and
a sensory activity provided.

**CONSTRUCTION CREW:
LEGOS PLUS**
Ages 5 and up
Saturdays, 10 a.m.–noon

**TROUBLE NAVIGATING THE
COMPUTER?**
Training in Word and Excel. Help
with email and internet searches.
Call 215-886-9818 to make an
appointment.

STITCH AND CHAT
Teens and adults
Fridays, 1–3 p.m. Join our crafters.
Bring a small project to work on or
start a project with our materials.

BABY DAYS
Ages 6 months–2 years
Tuesdays 11–11:30 a.m.
2019 Session II–Nov. 12–Dec. 10.
Register now.
2020 Session I–Jan. 7–March 3.
Registration starts Dec. 26.
2020 Session II–March 24–May 26
Registration starts March 9.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Ages 3 to 5
Thursdays 11–11:30 a.m.
2019 Session II–Oct. 31–Dec. 5.
Register now.
2020 Session I–Jan. 9– March 5
Registration starts Dec. 29.
Session II–March 26–May 28
Registration starts March 9.

FAMILY NIGHT CAMPOUT
Ages 3–8
Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30–7:15 p.m.
Make a lantern or lightning bug
and read books in our "tents."
Registration starts Oct. 28.

RUSSIAN 3-D SNOWFLAKES
Ages 6–12
Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.
Registration starts Nov. 18.

CAT CASTLES
Ages 10–adult
Monday, Nov. 18, 7–8 p.m.
Register now.



**HOLIDAY CRACKERS: NOT
ONLY FOR CHRISTMAS**
Ages 12–adult
Monday Dec. 9, 7-8 p.m.
Registration starts Nov. 25.

D'JEMBE DRUMMING
Ages 4-11
Saturday, Jan. 25, 11-11:45 a.m.
Registration starts Jan. 13.

PENNSYLVANIA HEROES
Children ages 3-11
Throughout February
Drop in during Black History
Month to make a picture frame
and choose your favorite African
American hero.

MASTER GARDENER TALKS
Watch for our Master Gardener
talks in March and April.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY

**STORY TIMES –
FALL, WINTER, SPRING**
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers. Join us for stories, songs,
movement activities, and crafts!

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Now through Dec. 9; Jan. 6-Feb. 17;
March 9-April 20.
All ages welcome. This program
might be most fun and educational
for ages three to five.
No registration required.
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Now through Dec. 10; Jan. 7-Feb. 18;
March 10-April 21.
All ages welcome. This program
might be most fun and educational
for twos and threes.
No registration required.

KIWANIS STORY TIMES
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers
Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m., through
May 21 (No session on Nov. 28,
Dec. 26 and April 9)
Stories and songs presented by
Jenkintown Kiwanis Club members
and library staff.
No registration required.

"FROZEN" PARTY
Ages 3 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Celebrate "Frozen 2" with games,
giveaways, a snack, and a craft.
Online registration begins Nov. 11.

"OH, BABY!" STORY TIMES
Ages 8-23 months, attending with
parents/caregivers Wednesdays,
11:00-11:30 a.m.
Fall session:
Continues through Nov. 20
Winter/spring session:
Jan. 29-March 11
(No session on Feb. 19)
Online registration begins Jan. 15.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS
Grades 1-6, attending
independently
Saturday, Dec. 7
10:15-10:45 a.m. (small-group
reading) OR 11:00-11:15 a.m.
(one-on-one reading)
Practice reading aloud to a
registered therapy dog!
Register online for Dec. 7 session
now.
Check abingtonfreelibrary.org for
winter/spring dates and times.

MAKE YOUR OWN POP-UP CARDS
Ages 8-12
Thursday, Dec., 12, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Make pop-up cards for family or
friends, using cut paper, colored
pencils, and oil pastels. Online
registration begins Nov. 25.

**STORY TIME WITH
ELLWYN AUTUMN**
Ages 3-8, attending with parents/
caregivers
Saturday, Jan., 25, 11-11:30 a.m.
Join local author Ellwyn
Autumn for a reading of her
book *Kamyla Chung and the
Creepy-Crawlies*. Books will be
available for purchase/signing.
Online registration begins Jan.
13. Presented by the Friends of
Abington Libraries.

STAR WARS PARTY
Ages 5 and up, attending with
parents/caregivers
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Snow date: Thursday, Jan. 30)
Celebrate "The Rise of Skywalker"
with food, games, and fun.
Online registration begins Jan. 13.

BUILD-A-MANIA
All ages, attending with parents/
caregivers
Thursdays, Feb. 6 and April 2,
6-7:30 p.m.
Bring your family and build with
LEGOs, Magna-Tiles, K'Nex,
Lakeshore Learning kits, and
Kinetic Sand.
No registration required.

TEEN PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY



DIY PET TOYS
Ages 8 and up
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7–8 p.m.
Teens receive service hours!
Create your own cat and dog toys
out of recycled materials. Toys
will be donated to the local SPCA
shelter. Take home toys for your
own pets, too.

**TEEN CREATIVE WRITING
CLUB**
Grades 6–12
Monday, Nov. 18, 4–5 p.m.
Hone your creative writing skills
through fun prompts and exercises.
Share your work and get feedback.

SAT PREP WORKSHOPS
For high school students.
Math Workshop
Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30–8 p.m.
Reading/Writing Workshop
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30–8 p.m.
Presented by MK Tutoring.
Get strategies for taking the SAT
exam. Sign up for one or both
workshops.

FREE PRACTICE SAT EXAM
For high school students.
Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Presented by Intellegym.
Take a free full-length practice SAT
exam and get same-day results.

THE Q CREW
Ages 13–18
Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30–8 p.m.
For LGBTQ+ teens and allies.
Hang out with friends and discuss
issues in a judgment-free space.

TEEN BOOK CLUB
Ages 12–18
Monday, Jan. 13, 7–8 p.m.
Read and discuss *Scythe* by Neal
Shusterman. Sign up early to get a
free copy of the book.

MIDTERMS STUDY DAY
Sunday, Jan. 26, 1–5 p.m.
Study for midterms with snacks
and therapy dogs. Great for groups!

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM
Monday, Feb. 17
(Abington School District is closed
for President's Day.)
Solve clues and complete puzzles
as a team before time runs out.
Limited spots available. Check
Library website for times.

COLLEGE ESSAY BOOTCAMP
For teens on
Thursday, April 16, 6:30–8 p.m.
For parents on
Monday, April 20, 6:30–8 p.m.
Presented by writing coach Linda George.
Learn proven techniques to make
your college essay stand out from
the crowd.

ADULT PROGRAMS AT ABINGTON LIBRARY



INTRO TO PYTHON
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PAINTING CLASS (acrylics)
Tuesday, April 21, 6-8 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO
Saturday, April 25,
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meet writers from just around the
corner, discuss their books, the
writing process, or how to self-
publish. If you are a local author,
please contact us to join our Expo.

**FLEA MARKET,
BOOK & SPRING PLANT
SIDEWALK SALE**
Saturday, April 25,
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Flowering plants, used books,
CDs and DVDs 50% off,
flea market treasures.
Vendors welcome! Get application
online soon or apply at the Library.

Save the date!
One Book, One County
announces:
AUTHOR DAVID BALDACCI
coming to Keneseth Israel
Synagogue, Elkins Park.
May 1, 2–3 p.m.

COMPUTER TUTORING
Get help with internet, tablets,
smartphones, programs, or any
other computer questions you
have! Schedule an appointment
at the Information Desk,
215-885-5180, ext. 113.

**DECAFFEINATED — AND
UNWIRED.** Talk with a cuppa
decaf and new friends.
4th Thursday of the month,
10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY'S ON MONDAY
Join us solving the NYT Sunday
crossword. Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**DAYTIME BOOK
DISCUSSION GROUP**
1st Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
Dec. 5: *Before We Were Yours*,
by Lisa Wingate

Jan. 2: *The Library Book*,
by Susan Orlean
Feb. 6: *Nickel Boys*,
by Colson Whitehead
March 5: *This is How it Always Is*,
by Laurie Frankel

**OLD YORK ROAD
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

SOCRATES CAFE
2nd Wednesday of the month,
10:30 a.m.



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in various library programs are
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views of the Abington Township
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Abington Township Public Library.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



Since the Adult Literacy
Program started in 1984,
its volunteer tutors have
helped thousands of
adults improve their
literacy skills. Some of our
students are working on
basic reading and writing
skills. Others are working
to improve their academic
English and math skills
to pass a high school
equivalency or other tests.
Still others, who grew up
speaking languages other
than English, are attending
our small-group classes
and meeting with tutors
to improve their English
reading, writing, listening
and speaking skills.

Last year, we served 178
students with the help
of over 100 volunteer
tutors. Our tutors give
their time and talents to
help others improve their
job and life prospects.
They are a reflection of
our wonderful Abington
community.

Want to get involved?
Please consider becoming
a volunteer tutor. We
hold New Tutor Training
sessions three times a
year. Our spring New
Tutor Training will be
held on Tuesday, March
17, Wednesday, March 18,
and Thursday, March 19
in the evening. All three
sessions are required. We
also offer workshops for
our tutors throughout the
year. Please contact us for
details at
215-885-5183 or
abl1t@yahoo.com.

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

— Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator