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– Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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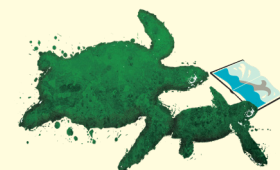
SUMMER READING QUESTS FOR ALL AGES



ADULT SUMMER QUEST
Join online or register by phone.



TEEN SUMMER QUEST
For teens entering grades 7 - 12.
Kicks off June 21.



ABINGTON READS!
A buddy-reading program.
Kids (grades K - 3)
read with
teens (grades 7 - 12)
for 45 minutes a week.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER QUEST
"Tails and Tales"
Preschoolers through entering grade 6.

REFERENCE NEWS



DIGITAL MAGAZINES

have moved from RBdigital to OverDrive's Libby App.

All of your favorite magazines, ebooks, and audiobooks from RBdigital have moved to OverDrive's Libby app! You can access the more than 1,000 magazine titles through the Libby, the on-tap reading app. To get started, head to our Digital Branch at abingtonfreelibrary.org/digital-branch and click on OverDrive/Libby.

ancestry

The genealogy database, Ancestry.com, is available to you at home through June 30, 2021 due to the generosity of ProQuest. A Library card is required for access. Sign into your library account on our website under MyAccount, then select E-Sources from the Search drop down menu in the MCLINC catalog.

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and all the reference staff



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS TEEN PROGRAMS

For programs that require registration, visit our website: abingtonfreelibrary.org.

VIRTUAL YOUTH AUTHOR EVENT

Ages 7 – 10

Tuesday, June 29

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Jarrett Krosoczka will discuss his Lunch Lady and Jedi Academy graphic novels in a Zoom webinar. Online registration required; start date TBD. Thirty-five registrants will receive a free Lunch Lady or Jedi Academy book.

VIRTUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

“Sensational Snakes”

Ages 3 and up

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Live Zoom talk by animal educator Joy Marzolf (The Joys of Nature).

Online registration begins June 30.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS RETURNING THIS SUMMER:

“Tails and Tales” Beanstack Summer Reading

Challenges (preschool and elementary)

Story Times for ages 2 - 6

Art Workshops

for ages 8 - 12

Graphic Novel Book Club for ages 8 - 12

Doggone Good Readers for completed grades 1 - 5

Check abingtonfreelibrary.org/events or call 215-885-5180, ext. 128 for details.



AB-TAB MEETINGS

Service projects

Art, crafts, fun

TEEN SUMMER

READING CHALLENGE

kicks off June 21.

YOUTH AUTHOR

GRAPHIC NOVELIST

JARRETT KROSOCZKA

Virtual program

Ages 12 and up

June 30, 6:30 p.m.

Online registration

required; start date TBD.

The first 15 teens who register receive a free copy of *Hey Kiddo*.

ABINGTON READS

Outdoors. Teens ages 12 to

17 help children entering

K through second grade

practice reading.

Mondays in July; time TBD.

COLLEGE ESSAY

BOOTCAMP

For teens entering junior

or senior year, and recent

graduates: Wednesday,

July 14, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Parent session: Thursday,

July 15, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration starts June 28.

TEEN ART CLASSES

Virtual program

Ages 12 – 18

Two evenings; time TBD.

Thursday, July 22:

Night Sky Silhouette –

watercolors

Thursday, August 5:

Bird Feather Bookmark –

colored pencil

Supplies can be picked up the week before.

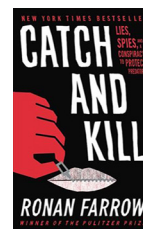
Registration is required; start date TBD

LinkedIn Learning

Announcing free access to LinkedIn Learning for Abington and Rockledge residents. LinkedIn Learning offers 16,000+ online courses in 7 languages, expert instructors with real-world experience, and adds 60 new courses each week.

ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs offered via Zoom.



THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP



Discussions led by

Dr. Karen Weekes.

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

Catch and Kill

by Ronan Farrow

TRIVIA NIGHTS

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.

June-August TBD

DAYTIME BOOK

DISCUSSION GROUP

1st Thursday of the month, 1:00 p.m.

May 6: *The Friend* by Sigrid Nunez

June 3: *Reading with Patrick* by Michelle Quo

July 1: *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner

August 5: *Escape Artist* by Helen Fremont

STITCH AND CHAT

Teens and adults

Thursdays, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Register by phone, email or online:

215-885-5180, ext. 113,

abingtonfreelibrary.org,

AbingtonLibrary@mclinc.org.



HAPPY RETIREMENT, MISS VICKIE!

Vickie Roskam retired from Abington Free Library on November 20 after 18 years of service in the Children's Department. A former teacher at Abington Friends School and All Hallows Nursery School, Vickie started as a part-time page in 2002 and moved up to part-time library assistant in 2005.

Always warm and personable, "Miss Vickie," as she came to be known, developed a strong fan following among the families in her story times for two- and three-year-olds. She made a point of getting to know the children and remembered many who had been in her library programs long after they had entered grade school.

Vickie also maintained the Children's Department's fiction and non-fiction book displays, helped oversee Doggone Good Readers programs on Saturdays, and spearheaded the department's efforts to update and expand its circulating story time kits. We are grateful for her service and wish her well in the years ahead.

- Carolyn DuBois
Head, Children's Department

JOIN THE FRIENDS! SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES!



The Friends are dedicated volunteers who support the Abington Township Public Libraries through fundraising and advocacy. The BookCellar, on the Lower Level of the Abington Library, offers great bargains on gently used books, fiction and nonfiction, for adults, teens, and children, as well as audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs. In addition, BookCellar inventory sold on Amazon generates additional funds. The Friends' monies are used for many programs, including enhancement of the libraries' collections, funding lectures, and support children's, teen, and adult reading programs. Many of these programs have continued through the pandemic.

When the Abington library reopens later this spring, the Friends hope to resume Amazon book sales and also to have a mini-BookCellar space in the upper level for library patrons. The Friends are excited

to take this first step toward fully reopening the BookCellar; we hope that you will support us so we can help the library continue to provide its outstanding programming to the local community and beyond.

The Friends meet quarterly. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. by Zoom. If you would like a Zoom invitation to attend, please email the Friends at FriendsATPL@gmail.com, We welcome new members and ideas!

We look forward to seeing the library staff and patrons face-to-face very soon.

Thank you for your on-going support of the Abington Township Public Libraries!

- Ellen Baxter,
President of
the Friends of
Abington Libraries



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ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Due to Covid, Adult Literacy Program services have temporarily moved online.

Since 1984 we have paired trained volunteer tutors with thousands of adults who needed to improve their literacy or academic skills.

Free tutoring for adults is offered to:

- Improve non-native English skills
- Prepare for High School Equivalency tests
- Improve reading, writing, or math skills
- Help prepare for the U.S. citizenship test

We offer two English Conversation classes for English language learners each week.

Are you interested in becoming a literacy volunteer tutor? No experience required! Please contact the office for information.

We can't wait to return all tutoring and classes to Abington Free Library. In the meantime, tutoring, classes, and training are held over Zoom.

For more information, call 215-885-5183 or send email to ablit1@yahoo.com.

- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator



Find more programs and features at abingtonfreelibrary.org

Both Libraries offer FREE Wi-Fi!

Abington Library offers wireless printing.

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SPOTLIGHT ON ELIZABETH FITZGERALD

Abington Library was pleased to welcome Elizabeth "Liz" Fitzgerald as our new executive director in a blizzard on February 1. Liz is a Jersey girl, born and raised in Monmouth County, never more than a few miles from the beach. She left to go to Loyola University in Maryland, where she majored in photography and creative writing. After college, she worked in publishing for two years, under the misapprehension that it would be about books. It was, she says, more akin to the movie Office Space. Fearing that life might imitate art, she decided to get a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University.

Liz started her career as a Young Adult librarian at the

Ocean County Library, where she developed an Iron Chef program with the Culinary Arts class at the local vocational-technical school. She ran it very much on a wing and prayer and never failed to blow out the electricity, but the teens had a blast.

Liz started working as a cataloger for the Free Library of Philadelphia (FLP), and she still loves the quiet order and precision of cataloging; but management called. She worked as a branch manager for the Haverford and Wynnefield branches for four years. While at the Haverford branch, she developed a series of popular, weekly, hands-on cooking programs with the Food Trust. She also involved local community gardens, so

participants ended up going home with full bags of fresh produce.

When the Parkway Branch Central Library of the FLP decided to start a Culinary Literacy Center, Liz applied for and was hired as its first director. She describes that position as the equivalent of running a small non-profit, and her managerial and administrative skills grew, as well her ability to skillfully promote the Center and its programs. That's the skill set that led her to Abington.

Taking over during the state of emergency had its benefits, in that she had plenty of time to get to know her new staff. But she is really looking forward to the library reopening, confident that we will bounce back with



energy and passion. She knows that both the Abington and Roslyn libraries are beloved community loci and she hopes to do a good job stewarding that relationship.

On the personal side, Liz is married to a middle school math teacher with a focus on special ed; they live in Manayunk with their two children.



- Lois Odabas
Staff Writer