

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to be writing to you today as the executive director of the Abington Township Public Libraries. It is hard to believe that I have been in my position for almost nine months, getting to know my incredible colleagues and the wonderful community we are privileged to serve.

The past year has certainly been a whirlwind for both the Abington Free Library and Roslyn Library, and we could not be more grateful for your flexibility and support. We are excited to share that in 2022, the library will return to full-time hours, which truly feels like a milestone worth celebrating.

As we reopened our doors to the public and reinstated beloved activities and programs, many of us expressed relief about returning back to normal. But when we think about the future of our library, the unique talents of our staff and our amazing, diverse community, we want to aim for better than normal. We are dedicated to improving and expanding the library experience, from developing new programs to upgrading technologies to establishing partnerships with more local organizations in and around the township — but we need your help to make this vision a reality!

We respectfully ask you to consider making a gift to support the libraries. Here are just a few examples of the things your donation can help bring to life in the coming year:

- Virtual cooking classes
- Enhanced materials collections
- Hands-on outreach events
- A beautiful new library website
- Additional outdoor programs

And so much more!

Like most businesses and organizations, our budget and operations continue to be impacted by the ongoing pandemic. Your generosity can help us ensure that the new normal is the best normal at Abington Township Public Libraries.

As the new executive director, your support means so much, and I am grateful to have you as part of our community. If we have not had the opportunity to meet, I hope you will stop and say hello the next time you are at the library. Until then, we are sending our very best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Warmest Wishes,

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director

THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT SIGNIFICANT DONORS

I am moved and humbled by the generosity of the Abington community. Your support is critical to our success and we are grateful for your partnership. Thank you for your support for what the program does for so many. With your help, all things are possible!

– Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executive Director

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THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

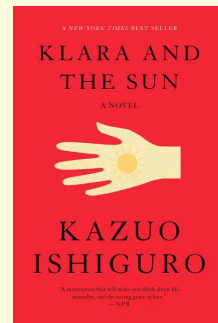
Discussions led by Dr. Karen Weekes.

November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro

Sign up online and discuss with us on Zoom.



The Abington Free Library is now open seven days a week!

The Roslyn Library is open five days a week!

Curbside Self-Service appointments are available Tuesdays and Saturdays.

For the most up-to-date news on hours and services, see abingtonfreelibrary.org/news



The Library now provides free access to LawDepot, offering legal forms, available through the Libby app by OverDrive. Read more about it inside.



The PA Forward program of the Pennsylvania Library Association awarded the Roslyn Library a Silver Star in Basic Literacy on October 6. The PA Forward program reminds Pennsylvanians of the value libraries have in supporting all forms of literacy.

REFERENCE NEWS



LawDepot

The Library is now offering free access to LawDepot, available through the Libby app by OverDrive. LawDepot offers legal forms in minutes with high-quality, easy-to-use, and completely customizable legal documents and templates. Please stop by and ask us about this new e-resource, which is called an "extra" in Libby. You can tap here to get started: <http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources/lawdepot-libby>



We heard from you through the recent survey about adult programming. Now we are working toward offering programs that you've suggested, collaborating as a network of staff and guests in order to grow as a library.

Check out the events page on the Library website and here in the Ab Lib for upcoming programs. We are offering Take and Makes, art workshops, book talks and discussions, and virtual programs hosted by local museums.

For more resources, check out our E-resources page at abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources.

We enjoy hearing from you! Stop by the Information Desk; call us at 215-885-5180, press 3; or email us at AbingtonLibrary@mclinc.org.



- Mimi Satterthwaite
and all the reference staff

ROSLYN PROGRAMS



FAMILY MORNINGS

Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m., in-person One family or small group may register for a playtime before public hours.

TINKER TIME Ages 8 and up

Fridays, 3:45–4:30 p.m., in-person One family or small group may register to use 3D pens or Silhouette Cutter.

STITCH AND CHAT

Fridays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. Drop-in program

BUILDERS CLUB Ages 5–10

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Watch our website to see when this resumes.

SEASONAL CRAFTS

Adults and teens ages 12 and up
Small group will meet in person.
Mondays, November 15 and
December 13, 7:00 p.m.
Fridays, November 19 and December
17, 1:00 p.m. Registration starts
November 1 and November 29.

PAINTING CLASS: SNOWFLAKES

Grades 1–5 December 29, 2:00 p.m.,
online Registration starts December
14. Most supplies provided.

MAKER WEEKEND Ages 4–12

February 18–21, in-person Sign up for
a time to build and design. Registration
starts February 1.

STITCHING WITH

ELECTRICITY Ages 9–14
February 18 or 21, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
in-person Make a keychain, mascot or
other fabric art. Use conductive thread
and LED lights to light it up.
Registration begins February 1.

DINOSAURS AND DRAGON

Ages 4–8
Monday, January 10, 6:30–7:00 p.m.,
in-person Registration starts December 27.

CINNAMON MACRAMÉ

Adults and teens ages 12 and up
Monday, January 24, 7:00–7:45 p.m.,
in-person Registration starts January 10.

TEEN AND ADULT ONLINE ART

CLASSES Wednesdays, 7:00–8:15 p.m.
January 12: Painted Rock Owl
February 2: Winter Fox Drawing.
February 23: Sunflower Painting
Registration starts 16 days before each
class. Most supplies provided.

STORM WATER BASICS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m., Reduce the
storm water issues affecting your own
home as well as the watershed.
Registration starts February 14.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Register online at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

RAINBOW CONNECTIONS

LGBTQ+ kids and allies in grades
K–5

Mondays, November 15 and
December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Meet new friends and talk about
LGBTQ+ themed books and
topics. Parents and caregivers are
encouraged to attend this child-
centered Zoom program. Register
for November 15 now; registration
for December 13 starts November 29.

STORIES ON THE LAWN

Recommended for ages 3–5
Mondays, November 15, 22, 29,
10:30–11:00 a.m.
(Grassy area off library's north
parking lot)
Miss Jessica will share stories,
songs, activities, and take-home
crafts. Register one week before
each story time date.

STORIES ON THE LAWN

Recommended for ages 1–2
Tuesdays, November 16, 23, 30,
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.
(Grassy area off library's north
parking lot)
Join Miss Emily for stories, songs,
movement activities, and take-
home crafts. Register for any or all
dates (one time slot per date).

SCIENCE STORIES IN THE PARK

Recommended for ages 3–5
Thursdays, November 11 and 18,
10:30–11:00 a.m.
(Preschool pavilion at Alverthorpe Park)
Join Jungle Annie (Miss Andrea)
for science-based stories and
activities featuring nocturnal
animals. Advance registration is
required.

VIRTUAL DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Grades 1–5
Tuesdays, December 14, January 18,
February 15, March 15, 7:00–7:35 p.m.
Practice reading aloud to a
registered therapy dog on Zoom.
Register for December 14 now;
registration for the other dates
begins January 4.

SNUGGLE-UP STORY TIMES

Recommended for ages 2–6
Mondays, November 22 and
December 6, 6:30 p.m.
Miss Jessica will share stories,
songs, and activities on Zoom.
Wear pajamas; snuggle with your
stuffies! Register one week before
each story time date.

VIRTUAL ART WORKSHOP

FOR OLDER CHILDREN:
POINTILLISM LEGO FACE
PAINTING - Ages 8–11
Tuesday, December 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Create a 3D Impressionistic
painting. Art supply kits and live
Zoom instruction will be provided.
Register starting December 14.

CALM, CONFIDENT PARENTING

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Zoom workshop for adults led by
Adrienne Bishop, life coach for parents
Online registration begins January 11.

VIRTUAL ART WORKSHOP

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:
RAINBOW GIRAFFE PAINTING
Ages 4–7
Tuesday, January 11, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
Create a giraffe with acrylic
paint while following live guided
instruction on Zoom. Art supply
kits will be provided. Register online
at abingtonfreelibrary.org starting
December 28.

VIRTUAL ART WORKSHOP

FOR OLDER CHILDREN:
OWL WITH WINTER HAT
DRAWING - Ages 8–11
Tuesday, February 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Draw an owl bundled up for winter
with live guided instruction on
Zoom. Art supply kits will be
provided. Register starting January 25.

Please check abingtonfreelibrary.org/events
or follow us on social
media to receive updates on our
winter children's program offerings.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Register at abingtonfreelibrary.org/events
or contact YA Librarian Sara Huff at
215-885-5180, ext. 113 or shuff@mclinc.org.

AB-TAB MEETING

Monday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.

Q CREW MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 6:00 p.m.

RELEASE PARTY

TAYLOR SWIFT'S RED ALBUM
Sunday, November 14, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

TAKE AND MAKE: VISION
BOARDS
Monday, November 15

VIRTUAL ART CLASS:
BLACK PAPER OWL DRAWING
Monday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL QPR SUICIDE
PREVENTION TRAINING
(QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER)
Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL ART CLASS:
COZY CABIN INK DRAWING
Monday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

TAKE AND MAKE: HYGGE KIT
Monday, December 6



ADULT PROGRAMS

All are virtual programs.

Register online to receive a Zoom link.

THE RUTH AND ROBERT ABEL
BOOK AND FILM DISCUSSION
GROUP

Led by Dr. Karen Weekes.

Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Klara and the Sun, by Kazuo Ishiguro

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP

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

December 2: *The Book of Lost Friends*,

by Lisa Wingate

January 6: *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell

February 3: *American Dirt*,

by Jeanine Cummins

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
WITH JESSE FRECHETTE

(First in a quarterly series!)

Monday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

PENN MUSEUM EVENT

Ancient Alcohol History and Wine Tasting

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL ADULT ART CLASS
WATERCOLOR AND SALT
SNOWFLAKE

Wednesday, December 29, 11:00 a.m.

MICHENER ART MUSEUM
HISTORY & HIGHLIGHTS

Virtual Docent-led ART TALK

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

ADULT VIRTUAL ART CLASSES

Three Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

January 24, February 7, and March 7

COOKING PROGRAM WITH CHEF
CLARA PARK

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Stay tuned for details.

JOIN THE FRIENDS! SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARIES!

The Friends are volunteers who support the Abington Township Public Libraries primarily through fundraising. While the pandemic has limited our activities, book sales on Amazon have recently resumed. Also, with the terrific support of the library staff, the BookCellar Upstairs is now operating, offering both fiction and non-fiction books for sale. Please check the bookcases on the upper level across from the Circulation Desk at Abington Library for great bargains on gently used books. The inventory is updated weekly.

The Friends meet quarterly. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. Please check the Friends link (<http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/about-us/friends>) on the Library website to see if this meeting will be in-person or Zoom. If you would like further information, please email the Friends at FriendsATPL@gmail.com.



The Friends look forward to the new year and a return to more extensive, and importantly, face-to-face activities. We have tentatively scheduled the Spring Book and Plant Sale (fingers crossed!) for Saturday, April 30.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Abington Township Public Libraries!



- Ellen Baxter,
President, Friends of
Abington Libraries

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ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM



As they have done for 37 years, our wonderful volunteer tutors continue to serve adults who need to improve their literacy skills. Many of our students are learning

English, having come here from across the globe. Others are improving their basic reading and writing skills, while still others are improving their academic skills to pass a high school equivalency or similar test. Our program is free, and new students are always welcome.

During the COVID epidemic, our program largely moved online, but we hope to offer in-person programming soon. Interested in getting involved? Our New Tutor Training sessions are held three times a year. The next training will be in March. Registration is required. We also offer workshops throughout the year on topics of interest to our tutors.

Please contact us for more information at 215-885-5183 or ablit1@yahoo.com.



- Elizabeth Sperling,
Literacy Coordinator

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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Children's Department ext. 128
Executive Director ext. 114
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Adult Literacy 215-885-5183
Friends of the Library ext. 136
Monday-Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Roslyn Branch Library
2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818, abingtonfreelibrary.org
Monday: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

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SPOTLIGHT ON BETH JACKSIER

What do you say about a colleague who has a Gritty sticker on her monitor and an Ant Man figure on her desk? Who keeps a Happy Birthday banner in her top drawer, which she surreptitiously deploys on anyone's (and everyone's) birthday? And runs for mayor? Wait, what?

As Gritty might say, "It Beth!" Our intrepid head of Technical Services, Beth Jacksier, hails from northern New Jersey, where she graduated from Mt. Olive High School and Rutgers University.

In high school she hung out with her local library's teen group, but never thought she wanted to be a librarian. She majored in theater design

in college, but although she loves the theater, she found the hours and atmosphere incompatible. She decided to go to library school, but not before volunteering at Norristown Public Library.

Beth loves organizing programs to bring a community together, but she was savvy enough to see that catalogers were the librarians most in demand. Her insight was quite prescient; she was hired at Abington Library before she graduated. As a cataloger, Beth designs the great scheme of where books go, but she is also involved in planning library programs. She was the host of most of our virtual Trivia Nights, the designer of our current hygge

display, and she is working on computer classes for next year.

Beth also has a bit of a political career, once again based in her love of bringing people together. A few years ago she organized support and supplies to build a Little Free Library outside Borough Hall in Bridgeport, where she lives. A friend suggested she run for Borough Council, and she won. After serving two years, she moved across town and had to resign her seat. Wanting to stay involved, she founded a group called PACWoman, which raises funds for women candidates and organizes forums where they can answer questions and become better known. So then she thought, why not BE a woman candidate?



This year, Beth ran for mayor of Bridgeport, a position that also involves a lot of community programming. As of this writing, the results of the vote count are still incomplete, but she's ahead. Either way, our library is the real winner, because Beth is hardworking, creative, kind, and funny. We're lucky to work with her.

- Lois Odabas
Staff Writer