

# SNHL Check it out!

Shaler North Hills Library August 2010 412-486-0211 [www.shalerlibrary.org](http://www.shalerlibrary.org)


## ROCK OUT! at SNHL with *The Norm*

Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00PM

Spend an evening listening to the melodic, high-energy rock of **The Norm!** The quintet mixes their own tunes with covers ranging from the 70s to now, including the occasional twist on a song to make it their own. Covered artists run from Neil Young to Coldplay, and the band's own tunes will stay with you while you're driving home.

## Computer Class—Buy-Sell-Barter

Wednesday August 11, 2010 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

 **Craigslist** is a web site that provides free local classifieds as well as forums for jobs, housing, personals, services, and events such as your yard sale. Clean out the clutter, find that elusive collectible. Whether buying or selling, one man's junk is another man's treasure!

## 2nd annual Car Cruise at SNHL

Saturday, August 21 from 5:30—9:00PM

Classic cars, great music, and lots of food—that's the SNHL version of your Summer Reading Wrap-up Party for the entire family! Dance to favorite oldies from the 50's & 60's with Shaler's own DJ, Clint Stokes. We'll have games, crafts, and raffles too! No registration required, just join us for lots of fun.

## Shaler Garden Club

### Botanical Garden of Western PA

Tuesday, August 24 from 6:30—8:00PM

The Shaler Garden Club presents a special guest speaker, Kathy Testoni, who will give us all the details about the fantastic NEW Botanical Garden right here in the Pittsburgh area. The garden encompasses 452 acres of former strip mines and will become one of the largest outdoor gardens in the country. It is located 20 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh near Settlers Cabin. Please register for this wonderful evening 412-486-0211.

## C. William Davis, III—author visit and book signing

Thursday, August 26 at 6:30PM

Mr. Davis, local author, writes mysteries that take place in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Meet him and hear all of his writing adventures. Free and open to all. Please register 412-486-0211.

## Spirituality Series planned for fall 2010

*Spirituality in Our Modern World: How Can We Stay Connected?* This is the question that we will ask several spiritual leaders. The guest speakers will include a Presbyterian pastor, a Buddhist monk, and a Catholic priest. This is an opportunity to learn about religions of the world. Details upcoming.

## Mystery Theatre at SNHL rescheduled for November 2010

The Mystery Dinner Theatre scheduled for Saturday, August 14 at 6:30PM has been postponed due to low audience registration. We are working to reschedule the event as an afternoon event in November, just before you get into the holiday frenzy! Look for details about the **Mystery Luncheon Theatre at SNHL.**

## Mark your calendars

### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday  
10AM to 8PM

Friday  
10AM to 6PM

Saturday  
10AM to 5PM

Sunday  
Closed in the summer

### **Shaler's Got Talent**

Friday, August 6  
7:00PM

### **2nd annual Car Cruise at SNHL**

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From 5:30-9:00PM  
Don't miss it!  
(details on page 1)

### **Friends of the SNHL Meeting**

Monday, August 23 at  
6:30PM

The library will **be closed**  
**Monday, September 5** for  
Labor Day

### Phone installation and staff training

Thursday, September 9.  
The library will open at  
noon.

**Sunday hours resume**  
Sunday, September 12,  
1:00 to 4:00PM

**SNHL Board Meeting**  
*No library board  
meetings in the months of  
July and August*  
Wednesday,  
September 8 at 7:30PM

## Caregivers Champion Program

Caring for a frail, older adult can take a toll — physically, emotionally and financially.

**Caregiver Champions** is a new program designed to strengthen networks of informal caregivers for older adults by helping them better care for themselves, reduce stress and gain access to important caregiving information and resources. The program consists of **Caregiver Learning Circles**, a series of six, free two-hour sessions that provide informal learning in a casual setting. Each learning circle will feature a topic expert who can provide useful advice and tips that caregivers can immediately take back and apply to their own lives. Topics include preventing caregiver burnout, improved communication skills, accessing local resources, and common legal issues. The Shaler series begins on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00PM and will meet every other week. **Pre-registration is required.** To register for the learning circles or to learn about other ways you can get involved in Caregiver Champions, please contact **Beth at 412-594-2569 or Polonchak@Jhf.org.**

## Watercolor Classes with Terri Geever—Autumn Theme

Learn to paint **Autumn themes** with Terri Geever.

Each week you will paint a different scene for the season. Come for one week, or all four weeks.

Each class costs \$12.50, and includes a 2-hour class of professional art instruction and all the art materials you will need. Please call the library to register at 412-486-0211.

Tuesdays in September from 5:45—7:45PM

September 7            September 14

September 21         September 28

## Request the Kindle!

In honor of our supportive community and Mrs. Margaret Lamond, a long time friend of the library who took great pride in our innovation, the library will checkout Amazon Kindles to residents. The Kindle is a portable, electronic book (ebook) reader that allows the library to checkout the hottest titles for a fraction of the cost of a hardback book. Borrow the Kindle for three weeks and enjoy the latest Coben, Hoag, Ozzy bio, or **The Help** (700 holds on this title!) This is a pilot project to see where the library fits into the emerging ebook world and allows you the opportunity to give an ebook reader a “spin.” Some great features of the Kindle include: the ability to make the print bigger, the ability to “listen” to the book and its portability. The Kindle holds 1500 titles! Put your name on the waiting list at the checkout desk and pick up a flyer that includes all the “fine print.” ☺

## **Friends of the Library Book Sale—Volunteers Needed**

Our fall book sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 23 (10 to 4), Sunday, October 24 (1 to 4) and Monday, October 25 (10 to 3). And we need some help!! We need volunteers to set-up, sort, run, and clean-up. There is labor involved and sorting requires the ability to work independently, differentiating between fiction and non-fiction, topics within non-fiction and children’s materials. Donate one hour or many hours! This is a great opportunity for students to earn volunteer hours. If you are interested in helping, please leave your name, phone number or email (preferred) at the downstairs reference desk. We will be posting shift opportunities in September. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Can’t volunteer for the book sale? We accept donations of gently used books, music CDs, DVDs, and videos in good condition anytime during operating hours. Paperbacks are awesome! In addition, we accept baked goods the Thursday and Friday before the book sale. Thank you!

### **Thank you to Shop 'n Save on Babcock Blvd.!**

The library wants to thank our generous friends at Shop 'n Save on Babcock Blvd. On behalf of the Library, store staff sold \$474.00 worth of "Catch the Reading Waves," in an effort to maintain our summer reading program. In addition, and to the library's surprise, store owners matched the funds raised for a total of \$948.00! We are so grateful to them for their generosity and support of our community. In addition, thank you to everyone who purchased a "Catch the Reading Wave." Over 2300 kids registered for summer reading this summer—congratulations to all!

### **Great Local Gardens Contest Winners Announced!**

On Sunday, July 11 the library and the Shaler Garden Club announced the overall winners of our 2010 Great Local Gardens Contest. We were blown away by all (6) of our entries. It truly is difficult to choose. However, two local gardens—The Brandt Garden and the Taylor Garden were chosen as the two overall winners. Each won \$100.00 to apply to their gardens. Many thanks to all of our entries! In addition, the library thanks the Shaler Garden Club for their time and expertise for both the Garden Contest and the 2010 Garden Tour. And our thanks to the Shaler Art Committee for a smashing art show! Overall, the library raised nearly \$2200.00.

### **Steeler Ticket and Penguin Pre-Season Ticket Raffles**

Thanks to a very generous donor, the library will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win (2) Steeler tickets for the Sunday, October 17 game against the Cleveland Browns. This raffle will be drawn on 10/1. A second raffle is for a chance to win (3) tickets to the pre-season game on Tuesday, September 28 versus the Chicago Blackhawks at the new Console Energy Center. This raffle will be drawn on 9/10. Thanks to our anonymous donor and to Nancy Stokes for putting together such awesome gift baskets.

### **Senior Project Success!**

The library wishes to thank our wonderful students who performed their senior projects with us this summer! This was a particularly outstanding group of students who worked very hard and produced amazing results. We really enjoyed working with them and appreciate their time and efforts.

Meghan Murphy and Patty Camarda—Harry Potter Extravaganza

Rob Wadsworth—Art Show and Garden Tour

Nick Schmidtt —Summer reading program

Nicole Thens—children's department mural

Beth Griser —Cancer pathfinder and raffle basket to raise funds for library cancer resources

### **Purchasing school supplies? Please think of the library too!**

If you are shopping for school supplies, we would really appreciate it if you would consider donating supplies to the library too. We are in need of glue sticks, construction paper, markers, pens, pencils etc. We utilize these materials in our programs as well as to support patron and staff needs. Drop them off at the checkout desk or at the children's desk. Thank you so much.

### **Equipment Upgrades Coming!**

The library partnered with 14 libraries around the county to write and execute a \$90,000 grant for self-check stations. We were awarded the grant and plans are currently underway to implement (1) self-check station downstairs. In addition, the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library will purchase two additional stations for the children's department. The library will also be replacing its current copiers with (2) more advanced copiers. Our intent is to move all copying and printing to these new copiers. Thus saving dollars in print cartridges and service contracts, plus providing a better copy and more services, such as color or scanning. Finally, we will be upgrading our phone system on September 9th. That day we will open at noon, so that staff can be trained on the new system. Thank you for your patience and we hope these upgrades will help us serve you better.

**Editorial note:** Sadly, due to the funding cuts by the state, the **Director's Corner** has been reduced to this corner.



~Sharon McRae

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Programs that require registration are noted. To register, call the library at 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

### **BOOK GROUPS**

#### **Nonfiction Book Club**

Meets at 3:30PM on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

August 24—*The secret life of the grown-up brain* by Barbara Strauch

September 28—*The Eastern Stars* by Mark Kurlansky

October 26—*The Last Empty Places: a past and present journey through the blank spots on the American map* by Peter Stark

#### **Monday Night Book Group**

Meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM. New members are welcome to attend. Reading picks include contemporary fiction and non-fiction.

August 9—*In the president's secret service* by Ronald Kessler

September 13—*Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel

October 11—*Everything Matters* by Ron Currie

November 8—*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

December 13—*Christmas Jars* by Jason Wright

#### **Food for Thought Book Group**

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM.

This group is a cookbook discussion group. Each month we will choose a "food theme" and you simply check out a library cookbook based on that theme, prepare a dish from the cookbook, and talk about your recipe and book.

August 18—Fruits of summer

September 15—Appetizers and desserts

October 20—Apples and pumpkins

#### **Afternoon Mystery Book Club**

Meets at 2:30PM the third Thursday of each month.

August 19—*Our lady of immaculate deception* by Nancy Martin

September 16—*The Lion* by Nelson DeMille

October 21—*Immoral* by Brian Freeman

#### **SNHL Horror Genre Club for Adults**

August 15, at 6:30PM

Join us and watch episodes of the former TV series, *Fear Itself*. Very scary!

#### **YA for Grownups**

[yaforgrownups.blogspot.com](http://yaforgrownups.blogspot.com)

Meets at 7:00PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

August 25—*It's kind of a funny story* by Ned Vizzini

#### **GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS**

**Meets at 6:30PM on the first Thursday of every month.** Bring a favorite game, a friend, and a snack to share.

#### **MOVIE PROGRAMS**

##### **The Trip is On Us!**

1:30PM the third Tuesday of each month.

August 17—Tuscany

September 21—Pakistan

**October 12\*\*—Poland**—our annual presentation by Jane Pelczarski

\*\*date change due to October book sale

##### **Classic Movies in the Afternoon**

1:30PM the last Friday of each month.

August 27—*Barefoot in the Park* starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford

September 24—*How the West was Won* starring John Wayne and Henry Fonda

October 29—*Giant* starring Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson

#### **COMPUTER CLASSES**

**Please phone to register for each class.**

##### **Mouse class**

Wed., August 4, 2:00 to 3:00PM

##### **Catalog Class**

Wed., August 11, 2:00 to 3:30PM

##### **Internet Class**

Wed., August 18, 2:00 to 4:00PM

##### **Word Class—\$10.00 fee**

Wed., August 25, 2:00 to 4:00PM



##### **Buy-Sell-Barter**

Wed., August 11, 6:30 to 7:30PM  
(see page 1 for details.)