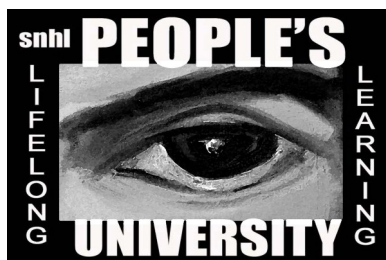


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Mark your calendars

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
10AM to 8PM

Friday
10AM to 6PM

Saturday
10AM to 5PM

Sunday
1:00PM—5:00PM

Extended hours for adults

Mondays and Fridays the
adult part of the library
opens at 8:30AM

SNHL Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8 at
7:30PM

SNHL Art Gallery ready for local artists

A professional art gallery
hanging system has been
installed on the walls of the
computer area downstairs
and on the wall of the
stairwell. Please contact
us if you are interested in
showing your work.

Tax Service for 2012

Elfinwild Fire Hall

February 1 – April 5
Monday, Wednesday and
Thursday
9:30AM to 2:00PM

Lunch and Learn, a health and wellness series

presented by Allegheny Health and Rehabilitation Center; and Dr. Guy Bucci of Brilliant Physical Health

Tuesday, February 7 at 12:30PM with Allegheny Health and Rehabilitation Center—*Have a Healthy Heart*

Tuesday, February 21 at 12:30PM with Dr. Guy Bucci of Brilliant Physical Health

Lunch is provided. Free and open to all. Please register by calling 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

Everything You Need to Know about Car Seats

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30PM

Presented by **Steve Forest**, Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, of the **Allegheny County Health Department**. This class is designed for parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children ages 12 and under. Learn how seat belts and child safety seats work in this 1-hour program. Free and open to all. Please register by calling 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

Citizen's Bank Financial Seminars

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30PM

10 steps to digging out of debt.

Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30PM

Retirement planning.

Free and open to all. Please register by calling 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

Tai Chi-Style Movement with John Uddstrom

Monday mornings in March and April from 9:00AM to 9:45AM

Balance, stretching and confidence building. Exercise for your personal capabilities. Free and open to all people ages 55 and over.

Poetry Forum: an evening with Autumn House Press, a Pittsburgh-based publishing house

Monday, March 5 at 6:30PM

Join us for an evening of poetry by three readers from Autumn House Press (AHP). Michael Simms, founder of AHP and poet, Peter Blair, a poet published by AHP, and Sue K. Rumbaugh, CNF associate editor at AHP. Free and open to all. Please register by calling 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

Art and Inspiration with William Rock

6 sessions in March—Friday, March 2; Tuesday, March 6; Tuesday, March 13; Friday, March 16; Tuesday March 20 and Friday, March 23 at 7:00PM

Artist William Rock facilitates a forum for artists to discuss art and explore techniques in their work. Artists can bring their work, the materials used to create it and their ideas, theories and inspirations to share with others. Tuition: \$15/class or \$72/all 6 sessions. Please inquire at the Reference Desk for further details.

Screenplay Character Development

A non-credit course by the Pittsburgh Filmmakers

6 sessions—Mondays at 6:00PM

March 19 and 26; April 2, 9, 16 and 30

This class covers screenwriting fundamentals with a focus on character development. Each student will write a script for a short film or a scene from a longer film. Students will view and discuss scenes from current films with an emphasis on the methods used to establish and shape both primary and secondary characters. Tuition: \$145. Please inquire at the Reference Desk for further details.

Knit by the Books!

Every Wednesday at 1:30PM

Bring your knitting projects and join us for an hour of knitting together at the library. We meet downstairs “by the books!”

Library eBooks for all Nook Products and Non-Kindle Users

Thursday, February 23, at 6:30 PM

These eBook users must install a piece of software on their home computers to transfer library eBooks to their readers. If you have a laptop, bring it along. You’ll also need to have an email account, the device must be charged up and you’ll need to have the device registered prior to the class. Yep, you’ll need your library card too! Class size is limited, so please call us at 412-486-0211 or stop by the desk.

Library eBooks for Kindle Users (excludes the Kindle Fire)

Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 PM

For Kindle users, please have your device registered to your Amazon account and charged up prior to the class—bring along those user names and passwords to log in to your Amazon account. Yep, you’ll need your library card too! Class size is limited, so please call us at 412-486-0211 or stop by the desk.

Library eBooks for Kindle Fire and iPad Users

Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 PM

For Kindle Fire users, please have your device registered to your Amazon account and charged up prior to the class—bring along those user names and passwords to log in to your Amazon account. Yep, you’ll need your library card too! Class size is limited, so please call us at 412-486-0211 or stop by the desk.



Visit www.shalerlibrary.org and click on what’s new to the collection! Includes books for adults, teens and kids as well as DVDs.

Think Spring! Shaler Garden Club Annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5 from 9:00AM—12 noon at Kiwanis Park

A large variety of perennial plants from member gardens will be for sale, along with herbs, vegetables, and special Mother’s Day plants and planters. In addition, there will be a flea market and bake sale. This sale will take place rain or shine.

And speaking of Spring...the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library is accepting used book donations in good condition for the spring sale to be held the weekend of May 12 & 13. We accept gently used books for all ages (please, no moldy, smelly stuff), music, films, puzzles and games. We do accept recent magazine issues for sale in the lobby. And we could use paperbacks in good condition to sell in the lobby! Thank you for your consideration.

In honor of Harry G. Patterson

The library has purchased a database called the "Testing and Education Center." This critical database is geared for teens and adults who need help preparing for the SAT, GRE, PRAXIS, MCAT, and a variety of civil service careers. The database offers unlimited access to ebooks and courses. This is a must-have for our community and we believe that the purchase of this database will honor Mr. Patterson, who passed away in January, 2011 and often used the computers at the library. Mr. Patterson was a kind man, a big reader and Pittsburgh trivia/sports guru. We thank all who donated to the library in his memory. He is missed.

Reference USA and Universal Class purchased by the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library

Reference USA, a job and business marketing database, has been purchased by the Friends of the Library for our community. It was purchased by the county up until last year, but continuing budget cuts have forced the county to eliminate this critical database. This is a smart database that allows patrons to research job leads and provides marketing opportunities for businesses. Free, with your Shaler North Hills Library card. A huge thank-you to our Friends!

Universal Class has also been purchased by the Friends of the Library for our community. This database is a continuing education product for adults. Non-credit classes are offered online for free with your Shaler North Hills Library card. Career training, accounting, psychology, computers, parenting and many more classes are offered. Visit www.shalerlibrary.org and click on "learn something new." A huge thank-you to our Friends for this learning tool that recognizes SNHL as the "People's University!"

Yes, you have access to free eBooks through the public library!

With your free Allegheny County Library Card, you have access to thousands of eBooks that you can download to your new eReader. Visit acla.lib.overdrive.com. Kindle Fire users and iPad users can visit the site and checkout eBooks directly via their tablets. Traditional Kindle users can use their home or a library computer to checkout eBooks and transfer the titles through their Amazon account via Wi-Fi. Nook and other non-Amazon readers need a home computer to install Adobe Digital Editions and to transfer eBooks to their devices.

The library offers monthly classes on how to use the library eBook collection with your devices or you can call and set-up a time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to work with a librarian.

As you may have been reading, the book publishing industry is going through some growing pains. eBooks and eReaders are revolutionizing the industry and online self-publishing is the norm these days—not the exception. At this time, several big publishers, like Simon and Schuster won't sell eBooks to public libraries, citing piracy concerns. However, publishers are starting to come around—in fact, Simon and Schuster just announced that they will meet with the American Library Association soon. In the meantime, keep in mind that the county eBook collection is growing and in many cases, you won't see the new Janet Evanovich or the latest Steve Jobs biography due to publisher restrictions. Libraries too are experiencing rapid changes—we are trying to figure out how to pay for increasing eBook demand versus traditional print demand—as well as the ever changing media formats. We appreciate your patience and understand your frustration when you search for favorite authors in the library eBook collection. For good or bad, eBooks are changing how all of us do business. Because you don't technically own the eBook you purchased from Amazon or Barnes and Noble, you can't loan it to a friend (except when allowed by the publisher) and you can't donate it to the library when you are finished. This makes it even more difficult to meet high demand. And certainly, in the long-term, used book sale fundraisers will be very different, if they exist at all. Change is the norm these days and we thank you for your support of SNHL as we continue to seek new ways to raise funds and to serve our community. ~Sharon McRae

ONGOING PROGRAMS

All programs are free unless otherwise noted. For programs that require registration, 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.

February 28—*Rin Tin Tin: the life and the legend* by Susan Orlean

March 27—*The House that George Built: with a little help from Irving, Cole, and a crew of about fifty* by Wilfrid Sheed

April 24—*The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough

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 nonfiction.

February 13—*The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

March 12—*Before I go to Sleep* by SJ Watson

April 9—*This I Believe: the personal philosophies of remarkable men and women* by Jan Allison

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.

February 15—Soup and bread

March 21—Sandwiches

April 18—Brunch

Food for Thought Book Group has a goal for 2012!

By December 2012, the SNHL **Food for Thought Book Group** will have a cookbook for sale. We have been talking about this project for several years, and we have decided that we are ready to proceed. If you like to cook and enjoy talking about recipes, please join us. We meet each month on the third Wednesday at 6:30PM. All are welcome.

Afternoon Mystery Book Club

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

February 16—*City of Whispers* by Marcia Muller

March 15—*The Snowman* by Jo Nesbo

April 19—*Uniform Justice* by Donna Leon

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!

Meets at 1:30PM on the third Tuesday of every month.

February 21—*Visit Wales with Rachel Hicks*

March 20—*Cruise New England and Canada*

April 17—*Cruise Western Europe*

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

Meets at 1:30PM on the last Friday of each month.

February 24—*Cabaret*, starring Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey

March 30—*Rio Grande* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara

April 27—*The Sun Also Rises* starring Tyrone Power and Ava Gardner

COMPUTER CLASSES

Please phone to register for each class.

Mouse Class

Wed., February 1, 2PM to 3PM

Catalog Class

Wed., February 8, 2PM to 3:30PM

Internet Class

Wed., February 15, 2PM to 4PM

Word Class—\$10.00 fee

Wed., February 22, 2PM to 4PM