

## Library Hours

Monday 10-8  
Tuesday 10-9  
Wednesday 10-8  
Thursday 10-9  
Friday 10-6  
Saturday 10-5  
Sunday 1-5

## Extended Hours for Adults

Mondays and  
Fridays the Adult  
section of the Library  
opens at 8:30am.  
Children's opens at  
10:00am.

## Closures

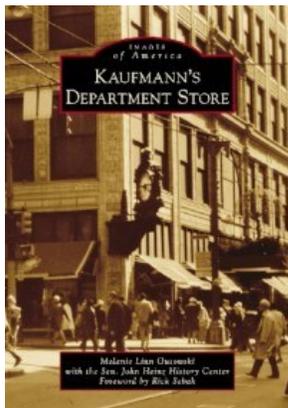
Closed December  
23, 24, 25 for  
Christmas Holiday.  
Closed December 31  
& January 1 for New  
Year's Holiday.

## SNHL Board Mtg

December 13, 7:30pm

## SNHL Friends Mtg

No meeting.



## Memories of Kaufmann's Department Store

Do you have fond memories of Kaufmann's Department Store? Meeting under the clock? Lunch at the Tic Toc Restaurant? Going to town to view the windows decorated for Christmas? Take a trip down memory lane with writer and historian **Melanie Linn Gutowski** as she shares the latest in the Arcadian series on western Pennsylvania's favorite spots.

*This book will make a great holiday gift!  
Read more on page 3.*

## Adult Winter Reading Returns in January—A "Taste" for Reading!

Do you have a 'taste' for reading? Join us this winter as we share our favorite books to sample, food-related programs and more! Our Adult Winter Reading Program will kick-off on **Monday, January 15th**. Weekly prizes! Easy and fun! Winter is a great time to join one of our book groups! See the list on the back page or ask any staff member to learn more about them.



## Tea and Oatmeal Cookie Day



January is "Oatmeal" month and we'll be celebrating on Thursday, January 18th with free oatmeal cookies! Come on by and have a snack while you register for the Winter Reading program.

*P.S. Be on the lookout for our first ever Adult "Battle of the Books"! A fun trivia night based on books! Details coming next month...*

## Season's Greetings from SNHL!

*At this time of year we wish all of our patrons and the Shaler Community the very best for you and your families. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, we wish you happiness in your celebration. We wish peace and joy for all in the coming year. We are grateful for your support.*



*The Board, the Staff and Volunteers of the Shaler North Hills Library*



Books...And So Much More!

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Glenshaw PA 15116  
412-486-0211

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## Celebrating in Winter!

**Chanukah or Hanukkah (December 12-20)** The Hebrew word Chanukah means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple. It is known as the wintertime "festival of lights."

**Winter Solstice (December 21)** An astronomical phenomenon marking the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year.

**Christmas (December 25)** A Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Christ.

**Kwanzaa (December 26 to January 1)** Kwanzaa is a Swahili word that means "first" and signifies the first fruits of the harvest. From December 26 to January 1, many people of African descent in America celebrate Kwanzaa.

**New Year's Eve & New Year's Day (December 31 and January 1)** Marking the end and beginning of the calendar year.

Let us help you find the perfect book or movie to celebrate!



## Health & Wellness

*Please note: Exercise classes require registration and signed waivers.*

### Exercise Class for All Levels with John Uddstrom

**Every Monday and Friday morning \$  
8:45am to 9:45am**

Class focuses on stretching, balance, body toning and Tai Chi. The class is offered twice per week, Monday and Friday mornings. Cost is \$2.00 per class, \$10.00 per month or \$100.00 for the entire year. Drop-ins allowed. Must sign-in and pay at the circulation desk. Fees are payable to Shaler North Hills Library.

### Tai Chi for Health with John Boynton

**Monday evenings, 7-week sessions \$**

**Next sessions are January 8—February 19**

\$5/per class or \$30 for series.

Payable directly to the instructor.

**Beginner Class: 5:15pm-6:15pm**

**Continuing Class: 6:30pm-7:30pm**

(Please take the beginner class if you have never taken this type of "Sun Style" Tai Chi before. This is a progressive class so it is important to attend for the series.)

## Art Classes

### ART CLASSES

Open to the public. Fees for supplies.

#### Acrylic Painting with James Guentner

**Wednesdays at 2:00pm \$**

Contact James Guentner at 412-486-7516 for details about supplies and fees.

#### Watercolors Class with Elaine Bergstrom

**Thursdays at 10:00am to 12:00pm \$ (REG REQ)**

Contact Elaine Bergstrom at 412-358-8789.

### This month...

#### In our Art Gallery:

**Margaret Rose Pastels**

**margaretrosepastels@gmail.com**

#### In our Display Case:

**Crisis Center North**

**Crisiscenternorth.org**

**Gingerbread houses by**

**Daisy Troop 80009**

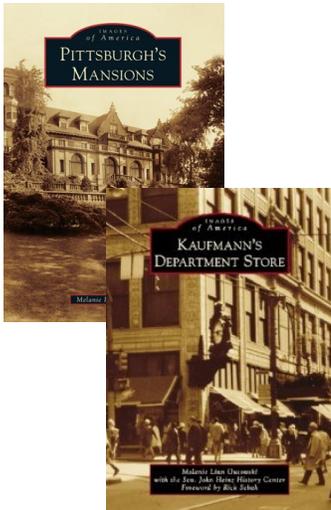
# Programs

Meet  
the Author  
Series @ Shaler North Hills Library 

THIS SERIES IS MADE POSSIBLE  
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**Wednesday, December 20**  
**1:30pm**  
Please register online or by calling  
**412-486-0211.**



## Memories of Kaufmann's Department Store

Melanie Linn Gutowski is a writer and public historian based in the Greater Pittsburgh area. She is the author of *Pittsburgh's Mansions*, a pictorial history of Western Pennsylvania's stately homes, and the forthcoming *Kaufmann's Department Store* (Nov. 2017). Her history writing has appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh Quarterly and the Victorian Society in America's Nineteenth Century journal. Melanie is a three-time finalist for the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania's Golden Quill Awards. You can read more about her work at: [www.missmellie.com](http://www.missmellie.com)

## Sunday Movie Viewing at the Library!

Sunday, January 14th at 2:00pm

Join us for a viewing of the thriller ***American Assassin***, based on the best-selling novels by Vince Flynn and featuring his character Mitch Rapp. *American Assassin* is the first novel in the series, where we meet Mitch and watch his transformation before he was a CIA super-agent.



If you love the movie, we'll help you find more in the series to read.

Bring your friends, settle in for some snacks and a movie viewing on a cold winter afternoon. No registration required. See you there!

PS—Do you know the website IMDb (Internet Movie Database)? It's a great way to search for your favorite movies, TV shows, actors, and more. Check it out: [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

## Cooking Demonstrations

What a great response to our Vegetarian and Slovak cooking demonstration classes! We love that everyone is so enthused. Both of these series will return after the new year so be sure you are signed up for our email blasts or watch our newsletter/website.

## Art and Inspiration International

**The Art and Inspiration Holiday Party!**  
**Thursday, December 7, 7:00pm**

A potluck dish night! Everyone is encouraged to bring their art and poetry to share.

Art and Inspiration meets each Thursday evening at 7:00pm for a gathering of creative minds and hearts. From sharing works to special guests, performances to presentations, there's something interesting each week. (The group will be on break after December 7th and return January 11th.)

All are welcome!  
No registration required.



# Show Your Support!

## Shaler North Hills Library Annual Appeal 2017-2018

Start Here!

Sometimes it's so hard to know where to start. Maybe it's a new hobby, or a job search, or researching your ancestors. We hope that you'll think of the Library as your place to 'start' for many of your needs! We're here for you!

You can start your new year off with a donation to SNHL to help us be here for your needs. Shaler and Etna residents will soon be receiving our annual appeal letter. (Our mailing list is based upon the Hampton-Shaler Water Authority database.) A donation made during our year-end annual appeal goes to our operating budget to keep the library running. Every dollar makes a difference as we plan for 2018. And if you have already donated to the library this year, we thank you.

We thank Shaler Township, the Regional Asset District, the Commonwealth of PA and our community for their generosity. You and your gifts are what make this library special!

### Pierogi Fundraiser with the Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck

The Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck will be at SNHL Tuesdays, 12:00 to 6:00pm on **December 5, 12, and 19**. The menu includes pierogi, stuffed cabbage, and haluski—hot and ready to eat. Look for the truck in our front parking lot. Partial proceeds benefit the Library.

#### Frozen Pierogi Orders Now Being Taken!

You can order more delicious pierogis NOW to enjoy later. Orders are being accepted through December 8th. Nine varieties are available—only \$8.00 per dozen! Stop in the library for an order form—payment upon order. Cash or check only. Make check payable to Shaler North Hills Library.

Please note: Pierogi orders ***MUST be able to be picked up on Tuesday, December 19*** between 1:00 and 6:00 pm. The Library does not have extra freezer space!



Shop 'till you drop!

Donate with  
amazon smile

If you shop on Amazon during the holidays, please consider shopping with amazon smile. A percentage of sales will then go to support the library.

Start here: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and search for the Shaler North Hills Library upon logging into your account. Then just shop as usual.

We thank you for your ongoing support!

### Mission Mahi Food Truck at SNHL!

Please support our local food vendors when you see their trucks in our parking lot. Yummy food at great prices. Partial proceeds benefit the Library.

**Wednesdays, December 6 & 20, 4:00 to 7:00pm**

The most delicious Mahi Mahi fish taco ever. Fish, fries, cheese, coleslaw. Big enough for two meals!!!





Watch for a 'gift card' tree raffle! Hundreds of dollars in gift cards can be yours! Winner will be pulled Friday December 22.

Raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

## Happy Holidays from the Friends of Shaler North Hills Library

Many thanks to the attendees of our November wine tasting program. It was sold out and a great time was had by all!

Thanks to presenter John Eld for sharing his expertise.

Do you love the library and want to help out? Consider joining the Friends of SNHL. We always welcome new members and you can join us in planning these fun activities. Our application is on the library website or call and leave your info with the staff.

Wishing everyone a peaceful holiday season!

*Janet Miller*, President



### Caddy Stacks! Come Play Mini Golf in the Book Stacks!

One of our most popular ways to beat the winter blues—come out for a round of miniature golf amidst the stacks of books. If your family or organization would like to 'sponsor' a hole, please contact Janet Miller at [jmmpitt@msn.com](mailto:jmmpitt@msn.com) or Sharon McRae at [mcras@einetwork.net](mailto:mcras@einetwork.net).

#### 2018 Dates to Note:

January 1: Closed for New Year's Day

January 26: Closed for Staff In-Service Day

February 2: Brush Buddies Painting Evening

February 17 & 18: Caddy Stacks Mini-Golf

March 31 & April 1: Closed for Easter

April 21 & 22: Giant Used Book Sale

#### FREEGAL SERVICE DISCONTINUED

The Freegal music service offered by the Allegheny County Library Association will be discontinued as of December 31, 2017.

We encourage you to explore our other e-resources including Hoopla, RBDigital, Flipster and Overdrive. Ask at the Reference Desk for help getting started.

## Community News



Last Minute Shopping with I Made It! Market is back in the North Hills for a second year. This time it will be popping up with 60+ local artists at The Block Northway on **December 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Block at Northway will be hosting the Holiday "Walk the Block" features strolling carolers, street entertainment, refreshments, and more!

#### AARP Smart Driving Courses (REG-REQ) \$

The library partners with AARP to offer driving courses. There is an introductory two-day Smart Driver course and a one-day Refresher course. You MUST have taken the two-day course in the last three years to register for a Refresher. If you are not sure, call your insurance company. Most companies offer a discount for completion.

#### Smart Driver Refresher Course:

**Friday, December 8, 2:00-6:00pm**

#### Smart Driver Refresher Course:

**Friday, January 19, 2:00-6:00pm**

AARP Members: \$15 Non-members: \$20  
Call the Library to register: 412-486-0211

**BOOK GROUPS****Monday Night Book Group****Second Monday, 6:30pm**

December 11—*The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank

January 8—*The Kitchen Boy: a Novel of the Last Tsar* by Robert Zimmerman

**Home Grown Book Group****Second Tuesday, 2:00pm**

December 12—*Forgotten Tales of Pittsburgh* by Thomas White

January 9—*How to Murder a Millionaire* by Nancy Martin

**Nonfiction Book Group****Fourth Tuesday, 2:00pm**

December 26—*Grocery: the Buying and Selling of Food in America* by Michael Ruhlman

January 23—*A Chance in the World: an Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past, and How he Found a Place Called Home* by Steve Pemberton

**Fantasy Book Group****First Wednesday, 1:00pm**

December 6—*The Lies of Locke Lamora* by Scott Lynch

January 3—*The Fifth Season* by N. K. Jemisin

**Food for Thought Book Group****Third Wednesday, 6:30pm**

A cookbook discussion group! Check out a library cookbook; prepare a dish from the cookbook based on the theme.

December 20—Chocolate

January 17—Oatmeal

**Afternoon Mystery Book Group****Third Thursday, 2:30pm**

December 21—*Defectors* by Joseph Kanon

January 25—*Bluebird, Bluebird: a Novel* By Attica Locke

**COMMUNITY-LED BOOK GROUPS****A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose****Wednesdays, 10:00am to 12:00pm**

New members are welcome as we discuss and meditate on Eckhart Tolle's works.

**Readings in Alternative Everything**

facilitated by Richard Kajuth, Eds, PhD

**Second Wednesday, 6:15pm**

*Psychic Dreaming: Dreamworking, Reincarnation, Out-of-Body Experiences & Clairvoyance* by Loyd Auerbach

Please remember to register for our programs online! Visit our website or event calendar. It's fast and easy and helps us plan for our events.

**CREATIVE & SOCIAL GROUPS****What's Your Story?****Second and Fourth Mondays, 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

Do you have some heart-felt stories from your life you'd like to write about and share with others? Come as often as you are able.

**SNHL Card Club****First and Third Tuesday, 5:30pm to 8:30pm****Second and Fourth Tuesday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

If you like to play card games with adults please come and meet new friends, hone your card-playing skills, and learn new card games.

**Knit & Crochet by the Books!****Every Wednesday, 2:00pm**

Bring your knitting or crochet projects and join us for an hour together at the library. Meets downstairs by the new fiction books.

**Game Night for Adults****First Thursday, 6:30pm**

Bring a favorite game, a friend, and a snack to share.

**SNHL Quilt Group****Every Friday, 12:00pm**

Hang out with other quilters, share ideas and have a great time!

**FILM PROGRAMS****The Trip is On Us!****Third Tuesday, 1:30pm**

December 19—*Switzerland & the Alps—Christmas in Switzerland*

January 16—*Yarn: The Movie*—around the world with global artists using yarn as their medium.

**Movies in the Afternoon****Last Friday, 1:30pm**

December 29—*The Christmas Choir*

January 19—*Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (correction on January date!)

*Pssstttt!*

Want to be in the 'know' for our programs and events? Sign up for our email newsletter on our website. Go to the right-hand column, give us your name and email and confirm. You'll be notified about once a month of the interesting things going on at SNHL!