

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 31
& January 1.
Closed January 26
for Staff In-Service
Day.

SNHL Board Mtg

January 10, 7:30pm

SNHL Friends Mtg

January 15, 6:30pm

Adult Winter Reading is Here!— “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!

Tea and Oatmeal Cookie Day!

January is “Oatmeal Month” and we'll be celebrating on **Thursday, January 18** with free oatmeal cookies, courtesy



of our Food for Thought Book Group and our local Subway. Come on by and have a snack while you register for the Winter Reading program.

Winter is a great time to join one of our book groups! See page 5 for more information. Come join us!



COMPUTERS—AARGH!!!

Super frustrated by computers? Always confused about getting on your email? We're hosting a three-part class for those folks who want to start from the beginning. You must be available for all three sessions. Limited to ten participants. All classes run from 1:00-2:30pm.

Session 1: Friday, February 9

What the heck IS a computer? Laptop? Tablet?

Session 2: Friday, February 16

Email makes me crazy! Getting in, attaching files and more.

Session 3: Friday, February 23

Searching the Internet; social media



You MUST register online or with the Reference Staff at 412-486-0211.

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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. Cash or check. 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, 6-week sessions \$

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

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

Winter Session 1:

January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

Winter Session 2:

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

\$5 per class. Payable directly to the instructor. (Please take the beginner class if you have never taken this type of "Sun Style" Tai Chi before.)

PROGRAM REMINDER!

All Library programs are open to new members. Programs are free unless otherwise noted. **Please register if you plan to attend** as this helps us with our arrangements. For programs that require registration, please register online or call the library at 412-486-0211.

- (REG) : Registration is requested
- (REG-REQ): Registration is required
- (\$): Programs with a fee

We encourage you to **register ONLINE** through our website. Find the program you want under "Upcoming Events" (right-hand column) and look for the Register Button. Sign up. It's EASY!

Arts & Literature

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

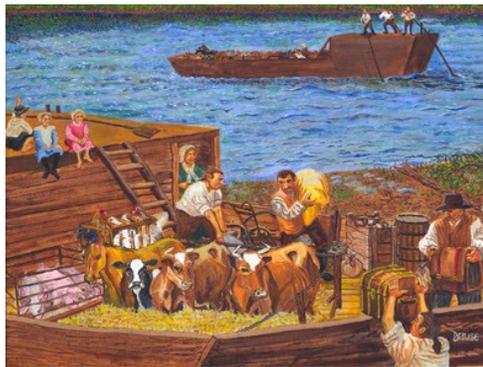
Thursdays at 10:00am to 12:00pm \$ (REG REQ)
Contact Elaine Bergstrom at 412-358-8789.

Art Gallery & Display Cases

This month...

In our Art Gallery: Denise Fantazier

Author & illustrator of the book *Pittsburgh, the Port to the West: an Illustrated History About the People and Events in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania During its First One Hundred Years.*



Books will be available for sale at the Library.
Visit the website: pittsburgh-port-to-the-west.com

In our Display Case: Henry Roll, Artist
Crystal Balls and Paper Patterns

Royal Oak School

Prekindergarten & Kindergarten

Programs



Sunday Movie Viewings at the Library!

Sunday, January 14 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!



Sunday, February 25 at 1:30pm

Join us for a viewing of ***Wonder***, the heart-warming movie that helps us explore how we treat each other and what courage really means. Based on the best-selling novel by R. J. Palacio, journey with Auggie Pullman as he enters middle school, challenged with a facial deformity.

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 about 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

Cooking Demonstrations Return!

(REG-REQUIRED)

6:30pm to 8:00pm (Dates TBA)

Last year we enjoyed having presenters Thanuja Madaboina and Otilia Golis share their cooking styles and knowledge with you! These classes have proven extremely popular and will return in February and March. Each class features a 'tasting' and copies of the recipes are provided. Thanuja features vegetarian cooking with Indian spices. Otilia takes us on a journey to Slovakia.

The programs are free and open to the public, however we are requesting a donation of \$2.00 to cover the food supply costs.

Registration is required. Limited to 35 participants each session. Please register online or call the Library at 412-486-0211.

Mark Your Calendars!

January 26: Closed for Staff In-Service Day

February 2: Brush Buddies Night Painting Evening

February 17 & 18: Caddy Stacks Mini-Golf

March 9: Succulent Garden Workshop

March 31 & April 1: Closed for Easter

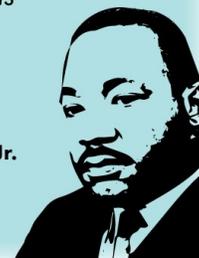
April 21 & 22: Giant Used Book Sale

April 26: Evening of Poetry

**We will be open!
Stop by for a
favorite quote
from Dr. King.**

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 15, 2018**

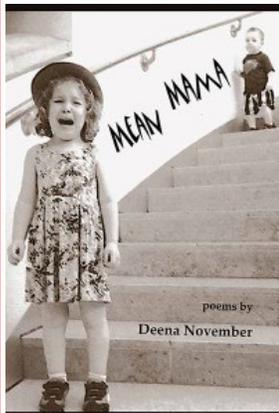
Programs continued...

Art & Inspiration International

Join us 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.



January 25, 7:00pm: Poet Deena November



Come hear Deena read excerpts from her poetry manuscript *Mean Mama* and the anthology *Nasty Women & Bad Hombres*, edited in collaboration with Nina Padolf.

Here's an early review—

Motherhood can be lonely business and we rarely talk honestly about that. This is why I am so grateful for Deena November! In her raw and wonderful debut collection *Mean Mama*, November makes motherhood, in all its relentless beauty and terror, less lonely. November's voice is a friend who's not afraid to tell the hard truths. There's much love here, but there's also weeping and guilt and fury and meltdowns and humor and terror and isolation and confusion and too many sleepless nights to count. With *Mean Mama*, November takes her place alongside poets like Annie Mennebroker and Beth Ann Fennelly as a fierce and fearless witness to the intricate and joyful and sometimes devastating experience of motherhood. She is a glorious confidante for any mother, any parent, who has ever felt they're in this alone.

— Lori Jakiela, author of *Belief Is Its Own Kind of Truth, Maybe*

Artists of all genres and art-lovers are welcome. Free and open to the public.
No registration required. Come join us!

BRUSH BUDDIES NIGHT

An evening of painting with Elaine Bergstrom
Friday, February 2 at 7:00pm

Girls Night Out? Date Night? It's that and more with lots of fun for adults only! Paint it and take it. Come and try your artist side with guidance from Elaine Bergstrom. Bring snacks, beverages (BYOB) and your creativity.

COST: \$25 prepaid at registration (cash or check) Includes canvas, paints, brushes and Elaine's guidance. You take your work of art home at the end of the session. Join us for fun, social interaction, and to express your creativity.

Registration Required. Limit of 30 participants.

Paint this picture and take it home with you!

Mt. Fuji



Book Groups

Admit it...you've been wanting to try out a book group for a while. But afraid to commit...or not sure if you can make it every month? Something keeps holding you back?

Well, we're here to make it easy (and fun) for you! We have many groups to choose from and we always welcome new members. You don't have to like every book...it's ok if you miss a few sessions here and there. We promise that the conversation is interesting, you'll find new authors you like, and make a few friends along the way. Please consider joining us in the new year. See the list on the back page for the sessions.

Monday Night Book Group

This group reads a wide variety of fiction. New Best Sellers, beloved authors, award winners!

Here are their favorites from 2017:

1. *Fool Me Once* by Harlan Coben
2. *Last Letter from Your Lover* by Jo Jo Moyes
- Tie: 3. *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult and
3. *Looking for Me* by Beth Hoffman



Food for Thought Book Group

Like to eat as much as you like to read? This is the group for you! Books and recipes picked on a theme each month. Make something to share with the group. Food, laughter and favorite cook-books to share!

Here are their favorite themes from 2017:

1. Apples and Pumpkins
2. Chocolate
3. Crock Pot Cooking
4. Favorite childhood recipe

Fantasy Book Group

Explore the strange and intriguing world created by fantasy fiction! Let your imagination soar. Future worlds, dystopian cultures, magical beings.

Favorites from 2017 included:

Final Empire and *Well of Ascension*

by Brandon Sanderson

Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell

by Susanna Clarke

Homegrown Book Group

Meet the works of authors from the local area. Books may be written by someone local or take place in the area.

These books were the favorites from 2017:

Midwife of Hope River by Patricia Harman

Death by Cyanide by Paula Reed Ward

Tangled Up in Brew by Joyce Tremel



Author Patsy Harman!



Mystery Book Group

This group reads a variety of thrillers & mysteries. There's a lot of interesting conversation about whether the author took you on a good ride or if you figured it out early. Was there too much introductory material or did they dive right in? Spymasters or serial killers...small towns or big cities...terrorism or crimes of the heart.

These books scored an "8" out of "10" by the group:

Broken Promise by Linwood Barclay

Rage Against the Dying by Becky Masterman

Guilty Minds by Joseph Finder

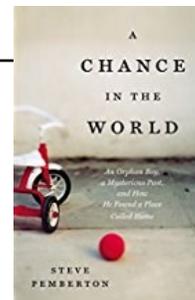
Angels Burning by Tawni O'Dell

Black Widow by Daniel Silva

Behind Closed Doors: A Novel by B. A. Paris

Stranger than Fiction

Nonfiction might seem dry and boring but our **Adult Non-Fiction Book Group** isn't reading textbook sleep aids. Among our most popular picks last year were *1000 Naked Strangers: a Paramedic's Wild Ride* by Keith Hazzard and *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. In January we'll be reading *A Chance in the World* by Walgreen's executive Steve Pemberton, sharing his story of growing up in the foster care system. In February it's Judy Collins' *Cravings: How I Conquered Food*. Not every read is a tear-jerker or a laugh riot, but all are guaranteed to get you thinking and leave you wanting to learn more. There's the always a sugary snack and a healthy one! Email kalchthaleri@gmail.com with questions!



"FUN"draising!



Caddy Stacks! Design Your Own Golf Hole!

Each February our Friends group sponsors a fun weekend to beat the winter blues—families come and play a round of miniature golf amidst the stacks of books. If your family is looking for a fun way to spend January, consider designing your own hole for us! We've had Harry Potter, Ninja Turtles, Minecraft, and Dr. Who themes. The crazier the better. Compete to see which hole gets the most votes!

If your family or organization would like to be a golf hole designer, please contact Janet Miller at jmpitt@msn.com or Sharon McRae at mcras@einetwork.net.

Then mark your calendars for the weekend of February 17-18 to come play 18 holes and vote for your favorite ones!



Memorial & Honor Book Program

You can honor a loved one, relative, friend or family member with a gift to the Library. Your gift enables the Library to purchase materials in honor of or in memory of, the person. Library books will feature a special bookplate and you can choose from several designs. You can also choose an area of interest. The Library staff will purchase books with that in mind. Your gift gives to others as the books are borrowed throughout the community. Ask any staff person for a form.

Donate with
amazon smile

Doing a little after-holiday shopping? Please consider shopping with amazon smile. A percentage of sales will then go to support the Library!

Start Here: go to 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!

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!

My Library Account

Did you know that there are lots of cool features that you can use to manage your library account? You can be in the 'driver's seat' when it comes to knowing what you have out, what you've read in the past, or what you want to read in the future!

Right Now

Want to check on what you have out? When it's due? Renew it before it becomes overdue? Just go to the Library website, and select "My Account" on the right hand column. Enter your library card number and PIN and you can instantly check over your own account.

For the Future

You can go to the online catalog and reserve a title that you want to read. You can even reserve it but then tell the system you don't want it until a future date! (It's called 'freezing' your hold.) Especially helpful if you are going on vacation. You can also create a "Wish List" to track items you want to read in the future but not just now.

For the Past

Read a favorite book but now you can't remember what the title was? The Library protects your privacy so we don't track what you've read—but YOU have the option to do so by turning on your 'Reading History' in your account.

YOUR Library! Did you know???

Here's some wonderful things you might not know about YOUR Library:

- ◆ In addition to eBooks, you can borrow movies, TV shows, and magazines online on your devices at home!
- ◆ Need some help getting started with devices? Call and schedule an appointment during the day with a Librarian.
- ◆ Our DVDS (except NEW ones) and Music CDs go out for 3 weeks. The late fee is only 50 cents!
- ◆ You can renew your own materials from home—even if they are overdue. It will stop the late fee from getting bigger!
- ◆ You can make a 'wish list' (books you want to read but not right now) or turn on your 'reading history' (track the books you've already borrowed) all from the My Account Feature on the website.

Meet with State Representative

Hal English

Stop in (first come, first served) to chat with our area State Representative. No registration required.

January 25: 10:30am-12:30pm

February 3: 1:00pm-3:00pm

February 22: 5:00pm-7:00pm



Community News

AARP Smart Driving Courses (REG-REQ) \$

The library partners with AARP to offer driving courses. Please note there are two courses offered: a two-day Smart Driver course and a 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 when you took the class last, call your car insurance company. Most companies offer a discount on your insurance for completion.

SCHEDULE

Smart Driver Refresher Course

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

Smart Driver Regular Course

Tuesday & Thursday, February 20 & 22, 2:00-6:00pm

Smart Driver Refresher Course

Friday, March 23, 12:00-4:00pm

REGISTRATION

You must register in advance. Call the Library at 412-486-0211.

PAYMENT

AARP Members: \$15 Non-members: \$20

You will pay the instructor when you come for the class.

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

January 8—*The Kitchen Boy: a Novel of the Last Tsar* by Robert Zimmerman
February 12—Foodie Fiction

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

January 9—*How to Murder a Millionaire* by Nancy Martin
February 13—*Baker Towers* by Jennifer Haigh

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

January 23—*A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past, and How He Found a Place Called Home* by Steve Pemberton
February 27—*Cravings* by Judy Collins

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

January 3—*The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin
February 7—*City of Brass* by S.A. Chakraborty

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.
January 17—Oatmeal
February 21—Foodie Fiction

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

January 18—*Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke
February 15—TBA

COMMUNITY-LED BOOK GROUPS**A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose
facilitated by Ken Herbold****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

January 10—*Psychic Dreaming: Dreamworking, Reincarnation, Out-of-Body Experiences & Clairvoyance* by Loyd Auerback

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**

January 16—*Yarn: The Movie*—around the world with global artists using yarn as their medium.
February 20—*The Story of Chocolate*

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

January 19**—*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*
**Note date change due to closure on January 26!
February 23—*Valentine's Day*

Psssttt!

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!