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Shaler North Hills Library December 2018 shalerbrary.org 412-486-0211

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 23-25 for the Christmas Holiday.
Closed Dec. 31 & Jan 1 for the New Year's Holiday.

Meetings

SNHL Board
Dec 12, 7:30pm
Jan 9, 7:30pm
SNHL Friends
Jan 21, 6:30pm

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shalerlibrary.org

It's a Holiday Market at Your Library!

Looking for a unique gift for the holidays or for yourself? Maybe your home could use something to brighten up the winter days? Why not consider a piece of art made by a local artist? SNHL will be featuring holiday and winter-themed art in our Art Gallery and Display Case (upstairs) during the month of December. From photos to botanic drawings to watercolors, all reasonably priced, you can find that perfect gift and support a local artist at the same time. We will also have Santa & Mrs. Claus, nutcrackers and glass angels in our display case upstairs. Partial proceeds will benefit the Library. Think of us this year while doing your holiday shopping.

Family Fun Raffle!

Kiwanis CLUB OF GLENSHAW

This basket of fun is just what you'll need for that week between Christmas and New Year's! Fun things to eat and to do...something for all ages. Proceeds benefit both the Kiwanis Club of Glenshaw and the Library.

$1.00 each or 6 for $5.00 Winner drawn on Friday, December 21. Get your tickets now!

PA Forward — Pennsylvania Libraries
Basic Literacy
Information Literacy
Civic and Social Literacy
Health Literacy
Financial Literacy

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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, 5 or 6-week sessions $
Beginner Class: 5:15pm-6:15pm
Continuing Class: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Fall Session 2: November 12, 19, 26 December 3, 10

$5.00 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.)

Art News

ART CLASSES

Open to the public. Fees for supplies.

Acrylic Painting with Scott Bryte
Wednesdays at 2:00pm $
Contact the Library for more information.

Open Watercolors Class
Thursdays at 10:00am to 12:00pm $
Contact Maggie Wood via the Library at 412-486-0211.

Art Gallery & Display Cases

In our Art Gallery & Display Case:
Holiday Market!

In our Display Cases:
Sandina Timbus, Mosaics
Holiday Market Items

Reading with Friends and Finding Your Next Book—We can help with both!

Winter is a great time to join a book group and meet some new friends. The Library offers several—mystery, general fiction, nonfiction, fantasy—and even a group that cooks and shares food!
See the back page for more details.

How to find books you love...

Have you ever tried using Novelist Plus? This is a really fun service your library offers to find your next read. You can put all sorts of keywords you are interested in and the site will make suggestions for you!
On the left hand side you can limit by age (adult, teens, kids) and limit by Fiction or Nonfiction.

In the search button put a description of what you like:
For example—Nordic mystery; World War II fiction

Or try out the "Appeal Mixer" where you can select a category (Character, pace, storyline, tone, illustration, writing style, and then match it with a description).
For example—Character: brooding & Storyline: Sweeping

To access Novelist Plus, go to our website, select "Research & eLearning" at the top, Select "Books & Reading" in the grid, select "Novelist Plus" from the list.

Programs

Grief at the Holidays: Help for Families

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30pm (REG)

Have you experienced a loss that makes the holidays more challenging? Perhaps you are looking for ways to help your children or your family get through the holidays. We know that not everybody is feeling the joyous spirit, but there are ways to cope during this time. Join Child Grief Specialist Janet Arida from the Highmark Caring Place for a discussion on navigating what can be tricky territory and a memory activity. All ages welcome. Families encouraged to attend.

Art & Inspiration International

December 6, 7:00pm
Stu Chandler will professionally photograph artwork for artists. Up to six (6) works per artist. No fee charged but donations to Art and Inspiration and/or SNHL gladly accepted. Visit Stu's website at: http://stuchandlerphotography.com/

The ongoing poetry workshop with Alyssa Sineni will be in the conference room. All levels of poets are welcome. Visit Alyssa's website at: http://www.alyssasineni.com/ (No poetry workshop in January!)

December 13, 7:00pm
The Art and Inspiration **Holiday Bash!** Baked goods, refreshments and creative merriment. Everyone welcome!

After December 13 we will break and return on January 10.

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. Drop by any Thursday. No registration required. Free & open to the public. *Poetry Workshop meets the first Thursday of the month.*

Winter is Coming: A Festival of Fantasy and Fiction

Saturday, December 8, 10:00am to 4:00pm
Cooper-Siegel Community Library

Authors:
Joshua David Bellin
A.K. Downing
Donald Firesmith
Jim Rugg

Artists:
Mara Carlini
Lele Morris
Larry Klukaszewski

Magic Wand Demonstration
Ornament Decorating
Mandela Workshop
Bookstore & Gifts

A Gathering of Authors & Books

RIVERSTONE BOOKS

SNHL Friends & FUNdraising

Are You Creative? Come Design a Golf Hole for our 'famous' Caddy Stacks February Event!

Every year families come on out in February to play a round of miniature golf amidst the stacks of books. The holes have great themes and it's fun to vote for your favorite ones!

We are always seeking folks (families, businesses, organizations) who would like to 'sponsor/design' a hole. From Harry Potter to Dr. Seuss to Game of Thrones—what can you dream up and design?

Please contact Sharon McRae at mcraes@einetwork.net if you'd like to design a hole for the 2019 event.

The event will be held on:

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday,
February 16-18
10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday, February 16—For Teens Only!
7:00 to 9:00pm

PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK

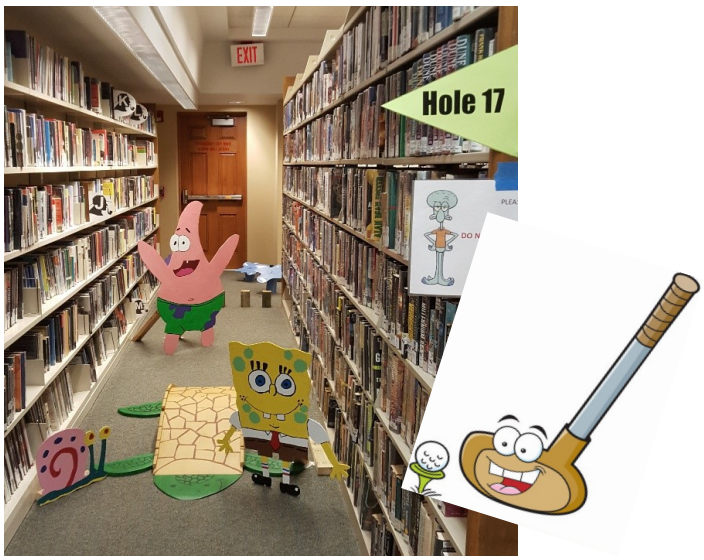
The Pierogies are Back!

The Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck will be back at the Library on

Tuesdays from 12:00-6:00pm

DECEMBER 4, 11, and 18

Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage, Haluski
Hot and Ready to Eat!
Part of your purchase will benefit the SNHL!
Thank you for your support and to the Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck for their generosity!



friends of the snhl

THANK YOU for being a Friend of SNHL! Your support as a member, a volunteer, an advocate for the library is greatly appreciated!

The Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library actively work to make SNHL a better place. They annually donate over $20,000 through fundraisers, membership dues and raffles. ALL funds go towards library programming and the purchase of special items the library could not otherwise afford. Membership is only $10.00 ($5.00 for 'junior' members). The membership form is available on the Library website or at the "Friends" board by the elevator.

Calling Shop'n Save Shoppers!

If you shop at any of the Mihelic's Shop'n Saves and are a Perks member, your shopping can now help Shaler North Hills Library!
The "Perks to Pray and Play" program has you designate a nonprofit to benefit from your shopping. You shop as usual, the store tracks your dollars spent, and every six months Shaler North Hills Library will receive 2% in gift cards as a reward!
You don't have to do anything except sign up and shop as usual. This does not affect your fuel pump perks either.
Stop by the library and get your registration form!
(Available at the Glenshaw, Rochester Rd, Rt. 8 and Pines Plaza stores only.)

More Programs

It's a Movie Afternoon!
Stop hiding from the wintery bluster. Bring your friends and come on out for a fun movie afternoon! We'll have popcorn and snacks. Feel free to bring your favorites. (Registration encouraged but not required.)

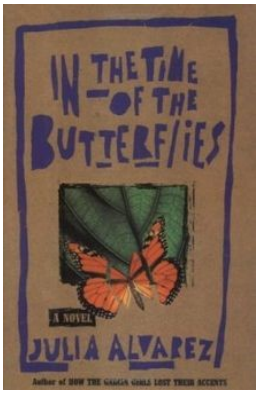
The Sisters Brothers
Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm

Starring Joaquin Phoenix and John C. Reilly as brothers and assassins on a journey through the Northwest.

A Wonderland of Winter Reading
Winter is the best time to snuggle up with a book. Finally some quiet time to read an old favorite or find a new one! And since you are reading anyhow, be sure to register for our Adult Winter Reading Program. Just for reading you can enter raffles to win weekly prizes. We'll kick things off on **Monday, January 14th.**

Tea and Oatmeal Cookie Day!
January is "Oatmeal Month" and we'll be celebrating on **Thursday, January 17** 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.

NEA Big Read! *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez



The 2019 Book for the "Big Read" is ***In the Time of Butterflies***, a fictionalized account of the Mirabal sisters during the time of the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic.

The Shaler North Hills Library will host two discussions of the novel on **Monday, January 14 at 6:30pm and Thursday, January 24 at 2:00pm.** Dominican coffee from Ms. Alverez's coffee plantation will be served! (Now Vermont Coffee Company)

Watch for…
...a film on the country and history of the Dominican Republic.
...our *Food for Thought* group will host Dominican recipes and discussion.
...*Shaler Area Pelliza!* Community members will be invited to gather to create our own version of a Dominican Republic "*pelliza*" or rugs/tapestry made of worn fabric for display in the library
...a final **Carnaval** on Sunday, February 3!!!

A play by Caridad Svich based on the novel by Julia Alvarez performed at Prime Stage Theatre, March 8-17, 2019.
Read more here: https://primestage.com/events/butterflies/

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Sharing our light...

Now more than ever is a time to share our light with each other. If you notice, each of the holiday celebrations at this time of year involve light—from Christmas to Hanukkah to Kwanzaa. The light of candles is symbolic of the light in each of us. A light we can share with each other to bring joy and hope and love.

We share our light with you, our library community, and we are grateful for the light you bring to us in return. May we all remember to keep sharing our light with one another, now and all year long.

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

Why January 1? Blame Julius Caesar!

"The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar…. instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future."

Taken from www.history.com

2019—Mark Your Calendars!

January 25: Closed for Staff In-Service Day

February 16-18: Caddy Stacks Mini-Golf

March 15: Illustrated Wisdom Art Workshop for Adults

March 15: Succulent Garden Workshop

March: Botanic Drawing Class Returns

April 19-21: Closed for Easter Holiday

April: Evening of Poetry

April 27 & 28: Giant Used Book Sale

Social Groups Just For You

Get in on the FUN and make new friends!

Did you know the library offers fun gatherings for adults every month?

- We have a **card-playing** group on Tuesdays and a **Rummikub Game Night** once a month too!
- We have **quilters** who meet on Fridays and **knitters & crocheters** who meet on Wednesdays.
- Come learn about **writing your own personal stories** with a welcoming group on Mondays.

See the back page for the dates & times. New visitors are always welcome. Just drop in!

Did you know…

That you can sign up for text message notifications?

Text Notifications are an optional subscription service that enables subscribers to connect to their library accounts via text message. Users can receive notifications, renew checked out items, and request information about their holds, checked out items, and late fees with this service. Sign up through your account!

Services

In the New Year—Get to Know What Your Library Offers!

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

Digital Services

- Need some help getting started with devices? Call and schedule an appointment during the day with a Librarian.
- In addition to eBooks, you can borrow audio books, movies, TV shows, and magazines online on your devices at home!
- Print from home to us! Check out the PrinterOn button on our website. Follow the directions and send your print to us for pick-up that same day. (You must come in by the close of THAT DAY or your prints will no longer be available.)
- Databases are available (often from home) to do all kinds of research, take classes, and more.

Your Library Account

- 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.
- Text Notifications are an optional subscription service. Users can receive notifications, renew checked out items, and request information about their holds, checked out items, and late fees with this service.

Vision or Physical Disability Services

- Try Large Print Books or Books on CD.
- Digital services might work for you.
- Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped has wonderful 'delivered to your door" services! (Ask us about qualifying for reading assistance; you do not have to be blind to use this service.)

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 18, 2:00-6:00pm

Smart Driver Introductory Course
Tuesday & Thursday, February 26 & 28, 2:00-6:00pm

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

These groups are open to all! No registration necessary. Come make new friends!

Monday Night Book Group
Second Monday, 6:30pm
December 10—*The Christmas Stories* by Charles Dickens
January 14—*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

Nonfiction Book Group
Fourth Tuesday, 2:00pm
December—no meeting.
Fourth Wednesday, 12:00pm (change for 2019!)
January 23—*The Devil's Highway* by Luis Alberto Urrea

Fantasy Book Group
First Wednesday, 1:00pm
December 5—*The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett
January 2—*Blood of Elves* by Andrzej Sapkowski

Food for Thought Book Group
Third Wednesday, 6:30pm
December—no meeting
January 16—Dominican Recipes/Famous Chefs

Afternoon Mystery Book Group
Third Thursday, 2:30pm
December 20—*A Christmas Return: A Novel* by Anne Perry
January 17—*Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

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
December 12 & January 9—*The Spiritual Life* by Annie Besant

CREATIVE & SOCIAL GROUPS

What's Your Story?
Second and Fourth Monday,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 in the Large Print Room. Drop in the first Wednesday of the month for a free learning session!

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 18—*Craft in America*
This program is ending and will not return in 2019.

Movies in the Afternoon
Last Friday, 1:30pm
December 28—*Home for the Holidays*
This program will be moving to Tuesdays and feature newer movies in 2019.

Missed it at the Movies? New for 2019!
Third Tuesday,1:30pm
January 15—TBA—Watch for a 'newer" movie!

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

Sign up to know more about Adult Programs!
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! (We don't use your email for any other purpose and don't share it.)