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Shaler North Hills Library January 2019

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## 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 Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 for the New Year's Holiday.  
Closed Jan. 25 for Staff In-Service Day.

## Meetings

**SNHL Board**  
Jan. 9, 7:30pm  
**SNHL Friends**  
Jan. 21, 6:30pm

## **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 to win weekly prizes. We'll kick things off on **Monday, January 14.**



## **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.

## **New Year—New Device? Now What? (REG)**

Your daughter bought you that new Kindle to read eBooks; your son bought you an iPad so you can stay in touch with the grandkids. Feeling overwhelmed? Let the library staff help you out! We'll be offering several sessions where you can bring in your new electronic device (laptop, tablet, ereader, Kindle, phone) and get you up and running. Bring your device, your charging cord, any log-ins and passwords, and your library card. All participants will be entered into a raffle for some fun 'computer' prizes too!



These are open sessions when you may arrive at any time during the two hours. Please register as space is limited.

**Getting started on your device:** Tuesdays in January (beginning the 15th) from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Staff will guide you on the basics—how to get onto Wi-Fi, how to find and load apps, how to check your email, how to take and access your photos.

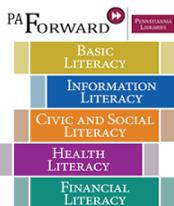
**Electronic books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and TV:** Thursdays in January (beginning January 10th) from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Learn how to use the Library's free services (Overdrive, Hoopla, Flipster) to have access to all sorts of electronic items from books to movies.

Don't be afraid of your device—come learn how to make it useful. (You can't break it—we promise!)

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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, 10-week session \$  
January 14-March 18  
6:30pm-7:30pm**

\$5.00 per class. Payable directly to the instructor.

## 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:**

*Winter Wonderland*

**In our Display Cases:**

*Mosaics by Sandina Timbus*

*North Hills Art Center*

### **Volunteer Spotlight...Cindy B.**

*Cindy has done a number of projects for the library, from learning our Delivery processing system, to program help, to data entry for our Event Calendar. She's been volunteering for about three years.*

#### **What led you to volunteer?**

In retirement I wanted to remain just as busy, if not busier as when I was working. I was in education for 40 years, and most of that time I spent as an elementary school librarian...libraries have my heart! I wanted to continue to enrich my life by filling my days with a variety of volunteer and social activities. Top of my list...volunteering at the library!

#### **Most proud of having accomplished?**

I am thankful and proud that I have been able to lead an active and productive life. I have a wonderful group of friends and I adore my family, especially my four year old grandson who has brought more joy and happiness than I ever could have imagined! I am proud of the years I spent touching the lives of so many children. I am thankful for the wonderful parents that I was able to work with along the way. I am proud to lead the volunteer efforts at Treasure House Fashions, a non-profit benefitting women in challenging situations. I participate in a monthly book club which has introduced me to books I wouldn't have picked out on my own. I have become a regular theater goer. And I am proud to say that I explore new adventures each week with my grandson as I introduce him to the world of books, all the cultural activities the city has to offer young children, and much more.

#### **What is some advice for young people?**

Seek out a mentor in the field you aspire to work in and take time to learn the history and the lessons learned from those who have been there. Be OK with not knowing it all!

#### **What do you like to read?**

I actually love young adult literature. There are so many great stories in that genre.



# Programs

## Call for Your Artistic Expression: Not in Our Town Essay and Art Show

Following the horrific action of one individual on October 27 of last year at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, thousands of people from across the country and world responded with love and kindness. Our Library community was no exception. Countless parents and caregivers have asked "how can we help?" and "how can we continue to show our kids that this is not the way we want to live?" In 2019 and beyond the Shaler North Hills Library will be consciously and deliberately making an effort to provide opportunities for discussion, growth, caring and sharing. We are providing an opportunity for children, tweens, teens, caregivers and adults to express their thoughts and feelings through artistic expression, be it through the written word, photography, sketching or even finger-painting. We will be accepting entries during the month of January at the Youth Services Desk in the Children's Department and the Adult Reference Desk. Visit the art on display in our Community Room beginning February 1 and join us for a closing reception on Friday, March 1 at 7:00pm. We are better together!



I have decided  
to stick with  
LOVE.  
Hate is too great  
a burden to  
bear.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

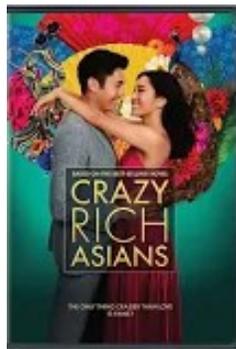


## Books to Film Afternoon! (REG)

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 favorite snacks. (Registration encouraged but not required.)

### ***Crazy Rich Asians*** Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm

"Crazy Rich Asians" follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) as she accompanies her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young (Henry Golding), to his best friend's wedding in Singapore.



## Happy Lunar New Year! (REG)

Celebrate the Year of the Pig through story, art and dance and a performance by the Yanlai Dance Academy. Saturday, February 2 at 1:00pm.

Please register online via our website's Event Calendar. All ages welcome!



## North Hills Genealogists present...

### **Behind the Doors and into the Boxes with speaker David Grinnell (REG)** Tuesday, January 15, 7:00pm

Simulcast live for viewing at Shaler North Hills Library (from Northland Library).

**Please register on the SNHL Library's website.**

David Grinnell, Coordinator of Archives and Manuscripts at the Archives & Special Collections Department at the University of Pittsburgh's Library system, will speak this evening on the collections and resources held in the archives at Pitt that are of particular value in genealogical research. He will also present tools that promote access discovery in archives and discuss the strengths of the collections in Pitt's archives.

Prior to his arrival at Pitt, Grinnell was the Chief Archivist at the Library and Archives Division at the Senator John Heinz History Center. A Michigan native, he graduated from Albion College with a Bachelor's degree in History. In 2007, he received a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from the U. of Pittsburgh. Grinnell also engages in a variety of volunteer activities, only two of which are mentioned here: President of the Grinnell Family Association of America, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny City Society.



## More Programs

### 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.

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. Alvarez's coffee plantation will be served! (Now Vermont Coffee Company)

Watch for...

...a film on the country and history of the Dominican Republic.

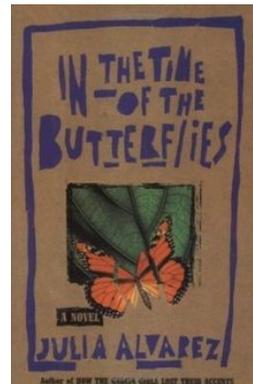
...our *Food for Thought* group will host Dominican recipes and discussion.

...*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 **Saturday, March 2 (changed date)**.

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/>



**PRIME STAGE  
THEATRE**

### Art & Inspiration International

Returns 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.



#### Upcoming Special Guests

Jan. 24 - painter Paige Tibbe; Feb. 21 - painter Gary Jurysta; March 14 - fiber artist Donnie Day Pomeroy

### Musicians Wanted

Seeking fellow adult musicians who might want to join an informal monthly gathering in the North Hills of Pittsburgh to perform music written for small groups of musicians (chamber music), such as duets, trios, quartets, quintets, etc.

If you are interested in chamber music or giving it a try, please reply with your name, email address and/or phone number, and the instrument(s) you play. Contact Anthony Giampolo at [Chamber-Music@Musician.org](mailto:Chamber-Music@Musician.org)

Remember: The greater the number of interested musicians who participate, the more music of different instrumentation arrangements can be performed. Please spread the word!

### A NEW SESSION

with

**NEEDLES AND HOOKS BY THE BOOKS**

**ALL TANGLED UP?**

**NEED TO UNWIND?**

**EXPLORE THE ART OF KNITTING AND CROCHET**

Learn how to knit or crochet with the SNHL knit & crochet group, *Needles and Hooks by the Books*, or bring your knitting or crochet project for a relaxing afternoon.

**Sundays in January**

**1:00pm to 3:00pm**

No registration necessary.

Call the library with any questions: 412-486-0211

**All materials provided!**

## Your Next Favorite Book is Waiting for You! Meet New Friends!

### The Monday Night Book Group

We read a lot of fiction, from classics and new releases, to everything in between. Our top favorites for 2018 were:

1) *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore; 2) *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore; 3) *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware; 4) *A Death in Live Oak* by James Grippando



### The Mystery Book Group

We read mysteries & thrillers—from “British crime” to serial killers, who-dun-its to political suspense. Our top favorites for 2018 were: *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Lock; *The Dry* by Jane Harper; *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

### Lunch ‘n Learn: The Nonfiction Book Group

We read the ‘true’ stuff—from memoirs and biographies to history, politics, philosophical musings, and more. This year bring a brown bag lunch and join us for an interesting discussion.

### Fantasy Book Group

Explore new worlds of future societies, magical beings, supernatural and science-based. This book group reads books from the Fantasy and Science Fiction genres.

### Food For Thought

We love to explore food and cookbooks. In 2019, the group will try new genres of cooking, do some “traveling” with world travel talks, cooking demonstrations and cookbook discussions. Attendees prepare food on a theme to share with the group.

Please see the back page for the dates/times for each group. No registration required—just come. We can’t wait to meet you!

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 21, 2019

“Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, Nobel Peace Prize lecture and “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” are among the most revered orations and writings in the English language.... He is the only non-president to have a national holiday dedicated in his honor, and is the only non-president memorialized on the Great Mall in the nation’s capitol.”

~ thekingcenter.org

Here are some books that inspired Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—

### *The Bible*

*The City of God* by St. Augustine

*Poems* by William Cullen Bryant

*The Complete Poetry and Prose* by John Donne

*The Essential Writings* by Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Collected Works* by Mahatma Gandhi

*Progress and Poverty* by Henry George

*Collected Poems* by Langston Hughes

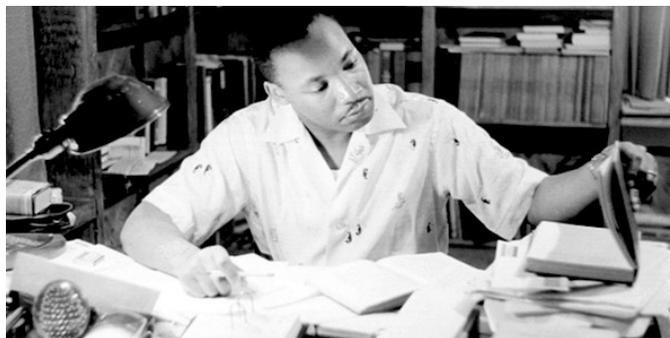
*Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving

*Poems and Other Writings* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Complete Poetical Works* by James Russell Lowell

*Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau

*War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy



Excerpted from <https://radicalreads.com/martin-luther-king-jr-favorite-books/>. Read more at this site.

# SNHL Friends & FUNdraising

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

Every year families come 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 [mcras@einetwork.net](mailto:mcras@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**



### Please "FRIEND" Us!

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.



Sponge Bob and Pacman holes from 2018!

What will you come up with?

# Services

## eMagazines are Back!

Overdrive (our e-resources provider) is now your source for magazines as well. Right now the most recent issues are available and new issues will continue to be added. Here are some things to note:

- ◆ You can check out as many as you would like. (These do NOT count towards your limit of 20 book titles!)
- ◆ They are not renewable but there are no holds either.
- ◆ They remain checked out to you until you return them or the loan period expires.

If you are already using Overdrive, check out the magazine section! No need to create another account, you're ready to go. (If you haven't tried Overdrive, let us know and we'll get you started.)

# Community News

**Shaler Area's Got Talent!**  
**A Family-Oriented Variety Show**  
**February 22, 2019**

*Open Auditions for all Shaler Area  
 Residents and Students!*

### Auditions

Tuesday, January 22, 4:00-8:00pm

### Callbacks

Wednesday, January 30, 4:00-8:00pm

### Held at:

Shaler North Hills Library

### To register for auditions:

<http://signup.com/go/CHPfHRn>

### Questions?

Contact: [shalerareasgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:shalerareasgottalent@gmail.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 19: Get in Tune with Nature Series Returns**

**March 19-April 23: Botanical Drawing Class Returns**

**April 19-21: Closed for Easter Holiday**

**April: Evening of Poetry**

**April 27 & 28: Giant Used Book Sale**

*save  
the date!*

## Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Allegheny County is again offering its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program this holiday season. County residents may drop off Christmas trees from Wednesday, December 26, 2018, through Monday, January 14, 2019, at all nine regional parks from 8:00 a.m. until dusk.

All lights, decorations, tinsel and stands must be removed from trees prior to drop-off. Trees will be mulched and used in the county parks.

**North Park Location: Swimming Pool Parking Lot**  
**Hartwood Acres Location: Mansion Parking Lot**

## 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**

January 14—*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez  
February 11—*A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner

**Nonfiction Book Group****Fourth Wednesday, 12:00pm (change for 2019!)**

January 23—*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance  
February 27—TBA

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

January 2—*Blood of Elves* by Andrzej Sapkowski  
February 6—TBA

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

January 16—Dominican Recipes/Famous Chefs  
February 20—Cozy Tea Party

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

January 17—*Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson  
February 21—*The First Family* by Michael Palmer & Daniel Palmer

**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 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.

**Needles and Hooks 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****Missed it at the Movies?****Third Tuesday, 1:30pm**

January 15—*Ocean's 8*

**Tax Assistance for 2019—**

***Please be patient! There are changes coming to the AARP service and forms. Information will be out as early as possible in January. Watch our website and newsletter.***

**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.)