Just in time to share with the family at Thanksgiving...

Appraisal Fair with the Senator John Heinz History Center

Local Shaler History Display

Saturday, November 16, 10:00am to 2:00pm (REG)

Start digging through your closets now for those fabulous treasures and family heirlooms you’ve always wondered about. You’ll get to visit with one of five local experts who can help you assess what you have, where it came from, and advise you on how to care for it. $5.00 per item or 3 for $12.00. Proceeds benefit the Library. Get information now that you’ll be able to share when the family gathers around the table.

Please register online so we have a count of attendance. Attendees will be given a number, first-come, first-serve at the door. You’ll be able to browse a display of local Shaler history items while you wait!

Native American Heritage Month—featuring cultural interpreter Todd “Ghost in the Head” Johnson and Storyteller Miguel Sague, Jr. ....read more on p. 3!

The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War: Two Brothers Who Made History (REG)

Imagine clearing out your family attic and discovering an enormous collection of letters written by two soldiers during the Civil War, but not knowing why the letters were there. Read more...p. 4.

Check out our NEW binoculars, cake pans, and more!

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Health & Wellness

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.

Please note: Exercise classes require registration and signed waivers.

Facilities Update
We’re happy to see through our beautiful new windows! And enjoying the new carpeting and refreshed picture book room area in Youth Services!

A reminder that many projects will be going on at the Library in the coming months. We’ll be continuing to work on:

- The rehabilitation of our 39-year-old elevator
- Updating our fire panel and our smoke detectors
- Installing security cameras
- Fixing our gutter/water issues by our main door

We appreciate your patience with all of these much-needed projects. Temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement.

Art Gallery
November: Ray Elliott
Display Cases
November: Croatian artist Maxo Vanka
November: Holiday Art Market

Ways to Help YOUR Library...

Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library
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 $15.00, $25.00 for household. For more information contact Janet Miller at jmmpitt@msn.com. (The membership form is also available on the Library website.)

Election Day in Pennsylvania is Tuesday, November 5.
We encourage you to VOTE.
You can find nonpartisan election and candidate information at the League of Women Voters site: VOTE411.org

Ask us for some other reading suggestions!

No Better Friend: One Man, One Dog, and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage and Survival in WWII by Robert Weintraub.

Every Man a Hero: a Memoir of D-Day, the First Wave at Omaha Beach, and a World at War by Ray Lambert and Jim DeFelice.

The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien

In Pharaoh’s Army: Memories of the Lost War by Tobias Wolff

ART CLASSES
Open to the public. Fees for supplies.

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

Open Watercolors Session
Thursdays at 10:00am to 12:00pm $  
Contact Maggie Wood via the Library.
Art and 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. Drop by any Thursday. No registration required. Free & open to the public.

Wartorn Hearts
Thursday, November 14, 7:00-9:00pm
Art and Inspiration International presents Wartorn Hearts, a celebration of veterans and poetry with Kathleen Trew Swazuk. Kathie served as an Army Nurse in the chaos and horrors of the Vietnam war, thousands of miles from home, and was inspired to write poems. Her poetry exemplifies the power of creativity to thrive in the most difficult of circumstances. Her poems are a triumph of the human spirit and a celebration of our courageous veterans. Veterans, their families, and friends are encouraged to attend this evening of memories and healing! No registration required.

Upcoming Guests: Nov. 21 - Photographer Don Staricka and poet Joan E. Bauer
Our Legal Help in Plain Language series returns with attorney Carolyn Spicer Russ of Olds Russ Marquette & Peace, LLC. In personal and informal sessions, Russ helps demystify common topics that everyone will face at some time or another.

Fall 2019 Series (REG)
November 7 (DATE CHANGE!) 1:30-2:30pm
Practical Aspects of Dying and Death

Not an easy subject to talk about but a great opportunity to do some pre-planning now. Peace of mind for you and your loved ones.
Please register via the website.

The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War: Two Brothers Who Made History
Friday, November 8, 1:30pm (REG)
Imagine clearing out your family attic and discovering an enormous collection of letters written by two soldiers during the Civil War, but not knowing why the letters were there.

Faced with that situation, Carleton Young spent more than a decade visiting battlefields and researching the two Vermont soldiers. In Voices From the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War, he tells the story of two brothers who witnessed and made history by fighting in the Peninsula Campaign, then at South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Cedar Creek. They then preserved that history through their surprisingly detailed and insightful letters.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Missed it at the Movies?
Join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm. (For adults)

The Professor and the Madman
Tuesday, November 19 at 1:30pm
No registration required.

Professor James Murray begins work compiling words for the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary in the mid 19th century, and receives over 10,000 entries from a patient at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dr. William Minor. ~IMDB

Coming December 17:
The Art of Racing in the Rain
Make It Take It @ SNHL!

Everyone needs an escape with friends! Why not join us for this series of fun evenings out where you'll get to explore your creative side? Registration required.

Wreath Decorating with Shaler Garden Club (REG-REQ, $)
Friday, December 6, 7:00pm
Cost: $35.00, payable upon registration
- For adults 21 and over
- Payment due upon registration (cash, check, credit card or PayPal via our website)
- Sessions include all instruction and materials
- BYOB and snacks

February—Cookie Decorating for Your Valentine
March—Succulent Garden Workshop

Our Second Holiday Art Market!
Shop Now for the Holidays!
Looking for that unique holiday present this year? Look no further than your library! Once again we are celebrating our local artists with artwork and specialty items for sale! Cards, prints, mosaic art, paintings, photography, and more will be available in our Art Gallery and our Display Case upstairs.

We welcome you to peruse the art and consider a purchase of an item that is truly handmade and one-of-a-kind. (Partial proceeds benefit the library.)

A Family Holiday Concert with Conchordance of the Pittsburgh Recorder Society
Sunday, December 15, 2-4pm
Please join the members of "Conchordance" for a delightful concert to celebrate the holidays!
Relax and find your holiday spirit with inspiring music from the Baroque and Renaissance periods, as well as modern compositions. You will also learn about the different recorders—sopranos, altos, tenors, bases, contra-bases—and what they sound like and how they work together. No registration required.

LIVE Concert and Cupcakes: High Brow Affair
Tuesday, December 10, 6:45pm—7:45pm (REG)
The newest and hottest music duo for all ages will be HERE! Live in concert, fresh after the release of their first Children’s CD (copies of which will be available for purchase), High Brow Affair will be performing in person. After the music, the party continues as you decorate and eat your own cupcake. Don’t miss this! Please register with Youth Services.

TEEN CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
COME SHOP @ SNHL!
Sunday, December 8, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
A unique array of booths for the community to shop, all hand made by local teens.
Seeking teens who wish to sell their wares to the public (crafts, jewelry, baked goods, pins, handmade items, etc.). Just pay $5 for a table space, and you keep your profits! Set up your table starting at 12pm, sell to the public from 1 to 4pm. Space is limited so register early! Please contact Kara Falck, teen librarian, to reserve a table: falckk@einetwork.net.
Cool Collection Items

You’ve got WHAT???
Yes, our library friends! Not only were we the first Allegheny County Library to give you a telescope and a metal detector to borrow, but we’re continuing the fun with these new items—all available to borrow with your library card!

♦ Binoculars! What the heck was that bird in your tree? Planning a visit to Fall Run Park? Don’t leave home without some binoculars!
♦ Cake Pans! Your child would really love a Scooby Doo cake for his birthday...or your Steeler fan a football cake for the big game! Now you don’t have to buy it—just borrow it from your local library. Each pan comes in a bag with instructions. Enjoy your cake and make it too!
♦ Binge Bags (coming soon)! Don’t you love to binge on your favorite movies? Now we’ve packaged 3-4 DVDs on a theme together in one bag! You can check out the whole bag and binge on your favorites...bags go out for 3 weeks.

CHANGE IN HOURS FOR 2020!
Please note that beginning January 1, 2020, the Library will close at 8:00pm Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday, Sunday are unchanged.

FREE ADMISSION PASSES TO HEINZ HISTORY CENTER FOR 2020
Our “Experience Kit” for the Senator John H. Heinz History Center will continue to be offered from January through May of 2020. You may register at the Reference Desk for the week of your choice (Wednesday through Tuesday). The Kit gives you FREE admission for up to four people. You must be able to pick up and drop off the kit at the Shaler North Hills Library! Please stop by the Reference Desk for more information or to schedule.

Community Connections!
We’re connecting with our local Shaler organizations and businesses. We want to know what you and your employees or members are reading/listening to/watching! Watch for cool posters on our bulletin board to the left of the elevator to learn more about your community neighbors. If you’d like to participate, please email Ing Kalchthaler at kalchthaleri@gmail.com

A Time for Thanks.... We thank our patrons who support us in so many ways—borrowing materials, using our services, coming to programs, donating money and supplies, and sharing what we do. We thank our presenters who donate their time and expertise. We thank our volunteers who help us make it all happen.

We thank our Friends Group that raises money for us so that we can provide the excellent programming that you expect; our township employees who work with us to provide a safe and comforting place; our school district that joins us in providing education and fun for our children. We are grateful for the community that we build together!

We are here to help with your needs and share in your love of community. May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving from all at SNHL!
Community News

**Pancake Breakfast**
Saturday, November 3, 8am to 11am
Blueberry & plain pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk, coffee.
Shaler Area Middle School
1810 Mt. Royal Boulevard
$7.00 adult; $3.00 children under 12
Chinese Auction; 50/50 Raffle
Part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. 74th year of service to Glenshaw!

**Pittsburgh Rug Hooking Guild’s Woolworks Exhibit**
Saturday, November 9, 10am to 5pm
Sunday, November 10, 1pm to 3:30pm

### Featured fiber artist: Sandra Brown
Don’t miss this opportunity to view amazing handmade works of art. You’ll be surprised at the intricate detail and working of these artisans. Free and open to the public all weekend.
Take a chance to win this beautiful rug “Girls’ Best Friend”
Tickets: $1 each or 6 for $5
All proceeds to benefit the Library
Drawing: 2:00 pm Sunday, November 10
Winner need not to be present

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Rug design by Fritz Mitnick, created by Guild Members.

**Glenshaw Public Library’s Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Fundraiser**
12/14/19 at 10:30am
Visit their website for more info www.glenshawpubliclibrary.org

**Shaler Township**

**Lite-Up Night!**
Saturday, November 23, 4:00-8:00pm
Holiday "Lite Up" Night activities include ice skating, food vendors, s’mores and crafts. Visit with Santa and listen to music from the Shaler Area School District Chorus. More details at www.shaler.org.
(The Library will be closed in preparation—stop back between 4-8!)

**Glenshaw Century Club**

**Annual Holiday House Tour**
Saturday, November 9, 10:00am to 3:00pm
Donation: $20.00 in advance, $25.00 day of
Tour three lovely decorated homes in the Glenshaw area.

**Tea Table and Craft Fair**
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1719 Mt. Royal Blvd
Tickets are available in advance by calling Linda at 412-487-8753 or at the Shaler North Hills Library. Tickets are also available on the day of the tour at the craft fair or the homes on tour.
A grand gala event will be held Friday evening, November 8, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. A limited number of tickets are available for $60.00 per person. For more information please call Dianne at 412-486-7361.
Proceeds benefit the Glenshaw Century Club’s Shaler Area High School Scholarship Program and various local charities.

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Free showing of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas at the Shaler Area Elementary School on Saturday, December 14 at 1:30pm.
BOOK GROUPS
These groups are open to all! No registration necessary. Come make new friends!

Monday Night Book Group
Second Monday, 6:30pm
November 11—The Dry by Jane Harper
December 9—Seven Days of Us by Francesca Hornak

Lively Lunch Book Group
Fourth Wednesday, 12:00pm
November 20 (Date change!)—Madame Fourcade’s Secret War: the Daring Young Woman Who Led France’s Largest Spy Network against Hitler by Lynne Olson
December 18 (Note date!)—Christmas Lore & Legend Books

Fantasy Book Group
First Wednesday, 1:00pm
November 6—Shadows of Self by Brandon Sanderson
December 4—Bands of Mourning by Brandon Sanderson

Food for Thought Book Group
Third Wednesday, 6:30pm
November 20—it’s a Campout!
December 18—No Meeting

Afternoon Mystery Book Group
Third Thursday, 2:30pm
November 21—Back Blast by Mark Greaney
December 19—The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

COMMUNITY-LED BOOK GROUPS

Eckhart Tolle Discussion & Meditation Group
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
New book: The Gentle Art of Blessing: a simple practice that will transform you and your world by Pierre Pradervand

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!

Rummikub Game Night for Adults
First Thursday, 6:30pm
Group plays Rummikub. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Open to all.

Open Game Night for Adults
First Thursday, 6:30pm
Group plays a variety of games. Bring a friend, games, and a snack to share.

SNHL Quilt Group
Every Friday, 12:00pm
Hang out with other quilters, share ideas and have a great time!

“We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn’t a stronger connection between people than storytelling.” Jimmy Neil Smith

Have a story to tell? Why not share it with the What’s Your Story? group that meets here twice a month on Mondays at 12:30. Share in a safe space with others and take time to get your story out of your head and written down.

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.)