

Library Hours

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

Closing hours will be changing in 2020!!

*Extended Hours for Adults

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

Closures

Closing at 2:00pm on February 18.

Meetings

SNHL Board
 February 12, 7:30pm
SNHL Friends
 No meeting.

Mini Golf in the Library Returns!

A FUNdraiser sponsored by the Friends of SNHL

You mean you haven't heard about our great mini golf outing each February??? It's the most fun you can have indoors while the snow is falling outside. We'll have 18 crazy holes of mini golf that you and your family can play. Past themes have included Harry Potter, Wizard of Oz, the Beatles, Apollo 11. You won't want to miss this family-fun event! You'll love the themes—and get to vote for your favorite ones.

\$5.00 per golfer ages 10+; \$2.50 for younger pros. No registration required. See you then!

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, February 15-17: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, February 15—For Teens Only!: 7:00 to 9:00pm



Make It Take It @ SNHL!

Join us for this series of fun evenings out where you'll get to explore your creative side!



Valentine Cookie Decorating Workshop (REG-REQ, \$)

Friday, February 7, 7:00pm

- For adults 21 and over
- Cost: \$35/person
- Decorate 10 Valentine's Day cookies with professional instruction. All supplies included.
- Register in person or by phone.
- Payment due at registration (cash, check, credit card or library's PayPal on website; no refund once supplies bought)
- BYOB and light refreshments
- Space limited to 30 adults

COME! TASTE! VOTE!



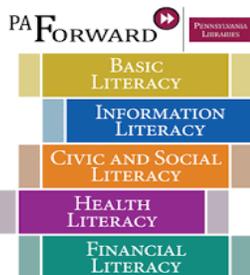
Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser (REG-REQ, \$)
Saturday, February 29
from 2:30 to 6:00pm

Calling all soup chefs and soup lovers! This is a chance to show off your soup-making skills and share the warmth with your fellow community members. Will you be crowned the soup cook-off winner? Votes will be by people's choice. Find out during this special fundraiser for the library.

- ◆ \$10 a ticket to sample soups and vote for your top three favorites. (Kids 10 and under \$5.00.) Enjoy salad & bread; baked goods for sale and raffles too!
- ◆ \$10 to enter your winning soup. Deadline 2/15/20

Pick up a form at the Library with all the details on how to enter.

For more information, contact Sharon McRae mcraes@einetwork.net.



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 shalerlibrary.org

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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.

ART SESSIONS

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 Gallery

February: Bob Nosseck

Display Cases

February: Mini Golf & Soup Fundraisers

Take Note!

We are closing at 2:00pm on Tuesday, February 18. No late fees will be charged for this day. You may still use the outside Book Drop for returns.

Thanks for your understanding!



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.)

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

Shop or Donate!

When you shop, use Amazon Smile and select Shaler Library; sign up for Shop'n Save Perks and designate the library; pay your late fees and get your card updated; honor a loved one with an Honor or Memorial Book; donate through our PayPal account on our website.

We are excited to announce that the public libraries in our northern region are coming together to host our third annual Adult Battle of the Books! This trivia night program will be held at **Sieb's Pub on Babcock Boulevard on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm.**

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN EARLY FEBRUARY!
Battleofthenorth.com

Selected books—

- ***The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat*** by Edward Kelsey Moore
- ***Daisy Jones & the Six*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- ***Baby Teeth*** by Zoje Stage
- ***The Starless Sea*** by Erin Morgenstern
- ***Thicker Than Water (My Sister the Serial Killer)*** by Oyinkan Braithwaite



Three Authors with Fascinating Stories to Tell

Herbert's War

by Ronald O. Kaiser

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30pm (REG)

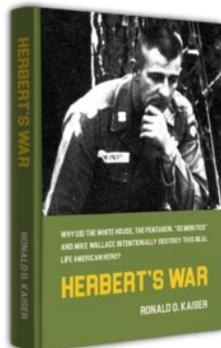
A gripping true story of how the highest levels of our government, along with Mike Wallace and 60 Minutes, deviously worked to destroy one of our great war heroes.

He was a supersoldier, the Army's poster boy for the best of the best, named the most decorated soldier of the Korean War. This son of a coal miner from Herminie, PA rose through the ranks to become one of the best combat commanders in Vietnam.

When Lieutenant Colonel Anthony B. Herbert refused to cover up war crimes he rattled the cages of the West Point Protective Association; the Army; the Pentagon; and the Nixon White House and they set out to destroy him. Now author Ronald Kaiser, comrade and friend of Tony Herbert, tells the inside story.

About the author: Author Ron Kaiser of Franklin Park Borough, was born and lived in Rillton, PA until age 7, when his parents moved the family to Herminie, PA. He enlisted in the US Army and attended the University of Pittsburgh and worked in the steel mills and advertising.

Please visit: herbertswar.com

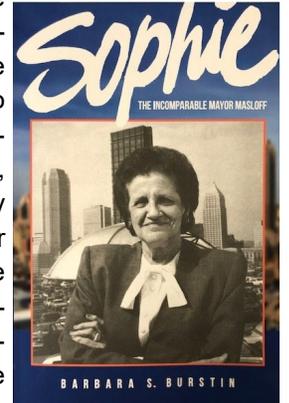


Sophie Masloff: The Incomparable Mayor

by Barbara Burstin

Friday, March 6, 1:30pm (REG)

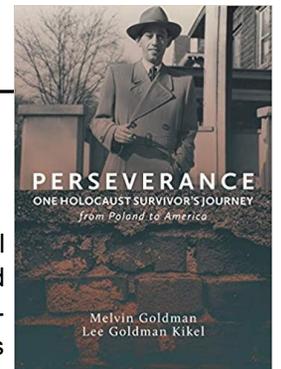
It is fairly certain that Sophie Masloff never studied the writings of our founding fathers. She was a poor girl, not able to go to college, not steeped in the niceties of the American tradition, but despite this, Sophie in a very real sense, lived up to our founding fathers' standards. She might not have been the incarnation of the person they envisioned as a leader. After all, she was a woman, a Jew, not independently wealthy or with any pedigree or celebrated status. It was said by those who knew her that Sophie had three great loves - her family, the Democratic Party and the city of Pittsburgh.



About the author: Barbara S. Burstin, "Dr. B." has been on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University for over twenty-five years. She teaches on the Holocaust and the United States response, on Pittsburgh history and on the American and Pittsburgh Jewish experience.

Barbara has won various awards for her writing, for the documentary, and for her teaching and community service. She has served on the Pittsburgh Human Relations Commission for twelve years.

Please visit: sophiemasloff.com



Perseverance: One Holocaust Survivor's Journey from Poland to America

by Lee Goldman Kikel

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm (REG)

Melvin Goldman seemed to be a typical successful American, living with his family in Squirrel Hill, a multicultural Pittsburgh neighborhood with a large Jewish population. There, he turned his craftsmanship as a jewelry designer into a profitable business, and maintained a rosy outlook on life and a generous view of his fellow man. It may seem like a common story, but it is far from it.

In the decade before his arrival in the United States in 1950, Mieczyslaw Goldman saw his home destroyed, his family torn apart, his health ruined, and nearly everyone he had ever known murdered in the death camps of the Third Reich. His survival of the years in the ghetto and Auschwitz, his long and slow recovery, and his attainment of a somewhat normal life are miraculous. Here, his daughter Lee Goldman Kikel has captured his story from the audio tapes he made decades later. Please visit: leekikel.com

New Year, New You—Join Us!



Lunch and Learn Wednesday Series (REG)

Let's learn something new together! Adults, bring your lunch and join us on three Wednesdays each month for a time of great conversation. Each week will bring a new topic to explore. We'll also provide the drinks and something sweet to eat.

February Sessions (12:15pm to 1:00pm)

February 5: The Mind and Imagination of C.S. Lewis—with Pastor Jeff Kahl from Stoneridge Church

February 12: Look Closer....Closer...Closer—the science behind optical illusions

February 19: Chocolate Lover's Delight—taste-testing and chocolate 'Jeopardy'!

Please register. Questions? Email Miss Ing at Kalchthaleri@gmail.com

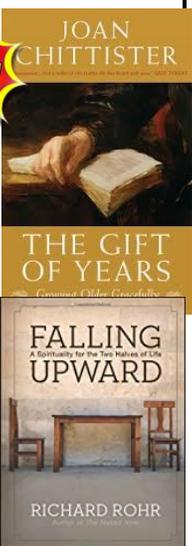


What's Next: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life

Six-Week Series, February 6-March 12, 6:30-7:30pm (REG)

Join Rev. Ingrid Kalchthaler in this six-week study as we contemplate the second half of our lives from a spiritual perspective. When we hear the term "the second half of life" thoughts of getting old and dealing with health concerns come to mind to the exclusion of others. Not true! There is so much more to be gained as we begin the process of letting go. We can let go of black-and-white thinking, of regrets and resentments and misconceptions. We can embrace forgiveness, compassion and the truth that we are much more than what we have accumulated and what we have accomplished. No matter what half of life in which you find yourself, we will come together to explore this broad, encompassing path of spirituality. Using Richard Rohr's work *Falling Upward* and Joan Chittister's *The Gift of Years* we will explore this journey together.

Miss Ing is an ordained American Baptist pastor and her path is Christianity, but this class welcomes people from all faith perspectives.



The Great Debates! (But for Fun!) (REG)

As the new year approaches and the new year contains a presidential election, we hope to bring a little levity to what may be a heated time. We will be hosting a small series of debates about issues that matter but are often not addressed in major debates, perhaps because they are "too hot" or "too divisive" for even the most rabid of candidates to tackle publicly.

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30pm

A GOOD BOOK VS. LOVE

Which is better for your heart?



Then...Join us for a tasty evening with Being Nutritious founder, **Laura Yautz**, Registered

Dietician and National Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach AND Foodie! She will fill us in on all that is good AND good for our hearts!

Please register for this program.



Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell

Let's talk about how we talk to each other. Face-to-face with guidance by quirky, unique author Gladwell.

Please join us for any of these discussion sessions:

March 24, 12:00pm

March 24, 6:30pm

June 23, 12:00pm

June 23, 6:30pm

September 29, 12:00pm

September 29, 6:30pm

President's Day is Monday, February 17. The Library will be open!

There is nothing which can better deserve your patronage, than the promotion of science and literature.

Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness.~ George Washington

March Fun!

Creative Succulent Garden Workshop

Our popular workshop returns this spring. Don't delay in registering—it sold out last year! (REG-REQ, \$)

Come join us this evening to create your own succulent container garden. A great night out with friends or family! Make a garden to keep or give as a gift. Members of the Shaler Garden Club will provide succulents, soil, containers and instruction.



Friday, March 13, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

- BYOB and snacks
- COST: \$35.00
(cash or check or PayPal on Library website)
- Limited to 20 participants

Payment due upon registration.

Cash, check, credit card or

library website (use Donate button)

(No refunds once supplies are purchased.)

Signs of Spring! A Six-Session Botanical Drawing Class at SNHL for Adults (REG-REQ, \$)

In this class you will learn to capture several signs of spring such as pussy willows, snowdrops and tulips in colored pencil. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to try! Students will be sent a suggested supply list upon enrolling. All paper will be provided.



Robin Menard is a core botanical illustration certificate instructor at Phipps Conservatory and an American Society of Botanical Artists and Allegheny Highlands Botanical Art Society member.

Robin is also a communications, marketing and graphic design professional.

Cost: \$50.00 for 6 sessions

Mondays, March 23 through April 27

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Limit: 20 people

Please register at the library.

Payment due upon registration.

Cash, check, credit card or

Library website (use Donate button)

Sassy Science Workshops! (REG-REQ)

Want to know the science behind the natural world?

Adults can explore biodiversity and the world of nature with these fun **HANDS-ON** workshops!

- **GENE SCENE:** Learn more about how our genes work and the diversity that surrounds us. What's the secret to the black squirrel?
- **NATURAL SELECTION CONNECTION:** How Does Mother Nature decide?
- **MUNCH A BUNCH (of plants):** Come find out what wild plants are edible and what dishes you can make at home. Tastings!

Led by certified Master Naturalists/Educators.

All you need is curiosity and a willingness to explore.

THURSDAYS, MARCH 12, APRIL 9, MAY TBA: 1:30-3:30pm. PLEASE REGISTER!



Beat the Winter Blues



Adult Winter Reading! Now through February 28

Winter is the best time to read! The world slows down and you can catch your breath and lose yourself in a good story. Cozy up with a good book in a comfortable spot, with a cup of tea, a comfy blanket and enjoy some winter reading.

While you're reading, sign up for our program and have a chance to win a 'cozy' prize as well.

Register in person or on our website: shalerlibrary.org

For every book you read or listen to (or 10 books read to a child), submit an entry for a chance to win a weekly prize...*including handmade knitted mittens!*

Missed it at the Movies? Don't Miss This Blockbuster from Last Year!

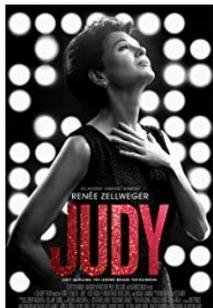
Join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm. (For adults)

No registration required....stop on by, we'll provide the popcorn!

Judy

Tuesday, February 25 at 1:30pm **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

For Judy Garland fans, don't miss this amazing performance by Renee Zellweger. Judy arrives in London for a series of sold-out concerts.



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.

February 20, 27, March 5— Open Sessions

March 12 — Guests Gail Langstroth and Eva Simms, "The Relevance of Rudolf Steiner"



Having a hard time with the winter blues? The Library can be your starting point to de-stress and have fun. *Why not...*



Plan a Family Board Game Night

What better way to connect with your kids, your family or even just good friends than with a friendly board game? Now you can try out cool new games by borrowing them from the Library! Games check out for three weeks. You can search our catalog by 'Board Games' and then limit to Shaler Library (Format = toy). There are almost 20 games to choose from!

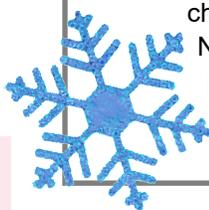
Binge on Your Favorite TV Series or Movies

You can find a 'binge bag' of DVDs on a theme and check them out all at once. Binge watching westerns, classics and more...all from your favorite Library—**for FREE!** Bags check out for three weeks. Come browse the selection today! (DVDs to be checked out and returned all together. One barcode, one bag.)

Join a Book Group or Social Club

You want to read anyhow, right? So sign up for Adult Winter reading, and then pick one of our many Book Groups to join. Read the book and drop in for great conversation.

When you're ready to get out of the house, check out the Card Club, the Rummikub Game Night, or the story-writing group...see the back page for a complete list. It's a great way to make new friends!



May you feel loved, give love, receive love—in its many forms— this Valentine's Day. Thanks for the Library Love!

Community News

**Meet with State Representative
Lori Mizgorski**
Wednesday, February 12
5:00-7:00pm



The public is invited to meet with their State Representative at Shaler North Hills Library. No appointment is necessary.

TAX INFORMATION 2020

- The Library carries basic tax forms in bulk. Please take only what you need.
- Library staff can print specialty forms for 20 cents/page.
- For information on AARP Tax Assistance sites & scheduling, and other helpful tools, please pick up an information sheet. (This information is also posted on our website).

Taxes are due April 15, 2020.

Meet with State Senator Lindsey Williams
Wednesday, February 19
5:00-7:00pm



The public is invited to meet with their State Senator at Shaler North Hills Library. No appointment is necessary.

Mark Your Calendars!

February 29: Soup Cook-Off Fund-raiser

March 6: Meet the Author, Barbara Burstin

March 13: Succulent Garden Workshop

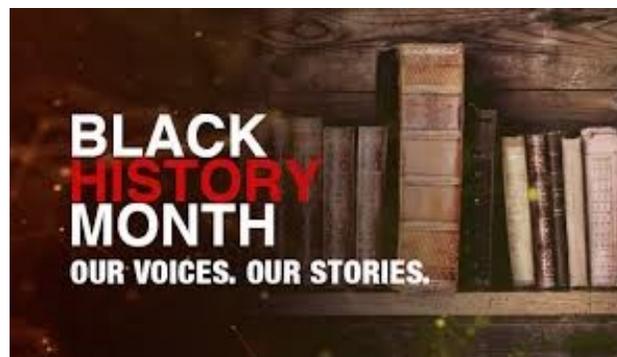
March 23: Botanical Drawing Class Returns

April 10-12: Closed for Easter Holiday

April 17: Jewelry Making Workshop

April 24-26: Giant Used Book Sale

April 28: Meet the Author, Lee Kikel



Why not choose a book this month that tells a story different from your own? Fiction, biography, nonfiction—expand your world and perspective. Try one of these or ask us for a recommendation!

Local author Damon Young's *What Doesn't Kill You Makes you Blacker: A Memoir in Essays*

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

Kwame Alexander's poetry and books about teenage life/sports. Great way to start a dialogue with your young person!

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, February 7
2:00-6:00pm

Smart Driver Introductory Course

Tuesday & Thursday, February 25 & 27
(Must attend BOTH!)
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**

February 10—*Keeping the Faith* by Jodi Picoult
 March 9—*The Long Flight Home* by Alan Hlad

Lively Lunch Book Group**Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm**

February 26—*Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl
 March 25—*Finding Chika: a Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family* by Mitch Albom

Fantasy Book Group**First Wednesday, 12:30pm**

February 5—*Impyrium* by Henry H. Neff
 March 4—*Magnolia Sword* by Sherry Thomas

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

February 19—All Things Candied (Candy demo)
 March 18—The Best of *Taste of Home* Magazine

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

February 20—*The Blinds* by Adam Sternbergh
 March 19—*The Girls in the Garden* by Lisa Jewell

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

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

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, 5:00pm to 8:00pm****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, 6:00pm**

Group plays Rummikub. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Open to all.

We need your donations!

Yes—we accept the following items:

- ◆ Books for adults—hardback & paperback
- ◆ Books for kids
- ◆ Audiobooks
- ◆ Music CDs
- ◆ DVDs
- ◆ Puzzles & Games (all pieces, please!)
- ◆ Magazines (less than two years old)

(Please—no textbooks, VHS tapes, or magazines older than two years!) We add items to our collection, replace worn-out copies, use children's books as prizes and we sell many donations at our spring and fall Book Sales to raise money for our programs.

Thank you so much!!

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.)