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 at 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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**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

**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 kalchthaler@gmail.com

**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.)

**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](http://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
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
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!
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

**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

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**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.

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**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.

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**Thank you so much!!**

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**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

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**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.)