

# Check it out!

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## Quick Visit Hours

(Doors open for book/DVD needs & computer use)

Mon/Wed/Fri 10am to 4pm Tuesday/Thursday 1pm to 7pm Saturday 10am to 2pm Sunday Closed

# Park & Pick Up Hours

(Delivery to your vehicle)

Monday-Thursday 10am to 7pm Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm Sunday Closed

# <u>Closures</u>

September 7

# Meetings

SNHL Board No meeting SNHL Friends

No meeting



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#### LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

We know you love your library! And we've been excited to welcome you back. We appreciate that you see us as 'essential' to your well-being. We thank you for complying with our safety standards to keep you and our staff safe and healthy. Turn to p. 3 for raffles and more fun ways to help us! A reminder that this month, any and all donations receive a partial match from the Jack Buncher Foundation. If you are able, please consider making a donation in any amount. It all adds up! Your support is needed now and will be important for us to continue to serve you in 2021. THANK YOU!!!



 $Virtual\,Programs\,from\,Seven\,Local\,Historic\,Sites-for\,Adults,\,Kids\,\&\,Families!$ 

We're really excited to offer these virtual programs for seven area historic sites! Story times for kids and programs for all ages.

Registration is required and the event will be held via Zoom. You do not have to have Zoom on your computer to participate—you will be sent a Zoom link two days before the event which will connect you. Please visit our EVENT LIST for details and the link to register.

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TROLLEY MUSEUM

History

Virtual Story times for Kids: Every Thursday at 10:00am!
Virtual Programs for Adults (and families): Every Tuesday at 7:00pm or 5:00pm
(please check time)

Each week you can 'visit' with:

- Air Heritage Museum
- Fort Pitt Museum
- Lincoln Highway Experience
- Meadowcroft Rock Shelter & Historic Village
- McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center
- Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

This Spotlight Series promotes the Experience Kits initiative at select Allegheny County Libraries. *Please see inside for more about Virtual Kits and Admission Passes!* 

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# Watch the 2020 Virtual Great Gardens Tour

Missed the premiere? Not to worry! Our wonderful 'show' of 18 gardens is now on YouTube. Just click our link and you'll be transported to a peaceful tour of these lovely local area gardens. Our thanks to the participants and to those who sent in a donation to help out. Sponsored by the Shaler Garden Club.

Enjoy the show! https://shalergardens.blogspot.com



## Check out the Shaler Garden Club website here:

http:// www.shalergardenclub.com/

Earth laughs in flowers.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Happy Birthday Bilbo & Frodo!







## Celebrate a Literary September!

#### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

A great time to use your library card! Or get your friends, family members, and neighbors to get a card if they don't have one. Tell everyone you know to get a library card...it's the cool accessory to have!

#### September 6: National Read a Book Day

Need we say more? Take a pause and just read a book allllllllllllll dayyyyyyyyyyyy....aaahhhh.

#### September 7: Buy A Book Day

You could 'donate' so that we could buy a book??? Hint, hint...or support your local bookstore too!

**September 8: International Literacy Day** Celebrate the educators, tutors, and librarians in your life.

# September 22: Hobbit Day. It is the birthday of both Bilbo and Frodo Baggins.

You know you want to eat, sing, and go barefoot all day. Maybe tell a riddle or two?

#### September 25: National Comic Book Day

Try creating your own comic! Or revisit a favorite from your childhood.

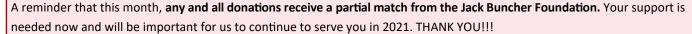


# MONTH!!!!!



# We're more ready than ever this September for us to connect with you and share the love all around!

- We're back with our 'famous' basket raffles!!! Lots of puzzles, books, games and more surprises. You know you want to WIN! Visit us at Kiwanis for their Flea Market on 9/12 to purchase tickets and a donut/coffee while flea marketing.
- Raffles for tickets to the Heinz History Center!!!
- Can you 'adopt' a new best seller or an author you love? Help us keep the new books coming in! Donate \$30 to cover the cost of an average hardback book.
- You can also 'adopt' a magazine subscription for us.
- Check out the fabulous jewelry sale in the display case upstairs!
- Honor a loved one or celebrate an event with a book purchase...you'll get a special bookplate put inside too!
- Check out the Children's Department Heart Art Program—Take and Make on Zoom with us for a small donation!
- Of course a financial donation is always most welcome—click on the yellow DONATE button on our website. www.shalerlibrary.org



#### "Travel" to Local History Sites With Experience Kits and Virtual Kits

We invite you to consider visiting these five historic sites in our area. We have 'virtual' kits of information and activities now available on our website. For in-person visiting, see notes below. Location site rules (closures, tour guidelines) may apply. Please visit our website for more details.

- PA Trolley Museum (Washington, PA) BOTH ADMISSION PASS AND ADVANCED (ONLINE) TICKETING REQUIRED.
  - You may request a pass from the Library which will provide FREE admission for up to four (4) people. Stop in, call or email us. There is no scheduling—first come, first serve. You will also need to do online ticketing (instructions provided).
- Lincoln Highway Experience (Latrobe, PA) ADMISSION PASS REQUIRED
  - You may request a pass from the Library which will provide FREE admission for up to four (4) people. Stop in, call or email us. There is no scheduling—first come, first serve.
- Air Heritage Museum (Beaver Falls, PA) NO ADMISSION PASS REQUIRED
- McKeesport Heritage Center (McKeesport, PA) NO ADMISSION PASS REQUIRED
- Heinz History Center (Pittsburgh, PA) We encourage you to visit this site however we do not currently have passes available. You will need to purchase tickets through the online timed ticketing service. Passes may become available at a later time.











# Help Keep Us Open to Serve You! "Quick Visits"

We need your help in complying with our safety measures. Please wear a mask covering your mouth AND nose and make yours a 'quick visit'—one hour or less.

# Why?

- Many people in high risk categories visit the library and we need to protect all our visitors.
- According to the CDC, longer exposure time to COVID 19 increases your risk.
- The more areas that are used, the more we have to clean and disinfect. Seating is limited to those needing to use computers.
- The CDC and the Commonwealth of PA have recommended capacity limits and exposure time in public places. We need to make sure all who wish to visit can do so.

Many people are asymptomatic. We can't know what exposure has occurred. We are working hard to keep our library clean & safe which requires extra effort.

You can help us by following our guidelines and supporting our staff in their efforts to keep everyone safe.

Please help us stop the spread!

#### Returning

Yes! We're accepting materials back. Please return via our Book Drop OUTSIDE.

- You can return all library materials from any Allegheny County library.
- There will be NO late fees for your items. (By the way—many items now auto-renew! Check your account.)
- Some items may not be checked in off your card right away—this has to do with quarantining (72 hours). Don't worry!

#### **Services For You**

#### Holds

Yes! You can now place holds on any items in the catalog. We are receiving deliveries from other libraries but we cannot guarantee a timeframe.

#### Park and Pick Up Service

Yes! You may still request to have materials delivered to your vehicle in the parking lot.

Note! We fill orders from materials currently in our building. Items that we do not have we will place a hold on for you from another library.

### How to Place a Request:

- For the quickest option, please request via this online form: https://forms.gle/ yrhevAcBermM98No8
- If you are unable to use the form, you may call us with your requests at 412-486-0211.
- Give us at least 24-48 hours to pull items and we will call/ email you when you can pick them up.
- Pull into the back parking lot, open your trunk or back seat, stay in your vehicle, and call us!

#### From Home

Please take advantage of our eResources (eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, streaming TV shows and movies).

Virtual Programs!

#### Copying/Faxing/Printing

Yes! Stop in to make copies, print, or fax. (Fees apply.)

#### **Internet Access**

No Internet Access? Access the Library Wi-Fi from your vehicle in our parking lot. There is no password required but you will need to 'accept' the Internet terms to connect.

#### **Adult 'Virtual" Programs**

These programs are being offered 'virtually' so access is via Zoom or YouTube. You will need access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone. Downloading the Zoom app is helpful but not required as you will receive a direct link to each program. (Zoom is free and available through any App store or on your desktop/laptop as a download.)

#### **Monday Night Book Group**

Second Monday of each month at 6:30pm

The Monday Night Book Group will continue to meet to discuss the selected title. If the weather is nice, we may meet in the parking lot! For more information and to obtain a Zoom invite, please email mcraes@einetwork.net. September is BYOB—as in bring your own book—or bottle. We're not picky.

#### **Mystery Book Group Returns!**

The Mystery Book Group will meet on Thursday, August 20 at 2:30pm. If the weather is nice, we may meet outdoors. For more information and to obtain a Zoom invite, please email shalerref@einetwork.net. August book is *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron. Next meeting: September 17.

#### **Poetry Workshops**

Hosted by Art and Inspiration International Sessions run one Thursday evening a month, 7:00-9:00pm.



Next sessions: August 13 & September 10

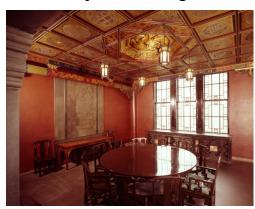
This monthly workshop seeks to connect poets to share works and gain feedback. Open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Moderated by Alyssa Sineni. The workshop will be held via Zoom. You will receive a link by email and instructions on joining the meeting via Zoom at the date/time scheduled. For more information and how to participate, please contact Alyssa at infoartandinspiration@gmail.com. All level of poets are welcome in this supportive environment.

#### Exercise Class for All Levels with John Uddstrom

Our Exercise Class for Seniors has moved 'online'! This class focuses on stretching, balance, body toning and Tai Chi. Instructor John Uddstrom has a new YouTube Channel—*Fitness with John Uddstrom*. John updates content on Sunday evenings. Feel free to tune in and keep in shape from home.

Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home. —Anna Quindlen

# Let's Tour the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh!



Please join tour coordinator Michael P. Walter for a 'virtual visit' of the Nationality Rooms. Michael will share some of the rooms' histories, special artifacts, and more! Program is free and will be offered through Zoom. Limit of 25 attendees. A Zoom link will be sent to you for participation. Brought to you by Shaler North Hills Library and Northland Public Library.

We're offering two sessions! Please register for only one:

Friday, September 11, 1:00pm Please register <u>HERE.</u>

Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm Please register <u>HERE.</u>

Or visit the Event Listing on our website.





# **eResources**

We're all learning to navigate this quickly changing world of technology! We're learning along with you but we're here to assure you that you CAN do it and we CAN help!

Your Library has always had wonderful online eResources, accessible from home with your Library card from your computer, laptop, tablet, Kindle or smart phone. We invite you to explore our vast collection of digital materials, including eBooks and eAudiobooks; streaming TV and movies; magazines, music and more!

Visit our website for more information and use the "<u>Your Library from Home</u>" tab in the green navigation bar. Give these a try:

- Libby/Overdrive—your best source for eBooks and e-audiobooks
- Hoopla—turn here for unlimited access to audiobooks plus streaming movies and TV shows
- Flipster—check out an 'online' magazine
- Need a Read? Browse book lists for your next read
- Tech Tips—'How to' videos that will help you learn new technology

We also offer FREE classes & resources:

- Creativebug from Jo-Ann Stores—over 1,000 art & craft classes
- Universal Class—learn Microsoft Office computer programs, resume writing, time management, and more
- Consumer Reports, health & legal resources, and more!

#### eLibrary for Kids:

 Visit our website under the 'Kids and Families' and 'Teens' tabs for lots of information and links.

Need help? Call, email or message us and we'll help you get set up.

#### **Donations**

Thanks for your donations! You can place these in the gray bin by our Book Drop during the day. Please DO NOT put in our lobby as we need to quarantine all incoming items for safety.

At this time we would love to get—

- Children's Books
- Puzzles
- Games
- DVDs
- Best Sellers and recent books

Sorry—we cannot accept—

- Magazines
- VHS Tapes
- Text Books



## Family Game Night? You Know You're Ready for Something New!

Tired of the same games? Why not try out some new ones! The Library's games to borrow are always popular and we have many more being added to the selection. Games check out for three weeks.

You can search our catalog by 'Board Games' and then limit to Shaler Library (Format =toy). Games for kids, adults, families, and everyone!!!

Or how about some new puzzles? That's right! We're loaning out jigsaw puzzles with your library card. Gather round the table or snag two and have a friendly competition....

Ready? Set! Let the FUN begin!!!

Shaler Township

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# **Community News**

# North Hills Community Outreach Back-to-School Collection until August 17th

Please donate **NEW** back-to-school items for local students.

Backpacks Notebooks Binders

24-pack crayons Pencils/pens Loose-leaf paper Markers Glue sticks Highlighters

Erasers Scissors Rulers

Colored pencils Pencil boxes

Donations can be dropped off at any NHCO location. Contact NHCO Sharing Projects Coordinator, Vicki, at 412-487-6316 x 3143.

#### **Outdoor Outreach with**

State Representative Lori Mizgorski Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 to 7:00pm Shaler North Hills Library – side garden by flag

Representative Mizgorski will be available to meet individually with constituents.

outside and socially distanced, to discuss legislative matters and state-related issues. Please park in the front parking lot and stay in your vehicle until a staff member confirms your appointment. Registration is required. Please call the district office at 412-487-6605 to register.

# **Electronics Recycling Event**

sponsored by State Representative Lori Mizgorski Saturday, Aug. 29, 9:00am to Noon

Kiwanis Park, (use Jeffery Primary School entrance) 201 Wetzel Road

Televisions (limit one per vehicle), monitors, computers,

laptops, cell phones and printers will be collected at the event.

Please place electronics in your trunk before arriving and remain in vehicle.

Questions? Contact Rep. Mizgorski's office at:412-487-6605.



# Last Splash Sponsored by ABC Transit

This year's Last Splash

Pool Party will be TWO parties! In order to keep attendance within pool guidelines, we will be hosting two Last Splash pool parties:

- Friday August 21 from 6:30 9:30
- Saturday, August 22 from 6:30 9:30

Attendance at each session is limited and tickets are required for entry. You may purchase tickets for the party for Friday or Saturday ON-LY, You cannot purchase tickets for both nights. Tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at the Township Municipal Building. All ticket sale proceeds will be donated to the Shaler Area Backpack Initiative!

Free Yoga at Kiwanis Park Tennis Courts Saturdays, 8:00-9:00am, August 8-Sept. 5 Please bring your own yoga mat and gear.



# **Community Shredding Event**

sponsored by Senator Lindsey Williams Saturday, August 15, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

A truck will be available in the Shaler North Hills Library parking lot. Two full banker boxes per person. All paper accepted.

This is a socially distant shredding event. Stay in your car and we'll take your

boxes and put them in the shredding truck! Shredding done on-site.



# **Literacy Pittsburgh Offers Free Online Classes**

Get your GED<sup>®</sup> diploma | Prepare for a placement test for job training | Learn English | Study for the U.S. citizenship exam



CLASSES ARE FREE TO YOU! Online learning is available. GPLC can help you access their online classes. To get started:

Register for orientation. Visit: StartClassNow.org Text: 412-415-7130 or WhatsApp: 412-393-7650

## **Labor Day**

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. ...On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

~from the Department of Labor website

Pittsburgh and PA has a rich labor history. Visit these sites to learn more:

#### **Battle of Homestead Foundation:**

https://battleofhomestead.org/bhf/

#### **Homestead Strike:**

https://www.history.com/topics/industrial-revolution/homestead-strike

Labor History Through the Years (University of Pittsburgh):

https://exhibit.library.pitt.edu/labor\_legacy/chronology.html

Pittsburgh Women in Organized Labor (University of Pittsburgh):

https://pitt.libguides.com/pittsburghwomen organizedlabor/early history

**Pennsylvania Labor History Society:** 

https://palaborhistorysociety.org/

#### Please follow us!









Don't forget to complete the Census! It's the law...and will affect funding for our area for the next 10 years. Visit:

https://2020census.gov/

(As of July, Shaler was at 83% completion. Let's strive for 100%)

# Want to Show Your Support? Here's How!

#### **Financial Donation**

We all know that budgets for many organizations will be affected for some years to come. If you are able, we welcome you to make a direct donation through our <u>website</u>. Just look for the big yellow button marked "Donate" on the left side.

# Join the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library

Now more than ever we need our "Friends"! Show your love of the Library by joining our Friends group. Membership is only \$15.00, \$25.00 for household. 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. For more information contact Janet Miller at jmmpitt@msn.com. (The membership form is also available on the Library website.)

# Donate in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

We can always use help in buying books and other materials. You can do it while also honoring a loved one with a Memorial donation or celebrating an occasion or person with an Honor donation. We'll select a lovely new book in an area that was of interest to them—or let us pick something we need.

# Shop and Pick SNHL to Benefit

When you shop, use Amazon Smile and select Shaler Library; or sign up for Shop'n Save Perks and designate SNHL.