**September is Love Your Library Month!** Libraries receive a pro-rated match from the Jack Buncher Foundation for all donations received during the month. But that doesn’t mean we can’t have fun while we FUNdraise! Check out the upcoming events on p. 3 sure to satisfy the book lover, trivia lover, fun lover, library lover in YOU! **Shop our mini ‘Odds and Ends Sale’ in the Large Print Room September 1–9.**

- Buy a raffle ticket for chances to win great prizes! Lottery Cards, Gift Cards, Family Game Night Package, Carnegie Museums Family Membership, and MORE!
- Adopt-a-magazine
- Adopt-an-author
- Contribute to our annual appeal
- Make a direct Charitable Giving donation from your IRA
- Attend one of our fundraisers this month
- Buy some LYL swag or put up a yard sign
- Donate your gently used puzzles and books
- A gift to the library this month goes further….and goes right back into the programs, services and facility you know and love! Thank you!

**FYI Facility Updates**

With the generous assistance and expertise from Shaler Township, the Library has done important facility work, with a lot more to come. All projects will affect the use of the library. We will do what we can to let YOU know about schedules, but as you know, vendors sometimes just show up! We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

- Upgraded lighting to LED—July 2023
- Installed an internal sump pump to address ground water in computer area—August 2023
- New HVAC rooftop units—October 2023
- Elevator upgrade—TBD
- Installation of 1st floor restroom and overhaul of 2nd floor restrooms for ADA compliance—2024-2025
Monthly/Weekly Get Togethers

Join us monthly or weekly for any of the following activities! Always open to new members.

**MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS**

**Monday Night Book Group**
Second Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Reads a wide variety of material, from newer best sellers to classics. Please contact Sharon at mcras@einetwork.net

September 11: *Survivors* by Jane Harper
October 9: *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Mystery Book Group**
Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm
Reads mysteries and thrillers. Please contact Beth at lawryb2@einetwork.net

September 21: *Things We Do in the Dark* by Jennifer Hillier
October 19: *Night Film* by Marisha Pessi

**Sense & Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry**
Last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
Please contact Ingrid at kalchthaleri@gmail.com
Register: tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

September 26: Rumi
October 24: Naomi Shihab Nye

**Food for Thought**
Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm
Community-led.

September 13: 5 Ingredients or Less
October 11: Apples and Pumpkins

**Rummikub Game Night**
First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm
Community-led. Drop in. Come join in the fun! Open to all. Seeking more players!

**WEEKLY GET TOGETHERS**

**Exercise Class with John Uddstrom**
Mondays & Fridays, 8:45am-9:45am
Requires Release Form at first session. Drop-in. $2.00 fee payable to instructor. Please contact Adult Services for questions.

**SNHL Card Playing Group**
Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm

**Needles & Hooks by the Books**
Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm
Community-led. Drop-in. This group meets to knit and crochet.

**Watercolor Open Sessions**
Thursdays, 10:00am
No instruction provided. Please contact Shaler Adult Services to be put in touch with the group that meets for more info.

**Readings in Alternative Everything—Virtual**
Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
Community-led. Current Title: *Fourteen Lessons in Yogi Philosophy* by Yogi Ramacharaka

For more information and to obtain a Zoom invite, please email Richard Kajuth, EdS, DD at rka@einetwork.net

**Wanna Meet at the Movies?**

*A Haunting in Venice* with Kenneth Branagh returning as Hercule Poirot comes to theaters September 15. Leave your name and email at the Circulation Desk and we'll see about going as a group to Cinemark North!

Art Gallery
September: Rania Sullivan
October: Stu Chandler
Book Bonanza (at Hampton Community Library)
Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30pm

Your favorite local libraries are teaming up for a fun evening of celebrating our local neighborhood book clubs! All trivia is book based—popular reads, celebrity books clubs, mysteries, film and more! You don’t even have to read the books to win! Whose neighborhood will hold bragging rights?

- BYOB and snacks. (Corkage fee—pay at event. Spoiler Alert: Prize for the best snacks!)
- Send your top 5 favorite book club reads to snhl-brary@gmail.com

- $10 per person—Teams of 8 or fewer (space is limited!)

PLEASE REGISTER FIRST, THEN SUBMIT PAYMENT by clicking on the Pay Now Button at the end of the registration form. ($10 per each team member)

Program sponsored by Hampton, Northern Tier, and Shaler North Hills Libraries.

Puzzle Competition for Adults
Friday, September 15 at 7:00pm

Gather a team and compete against others to see how fast you can complete a 750-piece puzzle. Gift Card prizes! $20.00 per person (teams of up to 5). BYOB. Snacks and desserts provided. Adults 21+ Exercise your brain and help YOUR SNHL!

Please REGISTER FIRST, then Pay using the Pay Now Button at the end of the Registration Form. (You can register once for the entire group.)

Lessons in Chemistry Trivia Night
Friday, September 29 at 7:00pm

Celebrate this popular book as it hits Apple TV+ in October. Gather a team of up to 6 people or come yourself and have some fun! BYOB. Adults 21+. We’ll bring the snacks and sample themed foods. Prizes too! Have fun and help YOUR SNHL!

$20.00 per person (teams of up to 5)

Please REGISTER FIRST, then Pay using the Pay Now Button at the end of the Registration Form. (You can register once for the entire group.)
Programs

Shaler Library’s Writers Group  
Mondays, 6:30pm (by Zoom and in-person)

Are you a creative writer? Do you want to be? Whether you create short stories, non fiction, poetry, dialogues, TV Scripts or existential historical fantasies - everyone who writes likes to belong to a group of like minded creators for support and accountability. The Shaler North Hills Library Writer's Group could be a great free resource for you. Zoom sessions and one in-person meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. If you are interested, please register at: Tinyurl.com/shalerwrites

Sense and Sound: Monthly Poetry Series  
Last Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Think poetry isn’t for you? You might be surprised! Join us on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm to explore poets and poetry.

September 26: Rumi  
October 24: Naomi Shihab Nye

Register Here: Tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

ACT OUT: Reader’s Theater for Adults 
Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

What is Readers Theater? Think old-time radio shows or the more recent Twilight Zone Radio series. Think about using your voice (and sometimes a few props or costumes) to share a great drama or comedy without memorizing a script! Check out our podcast!

Learn more about the project HERE. Join us for a lot of fun. No experience is necessary; we will all learn together!

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/shalertheater

Seeking Spirituality: a Book Discussion 
Wednesdays, 6:30pm. Sept. 13-Oct. 25

Join Rev. Ingrid Kalchthaler as we read and discuss Barbara Brown Taylor’s Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others. The book is available right now on audio or eBook on Hoopla using your library card. Print copies of the book will also be available to borrow or purchase.

Miss Ing is an ordained American Baptist pastor. She is chaplain at Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh Senior Living and a friend of East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Her path is Christianity, but this class welcomes people from all faith perspectives. Sessions will include guest speakers from a variety of faiths. For more information, please email Ing at rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com.

Register at: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

Food for Thought Group 
Second Wednesday of the Month, 1:00pm

Love to cook? Love to eat? Try new recipes? This is the group for you!

The group will gather once a month to share recipes, food, and conversation around a shared theme. No registration required. New members always welcome!

Topics: 
September 13: Five Ingredients or Fewer  
October 11: Apples and Pumpkins

Kids or grandkids? Stay in the know for all our fabulous programs by visiting the website: 
https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/  
Fun for all ages! From birth through teens.
**Pittsburgh Rivers & Waterways**

Friday, September 15 at 1:30pm

Please [REGISTER HERE](#)

In these days of droughts and floods, join Professor Werner C. Loehlein, retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, to learn how Pittsburgh is one of the most water-rich areas in the world. Learn about how the glaciers transformed this area, how rivers run ‘north’, what causes flooding, how the Ohio River got its name, and more.

**About the presenter:**
Professor Werner C. Loehlein, PE, PLS, DWRE worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for over 44 years. He has worked on many major water management, reservoir, water quality and navigation projects in the Pittsburgh area. He is a co-author of the book *Engineering Pittsburgh: a History of Roads, Rails, Canals, Bridges and More* and now lectures at the University of Pittsburgh.

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**From Library Page to the U. S. State Department — Meet Consul General Susan R. Crystal!**

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30pm  Please [REGISTER HERE](#)

- **How did this Shaler resident, once a Library Page, end up in the Foreign Service?**
- **What skills and education did she pursue?**
- **What countries has she served in?**

Find out this and more at our Meet and Greet!

Susan R. Crystal assumed her duties as Consul General of the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto in October 2020. Previously, Susan held positions in Australia, Ecuador, Haiti, Mauritius, and South Africa and in Ottawa, Canada.

In Toronto, Susan is responsible for the full range of operations at the largest Consulate in Canada, working with colleagues from the Departments of State, Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, Agriculture, Defense, and Customs and Border Protection. Areas of focus in Toronto include working with Ontarians to build back better following the pandemic and amplifying our shared commitment in expanding the bilateral relationship.

Originally from Shaler, Susan holds a degree in International Politics from Pennsylvania State University and a professional certificate in Leadership Coaching and Organizational Well-Being from George Mason University.
Programs

Caring for a Loved One with Cognitive Issues? Find some support with these two offerings....

Dementia Friends Information Session
First Friday of the month at 10:30am.
Register: tinyurl.com/shalerfriends or call the Library for assistance.

Join us to learn more about Dementia Friends of Pennsylvania and the ways in which we can help to create a more positive experience for those living with dementia. If you have questions or concerns about the registration, you can contact info@dementiafriendspa.org. This session is for adults, but if you are interested in a child or youth session, please email our facilitator at rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com.

Caring for Caregivers: A monthly series for those caring for loved ones.
Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.
Registration is helpful but not required. Walk-ins always welcome. Visit our Event Calendar to register.

Erin McMaster, a Memory Care Advisor from Promedica Memory Care, leads free monthly sessions for persons who are caring for or supporting a loved one with Alzheimer’s, Dementia, or other cognitive/memory issues.

Sneak Peek for Fall....
October & November

Israel from Dan to Eilat—
a Photographer’s Journey
October 10, 6:00pm

Nature Snippets—Poisonous Plants
October 12, 1:30pm

In the Center of the Storm:
The History of the 139th PA Volunteer Infantry
October 20, 1:30pm

Notorious Pittsburgh: Stories from Your Hometown (and Ghost Stories too!)
October 24, 6:30pm

Yours Truly by James R. (Bob) Hagerty, the lead obituary writer for

Please Note the Library Schedule:
September 4: CLOSED (Labor Day)
September 30: CLOSED (SASD Homecoming)
October 31: CLOSE at 5pm (Halloween)

Take a Road Trip Around Your County Libraries—Pick up a Passport Today!

Ready for an adventure? How about planning a ‘trip’ to visit all the public libraries in Allegheny County? How many will you see?
Pick up your Passport at any library and start checking off the ones you visit.

◆ For each library you visit, you will receive a coupon for a percentage off at Spark Books.
◆ For each region you complete (North, South, East, West), you will receive a small swag bag from ACLA!
◆ For completing the entire county, you will receive a free book of your choosing at Spark Books, (located in Aspinwall).

Let us know when you complete a region and we’ll send for your reward.
So get traveling...get reading...and fill up that Passport!!
THANKS for a Great Summer!

Wow! What a summer we had—over 400 adults read over 2000 books with us!!! We awarded 20 wonderful prizes from our sponsors and supporters.

A HUGE thank you to the Friends of Shaler North Hills Library (ask us about joining!) and to these organizations and folks who make it happen:

- Andy Warhol Museum
- Blue Goose Saloon
- Body Bar Experience
- Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh
- Dive Bar and Grille
- Fun Fore All Family Fun Park
- Heinz History Center
- Lake Vue North Golf Course
- Nox’s on 8
- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Pittsburgh City Theatre
- Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera
- Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
- Prime Stage Theater
- Riverstone Books
- Ruckus Coffee Gallery & Café
- Target

**An Amazing Car Cruise!**

Perfect night and 126 classic cars while DJ Clint spun the oldies tunes! Many, many thanks to those who donated to this event.

The library raised $1200 to support programs and services!

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Financial Support:
- Neely Funeral Home
- Peace Dental
- Pittsburgh Estate Law, PC
Fall Fest
Saturday, October 7
Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 14
Lite Up Night
Saturday, November 18

Visit Shaler.org for more info on these events!

Mission Mahi Food Truck
Yumminess Coming Your Way!
September 23, 11:30am-1:30pm

Need some lunch ideas? Fish tacos! Chicken tacos! Vegetarian options too! Add some fries or coleslaw and make it a meal.

Swing by our front parking lot and grab some to go.

New Members Always Welcome!
Love Your Library? Want to help out? Join as a new member of the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library!

Friends of SNHL actively work to make SNHL a better place. Membership is only $15.00, $25.00 for household. For more information contact Janet Miller at jnmpitt@msn.com. (The membership form is available on the Library website.)

To Go Dinner Fundraiser Events
Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church

Our Delicious Dinner To Go program raises money for Scholarship Grants for Shaler Area High School Seniors! Just $15.00! Order by calling 412-487-7194.

September 8
October 6
November 3

House Tour & Craft Fair
Saturday, November 11

Watch for the bi-annual Drug Take-Back Day!
Rear Parking Lot Drop Off
Saturday, October 28
10:00am to 2:00pm

Discover and access free or discounted tickets to regional attractions with your Allegheny County library card!

Visit radpass.org for all the details!