The History of Hartwood Acres
Friday, November 17, 1:30pm
PLEASE REGISTER

Explore the history of Hartwood Acres Park from its beginning as the country estate of activist Mary Flinn Lawrence to the public park we all love today. Presenter Deaglan McManus has been a Park Ranger for Allegheny County since 2017, and specializes in the educational programs offered to schools, libraries, and community groups. Deaglan has a bachelor’s degree in Community Organizing and a master’s degree in Public History.

Unveiling Everyday Racism
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30pm
No registration is required.

Please join Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz as she shares her experiences and encourages us to challenge stereotypes, foster understanding, and instigate change. Dr. Harris-Schenz is the author of the book Living While Black: My Experience with Everyday Racism.

It's the Holiday Season....
celebrate with your favorite Library!

Join us for fun events for all ages—see more on p. 5

See you at the special Shaler Township “LiteUp” Night on November 18. (The Library will be closed until the event.)
Do some shopping at the Vendor Fair or Holiday Market.

Please note our adjusted schedule. The Library will be CLOSED on:
November 18, 23 & 24
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Monthly/Weekly Get Togethers

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

MONTHLY 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
Community-led. Drop-in.
New players always welcome.

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.

WEEKLY 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@shalerlibrary.org

November 13: Let's chat about what you are reading!
December 11: The Tin Whistle by Kathleen Shoop

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

November 16: Two Girls Down by Louisa Luna
December 21: The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley

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

November 28: David Whyte
December 26: You GOTTA hear this. Bring your favorite poem that everyone needs to hear.

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

November 8: Holiday Traditions
December 13: Cookie Exchange

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!

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 rkajuthdd@gmail.com

Art Gallery—November
Diane Grguras
Display Cases—November
Hilary Meurer
Sandina Timbus Mosaics
Programs

Nature “Snippets” (For Adults)
Thursday, November 9, 1:30-2:30pm
Please Register! Space is limited.

Don’t miss our popular nature series with educators and Master Naturalists Pat Milliken and Gil Pielin! Pat & Gil have created a series of programs designed to put people in tune with nature. Participants will learn from this duo of retired high school teachers about all things nature in these hands-on workshops. This is an adult-focused program series, ages 16 and up.

The Evolution of a Pollinator Garden
November 9 REGISTER HERE
Join Master Naturalist Pat Milliken on a photographic journal following the transition of a garden from a bare lot in 2004 to a current garden. The garden naturally changes each year and so do some of the organisms within.

I’VE BEEN NAMED AN EXECUTOR. NOW WHAT?
Wednesday, November 15, 1:30pm
PLEASE REGISTER
You are named the executor for your loved one’s estate. What does that really mean? What all is involved? What paperwork are you responsible for and what’s the timeline for settling the affairs. Come hear from an attorney to help ease your fears and be better prepared.

Join local attorneys from Pittsburgh Estate Law PC for a series of discussions to help take the fear out of legal issues.

presented by Rebecca A. Olds, Nora Curley Peace, and Jeanne Marie Marquette, Attorneys at Law, Pittsburgh Estate Law, P.C.

ACT OUT SHALER READERS THEATER -PRESENTS
Coffee and Cookies and Festive Theater of the Mind
Sunday, Dec. 3 at 6:00 pm

Come for an evening of laughter and community--and coffee and cookies! Our troupe will perform Holiday Show by Jim Binz and Take a Chill Pill by David Jones.

Register at tinyurl.com/shalerholiday or scan the QR Code!

Please note that the scripts are written for adult enjoyment; please plan accordingly. Some of the dialogue may be considered best for those ages 16 and up.

We’re improving for you!
Watch for a NEW Calendar of Events coming your way. We think you’ll like how easy it is to see what’s going on at your library....you can also view by age, topic, and even print or share.....
Shaler Library Writers’ Group  
Mondays, 6:00pm (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 weekly and one in-person meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. Community-led by Jim Binz. If you are interested, please email Jim at jf.binz@gmail.com.

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.  
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

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!

November 8:  
Holiday Traditions  
December 13:  
Cookie Exchange

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.

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.
Holiday Happenings!

Holiday Wreathmaking with the Shaler Garden Club  
**Friday, December 1, 6:30pm**  
Join us for a crafty and fun workshop! We provide the wreath and decorations, you provide the creativity! Come with friends and make a night of it. You will leave with a beautifully decorated live 24” Fraser fir holiday wreath. Cost is $40.00 per person, includes all materials and guidance. This program is for adults (21 and over). You are welcome to BYOB and snacks. Advanced registration and payment **REQUIRED.** Check our website to register and pay.

Festive Theater of the Mind—Coffee & Cookies Too!  
**Sunday, December 3, 6:00pm**  
Two Holiday Shows by the Act Out Theater Troupe. (See p. 3)

Pittsburgh Makes Merry: A Gilded Age Holiday  
**Friday, December 8, 1:30pm**  
**PLEASE REGISTER**  
This presentation will explore what it was like to celebrate the December holiday season in Pittsburgh during that late 1800s and early 1900s time period. Presenter: Sue Morris enjoys making the past come alive through her carefully researched and entertaining presentations. Writing as "The Historical Dilettante", she uses social media to present tales that encourage audiences to explore regional history and cultural legacies. Visit her website at: [https://historicaldilettante.com/](https://historicaldilettante.com/)

Holiday Vendor Fair  
**Saturday, December 9 2:00-4:00pm**  
Complete your holiday shopping at our annual Holiday Vendor Fair. All items are crafted by local teens. Come support their entrepreneurial ventures!

Holiday Concert with the Pittsburgh Recorder Society  
**Friday, December 15 2:00-4:00pm**  
Join the members of the Pittsburgh Recorder Society for a fun, festive, holiday concert! Come see the variety of recorders and enjoy the sounds of the holiday. Suitable for all ages! No registration required.

Holiday Market—Come Shop With Us!  
**November & December**  
Come support local area artists and do some holiday shopping. Local art will be on exhibit in our Gallery as well as in our Display Cases on the upper level. Great selection of arts & handcrafted items will be available.
We salute our Veterans!
Please note the Library will open at NOON on Wednesday, November 8 to accommodate the Veteran's Breakfast next door at the Middle School.
Veterans Day is observed on November 11. Wonder why? Find out HERE.
Ask us for some great history books!

Native American Heritage Month
Since 1990, Congress has authorized an annual presidential proclamation that designates November as National American Indian Heritage Month to encourage all people to learn about the contributions and cultures of the Indigenous peoples of the North American continent.

You can learn more HERE through the Library of Congress.
Or check out this magazine from the Smithsonian—available for free online:
Magazine of Smithsonian’s National Museum of The American Indian

There’s also a local resource at Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center (COTRAIC) right here in Dorseyville.
Each year they host a Powwow in September that is open to all. Here is one of this year’s dancers.
Want to learn more? Ask us to find you additional resources.

Thanksgiving
The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway~
Thanksgiving comes again!

We wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving!

Zipper Up, Button Down! Cardigan Day and World Kindness Day!
It’s time to get your sweater ready to celebrate WQED's Cardigan Day on November 13!
As has been the yearly Cardigan Day tradition, WQED asks its “neighbors” to support and spread kindness by donning their cardigans and using social media to post photos using #CardiganDay. Whether you’re at home, in the office, at school or anywhere—let’s make the most of the sweater weather on November 13 with #CardiganDay!
Anyone can participate in just a few simple steps:
1. Wear your favorite cardigan.
2. Encourage others (including your pets) to do the same!
3. Snap a picture or video and share it on social media using #CardiganDay and be sure to tag WQED so we can share it on our social media!
Wear your sweater to the Library and let us take your picture to share!
Watch for some fun in-house activities!
News & Notes

PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK

The Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck will be in the Library’s Front Parking Lot on:

Wednesdays, 12:00-6:00pm

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage, Haluski

Hot and ready to eat!

(A portion of sales benefits SNHL)

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!!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY ♥

THANKS for Loving Your Library!

Wow! Thanks for all the LOVE you showed us in September! Stay tuned and we will share the results of our fundraising and match with you in November.

We couldn’t do what we do without you and are so grateful for your support.

Donate to the SNHL “Bottoms Up!” Campaign (to make our restrooms more accessible and usable for all!)

In 2021, the library worked with a consultant to conduct an Americans with Disabilities audit. It was clear from the audit that the most critical need was to add a first floor and fully ADA accessible restroom, and update the 38-year-old second-floor restrooms to meet ADA requirements. The library is now raising funds and applying for grants to fund this important project.

If you are able, please donate to the “Bottoms Up!” campaign and help us make YOUR library’s restrooms more accessible for people who have disabilities. Families with strollers and older adults who need to use a restroom on the first floor will benefit greatly from this project.

Please use this link to donate here: tinyurl.com/shalerlly!

Read even more about this important project on our website HERE.

November 28, 2023

We’re registered for Give Big Pittsburgh! A one-day donation event to help local nonprofits. 24 hours only!

This 24-hour online fundraising effort, hosted by Pittsburgh Magazine and local sponsors, offers nonprofits the chance to raise funds to support their critical missions.

We use these funds to support our Large Print Collection.

Visit Givebigpittsburgh.com on that date only to donate.

And THANK YOU!
Community News

Glenshaw Century Club

Sat, November 11, 2023 10:00am to 3:00pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

House Tour (ticketed event)
Three historical homes in Glenshaw will open their hearts and homes to guests for the Holiday House Tour hosted by the Glenshaw Century Club. House tours may be taken between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. A donation of $25.00 is requested to reserve your ticket in advance. A donation of $30.00 is requested to attend the day of the event. Ticket holders may travel by complimentary tour bus or by personal vehicle.

Holiday Craft Fair (free)
The annual Holiday Craft Fair returns to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Featuring over 65+ vendors and crafters, this event is the perfect holiday shopping experience for all ages and interests.

Visit glenshawcenturyclub.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

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 jmmpitt@msn.com. (The membership form is available on the Library website.)

Discover and access free or discounted tickets to regional attractions with your Allegheny County library card!
Visit radpass.org for all the details!

Santa & Me!
Saturday, December 16
11:00am to 2:00pm
Glenshaw Public Library
1504 Butler Plank Road

Watch for details: Glenshawpubliclibrary.org

Check out the Holiday Events Guide in the InShaler Magazine for a great list of fun holiday activities for the whole family throughout the area!