**Mini Golf at the Library for All Ages—and Children’s Book Sale Too!**

Join us the weekend of February 17-19 to play a round of golf in the stacks of the Library! It’s a fundraiser brought to you by the Friends of SNHL. Golfing open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. (Special Teen Golfing, grades 7 and up, on Saturday from 7:00-9:00pm.)

$5.00 per player, those 10 years of age and under only $2.50.

- Gather friends and family to make a ‘team’.
- Stop by the Library any time, check in, and get your clubs and balls.
- You can play in order or visit the holes any way you want. Play all 18!
- Don’t forget to vote for your favorite hole.
- Snacks are available for sale

When you’re done, visit our Pop-Up Children’s Book Sale in the Large Print Room on the first floor. Great bargains.

All proceeds benefit the Library and go back into making great collections and programs.

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**COME! TASTE! VOTE!**

**Soup Cook-Off & Tasting Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 3, 1:00pm

Warm up and enjoy a taste of over 14+ soups! $15 admission to sample soups and vote for your top three favorites. (Kids 10 and under only $5.00.) Enjoy yummy bread and salad, too!

We sell out fast! Raffles too!
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. Contact Sharon at mcaes@shalerlibrary.org

February 12: First Ladies by Marie Benedict
March 11: Being Henry: The Fonz...and Beyond by Henry Winkler

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

February 15: More Than You’ll Ever Know by Katie Gutierrez
March 21: Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn

Seeking the Spiritual Book Group
Twice monthly; dates vary, 6:30pm
February 22: That’s Funny, You Don’t Look Buddhist by Sylvia Boorstein
March 12 & 27: Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle
Please go to tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

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
February 27 topic: The Atomic Bomb
March 26: Padraig O’ tuama

Food for Thought
Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm
Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.
February 14: Meatless Wednesday
March 13: Green Foods

Rummikub Game Night
First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm
Community-led. Drop-ins welcome. 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 with 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 rkajuthdd@gmail.com

Art Gallery—February
Sheila Hawthorne Klotz

Display Cases—February
Sheila Hawthorne Klotz
(Ask about displaying in our cases!)
**Programs**

**Ukrainian Egg Art Demonstration**

**Tuesday, February 27, 6:30pm**

Pysanky is the ancient Eastern European art of egg decorating, of which the Ukrainian version is arguably the most famous. The name comes from the verb to write, as you use a stylus (called a kistka) to write with wax on the egg shell. The process is similar to batik. Join Marilan Caito who will demonstrate this art while lecturing on the tools, techniques and history of the art. Dozens of beautiful eggs will be on display during the demonstration.

**Bonus! One lucky attendee will be awarded the completed egg!**

Marilan (Hovanec) Caito has presented demonstrations and taught hands-on classes in the art of “Pysanky” at Community College, community centers, libraries, and numerous senior residences for over 50 years. Her passion is to share this traditional folk art and its rich history with new audiences.

[**PLEASE REGISTER**](#)

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**Ukrainian Egg Art Classes**

In this hands-on class, students create their own Ukrainian Pysanky eggs with one-on-one coaching. In the course of learning the proper tools and techniques, we also cover the cultural history including the meaning of the different colors and symbols.

- Students must be at least 18 yrs of age. No prior art skill needed.
- Must be available to attend TWO SESSIONS—one week apart.
- Registration required. STRICT LIMIT of 14 students per class.
- Pre-Payment of $35.00 includes kistka tool, wax, candle, two blown eggs, instruction pamphlet and instructor fee. (additional dyes and tools available for purchase)

(No refunds after supplies are purchased. You may pick up the supplies & instruction booklet if you fail to attend.)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.**

March 7 & 14: **AFTERNOON SESSION, 2-4:00pm:** [**PLEASE REGISTER & PAY HERE.**](#)

March 7 & 14: **EVENING SESSION, 6-8:00pm:** [**PLEASE REGISTER & PAY HERE.**](#)

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**Books to Screen**

*A free movie matinee for adults*

Join us to watch:

**A Haunting in Venice, Saturday, March 23 at 2pm**

“In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer.”—IMDB

Free and open to adults 18+. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks. No registration, but call the library or check our website/social media in case of inclement weather.
Ongoing Programs

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 Writers’ 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 at: Tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

ACT OUT: Reader’s Theater for Adults/Teens
Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm
Our Troupe has been practicing and performing for a year now! Many libraries across the country have their own troupes and we at SNHL KNOW that more than a few of you are out there with talent just waiting to be unleashed.
No memorization is required! We meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month and occasionally schedule extra practices for our library performances. Occasionally, we will video our performances and upload them to the Library’s channel- great fun to be had by all!
Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Call or text David Jones at 412-606-6131 or email Miss Ing at rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com.
Register at: tinyurl.com/shalertheater

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.

Food for Thought Group
Second Wednesday of the Month, 1:00pm
Seeking New Members!

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!

FEBRUARY 14: Meatless Wednesday
MARCH 13: Green Foods
APRIL 10: Ethnic Foods

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.
**Spruce Up Your Winter Reading!**

Join us this winter for our annual Winter Reading program. All ages welcome! No registration required! (runs through February 23)

- Read anything you like. You can 'listen' to a book too! (Or read 10 books to a child for one entry.)
- Visit the Library and enter the titles of the books you've read into the raffle bin at the Reference Desk display.
- Each book read/listened to counts as one entry.
- Every Friday we'll select a winner for prizes of cozy, wintry treats.

We are also collecting new or gently used donations of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for North Hills Community Outreach.

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**10 Things You Need to Know about the US Army Air Force**

March 1, 1:30pm

In conjunction with the release of the highly-anticipated Apple TV+ series, *Masters of the Air*, historian and host of the Veterans Breakfast Club's streaming program *Greatest Generation Live*, Glenn Flickinger tells the harrowing story of the WWII Air War in Europe. The Allies became “Masters of the Air” only after many hard lessons and changes in leadership and strategy. Glenn will talk about the 8th Air Force bombers, as well as fighters, tactical ground support, and the oft-forgotten 15th Air Force based in Italy. The turnaround the US Army Air Force achieved by D-Day stunned the enemy and helped win the war in Europe.

This program is free. Registration is appreciated at tinyurl.com/zmhk44nd.

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**Orchids 101**

*PLEASE REGISTER*

Friday, March 8, 1:30pm

Please join Katie Schuller, member of the Orchid Society of Western PA (OSWP), and previous caretaker of the Phipps orchid collection, for an introductory presentation on growing orchids. Katie will de-mystify the growing of orchids, show several types of orchids in bloom, and talk about the history, the botany, and culture.

*Attendees will have a chance to win 2 passes to the upcoming Orchid Show!*

The OSWP’s annual Orchid Show will be held on March 16th and 17th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel across from South Hills Village.

Brought to you by the Orchid Society of Western PA, The Shaler Garden Club, and Shaler North Hills Library.
News & Notes

Sneak Peek for April & May

April 11: Nature Snippets with Naturalist Char Ross
April 16: Murder Mystery with Local Author Mark Macedonia
April 19-21: SPRING BOOK SALE!
Adult & Teen Material (Children’s Sale in June)
April 26: History of North Park with the Allegheny County Park Rangers
April 27: National Drug Take-Back with the Shaler Police Department
May 1 & May 22: Hot Topics Legal Seminars
May 7: Learn About Foster Care and Adoption

Do you have the Luck of the Irish?
We’ll be hosting one of our wonderful ‘lucky’ raffles again at the end of February. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Winner drawn March 16.

February is Black History Month
Want to expand your reading with some new authors? Ask us for recommendations.

Try these authors:
Colson Whitehead
Ta-Nehisi Coates
August Wilson
Gwendolyn Brooks
Octavia Butler
Eric Jerome Dickey
Kwame Alexander
Audre Lorde
Isabel Wilkerson
Bernardine Evaristo
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Zadie Smith

March is

Did you ever want to learn more about a fascinating woman?
Let us suggest some interesting biographies, autobiographies, and memoirs of women you’ll want to get to know!
(found in the 92s)

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/shalerlyl

Read even more about this important project on our website HERE.
Visit the South Pole with Shaler Teacher
Michael Penn
March 20, 6:00pm

PLEASE REGISTER

Michael Penn, coordinator for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at Shaler Area Elementary School spent six weeks in late 2018 at McMurdo and South Pole Station in Antarctica as part of the Polar Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating program, or PolarTREC. He traveled Antarctica studying and collecting data on Antarctic Meteorology and Climate science. Mr. Penn will be at the Library to share his experiences with the community. Join us!

POWERS OF ATTORNEY 101
Wednesday, March 27, 1:30pm

PLEASE REGISTER

This talk will focus on the common questions about the types of Powers of Attorney and what each involves. Whether it is a general Power of Attorney or a Healthcare Power of Attorney, when are you making decisions for others and when does that power ‘start’ or ‘stop’?

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

Learn About eLibrary
Monday, March 18, 6:30pm

FREE ACCESS TO EBOOKS, MUSIC, MAGAZINES, RESEARCH & MORE!

Learn about free library tools and let’s get stuff done! Making a big purchase? Need a good read for your device? Wanna take a class? We’ll chat about resources and get you started on your device! Free and open to adults. No registration needed.

Can’t attend? The program will be ongoing – the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Or call the Library and make an appointment with SNHL Adult Services.
News & Notes

PITTSBURGH PIEROGI TRUCK
The Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck will be in the Library’s Front Parking Lot on:
Fridays, 12:00-6:00pm
February 16 through March 29
Pierogi, Stuffed Cabbage, Haluski
Hot and ready to eat!
(A portion of sales benefits SNHL)

We are HAPPY to Take Your Donations!
Shaler North Hills Library will gratefully accept donations of gently used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles anytime you are willing to part with them! We’ll take your donations, use what we can (we especially appreciate recent books to possibly add to our collection), and put the rest in our biannual Book Sales. *Please put the items in our donation closet next to the outside book drop off slot.*

Thanks so much for thinking of us!

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 jmmcilde@msn.com. The membership form is available on the Library website.

TAX NEWS—FORMS & SENIOR HELP
Tax forms as they arrive are placed in the bins OUTSIDE of our entrance (by the handicapped door) for 24/7 access. Watch our website or social media for any updates.
Visit this website for information on the AARP Tax-Aide Program sites and times. Appointments are made by Sen. Lindsey Williams office at 412-364-0469.
website: taxaide-pittsburgh.com

Take Note!
Presidents Day: The Library will be OPEN on February 19.
Easter Weekend: The Library will be CLOSED March 29-31.

ELFINWILD LIONS CLUB IS SPONSORING A FREE WILL OFFERING OMELET/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, February 24th, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
AT ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3200 MT. ROYAL BOULEVARD
BREAKFAST INCLUDES OMELET, SAUSAGE, POTATOES, FRUIT CUP AND DRINKS

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