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Join the Friends of the Library! The Friends are an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. Among other duties, they **raise money** to help support the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and **volunteer** at events throughout the year. The Friends also help grow community partnerships, operate regular **book sales**, and manage donated materials. But above all, they are a group of volunteers who love books, understand the vital role WACL plays in the community, and want to promote the library's programs and services. Email wacfriends@gmail.com for more information or visit the library website under "**Friends of the Library**" to join today!

NOTICE

LIBRARY CLOSED AUGUST 12 - 17

For parking lot milling, paving, striping, and the addition of guardrails along the hillside.

Please note that the entire library grounds, including the parking lot and book drop, will be inaccessible during this period.

Items checked out will have their due dates automatically extended beyond the closure. Books and other materials can also be returned at other local libraries.

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary and exciting improvements!

For 24/7 access to your account and free online resources, visit WesternAlleghenyLibrary.org



Check out our "Library of **Things**"!

Our "Library of Things" includes a wide variety of gadgets, games, tech, and tools for you to take home (and bring back when you're done, of course!). Why buy when you can borrow? Here's just a sample of what we offer!

- Experience Passes
- Technology Items
- Household and Kitchen Tools
- Board Games
- Outdoor Games and Kits
- Kids' Toys and Tech

Visit our website under "Books & More" to see our full "Library of Things" list, with more to come! Call the library for availability and to request a hold.

Tech Talk: Tutor.com

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News

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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce the return of Love Your Library month for 2024! Thanks again to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, every donation made to Western Allegheny Community Library throughout the month of September will receive a prorated MATCH - up to \$500 per donor! With an entire month to "Love Your Library," there are many ways to get involved and double the impact of your support. See our website at westernallegHENYlibrary.org for details and get ready to share the love this September!

Saturday, September 14, 2024



FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier food & beverage tasting event, featuring special food & wine/beer pairings, games, auctions, and live music by Smells Like the 90's. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 14, 6:00—10:00 p.m. at Celebrations, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA. Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase online or at the library.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Amy McDonald at mcdonald@westernallegHENYlibrary.org or 724-695-8150 x6.



Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by making a tax-deductible donation during "Love Your Library" month! See our website under "Donate," or stop by the library to give in person. Own a business? Sponsorship opportunities are available—contact Amy at mcdonald@westernallegHENYlibrary.org for more information.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Do some shopping and support your library! Books, puzzles, and other items are available for purchase at our ongoing book sale located near the front desk. We are also accepting donations of books and other gently used materials; see page 2 of this newsletter for donation criteria. Interested in joining our Friends Group? Look for more information on our website under "Friends of the Library"!

Merchandise Sales

You can even help by purchasing Sarris candy bars, earbuds, flash drives, and more at the library front desk. Everything counts!

WHAT'S INSIDE:

Programs for All Ages
Special Events
"Love Your Library" Month

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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DONATE TODAY

All gifts to your local library made during September will be **MATCHED!**
Love YOUR Library and create a connection by making a gift today.
For more information call us or visit westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

Event Highlights

See details and sign up on our website.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, August 31

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Get rid of some old treasures and find some new ones at our huge Garage Sale to benefit the library! Donated items for the sale may be dropped off during open library hours Monday—Friday, August 26—30 only.

Please Note: We are not accepting donations of clothes, TVs, or computers; no hazardous materials or weapons; small furniture is ok. To volunteer to help out with the sale or for any questions, contact kdoddata@yahoo.com.

YOUR EVENT HERE!

Have a program idea? Want to sponsor an activity or event?

We are always looking for outside groups and volunteers to bring new programs to the library. Email aumanh@westernallegHENYlibrary.org to let us know you're interested!

WHO KNEW? PART 2: MORE ODD & CURIOUS PLACES

AROUND PITTSBURGH

Monday, October 7

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Interested in roaming around Pittsburgh in search of something new? Becky Carpenter is back with even more odd & curious places around Pittsburgh, including the Death Mask of Pretty Boy Floyd, a life-size knight in full armor in Uptown, the bison of South Park, the grave of P.T. Barnum's Illinois Giant Boy, and local UFO landing site! This presentation is designed for those who want to learn the backstories of these places and maybe go find them for themselves. Presenter Becky Carpenter will provide information about, pictures of, and directions to each unique location. Note: You don't need to have attended Part 1 to enjoy this event.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Saturday, November 9

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

A presenter from CCAC is coming to the library to provide an American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid certification class. This 4-hour class is for adults only age 18 & up and is offered at a special discounted price of \$30. Participants will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years. Must register and pay online; limited space.

LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE A Program for All Ages & Abilities

Mondays, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

September 23: Fall String Art

October 28: DIY Costume Accessories

November 25: DIY Holiday Gift

December 9: Gingerbread House Workshop

Wednesdays, 12:30—1:30 p.m.

September 18: Karaoke

October 23: BINGO

November 20: Thanksgiving Craft

Come join people from all walks of life for a series of interactive programs. See details on each week's theme and register online. A special program for all ages and abilities.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This holiday season - give the gift of life! Vitalant is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time. Appointments recommended! Check our website for details on donor eligibility and to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

Save the date for our fall **Friends Book Sale!**

Thursday—Saturday, October 31—November 2

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

(\$10 Early Bird fee* 9:00—10:00 a.m.)

Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

\$10 per bag or individually priced:

- ★ Fiction and Non-Fiction Books
- ★ Adult, Teen, and Children's Materials
- ★ Puzzles and Games
- ★ and more!

There will be a Teacher Preview night on October 30, 3:00—6:00 p.m. (must show educator ID). Sale accepts cash or credit.

Hosted by our Friends of the Library Group

*Early Bird Fee waived for Friends members. Interested in joining our Friends group and helping out with our book sales? Visit our website under "Friends of the Library" to learn more!

We are accepting donations!

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Donations may be dropped off inside the library during open hours. Please note we can NOT accept any of the following: VHS, cassettes, LPs, DVDs, CDs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, reference books, National Geographic, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines over two years old, or anything significantly damaged, soiled, or moldy. Thank you for your support!

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

CARD CLUB

2nd & 4th Mondays

4:15—5:30 p.m.

What's your game? Whether it's hearts, rummy, sevens, or anything else you can play with a deck of cards, come to our card club and deal away. We'll make sure you won't have to play "solitaire"! Note: No card club on Aug. 12, Oct. 14 & Dec. 23).

PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS STRATEGIES

Tuesday, August 27

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Explore practical Medicare prescription savings strategies designed to help you reduce healthcare expenses effectively. Learn valuable tips and insights to optimize your prescription drug coverage within Medicare, ensuring you receive the medications you need while minimizing out-of-pocket costs. Presented by Armor Financial.

YOU DID YOUR DNA... NOW WHAT?

Thursday, September 12

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Ever wonder where you came from? Did you get your DNA results, but don't know where to go from there? A local volunteer teacher who helps people with their genetic genealogy and history will present a basic class reviewing how to use your DNA results to grow your genetic tree.

HOW NOT TO BE A VICTIM

Monday, September 16

6:00—7:00 p.m.

This program empowers people to take a closer look at their lifestyles and become aware how they can lessen their chances of becoming a victim of crime. This instruction explores ways to keep safe at home, at work, while shopping, driving and many others. This is not a physical defense course, but rather a mental defense course, emphasizing awareness techniques.

HOW TO BECOME A REAL ESTATE AGENT

Tuesday, September 17

6:30—7:30 p.m.

So you're thinking of becoming a real estate agent? Join Sales Director Amanda Barbano and Top Agent Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Realty as we discuss the steps to becoming licensed and beginning a successful real estate career.

CURRENT FRAUDS & SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

Tuesday, September 24

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Scammers are constantly updating their tactics and getting more creative on who they target and how. The best way to stay safe is to stay informed! Educating us on what to look out for in 2024 will be Felicia Trovato, Outreach Specialist of the FBI, Pittsburgh Division. Time for Q&A will follow.

HOPE GROWS BACKYARD BASICS: GARDEN TOUR & COOKING CLASS

Monday, September 30

5:30—7:00 p.m.

Join us at Hope Grows in Moon Township for a garden tour followed by a unique cooking class using plants grown in their garden. Bring your taste buds and learn five ways to use herbs in your kitchen! Staff will demonstrate how to make compound butters, blended cold sauces, infused oils, herbal tea, muddled cocktails, and infused water. Participants will go home with herb butter & bread. For adults only age 21 & up. Must register online; limited space.

HONEYBEES & WHY WE NEED THEM

Saturday, October 19

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Honeybees are so much more than just so we can have something sweet to eat! They are crucial for our ecosystem and many of our food sources. Come learn from local beekeeper Hank "The Bee Guy" just how amazing bees are and how we can be more aware of their importance. Will include "The Hive," a short original documentary about Hank and his work with the bees!

ESTATE PLANNING 101

Tuesday, October 22

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Beginning with a foundation is the most important starting place for any plan, especially one so important. Michele Conti from Conti Law will be here to discuss the difference between a durable financial and springing power of attorney, hot powers, living will/advanced directive, and a DNR order. At the end of the evening, attendees will know difference between an "I love you" will and a will which allows for you to plan ahead in case your spouse requires long term care after your death.

TRAVEL TALKS

Monday, October 28

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Love to travel or looking to take the trip of a lifetime? Our own Nancy is coming to share her travels & pictures from her African Safari in Tanzania! Exotic animals, exciting places, and plenty of wild stories will be featured.

ADVANTAGES OF IN-HOME CARE

Tuesday, October 29

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Presenter Jeff Kosor of Senior Helpers of Southwest PA will be presenting this free informational event on the ins & outs of in-home care. Topics will include advantages with enabling a senior to Age in Place, as well as potential hazards of the senior aging in their home.

COOKING GLUTEN FREE

Tuesday, November 19

6:00—7:30 p.m.

November is Gluten Free Awareness Month. What better time to come to a fun and informative class all about gluten-free cooking? Our librarian Heather will share from her 23 years' experience on a GF diet and discuss the differences between celiac vs gluten intolerance vs allergy. She will share GF products on the market (the good, the bad, and the ugly!) , as well as her own custom flour substitute, favorite cookbooks, and recipe adaptations. There will also be a cooking demo and some free samples! Bring your questions for a Q&A afterward.

Middle Grade & Teen

Grades 6—12

VAN DE GRAAFF GENERATORS

Monday, September 9

6:00—7:00 p.m.

It's about to get electric with our friends from Covestro. The clearly-visible reaction of objects coming in contact with electricity makes this experiment a favorite for teens of all ages! For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN: DIP DAY

Monday, September 16

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen is perfect for aspiring teen chefs and foodies, as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. Get ready to team up and make a variety of dips to share! Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register teen online; limited space.

COLLEGE LEVEL

WRITING SKILLS

Monday, September 23

6:00—7:00 p.m.

This program will prepare you to start your freshman year of college with the skills needed to immediately write beyond high school expectations and at the college level. Elizabeth Shannon, former English teacher at WAHS, will teach the basic formula for successful writing in college from formulating an idea to your concluding sentence. Practice writing a thesis statement, developing quality paragraphs, and mastering the dreaded transitional sentence from thought to thought. For teens and new adults. Please register online; limited space.

STEP BY STEP PAINTING:

NIGHT OWL

Monday, October 7

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun night of painting as we make a night owl masterpiece! Try to match the original piece, or use some creative license and give it your own spin. We will be using Step-By-Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN:

PUMPKIN OREO BALLS

Monday, October 21

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen is perfect for aspiring teen chefs and foodies, as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. This month you will make festive pumpkin Oreo balls. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please register teen online; limited space.

MICHELANGELO PAINTING

FOR GRADES 6—12

Monday, November 4

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Calling all artists! You will be painting your very own artwork upside down just like Michelangelo! For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

PERLER BEADS FOR GRADES 6—12

Monday, November 11

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Fuse away with a perler bead creation! Follow along with a pattern or go freestyle. Each teen should have time to make one large design or two small designs. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

All Ages—Join Our Fall BINGO Reading Challenge!



Some of us can't wait for fall! And not just because of pumpkin spice lattes... the return of autumn also means the return of another **Reading Challenge!** Register now on Beanstack for our Fall Reading BINGO Challenge, which mixes it up with a fun BINGO-style reading grid. There's lots of **awesome autumn activities** and **reading tracking** for all ages, and you can complete rows to get even more tickets for a chance to win a whole new set of prizes. The Fall Reading Challenge will run September 1—November 27!

TEEN TEST KITCHEN: SPRING ROLLS

Monday, November 18

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen is perfect for aspiring teen chefs and foodies, as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. Join us for another fun, scrumptious, and educational class with Chef Sofya from Izabellas's Gourmet Chow, making spring rolls with a quick "trip" to China. Spring Rolls are mischievous at first in making but so fun and easy if learned with Chef Sofya. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

POLAROID ORNAMENT

FOR GRADES 6—12

Monday, November 25

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Shake it like a polaroid picture! Design and create your very own special picture ornament. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

Need Volunteer hours? We need Volunteers!

Are you in need of community service hours or just want to help out at the library? We are currently accepting Volunteer applications for Fall 2024 for teens ages 13-17. Applications received by September 13 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours starting in October; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application on our website under "Youth Services—Teen Volunteers" to get started!

Computer Classes

RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 20

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Are you new to the workforce and need help creating a résumé? Or are you back for a second career, and need to update your old one? This hands-on computer workshop will demonstrate the basics of using a template to create a résumé from scratch, as well as tips for editing and updating. Further individual assistance may be requested by appointment.

SELLING ONLINE

Tuesday, October 15

6:30—7:30 p.m.

In this class we will explore the various platforms for buying and selling online, including eBay, Craigslist, Facebook, and more. Learn about the buying and selling process, advantages and disadvantages, best practices, scams, and online safety.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays

1:00—3:00 p.m.

Western Allegheny Community Library's longest-standing book club for adults! Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's book choice and to register.

WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Each month, we'll reserve a copy of the book for you and make reservations at a local restaurant. All you have to do is show up, enjoy the deliciousness, and share your thoughts on the book. Please RSVP by the evening before so we can make accurate restaurant reservations. This is a 'Dutch Treat' event. See our website for each month's book and restaurant choice.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Join the Silent Book Club revolution, perfect for introverted readers and book vigilantes who don't like the rules of traditional book clubs! The rules of Silent Book Club are simple: No assigned reading, no homework, and no small talk required. Just show up at the library with whatever title you're currently enjoying, sit and read! You can share your thoughts or book recommendations after silent reading time (but you don't have to). Coffee and tea will be provided. Note: No book club in August.

Crafts & More

CRAFT NIGHTS

First Tuesdays

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Each month we'll provide all the supplies and know-how needed to create various simple and fun decorative craft projects. Please register for each craft night you plan to attend. For adults only age 18 & up.

CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, September 28

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Did you pick up a crafting hobby that is no longer interesting you? Want to try something new without the upfront cost? Then come to our craft swap! Donations will be accepted starting September 16, or bring them in the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate, but we will have a greater variety when more people participate! See our website for donation guidelines and ideas.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in anytime we're open 9 a.m.—8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

FALL FLOWER ARRANGING

Monday, October 21

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join Blooms N'at for a fun fall night at the library! Learn some tips and tricks as we create a beautiful autumn arrangement that you'll be able to take home and enjoy. For adults only age 18 & up. Must register online; limited space.



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TOUR-ED MINE & MUSEUM

Saturday, August 24

12:00—1:00 p.m.

Travel 1/2 mile down into Western PA's premier mine attraction! Experience what it was like to be a coal miner in the 1850s and today. Your guides are experienced coal miners who will treat you to an amazing, educational, history-rich and science-filled tour 160 feet below the earth's surface. Meets at 12 pm at the mine location: Route 28 Exit 14 Tarentum, PA. Cost is \$9; register online.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES PAST & PRESENT

Saturday, October 5

10:00—11:30 a.m.

Presenters Tom and Sue Taylor will give us a colorful picture of Native peoples past and present, including the diversity between different tribal groups, a woman's role in tribal life, role of the "chief," games, toys & musical instruments, and modern dance clothing of the people. They will also discuss the general area of Pittsburgh and what tribal groups were here. Will include an interactive demo of an authentic round dance of the Iroquois and a hands-on beadwork craft. Q&A will follow.

THE TOMB GUARD PRESENTATION

Wednesday, November 6

6:30—8:00 p.m.

This presentation by Dennis J. McMahon III, retired Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, will consist of a PowerPoint describing the history of the tomb at Arlington National Cemetery and explaining what it takes to become a Sentinel there.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 4—Nov. 27

Registration required; please visit our website to register.

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Birth—18 months

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Best for babies ages birth—18 months with a caregiver. Please register child online only once for the whole season. (No program October 30).

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then make a new friend in our Play Room and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years with a caregiver. Please register child online only once for the whole season by registering for either day. (No program September 3 & 17, October 15, 29, & 30, and November 19).

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 7

10:00—11:00 a.m. OR 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest-standing traditions! We'll provide the iced tea container base, and you provide a can of frosting and a cookie sheet or baking pan to build on. You'll also be asked to drop off a candy decoration to share prior to the program. For families of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register online only once for each person (child, teen, or adult) who would like to build their own gingerbread house; limited space.



Don't forget to register!
Registration is required for
all storytimes and events.

PLAY K

Thursdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

OR Fridays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Entering Kindergarteners

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2025. We'll support the development of kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, & self-help skills, and even play! Weekly attendance is encouraged. Please register child online only once for either the Thursday OR Friday sessions; limited space. No program Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY STORYTIME

Fridays, 10:30—11:15 a.m.

This dynamic and interactive experience is best for kiddos with sensory processing difficulties, autism, or other developmental differences. The design of the program allows children to participate at their own level with activities that strive to meet their sensory needs. Songs, movement, and stories will be followed by open exploration activities that promote socialization, motor skills, and more! Best for children requiring an inclusive storytime experience and their caregivers, but open to all children. Please register child online only once for the whole season; limited space.

Family Programs

STORY STROLLS

The Story Strolls at Clinton Park and Donaldson Park are a great way for your family to burn off some energy, get steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! The stories will change around the start of each month and are available for families to enjoy year-round on their own time (please note that Clinton Park is closed Nov. 1 - April 1). Read the story by strolling to the left from the cover page. Scan the QR Code at the end to share stats and feedback!

BARBIE PARTY

Saturday, September 21

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a story, dance party, and pictures with Barbie herself, then have fun playing together with dolls you bring from home or the limited number we have here. Best for Barbie fans of all ages that are able to play well with friends; children must attend with a caregiver. Please register child online; limited space.

THE CURSE OF FRANKENSCHNOZ

Saturday, October 19

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Frankenschnoz returns to the Youth Services Desk, and we need you to pick his nose! Like an old challenge on Double Dare, reach up in the monster's schnoz and dig around for a spooky surprise. One per child while supplies last. Please register online if you'd like an email reminder (does not guarantee a prize).

GIANT GAMES DAY

Saturday, November 16

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Board games are always fun, and they're even more fun when they're GIANT! Giant Uno, Giant Jenga, Giant Candy Land, and more! Our games will be set up for families of all ages to explore at their leisure. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online if you'd like an email reminder.

BOOKS & BUDDIES

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

September 5—November 21

Listen to a story and then do an activity with your preschool friends! For preschool-aged children with a caregiver. See details on each week's activity and register child online for each date you plan to attend; limited space. No program October 31.

September 5: Paper Plate Snails

September 12: DIY Sensory Bottle

September 19: Glow in the Dark Bowling

September 26: Fine Motor Day

October 3: Puffy Ghosts

October 10: Car Wash Obstacle Course

October 17: Fine Motor Day

October 24: Popsicle Stick Boats

November 7: Obstacle Course

November 14: Leaf Stamping

November 21: Dancing Popcorn

Grades K-2

ART CLUB: SALT PAINTING

Monday, September 9, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun craft! We will be designing and painting our very own salt paintings. For grades K-2.

MAD SCIENTISTS:

CAN YOU SAVE FRED?

Monday, September 16, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Can you save Fred? Work together as a team to rescue "Fred" from his capsized boat. For children in grades K-2.

MOVEMENT MAKERS:

OBSTACLE COURSE

Monday, September 23, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put on your sneakers and get ready to move! During this program, we'll be up and moving our bodies by doing fun and engaging movement activities ending with a group parachute time. This month's main activity will be an obstacle course! For grades K-2.

ART CLUB: MOSAIC PUMPKINS

Monday, October 7, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun fall craft! We will be designing and constructing a beautiful mosaic pumpkin. For grades K-2.

MAD SCIENTISTS:

POPSICLE STICK BOATS

Monday, October 21, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! We will be constructing a popsicle stick boat and then see if and how it floats and moves. For children in grades K-2.

ART CLUB: MICHELANGELO PAINTING

Monday, November 4, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun painting craft! We will be painting upside down just like Michelangelo! For grades K-2.

MAD SCIENTISTS: INSECTS IN AMBER

Monday, November 11, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! We will be making amber slime and seeing our "fossilized" insects. For grades K-2.

MOVEMENT MAKERS: DINOVENBER

Monday, November 18, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put on your sneakers and get ready to move! Let's celebrate Dinovember with a dinosaur themed extravaganza. From dinosaur yoga to the dinosaur stomp, it'll be a roaring good time! For children in grades K-2.

ART CLUB: POLAROID ORNAMENT

Monday, November 25, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

This program will be an instant hit! Design and create your very own special picture ornament. For children in grades K-2.

Grades 3-5

COOK A BOOK CLUB

Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

September 26, October 24, November 21

Read the book then get ready to cook! Some kitchen materials & staple ingredients will need to be provided from home. Recommended for kids without food allergies. For grades 3-5. See details on each month's book & food theme and register online.

Sept. 26: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory & My Favorite Sweet Shoppe

Oct. 24: Last Kids on Earth & Zombie Nachos

Nov. 21: Stef Soto, Taco Queen & Taco Dip

INTERNET SAFETY

Thursday, September 5, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

The world of internet safety continues to change with new technology, games, and apps. Children at younger ages are facing the challenges of safe conversations, who they're really talking to, and what they're sharing. Learn about this and more with Felicia Trovato of the Pittsburgh FBI Field Office. For kids in grades 3-5 with a caregiver.

DAD & ME HIGHLAND COW

PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, September 12, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Moove on over, Mom; it's Dad's turn to paint with the kids! Bring your favorite adult (doesn't have to be dad!) to create a pair of highland cow paintings to display at home. Design courtesy of Step by Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan. For kids in grades 3-5 with one adult; no additional attendees due to a full room.

PERLER BEAD PARTY

Thursday, September 19, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Fuse away the back-to-school blues with a perler bead creation! Follow along with a pattern or go freestyle. Each kid should have time to make one large design or two small designs. For kids in grades 3-5.

HARRY POTTER POTION MAKING

Thursday, October 3, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

There will be no foolish wand waving or incantations in this class! Young witches and wizards are invited to test their skills in creating a few consumable potions: Felix Felicis, Amortentia, and even a Polyjuice Potion. Recommended for wizardkind without food allergies. For kids in grades 3-5.

ROBOTHINK ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 10, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

RoboThink robotics building workshops are designed to provide hands-on experience in engineering and STEM concepts (structures, gears, sensors, electronics, etc.). Kids will build an Arduino-based robot following step-by-step instructions and continue their learning by improving, customizing, troubleshooting, and playing with their cool robotic designs. For kids in grades 3-5.

FALL FUN

Thursday, October 17, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Let's bug out about the fall season! This program is brought to us by the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, including hands-on activities and a take-home craft. For kids in grades 3-5.

MICHELANGELO PAINTING

Thursday, November 7, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Renaissance! Paint your very own artwork upside down just like the famous Sistine Chapel ceiling. For kids in grades 3-5.

SPHERO INDI ROBOT CHALLENGE

Thursday, November 14, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Calling all budding engineers! Create a path for the Sphero Indi robot to see how far it will travel in one run. The car-shaped Indi learning robot is designed to introduce kids to the fundamentals of computational thinking, STEAM, and computer science principles in a fun and exciting way. For grades 3-5.