

## Are you a “Friend” of the library?



### Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the

Library is an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. They raise money to help maintain the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and volunteer at events and fundraisers throughout the year. The Friends also help establish and grow community partnerships, operate regular book sales, and manage donated materials.

### How do I get involved?

Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? Why not become a Friend of the Library! Membership privileges include early entry to the book sale and discounted tickets to Fall for Your Library. Contact the Friends of the Library at [wacflfriends@gmail.com](mailto:wacflfriends@gmail.com), or visit the library website under “Friends of the Library” for more information and to apply.

## Spring Book Sale

May 1—3

Thursday, 9 am—10 am  
Early Bird (\$10 entry fee)

Thursday, 10 am—7 pm

Friday, 9 am—1 pm

Saturday, 9 am—1 pm

**\$10 per bag or individually priced**

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



Cash or Credit will be accepted. There will be a Teacher Preview night on Wednesday, April 30 from 3:00—6:00 p.m. (must show educator ID).

### 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 see our website under “Friends of the Library—Book Donations” for what is accepted. Thank you for your support!

## VITA Tax Service & the 2025 Tax Season

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will be at the library to complete Federal and PA state tax forms and PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate for seniors and qualified tax payers earning less than \$75,000. This service is free and by appointment only on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from February 3 to April 11. The library will begin scheduling appointments on January 14. Interested residents should call the front desk at 724-695-8150 option 1 to schedule. Space is limited so be sure to call early.

Standard Federal tax forms and instructions will be available at the library early February. Other Federal tax forms may be obtained from the IRS website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) or by calling 800-829-3676. State tax forms are no longer being distributed to libraries; they can be obtained from the PA Department of Revenue at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) or by calling 1-888-PATAXES or 1-717-787-8201.

## “Free for All: The Public Library”

### Film Screening

Saturday, March 1

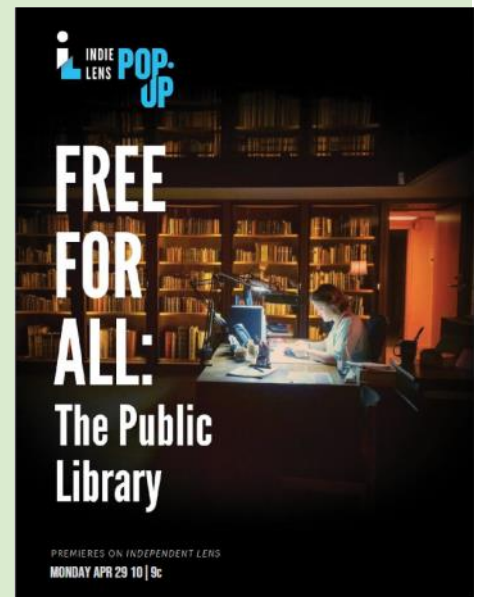
10:00—11:30 a.m.

The library will be hosting a preview screening of the documentary “Free for All: The Public Library” by Dawn Logsdon and Lucie Faulknor. This moving film will explore how public libraries shaped the country and continue to be a sanctuary for Americans everywhere.

From the pioneering women behind the “Free Library Movement” to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those

who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

Program provided courtesy of Indie Lens Pop-Up





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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

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## Library hours changing in 2025

We're excited to announce that the library will now be open on Sundays starting January 5! **Sunday hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

To make this new offering possible, **weekend hours on Friday and Saturday will also shift to 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** This adjustment allows us to better allocate resources and staffing across all seven days.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to enhance library services for the community.

**Please Note:** During the summer months, we will defer back to our summer schedule, and the library will remain closed on Sundays.

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

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### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Friday—Sunday: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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# Spring Reading Challenge

**March 1 - April 27, 2025**

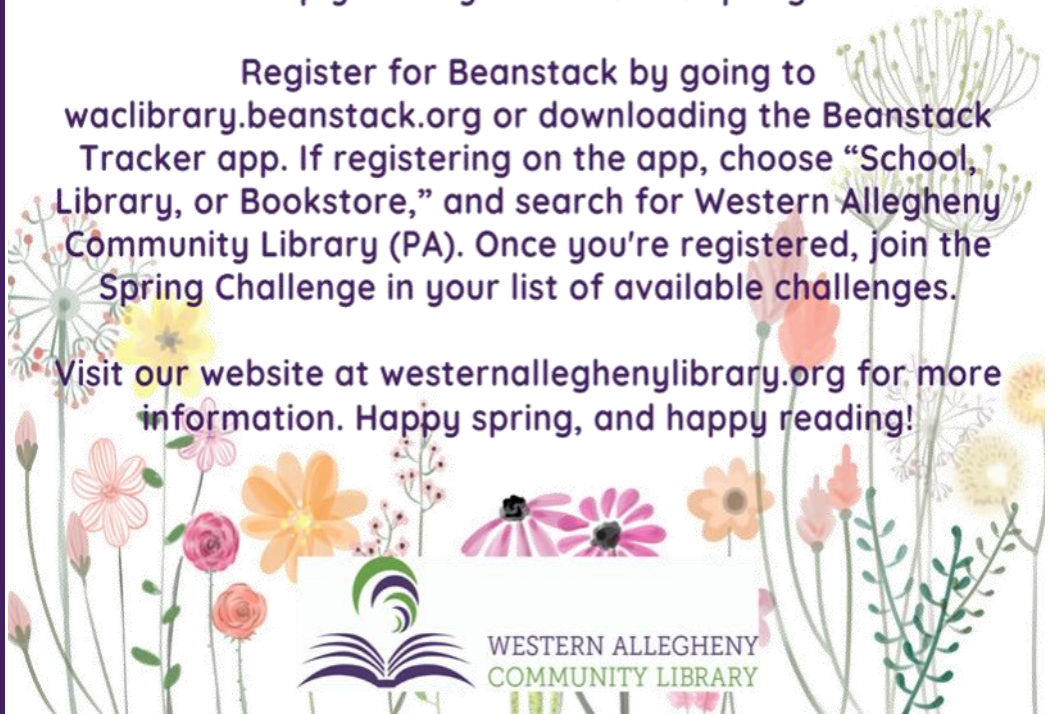
**Friends of the Library Book Sale May 1 - 3**

Join our Spring Reading Challenge sponsored by the Friends of the Library! This short & sweet challenge will run March 1 - April 27, ending just before the big Spring Book Sale...which isn't a coincidence, since prizes for this challenge are all book sale-related!

You could win a free bag of books, early entry to the sale, and more! Plus, there are a ton of fun activities to keep you busy as a bee this spring.

Register for Beanstack by going to [waclibrary.beanstack.org](http://waclibrary.beanstack.org) or downloading the Beanstack Tracker app. If registering on the app, choose "School, Library, or Bookstore," and search for Western Allegheny Community Library (PA). Once you're registered, join the Spring Challenge in your list of available challenges.

Visit our website at [westernalleghenylibrary.org](http://westernalleghenylibrary.org) for more information. Happy spring, and happy reading!



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# Adult Programs

Please register online for all events.

## GARDEN CLUB

**Mondays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.**

**February 3, March 3, April 7, May 12**

Join our Garden Club and help transform the library's outdoor spaces! Attendees will design and landscape the garden areas, add seasonal accents, and keep everything looking fresh and vibrant. Come get your hands in the dirt, share gardening tips, and make our library bloom! Register online for each date you wish to attend.

## CARD CLUB

**2nd & 4th Mondays, 3:00—5:00 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 program on May 26.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**2nd Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Challenge your brain! Knowledge, fun, and friendly competition come together. The theme will change each month. Play trivia in teams of no more than five people. Check for each month's trivia topic and register online.

## ENGLISH CHAT CAFÉ

**3rd Thursdays, 2:00—3:00 p.m.**

Join us for English Chat Café, an informal ESL Conversation Group where English language learners can practice speaking in a relaxed, friendly environment over coffee and tea. Connect with others, share stories, and build confidence in conversational English. All language levels are welcome!

## YOU DID YOUR DNA...NOW WHAT?

**Wednesday, March 5, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

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.

## BOARD GAME NIGHT

**Thursday, March 6, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Ready, set, roll the dice! Or deal the card! Or DON'T be sorry! Enjoy sharing your strategy, skill, and luck with others by choosing a game from our collection to play together. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## WINE & DESSERT PAIRING

**Thursday, March 13, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Cheers to this popular program! Four Twelve Winery and L&K Bundt Shop are back once again pairing five wines with five desserts for this delicious program. The cost is just \$20 per person, so space will fill quickly! For adults 21 & up only. Register & pay online.

## TRAVELING TO DISNEY WORLD

**Tuesday, March 18**

**4:30—5:30 p.m.**

Heigh-Ho! Heigh-Ho! It's off to Disney we go! Lisa Rippole from Rippole Premier Travel will share the ins and outs of the Magic Kingdom to help make your vacation truly magical. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## DIABETES MANAGEMENT

**Tuesday, March 18**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

This presentation discusses the basics of diabetes, current statistics, risk factors, and ways to effectively manage the disease. Management techniques include healthy eating habits, medication adherence, physical activity, and smoking cessation. Presented by AmeriHealth Caritas PA.

## DISNEY-INSPIRED CULINARY DELIGHTS

**Thursday, March 20**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

At Disney, food isn't only about eating. It's about the immersion, entertainment, and storytelling. We will be creating three of the iconic culinary treats from the park: Frozen Pineapple Treat inspired by Dole Whip, Pop Art Cookies, and No Bake Granola Treats. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## HISTORY OF SARRIS CANDIES

**Tuesday, March 25, 4:30—5:30 p.m.**

If you live in Pittsburgh, you know about Sarris Candies. Learn about the sweet history of Sarris from one of their representatives and sample their chocolates. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY TO HER DREAM

**Thursday, March 27, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Sometimes we all need a reminder that anything is possible when everything is against us. Bernadette Bellas will share her inspirational story about creating her dream business, Bella's Wishes in Ambridge, and her personal journey with cancer. Join us to hear this remarkable woman's story. For adults only, age 18 & up. Register online.

## STRUMMING WITH STEEL CITY UKULELES

**Thursday, April 10, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Strumming, humming, and good vibes make for a fun evening! In the first half of the program, learn how to play the ukulele with instruments provided by the presenters (or bring your own). In the second half, the Steel City Ukuleles will perform! For adults only, age 18 & up. Register online; limited space.

## JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

This ain't yo mama's calm puzzle building! 10 teams will race to see who can finish a puzzle first. Register once as a team of up to four people. (Have fewer in your group? Register anyway, and let us know if you're willing to add someone to your team or be added to another team.). For teens and adults, age 16 & up.

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Can you really live without cable? You can... and maybe you should! Learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials.

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## Storytimes

Programs run January 8—April 24

### 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 for the winter until April 1).

### SNOWFLAKE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Saturday, January 25**

**9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Come in from the cold and help search for all the snowflakes that snuck in with you! Grab a map at the Youth Service Desk, and find all the snowflakes around the library to win a prize. The scavenger hunt will be up during open hours with prizes while supplies last. For families of all ages. Please register online if you'd like an email reminder; registration does not guarantee a prize.

### FAMILY KINDNESS STATIONS

**Saturday, February 22**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

At your own pace, explore a variety of different social/emotional crafts, activities, and handouts with your family. From how to take care of a pet or plant, celebrating each other for your unique abilities, how to be a good friend and neighbor, to kindness Bingo. A WQED Inquire Within program. For families of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online; limited space.

### LIFE SIZE ANGRY BIRDS

**Saturday, March 22**

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Practice your aim because you will be throwing dodgeballs to destroy the piggies and their fortresses in this life-sized Angry Birds game. Drop in anytime 10:00 a.m.—noon. For families of all ages. Please register online if you'd like an email reminder.

### SENSORY-FRIENDLY STORYTIME

**Fridays, 9:30—10:15 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. Register child online only once for the whole season; limited space. No program on March 13.

### LITTLES STORYTIME

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

**10:30—11:00 a.m.**

**18 months—5 years**

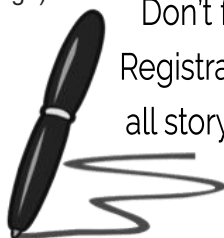
Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then make a new friend in our Play Room, and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months-5 years with a caregiver. Please register child online only once for the whole season by registering for either day. No program on January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22 & 23.

### PLANT A TREE

**Saturday, April 19**

**9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

WACL is partnering with Neighborhood Forest to provide free trees for kids to plant during Earth Week. More information will be available closer to the program date. Please register each child online that would like a tree to take home to plant; last day to register is Friday, March 14 (subject to change).



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

### 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 on April 23.

### BOOKS & BUDDIES

**Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Listen to a story, then do an activity with your preschool friends! Every week is a different activity. For preschool aged children with a caregiver. Please register child online for each individual session; limited space. No program on March 13.  
January 9: Marshmallow Snowmen  
January 16: Fake Snow  
January 23: Obstacle Course  
January 30: Fine Motor Day  
February 6: Snow Storm in a Jar  
February 13: Love Monsters  
February 20: Fine Motor Day  
February 27: Balloon Tennis  
March 6: Shamrock Wand  
March 20: Magic Leprechaun Rocks  
March 27: Gross Motor Stations  
April 3: Skittles Rainbow  
April 10: Earth Day Painting  
April 17: Puddle Jumping  
April 24: Fine Motor Day

## Have you joined our latest **Reading Challenge?**

Register now on Beanstack for our Spring Reading Challenge! All ages can complete fun spring activities and reading tracking for a chance to win book sale-related prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Spring Reading Challenge will run March 1 - April 27, 2025. Download the Beanstack app or visit [waclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](http://waclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365) to get started.

## MACROINVERTEBRATES

Thursday, April 10

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Get messy looking for macroinvertebrates! Learn about different macroinvertebrates that can be found in our waterways by using hand lenses, tweezers, plastic bins, and identification keys to search through mesh bags full of leaf litter from various bodies of water around Raccoon Creek State Park. This program takes place AT THE LIBRARY. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PRACTICE NIGHT

Tuesday, April 1 OR Wed., April 2

5:00—6:00 p.m.

West Allegheny School District Battle of the Books teams are encouraged to register for a BotB Practice Night to test their skills before the big event. Team Manager or another adult representative MUST attend. The same questions will be asked both nights. Please register your team online for only one session (unless the whole team is unable to attend the same night); limited space.

## School Age Grades K—2

### MAD SCIENTISTS: STEM STATIONS

Monday, January 6, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Work it out with these Wombats and work on your computational thinking skills such as sorting, shape recognition, design thinking, and cause and effect. A WQED Inquire Within program. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### ART CLUB: STAINED GLASS

Monday, January 27, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun craft! Design and construct your own stained glass creation. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### MAD SCIENTISTS: VALENSLIME

Monday, February 10, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Get ready to get messy with festive Valenslime. Create your own slime with some very lovely mix-ins. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### ART CLUB: BAG LUMINARIES

Monday, February 17, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun craft! Design and construct your own bag luminary. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### MOVEMENT MAKERS: GAMES

Monday, February 24, 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 different movement games! For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### ART CLUB: JEWELLED BUGS

Monday, March 3

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun craft! Design and decorate your own special jeweled bugs. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### MAGIC LEPRECHAUN ROCKS

Monday, March 17

4:30—5:15 p.m.

The tricky leprechauns stopped at the library and left mysterious rocks all around. You will have to find them and clean them with a special cleaner to see what they reveal! For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### LIFE SIZE ANGRY BIRDS FOR GRADES K—2

Monday, March 24

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go birds! It's time to get your eggs back from the piggies! You'll be throwing dodgeballs to destroy the piggies and their fortresses in this life-sized Angry Birds game. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### MOVEMENT MAKERS: MOVEMENT STATIONS

Monday, March 31

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. This month's main activity will be different movement stations! For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### ART CLUB: BEAN MOSAICS

Monday, April 7, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display and create a fun craft! Design and create your own mosaic masterpiece using a variety of different colored beans. For children in grades K-2. Please register child online; limited space.

### MAD SCIENTISTS: EXPLORING SOUND WAVES

Monday, April 21, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Are you ready to ride the wave? The sound wave!? It's time to explore sound with help from WAHS student Amanda. For children in grades K-2. Register online; limited space.

## Need Volunteer hours? We need Volunteens!

Need volunteer hours or just want to help out at the library? We are currently accepting Volunteen applications for Winter/Spring 2025 for teens ages 13-17. Applications received by Jan 24 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours starting in February; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application online. Questions? Contact Lexi at

mulvihilla2@westernallegHENYlibrary.org

## CURRENT FRAUDS & SCAMS

Tuesday, April 15

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 2025 will be Felicia Trovato, Outreach Specialist of the FBI, Pittsburgh Division. Time for Q&A will follow, so bring your Q's!

## IDENTITY THEFT: WHAT EVERY CONSUMER SHOULD KNOW

Presented by the Office of the Attorney General

Tuesday, April 22

4:30—5:30 p.m.

Each year, more than 10 million Americans have their personal information — including name, social security number, bank account, or credit card number — stolen. This presentation is designed to raise awareness of identity theft tactics, steps to take to protect your identity and personal information, and information on reporting identity theft. Presented by the Office of the Attorney General. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## WHO KNEW PART 3: EVEN MORE ODD & CURIOUS PLACES AROUND PGH

Monday, April 28

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 underground lifeguard portholes in Cameron, Aluminum City houses in New Kensington, the Hyde Park pedestrian suspension bridge, the Christmas trees of Polish Hill, and the Pittsburgh Natatorium! 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 the previous presentations to enjoy this additional event.

## LIBRARY OF THINGS PETTING ZOO

Tuesday, April 29

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you checked out our Library of Things? From tech to outdoor games to tools, there's something for everyone in this growing collection! Come see the latest & greatest we have available for 2025. After a short demo of each item, attendees will have the opportunity to try them out for themselves, and even check some out to take home.

## “MATTER OF MIND: MY ALZHEIMER’S”

FILM SCREENING

Thursday, May 8

6:00—7:30 p.m.

The library will be hosting a screening of the documentary "Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's" directed by Anna Moot-Levin and Laura Green. This film will share how Alzheimer's disease transforms the lives of three families who confront the challenges of becoming primary caregivers. Program provided courtesy of Indie Lens Pop-Up.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 10

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

This spring - give the gift of life! Vitalant is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Appointments recommended! Check our website for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

## SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Monday, May 12

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Suicide can be prevented. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide. Participants will learn the common risk factors, how to spot warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and those in our community safe. Presented by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and sponsored by North Fayette Police Department.

Need tech help? Ask for a one-on-one

## Tech Tutoring

appointment with a librarian!

## EVENING TEA PARTY

Thursday, May 15, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Bring your childhood memories of tea parties to life by enjoying some tasty teas and creating delicate finger sandwiches. Tea generously provided by The Velvet Terrace. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## 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. Note: Will meet 2nd Wednesday in January.

### WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB

2nd Wednesdays

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Each 2nd Wednesday of the 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.

### REAL READS: NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

2nd Thursdays, 4:00—5:30 p.m.

Join our Non-Fiction Book Club to explore thought-provoking books that spark conversation and broaden perspectives. Each month, we dive into a new title covering a variety of topics—from history and science to memoirs and current events. Share your insights, challenge your thinking, and connect with others who love to read and learn!

# Crafts & More

## CRAFT NIGHT

**1st Tuesdays**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

On craft night, your creativity can run wild! Each month we'll provide all the supplies & know-how needed to create various simple & fun decorative craft projects. For adults only, age 18 & up. See our website for each month's craft and register for each one you wish to attend.

## CRAFTERNOON

**3rd Wednesdays**

**11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Can't make it to our Craft Night? Try Crafternoon! The same craft will be provided at Crafternoon and Craft Night each month. All materials will be provided, but you need to bring the creativity! See our website for each month's craft and register for each one you wish to attend.

## SCRAP HAPPY COLLECTIVE

**Wednesdays**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23**

Love to scrapbook your family memories or looking to get started? Bring your scrapbook supplies or share ours, and enjoy an hour of scrapbooking and socialization. Please register online once for the whole season.

## FELTING CLASS

**Tuesday, March 11**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Ever want to try needle felting? We've got a great craft night to get you started. Join us and make a felted mushroom for spring! For adults age 18 & up only.

## PAINT NIGHT: IN THE RAIN

**Thursday, April 3**

**5:30—7:30 p.m.**

Many of us aspire to be a great painter, but skilled or not - let's paint together! This month's painting is In the Rain. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

## CRAFT SWAP

**Saturday, April 12**

**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 April 1, 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.

## HOOKEK ON CROCHET

**Thursday, April 17 & 24**

**5:00—7:00 p.m.**

Whether you're a beginner or already have experience crocheting, you'll be hooked from the first stitch! Bonnie Bitner Lepro will teach basic stitches advancing to creating a headwrap. All materials will be provided. For adults only, age 18 & up. MUST be able to attend BOTH days. Register online.

## Middle Grade & Teen

**Grades 6—12**

## NORTHERN LIGHTS CHALK PASTEL

**Monday, January 6**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Come have an "aurora" good time with this Northern Lights Chalk Pastel art program. Using your artistic abilities, follow step by step or freestyle your own creation. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## INTERNET SAFETY WITH PITTSBURGH FBI FIELD OFFICE

**Monday, January 27**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

The world of internet safety continues to change with new technology, games, and apps. Teens 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 teens in grades 6-12, caregivers are also encouraged to attend. Register teen online; limited space.

## CAREERLINK FOR TEENS

**Monday, February 10, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Christopher Upchurch from Pennsylvania CareerLink - Pittsburgh is here to give an introduction to the resources available to you from your local CareerLink office. A great information session for anyone looking to prepare for entering the workforce or curious about apprenticeships and career exploration. This will also include an open Q&A session and resume best practice overview. For teens and new adults. Please register online; limited space.

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Get ready to get messy with this festive Valenslime! Create your own slime with some very lovely mix-ins. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## HEART STRING ART

**Monday, February 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that combines the warmth of handmade art with the spirit of Valentine's Day with this yarn heart art! For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: RAINBOW BANILLA BITES

**Monday, March 3, 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 Rainbow Banilla Bites. Recommended for teens without food allergies. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## TEEN TEST KITCHEN: CAPRESE LADYBUGS

**Monday, April 7, 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 Caprese "Ladybugs." Recommended for teens without food allergies. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## **BIRD FEEDERS**

**Monday, April 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

You won't be able to stop "raven" about your new bird feeder! Build and decorate your own bird feeder. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## **YARN PICTURE ART**

**Monday, March 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Don't string me along; tell me what beautiful yarn picture you are going to make! You will have the opportunity to create a unique masterpiece using yarn as your medium. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## **LIFE SIZE ANGRY BIRDS FOR TEENS**

**Monday, March 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Take a trip to Piggy Island for this life size Angry Birds where no slingshot is required! You'll be throwing dodgeballs to destroy the piggies and their fortresses. For grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

## **DIAMOND ART**

**Monday, March 31, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Shine bright like a diamond! You'll be creating your own diamond art landscape picture for your wall at home. For teens in grades 6-12. Please register teen online; limited space.

# **School Age**

**Grades 3—5**

## **COOK A BOOK CLUB**

**Thursdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Read the book then get ready to cook! Some kitchen materials and staple ingredients will need to be provided from home. Adults are welcome to participate as needed with their child during the cooking portion of the program and wait in the café during the discussion. Recommended for kids without food allergies. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online for each session; limited space.  
January 30: *Dog Man* & *Puppy Chow*  
February 27: *The One and Only Ivan* and *Banana Sushi*  
March 20: *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* and *Unicorn Fudge*  
April 24: *Stick Dog* and *Burger Cookies*

## **BOOT CAMP WITH JROTC**

**Thursday, January 9**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Ten-hut! JROTC staff and cadets from WASD will lead kids through a mini boot camp challenge that will test their physical and mental strength. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **TECH & ROBOT TEST RUN**

**Thursday, January 16**

**5:00—6:30 p.m.**

From beebots to botley, little bits to snap circuits! Test your tech skills and learn how to use something new by going from station to station exploring a variety of tech and robots. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **DIY PUZZLES**

**Thursday, January 23**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

This program is a perfect fit! Design and color your own puzzle artwork then take it home to challenge your family. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE WORKSHOP**

**With Carnegie Mellon University's Girls of Steel Robotics**

**Thursday, February 6**

**5:00—6:30 p.m.**

FIRST® LEGO® League workshops are designed to support kids in sharpening their critical thinking, creativity, coding, and robotics skills. Kids will understand the basics of STEM and apply their skills in an exciting challenge while building habits of learning, confidence, and teamwork skills along the way! Presented by Carnegie Mellon University's Girls of Steel Robotics. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space

## **VALENSLIME FOR GRADES 3—5**

**Thursday, February 13**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Happy ValenSLIME's Day! Whether you celebrate or not, make a slime you'll absolutely love. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **WINTER WEATHER WITH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PITTSBURGH**

**Thursday, February 20**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Brr! Learn about winter weather and how to stay safe during it with some help from our friends from National Weather Service Pittsburgh. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **FINGERKNIT BUNNIES**

**Thursday, March 6**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Spring is hopping into view! Make your own fingerknit bunny to get ready for the season change. For patient crafters in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **RAINBOW CONNECTIONS WITH ALCOSAN**

**Thursday, March 13**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection! Explore how light refracts when it passes through water droplets and demonstrate a rainbow through capillary action. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.

## **LIFE SIZE ANGRY BIRDS FOR GRADES 3—5**

**Thursday, March 27**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Angry? Aim. Fire! No slingshot required for this life size Angry Birds where you'll be throwing dodgeballs to destroy the piggies and their fortresses. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register online; limited space.

## **FROM SEED TO TREE WITH TREE PITTSBURGH**

**Thursday, April 3, 5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Have you ever grown a flower or vegetable from seed? How about a tree? Discover the fascinating shapes, textures, and diversity of tree seeds. Learn how to identify a tree simply by its seed, fruit, or nut. Receive a seed from a Kentucky coffee tree, prepare it, and plant it to take home. For kids in grades 3-5. Please register child online; limited space.