



Fall for Your Library

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Fall for Your Library is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier food & beverage tasting event, featuring special food & wine/beer pairings, games, auctions, and music. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 14, 6:00—10:00 p.m. at Celebrations, which is located at 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA. Tickets will be available for purchase online or at the library.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact KC at rovenskykc@westernallegHENYlibrary.org, or 724-695-8150 x5.

Tech Talk: Yes, there's an **App** for that!

The **Allegheny County Libraries App**, available free for Android or iOS, is one-stop-shopping for all the library has to offer. Check your account, request an item, and so much more—all with an easy tap on your mobile device!

- ★ Access your current checkouts, holds, and reading history
- ★ Search the catalog and request items
- ★ Find links to popular resources, including eBooks and databases
- ★ Show your digital library card at checkout
- ★ Link a child or other family card for convenient access to multiple accounts
- ★ See local library information and events



Search for "**Allegheny County Libraries**" in your Apple iOS or Google Play store, or visit our website to get started today!

Need a good gift idea? **Give the gift of reading!**



Need a graduation gift? Stuck on the perfect present for Mother's or Father's Day? Give the Gift of Reading!

Gift of Reading is a lasting way to remember a loved one, celebrate the accomplishment of

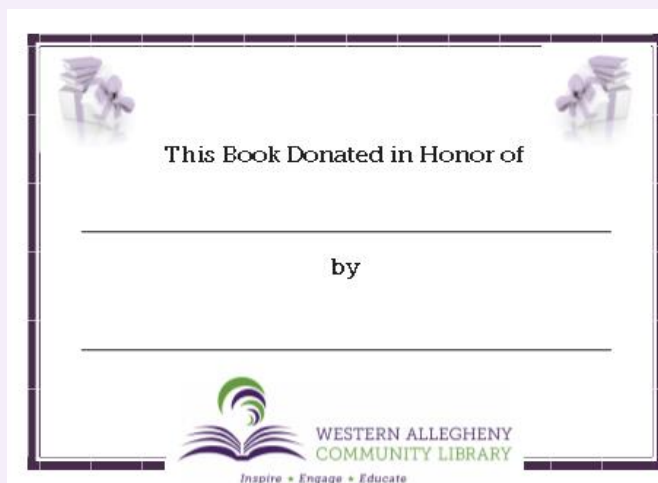
someone special, or just to acknowledge a friend's passion for reading.

With a tax-deductible contribution of \$25, you may choose a **Tribute** gift book, an **Honor** gift book, or a **Memorial** gift book. Additionally, you may indicate an age level and area of interest for the item. The library will then select the actual title to be purchased according to our Collection Development Policy.

Once the completed form and payment are received, we will purchase the book and insert a **personalized**

bookplate, and it will become part of our circulating collection. We will then notify the honoree (or next of kin) of your gift and invite them to be first to check the item out, or you can if you so request.

You can find **Gift of Reading** forms at the Front Desk or on our website under "Get Involved." Ask any of our staff for more information. The library and all our readers thank you for your generous gift of reading!





WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

Summer 2024

A Publication of Western Allegheny Community Library



Want the latest
**Library
news?**

Our **newsletters** are great, but if you aren't getting our **emails**, you're missing out! Here are just some of the things that will hit your inbox:

- Announcements (like closings)
- New programs & special events
- Reading ideas, and more!

We promise not to inundate you with emails—we only send a couple a week! You can also pick which topics you're interested in and opt out of others.

To sign up, go to our website and scroll down to the sign-up box underneath "**Library News.**" And be sure to add our email address (westallegHENY@westallegHENYlibrary.org) to your safe senders so we won't land in spam!

Summer Reading returns @ the Library!

Join us in our summer-long celebration with a special "**Adventure Begins at Your Library**" theme. Take a look through this newsletter

for all the programs we have planned for all ages, plus how to track your reading & activities on Beanstack for a chance to win great prizes!

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION



SATURDAY, MAY 18

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the event calendar on our website, a new youth services program will open for registration every 15 minutes throughout the day to help give more community members a chance to register for programs. Adult events will all open at 9:00 a.m. on May 18.

Take a look through this newsletter for your preview of programs so you're ready for registration day. And don't be afraid of the waitlist; people cancel all the time!

Please thoroughly read all programming descriptions for age/grade ranges, occasional location changes, and other information.



WHAT'S INSIDE:

Programs for All Ages
Summer Reading Challenge
Special Events & Fundraisers
Tech Talk

LIBRARY HOURS:

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

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Program Highlights

Please register online for all programs.

BOARD GAME SWAP

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Have the kids outgrown the preschool games and you're looking to age up? Or can you just not stand to play that old family favorite one more time? You're in luck! Similar to our popular puzzle exchange, we're having our very first board game exchange. Bring one or more games in good condition and swap with some from our stash. Drop in any time 9 am - 8 pm to make your trade, and you'll be all set to play the summer away!

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, June 19

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 any time 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

ADULT SELF-DEFENSE WITH ALERT 360

Saturdays, June 8 & 15

12:30—2:30 p.m.

Are you interested in learning self-defense? Join us for the first tier of Alert 360! Participants in this two-day course will learn practical hand to hand combat training that takes the ideas and uses of traditional self-defense to a new level. In this class taught by a former US Army Special Forces Operator, you'll learn not only how to protect yourself, but also how to become connected to situational awareness and set your mindset to never be a victim. For adults aged 18 and older only; must be able to attend both days.

LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



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Come join people from all walks of life for a series of interactive programs. LAFE Is a special program for all ages and abilities.

LAFE: SENDING SUNSHINE

Monday, June 10, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Spread some warmth this summer with our "Sending Sunshine" program! Create heartfelt cards for residents at Tapestry Senior Living, and know that Citizen Care volunteers will deliver them alongside flowers, brightening their day. Join us in making a difference and spreading joy to those in need of a little sunshine. Plus, follow us on Facebook to see the impact of your kindness!

LAFE: BEACH BINGO BONANZA

Thursday, July 25, 12:30—2:00 p.m.

Get ready for some summer fun with "Beach Bingo Bonanza"! Join us for a thrilling game of Bingo with a sunny twist. Dive into the excitement and enjoy refreshing treats while you play. Don't miss out on the chance to win prizes and soak up the summer vibes with us!

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.

Check out an experience with our **Experience Passes!**

Have you checked out an EXPERIENCE?

Thanks to partnerships with Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and Heinz History Center Affiliates, we have been lending special experience passes for free admission to local attractions and museums. Check out our lineup—some are returning, and some are new for 2024!

Please Note: Experience passes are available on a first come, first served basis and check out for ONE week, NO renewals. Call the library or check the online catalog for availability and enjoy your adventures in the library—and beyond!

- ★ Heinz History Center (includes Fort Pitt Museum & Meadowcroft Rock Shelter)
- ★ Mattress Factory Museum
- ★ Pittsburgh Botanic Garden

New Passes Available June 1:

- ★ Braddock Battlefield
- ★ Depreciation Lands Museum
- ★ Fort Ligonier
- ★ Historic Fort Steuben
- ★ PA Trolley Museum



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TOUR-ED MINE & MUSEUM

Saturday, August 24

12:00—1:00 p.m.

Discover the rich coal mining heritage on a thrilling underground adventure. Travel 1/2 mile down into Western Pennsylvania'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. It's the "Coolest" Pittsburgh attraction! Meets at 12 pm at the mine location: Route 28 Exit 14 Tarentum, PA. Cost of tour is \$9. Hosted by the Western Allegheny Historical Society.

Tech Classes

MANAGING AN UNRULY INBOX

Thursday, June 13, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Email has become an essential part of daily communication, but, just like that junk drawer in the kitchen, it can get out of control if we don't manage those incoming messages well. This live webinar will cover the basic tools and practices for helping you keep your inbox organized and clutter-free. Presented by Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

YOU'LL LOVE LIBBY

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Summer's finally here, and you need something to read on the plane, at the beach, while waiting in line at the amusement park... Good news - the library offers over 100,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere with never any late fees! Bring in your eReader, tablet, smartphone, or other device and learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines through Libby, then bring your library along wherever your summer adventures take you. Can't make the program? Stop by the library or call for a one-on-one appointment!

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATE CHATGPT INTO YOUR WRITING

Tuesday, June 25

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Interested in using ChatGPT to boost your creativity and productivity? This workshop will equip you with a process to do just that, whether you have some experience using ChatGPT or you're a complete newbie! Prior to attending the program, please visit chat.openai.com and set up a free ChatGPT account. Additionally, you will use ChatGPT during the workshop, so be sure to bring a laptop, tablet, or smartphone. If you need to borrow a laptop from the library, please be sure to select that option when registering. Laptops will be available for use on a first come, first serve basis. Presented by Kathy Serenko of Create-a-Buzz.

HOOPLA ABOUT HOOPLA

Tuesday, July 16

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Have you heard all the hoopla about Hoopla? It offers free streaming movies and TV shows, music, and more – all FREE through your library! All titles are always available – no holds, no waiting! Bring your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or other mobile device and we'll get you started with this awesome library service. Can't make the program? Stop by the library or call for a one-on-one appointment!

PLANNING WITH GOOGLE CALENDAR

Thursday, July 18

6:00—7:00 p.m.

To solve the problem of keeping yourself on schedule, Google Calendar assists in managing all these obligations to keep everyone on the same page and provide for easier future planning. In this webinar, we will be discussing tips and tricks to using a calendar website effectively, the process for creating events on Google Calendar, and how to collaborate with others to keep your calendar up to date. Presented by Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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.

Crafts & More

CRAFT NIGHTS

First Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

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

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 new card club and deal away. We'll make sure you won't have to play "solitaire"!

FLOWER ARRANGING WITH BLOOMS N'AT

Thursday, June 20

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join Blooms N'at for a fun summer night at the library! Learn some tips and tricks for creating a beautiful flower arrangement that you'll be able to take home and enjoy.

FELTING CLASS

Wednesday, August 14

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Ever want to try needle felting? We've got a great craft night to get you started! Join us as we make a felted wool cardinal. Must register; limited space. For adults age 18 & up only.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

Health & Wellness

BALANCE BASICS

Tuesday, June 11

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Come join local physical therapist Matt Graham from NovaCare Rehabilitation in Imperial to learn about balance and what you can do at home to improve your balance! A Q&A session will follow if you have any other questions.

SWITCHING TO A NONTOXIC LIFESTYLE

Saturday, June 22

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Are you ready to take charge of your health and create a toxin-free environment for you and your family? In this transformative class, you will understand the harmful effects of common toxins found in everyday products, plus discover how pure and potent essential oils can be used to create toxin-free alternatives for personal care, cleaning, and more. At the conclusion of the class, attendees will participate in a DIY where you'll create your own customized toxin-free product. Limited spots available, so register today and learn how to embrace a more natural and sustainable way of life.

NEUROPATHY SEMINAR WITH HOMETOWN SPINE & SPORT

Monday, July 1

12:30—1:00 p.m.

Do you have numbness, tingling, burning, dull, sharp, stabbing, or pins & needles-like pain in your hands or feet? Over 20 million Americans suffer from neuropathy everyday. Our natural reversal protocol is designed to help neuropathy sufferers without drugs, medications, or surgeries. Come to this seminar to learn about how neuropathy can be treated and managed naturally. Presented by Hometown Spine & Sport.

LVST BIG: THERAPY FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Tuesday, July 9

1:00—2:00 p.m.

Come meet Matt Graham, Physical Therapist from NovaCare Rehabilitation in Imperial and learn about LSVT BIG, a national research-based whole body exercise program specifically designed to help people with Parkinson's Disease. Matt will be on hand to discuss the benefits of the program and how it can help you, as well as answer any of your other questions.

KEEP YOUR SKIN GLOWING ALL SUMMER

Saturday, July 20

10:00—11:00 a.m.

In this comprehensive class, you'll discover the essential skincare products and routines to keep your skin glowing and healthy throughout the summer months. You'll also learn about the crucial relationship between skincare and collagen production. Whether you're seeking to prevent premature aging, minimize fine lines and wrinkles, or enhance skin firmness and elasticity, this class offers valuable insights and strategies to optimize your skincare regimen for maximum collagen support. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the secret to radiant, youthful skin from the inside out!

KEEP YOUR FAMILY HEALTHY THIS SCHOOL YEAR

Saturday, August 17

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Prepare your family for the back-to-school season with this informative class on harnessing the power of essential oils to combat germs and support immune health. With the hustle and bustle of school routines, it's essential to have natural solutions on hand to help fend off common illnesses and keep everyone feeling their best. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools needed to fortify your family's defenses against back-to-school germs naturally.

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.

WE BE BOOK'N

1st Wednesdays

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Each 1st 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.

NEW 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 & tea will be provided.

Summer Reading is for ADULTS too! See page 9 for how to track your summer reading & activities to win prizes with Beanstack.

SUPPORTING BACKYARD POLLINATOR HABITATS

Tuesday, June 18

6:00—7:00 p.m.

It's National Pollinator Week! If you're concerned about pollinators – and who shouldn't be?! – one of the best and easiest actions you can take to assist them is to provide a space for them in your own garden. Join us as Pittsburgh Botanic Garden's Education & Exhibits Director, Dr. Mark Miller, examines the essential elements and features that pollinators need to not only survive but thrive. Plants that grow well in western PA and provide food, shelter, and/or egg-laying for pollinators will be featured.

WHO KNEW? ODD & CURIOUS PLACES AROUND PITTSBURGH

Monday, June 24

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Interested in roaming around Pittsburgh in search of something new? How about an atom smasher in Forest Hills, a replica of Central Park Uptown, some meditation pools in South Park, Snoopy's doghouse downtown, or the ghost towns of Lincoln Way and Seldom Seen? All these and many more are part of "Who Knew?," a PowerPoint exploration of some of the more interesting, odd, and curious places in and around Pittsburgh. 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.

HOME BUYING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 9

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Thinking of buying your first home? Want to sell your current home and move into your dream home? Now could be the time to do it! Join Danielle Kicielinski of Dollar Bank and Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Realty for information about the best way to proceed in today's market.

HOME RENOVATIONS THAT PAY FOR THEMSELVES

Thursday, July 11

6:00—7:00 p.m.

If you're like most Americans, your home is probably your biggest investment. You want that investment to perform as well as possible, so if you think you may sell your home anytime soon, it makes sense to do as much as you can to boost its value. Depending upon your situation, this can mean doing some home renovations so your house becomes more attractive to potential buyers. But while upgrades can boost your home price and help your home sell faster, not all renovations have an equal impact on what your home is worth. To ensure you're making renovations that will actually pay off, join Linda Long from Long Awaited Design to learn which home renovations will actually pay for themselves or get you a greater return on your investment.

SMOOTH TRANSITIONS: MAXIMIZING RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Tuesday, July 16

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Delve into conversation on a holistic approach to retirement planning, focusing on maximizing benefits while addressing lifestyle changes. We will cover key aspects such as income strategies, market safety measures, proactive tax planning, asset protection, estate planning, and ensuring long-term health and care needs are met, providing attendees with a comprehensive blueprint for a secure and fulfilling retirement. Presented by Armor Financial.

BASICS OF PAYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Monday, July 22

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Overwhelmed about paying for your child's education using student loans? Learn the ins & outs of student loans and the financial aid application process so you're best equipped to make informed decisions. Presented by Etch Financial.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Tuesday, July 23

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is abuse or aggression that occurs in a romantic relationship. IPV can vary in how often it happens and how severe it is, ranging from one episode of violence that could have lasting impact to chronic and severe episodes over multiple years. Intimate Partner Violence can happen to anyone and often happens when we least expect it. The presentation will center around the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, red flags of relationship abuse, and characteristics of abusers. We will also discuss how to get help and what services Crisis Center North can provide to survivors. This educational program will be presented by Lt. John Walls of North Fayette Police Department and Brett Adams of Crisis Center North.

FALL WILD EDIBLES WITH ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

Wednesday, July 24

2:30—3:30 p.m.

Learn how to correctly identify both edible and poisonous plants commonly found in Pennsylvania. We will also explore some traditional medicinal uses of plants. Presented by Allegheny Land Trust.

PRESCRIPTION SAVINGS STRATEGIES: PRACTICAL TIPS TO REDUCE HEALTHCARE EXPENSES

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.

See pages 10—11 for more adult programs & events!



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

April 1, 2024

Dear Library Friend,

Did you know that WACL is tasked with raising over \$40,000 each year, just to keep the doors open? But where does that money go? With funds raised in 2023, we were able to make a lasting impact on our library's programs and services. Through the generosity of our community, we:

1. **Expanded our collection:** Your donations have enabled us to acquire a diverse range of books, audiobooks, and digital resources. We continue to expand our Library of Things, meeting more needs of the community.
2. **Fostered a love for learning:** Your generosity has funded engaging educational programs for children, teens, and adults, fostering a lifelong love for reading, creativity, and continuous learning.
3. **Supported community engagement:** From book clubs to workshops and summer camps, your contributions have helped create a welcoming space where community members can connect, share ideas, and build lasting friendships.

One inspiring story is that of Ava, a teen, who uses the library as a safe space where she can spend her time. She enjoys the access to books from across the county and having the chance to unwind without needing to spend a penny to be here. Your support has provided that safe and welcoming space for teens like Ava.

As we continue our **Spring Appeal**, I want to express our deep gratitude for being an essential part of our library family. Your contributions play a vital role in shaping a brighter future for our community.

To donate, scan the QR code below, or visit www.westernallegHENYlibrary.org/get-involved/donations.html. Your support, whether a one-time or monthly donation, directly contributes to the growth of our library.

With gratitude,

KC Rovensky
Fundraising & Development Coordinator



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sensory Friendly Storytime
Fridays, 10:30-11:15

Silent Book Club
2nd Tuesdays, 6-7:30

Paws for Reading
Thursdays, 1-2

Teen Test Kitchen
June 3 & July 8, 6-7

Board Game Swap
June 5, 9-8

**Odd & Curious Places
Around Pittsburgh**
June 24, 6-7:30

Pokémon Club
June 29, 10-11

Résumé Workshop
August 20, 6:30-7:30

Fall for Your Library
September 14, 6-10



**Track your summer reading and activities
for the chance to win great prizes!**



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

with



Beanstack

Monday, June 3 - Friday, July 26

**Register for Beanstack by downloading the
Beanstack Tracker app or going to
waclibrary.beanstack.org**

**If registering on the app, choose School, Library, or
Bookstore, and search for Western Allegheny
Community Library (PA). Then tap Sign Up
at the bottom of the screen.**

Questions? Ask Becky at proieb@westernalleghenylibrary.org

School Age

Grades 3—5

KNOTTING INTO ADVENTURE

Tuesday, June 4, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

You do KNOT want to miss this program! Presented by a local boy scout with support from his troop, learn how to make several different types of knots and when you would use them. Plus create a pants backpack for those unexpected emergency situations! Must bring a pair of pants from home. For grades 3—5. Register child online; limited space.

SPHERO OLYMPICS WITH ALCOSAN

Tuesday, June 11, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Problem solving is a key skill that ALCOSAN engineers use every day. By integrating engineering and technology, children will work in groups to learn coding to complete Olympic-style games using Sphero Bolt robots. For grades 3—5. Register online; limited space.

CREEK CRITTERS

Tuesday, June 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Discover the many interesting creatures that live in Raccoon Creek State Park! During this interactive educational program, we will be in the water catching, identifying, and learning about macroinvertebrates (and maybe a fish or salamander if you're lucky!). For children going into grades 3—5 with an adult; best for those able to walk on uneven terrain. Please register child online; limited space.

FOSSILS WITH COVESTRO

Tuesday, June 25, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Covestro will certainly leave an impression with this program! Get your hands dirty by experimenting with cast fossils and mold fossils. For grades 3—5; register online.

CANDY MACHINE WOODWORKING KIT

Tuesday, July 2, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Build a candy machine that really works! From the box to the front window to the release lever, this candy machine is as fun to make as it is to use. For children going into grades 3—5; an adult 18+ MUST attend. Please register child online; limited space.

MARBLE DROP WOODWORKING KIT

Tuesday, July 9, 1:00—2:30 p.m.

Experience the excitement of building your own marble drop game with a favorite adult! The game is designed to keep you engaged and entertained, making it the perfect addition to your home collection of games. An adult 18+ MUST attend. For grades 3—5 with an adult. Register child online; limited space.

SEVERE WEATHER

Tuesday, July 16, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Severe weather can strike at any time! This program, presented by the National Weather Service Pittsburgh, covers various types of severe weather and weather safety tips. For children going into grades 3—5. Please register child online; limited space.

THEATER GAMES WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 23, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Curtains up! Presented by Gemini Theater, children will participate in fun, fast-paced theater activities where they'll think quickly, use non-verbal communication, and experiment with characters through vocal and physical challenges. No previous experience is required, and it's great for children who want to have fun acting without the stress of reading from a script or memorizing lines for a performance. For grades 3—5. Please register child online; limited space.

Teen Programs

Grades 6—12

TEEN TEST KITCHEN: FRIED RICE

Monday, June 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 we will join Chef Sofya from Izabella's Gourmet Chow to prepare Fried Rice with a Twist! In addition to making a dish from scratch, Chef Sofya will also be taking chefs on a quick "trip" to China. We will be working with: black rice, an array of veggies of different colors, and eggs. Recommended for teens without food allergies. For teens entering grades 6—12. Please register teen online; limited space.

TEEN ART NIGHT: HANGING SHELVES

Monday, June 10, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

What's hanging?! These fun shelves will be a great addition to your house décor. Grades 6—12. Register online; limited space.

TEEN LEGO BUILDING CHALLENGE

Monday, June 17, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Calling all LEGO aficionados! Impress our LEGO host Mr. Dan, Miss Lexi, each other, and even yourself by completing different LEGO challenges. For teens entering grades 6—12. Register online; limited space.

AMAZING AQUEDUCTS

Monday, June 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

ALCOSAN is here with an awesome hands-on program! You will work in a group to design a pipeline that conveys water around obstacles without leaking. Grades 6—12; register online.

TEEN ACTING WORKSHOP

Monday, July 1, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Lights, Camera, Action! Impact School of the Arts will be running a workshop that focuses heavily on storytelling through character study in both acting and singing (acting through song). For grades 6—12; register online.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN: FIESTA

Monday, July 8, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Get ready for a summer fiesta with these piña colada mocktails and fiesta pinwheels! Recommended for teens without food allergies. For grades 6—12; register online.

TEEN ART NIGHT: SHARPIE TIE-DYE

Monday, July 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Calling all artists and tie-dye aficionados! Create and design your own tie-dye shirts with Sharpies. Shirts will be provided. Grades 6—12; register teen online; limited space.

TEEN SURVIVAL SKILLS

Monday, July 22, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Allegheny County Park Rangers at Settlers Cabin Park will teach us basic survival skills in the forest: what to do if you become lost, plus how to start an emergency fire and find water. Plan ahead to avoid getting lost but be ready in case you do! Grades 6—12; register online.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

FAMILY NIGHT: DANCE WITH MOANA

Thursday, June 6

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Hei hei, Moana fans! Moana will teach a dance just like she does for the children of Motunui, then we will have the chance for a meet and greet with the Polynesian heroine. Presented by Enchanted Experiences. Best for Moana fans of all ages. Please register child online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: WISH UPON A BUTTERFLY

Thursday, June 13

5:00—6:00 p.m.

I wish I may, I wish I might, wish upon a butterfly tonight! Wish Upon a Butterfly will bring their butterfly box so families can hold and feed butterflies after learning about their life cycles, needs, and other fun facts. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register all attendees (children, teens, AND adults); limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: LEGO SET BUILDING

Thursday, June 20

5:00—7:30 p.m.

Relive your childhood with LEGO set building! A local LEGO fan is sharing his collection of LEGO sets for your family to spend the evening building together, hopefully finishing before the library closes! For families of all ages (recommended child age of 6+); caregivers must attend with children. Adult fans also encouraged to attend! Please register all attendees (children, teens, AND adults); limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: WACKY SCIENCE MAGIC SHOW

Thursday, June 27

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Explore the wonderful world of science with the help of science demonstrations, magic, and imagination! Children will learn about physics, math, optics, and chemistry. A WQED Inquire Within program. Best for families with children in grades K—8. Please register all attendees (children, teens, AND adults) online; limited space.

POKÉMON CLUB

Saturday, June 29

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Gotta catch 'em all! Bring your cards to battle (volunteers will be on hand to teach) or trade, play Pokémon Go or on your Nintendo Switch, or just enjoy a Pokémon-themed coloring activity. This program is open to all ages but geared toward grades 3—5; adults must stay with children younger than 3rd grade. Please register all actively participating attendees (children, teens, AND adults) online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: MARIE EXOTICS REPTILE RESCUE

Thursday, July 11

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Slither your way into this program that might leave you scaling the walls! Marie Exotics Reptile Rescue, a local non-profit, will offer a hands-on experience with a variety of animals, sharing health, care, and other needs for reptiles in addition to some fun facts about the different species they bring. For families of all ages; caregivers must attend with children. Please register all attendees (children, teens, AND adults) online; limited space.

FAMILY NIGHT: PUPPETS & DRAGONS WITH ADAM SWARTZ

Thursday, July 18, 5:00—6:00 p.m.

Calling all adventurers! Join puppets and people on an exciting quest in this interactive show created by the audience. Work together to tell a unique story that changes with each choice you make. Magical monsters! Fuzzy friends! And a dragon?! For families; caregivers must attend .

KIDS PIZZA NIGHT AT HOPE GROWS

Tuesday, July 23, 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Dough-n't miss this tasty program at Hope Grows in Moon! Decorate your own pizza box before rolling up your sleeves and getting your dough on. Make your own pizza creation, then take it home to bake and eat in your own kitchen. For children in K—5 who can participate without a caregiver, however, caregivers will be required to stay on the grounds and encouraged to explore the Hope Grows gardens. Register online.

PAWS FOR READING

Thursdays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Do you love dogs and love to read? Come enjoy both with our Paws for Reading program! You will have some time to sit and read with a trained local therapy pup. Best for school age children. Please register child online; limited space. No program July 4.

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY

Saturday, July 27

Celebrate your summer reading success with your favorite characters courtesy of Cosplay for a Cause! We won't have a list of characters available, but we're betting on some superheroes, princesses, and other pop culture icons. Children and teens must complete the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack to be invited to this event.

Need **Volunteer** hours? We need **Volunteers!**

Are you a teen in need of volunteer hours or just want to help out at the library? We are accepting Volunteer applications for Summer 2024 for ages 13—17. Applications received by May 24 at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours starting in June; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application on our website under "Get Involved." Questions? Contact Lexi at mulvihilla2@westernallegHENYlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Kickoff 2024 Saturday, May 18

Registration Opens May 18

Summer program registration opens on **Saturday, May 18**. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on our Event Calendar on our website, youth programs will open up every 15 minutes to give more families a chance to register. Make sure to check the calendar throughout the day, because some programs will fill up FAST. And don't be afraid of the waitlist; people cancel all the time! For adults, all programs will open at 9:00 a.m. on May 18. Look through this newsletter for your preview of programs so you are ready for kickoff day.

Please thoroughly read all programming descriptions for age/grade ranges, registration requirements, occasional location changes, and other information. We look forward to spending our summer with you!

Summer Reading Challenge

We're back with **Beanstack**! Using the Beanstack app or logging in at the Beanstack website, you can track your reading and summer activities to earn tickets for the chance to win great prizes. Choose the challenge for your age group and get reading this summer!

The Summer Reading Challenge, just like our summer programming, runs from June 3—July 26, but you can pre-register starting May 18. See our website under "Books & More" for details on how to get started on Beanstack and get ready for summer reading!

Storytimes & More

Storytimes run June 3—July 26

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

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.

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10:30—11:00 a.m.

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 storytime on June 4, June 18, or July 16.

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.

PLAY K

Tuesdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m. OR

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2024. 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 Tuesday OR Wednesday sessions; limited space. No Play K on June 4.

STORY STROLL @ Clinton Park

Mondays

9:30—10:30 a.m.

Get your strollers and walking shoes ready; it's time to enjoy some fresh air and nature time at Clinton Park! Join us promptly at 9:30 a.m. at Rainbow's End for a story stroll around Clinton Park, then check out a picture book from the Book Bus. Best for families with young children. Please register child online only once for the whole season.

STORY STROLL @ Donaldson Park

Thursdays

9:30—10:30 a.m.

Our Story Stroll at Donaldson Park is a great way to let your kiddos burn off some energy, get some steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! Meet us promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the large playground to walk the loop as we enjoy the weekly story, then check out a picture book from the Book Bus. Best for families with young children. Please register child online only once for the whole season. No program June 13, July 4 or July 18.

Summer Reading returns June 3—July 26



ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY™

WACL is once again participating in Beanstack Summer Reading with the special theme "Adventure Begins at the Library"! Visit our website for the link to Beanstack to record your **reading**, complete **challenges**, & earn **rewards**, including chances to win prizes! Pre-register starting May 18.

School Age

Grades K—2

GLOWING CAMPFIRE CRAFT

Monday, June 3, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

You won't get burnt with this craft, but get ready to roast your marshmallow! This glowing campfire craft is sure to be a roaring good time. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

ART CLUB: PIRATE SHIP BANK

Wednesday, June 5, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Argh mateys, get ready to protect your "booty" and construct your own pirate ship bank! You and your adult will work together to paint and construct a pirate ship themed bank. An adult 18+ MUST attend. For children entering grades K—2 and an adult. Please register child online; limited space.

MAD SCIENTISTS: MELTING SANDCASTLES

Monday, June 10, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! There is no need for a beach to make these melting sandcastles. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

ENERGY BURST WITH MAD SCIENCE

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Energy Burst with Mad Science is an energetic class that explores energy transfer and energy conversion! Children jump and push up to reach their potential and use wind-up toys that swim, hop, and flip. Children spring into action with poppers, Boinks, and jumping bugs. For children entering grades K—2. Please register online; limited space

BIRD BUDDIES WITH PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN

Monday, June 17, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Explore the lives of the birds in your backyard! Learn what makes birds unique and explore the different bird species common to Western PA. Create a simple bird feeder to hang in your own backyard. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

PAPER ROLL FIREFLIES

Wednesday, June 19, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

These fireflies will be sure to light up the night! You will be using your fine motor skills to create your own special firefly that will light up any darkness. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

MOVEMENT MAKERS: OBSTACLE COURSE

Monday, June 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 an obstacle course! For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

MAD SCIENTISTS: LIQUID SIDEWALK CHALK

Wednesday, June 26, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! We will be learning how to make liquid sidewalk chalk and will be able to create sidewalk masterpieces. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

MAD SCIENTISTS: FIREWORKS IN A JAR

Monday, July 1, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! This Independence Day themed STEM will be BOOMING. You will discover different liquid densities while having fun making fireworks in a jar! For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

EMBOSSING WITH THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Wednesday, July 3, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh will be here to teach us about working with metals! You will use tools to create your own textured metal art through a process called embossing. For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space..

ART CLUB: TREASURE CHEST PAINTING

Monday, July 8, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Ahoy, Me Hearties! Design, decorate, and paint your own treasure chest. Actual treasure not included! For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

MAD SCIENTISTS: BALLOON ROCKET EXPERIMENT

Wednesday, July 10, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

You will really blast off with this program. We will create balloon rockets and see how far and fast they travel! For Grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

MOVEMENT MAKERS: MINI OLYMPICS

Monday, July 15, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

You will be competing in a WACL Mini Olympics where you will be jumping, running, and more! For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

DINO DETECTIVE

Wednesday, July 17, 1:00—1:45 p.m.

The Carnegie Museum of Natural History will be visiting and providing hands-on, interactive fun. You will be learning all about dinosaurs! For children entering grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

LIFE IN THE SEA WITH MAD SCIENCE

Monday, July 22, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Plunge into the depths of ocean life by exploring different ocean ecosystems and learning about the plants and animals that live there. Compare shark & whale teeth; measure the size of these incredible predators. Hands-on activities teach the interconnections of an ocean food web. For grades K—2. Please register child online; limited space.

ANIMAL ATHLETES WITH ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

Wednesday, July 24, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

How fast is a deer? How does a bear move? This active, station-based program will explore some of the amazing athletic abilities of animals. Children will even "compete" against some animals to see how their skills stack up. Grades K—2; register online.