

NEWS RELEASES

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Library Closures:

- Friday, April 14th – Sunday, April 16th: Easter Weekend

Upcoming Programs for Children and Teens at the Library

Please note that registration is appreciated for all programs. This helps us prepare adequate materials. Register for a program at least one day in advance by stopping at the Library, calling, or emailing Miss Heather at weleskih@einetwork.net.

Castle Shannon Library Children and Teen Programs

After School Reading Club: Join us each week as we explore the world of books! We will decide as a group what we will read (Juvenile Fiction) and discuss the book as we read it. Registration is preferred so enough copies of the book are available. Snacks will be provided.

Mondays, 3:45-5:00 PM Runs until May 15

Homework Help: Come to the library for a time of getting help with homework! Ms. Heather will be available for help with all subjects. All you need to do is bring your homework and a pencil.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM, Runs until May 31

Arts and Crafts: Join us as we spend time making various arts and crafts at the library. Each week we will spend time learning about a new style of art, followed by a free time of creating!

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 PM, Runs until May 31

STEAM Hour: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math...Oh My! Join us as we explore a new aspect each week!

Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 PM...Runs until June 1

Teen Life Prep: Come to the library to learn things you might not learn in school that will help you as an adult. We will discuss budgeting, banking, saving money while shopping, resumes, interviews, scholarships, and more!

Mondays, 3:00-3:45 PM, Runs until May 15

Teen Gaming: Come to the library for a free time of playing board games or games on the Wii! You get to decide what you want to do.

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, Runs until May 30

Story Times

Songs and Stories: Join us each week for a story or two, as well as lots of music and movement. Each week we will explore a different theme and sing a variety of songs to go with our story. Space is limited and registration is required. Caregivers must attend with your little one. Ages Birth to 3.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 AM, Runs until June 1

Rhyming Readers: This story time is designed for those who are 3-4 years old. Come get creative with us each week as we explore different story themes, sing songs, and make a craft that matches the theme! This story time will also help children learn skills they may need in Kindergarten.

Thursdays, 3:15-3:45 PM, Runs until June 1

School Age Story Time: This story time is designed for those who are 5-8 years old. Come get creative with us each week as we explore different story themes and make a craft that matches the theme. This story time will also help children learn reading comprehension skills they may need in school.

Thursdays, 3:45-4:15 PM, Runs until June 1

Tuesday Evening Programs

Cooking Fun: Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to the library to learn how to make some delicious snacks and meals. Registration is required to make sure enough supplies are purchased. *February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30; 6:30 PM*

Family Movie Nights: Bring your family to the Library for a movie night. We will be showing new releases and classics throughout the year with plenty of movies for everyone to enjoy. Light snacks will be provided. Movies will be rated G or PG. Stop by the Library or call to ask which movie will be showing. Showtimes @ 6:30 PM on the following dates: *March 14, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 23*

Tail-Waggin' Tutors: Sign up to join us for a special reading program! Each child will have the opportunity to read to one of our special doggie tutors. Register for this event to ensure we have enough dogs present.

March 14, April 11, May 9; 7:00-8:00 PM

Tea Party: It's Tea Time and you're invited! Join us for tea, snacks, songs, and a craft! (Ages 2-10). Registration is required to make sure enough supplies are available.

April 11, 6:30 PM

LEGO Night: Join us for a special LEGO themed program with games, a time of building, and snacks!

May 9, 6:30 PM

Special Program

Pittsburgh Puppet Works presents "Puppetry Arts": A program that teaches kids the art of puppetry! The visit begins with a 30-minute professional puppetry performance, loaded with snappy tunes and silly jokes. After the show, puppeteers teach basic puppetry techniques and demonstrate how to make a sock puppet and a simple theater out of inexpensive supplies they might already have at home! Volunteers are invited to try out their new skills at the conclusion of the presentation.

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 PM

American Girl Dolls Available

Castle Shannon Library now has TWO American Girl Dolls that are able to be checked out to spend time with you at your house. Kit and Samantha come with their books, information about the time periods they lived in, and a bed to sleep on. Parents must sign a waiver allowing their child to take out the doll.

Upcoming Programs for Adults at the Library

Please note that registration is appreciated for all programs. Register for a program by stopping at the Library or calling 412-563-4552.

Monthly Book Discussion Group

Join the group for some light discussion on the second Monday of every month at 7pm in the lower level of the Library. Stop in the library to pick up your copy of the book.

The group will be discussing...

March 13th

The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

April 10th

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

Thursday Night at the Movies....

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is preferred for all upcoming movies.

Be our guest for a Disney animated classic, a tale as old as time. The spell of an enchantress opens this classic fairy tale, turning a cruel prince into a hideous beast. Belle, the heroine, is a book-loving young lady trapped by the beast when she comes looking for her father. To break the spell, the beast must win Belle's love before the last petal falls from an enchanted rose.

- *Thursday, March 2nd at 6 pm*

Crafternoons for Adults at the Library

What is it? An afternoon solely devoted to the joys of craft. The only three conditions are that the activity must be after midday, crafty, and with friends! Join us the third Wednesday of each month for Crafternoons. We will meet downstairs from 2:30pm-4:30pm. Bring your best craft ideas with you. This is an informal gathering and a chance to meet new people and learn new craft ideas. Adults ages 18 and over welcome. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th. This month's theme will be Fairy Gardens! If you cannot make it in the afternoon, stop by between 6pm-8pm that evening. *Registration is appreciated for this program because it helps us prepare adequate materials.* Please bring small rocks, twigs, terra cotta pots, and dirt. These things should be easy to find around the house!

- Upcoming Dates:
 - April 19th...Wreath Designs
 - May 17th...DIY Spa

Painting Party @ the Library

We will be painting this on Friday, March 3rd at 7pm. Everyone will definitely be thinking about SPRING while they paint this colorful masterpiece named "Sunny Meadow." The cost is \$30 a painter. This is a 21 and over BYOB event. Please register online at www.paintingbetweenthewines.com.



OASIS Connections Computer Classes for Adults 50 & Older

Registration is required.

This program is being offered in partnership with Pittsburgh OASIS and is underwritten by The Fine Foundation.

ALL COMPUTER CLASSES ARE HELD FROM 10:15AM-12:15PM

Introduction to Computers

In this fun, hands-on course you will learn all the basic computer skills including using the mouse and keyboard, working with Microsoft Windows 7 and 10, using Microsoft Word, surfing the Internet and using Email. This course is ideal for someone who has a little experience with the computer but wants to know more.

Monday, March 6th, Wednesday, March 8th, Friday, March 10th and Monday, March 13th
\$20.00 for all four classes

Email Using Gmail

Want to know more about email? This course will teach you how to create an account, send and receive messages, attach pictures, avoid spam, create and organize folders, and lots more. The course is based on Gmail, but the concepts are the same no matter what provider you use.

Wednesday, March 15th, Friday, March 17th, Monday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 22nd
\$15.00 for all four classes

Windows 10

PLEASE BRING YOUR WINDOWS LAPTOP OR WINDOWS TABLET - If you do not have one, you can look on with someone who does.

Windows 10 represents a new approach to computing between devices for Microsoft. This course will teach you the basics of this innovative Operating System (OS) including important settings, how to navigate and customize the Start menu and various screens, and how to find and install apps that you'll love to use.

Monday, March 27th, Tuesday, March 28th, Wednesday, March 29th, Thursday, March 30th and Friday, March 31st
\$20 for all five classes

FACEBOOK (Two Parts)

Facebook 1: The Starter Kit

Facebook is the most popular social networking website in the world, with over 1 billion active users. It's a great way to stay in touch with family and friends. In this course, you will learn all about Facebook, become a member of this free website and post messages and photos online. After this course, you will be able to continue making friends and using Facebook on your own. This course covers Facebook as currently found on desktop and laptop PCs.

Facebook 2: I'm on Facebook, Now What?

Are you one of the millions of Facebook users saying to themselves, "I'm on Facebook, now what?" In this course, you will learn how to customize your Facebook profile, create important Life Event posts, work with the Facebook photo albums, chat, groups, and more. This is a follow up to the Connections course The Facebook Starter Kit. If you haven't already taken that course, you should at least have a Facebook account and know how to post on Facebook. Be sure to bring your Facebook login information to class. This course covers Facebook as currently found on desktop and laptop PCs, not mobile devices.

Monday, April 3rd, Wednesday, April 5th, Friday, April 7th, Monday, April 10th and Wednesday, April 12th
\$25.00 for all five classes

iOS 10 (iPad, iPhone)

Please bring your iPad or iPhone to the class. - If you do not have one, you can look on with someone who does.

Apple continues to enhance the iPad's usability with the release of iOS 10. Notes, Music, News, Maps and many other apps have new features you'll want to learn and use. This course is a comprehensive introduction to using the iPad including all of the included standard apps that come with iOS 10.

Have a new iPhone? This class will help you master all of the functions you need to get started including how to set up email accounts and connect to the Internet, download apps and organize them using Home screens and folders, how to take pictures and share via social media, how to use maps, and Siri. And, of course, how to make and answer calls. This course covers the newer iOS iPhone apps including Health, Wallet, and using Apple Pay. Also included, tips to make your iPhone easier to see with larger text and graphics.

Monday, April 17th, Wednesday, April 19th, Friday, April 21st, Monday, April 24th,
Wednesday, April 26th, Friday, April 28th, Monday, May 1st, Wednesday, May 3rd
and Friday, May 5th
\$30 for all nine classes

Put Your Best Fork Forward

Rikki Rabbi, a Registered Dietitian, will be at the Library to help us celebrate National Nutrition Month on Thursday, March 23rd at 7pm. Rikki will be presenting "*Put Your Best Fork Forward*." This program is meant to inspire you to start with small changes in your eating habits – one forkful at a time. So whether you are planning meals to prepare at home or making selections when eating out, *Put Your Best Fork Forward* to help find your healthy eating style.

FREE Financial Education Series

Join us at the Library for these free sessions to learn ways to save money for retirement, college, and more! Registration is suggested. Each program will begin at 7:00 PM.

Saving for Retirement - Monday, March 27th

With the typical American family having limited or no retirement savings, it appears that saving for retirement is not a high priority for the average family. Come find out why this approach can destroy the golden years of your life and explore various strategies for saving for retirement including employer retirement plans, IRAs, and more.

Planning Financially for College - Monday, April 24th

There are so many gifts that you can give to your son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, god-child, or any special child in your life. However, one of the more generous gifts is helping to provide for a child's educational expenses in a small or big way. Come discover various methods for educational savings whether it is for that special child that is currently in your life or will be there in the future. In addition, we will discuss ways to find and apply for financial aid, what the FAFSA is, what to do about the FAFSA, and how various types of savings interact with the financial aid application process.

Long Term Care Insurance - Monday, May 22nd

Most individuals will experience the financial pressures that occur when a loved one is in a long term care facility. Long term care insurance can help ease that burden. This course will help define why there is a need for long term care insurance and provide an understanding to help individuals determine if this is an area that they should consider adding to their retirement plan.

Financial Protection - Monday, June 26th

It has been said, two things are certain in life, death and taxes. Taxes are tolling on an individual's goals and lifestyle, but death is devastating. During this course, we will explore how life insurance can help play a crucial role in your financial strategies during your working years, retirement, and legacy planning process. We will also review the various types of life insurance available and how they can help bring security to your financial plan, while not breaking the bank.

Income During Retirement - Monday, July 31st

You have worked hard for the past 40+ years, now you are ready to relax and enjoy the various benefits you have accumulated. However, navigating and coordinating various income streams from Social Security, Pensions, employer saving plans, and IRAs can destroy relaxation during retirement before it even occurs. During this session we will explore how to prepare for income during retirement from sources such as investments, social security, and pensions.

Author Visit

Please come to the Library on Monday, April 3rd at 7pm to hear author and longtime D.C. social-justice activist Judith Kelly discuss her new book *Just Call Me Jerzy*. You may not be familiar with Father Jerzy Popiełuszko's compelling story, but he is considered a national hero in Poland. And his story has a very local connection to Castle Shannon! Registration is preferred. Judith will be signing and selling her book.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Come to the library on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th from 1pm-5pm to participate in the AARP Driver Safety Class. The cost for the class is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for Non-AARP Members. Proof of AARP Membership is needed. **Checks are REQUIRED and can be made out to AARP.** Pre-registration with payment at the Library is required. Participants 55 and older can receive a 5% discount off of their car insurance for completing this 2-day program. This class is highly recommended for those wanting to learn the effects of aging on driving. Please bring to your Driver's License and AARP card (if a member) to the class.

Local Author's Encore Visit

Local Author and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Court Reporter Paula Reed Ward will make another visit to the Library on Thursday, April 27th at 7PM. Paula will be talking about the court cases she has reported on during her professional career and an update on the Autumn Klein poisoning murder.

Upcoming Friends Events at the Library

General Membership Meeting

Come to the Library on Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm to find out who the Friends are and how important they are to the success of the Library. All are Welcome to attend! *In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 7pm.*

Spring Used Book Sale

Come Out and Support the Friends of the Library!

Thursday, March 16th
2pm-8pm

Friday, March 17th
1:30pm-4:30pm

Saturday, March 18th
10:30am-3:30pm