

**Hours**

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thu:  
10:00am to 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday:  
10:00am to 5:00pm

Closed:  
Sundays  
Closed Jan. 1  
Closed Jan. 31

**Park & Pickup Hours**

(Come to the Pickup Window or delivery to your vehicle)  
Same hours as above

**Meetings**

**SNHL Board**  
January 8, 7:00pm  
February 12 7:00pm

**SNHL Friends**

Tuesday, January 21  
at 6:30pm

**Donate**



Please follow us!



1822 Mt. Royal Blvd  
Glenshaw PA 15116  
412-486-0211  
shalerlibrary.org

**Bundle Up and Read!**

Join us this winter for our annual Winter Reading program. All ages welcome. No registration required.

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



We'll kick things off on **Monday, January 13** with **Tea & Oatmeal Cookie Day!** Stop by for a treat.

*And don't miss...*

- ⇒ We'll be collecting new or gently used donations of hats, mittens, gloves & scarves for North Hills Community Outreach.
- ⇒ Our wonderful winter raffle basket! (Drawing February 21, 2025.)



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**A Historical Perspective on Race in American Politics**

Please join retired history teacher Vincent Neal for an engaging, informative talk on the history of civil rights in America. Mr. Neal was a teacher with 34 years in the Pittsburgh Public School System.



*Let's build community together!*

**February 21, 1:30pm**

**PLEASE REGISTER**



Our fabulous Mini-Golf weekend returns February 15-17!

Come play golf in the Library...vote for your favorite hole...read all the details on p. 3.

Page 2—Monthly/Weekly Get-Togethers  
 Page 3—Mini-Golf Details; Puzzle Mania; Soup Cook-off Fundraiser; Chess Classes for Adults  
 Page 4—Ongoing Programs; Let's Spill the Tea Get-Together Sessions; Meditation Sessions  
 Page 5—Local History Programs; Orchids 101; Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults; Acrospire Brew Company Fundraiser; Sneak Peek for Spring Programs  
 Page 6—Restroom Construction; Valentines for Seniors is Back! Tax News  
 Page 7—Library Schedule; Art Gallery & Display Cases; Great Winter Borrows  
 Page 8—Shaler Township Celebrates 125 Years! New eNewsletter from SASD; Glenshaw Century Club Craft Show; Heinz History Center Named Best History Museum

# Monthly/Weekly Get Togethers

Join us monthly or weekly for any of the following activities! Always open to new members.

## MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS



### Monday Night Book Group

*Second Monday of the month, 6:30pm*

Reads a wide variety of material, from newer best sellers to classics. Contact Sharon at [mcraes@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:mcraes@shalerlibrary.org)

**Jan. 13:** *Sisters under the Rising Sun* by Heather Morris

**Feb. 10:** *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

### Mystery Book Group

*Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm*

Reads mysteries and thrillers.

Please contact Beth at [lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org)

**Jan. 16:** *The Writing Retreat* by Julia Bartz

**Feb 20:** *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker

**Mch 20:** *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh

### Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

*Monthly on Wednesdays; dates vary, 6:30pm*

**Jan. 29:** *Shirt of Flame: A Year with St. Therese of Lisieux*  
by Heather King

**Feb. 26:** *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God*  
by Kaitlin B. Curtice

More info at [tinyurl.com/shalerseekers](http://tinyurl.com/shalerseekers)

### Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

*First Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm (NO JANUARY)*

Contact Miss Ing at [kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org)

### Sense & Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry

*Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm*

Please contact Ingrid at [kalchthaleri@gmail.com](mailto:kalchthaleri@gmail.com)

Register: [tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry](http://tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry)

**Jan. 28:** First Nation and Indigenous Voices

**Feb. 25:** Khalil Gibran

### Food for Thought

*Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm*

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

**Jan. 8:** Healthy Foods

**Feb. 12:** Famous Chefs

## WEEKLY GET TOGETHERS



### Exercise Class with John Uddstrom

*Mondays & Fridays, 8:45am-9:45am*

Requires Release Form at first session.

Drop-in. \$2.00 fee payable to instructor.

Please contact Adult Services with questions.

### SNHL Card Playing Group

*Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm*

Community-led. Drop-in. 500 Bid.

New players always welcome.

### Dancersize for Adults

*Wednesdays, 8:30-9:15am*

Drop-in.

Dance along to the oldies!

Contact Miss Ing at [kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org)

### Needles & Hooks by the Books

*Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm*

Community-led. Drop-in.

This group meets to knit and crochet.

## MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS

### CONTINUED...

### Rummikub Game Night

*First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm*

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome. Come join in the fun! Always seeking new players!

### Movies on Your Mind

*First Friday of the month at 6:00pm*

Drop-in or register. [Tinyurl.com/shalermovie](http://Tinyurl.com/shalermovie)

**Feb. 7:** *Maria*

# Programs



## Mini Golf at the Library—Design a hole...come back to play!

Join us the weekend of **February 15-17** to play 18 holes of mini golf in the stacks of the Library! It's a fundraiser brought to you by the Friends of SNHL. Here's how it works:

- The 'greens' are open from 10:00am and 4:00pm.
- Teens only (grades 7 and up) on Saturday between 7 & 9 pm
- Come with your family and friends, play some golf, have fun!
- Vote for your favorite hole design!
- \$5 a player or \$2.50 for pros ages 10 and under.

**Design and make a mini-golf hole!** Fun for families and organizations to create. Past themes include Harry Potter, rubber ducks, Monopoly, and so many more creative ideas. (You will need to build your hole at home, bring to the library on Friday, February 14 for set-up). For more details visit: [tinyurl.com/snhlminigolf](http://tinyurl.com/snhlminigolf)

## Puzzle Mania for Adults!

January 25, 2:00-4:30pm

Exercise your brain! Gather a team of up to 5 members and compete against others to see how fast your team can put together a puzzle of 500 pieces. Or relax and go at your own pace. Free for ages 16 and up.

### Details:

Create a team of up to 5 people. We'll provide the puzzles. Bring your own snacks. We'll have hot tea and cocoa.

Please register so we have enough puzzles.

Visit [tinyurl.com/snhlpuzzle2025](http://tinyurl.com/snhlpuzzle2025)

## Adults...Interested in Learning Chess?

Shaler North Hills Library is looking to host a series of Beginner Chess Classes for adults this winter. A 6-week set of classes will be held weekly in the evenings.

If interested, please leave your name, number, and email with the library staff and we'll be in touch.

You can email us at [shalerref@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:shalerref@shalerlibrary.org)



These great events brought to you by the Friends of SNHL. Join today!



## COOK! COME! TASTE! VOTE!

### Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser

Sunday, March 2 at 1:00pm

Calling all soup chefs and soup lovers! This is a chance to show off your soup-making skills and share the warmth with your fellow community members. People's Choice decides the top (3) favorites!

- ♦ \$15 a ticket to sample soups and vote for your top three favorites. (Kids 10 and under \$5.00.) Enjoy homemade bread, too! First come, first served!
- ♦ \$10 to enter your winning soup. Deadline 2/14/25

Pick up a form at the Library with all the details on how to enter or visit this link to register/pay online and learn more. [tinyurl.com/snhlsoup2025](http://tinyurl.com/snhlsoup2025)



## Ongoing Programs

*Come Together*

# LET'S SPILL THE TEA



*For Adults* *First Friday of the month  
11:30 AM*

*Let's listen and discuss a podcast episode, poem, or something interesting each month. You are welcome to bring along crafty projects to work on while we gather together, enjoy a cup of tea and chat. Bring a friend or two too! No registration needed.*

**February 7: Rom-Com**

**Caring for a Loved One with Cognitive Issues? Find some support with these two offerings....**

### **Dementia Friends Information Session**

**ON HOLD UNTIL APRIL (No Feb or March)**

Register: [tinyurl.com/shalerfriends](https://tinyurl.com/shalerfriends) or call the Library for assistance.

Join us to learn more about Dementia Friends of Pennsylvania and the ways in which we can help to create a more positive experience for those living with dementia.

### **Caring for Caregivers: A monthly series for those caring for loved ones.**

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Registration is helpful but not required. Walk-ins always welcome. Visit our Event Calendar to register.



Led by Erin McMaster, a Memory Care Advisor from Promedica Memory Care.

*Ask about our Caregiver Collection of materials too!*

**Kids or grandkids? Stay in the know for all our fabulous programs by visiting the website:**

<https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/>

**Fun for all ages! From birth through teens.**

### **Shaler Library Writers' Group**

**Mondays, 6:00pm (by Zoom and in-person)**

Zoom sessions weekly and one in-person meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. Community-led by Jim Binz. If you are interested, please email Jim at [jf.binz@gmail.com](mailto:jf.binz@gmail.com).

### **Sense and Sound: Monthly Poetry Series**

**Last Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm**

Think poetry isn't for you? You might be surprised! Join us on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm to explore poets and poetry.

Register at: [Tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry](https://tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry)

### **ACT OUT: Reader's Theater for Adults/Teens** **Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm**

Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Call or text David Jones at 412-606-6131 or email Miss Ing at [rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com).

Register at: [tinyurl.com/shalertheater](https://tinyurl.com/shalertheater)

### **Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults**

**First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm (NO January)**

Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Contact Miss Ing at [kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org).

Join Shaler North Hills Library  
for a virtual program:

# Meditation for Everyone

**Friday Mornings from 9:30-10:00 AM**

*Carve 30 minutes out of your week to learn simple and practical meditation techniques that can easily be applied in everyday life. Led by certified guide Cindi Ballard.*

*If you have not attended previously, please contact Beth at [lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org) for some introductory materials before joining.*



**Resumes January 24, 2025**

# Programs

## Let's Talk Local History!



***Made of Pittsburgh Steel—Margaret Fay Shaw of Canna, the Scottish Hebrides***

**Thursday, March 13 at 2:00pm  
at Shaler North Hills Library**

SNHL is thrilled to host Fiona McKenzie, MA to discuss her upcoming biography of Margaret Fay Shaw. This illustrated presentation will describe her early life in Pittsburgh and the work she carried out in Scotland which has made her one of the world's most important Scottish folklore collectors, despite being a native of Pennsylvania.

Ms. McKenzie lives in Scotland and will be visiting us virtually via Zoom.

**Please register [tinyurl.com/shalerhistory1](https://tinyurl.com/shalerhistory1)**

### ***A Brief History of Shaler Township***

**Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30pm  
at Elfinwild Church**

Join us for a brief History of Shaler Township with local historian, Jim Giel.

**Please register [tinyurl.com/shalerhistory](https://tinyurl.com/shalerhistory)**

## **Acrospire Brewing Company Guest BeerTender Event to Benefit SNHL Saturday, February 22, from 12:00-8:00pm**

This day-long event features guest 'beertenders' in a friendly competition, serving your favorite beers to raise funds for community causes. ***Come out and support your Shaler North Hills Library team from 6:00-8:00pm.*** Reach

out to friends, family, and library supporters to come and enjoy a beer while making a difference. Together, let's make a meaningful impact!



# TELLING TALES:

## THE ART OF STORYTELLING

**TUESDAYS: FEB. 4,  
MAR. 4, APR. 1 AND MAY. 6  
6:30 - 7:30 PM**



There are lots of ways to tell stories! Find what suits you as we explore and learn about storytelling. Listen, learn, and share at this evening for adults. Most everyone has a story to share. Engage with other adults as we learn, listen, and play while we tell stories.

Presented by Storyteller,  
Kathy Maron-Wood

## Orchids 101:

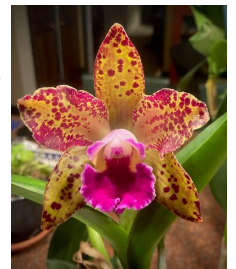
***Everything You Wanted to Know about Orchids (and were afraid to ask)***

**Friday, February 28, 1:30pm**

### **PLEASE REGISTER**

Please join Demetria Marsh, Co-President of the Orchid Society of Western PA (OSWP), for an introductory presentation on orchids, or how to grow orchids in your home.

Demetria will de-mystify the growing of orchids, show several types of orchids in bloom, and talk about the history, the botany, and orchid growing culture.

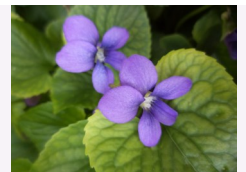


*The OSWP annual Orchid Show will be held on March 15 & 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel across from South Hills Village.*

### **Coming Up This Spring!**

#### **Spring Wreath Workshop:**

March 7, 6:00pm



#### **Ukrainian Egg Decorating Demonstration:**

March 21, 1:30pm

#### **Ukrainian Egg Decorating Classes:**

April 2 & 9

## News & Notes

### Favorite Books from the Book Groups

Need a good read for the winter? These were a few of the favorites from the library's Book Groups reading for 2024:



#### Monday Night Book Group

*First Ladies* by Marie Benedict

*Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson

#### Mystery Book Group

*The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua

*More Than You'll Ever Know* by Katie Guitierrez

*The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

Ask to see the whole list for more suggested reading!

*"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."* —Martin Luther King Jr.

### Restroom Project Update

SNHL is very excited to begin the installation of a new first-floor restroom and the rehabilitation of the second-floor restrooms. It is expected some work will begin mid-to-late February with the removal of the old book dumbwaiter and the gutting of the downstairs storage room. The large print room will be reorganized for access to the collection. There will be lots of noise and dust! We appreciate your patience as we work through this amazing project that will benefit so many.



### TAX FORMS NEWS

Tax forms from the state and federal government have been ordered. When they arrive, they will be put in the bins outside of our entrance (by the handicapped door) as they were last year. Watch our website or social media for any updates.

Watch this website for information on the AARP Tax-Aide Program sites and times:

website: [taxaide-pittsburgh.com](http://taxaide-pittsburgh.com)

## Valentines for Seniors in Fifth Year!

For four years you have answered the call to make local area seniors' day brighter by creating beautiful valentines. This year we're excited to do it again!

2021: 920 valentines

2022: 2000+ valentines

2023: 1700+ valentines

2024: 1500+ valentines

Here are the guidelines:

- ♥ Make a valentine (please, no glitter!)
- ♥ Put your valentine into a plastic baggie (sandwich, quart, or gallon size baggie).
- ♥ One valentine per baggie so they can be individually delivered to our senior area residents.
- ♥ Drop off at the Library between February 5-9—**NO later than February 9th please!!**

We will deliver to area residents and facilities by February 14th showing them you care.





## News & Notes

### Library Scheduling Notes

The Library's schedule will be adjusted as follows:

#### January 20:

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—the Library is OPEN

#### January 31:

CLOSED for Staff In-Service Day

#### February 17:

President's Day—the Library is OPEN

### New Members Always Welcome!



*Love Your Library? Want to help out? Join as a new member of the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library!*

Friends of SNHL actively work to make SNHL a better place. Membership is only \$15.00, \$25.00 for household. For more information contact Janet Miller at [jmmpitt@msn.com](mailto:jmmpitt@msn.com). The membership form is available on the [Library website.](#)

### Art Gallery

January: Holiday/Winter Exhibit

### Display Cases

January:

- ◆ Shaler Township 125th Celebration
- ◆ Winter Reading for Everyone!
- ◆ Mini-Golf FUNdraiser

### Your eLibrary!

Getting ready to cozy up for winter reading? Now's a great time to get on board with the eResources your Library provides!



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

[eLibrary.einetwork.net](http://eLibrary.einetwork.net)



From apps that give you free ebooks, eaudiobooks and even streaming movies & TV shows—to tutoring help, Consumer Reports, and helpful databases—explore what we have to offer.

We're happy to help you get started—make an appointment to set up your device! Or let us show you how to access from home. [eLibrary.einetwork.net](http://eLibrary.einetwork.net)

## Keep Busy This Winter With These Fun Things to Borrow

Did you know that many libraries loan out 'non-book things'? If you visit the Catalog you will see a heading for the "Library of Things" and can search for unique items like games, puzzles, and more! We have a great collection of these items and many are just perfect for this season. Browse what's in stock (at the bottom of our stairs) or ask us what we carry. Most items circulate 1 or 3 weeks. They are not able to be put on hold though! And please pick up and return directly to us. Here are just a few ideas:

### Board Games & Jigsaw Puzzles

Dozens to choose from! Family Game Night.

### Light Therapy Box

Light therapy may be helpful for Seasonal Affective Disorder or Depression.

### Mini-Projector

Show a movie or photos at your next family gathering!

### Shredder

Get organized and shred up some of that paperwork sitting around the house!

### Knit One, Crochet Too Kit

Always wanted to try knitting? Here's your chance with a great starter kit.

### Telescope

The sky can be particularly clear in the winter...great for star gazing!

### Binocular Backpack Kit

Winter is also a great time to bird watch. Check out our kit with binoculars, guidebook, and more.

# Community News

## Shaler Area School District Launches a Monthly eNewsletter



**2024-2025**  
engage • empower • excel

The Shaler Area Showcase. View the inaugural issue here: <https://bit.ly/sas1124>  
If you do not currently have children in the school district and would like to receive a copy, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/shalerareashowcase>  
[#WeAreSA](#) [#EngageEmpowerExcel](#)

## 2025 Annual Spring Craft Fair Saturday, March 1, 10am to 3pm

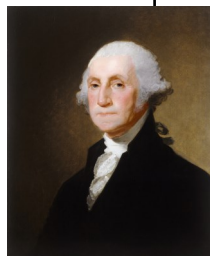
Along with 60+ tables of unique crafters and vendors, there will be raffles, food for take-out, a gourmet bake sale, and awesome crafts handmade by the ladies of the Century Club.

The Glenshaw Century Club is a 501(c)3 public charity. The object of the club to provide for the advancement of education and improvement of young men and women by granting scholarships based on merit and need.



To learn more about this event or become a member please contact us today at [info@glenshawcenturyclub.org](mailto:info@glenshawcenturyclub.org).

**Presidents' Day** is observed annually on the third Monday in February. It is a federal holiday in the United States that was originally established in 1879 to commemorate the birthday of George Washington, the first President of the United States. Since then, the holiday has evolved to recognize all presidents who have served the needs of the country. —govinfo.gov



Want to read more about one of our Presidents? Ask us to find a biography or memoir!

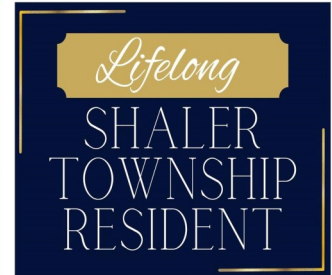


## SHALER TOWNSHIP YARD SIGNS

Show how proud you are to be a Shaler Township resident!

Two sign options - \$10 each  
Wire stand included

All sales will go towards Shaler Township's 125th Anniversary year-long celebration in 2025.



## Shaler Township is celebrating 125 years as a First-Class Township!

Enjoy a wonderful year full of interesting events and programs! For more information visit [www.shaler.org](http://www.shaler.org)

- **February 27, 7:00pm:** Shaler Township Trivia Night at Acrospire Brewing
- **March 13, 6:30pm:** Let's Talk Local History at SNHL
- **April 15, 6:30pm:** Let's Talk Local History at Elfin-wild Church
- **March 24:** 125th Anniversary Art Contest Begins. Sponsored by the Shaler North Hills Library
- **May 23-May 26:** "The Wall That Heals"

Congrats to our partner organization—the Senator John Heinz History Center!

Did you know you can reserve a pass to visit for free? (2 adults & 6 children). Ask at the Reference Desk on how to schedule the pass!

## #1 HISTORY MUSEUM IN AMERICA

