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# 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 July 14: A Book Picnic! Bring a picnic dish and your favorite book to chat about. August 11: Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten

### Mystery Book Group

*Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm* Reads mysteries and thrillers. Please contact Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org **July 17:** *The Villa* by Rachel Hawkins **August 21:** Mystery Movie: *The Accountant 2* 

### Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

Monthly dates vary, 6:30pm More info here: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers July 17: Turning Words by Hozan Alan Senauke August: TBA

### Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

*First Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm* Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

## Sense & Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry

Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm Please contact Ingrid at kalchthaleri@gmail.com Register: <u>tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry</u> July 29: Gerard Manley Hopkins and Dylan Thomas August 26: Seamus Heaney

Food for Thought Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm Community-led. Drop-ins welcome. July 9: Ethnic Foods August 13: Garden Fest September 10: A Tailgate Party

#### 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, 8:15-9:15am* Drop-in. Dance along to the oldies! Contact Miss Ing at 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. <u>Tinyurl.com/shalermovie</u> **August 2:** A Complete Unknown

#### Let's Chat & Craft

*First Friday of the month at 11:30am* Drop-ins welcome. **July 11:** Old Time Radio Production **August 1:** Dog Days

Garden Club

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# Programs

# Two FREE Programs with the Shaler Garden Club

The public is invited to attend the July & August meetings of the Shaler Garden Club with two guest speakers. Registration is not required but encouraged.

July 22, 7:OOpm - "Plants Warn: Stay Away!" with guest speaker Pat Milliken, Certified PA Master Naturalist. (Winners announced for the Great Gardens Contest at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:00pm.)

If you think plants are merely decorative, think again! They are great warriors! Plants have complex defense systems that protect them from predators, like deer. Pat will introduce us to some of the tactics plants use to ensure their survival, including an arsenal of chemical weapons. She will illustrate these unique strategies with her extraordinary backyard plant and wildlife photographs.

August 26, 6:30pm-"Let's Talk About Birds" with guest speaker Bob Mulvihill, National Aviary Ornithologist. With his vast knowledge of our feathered friends, Bob is returning to give us more tips to make our yards attractive and more productive for the birds. Healthy bird habitats reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides and time spent mowing. Bob has received awards on behalf of bird conservation from the Audubon Society of Western PA and the PA Society for Ornithology. 2025 Great Gardens Tour Sponsored by the Shaler Garden Club Sunday, July 13 11:00am to 4:00pm



- \* Be inspired by five delightful gardens, each with their own personal style.
- \* Visit pollinator friendly gardens and mingle with native shrubs, trees and perennials.
- \* Chat with Garden Club members and homeowners.

Tickets are on sale now at the Library. \$20.00 in advance of the tour or \$25.00 the day of the tour. Pay in person or online at <u>Tinyurl.com/shalergardens2025</u>

- \* Tour held, rain or shine.
- \* Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.
- \* Carpooling encouraged.
- \* Pick up map with the garden addresses the <u>day of the tour</u> at Shaler North Hills Library.

Proceeds benefit the Shaler North Hills Library.

# Summer Reading is Here! Help color our world this summer!

# Now through August 17

Open to ALL AGES! Sponsored by the Friends of SNHL

## Get all the info, register and record your books at <u>www.tinyurl.com/allshaler</u> .

**Adults:** For each book you read or listen to, or any 10 books you read to a child, enter one slip. You can enter your reading online or by paper when you visit. Each entry is a chance to win one of our weekly prizes. All entries remain in play throughout the summer. Each Monday we will draw and contact the winner from the previous week.

You can enter to win passes or gift cards. Visit our displays or <u>www.tinyurl.com/allshaler</u> to enter.

<u>Kids and Teens:</u> Visit <u>https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/</u> for great summer programming!







Please join us the evening of July 25th, 5:00-8:00pm for our closing reception for our Community Art Show in celebration of Shaler Township's 125th Anniversary.

# Borrow a Kindle Paperwhite!

Love to read at the beach? A Paperwhite is a great way to read without getting sand in a book...Ask about borrowing one to try out eBooks. (These Kindles are not reservable).

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# TWO Great Ways to Have Fun This Summer—with FREE Passes to Local Sites in Western PA!

# Experience Kits—Visit Historic Sites in Our Area

We're excited to once again participate in the Experience Kits program with the Heinz 🖌

History Center. This year will feature EIGHT different museums that you can borrow a kit with free passes. (2 adults, 6 children under 18).

Sites include: Bushy Run Battlefield, Depreciation Lands Museum, Gibson House Manor, Historic Ft. Steuben, William Vicary Mansion, Duncan & Miller Glass Museum & Historic Harmony, the Heinz History Center (includes Meadowcroft and Ft. Pitt).

Visit our website for all the details or pick up a brochure when visiting. You will need to schedule your week by calling or visiting the Adult Services Reference Desk. **RAD Summer Staycation is BACK!** 

Now through August 31, some of Pittsburgh's favorite attractions are offering tens of thousands of free admissions. All you need is an Allegheny County library card and a RAD Pass reservation.

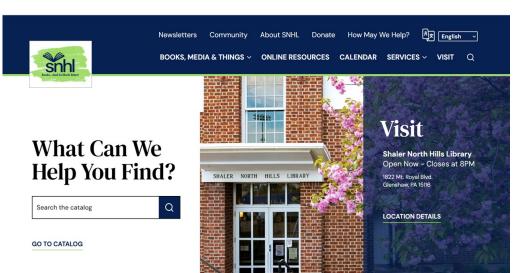
Visit RADpass.org to book your spot. Organizations participating in RAD Summer Staycation replenish offers regularly, particularly on Mondays and Tuesdays. <u>Please contin-</u> <u>ue to check RADPass.org frequently.</u>

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."—Jenny Han

# Wow! It's Finally Here!

We're excited to finally launch our new, updated website.

Sponsored by the Carnegie Library and funded through the Regional Asset District and Hillman Foundation, our new website has been rebuilt for better mobile use,



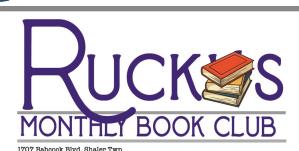
ADA accessibility, improved security, and better ease of use.

Please take a spin around through the site so you'll become familiar where everything is—you might discover something new too!



# **Ongoing Programs**





IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHALER LIBRARY

Join us for our new book club August will be a planning meeting to choose books & direction of our new club. The club will meet the last Friday of each month. • Order lunch and chat from 12:30-1 Book discussion 1-2pm RSVP at RuckusCafe.com



RuckusCafe.com

A coffee date with a good friend fills my cup in more ways than one.



# Let's Get Social!

Are you aware of the fun and welcoming groups that meet here? Shaler Library hosts groups that come together on a regular basis. We have a Card Club (500 bid), Needles & Hooks by the Books (Knitters & Crocheters), Senior Exercise (small fee), Food For Thought Book Group (make and share food), and Rummikub Game Night. These Community-led groups are always open to new folks and a great way to meet new friends. Check out the schedules on page two (2) and bring a friend to see what works for you!

## Art Gallery

July: Teen Art with Miss Amy S. August: Amaree Benton

# **Display Cases**

# July/August

- Plate Flowers by Patti DeBonis
- Summer Reading for All Ages! ۲
- Annual Garden Tour/Contest ٠
- **Sensations Marching Unit**

## Caring for a Loved One with Cognitive Issues? Find some support...

#### 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 Pro-Medica Memory Care.

Ask about our Caregiver Collection of materials too!

# 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.

# 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: <u>Tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry</u>

### 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. Learn more at: tinyurl.com/shalertheater

#### **Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults** First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org.

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.

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# News & Notes

#### What to Read/Watch/Listen to This Summer

Tired of reading the same things? Need a new author to follow? Want to try eBooks or eAudio books? We've got you covered!

Your library staff is here to help you explore ways to keep your reading fresh and fun.

Here are some ideas:

#### The Library Catalog

Jump on <u>the catalog page</u> to view staff lists from around the county, recently reviewed or rated books, DVDs, and music.

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#### **NoveList Plus**

The county library system provides NoveList to you through your library card. You can sign up to track your reading, find new favorites, peruse curated lists, and more. It's found in the <u>eResources</u> page on the website.

#### **Fantastic Fiction**

This is a <u>great resource</u> out of the UK to find lists of your favorite authors...what they personally recommend reading...and a really great way to track books in a series.

#### IMDB

An authoritative source for movie,

TV and celebrity content. Find ratings and reviews for the movie and TV shows. No login required.

#### Us!

And, of course, ask us what we've been reading, check out our displays, or pick up one of our handy booklists. Ask about using the eResources to access FREE eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies & TV shows. We have a brochure to help you get started!



September is Love Your Library Month across Allegheny County and now, more than ever, we are so grateful for the love you show for us and all public libraries!

All donations during this month receive a partial match from the Jack Buncher Foundation so it's a great time to come to a program, make a memorial or honor donation, buy some LYL 'swag' or make your annual financial donation.

Whatever way you support us we see the LOVE!

Join us this September for:

- Mini-Book Sale & Raffles
- Sip'n Paint Night with Miss Libby Saturday, September 13, 7:00pm
- Puzzle Game Night (for Adults) Saturday, September 20, 6:00pm
- Matinee with Dessert
  Date/time TBA

Stay tuned for details and to register!

#### Where Can I Donate/Recycle?

We often get questions about locations to drop things off. Here's a quick cheat sheet to help you: **Books, DVDs, CDs, Magazines:** The Library. We'll take your donations, use what we can and put the rest in our bi-annual Book Sales! Please put in our collection bin **OUTSIDE** next to the Book Drop. (Magazines should be within two years, please!)

**Eyeglasses:** We have a collection box in our lobby from the Lions' Club.

**U.S. Flags:** We have a collection box in our lobby!

**Expired/Unwanted Medications:** The Shaler Police Department has a collection box in the lobby of the Police Department.

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Shaler North Hills Library Joins in Celebrating Shaler Township's 125 Year Anniversary! Don't miss the special events all year long.

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

Float with a Flick—July 12 & July 18 Last Splash Pool Party—August 23 Concerts in the Park—August 24, September 14

# We are HAPPY to Take Your Donations!

Shaler North Hills Library gratefully accepts donations of gently used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles any time you are willing to part with them. We'll take your donations, use what we can (we especially appreciate recent books to possibly add to our collection), and put the rest in our bi-annual Book Sales.

<u>Please put the items in our donation closet</u> <u>next to the OUTSIDE book drop. Look for</u> <u>the WHITE Door.</u> (For large donations please call us at 412-486-0211.)

Thanks so much for thinking of us!

# 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 email to: friendsofthesnhl@gmail.com. The membership form is available on the at the Library or download from the Library website.



Please watch for our Back-to-School Wish Tree! Your donations of our requested items helps us stock up after a fun and busy summer with needed supplies for our programs.

### **Restroom Project Update**

Remodel Smart, our project contractor, has been busily gutting the downstairs storage room and installing plumbing for our new first floor restroom. We hope to finish the first floor restroom soon and get to work updating the second floor restrooms. We thank the Commonwealth of PA (Keystone), Shaler Township, and all of our donors to our "Bottoms Up" campaign. We apologize for the mess, dust, noise and parking impact!

### AC Issues

The "big" storm fried the temperature control panel for our (6) roof-top units, causing random bursts of heat and cool that cannot be regulated anymore. We have submitted our claim to insurance and will begin work replacing the panel. We are so sorry for all of this!