

Check it out!

Shaler North Hills Library | shalerlibrary.org | 412-486-0211

Sept-Oct 2025

Hours

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

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

Closed:
Sundays
September 1 & 27
Oct. 31, close at 5pm

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

Meetings
SNHL Board
October 8, 7:00pm

SNHL Friends
Sept. 11, 6:00pm
Board
Sept. 23, 6:30pm
General Membership

Donate



Please follow us!



September is Love Your Library Month (10 years!)

across Allegheny County and now, more than ever, we are so grateful for the love you show for your library!

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!



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

Join us for these fundraisers and events:

- ♥ **Raffle Baskets Galore & a Pizza Hut FUNdraiser! Throughout September**
You know we always have some awesome raffles going on. Check out our LYL baskets—tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. (Watch for the Pizza Hut info)
- ♥ **Rummage Book Sale, September 2-6**
Rummage through our boxes of books and find a treasure or two for just \$5/bag!!
- ♥ **Sip & Paint Night with Miss Libby, Saturday, September 13, 7:00pm**
An evening of fun and creativity for adults 21+! BYOB and snacks; \$25.00/person.
[PLEASE REGISTER](#)
- ♥ **Puzzle Game Night (for Adults), Saturday, September 20, 6:00pm**
It's our annual puzzle competition with PARTY GAMES! You don't have to puzzle; pick from your choice of table air hockey, ping pong, and many more party games—PLUS prizes! Adults 21+; BYOB and snacks; \$10.00/person.
[PLEASE REGISTER](#)
- ♥ **SNHL Readers' Theatre and Dessert, Sunday, September 28, 2:00pm**
Enjoy an afternoon matinee with SNHL Act Up Readers' Theatre and an Orams' cinnamon roll with ice cream. Adults 18+; \$10.00/person
[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

Need help registering or need to pay in person? Call and ask the staff to help you out!

Love Your Library Wish Tree! Can You Help?

We always use your generously donated back-to-school supplies. Thank you! As you know, we do a lot of programs that require all sorts of materials. To date, we have held nearly 1000 programs that served over 32,000 people! In addition, we are seeking assistance with a new, "Road Rally" fundraiser on January 10, 2026. Thank you for loving your library. (Scan the code to donate through Amazon)



Or visit the site at: <https://tinyurl.com/LYLwishlist>



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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

Sept. 8: *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian

October 13: *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

Mystery Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm

Reads mysteries and thrillers.

Please contact Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org

Sept. 18: *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney

October 16: *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskers

Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

Monthly dates vary, 6:30pm

More info here: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

Sept. 18: *After* by Dr. Bruce Greyson

Ruckus Cafe Book Group (NEW!)

Last Friday of the month, 12:30-2pm

Have some lunch and then join in the discussion. Held at Ruckus Café. Please RSVP at ruckuscafe.com

Aug 29: First meet-up!

Sept 26: 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: tinyurl.com/shalerpoeury

Sept 30: *William Blake*

October 28: TBA

Food for Thought

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

September 10: A Tailgate Party

October 8: Apples & Pumpkins

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

Held on the first weekend of the month at 6:00pm

Drop-in or register. Tinyurl.com/shalermovie

Sept. 6: *Nonnas*

October: TBA

Let's Podcast & Craft

First Friday of the month at 11:30am

Listen to a podcast or story and let's talk about it!

Drop-ins welcome.

Sept. 5: The Applelist

October 3: The Monkey's Paw

Programs

Let's Talk About Birds (A Program with the Shaler Garden Club)

August 26, 6:30pm

NATIONAL AVIARY



The public is invited to attend the August meeting of the Shaler Garden Club 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.

[Registration is not required but encouraged.](#)

A World War I Spy Novel....Meet the Author

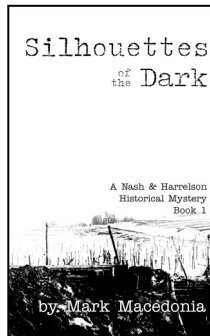
September 26, 1:30pm

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

A history professor and undercover naval intelligence officer...a mysterious British secret agent...an 18th century letter...all come together in murder and a cat-and-mouse chase across war-torn Europe.

The year is 1916. Europe is embroiled in a horrific war. Within the clandestine world of espionage, the U.S. government is closely monitoring the operations of German agents active within the United States. Enter Dr. Francis Nash, a professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh—and an undercover agent. Nash is assigned to courier sensitive photographs to an agent of the British Secret Intelligence Service in Europe, the beautiful and mysterious Peggy Harrelson.

Mark Macedonia is a retired Social Studies teacher from the Seneca Valley School District where he taught AP World History and U.S. History. He holds a BA in Communication from St. Bonaventure University and an MA in Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh. Mark resides in the Pittsburgh area with his wife Sandy, their English retriever Kimba, and their two cats, Dakota and Tecumseh. This is his fourth novel.



Pet Emergency—What to Do?

September 30, 6:30pm

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)



Join Kim Riester, an experienced animal rescuer/trainer and former Special Prosecutor for Animal Cruelty, for a presentation of techniques on how to simply approach distressed animals, safely assess/triage their symptoms, and initially treat conditions, prior to transporting them to the vet/hospital. Learn how best to obtain veterinary advice prior to arrival since there is "No 911" for help.



(Primarily focused on dogs.

Some information pertains to cats as well.)

Let's Talk Local History: A History of Shaler Township

October 16, 7:00pm
at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

Join local historian Jim Giel for a presentation of the history of Shaler Township. Bring your questions and your stories. The program is free but seating is limited so [please register](#).

Celebrating 125th Anniversary of Shaler Township



Did you know the Library has digitized the Shaler Area Yearbooks? You can access them directly from the Library website!

Health & Healing Programs

Caring for Caregivers: A monthly series for those caring for loved ones

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Gentle support, advice, and sharing in this safe space with others also experiencing the joys and struggles of caregiving. Led by Erin McMaster, a Memory Care Advisor from ProMedica Memory Care.



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

Ask about our Caregiver Collection of materials too!

A Safe Space for Bereavement: A monthly series for those recently experiencing loss

NEW!

Second Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm.



Grief is a personal experience, but empathy from those around you can make a big difference. Come join others in support to help you in your healing journey. Led by Bereavement Counselor Merissa DeVries from Hope Hospice. No registration required. Walk-ins always welcome.

Gentle Exercise Class with John Uddstrom

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

Come join others for some gentle stretching and exercise to stay limber and healthy.

Requires Release Form at first session. Drop-in. \$2.00 fee payable to instructor.

Dancersize with Miss Ing

Wednesdays 8:15am-9:15am

Want to jazz it up? Join Miss Ing and make new friends while dancing to all types of music!

Requires Release Form at first session. Drop-in. No fee.

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.

Please keep an eye out for changes as our Rest Room Project moves upstairs!

You will have access to the new ADA Rest Room on the first floor in the Large Print Room Area and the Port-a-John outside. Plan accordingly. Thanks for your patience.

Ongoing Programs

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. Writing prompts and silent writing time. 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: [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 rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com.

Fall Performances!

October 21: *Miss Nelson is Missing & The Pumpkin That Couldn't Smile*

November 18: *The Wizard of Oz*

Learn more at: tinyurl.com/shalertheater

Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

There are many ways to tell stories. Listen, learn and share at this evening for adults. Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org.

NEW!

RUCKUS MONTHLY BOOK CLUB

1707 Babcock Blvd. Shaler Twp

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](https://ruckuscafe.com)

FRIDAY
AUG. 29TH
12:30pm-2pm

RuckusCafe.com

Programs

Birds of Fall—From Owls to Song Birds

With the Allegheny County Park Rangers

October 17, 1:30pm

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

The ever-popular Allegheny County Park Rangers are back to share their knowledge of the autumn birds! Have you heard an owl hooting at night?



Wondered about their habits? When do they fly? Why are they so silent? What other birds are around and which ones migrate? Join us for an informative talk on feathered friends found in our area.



Keep your eyes out for a Pizza FUNdraiser!

Every Thursday in September, SNHL will receive 20% of the sales at the Etna Pizza Hut!



Experience Kits—Visit Historic Sites in Our Area with FREE Passes

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.



ColorFALL Leaves in Colored Pencil

A Six Week Series

Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm

10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

Our popular Botanical Drawing Class at SNHL for adults returns for another six-week session. Guided by Robin Menard, teacher and botanical illustrator, you'll delight in learning how to draw beautiful leaves in fall colors.



Cost: \$50.00 for 6 sessions

Limit: 20 people

Supply list available at the Reference Desk.

Paper will be provided.

[REGISTER AND PAY HERE.](#)



The Friends of SNHL Fall Book Sale!

Join us October 31-November 2

Take note!

Books, Books on CD, DVDs, Puzzles, Games
Cash, Check or Charge accepted

Get an SNHL Friends Membership and receive an invite to the Preview Night on October 30!

RAD Summer Staycation is BACK!

Many 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. [Please continue to check RAD-Pass.org frequently.](#)



News & Notes



September is **Love Your Library Month**, and thanks to the amazing pro-rated match from The Buncher Foundation, every dollar you donate has even *more bite!*

Donating is easy through this QR Code or use the link below!

tinyurl.com/LYL2025appeal



Library Scheduling Notes!

The Library's schedule will be adjusted as follows:

Monday, September 1

CLOSED for the Labor Day Holiday



Saturday, September 27:

CLOSED for Shaler Homecoming

Visit the SNHL Table!



Thursday, October 30:

Closing Early at 5:00pm

Friday, October 31:

CLOSE at 5:00pm (Have a safe Halloween!)



National Drug Take-Back Day

Do you have unused or expired medications you need to dispose of? Now there's an easy way to get them out of the house safely and responsibly!

Drop off to the Shaler Township Police at:

**Shaler North Hills Library
Rear Parking Lot Drop Off**

**Saturday, October 25
10:00am to 2:00pm**

Important! Please read!

- Medications from households and residences are accepted, whether prescription or over-the-counter.
- Medications may be disposed of in the original container or in a sealed plastic bag.
- Liquids must remain in the original container.
- Vaping materials accepted.
- No needles, syringes or lancets are accepted.
- DO NOT BRING EARLY! The Library Staff cannot accept the medications.

For more information visit: www.dea.gov

Hard to Read License Plate PennDOT Replacement Form Completion

Concerned that your license plate is illegible? The Shaler Township Police can help you get a replacement!



National Voter Registration Day!

September 16 is National Voter Registration Day. Ask the Adult Services Staff if you need help registering, checking your registration, or finding your polling place.



Art Gallery

August/September: Patrick Ruane

Display Cases

September

♦ Love Your Library Month

Friends General Membership Meeting September 23, 6:30pm



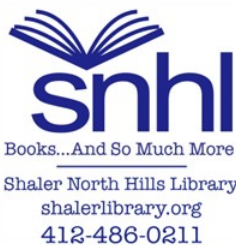
Love Your Library? Want to help out? Join as a new member of the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library!

Friends of SNHL actively work to make SNHL a better place. Membership is only \$15.00, \$25.00 for household. Join us for our membership meeting in September to learn more or feel free to reach out by email to:

friendsofthesnhl@gmail.com.

The membership form is available at the Library or download from [the Library website](#).

Thank You!



Our summers wouldn't be the same without the amazing support from our community partners, businesses, and library supporters. From our annual Touch-A-Truck event to the Car Cruise, from the Great Gardens Tour to our Summer Reading Program, YOU are what makes these so successful! Please join in supporting our local organizations and businesses. Thank them for being a Library Partner! Want to support the Library? Join our Friends group or reach out to us.

Shaler Township/Local Services

Shaler Township
Shaler Township Police Department
Shaler Fire Police
Shaler-Hampton EMS
North Hills Special Response Team
Shaler Area High School Class of 2026

Bauerstown VFD Station 259
Elfinwild Volunteer Fire Company Station 261
Etna Volunteer Fire Company
Reserve Township VFD
Reserve Township Police Department
Undercliff Volunteer Fire Company



Scan the Code and Join the Friends of SNHL !



Library Supporters & Organizations

"12 Months of April" Autism Advocacy Project
Shaler Garden Club
Walk Bike Shaler
Clint and Nancy Stokes
Bob Hoak
The McRae Family
The Staff, The Friends, and Volunteers of SNHL



Local Automotive Businesses

ABC Transit Inc.
ACLA Mobile Library Services
Advance Auto, Etna
Advance Auto, Babcock Blvd.
NAPA Auto, Babcock
J & T Tire Pros & Auto Service
Mazur Collision & Service Center
Ferra's Automotive Services

Local Businesses

Acrospire Brewing
Big Burrito Group
Body Bar Fitness & Spa
Dave & Buster's
Ed & Mark's Shop 'N Save
EZ Storage, Ross Township
Frank's Pizza & Chicken
Fun Slides Carpet Skatepark and Party Center
McTighe's Garden Center
Nox's on 8
Perman Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc.
Pittsburgh Estate Law
Pittsburgh Mobile Concrete
Sherry's Hair Salon
Target
Z Florist



RAD Partners

Heinz History Center
Pittsburgh City Theater
Pittsburgh Opera
Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium



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

Adult Swim: August 21

Last Splash Pool Party: August 23

Shaler Trivia Night (Party Deck!): August 27

Community Yard Sale: September 6

Fall Fest: October 4

Trunk or Treat: October 11

Shaler Township's COMMUNITY YARD SALE

7th Annual Community Yard Sale at Kiwanis Park
Saturday, September 6 from 8:30am-2:00pm

\$20 per parking space - Limited to 80 spaces
Bring and set up your own table beginning at 7:30am.

Registration forms available at www.shaler.org or
call the Township Office at (412) 486-9700 to sign up.
Deadline to register is Friday, August 29
or until all spots are filled.

Note: All unsold items must be taken away with you.



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.



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

Thanks so much for thinking of us!

Powell to the People

Mobile Office
Hours at Shaler Library

September 8,
12:30 to
3:00pm

A member of Representative Powell's office is onsite to meet with you.



Labor Day is
September 1,
2025

**25TH ANNUAL
ROTARY
GOLF OUTING**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

BENEFITING SHALER AREA COMMUNITIES
WILDWOOD GOLF CLUB | 2195 Sample Road Allison Park, PA 15101

- Registration/Lunch - 11:00 AM
- Shotgun Start - 12:30 PM
- Dinner/Raffle Drawings - 5:30 PM
- Auction for Round of Golf at Oakmont

**PRIZES FOR TOP THREE TEAMS' SCORES!
LONG DRIVE, LONG PUTT and CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTESTS!**

Proceeds from this year's event will go to support the following local causes:

- College Scholarships for Local High School Seniors
- Support Of Community Food Banks & Local Nonprofits
- Local Youth Organizations, Scholarships for Kids Summer Camps
- Shaler Backpack Initiative