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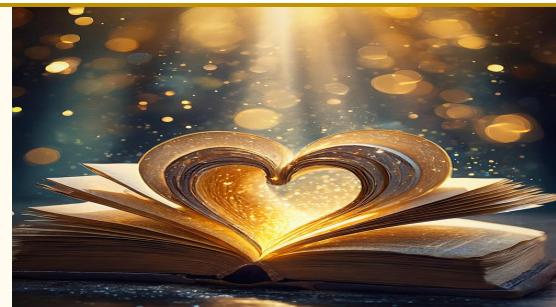
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Jan-Feb 2026

Books Will Warm Your Heart!

2026 SNHL Winter Reading for all ages
January 12 thru February 21

For every book you read or listen to, or for every 10 books read to a child, submit an entry slip for a chance to win a weekly prize. No registration required. Just drop off your entries when you visit.



Come and enjoy tea and oatmeal treats as we kick off our 2026 Winter Reading Program for all ages!
Monday, January 12.



Park & Pickup Hours

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

MEETINGS

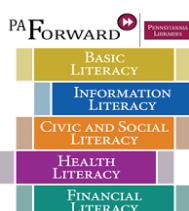
SNHL Board
2nd Wednesdays, 7pm

SNHL Friends Board
2nd Thursdays, 6pm
General Membership
January 24, 1:30pm

Donate



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Oatmeal treats generously provided by the SNHL staff and members of our Food For Thought Book Group.

Spend Your Winter With Us!

Look inside for details on all of these amazing upcoming programs. A winter of fun at your library!



January: Thursday evening Hygge Events

January 10-11: **NEW EXCITING ROAD RALLY!!** Fun for the whole family.



Note:

- **For safety, only adults admitted**
- **Primarily adult/teen materials**
- **Some music/DVDs**
- **Lobby items NOT included**

January 16: We'll be kicking off an amazing "History Matters" series with the first program on the Freedom House Ambulance Service.

February 7: CandyLand Alive!

February 12: Turkish Coffee & Culture Event

February 14-16: Our Annual Mini-Golf FUNdraiser for all ages. It's a real 'hole-in-one' FUN! Kids Book Sale too!

Monthly Get Togethers

Join us monthly 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 mhraes@shalerlibrary.org

January 12: *This Motherless Land* by Nikki May

February 9 *My Next Breath* by Jeremy Renner

Mystery Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm

Reads mysteries and thrillers.

Contact Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org

January 15: *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*

by Olga Tokarczuk

February 18: TBA

Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

Monthly dates vary, 6:30pm

More info here: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

January 14: *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a*

Worn-Out World by David Zahl

NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

February 11: *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

Ruckus Cafe Book Group

Fourth Friday of the month at 12:30-2pm

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

January 23: *Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

February 27: *Stranger in Time* by David Baldacci

NEW! Thrills & Chills Book Group

Third Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm

Reads psychological/domestic thrillers.

Contact Eileen at kruszewskie@shalerlibrary.org for more information.

January Pick up a copy of *The Tenant*

February 17: *The Tenant* by Freida McFadden

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!

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS

Movies on Your Mind

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

Drop-in or register. tinyurl.com/shalermovie

January: *Fisherman's Friends*

February: *Jane Austen Wrecked My Life*

Food for Thought

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

January 14: Cooking Lite

February 11: Recipes from Novels

Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

January NO MEETING

Sense & Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry

Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Please contact Ingrid at kalchthaleri@gmail.com

Register: tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

January 27: William Blake (Part 2)

February 24: Marie Howe

Let's Podcast & Craft

First Friday of the month at 11:30am

Contact Sharon at mhraes@shalerlibrary.org

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

Drop-ins welcome. Bring your projects!

January 2: National Science Fiction Day

February 6: TBA

NEW! Easy Make Night

Monthly at 6:00pm

Come together for simple, fun crafting nights! Free and open to adults.

Contact Sharon at mhraes@shalerlibrary.org

Drop-ins welcome.

January 27: Valentine Cards (**change in date!**)

February 25: Hoop Art

Programs

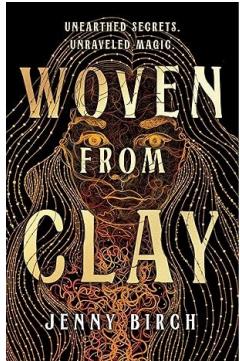
Woven From Clay: an Evening with Author Jenny Birch

January 28 6:30pm
For adults and teens 16+.

Craft & create with clay while we discuss and share insight on embracing one's true self and the connection and complexities of earth & humanity.

Ms. Birch is a Shaler Area Middle School teacher, and her YA fantasy book is *Woven from Clay*. It's about choosing love over fear and rewriting the path you thought you had to take.

Visit www.jennybirch.com



PuzzleMania Competition for Adults!

January 31, 1:00-5:00pm

Gather a team and compete against others to see how fast you can complete a 500-piece puzzle. Exercise your brain! We will have hot tea and hot chocolate. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Cheesy prizes!

Up to 5 people on a team.
Ages 16+

Please register to ensure we have enough puzzles.

REGISTER HERE

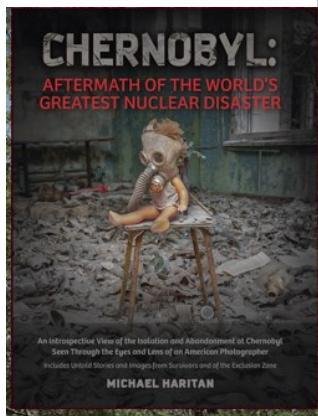
Don't want to compete?
Just come and puzzle!



President's Day/
Presidents' Day/
Presidents Day/
Washington's Birthday????



Which is it?
Read up about
this confusion
on [Wikipedia!](https://en.wikipedia.org)



HISTORY MATTERS SERIES

Fridays at 1:30pm. Please register for each.



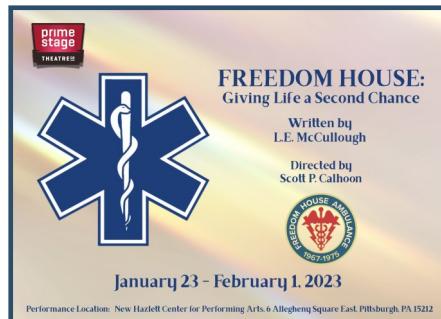
January 16: Freedom House Ambulance Services

Did you watch The Pitt last season? Did you see the episode where the residents learn about the Freedom House Ambulance Service? Come learn the real story about what is considered America's First Mobile Emergency Medical Unit. Created in 1967 in Pittsburgh's Hill District.

This story will be performed in play form by Prime Stage Theatre this winter.

Join playwright L. E. McCullough and artistic director Wayne Brinda for an informative talk about this piece of Pittsburgh history, and how it was transformed into a play. Performances will be held January 23-February 1. Visit [Www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com) for more information and tickets.

REGISTER HERE



February 20: Chernobyl: Aftermath

Please join Michael Haritan, a Pittsburgh-based professional commercial photographer and a best-selling author of his newly released book: *Chernobyl: Aftermath of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster*.

This 267-page photography chronicle, memoir and haunting documentation of his 2016 and 2018 visits to the nuclear reactor disaster site in Ukraine, the abandoned city of Pripyat, a psychiatric institution and orphanage, and untold interviews with the last remaining survivors and inhabitants still living in the Exclusion Zone.

Michael's photographs will be on display in the Library Gallery during the month of February. Books will be for sale. Visit this website for more info on his book: [Chernobyl Aftermath](http://ChernobylAftermath)

REGISTER HERE

Upcoming March 20: The Homestead Strike

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

No January mtg.

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.

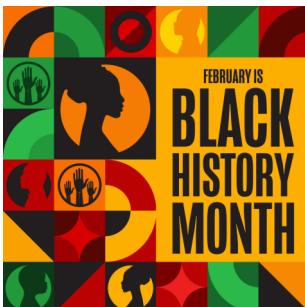
Dancersize with Miss Ing

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.



Try something new! Visit these sites for some book lists to celebrate the month:

Americanwritersmuseum.org

PenguinBooks

PBSKids

Weekly Get-Togethers

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), **Dancersize**, **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 below and on p. 2 and bring a friend to see what works for you!

SNHL Card Playing Group

Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm

Community-led. Drop-in. 500 Bid.

New players always welcome.

Needles & Hooks by the Books

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm

Community-led. Drop-in.

This group meets to knit and crochet.

WARM WINTER HYGGE

Thursdays at 6:00pm

Space remaining for these two sessions! Register NOW!

Calm Reset: Simple Practices to De-Stress and Re-Center with Rebecca

January 8, 6:00pm

This gentle yoga session focuses on slow movement, mindful breathing, and simple grounding practices to help calm the nervous system. All levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat and move at whatever pace feels comfortable for you. Session runs 45 minutes.

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

Straight, Strong and Staying That Way with Dr. Ashley

January 22, 6:00pm

Join chiropractor Dr. Ashley Bodenmiller for an interactive presentation where participants will learn tips to improve your posture, proper desk set-up and ergonomics, stress management, and lifetime wellness! Session runs 45 minutes.

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

Family Fun!

Road Rally For Your Shaler North Hills Library!

Saturday, January 10 -- 10am to 4pm

Sunday, January 11 -- 10am to 4pm

\$5.00 per person

\$2.50 for drivers 10 and under

Rev up for our Road Rally—a fun scavenger-hunt race featuring roadside attractions, pit stops, and a refueling station.

As a victory lap, zoom your own Matchbox or Hot Wheels car through a special course. Or borrow one of our cars!

No registration but watch for potential weather-related delays or closures.



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CANDYLAND ALIVE Saturday, February 7



REGISTER AS A FAMILY FOR A SESSION AT
tinyurl.com/shalercandyland



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



Join us the weekend of **February 14-16** 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 to 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 13 for set-up). Stop at the checkout desk to sign-up or email Sharon at mcraes@shalerlibrary.org.

Cozy Up and Win Raffle! Drawing on February 7!
Tickets are \$1.00 each or (6) for \$5.00. Buy at SNHL or online.

Scan the code or visit tinyurl.com/cozyraffle2026



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.

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 2025:

Monday Night Book Group

- *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
- *The Guncle*, by Steven Rowley
- *Mad Honey*, by Jodi Picoult



Mystery Book Group

- *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskers (#1)
- *Mother Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon (#2)
- *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker
- *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh
- *The Last Ranger* by Peter Heller

Ask to see the whole list for more suggested reading!

Thank you for your patience during the restroom project!



A NEW BOOK CLUB
at Shaler North Hills Library
"THRILLS & CHILLS"
Think: psychological/domestic thrillers

Register on our calendar at www.shalerlibrary.org

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM
starting in February 2026

Tuesday, February 17 at 2:00 PM

Our first book will be
The Tenant
by Freida McFadden

To get our group started, please [REGISTER HERE!](#)

March Sneak Peek—

- March 6: Meet author and police officer Brenda Tate
- March 7: Embroiderer's Guild—working on the PA Panel of America's Tapestry
- March 11 & 18: Our Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Classes return
- March 20: History Matters—The Homestead Strike
- March 24: Orchids 101 with the Western PA Orchid Society



Valentines for Seniors in Our Sixth Year!

For four years you have answered the call to make local area senior citizen's 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
2025: 1800+ 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 citizen area residents.
- Drop off at the Library between February 5-10—**NO later than February 10th please!!**

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

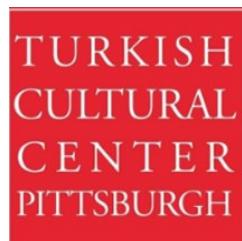




Turkish Coffee and Culture Presentation

February 12, 12:30pm

Please join guest presenters from the Turkish Cultural Center of Pittsburgh who will introduce various aspects of Turkish culture while serving traditional Turkish coffee and treats. These events are presented by volunteers with the goal to contribute to society by sharing culture and building bridges between different traditions.



The program is free though donations to the Turkish Cultural Center will be encouraged.

Space is limited. Registration is required. [REGISTER HERE](#)

News & Notes

Art Gallery

January Artist

- ◆ 2025 Year-End Artists Exhibit

February Artist

- ◆ Michael Haritan,
Photographs from Chernobyl

Display Cases

January & February

- ◆ Winter Reading
- ◆ Mini-Golf at the Library
- ◆ Valentines for Seniors

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

Library Scheduling Notes

Wednesday & Thursday, December 31 & January 1
Closed for the New Year Holiday

Friday, January 30
Closed for Staff In-Service Day

Join the Friends of SNHL

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. To join, scan the QR code or download the membership form from [the Library website](#).

General Membership Meeting: January 24, 1:30pm

New Members
Always Welcome!



We are HAPPY to Accept 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!

Beat the Winter Blues with...

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!



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

Silent Reading Party

**Tuesday, January 27
2PM to 4PM**

Let's get together and talk reading (or listening, bring headphones).

Then we'll read silently, enjoy a cozy cup of tea and relax. Free for adults. Bring your own book or pick from our suggestions.

Registration is suggested: tinyurl.com/snhrreadsilent



Kids' Mini Book Sale!

Join us **February 14-16** for our Mini Kids' Book Sale! Shop during mini golf!

Sponsored by the Friends of SNHL.

Helpful Services

Seeking help with housing, food, or other needs? Here are some resources to connect with:

FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

North Hills Community Outreach Food Pantry

3 Locations

<https://www.nhco.org/food-pantry>

Phone: 412-487-6316

St. Mary of Assumption

2510 Middle Rd, Glenshaw PA 15116

Phone: 412-486-0241

Network of Hope

2326 Duncan Ave

Phone: 412-487-7220

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Lower level of Calvert Presbyterian Church

94 Locust St., Etna PA 15223

Phone: 412-781-3056

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

66 Grant Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Phone: 412-781-2764

North Hills Food Bank

845 Perry Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Phone: 366-7477

West View Hub

435 Perry Highway

(in the Dollar General plaza, across from Isaly's)
Phone: 412-301-8381

<https://westviewhub.org/food-pantry>

GENERAL HELP

PA Navigate

Pennsylvanians can find help with various needs, including access to things like food, housing, utilities, transportation, and more - right in your local community.

PA-Navigate.org

Ask us if you need help finding other resources!

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."

- Edith Sitwell, Poet