



# Check it out!

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Jan-Feb 2026

## HOURS

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

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

## CLOSED

**Sundays**

**Dec. 31,**

**Jan. 1, Jan. 30**

## 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**



Please follow us!



## 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.



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

## Rummage Sale: Books!

Rummage through boxes of books for your next great read!

**January 2-6**

during normal

library hours

**\$3.00/bag**



## Note:

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

## 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.

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!

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# 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 [mcraes@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:mcraes@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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 [kruszezskiew@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:kruszezskiew@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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kalchthaleri@gmail.com)

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

**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 [mcraes@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:mcraes@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 [mcraes@shalerlibrary.org](mailto:mcraes@shalerlibrary.org)

Drop-ins welcome.

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

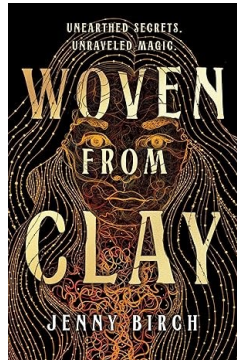
**February 25:** Hoop Art

# 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](http://www.jennybirch.com)

## PuzzleMania Competition for Adults! January 31, 1:00-5:00pm

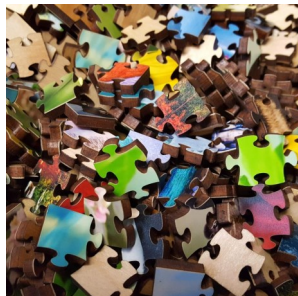
Gather a team and compete against others to see how fast you can complete a 500-piece puzzle. Exercise your brain! We will have hot tea and hot chocolate. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Cheesy prizes!

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!

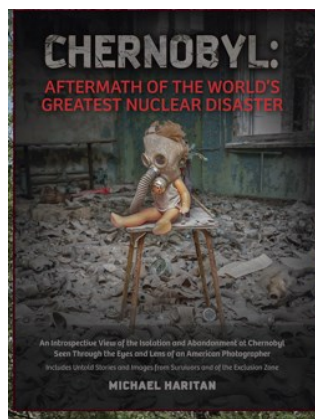


President's Day/  
Presidents' Day/  
Presidents Day/

Washington's Birthday????



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



## HISTORY MATTERS SERIES

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

### January 16: Freedom House

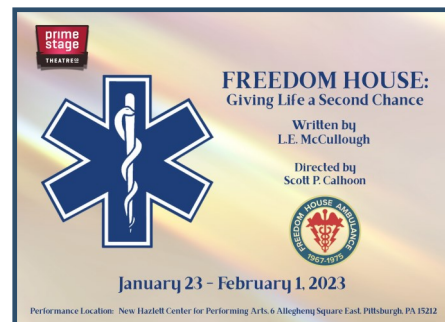
#### Ambulance Services

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 Pripjat, 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](https://www.michaelharitan.com)

### 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

**Second Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm.**

**No January mtg.**



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](https://americanwritersmuseum.org)

[PenguinBooks](https://PenguinBooks)

[PBSKids](https://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.



Shaler North Hills Library  
1822 Mt. Royal Blvd Glenshaw PA 15116 [www.shalerlibrary.org](http://www.shalerlibrary.org)



**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](mailto:mcraes@shalerlibrary.org).

## CANDYLAND ALIVE Saturday, February 7



REGISTER AS A FAMILY FOR A SESSION AT  
[tinyurl.com/shalercandyland](https://www.shalercandyland.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](https://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!**

Announcing...

Register on our calendar at [www.shalerlibrary.org](http://www.shalerlibrary.org)

## A NEW BOOK CLUB

at Shaler North Hills Library

### "THRILLS & CHILLS"

Think: psychological/domestic thrillers

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—

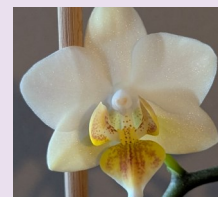
March 6: Meet author and police officer Brenda Tate

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.

**TURKISH  
CULTURAL  
CENTER  
PITTSBURGH**

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

## 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!***



## 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)

## 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...

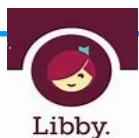
### Your eLibrary!

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



**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)

## 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/snhlreadsilent](http://tinyurl.com/snhlreadsilent)

### 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](http://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