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September is...

LOVE YOUR
LIBRARY 

Month!

HOURS

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

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

CLOSED

Sundays

Sept. 7

Oct. 3

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

MEETINGS

SNHL Board
2nd Weds, 7pm
Oct. 14

SNHL Friends Board
Thursdays, 6pm
Sept. 10; Oct. 1
General Membership:
Oct. 6

Dear Library Friends,

Those who know me know I am always losing my keys. But there is one key I never want to lose, the key that connects the Shaler North Hills Library to our caring community. And that key is you. You are the key to our next chapter.

September is Love Your Library Month, and there is no better time to celebrate what makes our library special: the people who walk through our doors, join our programs, discover something new, and help make our community stronger.

Thanks to the Buncher Foundation, all financial gifts and purchases made during Love Your Library Month qualify for a prorated match. Last year, your support helped raise \$11,654 in additional funding.

Your gift unlocks connections. It unlocks discovery. Help unlock the match this September. We can't do this without you. Thank you for your kindness and support. ~Sharon McRae

Please see page 3 for and save the insert for more information on all of our wonderful events and fundraisers!

We hope to see you all month!

Donate here:

[Tinyurl.com/loveSNHL](https://tinyurl.com/loveSNHL)



Please follow us!



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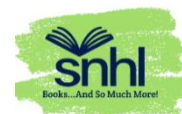
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Monthly Get-Togethers

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

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. 14: *The Wager* by David Grann

October 12: *James* by Percival Everett

Thrills & Chills Book Group

Third Tuesday of the month, 2:00pm

Reads psychological/domestic thrillers.

Contact Eileen at kruszewskie@shalerlibrary.org

Sept. 15: *She Didn't See It Coming* by Shari LaPena

Oct. 20: *The Chain* by Adrian McKinty

NEW! The More You Know Book Group

Second Wednesday of the month, 12:30pm

We try to pick titles that will make us learn, understand, and love better and more. Offsite at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.

Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

Sept. 9: *Shamism: The Timeless Religion* by Manvir Singh.

Oct. 14: *How to be Normal* by Phil Christman

Mystery Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm

Reads mysteries and thrillers.

Contact Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org

Sept. 17: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

Oct. 15: *The Ghost Writer* by Julie Clark

Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

Monthly dates vary, 6:30pm

More info here: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

Sept. 30: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl

Oct. 28: TBA

Ruckus Cafe Book Group

Fourth 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

Sept. 25: *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Oct. 23: *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

Food for Thought Cookbook Group

Second Wednesday of the month, 1:00pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

Sept. 9: Seasonal Recipes

Oct. 14: Apples & Pumpkins

Movies on Your Mind

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

Drop-in or register. Tinyurl.com/shalermovie

Sept. 5: *Blue Heron*

Oct. 2: TBA

SNHL Writers' Group

Last Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

Please email Jim Binz at jf.binz@gmail.com for information.

Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

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/shalerpoetry

Sept. 29: Mother Goose/Traditional Nursery Rhymes

Oct. 27: Charles Bukowski

Rummikub Game Night

First Thursday of the month, 6:00pm

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

Act Out Readers' Theater

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome. Call or text David Jones at 412-606-6131 or email Miss Ing at

rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com

Let's Podcast & Craft

First Friday of the month, 11:30am

Contact Sharon at mcraes@shalerlibrary.org

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

Drop-ins welcome. Bring your projects!

Sept. 4: Love Your Library!

Oct. 2: Creepy Stories

Easy Make Night

Evenings, monthly, 6:00pm

Oct 27: Creepy Crafts

Programs & Events

*Join in the fun and show your love for your library!
Space is limited for some of these events so don't wait to register!*

- ♥ **Puzzle Competition & Pizza! Love Your Library Style! Adults 21+**
Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m.

It's our famous puzzle competition. BYOB and your fav snacks.
\$15 per person, up to 5 per team.



- ♥ **Savor the Story of Theo of Golden Ages 16+**
Sunday, September 13 at 1:30 p.m.

A special program that brings the novel to life through food, creativity, community, and conversation. \$12 per person.
(Note: the library will be open only for this event.)



- ♥ **Paint & Sip: with a Twist! Get Lost in a Book. Adults 21+**
Friday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Girls' night, couples' night, creatives' night—it is so much fun to support your SNHL. We provide the supplies—BYOB. \$25 per person.
Soft drinks & desserts provided.



- ♥ **Brick Book Painting: Love Your Library Fun for ages 16+**
Saturday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m.

We'll provide the bricks & paints. Choose a favorite book cover to recreate or let your imagination run wild. \$25 per person.



- ♥ **Visit us at the Shaler Community Yard Sale**
Saturday, September 12
(pssst....we'll be selling Oram's donuts)

- ♥ **FREE! Family Fun Mornings with WQED!**

September 1 & 2, 10:30am

Fun activities with your favorite characters.



- ♥ **Kids & Classics BOOK SALE!**

September 1 through 5, during regular library hours

Great bargains on great books. Help us get them
in the hands of kids!

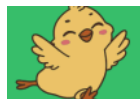


"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world."—Lauren Ward

"A Trained Librarian is a Powerful Search Engine with a Heart."—Sarah McIntyre

NEW and Ongoing Programs

Join us every week for these!



Early Bird Boogie!

Now on Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays, 8:00am.

Ages 18+. Free style dancing!

Contact Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

SNHL Cards

Weekly on Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm

Plays 500 bid. Community run. New players welcome.

Needles & Hooks by the Books

Weekly on Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm

Bring your knitting or crochet projects and join us for an hour of fellowship and information sharing.

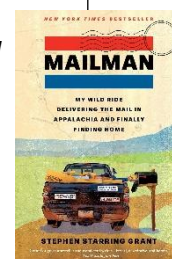
Watch for a NEW Book Group coming this Fall focusing on nonfiction!

Kick-off discussion to plan will be on

Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

We'll start with ***Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home*** by Stephen

Starring Grant



The More You Know*... Book Group

We try to pick titles that will make us learn, understand, and love better and more. When that fails, we just pick something that is weird. Books are available at the Library!

**August 12 - *The Glorians*
Terry Tempest Williams**

**September 9 - *Shamanism*
Manvir Singh**

**October 14 - *How to Be Normal*
Phil Christman**

Second Wednesday of each month, at 12:30 pm at the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church on Bulter Plank Road

 *"The more you know, the better you're able to love."-Gerda Saunders

Side by Side Singers

Wednesday, September 30 at 2:00 PM



Do you or someone you love enjoy singing? Join us for an hour of familiar songs, shared memories, laughter, and community.

Especially designed with those living with memory changes or cognitive decline in mind, along with their care partners, family members, and friends. All are welcome! Questions? Email Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org. Subject: Singing



Botanical Colored Pencil Class

There are beautiful colored leaves, acorns, and gourds everywhere in the fall! Build or expand your drawing skills with teacher and botanical illustrator, Robin Menard. No experience or special skills are needed. Just bring a graphite pencil and a set of 12 Prismacolor pencils to the first class.

Cost: \$50 for 6-week class

Mondays, Oct. 12 Nov. 16

Payment due upon registration

Participants: Limit of 20

Supply list available at the Reference Desk.

Paper will be provided.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CARE & SUPPORT

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

Third Wednesday of the month, 1:30pm

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

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

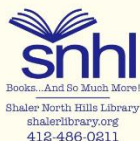
Second Wednesday of the month, 3:00pm

Led by Bereavement Counselor Merissa DeVries from Hope Hospice.

No registration required for either program. Walk-ins always welcome.

Exciting Programs

MEET A DINOSAUR SCIENTIST!



DIGGING THROUGH DEEP TIME: A JOURNEY INTO PALEONTOLOGY

SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30PM

Join Nicholas Hornicak, a dinosaur paleontologist, who will teach us what paleontologists do, from discovering fossils in the field to preparing them in the lab. He will also teach us how to identify fossils and what they tell us about ancient life on Earth.



For ages 6 to adult.
PLEASE REGISTER



Raffle to win free passes to Carnegie Museum of Natural History!

Honoring the 25th Anniversary of 9/11



September 11, 2026

8AM to 9AM

Shaler North Hills Library

Join SNHL to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 by viewing the 9/11 Anniversary Digital Learning Experience. The program includes a 30-minute film highlighting first-person accounts of the attacks and the aftermath. Refreshments will be served. Free. The program is presented by the 9/11 Memorial Museum. The information is suited for 5th graders and older. Registration is helpful but not required.
tinyurl.com/mrys5sa

Star Party Returns!

Friday, September 18, 7:30 to 11:30pm

Held at Denny Park, 1198 Anderson Road

We're excited to host our second Star Party with the members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (3AP). Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or a curious beginner, come explore the cosmos, ask questions, and enjoy a fun, educational event for all ages.

Bring lawn chairs, snacks and your own telescope or binoculars if you like! No flashlights please! We'll provide small handheld red lights which are used for nighttime viewing.

Those who attend can enter a raffle to WIN a DWARFLAB Mini Smart Telescope!!

PLEASE REGISTER in case of rain.



"SUMMER READS, MAKES ME FEEL FINE!"

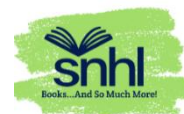
September 30, 6:30pm—Ellen Hughes Park

Pause your phone, chat about a book, and then relax and read silently for 30 minutes at a beautiful Shaler park on the last Wednesday evening of the month.

Bring your own chair and refreshments. No registration, no rain dates. For those 16+.

Programs for Kids & Families & ALL AGES!

Want all the info on great kids' programs? Link here: <https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/>



News & Notes



We'll be CLOSED on Monday, September 7 and Saturday, October 3 (for homecoming)

Mark Your Calendars now for...



Our Annual **Fall Book Sale** brought you by the fabulous Friends of Shaler North Hills Library—**November 14 & 15**
Preview Night for Friends Members:
Nov. 13



Our semi-annual **Drug Take-Back** in partnership with the Shaler Township Police—**October 24, 10am-2pm**



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 season's sites include:

Beaver Area Heritage Museum (includes Ft. McIntosh), Bradford House, Gibson House Manor, Historic Ft. Steuben, Lincoln Highway Experience, McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center, and 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.

Shaler Hampton EMS—A great partner!

We're proud to partner with the Shaler Hampton EMS who take care of our friends and neighbors. We're excited to share that they have now installed AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) in all Shaler Parks! What a lifesaving service to our community. If you don't know the local parks, pick up a brochure here at the Library which will fill you in on where they are and what they offer. And...

Through a partnership between Shaler North Hills Library and Shaler Hampton EMS, you can now learn HANDS-ONLY CPR anytime using *Big Red*, a CPR training manikin. Practice builds confidence, and this is something the whole family can learn together in the comfort of your own home.

We are also excited to partner with Hampton Community Library, which will also offer *Big Red* for loan to residents of Hampton and Shaler Area.



Art Gallery

September/October Artists

- ❖ Stephen Bruce Nature Photography
- ❖ Allegheny Valley League of Artists

Display Cases

September

- ❖ Sensations Marching Unit

October

- ❖ Sensory/sashiko stitching

Our Display Cases are open to local community organizations, nonprofits, artisans and crafts people. Please check out our policy on our website or ask at the Reference Desk for more information. Cases are booked on a monthly basis.

Fall Programs

HISTORY MATTERS

AT SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY

Fridays at 1:30pm

Please register on our calendar
at www.shalerlibrary.org



The History of Blawnox Borough - September 11

Tom Powers, president of the Lawrenceville Historical Society, will show and tell how the borough of Blawnox developed along the Allegheny River out of the 1867 planned community of Hoboken.

Pittsburgh's Historic Stadiums & Arenas - October 9

Local historian and author Mark Fatla documents the history of Pittsburgh's professional football, hockey, and basketball venues through dozens of historic images.



World War II in Pittsburgh - November 6



Come join local history buff and Heinz History Center Docent Jim Haller to learn about the living conditions in Pittsburgh during the war and how the end of the war began the Pittsburgh "Renaissances."

Blawnox Borough: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Stadiums & Arenas: [REGISTER HERE](#)

World War II in Pittsburgh: [REGISTER HERE](#)

Owls of Pennsylvania with the Allegheny County Park Rangers October 23, 1:30pm



Our favorite Allegheny County Park Rangers are back this fall! Come learn about the 8 species of owls that are found in Pennsylvania.

Owls have long captured our imaginations because of their mysterious nocturnal activities, unique adaptations, and overall cuteness. Join Allegheny County Park Rangers to explore the owls that call Pennsylvania home and the special abilities they use to conquer the night.

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)



We're in Stitches this October!

Relax, Create, and Stitch with Joy!

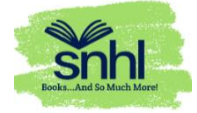
Sacred Stitches: A Japanese-Inspired Journey in Mindful Hand-Stitching
October 15, 6:00-8:30pm; Limit of 20 participants.

Mending Workshop with Pittsburgh Share Our Skills
October 24, 11am-2pm. Drop-in throughout the day.

Embroidery to Embellish Denim Clothing
October 29, 2:00-3:30pm; Limit of 10 participants.

Join us in October for three unique opportunities to stitch and learn. Some sessions are limited. Please visit our calendar for details and to register.





Community News

Take Note! The Shaler Area School District's Homecoming celebration will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**. The Library will be closed to join in the festivities. Don't miss the parade!



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:
October 6, 1:30pm



Have you tried out a RAD Pass yet?

Your library card is your ticket to adventure—with free or discounted admission to many of the regional assets in our area. Must be an Allegheny County resident with a valid library card.

Visit RADPass.org today to learn more.



SHALER TOWNSHIP
PENNSYLVANIA

LAST SPLASH POOL PARTY

AT CRAWFORD POOL

Saturday, August 22

6:00 - 9:00pm

Swimming, Music, Games, Fun!

A \$3/person donation will be accepted at the gate that will go towards Shaler Township events.

Rats/noodles/boats are not permitted at this event.

Sponsored by:



Shaler Township's COMMUNITY YARD SALE

8th Annual Community Yard Sale at Kiwanis Park
Saturday, September 12 from 8:30am-2:00pm

\$20 per parking space
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, September 4
or until all spots are filled.

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



With Senator Lindsey Williams and
Representative Lindsay Powell

SHREDDING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Goodwill of Southwestern PA
160 52nd St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Bring all of your old
documents, folders, and
correspondence including
personal and confidential
information you would like
to destroy in a responsible
and sustainable way!

2 BOX LIMIT PER VEHICLE.

For more information, call:
412-781-2750 OR 412-364-0469



SEPTEMBER IS
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YOU'RE THE KEY



DEAR LIBRARY FRIENDS,

Those who know me know I am always losing my keys. But there is one key I never want to lose, the key that connects the Shaler North Hills Library to our caring community. And that key is you. You are the key to our next chapter.

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HELP UNLOCK THE MATCH



*How will you
love your SNHL
this month?*



ABOUT LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Every September, libraries across Allegheny County celebrate Love Your Library Month.

Thanks to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, all participating Allegheny County libraries receive a prorated portion of a match pool to support their general operations. Your purchases and gifts go further this month!

We thank The Jack Buncher Foundation for their constant and generous support. In addition, we thank The Carnegie Library and the Allegheny County Library Association for coordinating this special fundraising month.

DONATE TO YOUR SNHL



Make a gift to the Shaler North Hills Library by scanning the QR code or visiting tinyurl.com/loveSNHL and making a tax-deductible contribution. We are pleased to accept in-person donations or via mail:

Shaler North Hills Library
1822 Mt. Royal Blvd. Glenshaw, PA 15116

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- Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. The Federal Tax ID (EIN) number for the Shaler North Hills Library is 25-1011856.
 - **Shop our “pop up” kids and classics book sale September 1 to September 5 during our hours of operation.**
 - Shop our trinket sale while supplies last. Gently used costume jewelry, small items.
 - Bid on various new items donated to the library. Awesome raffles, too!
 - Shop at Shaler Township’s Community Yard Sale on 9/12 at 8:30AM--buy an Oram’s donut from us!
 - Buy a heart key for \$1.00 and share your library story--we will hang them for the month!
 - Use the library! We know life is busy this time of year, but your use demonstrates that libraries matter. Borrow stuff! Attend a program. Invite friends and neighbors to get a FREE library card. Share your library story with a local official.

SPECIAL SMALL FUNDRAISERS FOR ADULTS

- Puzzle Competition & Pizza, LYL Style! Saturday, 9/12 at 6PM. 21+ \$15.00 per person. Register and pay: tinyurl.com/snhlpuzzle2026
- Savor Theo of Golden! Sunday, 9/13 at 1:30PM \$12. per person 16+. You’ve read the book, now savor food, community and conversation. Register and pay: tinyurl.com/snhltheo2026
- Paint & Sip Night! Friday, 9/25 at 6:30PM. \$25 per person. 21+. Register and pay: tinyurl.com/snhlpaintandsip
- Brick Book Painting! Saturday, 9/26 at 1PM. \$25 for those 16+. Register and pay: tinyurl.com/snhlbookbrick