CONNECTION
JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2019 ISSUE

SUMMER READING AT PARKLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer fun and the library go hand in hand! Whether you’re getting ready to hit the beach with the latest bestseller or take advantage of all the special activities and programs, the library is the place to start! This year’s summer theme is *A Universe of Stories*. We hope it inspires and motivates you to connect, discover, and grow year round. New for this year is a week-long sign-up from June 17-22 with drop-in activities available for all ages!

We’re working to make a vital connection to the community as a destination for all ages during the summer and beyond. We hope to help develop young readers’ language skills, confidence, and sense of accomplishment and belonging. We’re looking forward to seeing teens benefiting from a higher level of literacy by increasing their reading comprehension for testing, further education, and future employment. And we continue to provide opportunities for adults to learn and enhance their lives in a variety of ways.

Get motivated! As always, we offer weekly challenges, prizes, and activities to keep you reading and growing all summer long! Check inside this newsletter or at parklandlibrary.org for all the special activities.

Thank you sponsors!

We would like to thank our sponsors for their prize donations and their continued support of the library and literacy initiatives.

- Baum School of Art
- Burger King
- Putt-U Mini Golf
- Chipotle
- ComicMasters
- Just Born Inc.
- Kalahari Resort
- Lehigh Valley Zoo
- Philly Pretzel Factory
- Polish Water Ice

STORIES IN THE SCHOOLS

Stories, songs, and activities at local Parkland Elementary Schools.

- **Wed., June 26, 2–3pm**
  - PARKWAY MANOR

- **Thu., June 27, 2–3pm**
  - SCHNECKSVILLE

- **Tue., July 9, 2–3pm**
  - KRATZER

- **Wed., July 10, 10–11am**
  - JAINDL

- **Tue., July 16, 10–11am**
  - IRONTON

- **Wed., July 17, 10–11am**
  - CETRONIA

- **Wed., July 24, 2–3pm**
  - FOGELSVILLE

- **Thu., July 25, 10–11am**
  - KERNSVILLE @ SCHNECKSVILLE

OUR NEW LOOK!

Dear Readers,

We redesigned our newsletter to make events more convenient to locate. We created a color-coded calendar in order to search for programs by age group.

**Color Key:**

- **Kids Events:** Blue.
  - Age Range- Birth-Grade 5.
- **Teen Events:** Teal.
  - Grades 6-12.
- **Adult Events:** Red.
  - Age Range- 18+.

PA Forward is a statewide initiative under the PA Library Association (PaLA), which works to strengthen the state’s libraries through education, advocacy and leadership.
**MODERN CLASSICS:**

**FIRST REFORMED**
1–3pm | RSVP
Calling movie lovers! We’ll show a well-renowned newly released movie. Additional show time available first Fri. of the month.

**FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION**
5–6pm | RSVP
PA Forward: Social Literacy
Take the first step to find out whether being a foster or adoptive parent is right for you. Presenter Angie Gillen, Allentown Salvation Army.

**TEEN INTERNSHIP TRAINING**
1–2pm | Shelving

**TEEN D&D NIGHT**
6–8pm | Drop-in
Adventurers Wanted! Bring your friends and brave the dungeons! All levels of players welcome. Feel free to bring your existing D&D character or make a new one! New players, please come 15 minutes early to make your own character. Grades 6-12.

**BOOK CLUB**
3–4:30pm | Drop-in
Book: *A Good American*. Monthly on the second Tue. Held at Luther Crest, Hausman Road, Allentown.

**THE VAULT-ADULT SUMMER ESCAPE ROOM**
3:30–8:30pm | RSVP Time Slots
Can you and your team break free from the room? Use elements of the space around you to solve a series of puzzles, find clues, and break codes to find the key to escape!

**SENIOR YOGA**
10:30–11:30am | RSVP
PA Forward: Health Literacy
Monthly on the second Thu. Join certified yoga instructor, Karen, as she focuses on beneficial yoga for seniors.

**LIBBY FOR EBOOKS (PLUG INTO TECH WORKSHOP)**
9–10am | RSVP
PA Forward: Information Literacy
A basic look at our preferred method for using ebooks.

**MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE**
(APPRISE COUNSELING)
10am–1pm | RSVP
Individual appointments with a certified Medicare Enrollment Counselor who can help with the enrollment process or with overview questions. RSVP for the appointment of your choice at 10am, 11am, or 12 noon.

**TECH HELP AT THE REF DESK**
All Day | Drop-in
Monthly on the second Fri. Stop by the Reference Desk with your device, and/or technology questions, and we’ll be ready to give one-on-one help.

**DIY FUN**
10:30–11:30am | RSVP
Monthly on the third Thu. If you’re interested in some fun do-it-yourself projects, join us for this monthly create time. All materials and supplies provided.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, EVENT LOCATIONS, AND AGES, VISIT PARKLANDLIBRARY.ORG**
Summer Reading Kick Off Week

Register June 17-22.
School’s out! Come in to register for our 2019 summer reading program for adults, teens, and kids. Pick up the materials to get started! Sign up and receive a Fine Forgiveness Voucher. There will be activities and giveaways each day. This year’s theme is A Universe of Stories.

YOUNG CRITICS BOOK CLUB
6:30–7:30pm | RSVP
Monthly on the third Thu. Book discussion and we will also share ideas for other great reads while enjoying fun activities and a special snack. Grades 4-6.

TEEN YOGA
12–1pm | RSVP
Strengthen your ability to be more mindful and focus on the present moment. 60 minute yoga session held outside. Grades 7-12.

BABYTIME
10:30–11:30am | Drop-in
Ages birth-18 months.

TEEN LIFE-SIZED GAMES
HUNGRY HUMAN HIPPOS
12:30–2pm | RSVP
We will be reenacting the hungry hungry hippos challenge! Players will have to use laundry baskets to gobble up their food. Win a free Domino's pizza!

READ TO THE PUPS
6:30–7:30pm | Drop-in
Join the gentle Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs and practice reading your favorite stories aloud.

STORIES IN THE SCHOOLS
10:30–11am | Drop-in
Outside weather permitting. Ages 18+ months.

TEEN MINUTE TO WIN IT
12–2pm | RSVP
Ready, set, go! Pudding Pictionary, The Great Pasta Race, Chopstick Race, Yank Out The Card, Cool Shot and more! A $5 Target gift card will be issued to the winner. Grades 6-12.

STORIES IN THE SCHOOLS
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Parkway Manor

JOY OF COLORING & PUZZLES
3–4:30pm | Drop-in
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon to de-stress with coloring pages and brain teasers! Materials provided.

SELF DEFENSE BASICS
6:30–8pm | RSVP
PA Forward: Health Literacy
Protecting yourself and knowing how to get out of a threatening situation is a skill you should know. Join Todd of Todd’s Martial Arts & Fitness for some basic self defense techniques. No experience needed.

KNITTING & CROCHETING CIRCLE
2–4pm | Drop-in
Spend a fun afternoon swapping knitting or crocheting tips and tricks! Just bring your materials and enthusiasm. For yarn workers of all ages and skill levels.

CODE BUSTERS
4:30–5:30pm | RSVP
Come join us to learn how to code and program with teens from the Parkland School District. Weekly on Thu., through Aug 2. Grades 5-8.

STAR WARS CELEBRATION
6–8pm | Drop-in
Schnecksville
An evening of Star Wars related crafts and activities for the whole family. Dressing up as your favorite Star Wars character is highly encouraged! All supplies are first come first served. Location: South Whitehall Township Public Meeting Room.

TEEN CRAFT CLUB - DIY SLIMES
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Craft a variety of slimes colors, scents, and more! Grades 6-12.

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STOMP ROCKETS
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## JULY

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  - 10:30–11:30am | Drop-in
  - Ages birth-18 months.

### Tuesday
- **TEEN CRAFT CLUB - TIE DYE TOTE BAGS**
  - 11:30am–12:30pm | RSVP
  - We will be making tie dye tote bags! Dye will stain. Be sure to bring an art smock or wear old clothing. Gloves and bags will be provided. Dye will be done outside. Grades 6-12.

### Wednesday
- **TEEN CRAFT CLUB - DIY MARBLE MUGS**
  - 11:30am–12:30pm | RSVP
  - Pick your favorite color or mix them to make a cool swirling pattern. We will be applying sealer to make your design dishwasher safe. Grades 6-12.

### Thursday
- **SENIOR YOGA**
  - 10:30–11:30am | RSVP
  - PA Forward: Health Literacy
  - Monthly on the second Thu. Join certified yoga instructor, Karen, as she focuses on beneficial yoga for seniors.

### Friday
- **TEEN IRON CHEF 2**
  - 12:30–2pm | RSVP
  - Challenge your peers in the culinary quest for greatness. Players will have to create a no cook dish with a secret ingredient before the time runs out. The winner will win a Fandango Gift card.
  - *Food allergies-please alert Amanda at sign up. Grades 6-12.

### Saturday
- **INTERACTIVE MOVIE NIGHT**
  - 6:30–8pm | RSVP
  - Instead of sitting back and watching the film, we’ll bring a favorite Pixar movie to life with actions, props, and interactive elements. Snacks provided. Please call for title. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

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LIL BUILDERS
11am–12pm | Drop-in
Monthly on the second Fri. Come play and build with our amazing block collection, magnatiles, and much more! Ages 2+ with adult.

TEEN WAFFLE BAR
10am–12pm | Drop-in
Ready to roll out of bed and visit the library for some yummy waffles for breakfast or brunch? The waffle bar will have multiple toppings to pick from. *Food allergies-please alert Amanda at sign up. Grades 6-12.

BABYTIME
10:30–11:30am | Drop-in
Ages birth-18 months.

BROWN BAG CLASSICS:
THE HELEN MORGAN STORY
1–3pm | RSVP
Bring your bag lunch and join us for some classic movies; beverages will be provided.

READ TO THE PUPS
6:30–7:30pm | Drop-in
Practice reading your favorite stories aloud with the gentle Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs.

TEEN CRAFT CLUB-WATER GUN PAINTING
11:30am–12:30pm | RSVP
Create your own abstract art piece with water guns! *Bring an art smack or wear old clothing for painting. Location: the circle in front of the South Whitehall Township Building. Grades 6-12.

TINKERLAB
BUILD A LUNAR LANDER
2–3pm | RSVP
Design and build a shock-absorbing spacecraft using common objects. Grades 3-5.
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### August

#### Thursday
- **August 1**
  - **MAKE A SPLASH**
    - 11am–1pm | RSVP
    - Be prepared to get soaked! Join us for a water balloon showdown, water balloon toss, and a slip and slide! Please wear clothes that you won’t mind getting wet, and please bring your own towels. Location: outside in the circle in front of the South Whitehall Township Building. Grades 6-12.
- **HARRY POTTER ESCAPE ROOM (FAMILY EVENT)**
  - 4:30–8:00pm | RSVP
  - Time Slots: 4:30, 5:15, 6, 6:45, 7:30 As a team find clues and solve the mystery of the missing birthday boy or end up in Azkaban! Best for children entering 3rd grade & up plus their adults.
- **MODERN CLASSICS:**
  - IF BEALE ST. COULD TALK
    - 1–3pm | RSVP
- **TEEN D&D NIGHT**
  - 6–8pm | Drop-in
  - Adventurers Wanted! Bring your friends and brave the dungeons! Bring your own character. Grades 8-12.
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- **LIL BUILDERS**
  - 11am–12pm | Drop-in
  - Come play and build with our amazing block collection! Ages 2+ with adult.
- **MIXED MEDIA MOMENTS**
  - 10:30am–1pm | RSVP
  - Love the creativity, individuality, and self-discovery of Mixed Media art? A variety of materials, concepts, and ideas will abound at this create and share time with other artists.

#### Saturday
- **LIL BUILDERS (FAMILY EVENT)**
  - 11am–12pm | Drop-in
  - Come along your Hogwarts crew and keep your wits about you! Can you escape before time runs out? This may appeal to you! Can you like mysteries and adventure, and keep your wits about you? If you like puzzles and adventure, this may appeal to you! Can you escape before time runs out? Grades 6-12.

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1–3pm | RSVP
Bring your bag lunch and join us for some classic movies; beverages will be provided.

SPREADSHEETS! PLUG INTO TECH WORKSHOP
5:30–6:30pm | RSVP
PA Forward: Information Literacy
Every two months on the second Wed.

BOOK QUEST
7–8pm | Drop-in
Monthly on the third Tue. The library’s book group for adults meets to discuss the book listed (a short story of choice). New members welcome!

TEEN ANIME CLUB BUBBLE TEA EDITION
6:30–7:30pm | RSVP
For this session, while we watch anime we will be making different flavors of bubble tea. Monthly on the third Wed. Grades 6-12.

KNITTING & CROCHETING CIRCLE
2-4pm | Drop-in
Spend a fun afternoon swapping knitting or crocheting tips and tricks! Just bring your materials and enthusiasm. For yarn workers of all ages and skill levels.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY ESCAPE ROOM
10am–1pm | RSVP
Time slots: 10am, 11am and 12pm. Some members of the Guardians of the Galaxy crew have gone missing. Are you able to figure out the secret puzzle to get the hidden artifact to save them in time? Use Starlord’s mix tapes as clues to help you in your adventure! Grades 7-12.

JOY OF COLORING & PUZZLES
3–4:30pm | Drop-in
Come join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring to de-stress, or brain puzzles to stimulate your mind. Coloring pages, colored pencils, and a variety of brain puzzles provided; just bring your creativity.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
Be sure to RSVP for future Parkland programs.

Preschool Storytime, Crafting 4/17
Simple Gifts- Live In Concert 4/22
Peter Barbour- Author Event 4/27

SEPTEMBER IS SENIOR MONTH
• Tue., September 3 • 1-3pm • Kickoff Event
SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL
A month of activities and programs for the benefit and enjoyment of our seniors!

JOY OF COLORING & PUZZLES
TEEN EVENTS • SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 10AM–1PM • RSVP
DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Saturday hours begin
June 22, 9am–1pm
The Library is Closed on:
Independence Day
Thursday, July 4
Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, August 31
& Monday, September 2

NEW TO PARKLAND LIBRARY
Playaways!

Playaway is the pre-loaded audiobook that gives you the freedom to plug in headphones or into your car to listen anytime or anywhere! This all-in-one device is all you need to get listening! It’s simple, portable, and ready-to-go! Try one out today!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

As always, we will be having a Basket Raffle. In addition, The Friends are excited to add a beautiful quilt to raffle sewn by Susan Levis of Orefield PA, specifically for this event! This 100% cotton quilt is 68”x80” large enough to use as a cozy lap cover, display over the back of a sofa or place at the end of a bed.

2019 ANNUAL BOOK SALE
WHERE: St. Joseph the Worker’s Parish
1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA
PREVIEW SALE: ($15 fee) - Thu., July 25, 4-6pm
SALE: July 26-28
Fri., July 26, 9am-7pm
Sat., July 27, 9am-6:30pm
$6 Bag Sale- Sun., July 28, 11am-3pm
DONATIONS ACCEPTED: Mon.-Wed., July 22-24, 10am-7pm
Thu., July 25, 10am-Noon
VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Set-up and cleanup. Please, email Lynne: lharakal12@gmail.com

Friends of the Parkland Community Library Scholarship
Calling all Parkland Community Library teen volunteers and former teen volunteers. Enter our FPCL Alice Madden and Norman Dietrich Memorial Scholarship contest. Apply at our circulation desk or find the form online. Friends of the Parkland Community Library Scholarship. Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2019. For questions contact gil.elliott@rcn.com or call 610-395-8034.