A GOLD STAR LIBRARY
Your Community Center of Opportunity

JAN BRETT AUTHOR CONTEST

Enter Online March 1-April 2
Want to meet The Mitten’s illustrator Jan Brett? Help our library win a free author visit with her for our whole Parkland community by voting for our library. Enter the contest online on our website or our Facebook page and share our contest with your family and friends. The library with the most votes wins. Our address is 4422 Walbert Ave, Allentown, 18104.

Thank You, BB&T Bank

From Our Director Debbie Jack
A huge thank you to Ashley and Brandon from BB&T for their donation of $1000 to help our library community discover, connect and grow.

OUR LIBRARY GAINS GOLD STAR
Growing Our Community With Five Literacies

In 2017, as participants in the Pennsylvania Library Association’s 21st Century Libraries Initiative, PA Forward, we completed all of the criteria to earn the status of Gold Star in the PA Forward Star Libraries Program.

With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.

In the process of completing requirements for the prestigious title, we earned our Bronze Star and all five PA Forward Silver Stars — in five types of literacies: Basic, Information, Civic and Social, Health, and Financial. This initiative places the spotlight on Pennsylvania libraries and the important role libraries play in the lives of citizens. Parkland Community Library strives to raise awareness of its events and offerings that help you improve your command of these five types of literacy — literacies which are essential to greater success in all vital roles of life: as students, as parents, as employees, as consumers, as citizens.

YOUR LIBRARY WISH LIST

What new materials or events would you like to see at our library to help yourself, your family and your community? Tell us by entering our website survey from April 1st-30th for a chance to win a gift card! Or participate in our live focus groups and tell us in person. Email our director at jackd@parklandlibrary.org to start the conversation!
We’re looking for: parents, millennials, senior citizens, baby boomers, teens, homeschoolers, teachers and business owners.
ON GOING

MODERN CLASSICS
1ST MONDAY AT 1PM
MARCH 05
Darkest Hour
APRIL 02
Greatest Showman
MAY 07
The Post
Bring your bag lunch and join us to watch a screening of your favorite contemporary classic movie. RSVP.

TECHNICAL TUESDAY
1ST TUESDAY AT 3PM
MARCH 06
April 03
MAY 01
At Luther Crest. Gadget advice and free download help. Event subject to change. RSVP.

TRAVEL WITH SAVVY
2ND MONDAY AT 7PM
MARCH 12
APRIL 09
MAY 14
NEW! Come share travel tips and insights, and make plans for a group trip. Hosted by experienced, travel enthusiast Ann. RSVP.

SENIOR BOOK CLUB
2ND TUESDAY AT 3PM
MARCH 13
Empty Arms including author visit with Erica Lidice
APRIL 10
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
MAY 08
The Kindness Diaries by Leon Logothetis
At Luther Crest. Come chat with us about our latest book picks. RSVP.

BROWN BAG CLASSICS
3RD MONDAY AT 1PM
MARCH 19
North by Northwest
APRIL 16
Singin' In the Rain
MAY 21
Ben Hur
Bring your bag lunch and join us to watch a screening of your favorite classic movie. RSVP.

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE
2ND WED 10:30AM-1:30PM
MARCH 14
APRIL 11
MAY 09
Enrollment help by appointment presented by Apprise Counseling. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK
3RD MON 1PM-3PM
MARCH 19
APRIL 16
MAY 21
Stop by with your device, and technology question for one-on-one help.

SENIOR YOGA
2ND THURS AT 10:30AM
MARCH 08
APRIL 12
MAY 10
Grow your flexibility, strength, and balance in a special senior series. Presented by certified yoga instructor Karen Klubertanz of Five Paths. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

COOL ONLINE TOOLS
3RD TUESDAY AT 6PM
MARCH 20
A to Z Databases
APRIL 17
Infobase Library
MAY 15
Salem Online
Explore our free online resources and tools. Bring your tablets, smartphones, or devices. RSVP.

BOOK QUEST
3RD TUESDAY AT 7PM
MARCH 20
The Rosie Project by Graham Simsion
APRIL 17
Mischling by Affinity Konar
MAY 15
A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline
Our monthly discussion book group picks are available in print by request. RSVP.

GAMES WE LOVE
3RD FRIDAY AT 1PM
MARCH 16
APRIL 20
MAY 18
Come play bridge, pinochle, canasta, and other favorites at our monthly game club. RSVP.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY
4TH TUESDAY AT 3PM
MARCH 27
APRIL 24
MAY 22
Write your memoir and get feedback at this workshop. RSVP.

JOY OF COLORING
4TH WEDNESDAY AT 3PM
MARCH 28
APRIL 25
MAY 23
Relax and de-stress with an afternoon of coloring and puzzles. Coloring and puzzle pages, and colored pencils provided. Drop-in event.

KNITTING CIRCLE
4TH THURSDAY AT 2PM
MARCH 22
APRIL 26
MAY 24
Spend a fun afternoon swapping knitting tips and tricks! RSVP.
ADULT EVENTS

FEATURED MARCH

HOMEMADE CARD MAKING MARCH 03 SATURDAY AT 11AM
Ready to be crafty and creative? Join us for a spring greeting card workshop to make your own personalized birthday and thank you card. All materials provided. RSVP.

ESSENTIAL OILS 101 MARCH 06 TUESDAY AT 7PM
Discover the health and wellness benefits of essential oils with our expert Katie. Create your own sample blend at our free demo. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

TRIVIA NIGHT MARCH 13 TUESDAY AT 6:30PM
Are you a trivia buff? Come for a night of friendly trivia competition, snacks and prizes. Can your team tackle entertainment, history, and general interest trivia? Bring your own team or we will build one for you. A drop-in event.

FEATURED APRIL

PLUG INTO TECH WORKSHOPS THURSDAYS AT 9AM

SOCIAL MEDIA APRIL 05
Discover how to use Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest in our social media workshop. A PA Forward Information Literacy event. RSVP.

APPS APRIL 12
Bring your phone or device for a basic look at apps—what they are, how to download them, and how to use them. RSVP.

ONLINE SECURITY APRIL 19
How do you know if you’re safe when shopping, banking, sharing information, or just surfing online? Join us for the best security strategies. RSVP.

IMPLACABLE FOES: A WWII TALK APRIL 03 TUESDAY AT 6:30PM
Join award winning historian Dr. Marc Gallicchio as he brings to life the final year of World War Two in the Pacific and the debates, decisions, and monumental actions that characterized it. Don’t miss your chance for a signed copy of his superbly detailed book, Implacable Foes. RSVP. A Civics and Social Literacy event.

SPRING CRAFT DAY APRIL 06 FRIDAY 10AM-4PM
If you love arts and crafts, stop by the library anytime to enjoy a spring time craft. All materials and instructions provided. A drop-in event.

MIXED MEDIA: CREATE TIME APRIL 07 SATURDAY 10:30AM-12PM
Looking for more time to enjoy 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. RSVP.

We envision a Pennsylvania where citizens know how to use online resources and current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills and to fully participate in a digital society.
ADULT EVENTS

FEATURED

APRIL

Made from Scratch: Tales of Women Who Take the Cake
Gretchen Klinedinst Furst and Sharon Lee Glassman

WRITING WORKSHOP & BOOK SIGNING
APRIL 10
TUESDAY AT 6:30PM
Join Made from Scratch: Tales of Women Who Take the Cake authors Gretchen Klinedinst Furst and Sharon Lee Glassman as they share their writing experiences, and provide a workshop where you'll get to craft your own story of an influential woman in your life. Copies of their book available for purchase and signing. RSVP. A Civic and Social Literacy event.

FEATURED

MAY

A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt
MAY 01
TUESDAY AT 7PM
She became an inspiration to people of good will all around the world. Her life and work has made our country and our world a better place to live. The one woman show returns as actress Linda Kenyon becomes Eleanor Roosevelt in a performance that's "Brilliant, absolutely brilliant." RSVP. A Civic and Social Literacy event.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

MEET MARVEL & DC COMICS ILLUSTRATOR SCOTT HANNA
MAY 05 AT 12:30PM
Hear about Hanna’s career as a comic book illustrator, participate in a Q&A session, and watch his artistic process. RSVP. At the South Whitehall Township Building meeting room.

TRICIA TALKS: TRANSFORMATION TUESDAYS
MAY 22
TUESDAY AT 7PM
Do you struggle with finding solutions to difficult decisions? Our session provides you with guidance in applying decision-making models to focus your efforts and improve the process. RSVP. A PA Information Literacy event.

LANDING ON THE MOON TECHNOLOGY
MAY 30
WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM
Meet Jim Kane, a contracted program engineer for the early moon landing program. Discover the coding, programming, and technology used to orchestrate spacecraft landing on the moon. Ask your questions at this behind-the-scenes look of science and history in the making! RSVP.
KID EVENTS

STORYTIMES

BABY PLAYGROUP
STARTING MARCH 05 THROUGH MARCH 26
EVERY MONDAY AT 10:30AM
Babies up to 18 months and their grown-ups are welcome to gather and play with toys and explore board books while Babytime is on spring break. Drop in. No storytime.

BABY STORYTIME
STARTING APR 02 THROUGH MAY 07
EVERY MONDAY AT 10:30AM
Story and play time for ages birth - 2 years. Older siblings can attend. Drop in event.

TODDLER STORYTIME
STARTING APR 03 ENDING MAY 09
EVERY TUESDAY 10:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:30AM
Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 18 months-3 years. Drop in event.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
STARTING APRIL 04 THROUGH MAY 10
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1PM
EVERY THURSDAY AT 1PM
Stories, songs, and silliness for ages 3 to 5 years old. A caregiver must remain in the library. RSVP.

ON GOING

BUCKETS FULL OF NATURE
TUESDAYS AT 1PM
MARCH 06
Each session, your budding conservationist will experience a combination of reading, art, experiments, and hands-on activities. Ages 3-5 with an adult. Presented by a Lehigh County Conservation District educator. RSVP. A PA Forward Civic & Social Literacy event.

MAKER MONDAYS
1ST MONDAYS AT 5PM
MARCH 05
Fairy Tales
APRIL 02
Pirates
MAY 07
Star Wars
Are you a maker? Do you like to build, and learn new things? Come hear stories and create! Ages 4-7. A STEM event. RSVP.

AMERICAN GIRL CLUB
2ND THURSDAYS AT 6PM
MARCH 08
Join us for a night of pajama party fun with your favorite American Girl doll (other dolls welcome, too!).
APRIL 12
Travel back to 1812 to meet Caroline, have a boat race, and learn how to make a knot bracelet.
MAY 12
Discover Josefina and her Mexican heritage. Create your own instruments and make paper flowers. For grades 2-6. RSVP.

LIL BUILDERS
2ND FRIDAYS AT 11AM
MARCH 09
APRIL 13
MAY 11
Come play and build with our amazing block collection, magnatiles, and more! Drop in event. Ages 2 and up with an adult.

CRAFT AFTERNOON
3RD FRIDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM
MARCH 16
Rainbow Slime
APRIL 20
Recycled Flower Art
MAY 18
Patriotic Star Wreath
Drop by the library after school to create a fun and easy craft to take home and display! Ages 5-12.

YOUNG CRITICS' BOOK CLUB
3RD THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM
MARCH 15
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L’Engle
APRIL 19
The Chocopocalypse by Chris Callaghan
MAY 17
Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
NEW! Chat about our monthly read while munching on special treats and playing fun games. Get a chance to vote for future book titles. Ages 8-12. RSVP.
KID EVENTS

FEATURED

MARCH

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION
MARCH 10
SATURDAY 10:30AM-12PM
All 1,000 BBK participants are invited to the library for a storytime. Come celebrate our readers and families who have completed the 1000 Books program with a special cake! For birth to 5 years with a parent or caregiver. New participants welcome. RSVP.

HEALTHY SNACKS STORYTIME
MARCH 15
THURSDAY AT 1PM
March is National Nutrition Month! Enjoy a story and games about healthy eating habits. Create your own treat and discover yummy snack ideas from a registered dietitian. Presented by Weis Market. For ages 3 and up with an adult. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

SCIENCE FOR KIDS
EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 5PM
STARTING APRIL 16
ENDING MAY 14
Join us for a series of fun science workshops exploring chemistry, physics, and biology with hands-on activities. For first grade and up. RSVP.

SMART MONEY STORYTIME
APRIL 23
MONDAY AT 5:30PM
Get an early start on financial literacy with a special program presented by BB&T. Come hear a story, discuss spending and saving, and decorate a ceramic piggy bank! Ages 5 and up. RSVP.

APRIL

UNICORN STORYTIME
APRIL 14
SATURDAY AT 11AM
We’re dreaming up something magical so trot on over for a unicorn themed storytime and craft. Ages 3 and up. RSVP.

"CHICK-IT-OUT" HATCHING PROGRAM
APRIL 04-27
We’re getting an "egg"citing delivery of a dozen eggs from Quiver Farm at our library. Watch the amazing process of eggs hatching into chicks in our library and live from a webcam on our library’s website. Help us name our chicks and guess which egg will hatch first!

MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT
MAY 12
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
Create tissue paper flowers and decorate a jar for a special Mother’s Day gift. All ages. Children under age 5 may need adult help. RSVP.

FEATURED

MAY

SUPERHERO STORYTIME
MAY 05
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
Celebrate your favorite superheroes and fandoms with a storytime, games, and crafts. Costumes encouraged but not required. Ages 3 and up. RSVP. Held in South Whitehall Township meeting room. Part of Free Comic Book Day.
TEEN EVENTS

ONGOING

ANIME CLUB
3RD WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
MARCH 21
APRIL 18
MAY 16
Come watch your favorite anime and munch on pocky and Japanese snacks. We'll chat about the latest manga series. Drop in.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
MARCH 28
APRIL 25
MAY 23
Make a difference in our library by applying to be a Teen Advisory Board member! Munch on free snacks and help with displays and events.

MARCH

TEEN TECH WEEK TRIVIA CONTEST
ENTER MARCH 05-10
Do you know what digital resources we offer for teens? Complete a Teen Tech Trivia contest entry online or in our library for a chance to win a $10 iTunes gift card! Turn in by Saturday 3/10. Ages 13-18. One entry per person.

TEEN TECH WEEK GAME DESIGN
TUESDAYS AT 5PM
STARTING MARCH 06
ENDING MARCH 20
Explore game design theory and gain computer programming skills used by software developers. Problem solve through a series of different challenges as you create a game of your own. Presented by Da Vinci Science Center. RSVP. A PA Forward Information Literacy event.

TEEN TECH WEEK OZOBOTS
MARCH 07
WEDNESDAY AT 6PM
Come in and use our Ozobots as an intro to programming! Ozobots can identify lines, colors, and codes on both digital surfaces, such as an iPad, and physical surfaces, such as paper. RSVP. A PA Forward Information Literacy event.

TEEN TECH WEEK 8 BIT CHARACTERS
MARCH 08
THURSDAY AT 5PM
Choose your favorite superhero, anime toon, video game character, and make them out of perler beads! RSVP. A PA Forward Information Literacy event.

APRIL

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS
STARTING APRIL 02
ENDING MAY 01
Are you in grades 7 to 12? Want to apply to become a summer teen volunteer? Visit our library to pick up a volunteer application. Applications due May 1st. Questions? Contact Miss Jackie at 610.398.1361x19.

BLACKOUT POETRY
APRIL 10
TUESDAY AT 6PM
Celebrate National Poetry Month with us by creating your own piece of blackout poetry. Drop in.

MAY

MEET MARVEL & DC COMICS ILLUSTRATOR SCOTT HANNA
MAY 05
SATURDAY FROM 12:30PM-2:30PM
Local Marvel & DC Comic book inker Scott Hanna is making a special appearance for Free Comic Book Day. During this free event, Scott will discuss his career as one of the top comic book illustrators, participate in a Q&A session with attendees, and demonstrate his artistic process. Samples of Hanna's work will also be on display. RSVP. Held in the South Whitehall Township Building meeting room.

EARTH DAY TERRARIUMS
APRIL 21
SATURDAY AT 10:30AM
Commemorate Earth Day by making miniature moss terrariums. Take a break from the stresses of the day to dig around in the dirt and create a small garden. RSVP.

BOOK CLUB
MAY 29
TUESDAY AT 6:30PM
Choose your favorite book title and chat about your thoughts and ideas at our new book group!
**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT OUR LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 ALL DAY**
**FREE COMIC BOOKS**

We are one of thousands of locations participating in the 2018 Free Comic Book Day. Choose from more than 20 comic titles for all ages free with your PCL library card, but supplies are limited!

**MEET ARTIST SCOTT HANNA**
**FREE EVENTS**

Show off your favorite costume at our May 5 @ 10:30am storytime. Get an inside look at Marvel & DC Comics' Scott Hanna's illustration process at 12:30pm. All events are RSVP. Look in our event pages for more details about our Free Comic Book Day.

**DIORAMA CONTEST: LITERARY "PEEPS"**

Celebrate National Library Week with our Literary "Peeps" Diorama Contest. Use Peeps candy to create a book themed diorama for a chance to win a prize. Entry forms for kids, teens & adults available online & at our library. Photo entries are accepted March 1st-April 4th. Vote for your favorite entry on our Literary Peeps Contest Facebook photo albums April 8th-14th.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT**

**FPCL ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

Join us for our annual luncheon on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 1pm at Morgan's Restaurant, 3079 Willow Street, Allentown. Find out more info on our website or at our circulation desk.

**FPCL SCHOLARSHIP**

Are you a teen volunteer? Enter our new FPCL Alice Madden and Norman Dietrich Memorial Scholarship contest. Apply at our circulation desk. Deadline for submission is June 30, 2018. Questions? Contact: gil.elliott@rcn.com or 610-395-8034.

**2018 ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

WHERE: St. Joseph the Worker's Parish
1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, Pa
WHEN: Book Donation Dropoff: 7/23/18-7/25/18
Book Sale: 7/27/18-7/29/18
Want to volunteer? Email lharaka12@gmail.com.

**FRIENDS' NEWS**

**WHAT DO WE DO?**

We support our library by raising funds to benefit our library and its events. We have donated:

- $25,000 towards the new Tech Room
- the front porch benches and picnic table
- the community copier
- the monthly Book Page magazine
- museum passes

Each year we donate $20,000+ to our library.

**HOW DO WE FUNDRAISE?**

Our most visible project is the annual used book sale, but we also have bus trips, lobby and porch book sales, plant sales, Enjoy the City books, tote bags, membership dues, and many other projects.

We are always looking for new “Friends” to join us in our efforts. Our meetings are open to all and we encourage you to join us. Our meeting dates and times are listed on our library website under the Friends tab.