

CONNECTION

MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2017 ISSUE

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

Discover | Connect | Grow

MEET LAUREN: PSD SCHOOL LIBRARIAN



What is your role at Parkland SD?

I'm the Secondary Library Department Head, and Instructional Technology Coach @ Parkland High School.

Why do you think it's important to partner with our library?

It is vital that school and public libraries within a district partner together to serve the students and teachers. Our libraries can collaborate on events, share print and electronic resources, and brainstorm ways to increase literacy for all grades. I am extremely proud of our partnership for the past several years, and look forward to continuing our positive relationship.

How will using our library benefit your students?

Students can obtain resources (print and non-print) for both academic and non-academic topics. Your library may have access to different sources that are not typically available in a school library. Also, students can access computers and the Internet at your library, which would be beneficial after school library hours.

What do you like to sign out at the library?

I enjoy reading mystery fiction novels at your library, and enjoy visiting to see what's new, since things are always changing!



2017 LIBRARIES AND YOU

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEBBIE JACK

Libraries in 2017 are not like your grandmother's library. Libraries are a place where kids can read to dogs; seniors get information about Medicare; and teens can explore coding and 3d printers. We are no longer just about books, but also serve as a safe sanctuary for our community.

The Parkland Community Library offers events for all, from babies to senior citizens. We would like to know what types of events you and your family would like to attend. Please take our website survey so we can offer events that help you discover, connect and grow.



THANK YOU, FISHER CLINICAL

Fisher Clinical Services presented a check for \$2500 to the Friends of the PCL on February 2nd. In the photo from left to right is Phil Giunta (Fisher), Diane Dugan (Fisher), Ila Dietrich, (President of FPCL), Pat Elliott (Vice-President of FPCL), Mary Sue Schnell (Secretary of FPCL).

ADULT EVENTS

ONGOING



MODERN CLASSICS

1ST MONDAY AT 1PM

MARCH 06 The Martian

APRIL 03 45 Years

MAY 01

Florence Foster Jenkins

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 07

APRIL 04 **MAY 02**

At Luther Crest. Gadget advice and free download help. RSVP.

SENIOR BOOK CLUB

2ND TUESDAY AT 3PM

MARCH 14

The Forgotten Flapper: A Novel of Olive Thomas by Laini Giles

APRIL 11

A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman

MAY 09

Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

At Luther Crest. Come chat with us about our latest book picks. RSVP.

RSVP ONLINE OR 610.398.1361 X13

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

MARCH 8 APRIL 12 **MAY 10**

2ND WED 10:30AM-1:30PM **Enrollment help every 2nd Wednesday by Apprise** Counseling. RSVP.

TECHNOLOGY HELP DESK

MARCH 08 **APRIL 12 MAY 10** 2ND WED 2:30PM-4:30PM

Stop by anytime with your device, and/or technology question for one-on-one help. No RSVP.

BROWN BAG CLASSICS 3RD MONDAY AT 1PM

MARCH 20 **Sunset Boulevard**

APRIL 17

The Lady Vanishes

MAY 15

Julius Caesar

Bring your bag lunch and ioin us to watch a screening of your favorite classic movie. RSVP.

COOL ONLINE TOOLS

3RD TUESDAY AT 5PM

MARCH 21 **Law Depot**

APRIL 18

Ancestry & Heritage Quest

MAY 16

Morningstar

Explore our free online resources and tools. Bring your tablets, smartphones, or device, RSVP.

BOOK QUEST

FACEBOOK GROUP

Join us on our Parkland **Community Library** Facebook page to chat about our in library Book Quest titles online. Look for

the pinned post at the top of our Facebook page.



BOOK OUEST

3RD TUESDAY AT 7PM AT THE LIBRARY

MARCH 21

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin*

APRIL 18

Reading Lolita in Tehran by **Azar Nafisi**

MAY 16

The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure*

Our monthly discussion book group picks are available in print by request.

*available as ebook through Freading at www.parklandlibrary.org. RSVP.

MONTHLY MAGAZINE EXCHANGE

MARCH 16 **APRIL 20 MAY 18**

3RD WEDNESDAY AT 2PM

Trade in your gently read magazines at our drop-in exchange.

GAMES WE LOVE MARCH 17

APRIL 21 MAY 19

3RD FRIDAY AT 1PM

Come play Bridge, Pinochle, or Chess at our monthly game club. RSVP.

CRAFTY

MARCH 27

APRIL 24 MAY 22

4TH MONDAY AT 2PM

Looking for new craft/DIY project ideas? Join us for this new craft show n' tell time to build your crafting repertoire. Bring a sample or instructions of a project to share. No RSVP.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

MARCH 28

APRIL 25 **MAY 23**

4TH TUESDAY AT 3PM

Write your memoir and get feedback in this workshop. RSVP.

JOY OF COLORING

MARCH 22

APRIL 26

MAY 24

4TH WEDNESDAY AT 3PM

Come join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring to de-stress. Coloring pages and colored pencils provided. RSVP.



KNITTING CIRCLE **MARCH 23**

APRIL 27

MAY 25

4TH THURSDAY AT 2PM

Spend a fun afternoon swapping knitting tips and tricks! RSVP.

ADULT EVENTS

FEATURED

MARCH



EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT FAIRY TALES IS WRONG MARCH 07 TUESDAY AT 7PM

A fun look at our favorite, classic fairy tale characters. From the damsel in distress, to the knight in shining armor, we'll look at the origins, meanings and evolution of fairy tale icons. Then compare them against their curious, funny and often grisly counterparts throughout history, smashing several childhood icons along the way. RSVP.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

MARCH 09 THURSDAY AT 2PM

Want advice on communicating with your doctor? Discover how to better understand what your doctor is saying, and get the most out of your medical visit. Presented in partnership with Gateway Health. A PA Forward Health Literacy event. RSVP.

RSVP ONLINE OR 610.398.1361 X13

MIXED MEDIA: SPRAY INK WORKSHOP MARCH 18

SATURDAY AT 10:30AM

Love the creativity, individuality, and self-discovery of mixed media art? Interested in learning the spray ink technique for journaling your thoughts and ideas? Come explore the possibilities with us at this workshop, and create a journal page of your own. All materials provided. RSVP.



A NIGHT OF SHERLOCK MARCH 28 TUESDAY AT 6:30PM

Are you a fan of the men of 221B Baker Street? Come out for an evening of enjoying all things Sherlock, including solving some Sherlockian clues and creating a Sherlock



FEATURED

APRIL



Basic Literacy

HOW TO CONSTRUCT A RESUME

APRIL 10 MONDAY AT 7PM

A workshop for the job seeker. Join our career and leadership expert Scott Hanton for resume tips and a look at the elements needed for an effective and impressive resume. RSVP.

A PA Forward Basic Literacy event. Our library is part of a statewide initiative to promote the goal of creating a trained and skilled workforce.

HOW TO SCORE A WINNING INTERVIEW

APRIL 17 MONDAY AT 7PM

A workshop for the job seeker. Looking for help preparing for interviews? Get success tips with career and leadership expert Scott Hanton. RSVP. A PA Forward Basic Literacy event. BECAUSE TRANSFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

TRANSFORM'

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CONTEST: LIBRARIES TRANSFORM APRIL 10 - 15

Celebrate National Library Week! Tell us how our library has transformed your life and get a chance to win an Amazon Echo Dot. Visit our contest display by our magazines or enter for a chance to win on our website.



DIY BIRTHDAY CARD MAKING

APRIL 22 SATURDAY AT 11AM

Do you like that personal, homemade touch for your greeting cards? Join our workshop with an experienced card maker where you'll make 2 homemade birthday cards. RSVP.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Have a tech question? Get personalized help. Email wanamakerb@parklandlibrary.org

ADULT EVENTS

FEATURED

APRIL



JULIA SAYS: BON APPETIT APRIL 25

TUESDAY AT 7PM

A one-woman play production of the life of Julia Child! Join us as performer Linda Kenyon depicts the story of this American cook, author and television personality who introduced French cuisine and cooking techniques to America. Most of all, the play is a love story, focusing on the private life and Julia's relationship with her husband Paul. RSVP.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

FINANCIAL RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP APRIL 28

FRIDAY AT 10:30AM

Got financial questions on Retirement Planning or Estate Planning? Our experts from Crest Financial can help at this informational workshop. A PA Forward Financial Literacy and Money Smart Week event. RSVP.

FEATURED

MAY

FINANCIAL LITERACY

THE VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE

MAY 02 TUESDAY AT 6:30PM

Discover how starting life insurance early in your professional career can benefit your retirement.
Presented by Paul Stocker. A PA Forward Financial Literacy and Money Smart Week event. RSVP.



DRIVING ON HYDROGEN MAY 10

WEDNESDAY AT 6PM

Get a first hand look at a hydrogen fuel cell powered vehicle at our library!
Discover the technology and key facts of hydrogen powered transportation. In partnership with Air
Products & Chemicals.

RSVP ONLINE OR 610.398.1361 X13

HEALTH CARE PLANNING DOCUMENTS MAY 11

THURSDAY AT 2:30PM Join us for an educational

program offering an indepth look at the various planning documents you can use to ensure your health care wishes are carried out. Presented in partnership with Gross McGinley Law Associates.

Information Literacy

PLUG INTO TECH WORKSHOPS

SOCIAL MEDIA MAY 04 THURSDAY AT 9AM

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

EXCEL MAY 11 THURSDAY AT 9AM

Spreadsheets, and all of the amazing things we can do with them. Join us for this hands-on, basic tutorial of Microsoft Excel. RSVP. A PA Forward Information Literacy event.

APPSMAY 18

THURSDAY AT 9AM

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



WHAT'S IT WORTH?

MAY 23 TUESDAY AT 7PM

Bring in your collectible to be appraised by the experts of Victorian Vanities, Inc. Free appraisals with a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Jordan Lutheran Food Pantry. Sign up to have your item valued. Space is limited.

Event held at South Whitehall Township Building. RSVP.

SUMMER READING

Coming Soon in Mid June Build a Better World Adult Summer Reading Program



KID EVENTS

STORYTIMES

BABYTIME STARTING MARCH 06 THROUGH APRIL 24

EVERY MONDAY AT 10:30AM

Story and play time for ages birth - 2 years. Older siblings can attend. No RSVP.



TODDLER STORYTIME

STARTING MARCH 15 ENDING APRIL 27 EVERY WEDNESDAY 10:30AM

EVERY THURSDAY 10:30AM Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

STARTING MARCH 15 ENDING APRIL 27 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.

ONGOING

BIG KIDS BOOK CLUB

MARCH 06 APRIL 03 MAY 01

1ST MONDAY AT 5PM Stories, games, and crafts for grades K-2. RSVP.



BLOCK PARTY

MARCH 11 APRIL 08

MAY 13

2ND SATURDAYS AT 11AM

Come play and build with our new block collection!
Blocks offer children an almost infinite variety of opportunities to express themselves, learn about math and science, and develop motor skills. No registration. For children ages 2 and up with an adult.

AMERICAN GIRL CLUB MARCH 14

MARCH 14 APRIL 11

MAY 09

2ND TUESDAYS AT 6PM

Do you love the American Girl series? Come learn more about their historical time periods. We'll do activities and crafts. For grades 2-6. RSVP.

RSVP ONLINE OR 610.398.1361 X19



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FRANKLIN INSTITUTE



LEAP INTO SCIENCE

STARTING MARCH 27 ENDING MAY 08

EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 5PM

Join us for fun science activities! Parents and children can try cool experiments together and investigate science handson in this engaging hour workshop. Each week will explore a different topic. No registration required.

This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.



ONGOING



CIVIC AND SOCIAL LITERACY

BUCKETS FULL OF NATURE

STARTING MARCH 21 ENDING MAY 16

3RD TUESDAY AT 1PM

Each session, your budding conservationist will experience a combination of reading, art, experiments and hands-on activities. For 3, 4, and 5-year-olds with an adult. Presented by a Lehigh County Conservation District educator.

This a PA Forward Civic and Social Literacy event.
Libraries can give citizens of all ages the knowledge and skills they need to improve their lives, to contribute effectively in their communities, and to participate in civil discourse.



KID EVENTS

TEEN

PCL TEENS

3RD THURSDAY AT 6:30PM MARCH 16

Whovian Crafts
Grab your sonic screwdriver
and your best companion
and join us for Doctor Who
themed crafts at the library!
Snacks provided. Grades 6
and up.

APRIL 20

Blackout Poetry
Use markers and your
imagination to transform old
book pages and newspapers
into a poetic works of art.
Snacks provided. Grades 6
and up.

MAY 18

Candy Sushi Create and eat your own candy sushi! Grades 6-12.

TEEN VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION

APRIL 01 SATURDAY AT 11AM

Are you in grades 7 to 12? Get the inside scoop on how to become a teen volunteer. Discover how you can get involved with library activities, crafts, programs, and other work while earning volunteer hours. RSVP. Download your application in mid April on our website.



TEEN TECH WEEK STARTING MARCH 06 ENDING MARCH 11

Stop by our library for a Teen Tech BINGO gameboard or print it out on our website for a chance to win a prize!

FEATURED

MARCH

QUALITY CHILDCARE INFO SESSION

MARCH 01
WEDNESDAY AT 1PM

Feeling overwhelmed with finding quality childcare?
Join Beth Gambone of
Community Services for
Children for a talk about the importance of Keystone
STARS in childcare and tips on getting your child kindergarten ready.



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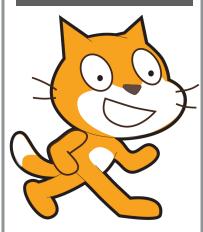
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!

MARCH <mark>02</mark> THURSDAY AT 1PM

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and National Read Across America Day with crafts, cake, and Dr. Seuss stories. A PA Forward Basic Literacy event.

> Basic Literacy

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SCRATCH 101

MARCH 08
WEDNESDAY AT 6PM

This STEM event gives an intro look at the science of coding. With Scratch, you can program your own interactive stories, games, and animations.

Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century.

Scratch is a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. It is provided free of charge. For kids ages 8 and older. A PA Forward Information Literacy event.



FEATURED

APRIL

LEGO CHALLENGE APRIL 17 MONDAY AT 6PM

Get creative with Legos! Form teams or work individually to complete several different building challenges. RSVP. Limit to 15 children ages 7-12.



FINANCIAL LITERACY

SMART MONEY STORYTIME APRIL 26

WEDNESDAY AT 5PM

Join Kayla Howells of Neffs National Bank for a special storytime about saving featuring the book "Three Cups" by Mark St. Germain. Don't miss a Q & A about money and a free goodie bag! RSVP. For kids ages 6-10. A PA Forward Financial Literacy event.

KID EVENTS

FEATURED

MAY



STAR WARS TRIVIA MAY 04 THURSDAY AT 6:30PM

Love Star Wars, do you? Trivia you must know! Come test your Star Wars movie knowledge, enjoy snacks, and win prizes. May the force be with you! For childen ages 8 and up.

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BABYTIME





MEET VIRGINIA: STORYTIME PARENT

Virginia just renewed her library card in September and enjoys BabyTime with her son whose favorite book is Pete the Cat: "As an only child, storytime is important for his socialization. I like how casual storytime is with having an unpredictable toddler. Everyone is so welcoming. I want him to grow up to be a reader."

EVENT

PHOTOS

PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS







TAKE OUR WEBSITE SURVEY

MARCH 5TH - MARCH 25TH

Want to see new events at our library for yourself and your family at days and times that are convenient for you? Take our Adult, Parent or Teen Survey by clicking on our website's sidebar tiles at www.parklandlibrary.org. Get a chance to win a gift card prize for entering our survey!







WE'RE PARTNERING WITH PARKLAND SD

"The Parkland Library has agreed to support the Parkland School District with our goal of all students reading on grade level by grade 3. This partnership helps support our literacy goals by providing additional opportunities for our students to read and engage in literacy activities. Summer slide is a concern of the district, but between the district camps and summer library and the Parkland Library supporting our initiatives over the summer and beyond, PSD feels this can have a great impact on early literacy growth and students' academic success."

--PSD Director of Curriculum Instruction and Professional Development Kelly Rosario

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



MEET AUTHOR & POET BARBARA CROOKER

In honor of National Poetry Month, we chatted with Friends of the Library member and poet Barbara Crooker whose new book, Les Fauves, was just released.

"My favorite library memory would be my poetry readings with my different books. The library is a less threatening place for people to try poetry, and I love to encourage young writers. Our library has transformed me because part of the job as a writer is that you have to be a reader. You really need to be informed with not all poetry and literary criticism, but nonfiction is a tremendous source material as well."

Read one of Barbara's poems every week on our Facebook page for National Poetry Month.



SAVE THE DATE: BOOK SALE

Our FPCL Annual Book Sale is back for 2017 and bigger than ever! Save the dates for July 24-31 for setup, sale, and cleanup at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center in Orefield, PA.

Can't wait for our Annual Book Sale for bargains? Check out our weather permitting Porch Sales held outside of the library on March 20th and May 22nd from 10am - 5pm.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON & MEETINGS

Join us for our Annual Luncheon on Thursday, May 4th at Morgans at 1:00pm. Cost is \$26 which includes a choice of Grilled Chicken Salad, Monte Cristo sandwich or a tuna salad wrap as the entree, a side and a non alcoholic beverage and dessert. Check our website for more info. Next meetings: Thursdays, March 2nd and June 1st at 2pm at our library. Have questions? Email our President at ndietrich@ptd.net.