

Check it out!

Shaler North Hills Library February 2010 412-486-0211 www.shalerlibrary.org

AARP Tax Assistance

Free tax assistance starting February 1 through April 8, each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12noon-4:00pm. No reservations. First come, first served.

SNHL Daycare/Preschool Open House

Saturday, February 27th from 2-4 p.m.

Parents and caregivers can come meet with representatives from area daycares/preschools. No registration is required for those interested in attending. Schools interested in attending can reserve a table by calling Susan at 412-486-0211.

Neely's Olympic Read-A-Thon Olympic Wrap Up Party

Bring a dish to share, preferably a food from a country that participates in the Olympics. Trivia, crafts, and prizes. Register by calling 412-486-0211.

February 1—New Library “Holds” Procedures

(A message from the eiNetwork)

“2010 brings many budget cuts for Allegheny County public libraries and an ever-increasing demand for library services. Effective February 1, there will be some changes to how requests are fulfilled in an effort to manage costs and provide faster service. The system will give priority to requests that can be fulfilled at any pickup location by that local library rather than strictly using the date the request was placed. This is intended to reduce the amount of transportation time for material delivery to the requesting customer. We regret that this change will mean that you* can no longer see your position in the request queue through My Account, but our goal is to continue to provide faster service within the current budget restrictions.”

***Library staff is in the same boat! We CANNOT see the queue.**

Did you know...

...you can access your library account from the library website?

Things you need—valid library card, PIN number, a 4-digit number that you will remember (library staff can assist you with this).

How to get to your account—Go to www.shalerlibrary.org and click on the *My Account* tab. When you enter your library card number and PIN, you see your account page.

What you can do—

- Search the Catalog and request items
- Delete requests from your list
- View what you currently have checked-out
- Pay your fines and bills
- Create a Reading History and Wish List

For assistance with your account, the library staff is always happy to help you.

Mark your calendars

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
10AM to 8PM

Friday
10AM to 6PM

Saturday
10AM to 5PM

Sunday
1PM to 5PM (September through May)

Ask us about our outside book locker in case you can't get to the library before we close to pick up your materials.

January 11— February 28

Olympic Read-a-thon
All are welcome to join in the fun of the Olympic read-a-thon—Read books and win prizes. For all ages, including adult readers.

SNHL Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10
at 7:30PM

Monday, February 22
Bread Day at SNHL

Spring 2010 Book Sale
Friday, May 14—Friends of the Library Preview
Saturday, May 15
Sunday, May 16
Monday, May 17

AARP Defensive Driving Classes held at Shaler North Hills Library

4 hour Refresher Classes*

*for prior class attendees of an accredited 8 hour driving class; attendees must bring a copy of certificate of completion of a prior 8 hour class

Thursday—1:00PM—5:00PM—February 25, 2010

Register at the SNHL Circulation Desk

Detailed questions? Call Frank Bork, AARP instructor, at 412-487-2669

Sign up for our Electronic Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically, please leave us your name and email address on the form at the circulation desk. Receive library newsletters (adult, teen and children) in your email. Become a fan of SNHL and our children and teen departments on Facebook!

Fundraiser Sundays

at Spadafora's Bar and Restaurant

10% of all food purchases will be donated to the Shaler North Hills Library.

We thank Spadafora's for their generosity.

- Sunday, February 21 4 to 8
- Sunday, February 28 4 to 8
- Sunday, March 7 4 to 8
- Sunday, March 14 4 to 8
- Sunday, March 21 4 to 8
- Sunday, March 28 4 to 8

Enjoy fabulous international dining close to home and help your library at the same time! Their core menu features Spadafora family recipes from Calabria and southern Italy. However, you'll enjoy wonderful international specials from Greece, France, Poland and Germany! The chef specializes in desserts! Visit spadaforas.net to view their dinner menu.

Spadafora's Bar and Restaurant

3932 Route 8

Allison Park, PA 15101

No longer around...

- **MyLibrary DV**—The downloadable DVD service that was available through our website is discontinued by the company. They stopped providing this service.
- **Tutor.com**—The online, live tutoring assistance is discontinued due to funding. Our budget cuts could not support this service.

We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may incur.

Director's Corner

Thanks for the pizza! :)

On behalf of the library, I want to thank so many of you who have donated to our "pizza" fundraiser. As of January 25, the library has received close to \$30,000 in donations. What a tremendous response! (that's 2,000 pizzas!) We are so blessed to serve such a generous community who recognizes the value of public libraries and the role it plays within the community. I have been asked several questions regarding this particular fundraising letter and I'd like to respond via the newsletter because there may be folks out there who have the same question.

1. Who wrote the letter? I did. I am responsible for all errors! :)
2. Who received the letter?
 - 11,000 Shaler households—based upon your water bill statement. Thus, those who wish for me to change the name on the mailer will have to contact the township.
 - In addition, we ran a report with the names of people who registered at SNHL, but live outside of the township.
 - Those who use SNHL, but registered at their home library can ABSOLUTELY donate! There is information at the "Help the library in 2010" table at the bottom of the stairs.
3. Will you sell my information? No. Never.
4. What will you use the funds for? To continue to purchase materials for the community and provide library service.
5. Why do you have concerts with my tax money? The Family Concert series was paid for out of money raised by the Friends of the Library. Our role in this community has expanded to include books, computers and a cultural connection to the arts. In fact, nearly all programming expenses are paid for by the Friends of the Library. Friends' money enable us to do so much more for the community, as do partnerships with the Shaler Garden Club, Kiwanis, Neely Funeral Home, Bock Funeral Home and coming in February, Spadafora's Bar and Restaurant.
6. Why not cut programming? "It's just arts and crafts." Children's programs in particular, were called out in the user survey as the reason why people come to the library. Programming for kids is a core library service. And it is where we excel. In fact, the library was just honored by the state for its "Discovery Kids" program—a program that uses non-fiction books and hands-on opportunities for kids to learn. We are proud of our early literacy work. We champion reading and learning. To reduce children's programs negatively impacts our community in the long run.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment! I have enjoyed hearing from you all and it is a joy to know that you support this library. Thank you again.

~Sharon McRae, Director

ONGOING PROGRAMS

All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Programs that require registration are noted. To register, call the library at 412-486-0211 or stop by the checkout desk.

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK GROUPS

Nonfiction Book Club

Meets at 3:30PM on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

February 23—*A mighty long way: my journey to justice at Little Rock Central High School* by Carlotta Walls LaNier

March 23—*When everything changed: the amazing journey of American women from 1960 to the present* by Gail Collins

April 27—*Just Kids* by Patti Smith

Monday Night Book Group

Meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM. New members are welcome to attend. Reading picks include contemporary fiction and non-fiction.

February 8—*Blue Heaven* by C. J. Box

March 8—*Separate Country* by Robert Hicks

April 12—*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson
(One Book One Community)

Food for Thought Book Group

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM.

A cookbook discussion group. Each month we will choose a "food theme" and you simply check out a library cookbook based on that theme, prepare a dish from the cookbook, and talk about your recipe and cookbook.

February 24 **different date this month—**

Using herbs and spices

March 17—Greens for Spring

April 21—"April in Paris" French food

Afternoon Mystery Book Club

Meets at 2:30PM the third Thursday of each month.

February 18—*Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs

March 18—*Iron Lake* by William Kent Kruger

April 15—*The Odds* by Kathleen George

GAME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Meets at 6:30PM on the first Thursday of every month. Bring a favorite game, a friend, and a snack to share.

MOVIE PROGRAMS

The Trip is On Us!

1:30PM the third Tuesday of each month.

February 16—Queen Mary 2 to Rio

March 16—Alaska

April 20—Egypt

Classic Movies in the Afternoon

1:30PM the last Friday of each month.

February 26—*Lillies of the Field* starring Sidney Poitier

March 26—*Key Largo* starring Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, and Lauren Bacall

April 30—*It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* starring Spencer Tracey and Milton Berle

Computer Classes

Please register for each class.

Mouse class

Wed., February 3, 2:00 to 3:00PM

Catalog Class

Wed., February 10, 2:00 to 3:30PM

Internet Class

Wed., February 17, 2:00 to 4:00PM

Word Class—\$10.00 fee

Wed., February 24, 2:00 to 4:00PM

