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IMAGES OF SPRING GARDEN TOUR - JUNE 6TH



Garden of Mary Alice Taylor at Simpson Meadows

The must-see garden tour of the season will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 6, right here in Downingtown! The Friends of the Downingtown Library are pleased to announce that their fourth annual Garden Tour, *Images of Spring*, will kick off at noon and continue until 4PM, allowing everyone plenty of time to enjoy a fun and flower filled afternoon. This self-guided tour includes nine gardens of all styles and sizes. From small borough lots to multi-acre properties, these gardens are sure to inspire all who visit. Highlights of this year's tour include a bowling green, a rose walk at Simpson Meadows, a 3,000 gallon man-made pond and waterfall and a vegetable garden surrounded by Italianate fencing.

Tickets are now on sale for \$15 per person at the circulation desk of the Downingtown Library. On the day of the tour, from 11am to 1pm, tickets will be available for \$18 at the Downingtown Library. Questions may be directed to any member of the library staff at 610-269-2741.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER

Science in the Summer, the ever popular science education program, is back at the Downingtown Library. This is a free program that aims to help elementary-school children "grow into science."

Children preregistered in May, and will begin their classes in the last week of June. This year's topic, genetics, will fascinate and educate children grades two through six. The students will learn all about DNA and why no one else on earth is exactly like them.

We thank GlaxoSmithKline for sponsoring this wonderful program in partnership with local libraries in the greater Philadelphia area.

DONATIONS WELCOME

For Summer Reading Club:

- Arts & crafts supplies
- Small toys, balls, summer gadgets
- Picture frames
- Coupons to local stores or eateries
- Whatever an elementary age child would enjoy!

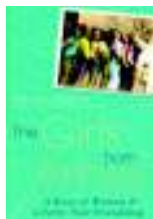
For On-Going Book Sale:

- Children's books
 - Books on CD or tape
 - Movies
 - Adult fiction/non-fiction & hardback/paperback.
- PLEASE, no encyclopedias or texts, only recent books in good condition.

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULES

Library Book Club

Upstairs at the library - new members welcome!
Please sign up at the circulation desk.



The Girls from Ames by Jeffrey Zaslow

Discussion June 22 at 6:30PM

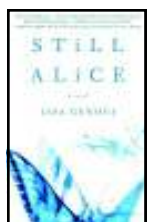
Meet the Ames Girls . . . As young women, they moved to eight different states, yet managed to maintain an enduring friendship that would carry them through college and careers, marriage and motherhood, dating and divorce, a child's illness and the mysterious death of one member of their group . . . *The Girls from Ames* is a testament to the deep bonds of women as they experience life's joys and challenges. *Amazon.com*



Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin

Discussion July 27 at 6:30PM

[The authors] recount the journey that led Mortenson from a failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, to successfully establish schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan . . . to promote peace with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote communities in central Asia. *www.threecupsoftea.com*



Still Alice by Lisa Genova.

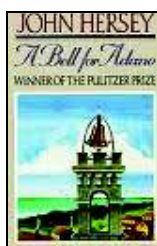
Discussion August 24 at 6:30PM.

When Dr. Alice Howland first starts forgetting things like words when giving a speech, she thinks it might be because of menopause. But when she gets lost jogging near her house, on a route she has taken many times, she knows something is seriously wrong and seeks medical help. Not quite fifty, she is totally unprepared for the diagnosis - early onset Alzheimer's. *www.Amazon.com*

Please Note: Schedule may change due to availability.

Senior Center Book Club

At the Downingtown Area Senior Center, Ashbridge Square - new members always welcome! *Please register at the Senior Center.*



A Bell for Adano by John Hersey

Discussion June 24 at 1PM

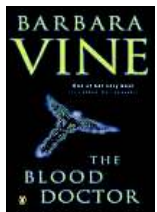
A 1944 novel by John Hersey. . . winner of the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for the Novel. It tells the story of an Italian-American officer in Sicily during World War II who wins the respect and admiration of the people of the town of Adano by helping them find a replacement for the town bell that the Fascists had melted down for bullets. *www.wikipedia.org*



Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson

Discussion July 22 at 1PM

In this remarkable collection of short stories, Anderson delivers a series of artful and poignant character sketches through the narrative voice of George Willard, the town reporter of Winesburg, Ohio. While the stories sometimes seem unrelated there is a unifying theme; the profound lesson that unhappy folks are often trapped by themselves, rather than the circumstances they blame. *www.AmericanLiterature.com*



The Blood Doctor by Barbara Vine

Discussion August 26 at 1PM

The Blood Doctor is narrated by Martin Nanther, a biographer whose latest subject is his great-grandfather. Dr Henry Nanther was a 19th-century expert in bleeding disorders. When Queen Victoria's eighth child, Leopold, was diagnosed as a "bleeder" - as haemophiliacs were termed in less enlightened times - Henry was appointed physician to the royal household. As Martin investigates his illustrious forebear's life, he stumbles upon haemophilia in his own convoluted family tree. Retracing its spread through the generations, he finds confirmation of his deepening suspicions about his great-grandfather's morality and character. *www.gardian.co.uk*

SUMMER PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES

RAISE A READER (Birth – 24 Months)

Mon. at 9:30 or 10:30; or Wed. at 9:30

July 7, 12/14, 19/21, 26/28, August 2

Registration begins Monday, June 21 at 9AM

Phone registration allowed after 1pm on June 21

TODDLERS (2 Year Olds)

Wednesday at 10:30 or Friday at 9:30 or 10:30

July 7/9, 14/16, 21/23, 28/30

Registration begins Tuesday June 22 at 9AM

Phone registration allowed after 1PM

PRESCHOOL (3 Year Olds)

Tuesday or Thursday 9:30

June 29/July 1, July 6/8, 13/15, 20/22, 27/29

Registration begins Wednesday, June 14 at 9AM

Phone registration allowed after 1PM

PRESCHOOL (4-6 Year Olds)

Tuesday or Thursday 10:30

June 29/July 1, July 6/8, 13/15, 20/22, 27/29

Registration begins Wednesday, June 14 at 9AM

Phone registration allowed after 1PM

Water Your Mind **READ**

SUMMER READING CLUB



The Downingtown Library's Summer Reading Club, ***Make a Splash@Your Library***, encourages school children going into grades one through six to continue reading throughout the summer with the opportunity to earn prizes as they progress. They also attend special programs just for Summer Reading Program children, such as puppeteers, magicians and drama troupes. Additionally, they will participate in a book bingo and penny auction for the first time ever. Last year the Summer Reading Program began arts and crafts days. They will continue this summer throughout July, right here at the Library.

The Summer Reading Club is free and open to all children entering first through sixth grade as of September, 2010. The program requires them to read independently at home and record the time read on their reading chart. Reading thirty minutes each day is the goal. Charts may be checked anytime at the Downingtown Library Circulation Desk, and children receive a prize for every ten days that they reach the thirty minute goal.

Registration begins Monday, June 7, at the Downingtown Library. Parents are asked to register in person at the circulation desk.

Teens and adults may also take part in the Downingtown Library's annual Summer Reading Challenge. Designed to stretch their reading horizons and expose participants to a variety of new authors and literary genres, this year's program, ***Make Waves@Your Library***, prompts participants to read at least three books in categories that are unfamiliar to them. For every three books read, they receive a raffle ticket for a prize drawing at the end of August.

Make Waves@Your Library begins June 7th, but readers may enroll at any time throughout the summer. All readers are encouraged to enroll; the more books you read, the more chances you have to win!

Like the children's Summer Reading Club, registration takes place in the library at the circulation desk.

TEEN/ADULT READING CHALLENGE



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PENGUINS



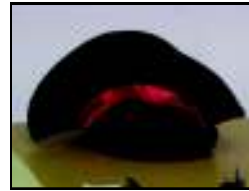
2010 ~ Year of the Tiger



*Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 2nd*



**HS
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Harry Potter Trivia Challenge



**EARTH
DAY**



**Cinco
de
Mayo**



A Stephanie Plum Evening



LEGO AT THE LIBRARY



What will you create?

Have some fun this summer, and help decorate the library at the same time!

The Downingtown Library is seeking local LEGO® designers of all ages.

The shelving above the stacks on the first floor of the Library

will serve as a display shelf this summer, showcasing the precision and creativity of Downingtown's LEGO builders.

From traditional planes and ships to wildly imaginative and intricate sculptures, the library will accept both predesigned models and original LEGO designs on Tuesday July 13, and Tuesday July 20. The exhibit will then remain on display throughout the summer providing enjoyment for all patrons.

Begin now to plan YOUR greatest Lego creation ever!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ~ MARY QUILL ~

Four years ago, Jennifer Hess (featured in *Employee Spotlight, April 2009*) convinced her longtime friend, Mary Quill, to come and work at the Downingtown Library. It was the perfect position for someone possessing an MLS degree, Masters in Library Science, and a love of reading.



Mary enjoys working in the Library and considers having the keys to a library a dream come true. "I like that I have the opportunity to get to know many of our patrons, it is a very social job. I [also] like the wide range of reading materials with which I have become familiar." She enjoys giving and receiving book recommendations, so be sure to discuss your favorites with her the next time you visit the Library.

INTERNET SECURITY & CYBER BULLYING



Parents childproof their homes, but do they do enough to childproof their computers? Find out on Tuesday, July 13, upstairs in the Library. The Prevention Educators from the Crime Victim's Center of Chester County, in conjunction with the Chester County District Attorney's Office, will present their informative program, *Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying*. It will incorporate current statistics, best practices for child safety and discussions on popular Internet applications. Some of these, Facebook, MySpace, instant messaging, blogging and texting may be physically or emotionally harmful to children when misused by their peers. Additionally, adult offenders often utilize these applications to pose as children, gaining a child's misguided trust.

This program is geared towards parents and other adults, educating them about the dangers their children may encounter in the cyber world. This program covers what children and perpetrators are doing on these sites, and how parents can protect their children while on the Internet.

Internet Safety & Cyber Bullying is free, but space is limited. Please register the circulation desk of the Library, or by calling 610-269-2741.

FAIRY HOUSES

Fairy houses are small, all natural houses built to attract these mythical creatures. Legend has it that placing one of these tiny homes in the forest or garden will attract garden fairies.



Elementary school children will have a chance to find out if this is true on June 3rd, when the Downingtown Library invites them to tap into their love of nature and fascination with fairies by building a fairy house right here at the Library. This free hands-on activity, held upstairs at the Library, combines creativity, respect for nature and just a hint of magic. It has proven to be very popular, and registration is now closed, as the program is full.



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WON'T YOU JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE DOWNINGTOWN LIBRARY?

The Friends of the Downingtown Library is a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to improving the services and resources of the Downingtown Library. Its goal is to supplement the Library's operating budget through fund-raising activities. Past activities include: festive holiday house tours, used book sales, spectacular garden tours, flea markets, varied and delightful raffle baskets, garden bulb sales and afternoon teas.

Friends share the common goal of promoting Library involvement in the life of the community and community involvement in the life of the Library. They meet once a month for an hour. If you are interested, please call Katherine Lovell (610)873-3160 or fill out a membership form at the circulation desk.

Each membership automatically comes with:

- * Early admission to book sales *
- * Issues of our library newsletter *
- * Coupons for FREE library DVD rentals *
- * Opportunities to plan and be part of special events *

Experience the satisfaction of knowing you are helping the Downingtown Library change lives!

