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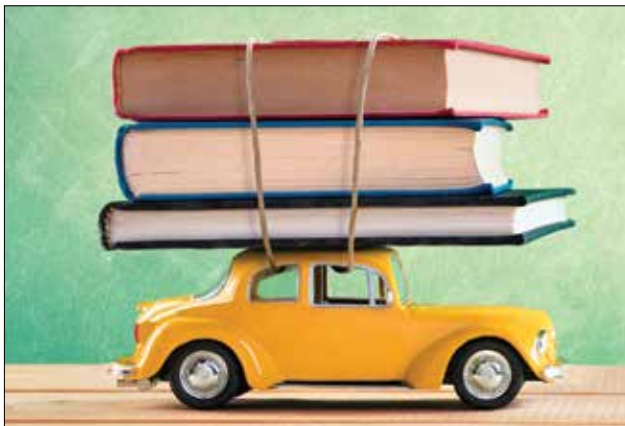
Tom McMillan tells a story as no one has before!

## OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Register at [ptlib.org/flag](http://ptlib.org/flag) to join us at the library or to receive the Zoom link to watch from home.

"Our Flag Was Still There" details the improbable two-hundred-year journey of the original Star-Spangled Banner—from Fort Mchenry in 1814, when Francis Scott Key first saw it, to the Smithsonian in 2023—and the enduring family who defended, kept, hid, and ultimately donated the most famous flag in American history.



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**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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## FOR ALL AGES

### STAR PARTY

*For all ages*

*Saturday, Sept. 16, 8 to 9:30 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor and Library Parking Lot*

Enjoy a night of viewing the stars, planets, galaxies, and nebula. Our night will begin with a presentation from our local Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh. Find out what you can see in our galaxy, the "Milky Way," plus galaxies millions of miles away, and learn about constellations you can see from Pittsburgh. After the presentation, we invite you to go outside and look through the volunteers' telescopes. Did you get a telescope for the holidays and don't know how to set it up? Our volunteers will be happy to answer equipment and set up questions. This is an after-hours event that takes place in and outside the library. Registration is required. **Participants aged 15 and under should be accompanied by an adult.**

### ERESOURCES EXPLORATION

*For all ages*

*Tuesday, Sept. 19, 3 to 3:45 p.m.*

*Hybrid event – Reading Room or join online*

Explore *World Book Encyclopedia Online*, one of the free eResources provided by the library! This online resource features the same expert information found in the print version, with a consolidated layout that makes finding research tools, videos, and audio easier than ever. Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn will teach you to access *World Book Encyclopedia Online* and navigate the resource. Registration is required. If you are attending virtually, we will email you a Zoom link in a confirmation email.

### COSTUME SWAP

*For all ages*

*Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

It's back! Instead of purchasing new costumes yearly, we encourage the community to swap their slightly used costumes to save resources, packaging, transportation, and money. You can participate by dropping off gently used costumes for children, teens, or adults on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. or Friday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Costumes should be in GREAT condition. Participants will get a token for each costume donated. Return Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with your tokens to shop for a swap. The swap starts promptly at 10 a.m. Please do not arrive before 9:45 a.m. to line up for entry. We will donate any costumes and accessories remaining to a local charity.



## YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING

**Please visit the library calendar at events.ptlibrary.org to register for our free programs or call 724.941.9430 #3. Fall programs will begin on Monday, Sept. 18, and run through Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023. Registration for most programs opens 4 weeks before the program date. Registration for weekly programs for Babies to Age 5 begins 2 weeks before the program date.**

### Featured Fall Programs

#### LEMUR LOVE SATURDAY

*For Preschool and up*

*Saturday, Aug. 12, noon to 12:45 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Hey there, animal lovers! Did you know a ring-tailed lemur's tail is longer than its entire body? If you want to learn more about these fascinating creatures, you can't miss Lemur Love Saturday! Ms. Linda has a story and a video for you, followed by a make-a-lemur workshop. Each child participating must register. Sorry, we cannot accept any walk-ins!

#### NATIONAL AVIARY OWL ENCOUNTER

*For Grades 1 to 4*

*Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10 to 11 a.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Owls are some of the most recognizable birds on Earth. Yet, they remain elusive to many because of their habits and behaviors. You will encounter Animal Ambassador owls from around the world and discover the adaptations that make them successful hunters day and night. Please register each child attending this program.

#### COOKING CLASS WITH MS. BLUEBERRY

*For Grades K to 3*

*Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Your child will join Ms. Blueberry as she teaches us how to create healthy snacks and meals. She aims to educate children on healthy, simple snacks and meals and allow them to express their creativity in a small group setting. Children will have increased confidence in themselves and what they can do in the kitchen as they grow. Registration is required for each child participating.

### Recurring Children's Programs

Registration is required for each child participating in each session. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program date. These programs include:

#### TODDLER TALES

*For Ages 2 to 3 ½*

*Every Monday, Sept. 18 to Nov. 6, 10 to 10:30 a.m.*

### **BODIES IN MOTION**

*For Ages 3 to 5  
Every Monday, Sept. 18 to Nov. 6, 11 to 11:30 a.m.*

### **BOOK BABIES**

*For Birth to 15 months  
Every Tuesday, Sept. 19 to Nov. 7, 10 to 10:30 a.m.*

### **MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME**

*For Ages 1 to 2 ½ years  
Every Tuesday, Sept. 19 to Nov. 7, 11 to 11:30 a.m.*

### **TINY TUNES**

*For Ages 3 to 5  
Every Wednesday, Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, 10 to 10:30 a.m.*

### **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

*For Ages 3 ½ to 5  
Every Wednesday, Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, 11 to 11:30 a.m.*

### **WILD KRATT WEDNESDAY**

*For Pre-K and up  
Second Wednesday of the Month, noon to 12:30 p.m.  
(Aug. 9, Sept. 13)  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Bring a bag lunch and picnic as you watch nature unfold with the Kratt brothers on the big screen. Registration is required for each child participating. Walk-ins are not guaranteed a space.

### **PAWS FOR READING**

*For Pre-K and up  
Second Saturday of the Month, 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
(Aug. 12, Sept. 9)  
Youth Services Department, 1st floor*

We are excited to host certified therapy dogs at the library. Register online for your time slot to read to these furry friends. Registration is required for each child participating.

### **CHESS WITH A CHAMPION**

*For Grades 1 to 6  
Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
(Aug. 15, Sept. 19)  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Mr. Pete, our local chess champion, is ready to share basic play techniques. A library staff member will be assisting Mr. Pete during each session. Registration is required for each child participating.

### **FAMILY LEGO NIGHT**

*For the whole family  
Fourth Monday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
(Aug. 28, Sept. 25)  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Build Legos together as a family. Create and name your design to be displayed in the Youth Services Department. It will stay on display until just before the next Lego night. Registration is required for each child participating.

### **NIGHT WITH WQED**

*For the whole family  
Second Thursday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Join us for a beloved PBS show, activities, and story!  
Sept. 14: Sesame Street, Oct. 12: Daniel Tiger, Nov. 9: Pinkalicious

## **Tween Programming**

### **TWEENMADE: BEE CANVAS ART**

*For Grades 4 to 6  
Friday, Aug. 11, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Outdoors in the Library Backyard*  
Customize a decorative canvas with summery bee-themed art. Registration is required.

### **TWEEN WRITER'S CLUB**

*For Grades 4 to 6  
Tuesdays, Aug. 15, Sept. 5 & Sept. 19, 4 to 5 p.m.  
Teen Room, 1st floor*  
Join Ms. Beth to discuss all things writing-related. Bring paper/pencil or a laptop to write on, plus any stories you'd like to share. No registration necessary.

### **TWEEN MAKER MONDAY**

*For Grades 4 to 6  
Mondays, Aug. 21 & Sept. 18, 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Teen Room, 1st floor*  
Enjoy working with your friends on different STEAM-based DIY activities. We will have a light snack for you. Registration is required.

### **TWEEN BOOK CLUB**

*For Grades 4 to 6  
Fourth Thursday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*  
Join Ms. Linda for a book talk and activity. The first five registrants for the discussion will get a free copy of the book. Registration is required.  
**Aug. 24:** *Elliot Jelly-Legs and the Bobblehead Miracle* by Yolanda Ridge  
**Sept. 28:** *Not All Heroes* by Josephine Cameron

### **TWEENMADE: BLING YOUR BINDERS**

*For Grades 4 to 6  
Friday, Aug. 25, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Outdoors in the Library Backyard*  
Join us for some crafty fun one last time before school starts! Bring your notebooks, binders, and folders. Dig into our stickers, wash tape, and other craft supplies to personalize them for the new school year! We have a limited number of notebooks and folders to personalize but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required.

## **Teen Programming**

### **OFFICE SUPPLY FASHION CHALLENGE**

*For Grades 7 to 12  
Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Teen Room, 1st floor*  
Join our summer intern Morgan for a night of crafting, fashion, and fun! Show off your creativity and style using unconventional materials (paper plates, tin foil, napkins, tape, and more) to create and walk the runway in your designs. No fashion or sewing experience is needed! Registration is required.

### **TEENMADE: BEE CANVAS ART**

*For Grades 7 to 12  
Friday, Aug. 11, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Outdoors in the Library Backyard*  
Customize a decorative canvas with summery bee-themed art. Registration is required.

### TEEN WRITER'S CLUB

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*Tuesdays, Aug. 15, Sept. 5 & Sept. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Teen Room, 1st floor*

Join Ms. Beth to discuss all things writing-related. Bring paper/pencil or a laptop to write on, plus any stories you'd like to share. No registration necessary.

### LUNAR CHRONICLES BOOK CLUB

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1 to 2 p.m.*

*Teen Room, 1st floor*

Join us for a pizza lunch as we discuss books from the popular series *The Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer. The first five registrants get a free copy of the book. Registration is required. We will be reading *Cress*.

### TEEN TASTE CHALLENGE

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*Thursday, Aug. 24, 7 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Teen Room, 1st floor*

Can you taste the difference between name-brand sodas and their generic counterpart? Join us for a blind taste test of popular soft drinks and see if you can determine which one is the name brand or the generic one just by tasting it. Registration is required for this program.

### TEENMADE: BLING YOUR BINDERS

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*Friday, Aug. 25, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

*Outdoors in the Library Backyard*

Join us for some crafty fun one last time before school starts! Bring your notebooks, binders, and folders. Dig into our stickers, washi tape, and other craft supplies to personalize them for the new school year! We have a limited number of notebooks and folders to personalize but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required.

### VOLUNTEEN BOARD

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*First Saturday of the Month, 11 a.m. to noon (Sept. 2) OR*

*First Thursday of the Month, 6:30 p.m. (Sept. 7)*

*Teen Room, 1st floor*

The library is now accepting teen volunteers. Meet with Ms. Shannon monthly in the Teen Room to help plan events and prepare for library activities. Weekly and special volunteers are also needed. Attendance at one monthly VolunTEEN Board meeting (either the first Thursday or the first Saturday) is required to serve as a library volunteer.

### TEEN CHOICE BOOK CLUB

*For Grades 7 to 12*

*First Saturday of the Month, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.*

*Teen Room, 1st floor*

Let's munch a light pizza lunch while we discuss the books. Registration is required. The first five registrants get a free copy of the book.

**Sept. 2:** *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

## NEW! CREATE IN THE MAKERSPACE

We are offering these programs in the Makerspace Area on the 2nd floor. Registration is required for all programs.

### NEEDLE FELTING

*For adults only*

*Friday, Aug. 11, 2 to 3:15 p.m.*

Needle felting is transforming wool into 3D objects using a barbed needle. Join Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn to learn how to create a 3D wool object. Due to the equipment used, this program is limited to adult patrons only. Registration is required.

### INTRO TO MACHINE SEWING

*For adults only*

*Monday, Aug. 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m.*

Learn how to use the Janome Sewist 500 sewing machine! After the presentation, you can try out a few stitches on the sewing machine and learn how to access it during library hours. We have designed this program for beginners. Registration is required.

### CRICUT CREATIONS

*For teens and adults only*

*Thursday, Aug. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. OR*

*Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

The Cricut machine is a smart electronic cutting machine that can cut paper, vinyl, fabric, etc. Join Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn to learn how to use the Cricut Design Space app to design and cut out a unique vinyl sticker. Registration is required.

### 3D PRINTING PENS

*For teens and adults only*

*Wednesday, Aug. 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. OR*

*Friday, Sept. 15, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

Learn the basics of 3D Printing Pens from the Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn. In this program, you will use the 3D pens to create a piece of jewelry: a pair of earrings or a pendant. You can work from a variety of templates or freestyle! Registration is required.

### CRICUT CREATIONS

*Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. for teens and adults OR*

*Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for adults only*

The Cricut machine is a smart electronic cutting machine that can cut paper, vinyl, fabric, etc. Join Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn to learn how to design and cut out a bookmark using the Cricut Design Space app. Registration is required.

### SEWING CORNER

*For adults only*

*Monday, Sept. 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m.*

Join us at the Sewing Corner to work on sewing, embroidery, quilting, or felting projects. Feel free to bring your own project or create something new! The Makerspace has an embroidery machine, sewing machines, thread, fabric, and felting supplies available. This program is for all skill levels. Registration is required.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

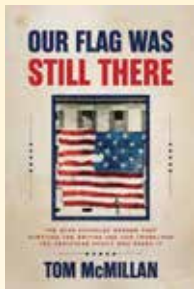
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## CEMETERIES AND TOMBSTONES

*Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Local history buff Linda Reese will share information about the history and evolution of cemeteries and tombstones. You will be prepared for your next trek into an unkept graveyard to discover family secrets. Registration is required.

## OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE



*Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Hybrid event – Join us in the Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor OR watch via Zoom from home*

*Our Flag Was Still There* details the improbable two-hundred-year journey of the original Star-Spangled Banner—from Fort McHenry in 1814, when Francis Scott Key first saw it, to the Smithsonian in 2023—and the enduring family who

defended, kept, hid, and ultimately donated the most famous flag in American history.

Tom McMillan tells a story as no one has before. Digging deep into the archives of Fort McHenry and the Smithsonian, accessing never-before-published letters and documents, and presenting rare photos from the private collections of Armistead descendants and other sources, McMillan follows the flag on an often-perilous journey through three centuries. *Our Flag Was Still There* provides new insight into an intriguing period of U.S. history, offering a “story behind the story” account of one of the country’s most treasured relics.

**Tom McMillan will join us in person for this presentation. Register to reserve your seat in the library OR join us online from your home. We will send you a Zoom link to join us.**

## MONDAY MATINEE

*Mondays, Aug. 21 & Sept. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Reading Room, 2nd floor*

Join us once a month for a Matinee Movie showing. Enjoy a feature film and popcorn. Registration is required to reserve your seat and ensure we have enough popcorn. Check the online event listing at the beginning of the month to see what movie we will be showing!

## WINSTON CHURCHILL IN WESTMINSTER



*Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Follow a circular route through Westminster, Britain’s political heart, to see sites connected with the political career of one of the twentieth-century’s great statesmen. Enjoy historic buildings and learn about the many great achievements of Winston Churchill. The Passport Club is

for older adults (recommended 55+) who want to explore the world from the comfort of the library. Join us this summer as we explore different locations worldwide. Beeyondr, a virtual tour guide company, leads this tour. Registration is required.

## SIT & FIT

*Thursdays, Aug. 31 & Sept. 28, 9:30 to 10 a.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

With easy-to-follow instructions, you will tone and stretch your body in this low-impact, mindful movement class. The class will be set to soothing music and is perfect for mature adults and seniors of all abilities. Your instructor will be Meghan Greenwood, an ACE-certified group fitness instructor with over 15 years of teaching experience. Registration is required. We are accepting 20 mature adults/seniors for this program.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

*Friday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Seven hundred donors are needed daily to meet the blood needs of hospital patients in our area. The average adult body contains 10-12 pints, so donate one at this community blood drive. To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) and search UC594. The direct link is <https://ptlib.org/septdrive>.

## AFTERNOON BINGO FOR SENIORS & CAREGIVERS

*Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Have some fun playing everyone’s favorite game -- BINGO! Seniors and their caregivers can join us on the first Tuesday of the month for Bingo and other games with Michelle May from Senior Life Washington. Prizes for winners and fun for all! Registration is required.

## PRESIDENTIAL ARTIFACTS

*Thursday, Sept. 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Enjoy a visual journey through 300 artifacts illustrating how U.S. presidential candidates marketed themselves in an attempt to win the vote. See a William McKinley soap baby doll, a Theodore Roosevelt cast iron door stop, Franklin Roosevelt stove pot covers, and more in this novel look at our country’s chief executives. Registration is required.

Stephen Mihaly, retired VP of Customer Financial Services at H.J. Heinz Company, will present this program. His collection of political Americana of over 20,000 pieces is considered to be one of the largest of its kind. Mihaly has been honored to meet four U.S. Presidents and has been building his collection for over 50 years.

**CHESS DYNAMICS & WINNING STRATEGIES**

*For adults 18 and up*

*Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

*Reading Room, 2nd floor*

Former chess champion and grandmaster Pete Vuljanic offers chess instruction for players aged 18 and up. To join this free class, you must understand how to play the game and move each piece. This class is not suitable for tournament-level players. Registration is required.

**FAIR DISTRICTS PA**



*Saturday, Sept. 16, 2 to 3 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Join us for an introduction to Fair Districts PA, a nonpartisan citizens' movement helping to re-establish an accountable, transparent, responsive state legislature in Harrisburg. You'll learn how decades

of partisan control of the legislative agenda and manipulation of voting district maps (a practice called gerrymandering) have combined to give the people of Pennsylvania less voice and less choice. Pennsylvanians deserve better. Our Fair Districts PA speaker will cover what needs to change in Harrisburg, why, and how ordinary citizens can get involved. Not red. Not blue. Just fair. Registration is required.

Fair Districts PA is a nonpartisan, statewide, all-volunteer, good government group whose priorities include fixing state legislative rules, creating fair districts, and mapping out a fair redistricting process. It is a project of the League of Women Voters of PA. Learn more at [www.fairdistrictspa.com](http://www.fairdistrictspa.com).

**POTTERING AROUND THE UK**



*Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Real-Life Locations from the World of Harry Potter

Travel vicariously as Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans takes you on a historic, scenic, architectural, and occasionally culinary tour of Harry Potter's magical world. From London to Scotland and points in between, admire the amazing

real-life locations film scouts picked throughout the best of the British Isles. Get tips if you'd like to visit the sights someday. Registration is required.

Claire Evans is a former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless Britcoms on PBS. She went on to study abroad in London and, against the odds, married a Brit she met in Peoria, Illinois. They moved to England, where they lived for several years. Outside of her work for a legal advice charity, Claire became a student of historical sights, pub dining, and tea shops. Her business, Tea with Claire, grew from friends asking for travel and relocation advice.

**MEDICARE BASICS**

*Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Medicare continues to provide important benefits as the health insurance program for people 65 and older, people under 65

with certain disabilities, and people of any age with end-stage renal disease, permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis, or a kidney transplant. PA MEDI is a free health insurance counseling program to help older Pennsylvanians with Medicare. Lois Thomas's presentation will review the Medicare and PA MEDI programs with handouts and New to Medicare packets available for persons attending the program. She will discuss other assistance programs such as PACE/PACENET, Extra Help, and the Medicare Savings Program. If you think you may qualify for an assistance program or need help discussing the costs of Medicare, you can schedule an appointment with Thomas after her presentation. Registration is required.

**PARANORMAL OR NORMAL?**

*Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

*Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor*

Join author Emily Rodavich as she shares and explores Mystical Interludes. Mystical Interludes are unexpected, timely experiences, either fleeting or significant, which defy explanation and logic. They can range from mere coincidences and synchronicities to visions and near-death experiences (NDEs). Although these happenings occur in most lives to some degree, they often go unrealized. Until recent years, people who talked about these valuable experiences brought ridicule upon themselves. People now realize that mystical interludes have played a significant role in the evolution of humankind. This awareness is not only expanding our human potential, but it is also driving a global spiritual awakening. Registration is required.

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## Library-Sponsored Clubs

Please consider joining one of our many library clubs. Most do not require registration – all are welcome to drop in. Share your interests with new friends!

### EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Second Wednesday of the Month, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.*

*Reading Room, 2nd floor*

*Club Leader: Contact the library*

This book club will meet in person and has a Zoom option if members wish to participate from home. Registration is required to attend in person and to receive the Zoom Link.

**Aug. 9:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

This selection is available for checkout at the Reference Desk and on Libby.

**Sept. 13:** *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth

This selection is available for checkout at the Reference Desk, on Libby, and on Hoopla.

### BOOKS AND BREWS

*Second Thursday of the Month, 7 to 8 p.m.*

*(Aug. 10 and Sept. 14)*

Join library staff at Monday's Brewing at 1055 Waterdam Plaza Drive in McMurray for our new book club. No registration is needed. Check the library events calendar for upcoming book selections.

### AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Third Wednesday of the Month, 1 to 2:30 p.m.*

*Reading Room, 2nd floor*

*Club Leader: Lori Obel*

This book club will meet in person and has a Zoom option if members wish to participate from home. Registration is required to attend in person and to receive the Zoom Link.

**Aug. 16:** Planning Meeting

**Sept. 20:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

This selection is available for checkout at the Reference Desk and on Libby.

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Last Tuesday of the Month, 1:30 to 3 p.m.*

*Reading Room, 2nd floor*

*Club Leader: Peter Stamoolis*

This book club will meet in person and has a Zoom option if members wish to participate from home. Registration is required to attend in person and to receive the Zoom Link.

**Aug. 29:** *Since We Fell* by Dennis Lehane

This selection is available for checkout on Kindles at the Front Desk, on Libby, and on Hoopla.

**Sept. 26:** *Wild Justice* by Philip Margolin

This selection is available for checkout on Kindles at the Front Desk, on Libby, and on Hoopla.

### "ROOTS" GENEALOGY CLUB

*Second Tuesday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.*

*(Aug. 8 & Sept. 12)*

Share resources, information, and methods for exploring your family's history. No registration is necessary.

### CROCHET & KNITTING CLUB

*Second Thursday of the Month, 6 to 7 p.m.*

*(Aug. 10 & Sept. 14)*

Crocheters and knitters are welcome to our monthly club. Bring your own projects and share stitches with friends. This class does not have a teaching component. Please check our event calendar for craft classes with instructors. **Registration is required.**

### STAMP CLUB

*Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.*

*(Aug. 15 & Sept. 19)*

New members are always welcome to share stamps and peruse the collections of other philatelists at our monthly meetings. No registration is necessary. The Stamp Club does not offer appraisals or purchase collections.

### NEW! PUZZLE & GAME CLUB

*Third Thursday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.*

*(Aug. 17 & Sept. 21)*

Join us for some puzzles and games. Connect a few puzzle pieces, connect 4, and connect with people in this new monthly club. This program is for adults. No registration is necessary.

### COOKBOOK CLUB

*Select Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*

The Cookbook Club meets bimonthly on the third Monday, featuring dinners and recipe challenges. **Registration is required in person at the Circulation Desk** and opens one month before the meeting date. Library staff will choose cookbooks for your recipe selection. Visit the area behind the Circulation Desk to view the cookbooks from our collection and sign-up for your recipe so we can enjoy a variety of dishes together!

**Aug. 21:** Vegetarian Dinner

**Oct. 16:** Appetizers for a Crowd

**Dec. 18:** Cookie Challenge

### NEW! CRAFTERNOON CLUB

*First Thursday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.*

*Reading Room, 2nd floor*

Visit the library monthly and follow easy instructions to create a different craft or art project. We will provide crafting supplies, or you can bring your own project. This program is for adults. Registration is not required.

**Sept. 7:** Make a beautiful centerpiece from an old book.

**Oct. 5:** Create spooky home décor as we cut out bats and cats and create a Halloween garland.

### LENSSHOOTERS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

*Second Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.*

*(Sept. 13, Oct. 11)*

All levels of experience are welcome to this monthly photography club. Share your photos with friends, participate in monthly photography challenges, and learn different techniques from various speakers. This monthly meeting is organized and presented by the Western Pennsylvania Lensshooters Association. No meeting in August. Registration is requested.

### WORLD WAR II DISCUSSION GROUP

*Last Wednesday of the Month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*(Aug. 30 & Sept. 27)*

A monthly discussion series featuring topics about World War II: new members are always welcome! No registration is necessary.