

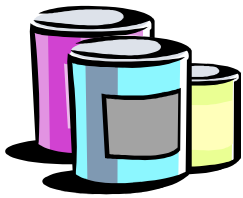
OFF THE SHELF

What do you wanna do with your life? ... I wanna READ!

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APL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The APL Children's Department is collecting non-perishable foods for a local food bank. The food bank is looking for canned vegetables, puddings, and gelatins. Items can be dropped off at the Children's Services desk on the second floor of the library. For each item donated, the library will credit 25 cents to outstanding fines on a child's library card at the time of the donation.



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE APL

For many years, the Allentown Garden Club has brightened up the library during the winter holiday season with their festive decorations and holiday tree. This year's tree features many hand-made ornaments as well as ornaments made from natural materials. Pinecones, corn, straw, acorns, were just some of the many materials used to make these one of a kind ornaments. We would like to thank the Allentown Garden Club for doing such a wonderful job this year and for always adding a bit of holiday cheer to the library.



APL DISPLAY CASES

Do you have a unique or interesting collection? The library is looking to feature collections in our public display cases. Past displays have included sea shells, toy trains, doll house furniture, and other such collections. The cases are locked and looked after by the librarians but they are displayed in our lobby for the public to see. The library would only be borrowing the items for the duration of the display which may last for a week or possibly a month depending on the display and the agreement reached between the owner of the items and the library. If interested, please contact Susan at the Reference Desk, 610-820-2400 ext. 1.

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ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
1210 Hamilton St.
Allentown PA 18102

Phone: 610-820-2400

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9-9

Friday: 9-6

Saturday: 9-5

Closed:

December 24th, 25th
January 1st 2011

Closing @ 5pm on
December 31st

STAFF PICKS FOR 2010

Here at the APL, we recently conducted a staff survey asking them what was the best book they read in 2010. The book could be a children's or adult book and did not have to be published in 2010, so long as it was the best book they read this year. Here are the results:

- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- *Leon's Story* by Leon Walter Tillage and Susan L. Roth
- *My Appetite for Destruction* by Steven Adler
- *Knuffle Bunny Free* by Mo Willems
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *The Heart of the Soul* by Gary Zukav and Linda Francis
- *The Modern Pagan* by Brian Day
- *A Splendid Friend Indeed* by Suzanne Bloom
- *Going Rogue* by Sarah Palin
- *The Scent of Rain and Lightning* by Nancy Pickard
- *A Slight Trick of the Mind* by Mitch Cullin
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Candy Shop War* by Brandon Mull
- *On Hitler's Mountain* by Irmgard A. Hunt
- *Crazy for the Storm* by Norman Ollestad
- *The Search* by Nora Roberts
- *Six Million Paper Clips* by Peter W. Schroeder and Dagmar Schroeder-Hildebrand
- *Island Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin* by Josh Berk
- *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
- *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J. K. Rowling
- *The 9th Judgment* by James Patterson

APL BOOK GROUP

The APL Book Group for adults will have its next meeting on Tuesday, December 28th at 6pm. The group will be discussing the book *Years of Wonder* by Geraldine Brooks. Coffee and donuts will be served. You can pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Services desk on the second floor.

Book discussions are held once a month and will continue through spring. If you have any questions please call 610-820-2400 ext. 3 or contact Ximena at mirandax@allentownpl.org.

NOTES FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

Fax and Scanning Services Now Available

The APL now offers local and toll free fax services at the Reference Desk for \$1 per page. Scanning to email or a removable storage device is also available for \$1 per page.

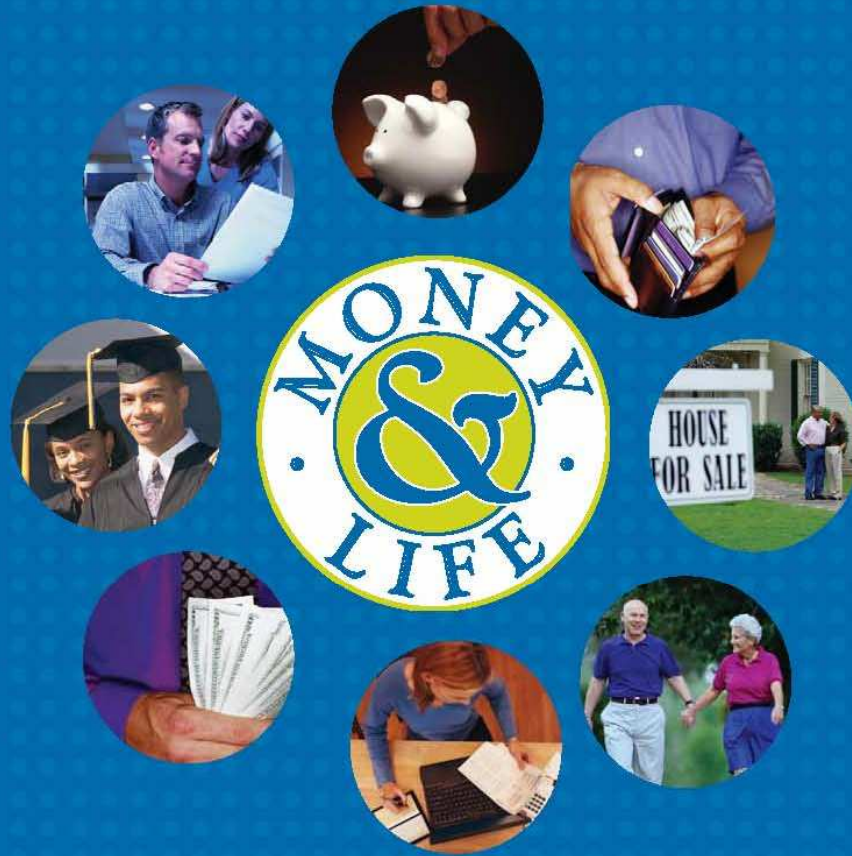
Saturday Computer Classes

Computer classes began Saturday October 2nd and will continue every Saturday from now until late spring. The classes start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 11 a.m. Space is limited and registration in advance is required. Sign up at the reference desk. Class topics vary from week to week but usually deal with intro to the web, intro to computers as well as job hunting online.

THE APL TOP FIFTEEN

Here are the Top Fifteen most requested books as of December 13th 2010.

1. *Worst Case* by James Patterson
2. *Don't Blink* by James Patterson
3. *Cross Fire* by James Patterson
4. *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult
5. *Wicked Appetite* by Janet Evanovich
6. *The Confession* by John Grisham
7. *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks
8. *Hell's Corner* by David Baldacci
9. *Legacy* by Danielle Steel
10. *The Reversal* by Michael Connell
11. *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen
12. *The Search* by Nora Roberts
13. *Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett
14. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth* by Jeff Kinney
15. *Bad Blood* by John Sandford



FREE WORKSHOP: ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL GOALS

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

WINTER STORYTIME SCHEDULE

The season of cold and snow may be upon us, but there is still plenty to do at the Allentown Public Library! Registration for the winter storytime session will begin on Monday January 3rd. The storytimes will start on Wednesday January 19th and conclude on Friday April 15th. The number of children who may attend each session is limited, so please register early. You may register in person at the Children's Services desk or over the phone by calling 610-820-2400 ext. 3. In order to register and attend, the child's parent or guardian must be an APL registered borrower (Allentown and Salisbury residents will be served first).

Each storytime consists of picture books, songs, finger plays, rhymes and other age appropriate activities designed to develop a love for reading. Please specify which session, day, and time you wish to register for.

**Dates and times are subject to change.*

Preschool

Wed: 10:00-10:30 AM

Wed: 7:15-7:45 PM

Thurs: 2:00-2:30 PM

Child must be 3 by the first session and not enrolled in kindergarten.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to remain in the library during the program but do not sit with the children.

Time for Twos

Wed: 6:30-7:00 PM

Fri: 10:15-10:45 AM

Child must be two by the first session. Each child is accompanied by a parent/caregiver who sits with the child. No siblings may attend

Lapsit

Wed: 5:45-6:15 PM

Fri: 9:30-10:00 AM

This program is for children from birth to age two and their parent/caregiver. No siblings may attend.

HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

December 4 - Hanukah Storytime 2:30pm - All ages

December 8 - Winter Family Traditions 7pm - All Ages

December 11 - Polar Express Storytime 2:30pm - Kindergarten & up (Younger child with parent)

December 15 - Cookie Decorating 7pm - Grade 5 & up (Younger child with parent)

December 21 - Holiday Sing-Along 6pm - All ages

CHILDREN'S BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

The Young Reader's Book Discussion Club is well underway and will continue through the month of April. Each month, the group reads a book and at the end of the month the group meets for some laughs and pizza while members discuss their thoughts and views on the book. Space is limited to 15 children at a time. The group is for children in grades 4 through 7. Sign-ups start at the beginning of every month. Please visit the Children's Department or call (610) 820-2400 ext. 3 if you have additional questions.

TEEN OTAKU CLUB

Calling all Anime and Manga fans! Registration will begin January 17th and can be done over the phone or in person. Space is limited. The club is for valid APL card holders ages 12 through high school. The club meets from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. every Friday starting February 4th through Friday March 11th.

Allentown Public Library Film Series

Free films on Saturday afternoons

This monthly film series at the library will feature award-winning foreign films, independent movies, and documentaries. No ticket is required; admission is always free.

For viewing audiences ages 17+

December 18, 2010, 2PM - Alamar

Before his young son, Natan (Natan Machado Palombini), returns to Rome with his mother, Jorge (Jorge Machado) takes the boy on an extended journey to a tiny fishing village, where Natan learns to fish and snorkel amid the natural splendor of the Mexican Caribbean. Filmmaker Pedro González-Rubio's delicate family drama also stars Nestor Marin as veteran angler Matraca, as well as a colorful cast of crocodiles, tropical birds and iguanas. Language: Spanish with English subtitles.

January 29, 2011, 2PM - 1981

This cheeky, coming-of-age comedy tells the story of 11-year-old Ricardo, who in 1981, struggles to fit in at his new school. With a flare for inventiveness and a desperate desire to impress his classmates, Ricardo weaves a web of untruths, which he must carefully maintain to keep up appearances for his new friends. But when reality finally catches up with him, Ricardo is forced to come to terms with his true self.

February 26, 2011, 2PM - Bomber

Alistar and Valerie have been planning a special trip to Germany for a very long time. When their son Ross stops by the house to send them off, happenstance turns into an impromptu family road trip of the most tortuous kind. Alistar berates Ross for all that he is not in life, while Valerie tries to keep the peace. It is soon discovered that Alistar's reason for the often comic, sometimes painful trip is to shed a guilt he's been carrying for years. Ultimately, the family learns they need each other more than they imagined.

March 26, 2011, 2PM - NURSE. FIGHTER. BOY

JUDE is a single mother who descends from a long line of Jamaican caregivers. SILENCE is a 'past his prime' boxer who fights illegally to survive. CIEL is a boy who delves into music, conjuring dreams for his mother. During the last week of summer, a late-night brawl finds the fighter in the nurse's care causing their three fates to be forever entwined.

APL BOOK SALE ROOM

Located on the first floor in a former office, the Book Sale Room offers books for children and adults, audio books, music CD's, APL magnets, APL canvas book bags, magazines, comic books, and many other items that have been discarded from the library's collection or donated to the library for the sale.

If you would like to make a donation to the sale, you may drop off your items at the front desk. We ask that the books be no more than ten years old and that all items be in good condition.

Monday: CLOSED, Tuesday 4-8pm, Wednesday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-8pm, Friday 1-4pm, and Saturday 1-4pm.

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www.allentownpl.org

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