

# The Library Scoop

*Free Library of Northampton Township ~ Adult Programs & Interests!*

## **Fred Miller celebrates Frank Sinatra!**

**Saturday, October 5, 1:00 pm**



Once again, Fred Miller brings his Lectures-in-Song to the library! Fred's programs are always a crowd-pleasing great time!

Frank Sinatra's colorful, often abrasive, personality and the constant media attention he attracted often obscured his earnestness as a musical artist. From the beginning, he was intent on creating a new sound; adult, sensual, exhilarating, authentic and always true to himself. Despite recording thousands of songs, Sinatra's recordings rarely achieved "hit" status. Time would show that he was in the more serious, long-range business of producing classics.

Moving rapidly from bobby-soxer idol to film & recording star ~ throughout it all, ceaselessly a subject of curiosity and controversy ~ Frank attained the rare status of American Icon. Join us as Fred Miller presents a musical tribute to the legendary American entertainer, Frank Sinatra, including anecdotes and details of his unique and notable life.

## **Harvest & Thanksgiving Traditions**

**Saturday, November 9, 1:00 pm**

Join us as Alisa Dupuy of *The Ladies of History Historical Productions* presents *Harvest & Thanksgiving Traditions*. Performing as Eliza Blackwell Dupree, a lady of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Alisa will regale us with tales of how harvest traditions and Thanksgiving evolved into the celebrations they are today.

The main goal of *The Ladies of History* is to highlight the contributions that women have made to history in a fun, exciting and memorable way. So many women of all creeds, and their contributions to society, have been virtually left out of the historical narrative. Ms. Dupuy seeks to bring these women and their stories to the forefront by bringing her characters to life.



**Please register for the programs on this page by calling:**

**215-357-3050**

**or visiting our website:**

**[www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org](http://www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org)**

**Sponsored by Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township**

**Sunday Hours are Back! Beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>!**



## PA Forward® Programs

### **Northampton Resident, William Tennent: His Life & the Log College** **Monday, September 16, 6:00 pm**

Wendy Wirsch, President of the William Tennent House Association, will present this program in costume as Mrs. Catherine Kennedy Tennent, William's wife, as she discusses his life and the Log College.

A resident of Northampton Township and, later of Warminster, in 1727 Tennent established a religious school in a log cabin that became famous as the Log College. The educational influence of the Log College was of importance as many of its graduates went on to found schools along the expanding frontier. Princeton University is regarded as the successor to the Log College.

### **Mental Health Crisis Training** **Monday, September 23, 6:00 pm**

#### **“Question, Persuade, Refer”**

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR): Suicide Prevention Training will be presented by the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Attending the free, two-hour long training helps individuals understand and recognize when others are going through a mental health crisis. QPR teaches how to recognize clues, warning signs and suicidal communications of someone who may be in trouble.

### **Voter Basics & Vote 411** **Thursday, October 10, 6:00 pm**

The League of Women Voters of Bucks County will share information on voting basics and Vote 411 in preparation of the November elections.

This is a non-partisan program designed to advance the League's mission to encourage informed and active participation in government. The presenter will take questions at the end of the program. She will not receive a list of those who attend.

As always, voter registration and ballot information is located behind the Reference desk.

### **Know Your Medicare Options** **Monday, October 21, 6:00 pm**

We welcome you to join Steve Perlman of DelVal Senior Advisors as he presents his quarterly talk on Medicare for soon-to-be retirees in our community.

The program will cover: How Medicare works and what it covers; Differences of Medicare Advantage vs. Medigap/Supplement; How to save money on prescription medications; How and when to enroll; and an Explanation of penalties and how to avoid them.

To register for any PA Forward® Presentations; you may call 215-357-3050, visit the library Reference desk or register through the library website at: [www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org](http://www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org)



### **Ghostly Storytelling** **Monday, October 28, 6:00 pm**

Carolyn Randolph of *Ghost Tours of New Hope* will be presenting this supernatural program of ghost stories of Philadelphia and the surrounding area. She will also discuss Bucks County's original ghost investigator and *Ghost Tours of New Hope* founder, best-selling author Adi-Kent Thomas Jeffrey.



## **More PA Forward® Programs!**

### **“What’s it Worth?” Antiques Road Show** **Saturday, November 2, 1:00-3:00 pm**

Author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host Mike Ivankovich will be visiting the library to introduce attendees to *What Determines Value* and reveal what their antiques, collectibles and personal treasures are really worth today.

Mike has been involved in some phase of the antiques and collectibles business for more than 40 years. He is a frequent lecturer and has authored more than 20 books in his area of expertise, including downsizing. He is a professional GPPA & MPPA Appraiser specializing in appraisals for estate, insurance, inheritance, divorce and more.

Each registered attendee is invited to bring one or two items for Mike to appraise during this program. Registration is required.

### **The Way of Peace & The Iroquois Confederacy** **Monday, November 4, 6:00 pm**

You are invited to join us as Christine Applegate of the Museum of Indian Culture discusses the Iroquois Confederacy, The Peacemaker and the Great Law of Peace as we celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

The Iroquois Confederacy, also known as the League of Peace and Power, was founded hundred of years ago. While some Western scholars date its formation to about 500 years ago, the Iroquois and many non-Native scholars date its creation to 1142, when a total solar eclipse occurred in the region. The Confederacy initially consisted of five tribes: the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca, which were known as the Five Nations. A sixth nation, the Tuscarora, was added in 1722.

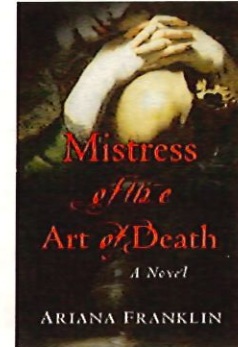
The Peacemaker, who brought The Great Law of Peace, united these warring nations to form the Haudenosaunee (the People of the Longhouse). This representative form of government not only inspired the U.S. Constitution, but continues to be relevant today.

### **Bucks County’s Unique Habitats** **Monday, November 18, 6:00 pm**

The Heritage Conservancy returns to the library once again this year to speak about the county’s unique habitats, such as the Quakertown Swamp. The swamp is a 518-acre wetland with a diverse habitat that includes open water, shrub wetland, cattail marsh, wet meadow and forested swamp. It has been designated by the Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area and provides habitat for 91 bird species.

**Join us for these informative & interesting presentations!**

## **Staff Pick** **September**



### **Mistress of the Art of Death**

**By Ariana Franklin**

A medieval murder mystery! This is a wonderful book that pulls you into 12<sup>th</sup> century England. I love historical fiction novels because while the story is interesting, I also learn something about how life was in other time periods.

Adelia, a female forensics expert, which is almost unheard of at this time in history; is sent to investigate the brutal murders of several children. She must be careful and secretive in this time of prejudices against women and science.

This story involves Christians, Jews & Muslims and how people were treated during that time period. Adelia overcomes the ignorance and superstitions of the time cracking a case of unthinkable evil. With the possible murder suspect list getting longer and longer, it is hard to know who to trust.

Note: If you are of a sensitive nature, you may not want to read this book. Although descriptions are brief, they are graphic. Mostly, the book focuses on trying to solve this murder mystery.



## Fall Computer Classes, a PA Forward® Program

October 7, 14, 21, 28 &  
November 4, 1:00 pm

October 7 - Intro to Computers  
October 14 - Internet Tips and Tricks  
October 21 - eBooks and eAudiobooks  
October 28 - Library Digital Resources  
November 4 - iPad Basics

**Advanced Registration is Required**

## Book a Librarian!

**1:1 appointments, 60-minute sessions**

Want to learn how to get eBooks on your phone, e-Reader or tablet? Have questions about using the internet, email, apps, computer programs or more? Bring your questions to us!

**We're here to help!**

**Advanced registration is required:**

In person, by calling 215-357-3050, or on our website.

## Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township Museum Pass Program



**Here's how the program works:**

~ Become a Friend of the Library at the "Family" level (\$20) or higher.  
Borrow a pass for a maximum of two nights.  
\*Enjoy your museum visit!

### Twenty-one great attractions!

- \* *The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University*  
~ admits 2 adults and up to 5 children age 18 or under
- \* *African American Museum of Philadelphia* ~ admits 4 adults up to 8 children
- \* *Battleship New Jersey* ~ Admits 2 adults and 3 children
- \* *Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve* ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- \* *Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles* ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- \* *The Bucks County Children's Museum* ~ admits up to 6 people
- \* *Chanticleer Garden* ~ admits up to 4 people
- \* *Eastern State Penitentiary* ~ admits 6 people, children under 7 are free
- \* *Elmwood Park Zoo* ~ admits 2 adults and up to 6 children
- \* *Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle* ~ admits up to 4 people
- \* *Michener Art Museum* ~ admits 2 adults and their dependents
- \* *Museum of The American Revolution* ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children, ages 6-17 (children 5 and under are admitted free of charge)
- \* *The Mutter Museum* ~ admits 4 people
- \* *National Constitution Center* ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- \* *Penn Museum* ~ admits 2 adults and all children under 18 in one household
- \* *Pennsbury Manor* ~ admits up to 9 people for general admission only
- \* *Philadelphia Magic Gardens* ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- \* *Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania* ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- \* *Washington Crossing Historic Park* ~ admits 4 people
- \* *Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum* ~ admits 4 people
- \* *Woodmere Art Museum* ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children age 18 or under

## Creativebug

**A New & Fun App brought to you by the Free Library of Northampton Township!**



The folks at Creativebug believe that everyone has a creative side!

With the new Creativebug app you can enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art & craft classes, download patterns, templates and recipes, and connect to a community of crafters through galleries and forums.

Watch the classes you choose anytime, anywhere! Classes never expire so you are able to start and stop projects at your own pace. No pressure, just possibilities! Get access to new classes released every day.

Access the app through our website, sign-in with your library card number and PIN, and begin your creativity journey!

*To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it!*  
- Karl Vonnegut



## Tuesday Morning Matinees for Adults September 17 – December 17, 10:00 am

### Welcome Back!

Our Autumn session begins on September 17. Films will be shown bi-weekly with one exception. We will skip Thanksgiving week, Tuesday, November 26, and screen the last two films on December 3 & 17. Films are shown on Tuesdays and begin promptly at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is enthusiastically encouraged but not required. You may register through our website, in person at the front desk, or by calling 215-357-3050.

Snacks are complimentary or you may bring your own. The temperature in the room is often chilly. You may want to bring an extra sweater or small blanket. You are also welcome to bring a chair cushion for added comfort if you would like.



### Autumn Session Showings

September 17 ~ *Priscilla* ~ Rated R

October 1 ~ *American Fiction* ~ Rated R

October 15 ~ *Arthur the King* ~ Rated PG13

October 29 ~ *The Fall Guy* ~ Rated PG13

November 12 ~ *The Boys in the Boat* ~ Rated PG13

(Additional Special Showing at 9:00 am of the documentary, *The Boys of '36*, for any early birds who would like to see it.)

December 3 ~ *Ordinary Angels* ~ Rated PG

December 17 ~ *I Heard the Bells* ~ Rated PG

For detailed descriptions of each film, please see our website or pick up a flyer at the front desk of the library.  
*Winter Schedule will be available on December 17.*

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

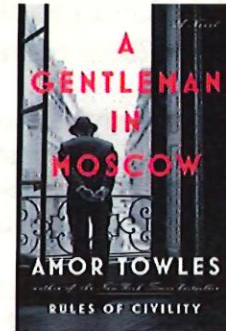
This year, the TRANSFORMERS franchise teams up with the American Library Association to promote the value of a library card.

Whether you are borrowing books, eBooks, museum passes or learning new skills, attending our matinees or any of the many adult programs available at the library, a library card gives you the opportunity to do more of what you enjoy!

Get a library card and spark your imagination and curiosity. Libraries offer fun and informative resources to help you pursue your passions! If you don't have a library card, now is the perfect time to obtain one!

**Every NEW card recipient will receive an entry  
for prizes donated by local businesses!**

## Staff Pick October



### A Gentleman in Moscow Amor Towles

This book's title conjures thoughts of Cold War spies, but don't be too quick to judge! The book tells the story of a gentleman - Alexander Rostov- living in Moscow during the tumultuous decades of the early 20th century. Alexander's milieu (*prison!*) is the Metropol Hotel located next to Red Square in Moscow.

This is a wonderful novel of friendship and family but with twists and turns along the way. Consequently, pay attention to every detail because each is important later!

Shhh, can't say any more...just ENJOY!

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*I find television very  
educating. Every time  
somebody turns on the  
set, I go into the other  
room and read a book.  
~ Groucho Marx*



## Our Big Shy Catfish Has a Name!

### CAPTAIN BUBBLES!

#### Congratulations to our winner Grace D!

Throughout the summer months, 938 entries were received with name suggestions for our *Big Shy Catfish* (Pleco)! Of those, 642 were unique! Several suggestions were entered by multiple participants.

The top three repeated entrees were:

Bubbles with 25, Bob with 20 & Shy Guy with 15

Staff narrowed the 642 unique entries down to 10.

Those 10, in no particular order, were:



**Captain Bubbles**  
**Black Jack**  
**Luna**  
**Morris**  
**Mr. Cleany**  
**Bash**  
**Larry**  
**Pickles**  
**Hidie &**  
**Cashy**

The three that received the most votes from staff were: Captain Bubbles, Black Jack & Luna

Our winner Grace received the book *The Library Fish* and a special Certificate to commemorate her win! Thank you to all who entered! Captain Bubbles especially thanks you all very much because he now has a great name and is no longer just the Big Shy Catfish!

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 Northampton Township**  
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**Library Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday  
 9:00 - 8:00  
 Friday & Saturday  
 9:00 - 4:00  
 Sunday  
 1:00 - 5:00

## It's Spooky Season!

As the leaves change their colors, our thoughts turn to spooky stories for chilly nights in October. Certain books on our *To Be Read* piles begin to beckon us insistently. Following are suggestions from the Penguin Random House website. Read if you dare!

### **WILLIAM: A Novel** by Mason Coile

~ Psychological Horror meets cyber noir – a haunted house story in which the haunting is by AI.

### **So Thirsty** by Rachel Harrison

~ A woman must learn to take life by the throat after a night out leads to irrevocable changes in this juicy, thrilling novel.

### **Tiny Threads: A Novel** by Lilliam Rivera

~ A young woman gets her dream job working for a famous designer and discovers the dark side of the glamorous world of fashion in this sinister novel of supernatural suspense.

### **Blood Like Mine** by Stuart Neville

~ A mother takes desperate measures to protect her daughter in a sinister, blood chilling highway pursuit across the Southwest.

### **Someone in the Attic** by Andrea Mara

~ An atmospheric, chilling novel about a family who thinks there's someone hiding in their attic

### **We Solve Murders** by Richard Osman

~ From bestselling author Richard Osman comes a brand-new mystery, an iconic new detective duo, and a thrilling new murder to solve!

### **After Oz** by Gordon McAlpine

~ This gripping and emotionally riveting tale is a dark and timely retelling of *The Wizard of Oz*, where one little girl is forced to face the prejudices of the late nineteenth century.

### **Where They Last Saw Her** by Marcie R. Rendon

~ A compelling novel of a Native American woman who learns of the disappearance of one of her own and decides that enough is enough.