

Free Library of Northampton Township

The Library Scoop

April/May 2025

Adult Saturday Programs

Please register in advance online or by phone

Presented by the Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township



Play Ball: Shibe Park and Beyond
Presented by Rick Spector
April 5 | 1:00 PM

Shibe Park/Connie Mack Stadium in North Philadelphia was home to professional baseball, football, and other major events for more than 60 years. Discover the story of this departed landmark and capture the magic of what it meant to live, work, and play in Philly during this exciting time in the city's history. Presenter Rick Spector has documented the popular history of Philadelphia through his "Moviehouse Productions" for more than four decades.



Gloriana: The Elizabethan World of William Shakespeare

Presented by Juilene Osborne-McKnight

May 10 | 1:00 PM

Shakespeare lived and wrote in a time of social, political, and health upheaval. His plays both reflect and code his own turbulent times. Juilene Osborne-McKnight, Professor Emerita at DeSales University and author of four historical fiction novels, will share her expertise on the times of Shakespeare in what is sure to be an entertaining presentation.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 - 8:00

Friday - Saturday

9:00 - 4:00

Sunday

1:00 - 5:00



The Library Will Be Closed:

April 20 - Easter Sunday

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 25-26 - Memorial Day

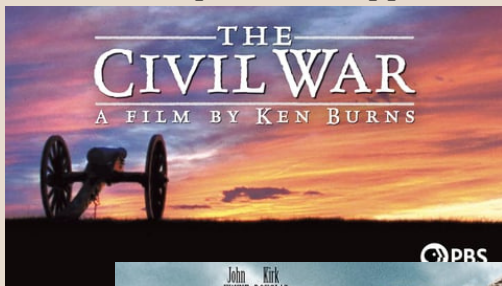




Kanopy is a digital resource provided by Free Library of Northampton Township with your library card.

Kanopy provides free access to movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain. You can download the Kanopy app to your smartphone or tablet, smart TV, or streaming device, or just watch movies from your computer!

If you enjoy military movies or learning more about our nation's military history, Kanopy offers many feature films and documentaries. Just search "Memorial Day" and a list of options will appear.



Craft & Grow

Looking for something fun and creative? Join us for a class in May! Registration is required. Please register online, in person, or by phone.



Creativebug Crafts for Adults: Wildflower Seed Bombs

Thursday, May 1
1:00 PM

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Register by phone, online, or in person
215.357.3050 | <https://calendar.buckslib.org/>

Felted Bee Workshop

Wednesday, May 14
1:00 PM

Presented by
Local artist Donna Rosenbaum

Registration is required. Workshop is limited to 15. Supplies provided.

Register online, in person, or by phone
215.357.3050 <https://calendar.buckslib.org/>



A MUSHROOM INTRODUCTION

Monday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

Presented by
Philadelphia Myco Club

Free Library of Northampton Township
Community Room

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Participants of this year's Adult Winter Reading program had a wonderful time earning tickets for great prizes by reading books and completing trivia challenges! In total, they read or took part in over 160 books & activities!

If you missed out on the fun this year, we hope you will join us in December for our 2026 challenge! Watch for information beginning in the Fall.

Congratulations to our five prize winners!

- ~ Paula – Cozy Winter Fun Basket (\$135 value)
- ~ Kim – Spring is for the Birds Basket
- ~ Susan - \$100 Gift Card to Harvest Seasonal Grill
- ~ Michelle - \$50 Gift Certificate to Gasper Home & Garden Showplace
- ~ Jeanne ~ \$50 Gift Certificate to Gasper Home & Garden Showplace



WiFi Hotspots @ Free Library of Northampton Township

Going somewhere and unsure if wireless internet is available?

Have a wireless device but no internet service?

The answers to these questions are @ your library – check out one of our WiFi Hotspots!

- o Loan Period = One (1) Week
- o No Renewals
- o Connect up to 8 devices
- o Battery Life = 8 hours of continuous use
- o All you need to use is a WiFi enabled device



- o Patron may not borrow a Hotspot for at least two (2) nights after returning one
- o Patron may borrow a Hotspot no more than six (6) times per calendar year

- o Overdue Fine is \$5.00 per day / max. \$25.00
- o If a hotspot is lost, \$100.00 will be charged
- o Once the maximum fine has been reached, the Hotspot's data service will be suspended until it has been returned to the library in working condition



Automatic Renewals Are Here!



What is Automatic Renewal?

You no longer need to manually renew some of your library items – our automatic renewal service will take care of the renewals for you! All items eligible for renewal will be automatically renewed one day before their due date (up to maximum number of renewals). Please be aware that not all items will auto-renew.

How does it work?

Any items on your account that are eligible for renewal will be renewed automatically at 9 PM one day before their due date.

How will I know an item was renewed?

You can check your due dates via your [online account](#). Please note automatic renewals run at 9 PM the day before items are due.

If you have an email address associated with your account, you will receive an email notification the evening before your items are due. The email will list which items were successfully renewed and which items were not, if applicable. You can make changes to your email notifications via your [online account](#) or by calling or visiting a Bucks County library.

Which items are eligible for renewal?

Most physical items are eligible for renewal as long as another patron has not placed a hold on the item and your account is in good standing. [The number of allowable renewals differs per item type.](#)

Items will NOT renew automatically if:

- There is a hold on the item by other patrons.
- The item has already been renewed the maximum number of times.
- Your account has over \$20 in charges or if your account is blocked or expired.
- The item is part of a non-renewable collection such as Lucky Day, magazines, etc.
- The item was requested from outside Bucks County through Interlibrary Loan.

Can I still renew manually?

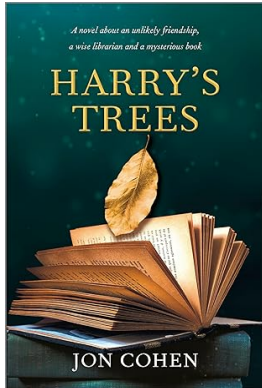
Yes. If you wish to renew an item prior to its automatic renewal date, simply renew it through your [online account](#) or speak to a staff member at any [Bucks County library](#). Manual renewals will extend the borrowing period from the date of renewal.

Can I opt-out of automatic renewals?

No, patrons cannot opt out of automatic renewals. If you do not want your items to auto-renew, you can return them before the due date.

Staff Picks

Check out our Staff Recommendations next to the New Fiction section

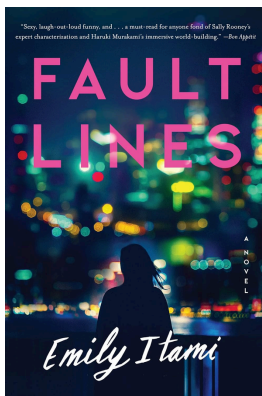


Harry's Trees

by Jon Cohen

Recommended by Lori M.

This book is a heartwarming, whimsical and magical fairy tale for adults. Author Jon Cohen blends those qualities with a good dose of reality creating a fantastic story of love, grief, friendship, and acceptance – demonstrating the ability of the human heart to overcome great sadness and welcome joy back into life after tragedy. Harry's beloved wife dies suddenly and he blames himself. An analyst for the US Forest Service, he is consumed with guilt and grief and determined to lose himself in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania, where he takes up residence in a tree house. There he meets Oriana, a young girl who is dealing with a terrible tragedy of her own. Together they go on an adventure that will make you laugh and cry and will ultimately heal their broken hearts as only courage, nature and friendship can! This is a sweet (but not at all sappy) and uplifting read, filled with wonderful, funny, quirky characters (including a wise old librarian with a story of her own!). Life is full of heroes and fools, love and heartbreak, loneliness, hope, passion, mystery and adventure. This book has all of those and more. I highly recommend Harry Trees! I loved it! Hope you do too!



Fault Lines

by Emily Itami

Recommended by Denise B.

"A compulsively readable and astonishingly relatable debut novel about marriage, motherhood, love, self and the vibrant, surprising city that is modern Tokyo."

Goodreads Review

Beautifully written with humor and honesty.


Mizuki is a Japanese housewife. She has a hardworking husband, two adorable children, and a beautiful Tokyo apartment. It's everything a woman could want, yet sometimes she wonders whether she would rather throw herself off the high-rise balcony than spend another evening not talking to her husband and hanging up laundry.

Then, one rainy night, she meets Kiyoshi, a successful restaurateur. In him, she rediscovers freedom, friendship, and the neon, electric pulse of the city she has always loved. But the further she falls into their relationship, the clearer it becomes that she is living two lives — and in the end, we can choose only one.

Genealogy Research Classes

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Introduction to ancestryLibrary™





**Thursday, April 10
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Advanced Registration is Required.

PA FORWARD STAR PROGRAM
INFORMATION LITERACY

FREE LIBRARY OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
25 Upper Holland Road Richboro, PA
215-357-3050
www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org

**Thursday, April 24
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

You've used Ancestry, but have you learned about FamilySearch?

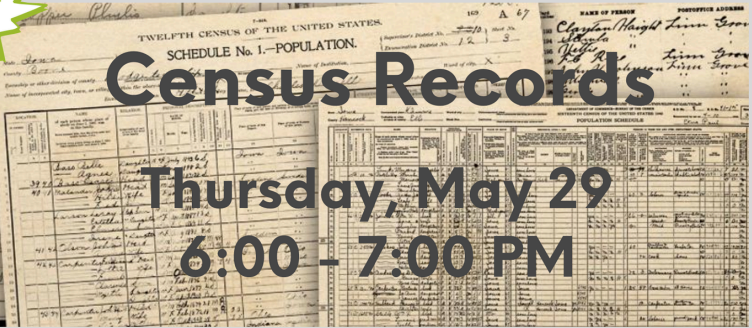
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Census Records

**Thursday, May 29
6:00 - 7:00 PM**


Advanced Registration is Required.

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Come learn about what the U.S. Census can tell you about your ancestors from 1790 to 1950!

Financial Literacy





PA TREASURY SAVINGS PROGRAMS:
WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR YOU

MONDAY, APRIL 7 | 6:00 PM


Presented by
Karen Carr, PA Treasury

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What You Need to Know:
Wills & Estate Planning




Presented by **Howard Soloman, JD**



**Monday, May 5
6:00 PM**

Community Room
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Home Repair Made Easy



Saturday, April 26 | 1:00 PM

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Presented by
**Beth Allen,
licensed contractor**




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Health Literacy

Know Your Medicare Options





Monday, April 21 | 6:00 PM

Presented by **Steve Perlman**
DelVal Senior Advisors
Independent Medicare Planning Specialist



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PA FORWARD
FORWARD FOR WOODLAND
HEALTH LITERACY

Forgotten Caregiver

Saturday, May 3 | 1:00 PM

Free Library of Northampton Township



Beth Allen, a RN, will present a program on dementia - early stages, getting a diagnosis, resources, & more.



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Spring **Computer** Classes

Computer Fundamentals

Learn about computer basics like mouse usage, file management, emails, web browsers and copy/paste.

May 7 | 1:00 PM

eBooks & eAudiobooks

Learn about the library's eBook and eAudiobook collections, with a special focus on cloudLibrary.

May 14 | 1:00 PM

iPad Basics

Learn about the basic functions of an Apple iPad like apps and how they are used, searching the internet, and photo storage.

May 21 | 1:00 PM

Online Newspapers & Magazines

Learn about the library's online collections of newspapers and magazines and how to access them from home.

May 28 | 1:00 PM



BEGINNING APRIL 16, REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.northamptontownshiplibrary.org/computer-classes/>