

# Swissvale Library

*A Quarterly Newsletter for its Friends & Patrons - Fall 2019*

## **NO OVERDUE FEES AT SWISSVALE LIBRARY!**

Swissvale Library is one of 12 libraries in Allegheny County piloting a project where overdue fees won't be charged! Borrow your favorite books and movies, bring them back to Swissvale Library, and if they're late, you won't be charged an overdue fee. If you already have anything overdue, have no fear! Bring those old overdue items back, we'll thank you, and you won't owe anything. (Of course, all items do need to be returned or you will be billed for them.)

## **PENNY AUCTION, Friday, 10/18/19, 7pm**

Come to the Swissvale Library on FRI, 10/18/19, and bring lots and lots of pennies. This is the only currency accepted at the annual PENNY AUCTION (although donations are also welcome). Where else can you buy really interesting stuff (e.g., games, original artwork, baked goods, kitchen items) for only pennies? You never know what you'll find. Bargain hunters, get your Christmas shopping done early!

## **CHILDREN and TEEN PROGRAMS**

*PRESCHOOL STORYTIME* for children ages 3-5 – Stories, games, and crafts!

*Monday mornings, 11am-12pm (begins 9/9/19)*

*BOARD GAMES* for school-aged children – Bingo on every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday!

*Monday afternoons, 4pm-5pm (begins 9/9/19)*

*SATURDAY FUN* for children of all ages – Crafts, games, and friends!

*Saturday afternoons at 1pm (begins 9/7/19)*

*CHILDREN'S BOOK LUNCH* for children of all ages and their parents

*Saturday, 10/12/19, at 1pm - Enjoy pizza and hot dogs while discovering new books to explore. Plus, earn extra Book Bucks!*

*ANIME CLUB* for teens and tweens – Friends, food, and anime!

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 4pm-5pm (begins 9/10/19)*

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

*TUESDAY TECH TUTORING FOR ADULTS*

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Our volunteer tech wizard Carolyn Luck provides free ½ hour sessions on using your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Registration is required; please sign up at the front desk or call for a reservation. **[TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION]**

### **KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6-8pm*

Would you enjoy knitting or crocheting with other friendly yarn enthusiasts? All are welcome to join our monthly night of yarn crafting; suitable for amateurs to professionals.

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Warm up with a rousing book discussion by joining one of our five book discussion groups! New members may join at any time, without any commitment on your part. If you also enjoy cooking, check out our newest Yummy Book Club, where you read a designated book each month and then bring food relating to that book or time period. Lists for all five clubs, and extra books, are available at the desk. Check our website for all the details.

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 7 p.m.* – Evening Eclectic group; meets in library

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 1pm* – Yummy Book Club (combining books & food); meets in library

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 3 p.m.* – Afternoon Eclectic group; meets downstairs in Senior Center

*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2 p.m.* – Afternoon Mystery group; meets in library

*4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7 p.m.* – Evening Mystery group; meets downstairs in Senior Center

### **PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE**

#### **LIVE LOCAL MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY THIS FALL**

Local musicians entertain one Saturday each month here at the Swissvale Library. All performances are free and open to the public. Get ready for some toe-tapping good times with friends and neighbors! Here's our fall line-up:

SAT, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3pm: *Melissa Alliston Rai* (Latin music)

SAT, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30-2:15pm: *Teresa Hawthorne* (jazz/dance)

#### **ART AT THE LIBRARY, TOO**

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Throughout September, we also have two wonderful art exhibits. "Handmade Paper Quilts" by **Katy DeMent, the Paper Lady**, are robust explorations of texture and color crafted through handmade cast papers embellished with a variety of media: collage, sewing, printing and painting with encaustics (melted beeswax). Come see what the Paper Lady has created! If you are an artist and would like to have your art displayed at the Swissvale Library, see Kate.

### "BOOK BUCKS" 20<sup>th</sup> SEASON BEGINS, ONLY HERE AT SWISSVALE LIBRARY!

Now beginning its 20<sup>th</sup> year, Swissvale Library offers a reward program to our readers in the form of our own special currency, Book Bucks. The program begins on the day after Labor Day, 9/3/19. If you can read—and there is no age limit—stop by for a form, and begin keeping track of your books. In May we hold our incredible Book Bucks Auction, with over 100 zany, unique, and/or valuable items to bid upon. Commence reading!

### LITTLE LISTENERS

Too young for Book Bucks? Read to your young ones, and when they turn in lists of 15 books they listened to, they will choose a prize from the basket! Plus – and way more important than prizes – research shows that being read to helps young children develop language skills that support their learning for the rest of their lives.

### WIZARDS OF SWISSVALE, A NEW SEASON BEGINS 9/14/19

The WIZARD TOURNAMENT starts up again September 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Saturday evening at 7pm until November 16th. New players of all ages are always welcome. You can learn the rules to this card game quickly, and everyone goes home with a small weekly prize.