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Hours

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thu:
10:00am to 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday:
10:00am to 5:00pm

Closed:
Sundays
July 4

Park & Pickup Hours
(Come to the Pickup
Window or delivery to
your vehicle)
Same hours as above

Meetings
SNHL Board
June 11, 7:00pm

SNHL Friends
TBA

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Please follow us!



Summer Reading is Here!

June 1 to August 17

Open to ALL AGES!

Help color our world this summer! Find great reads, come to our programs, have some FUN!

- * Register once (online or in person).
- * Read what you like. Ask us for ideas!
- * Enter to win fun prizes.
- * Read all the details on p. 5.

The Great Shaler Township Scavenger Hunt

June 20-22, 2025



All are welcome to participate in this free and fun scavenger hunt designed to celebrate Shaler

Township's 125th anniversary. Get to know your community!

THE LIST will be posted n Friday June 20 at 3:00pm, on the Library's FB page, or pick up a print copy at the library.



On Sunday, June 22 at 6:00pm--bring what you found to the Library for a tally! Prizes awarded!

[Tinyurl.com/shalerhunt](https://tinyurl.com/shalerhunt)

Mark Your Calendars

Now for
Summer Fun!



- ♦ July 4th—Closed but see you at the Township's Community Day!
- ♦ Design-Build-Engineer Camp—July 10 & 11
- ♦ Star Party at Denny Park!—July 11, 9:00pm-midnight
- ♦ Honey-Heist Role-Playing Game—July 19, 12:00-2:30pm
- ♦ Touch-a-Truck Returns! 125th Anniversary Style—July 27 at 11:00am
- ♦ Fairy Garden Houses—August 1, 6:00pm
- ♦ Car Cruise Fun—August 3 at 5:00pm

Look inside for details on all these fun adventures!

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Monthly/Weekly Get Togethers

Join us monthly or weekly for any of the following activities! Always open to new members.

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS



Monday Night Book Group

Second Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Reads a wide variety of material, from newer best sellers to classics. Contact Sharon at mcraes@shalerlibrary.org

June 9: *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley

July 14: *A Book Picnic!* Bring a picnic dish and your favorite book to chat about.

Mystery Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 2:30pm

Reads mysteries and thrillers.

Please contact Beth at lawryb2@shalerlibrary.org

June 19: *In a House of Lies* by Ian Rankin

July 17: *The Villa* by Rachel Hawkins

August 21: Mystery Movie TBA

Seeking the Spiritual Book Group

Monthly dates vary, 6:30pm

More info here: tinyurl.com/shalerseekers

June 17: *Soul Boom: Why We Need a Spiritual Revolution* by Rainn Wilson.

Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

Sense & Sound: A Fresh Perspective on Poetry

Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Please contact Ingrid at kalchthaleri@gmail.com

Register: tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

June 24: George Ella Lyon

July 29: Gerard Manley Hopkins and Dylan Thomas

Food for Thought

Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome.

June 11: Things You Eat at a Barbecue

July 9: Ethnic Foods

August 13: Garden Fest

WEEKLY GET TOGETHERS



Exercise Class with John Uddstrom

Mondays & Fridays, 8:45am-9:45am

Requires Release Form at first session.

Drop-in. \$2.00 fee payable to instructor.

Please contact Adult Services with questions.

SNHL Card Playing Group

Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00pm

Community-led. Drop-in. 500 Bid.

New players always welcome.

Dancersize for Adults

Wednesdays, 8:30-9:15am

Drop-in.

Dance along to the oldies!

Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org

Needles & Hooks by the Books

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00pm

Community-led. Drop-in.

This group meets to knit and crochet.

MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS CONTINUED...

Rummikub Game Night

First Thursday of the month at 6:00pm

Community-led. Drop-ins welcome. Come join in the fun! Always seeking new players!

Movies on Your Mind

First Friday of the month at 6:00pm

Drop-in or register. Tinyurl.com/shalermovie

July TBA

Let's Chat & Craft

First Friday of the month at 11:30am

Drop-ins welcome.

June 6: Color Our World

July 11: Old Time Radio Production

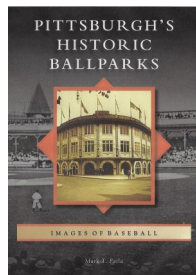
Programs

Pittsburgh's Historic Ballparks

Images of Baseball

Friday, June 13, 1:30pm

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)



Pittsburgh has an incredible baseball history with great players, teams, and historic moments, but few realize that Pittsburgh has often been in the lead in ballpark design and development. Author Mark Fatla chronicles the nine ballparks that hosted major league baseball in Pittsburgh between 1876 and the present, including the Negro Leagues. Historic photographs illustrate design and

construction phases, the major changes as parks expanded and aged, and eventually their demolition.

About the presenter:

As a young attorney, Mark authored more than 200 Federal Court opinions, including several in one of Pittsburgh's most important civil rights cases. He is a lifelong baseball fan and lives on the Northside in an 1870 house just a short walk from the site of 4 of the historic ballparks he'll discuss.



Navigating Dementia: Insight for Caregivers

June 11, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Doors open at 1:00pm

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

Join us for an informative and compassionate discussion on caring for individuals with Dementia. Presenter Rachael Wonderlin will provide valuable insights, practical strategies, and resources to help caregivers navigate the challenges of supporting their loved ones.



About the presenter:

Rachael Wonderlin is an internationally recognized dementia care expert and educator. She has a Master's Degree in Gerontology and founded her consultancy, Dementia By Day, in 2014. She is the author of three books.

Light refreshments will be provided.

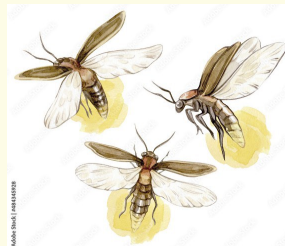


The Magic of Fireflies

June 18, 6:30 PM

We love to see fireflies on a warm, humid night. They raise our spirits and bring smiles to our faces. But fireflies are disappearing!

As part of National Pollinator Week, Nelson Milano, with the Audubon Society of Western PA, will captivate us with fun



facts about these amazing insects, along with ways to help them make a comeback.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Hosted by the Shaler Garden Club Pollinator Advocacy Committee.



June 19, 6:30pm

Duh-duh, duh-duh... duh-duh, duh-duh....Is it safe to go back in the water yet? After 50 years? Come join in the fun with trivia and snacks too. For adults 18+. No registration required.

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song."—Pam Brown

Happy Father's Day!

Programs

Touch-a-Truck

Returns to Shaler North Hills Library!

1822 Mt Royal Blvd, Glenshaw 15116

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

No Horn Zone from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Community Raffles • Hot Dogs for Sale!

FREE ADMISSION!

Let's celebrate the people and the vehicles that move our community forward! Kids and families can check out cool work vehicles! Participants will share information and fun activities!



STAR PARTY!!

Friday, July 11, 9:00pm-midnight

Denny Park, Shaler Twp.

1198 Anderson Road

Pittsburgh PA 15209



Those who attend can enter a raffle to win a telescope!



LET'S GAZE AT THE STARS!

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh and the Shaler North Hills Library for a star-gazing night in Shaler!

Members of the AAAP will be on hand to guide you through an evening of telescopic wonders and celestial discoveries. Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or a curious beginner, come explore the cosmos, ask questions, and enjoy a fun, educational event for all ages.

Bring lawn chairs, snacks and your own telescope if you like! Please register in case of rain.



15th Annual Car Cruise

Shaler North Hills Library
Sunday, August 3 at 5:00PM
(rain date August 10)



Often imitated, never duplicated!
Join Oldies DJ Clint Stokes for a night of doo-wop and the coolest cruise cars!
50/50 raffle, hot dogs, and fun for all ages!

Design-Build-Engineer Adventure!

for those entering 5th through 8th grade

A two-day interactive event

THURSDAY and FRIDAY,

JULY 10&11

from 1:00-4:00 pm

SPACE IS LIMITED!



Design and build projects as part of this engineering adventure. Learn how engineers dream up creative, practical solutions to improve the world. Meet other students and two engineers! Snacks, too!



Registrants are expected to attend **BOTH DAYS!**

REGISTER HERE

tinyurl.com/snhlengineercamp2025

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Summer Reading is Here! Help color our world this summer!

June 1 to August 17

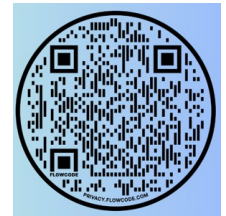
Open to ALL AGES! *Sponsored by the Friends of SNHL*

Get all the info, register and record your books at www.tinyurl.com/allshaler.

Adults: For each book you read or listen to, or any 10 books you read to a child, enter one slip. You can enter your reading online or by paper when you visit. Each entry is a chance to win one of our weekly prizes. All entries remain in play throughout the summer. Each Monday we will draw and contact the winner from the previous week.

You can enter to win passes or gift cards. Visit our displays or www.tinyurl.com/allshaler to enter.

Kids and Teens: Visit <https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/> for great summer programming!



Shaler Garden Club presents the 2025 Great Gardens Contest!

Residents in Shaler and surrounding areas are invited to enter this casual, fun contest that celebrates your talent, hard work and creativity! Share your beautiful space or nominate a friend, relative or neighbor!

Submit 5 photos of your garden **plus** a description of what makes your garden special!

All types of gardens will be considered—big, small, casual, ornate, flowers, herb, vegetable and community gardens! Criteria includes: variety, story, use of space, hardscape, sustainability and color.

Entries due July 1.

Winners to be announced July 22 at 6:30pm.

Mail your submission to the library, drop it off or email to: snhlibrary@gmail.com

2025 Great Gardens Tour Sponsored by the Shaler Garden Club Sunday, July 13 11:00am to 4:00pm

- * Be inspired by five delightful gardens, each with their own personal style.
- * Visit pollinator friendly gardens and mingle with native shrubs, trees and perennials.
- * Chat with Garden Club members and homeowners.

Tickets are on sale now at the Library.

\$20.00 in advance of the tour or

\$25.00 the day of the tour.

Pay in person or online at

Tinyurl.com/shalergardens2025

- * Tour held, rain or shine.
- * Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.
- * Carpooling encouraged.
- * Pick up map with the garden addresses the day of the tour at Shaler North Hills Library.

Proceeds benefit the Shaler North Hills Library.

July 22 - "Plants Warn: Stay Away!" Speaker: Pat Miliken, Certified PA Master Naturalist. Winners announced for the Great Gardens Contest at 6:30pm followed by the program at 7:00pm.

August 26 - "Let's Talk About Birds". Speaker Bob Mulvihill, National Aviary Ornithologist. Program at 6:30pm.

News & Notes

"In my college years, I would retreat to our summer house for two weeks in June to read a novel a day. How exciting it was, after pouring my coffee and making myself comfortable on the porch, to open the next book on the roster, read the first sentences, and find myself on the platform of a

Community Art Show Continues

Didn't make the art opening? Not to worry! The art is still up in our Community Room on the upper level through the end of July. Stop up to enjoy some amazing works all done by members of our community. We continue to celebrate Shaler Township's 125th Anniversary. **Closing Reception: July 25, 5:00-8:00pm**

Help SNHL record Shaler History

We want to remember & document *The Wall That Heals* for years to come. Share your photos and experiences. Who did you see it with? What did it mean to you?

Share with us:

Email us at: snhlibrary@gmail.com

or on Social Media use hashtag:

#TheWallThatHeals

and/or tag us on Facebook @Shaler North Hills Library



Art Gallery

June: Nancy Smith

Display Cases

June/July

- ♦ Plate Flowers by Patti DeBonis
- ♦ Summer Reading for All Ages!
- ♦ Annual Garden Tour/Contest
- ♦ Shaler Township 125th Anniversary

Kids or grandkids? Stay in the know for all our fabulous programs by visiting the website:

<https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/>

Fun for all ages! From birth through teens.

Ongoing Programs

Caring for a Loved One with Cognitive Issues? Find some support...

Caring for Caregivers: A monthly series for those caring for loved ones.

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm.

Registration is helpful but not required. Walk-ins always welcome. Visit our Event Calendar to register.



Led by Erin McMaster, a Memory Care Advisor from Pro-Medica Memory Care.

Ask about our Caregiver Collection of materials too!

Shaler Library Writers' Group

Mondays, 6:00pm (by Zoom and in-person)

Zoom sessions weekly and one in-person meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. Community-led by Jim Binz. If you are interested, please email Jim at jf.binz@gmail.com.

Sense and Sound: Monthly Poetry Series

Last Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Think poetry isn't for you? You might be surprised! Join us on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm to explore poets and poetry.

Register at: tinyurl.com/shalerpoetry

ACT OUT: Reader's Theater for Adults/Teens

Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Call or text David Jones at 412-606-6131 or email Miss Ing at rev.kalchthaler@gmail.com.

Learn more at: tinyurl.com/shalertheater

Telling Tales: Storytelling for Adults

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm

Are you interested in joining? Please contact us first for more information! Contact Miss Ing at kalchthaleri@shalerlibrary.org.

TWO Great Ways to Have Fun This Summer—with FREE Passes to Local Sites in Western PA!

Experience Kits—Visit Historic Sites in Our Area

We're excited to once again participate in the Experience Kits program with the Heinz History Center. This year will feature EIGHT different museums that you can borrow a kit with free passes. (2 adults, 6 children under 18).

Sites include: **Bushy Run Battlefield, Depreciation Lands Museum, Gibson House Manor, Historic Ft. Steuben, William Vicary Mansion, Duncan & Miller Glass Museum & Historic Harmony, the Heinz History Center (includes Meadowcroft and Ft. Pitt).**

Visit our website for all the details or pick up a brochure when visiting. You will need to schedule your week by calling or visiting the Adult Services Reference Desk.



RAD Summer Staycation is BACK!

Now through August 31, some of Pittsburgh's favorite attractions are offering tens of thousands of free admissions. All you need is an Allegheny County library card and a RAD Pass reservation.

Visit RADpass.org to book your spot.

Organizations participating in RAD Summer Staycation replenish offers regularly, particularly on Mondays and Tuesdays. [Please continue to check RADPass.org frequently.](https://radpass.org)

North Region of the Allegheny County Library Association

\$15/PER PERSON

THURS, SEPT 11 | DOORS: 6 PM | EVENT: 6:30-9 PM | HAMPTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY | 3101 MCCULLY ROAD | ALLISON PARK, PA 15101

Ready for a fun, competitive night of books and trivia? Join us for the *Adult Battle of the Books!*

Form a team of 4-5 book lovers and answer trivia questions based on a selected reading list! Test your literary knowledge across a

variety of genres, have fun with friends, and compete for awesome prizes.

- **When:** Thursday, September 11 | 6:30 – 9:00pm (Doors open at 6:00pm)
- **Where:** Hampton Community Library (3101 McCully Road Allison Park, PA 15101)
- **Cost:** \$15 per person

Space is limited, [so gather your team and register today!](https://battleofthenorth.com/) Brought to you by the North Region Libraries of the Allegheny County Library Association. See you there!

<https://battleofthenorth.com/>

“Roll to Play” Role-Playing Game Night

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH
12:00-2:30PM

It's HoneyCon 2025!

You are going to undertake the greatest heist the world has ever seen ...and you are a **BEAR**.

Join us for this simple, one shot, role-playing game (RPG) where you work together with other bears to steal some honey.

FOR AGES 18+

Please register as seats are limited.
No prior experience needed!

Event at Shaler North Hills Library
1822 Mt. Royal Blvd.
Glenshaw, PA 15116

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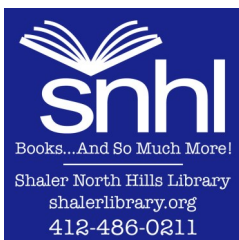
REGISTER HERE

Looking for an under 18 ages game? Check out the same RPG but on Friday, July 18th!

<https://tinyurl.com/HH2025ADULTS>



Wishing our community a safe and Happy Fourth of July! We celebrate our country's independence and our reverence for freedom for all.



Shaler North Hills Library Joins in Celebrating Shaler Township's 125 Year Anniversary!

Don't miss the special events all year long.



Shaler Township is celebrating 125 years as a First-Class Township!

Enjoy a wonderful year full of interesting events and programs! For more information visit

www.shaler.org

Community Day—July 4
Float with a Flick—June 27 & July 18
Last Splash Pool Party—August 23
Concerts in the Park—August 24



Elfinwild Lions Club Annual Duck Race

Get quackin' and make your plans to come out for our annual Tom Rogers Memorial Duck Race! A mere \$5 gets your duck in the race



and a chance to win up to \$200, and all the proceeds go to some great charitable causes! Each duck has a number, and there will be three heats. The winning duck in each heat gets \$100, and the three winners do a final race for another \$100.

Restroom Project Update:

Remodel Smart, our project contractor, has been busily gutting the downstairs storage room and installing plumbing for our new first-floor restroom. We hope to finish the first-floor restroom soon and get to work updating the second-floor restrooms. We thank the Commonwealth of PA (Keystone), Shaler Township and all of our donors to our "Bottoms Up" campaign. We apologize for the mess, dust, noise and parking impact!

New Website to Launch Soon! Mid-June!

SNHL is very fortunate to have been included in a pilot project sponsored by the Carnegie Library and funded through the Regional Asset District and Hillman Foundation. Through this project, the SNHL website will be rebuilt for mobility, ADA requirements, better security and ease of use.

AC issues—the "big" storm fried the temperature control panel for our (6) roof-top units, causing random bursts of heat and cool that cannot be regulated anymore. We have submitted our claim to insurance and will begin work replacing the panel. We are so sorry for all of this!

Powell to the People: Mobile Office Hours June 16, 12:30-3:00pm

A member of Representative
Powell's office is onsite to meet
with you and provide assistance.



Welcome!

The Shaler North Hills Library welcomes the newly elected officers. We are so grateful for the support and fund-raising efforts of these community members. You, too, can join at any time!

President: Peggy Nikolajski
Vice President: Andrew Weckman
Secretary: Sue and Gerry Kumnick
Treasurer: Tom McElhone

