



Southern Lehigh Public Library Autumn 2020

BUILDING HOURS

Monday, Thursday: 10 - 7

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 4

Saturday: Curbside only

CURBSIDE HOURS

Monday, Thursday: 12 - 2 and 4 - 6

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 12 - 2

Saturday: 12 - 2

HELPING HANDS

SOUTHERN LEHIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY HELPING HANDS CAMPAIGN 2021-2021

What a year this has been! Through it all, library Board members, staff, Friends of SLPL members and volunteers worked together with community residents to keep library services and virtual programming alive and well! Thank you, everyone, for your extraordinary support, your patience and understanding as we navigated uncharted waters during Pennsylvania's COVID-19 red, yellow and green phases. In October, SLPL will once again launch its Helping Hands Campaign, our annual fundraising appeal. Watch your mailbox for information and a donation form for this important event; please consider lending the library a "helping hand". Your continued financial support during the 2020/2021 campaign will help to keep your public library open and serving the needs of our community.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WHAT WE'RE DOING TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR USERS AND STAFF

Visitation Requirements and Time Limits

In order to enter our building we require that everyone over the age of two wear a face mask that covers their nose, mouth, and chin at all times. Mesh, knit, crochet, or other open weave face coverings are not allowed. Failure to properly wear a mask at any time during a visit may result in the user being asked to leave. If you feel that you cannot comply with our mask regulations for any reason please phone us and we will work with you to set up alternate methods of service.

To ensure that everyone is able to maintain social distancing requirements of 6' we are restricting the number of people in the building to no more than 20 at a time. This limit includes all staff and library users, including infants and children. Please stop by the circulation desk immediately upon entering to receive an entrance ticket. We ask that unless you are using one of our computers you limit your visit to no more than 15 minutes for the time being. If you are using one of our computers, you have an automatic time limit of one hour. You may request a time increase on the computers, but we reserve the right to refuse if deemed necessary.

You may, as always, access our free WiFi. Ask for the password at the circulation desk. You are welcome to sit on our patio.



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, CONT.

Item Quarantine

All items that enter our building are being quarantined for four days and sanitized before being handled. This means that your items will not be checked in as soon as you return them, and items coming to you from other libraries will not be available immediately. No fines will accrue while items are in quarantine. If you need an item in a hurry, we recommend visiting the owning library. If you have any questions about this, please ask circulation staff.

Donations

Due to our stringent safety measures, we are not able to accept donations of any items at this time. If you would like to donate books, consider using the Better World Books bin behind the library. Our Book Sale Room will remain closed until further notice.

If you would like to make a financial donation to the library, please read about our Helping Hands campaign on the front page of this newsletter.

Library Cleaning

In addition to sanitizing all library materials that enter our building we are also cleaning touch surfaces throughout the day. The computers and circulation desk are frequently wiped down, and all entrance tickets are sanitized upon return. Thorough building cleaning is done by professionals several times per week.



CURBSIDE SERVICE

We will be continuing our curbside service into the Autumn months.

You can place holds on items either online by visiting www.solehipl.org and signing into your account, or by calling (610) 282-8825 and selecting menu option 2.

In order to serve all the members of our library we ask that you keep your requests limited to approximately 5 items at a time. Please note that kits and board games are unavailable for checkout at this time.

RENEWALS AND FINES

All items may now be renewed up to two times, so long as they are not on hold for anyone else. You can renew items online using the My Account feature on our website, by phoning us, or by requesting a renewal in person.

Fines have been suspended through October 31, 2020. No items that have been due since March 14 will accrue fines. Any items due prior to March 14 will accrue fines between their due date and March 14. Fines will still be charged for lost and damaged items.

OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY

EBOOKS, EAUDIOS, COMICS, TV, MOVIES

We've got thousands of titles for you to borrow online! Whether you're looking for your next great read or a new TV series to binge, we've got something for you. From our website select "Digital Resources" followed by "Digital Library" to access all of our resources. All you need is your library card number and PIN (by default that's either 1111 or the last four digits of your phone number.)

OverDrive provides access to thousands of ebooks and eaudios at the touch of a button! This service is available to use in browser, or on most smart devices by downloading the Libby app. When registering, don't forget that SLPL is nested under our district head, Allentown Public Library.

Hoopla Digital also gives you access to thousands of ebooks and eaudios, but also comics, tv shows, movies, and music! It is currently only available to our home library patrons. Not sure if that's you? Call us!

DIGITAL REFERENCE & RESOURCES

Did you know that we provide access to dozens of databases, completely free of charge? We have resources for everyone, from students to business owners, family tree builders to rainforest savers. Just click on the "Digital Resources" tab on our website and navigate to the "Digital Reference" tab to explore our databases. Not sure how to use a database? No problem! Click on the "Tutorials" link.

Don't forget to check out the "Recommended Websites" tab to explore a wide variety of curated content from around the web.

NEED A CARD?

Do you know someone who needs a library card? Just fill out a short form to access all of our free online resources! Visit our website and click on the "My Account" button followed by the "Request a Library Card" in the purple menu bar.

A MESSAGE FROM MISS MELISSA

Wow, what a summer! Summer Fun Club 2020 was not what I had envisioned it would be after many hours of planning. We had performers, storytimes, craft classes, STEAM programming, chess club, and so many more programs and events planned to celebrate our "Imagine Your Story" theme in person at our library. Then came orders to quarantine, as well as restrictions on large group gatherings.

We knew that we still wanted to celebrate and offer our Summer Fun Club to our patrons so we moved everything to a virtual platform. Storytimes, Maker Space, performers and many more programs took place on Zoom and social media to allow our patrons to watch and participate from the safety and comfort of home. Books were read and logged, missions/activities were completed virtually on READSquared. Storywalks were created and put up to offer a safe outdoor activity.

It was definitely new and different, but we still had fun and made Summer Fun Club 2020 memorable. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Friends of Southern Lehigh Public Library for sponsoring our 2020 Summer Fun Club! We couldn't offer all the wonderful programs and performers without your support and sponsorship each summer! We would also like to thank all our patrons that fought the virtual fatigue and supported us by participating in our virtual Summer Fun Club. We loved having you there (even if it was just seeing you on a small zoom window box!) to read, learn, have fun, and make so many memories! Your support and participation means so much to us!

We hope you can join us for our Fall 2020 programming/events!
Stay healthy and safe!



AUTUMN PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Autumn Storytime

Tuesdays, September 15 - November 17, 10:30 on Zoom.

Storybook Cooking

Tuesdays, September 22, October 6, 20, November 3, 17, 2:00 on Facebook Live.

Miss Melissa's Aardvarks Music Class

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 10:00 on Zoom.

Kid's Chess Club with Carson Swick (ages 8 - 14)

Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, 7:00 on Zoom.

Parent & Child Book Club (ages 9 - 12) featuring *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

Fridays, September 18, October 2, 16, 30, 4:00 on Zoom.

Kids' Watch Parties (films TBA)

Fridays, September 25, October 16, November 13, 10:30 on Zoom.

MakerSpace: Work from Home in Style (family program)

Thursday, September 17, 6:30 on Facebook Live.

Kids Dance Party (ages 3+)

Thursday, September 17, 10:30 outside the library (weather dependent).

Kids Sing-along (ages 2+)

Thursday, October 1, 10:30 outside the library (weather dependent).

Halloween Themed Read Aloud (ages 2+)

Thursday, October 15, 10:30 outside the library (weather dependent).

Costumes encouraged!

AUTUMN PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Readers' Theatre for Tweens (ages 8 - 12)
Thursday, October 22, 5:00 on Zoom.

Readers' Theatre for Teens (ages 13+)
Thursday, October 22, 6:30 on Zoom.

Halloween Costume Storytime
Thursday, October 29, 6:30 on Zoom.

Harvest BINGO
Thursday, November 5, 6:30 on Zoom.

Lego Masters Show and Tell
September 14, October 14, November 14 on Flipgrid.
Watch our website/social media for information.

Make and Take Crafts
Watch our website/social media for information.

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Watch our website/social media for information.

Fall Window Painting Contest
Watch our website/social media for information.

AUTUMN PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, September 17, October 15, November 19 on Zoom.

September: *The Nickel Boys*, Colson Whitehead

October: *Semiosis*, Sue Burke

November: *Wide Sargasso Sea*, Jean Rhys

MakerSpace: Work from Home in Style (family program)

Friday, September 18, 2:00 on Facebook Live.

TechTalk: Homework Helpers

September 24, 7:00 on Zoom.

Storytime for Adults: Short Stories and Creepypastas

Every Friday through October on Facebook.

Hunt a Killer Virtual Game

Thursday, October 8, 7:00 on Zoom.

Cult Classics Movie Streaming

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 on Zoom.

Readers' Theatre Murder Mystery

Friday, October 23, 6:30 on Zoom.