



100th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser 2024



The Wissahickon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees would like to invite you to a momentous occasion, our library's 100th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser! This special event marks a century of serving our community and supporting the love of learning, literacy and culture.

Save the date Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 4-6 pm.

You will have the opportunity to

- Enjoy a selection of delectable appetizers and drinks
- Place a bid in our silent auction
- Bring a treasured book for an informal evaluation

You don't want to miss this exciting opportunity to mingle with fellow library supporters and community members.

You can purchase tickets on the library website, just click on Donate.

Silent auction now through April 28.

Scan QR code to bid.



Jeanne Sorg

Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds



Jeanne Sorg will come to the main library in Blue Bell on May 30 at 11am to discuss FraudSleuth a free service from the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds for homeowners, that alerts them via email if anything is ever recorded in their office against their property. On August 22, 6:00 pm Recorder Sorg will provide an over-

-view of the types of documents recorded with their office. She will demonstrate how to search the online database for current and historical deeds for properties in Montgomery county. Historical documents can reveal valuable information about family relationship and property history, making this a presentation not to be missed.

Main Library Renovation Update

In this momentous year of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library's 100th Anniversary, we would like to thank everyone who donated to help the library find the funds to renovate. Because of your donations and a matching Keystone Grant (from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Department of Education, with funds provided from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund) the roof renovation is now complete. During this process, we want to get your feedback. We will be speaking with library users to find out what it is you want the library to provide for you. So far, from our recent accessibility survey, we found that people really needed a third place, after home and work or school and home. We learned that people wanted a place to meet friends for games, a more comfortable place to study, a quieter place to read and work. Based on this knowledge, the library plans to add more study rooms and a multi-purpose space for patrons to use. The library is currently applying for grants to continue the work. We need to repave the parking lot, but we have to wait until we are sure we have no plumbing issues. Then we can renovate the bathrooms. After that, we can build the new study rooms, upgrade the flooring, replace furniture and paint. On the outside, we want to create a welcoming facade that is inviting and warm. How can you help? While we are working hard at getting grants, we still need funding to complete the project. Won't you help us create a safe and attractive environment for children to play and learn, a place where students and adults feel comfortable reading and studying, a modern building where families can enjoy spending time together with their kids and a welcoming space where adults and seniors can socialize and learn new things?

Please help support our efforts to make a better library for the community. An envelope is enclosed, or to donate online, please go to www.wvpl.org and click on "Donate". If you have suggestions for the library renovation, simply email the director at afrankewvpl.org



Lunar New Year Celebration



In February, we celebrated the Lunar New Year in partnership with the Guanghua Chinese School and Cultural Center. Their dedicated team of teachers, students, parents, and volunteers worked hard on preparations and hours of rehearsing for this special event. The festivities were nothing short of spectacular, featuring traditional Chinese dance performances, music, food, calligraphy writing, lantern making, and red envelopes symbolizing good fortune and prosperity for the Year of the Dragon.

Summer Reading For Children June 24th -August 17th

Summer 2024 is packed full of fun educational events and activities happening each week at both the Main Library and Ambler Branch. We are looking forward to Stories in the Park, Andrew's Big Show, Teddy Bear Sleepover, The Raptory Wildlife Program, Bollywood Dancing, Music with Miss Michelle, and more! There is something for everyone at no cost to anyone. Stay up-to-date on registering for these events by visiting the calendar on wvpl.org. In addition to library programming, you can keep track of your summer reading by logging your books on paper or in the Beanstack app, beginning in June. Everyone who participates will receive a prize. Don't miss out!

Summer Adult Reading Challenge

Due to popular demand the Summer Adult Reading Challenge is back. Read and write a book review for each book you read this summer. Enter your book reviews into our prize drawing boxes at Blue Bell and Ambler Branch. Drawings will be held every other week during Summer Reading from June 24th - August 17th. Review forms will be available at both libraries.

Read Across America with Senator Collett

We recently had the pleasure of hosting a special story time event featuring Senator Collett! It was a delightful morning as Senator Collett read aloud the empowering children's book, "Grace for President" by Kelly DiPucchio. All the children who attended got a goodie bag and a book to keep.



Top Ten Fiction Books

1. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery store*, by James McBride
2. *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett
3. *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
4. *The Covenant of Water*, by Abraham Verghese
5. *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus
6. *Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano
7. *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver
8. *Fourth Wing*, by Rebecca Yarros
9. *Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, by Gabrielle Zevin
10. *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon

New Museum Passes

- Michener Art Museum in Doylestown
- American Swedish History Museum in Philadelphia
- The Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia
- Washington Crossing Historic Park and Visitors Center
- Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope

WVPL's Commitment to Inclusivity

We're delighted to highlight two remarkable programs at WVPL aimed at fostering inclusivity and empowerment within our community. At the Ambler Branch, the "Read and Sketch" program caters specifically to adults with developmental disabilities. This program provides a safe and supportive space for participants to engage in the joys of reading and artistic expression.

At the Main Branch in Blue Bell, we are collaborating with Integrate for Good. Individuals of all ages and abilities come together to create sleeping mats for those in need, fostering collaboration, understanding and a sense of community. For more information on these programs go to wvpl.org



DONATE

Your continued support matters. It will help the library renovate the Main Library in Blue Bell. Will you please donate? You can use the enclosed envelope or go to www.wvpl.org/donate

Volunteer Spotlight



We are thrilled to spotlight *Mary Gormisky*, a cherished member of the volunteer team here at the WVPL. After retiring from Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in 2018 Mary found a new passion in serving her community through our library. A devoted mother of three and a grandmother of three, Mary enjoys a variety of hobbies like reading, solving puzzles, cooking, baking, and exploring the great outdoors. Every Wednesday Mary sorts and checks in books. Mondays she covers books and is happy to fill in where needed. Thank you Mary for all your help.

National Library Week April 7- 13, 2024

We welcome patrons to explore all the resources and opportunities our library has to offer. From eBooks to museum passes, and mobile hot spots to educational and entertaining events, our library is a place where everyone can find inspiration, knowledge, and connection. Join us as we ready, set, and library!



Are you looking for friends?



Then join the Blue Bell or the Ambler Branch of the Friends of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library. If you use one library more than the other, then that’s the group for you. The Friends make money for the libraries by hosting book sales and other events. To learn more about the Friends, go to wvpl.org and click on Friends on the information menu. The Blue Bell Friends’ next big book sale will be held May 17-21 at the Main Library. The Ambler Friends’ next book sale will be held May 30- June 1 at the Ambler Branch.

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How To Donate

Donations are tax deductible

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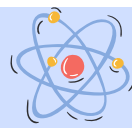
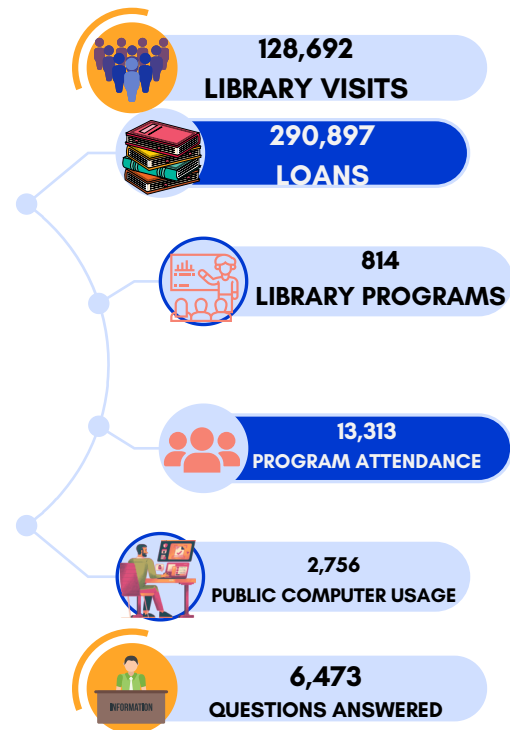
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2023 By The Numbers



EITC Donations



Have you heard of the Earned Income Tax Credits? Businesses large and small can donate to local non-profits and get a 90% tax credit. This year, individuals are eligible as well. WVPL would like to thank Elliott -Lewis for donating \$2,500 and the Ambler Savings Bank for donating \$2,000. This money is used to fund summer STEAM programs for kids. These are programs that involve Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.



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Blue Bell, PA 19422



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Ongoing Programs at the Library

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Blue Bell Branch:

Mondays

Online ESL Group
Yoga
Advanced Tai Chi
Intermediate Tai Chi
Beginning Tai Chi
Chess Club

Tuesdays

Storytime (Ages 2+)
Knitting
Movie Matinee
Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesdays

Book Club (1st Wednesdays)
Integrate for Good (1st and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays

Storytime (Ages 2+)
Socrates Café (2nd Thursdays)
Thursday Movie Club (1st Thursdays)
NAMI Support Group (2nd Thursdays)

Fridays

Baby Wiggles (Under 2 years)
Mahjong Group

Saturdays

Mystery Book club (3rd Saturdays)

Ambler Branch:

Mondays

Preschool Storytime
Online ESL Group

Tuesdays

Baby Storytime
Queens of Mystery Book Club
(3rd Tuesdays)

Wednesdays

Beginner ESL

Thursdays

Book Group (2nd Thursdays)
Ambler Kids Chess Club (1st Thursdays)

Fridays

Yarn café
Ambler Artist Group
Read and Sketch Program for Adults
with Developmental Disabilities (3rd Fridays)

Saturdays

Reading to the Dogs (3rd Saturday)



Main Library

650 Skippack Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
wvpl.org
215-643-1320



Ambler Branch

209 Race Street
Ambler, PA 19002
wvpl.org
215-646-1072



Current Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-8 PM
Fri & Sat 1-5 PM
Sundays 1-4 PM at BB
(Sept-May)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 8, 6:00pm : **Ladies of the Street** AMB
May 9, 2:00pm : **Classical Railroad Stations** BB
May 16, 2:00pm : **American Circus** BB
May 22, 6:30pm : **History of Mystery and Magic** AMB



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