



# Among Friends

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS Roslyn Katz

### Join us at our regular Friends Meetings

Saturdays at 10 am

October 5

November 2

December 7



We need your ideas!

## Foreign Language Classes

French for Beginners is on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 pm. (Except Nov. 27 and Dec. 25.)

Polish for Beginners is on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 pm.

Registration preferred; drop-ins okay.

## Computer Classes from 1-3 pm

Getting to Know the Computer and Windows  
Tues. Oct 8 and Nov 12

Basic Word  
Thurs. Oct 10 and Nov 14

Internet Basics  
Tues. Oct 15 and Nov 19

Email Basics  
Thurs. Oct 17 and Nov 21

Registration required; class size limited to 6.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Marion Damick



Welcome to what we used to call Fall. It's difficult to decide currently how to dress each day, as sometimes it's more summer, sometimes more fall, sometimes spring, and some days all three. But, welcome whenever and however you're attired.

It's also difficult to follow what's happening at the library. As I write this, there is extensive interviewing of candidates going on to fill Holly's shoes (an impossible task). Meanwhile our current staff is running our library so well, nobody would know we temporarily are without a Manager. Congrats go to everyone. Speaking of congrats: our library had more than 1000 children involved in the summer reading program. How's that for a number! Again, congratulations to all staff—and all the children.

Other exciting news: the After Hours party is going to be held at our own library for the first time, in November. The parties held at the main library have all sold out, so get out your fancy clothes (or borrow some) and be prepared for jazz and a fun time. (see page 6)

The main library is scheduling events, we're planning events, the community is planning events, there's even an election in 2 months. You could spend days at our libraries. So – whatever the weather – you're always welcome at our library. See ya.

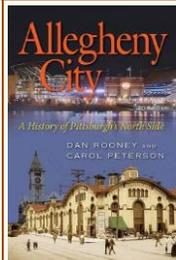
**I M H O** Things are really heating up around here! There are so many events scheduled that I had to make all the fonts smaller and sneak news into tiny corners.

Note: online ([pittsburghusedbooks.com/newsletters](http://pittsburghusedbooks.com/newsletters)) the newsletter can have bigger letters; the PDF version is always easier to read, and if you download the Word version you can actually increase the font size to whatever you like! For technical advice, call 412-865-7444.

Didja know: Allegheny City was the third-largest city in Pennsylvania before it was annexed by Pittsburgh in 1907 – against the will of most of its citizens! Come to the Book Signing to learn more. See also [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny\\_Pennsylvania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny_Pennsylvania) and [alleghenycity.org](http://alleghenycity.org) and [pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2013/04/30/dan-rooneys-new-book-spotlights-north-sides-rich-history/](http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2013/04/30/dan-rooneys-new-book-spotlights-north-sides-rich-history/)



Margie Spenser  
Newsletter staff



## Author Talk and Book Signing

On Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 pm, join us for an Author Talk with **Dan Rooney**, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers and longtime North Side resident, and **Carol Peterson**, local historian. They will speak about their book *Allegheny City: A History of Pittsburgh's North Side*. A book signing will follow the program, with copies available for purchase. (No Steelers memorabilia, please.)

Seating is limited and registration is required.

**TO REGISTER:** Speak to a librarian, call us at 412-422-9650, or email [squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org)

Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm, the Squirrel Hill Writers' Studio will be celebrating its seventh anniversary with a free poetry reading by its members.

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## Counting in the Children's Room

by Megan Fogt, Manager of Children's Services

We do a lot of counting in the children's room at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Squirrel Hill. I joke that I am fantastic at counting to five because I get so much practice during storytime. We often count things like speckled frogs sitting on a speckled log, fingers that we wiggle up and down, stomping dinosaurs, and little ducks who go over the hills and far away.

As I write this, I have just finished slightly more complicated counting for our annual report to the state of Pennsylvania about Kids Summer Reading. From June 9<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> (the span of the Kids Summer Reading program), we presented 143 programs to 4,720 people – including kids and their grownups. In addition, 1,829 children – ages 0-12 – actively participated in SRC either individually or by visiting the library with their camp group. These numbers are huge and they certainly show that we are busy, but they don't quite capture what a vibrant, bustling, and often joyfully chaotic children's space we have over the summer. Through the support of the Friends of the Squirrel Hill Library, we pledged to donate 2 cents for every book read to the Animal Rescue League Shelter and Wildlife Center. Thanks to the added help of the adult and teen Summer Readers, we raised a grand total of \$190.00 for the Shelter and Wildlife Center!

Here's another way we might count our summer experiences:

- 1 new teen magician shares some magic tricks.
- 2 kids create fairy houses using rocks and sticks.
- 3 camp kids take books to our window reading nook.
- 4 avid readers ask for that new Heroes of Olympus book.
- 5 librarians prep for tie-dye (and hope it doesn't rain).
- 6 toddlers shout choo-choo as they play with trains.
- 7 kids build robots using our new iPads.
- 8 kids harvest food from our garden with their moms and dads.
- 9 teen volunteers shelve books by the ton.
- 10 minutes left until the library closes; come back tomorrow for more fun!



Now that Fall is around the corner, we're working on all sorts of new programs to count. Here are a few that are coming up soon!

- **Family Storytime:** Share stories, songs, and movement activities with us at a half-hour storytime that engages the whole family. For babies to 6 years old – Saturdays at 11:00 AM
- **Baby and Me:** Snuggle up together with your baby for songs, rhymes, and books especially for our youngest patrons. For babies up to 18 months – Thursdays at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM
- **Terrific Tales for Toddlers:** Wiggle with us as we share stories and songs perfect for active toddlers. For children 18 months – 3 years old – Tuesdays at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM
- **Pre-K Storytime:** Explore longer books and songs and maybe even a short puppet play. For children ages 3-5 years old – Mondays at 1:00 PM
- **School-age Fun: Mystery Club:** Explore the strange, unexplained and mysterious from optical illusions to spooky tales throughout the month of October. For children ages 5-12 years old – Wednesdays at 4:00 PM
- **NOTE:** Each month our school-age program has a different theme and often a different target age; check out our website or call 412-422-9651 to find out about our other programs.

For more programs from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, check out [www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/happening](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/happening).

## BOOK SALE NEWS

by Pat Bender, book sale chairperson

Book sales at the library continue to grow at a steady rate. Both our on-site sales and our Amazon site sales are increasing over time. Friends is very grateful. We are also now accepting textbooks in good condition.

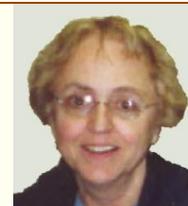
Several events are being planned for fall:

Cookbooks will be on sale in the FriendShop in mid October. We have had many donations over the summer and almost every day since. A small selection may be specially priced but the majority will be at regular prices.

In November we will have a sale of children's books that are "like new". So many donations are in such good condition that they deserve a spotlight without an increase in price. We also have a selection of what I call "sweet nothings". They are blank books, bookmarks that we have found in donations, small "gifted" books and small non-book items plus some surprises.

Please send us your e-mail address if you would like quick notice of sales and events. Also, ask your friends and neighbors who use the library to send theirs. Everyone is welcome to receive this email. Send your address to Allison Marciszyn at [SqHiFriendsLib@gmail.com](mailto:SqHiFriendsLib@gmail.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you.





## Exciting Developments for Teen Services

by Madeleine Siegel

Teen Services has been very busy this summer and we have been documenting the excitement with our camera and sharing our photos on Facebook. Check out our Facebook page or stop by the Teen Space for more information.



*Our teens got creative this summer with t-shirt bags, paper mache and superhero terrariums (pictured above).*

*We provided 25 programs that brought in 252 teens during Teen Summer Reading 2013. Programs included crafts, a Dr. Who Party, and gaming. We also raffled off two brand new 5<sup>th</sup> generation iPod Touches.*



*Dr. Who party fun! We had 27 teens attend and participate in crafts, games and a trivia contest.*

*Teen Summer Reading Club was very successful with a total of 237 teens registered, an increase of 61 teens from last year.*

*Throughout the summer our teens provided over 500 hours of volunteer service at the library! They helped with shelving and children's programs, assisted at the Sidewalk Sale and National Night Out\*, and served on our Teen Advisory Committee.*

*Coming up this fall, we will continue our "Tuesday Teen Scene" program each week from 3:30-5:30 pm. We will also have iPad programs, crafts, and a party to celebrate the release of the second Hunger Games movie, **Catching Fire**, in late November.*

\* On Tuesday, August 6th communities across Pittsburgh celebrated the 30th Anniversary of National Night Out by enjoying a night outside and getting together with their neighbors. Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations enthusiastically participated by joining in community events and encouraging everyone to take a glow stick and meet a neighbor. From a root beer float social to making reflective buttons and slap bracelets to taking a stroll through our neighborhoods, we loved partying with our neighbors. Thanks to everyone who came out to join us and especially to the public officials who stopped by to celebrate the wonderful things that are going on in Pittsburgh!  
-- Megan Fogt



**Film, Fiction, Fun**  
third Thursday  
of the month  
from 1 to 4 PM

lead by Jeanne Bergad

**October 17**

*Les Miserables*

**November 21**

*Alfred Hitchcock and the*

*Making of Psycho*

Movie: *Hitchcock*

**December 19**

*On the Road* by Jack Kerouac



### Art at the Squirrel Hill Library

Coming up are:

**October: Clementine Salloum**

**November: Patty Man**

**December: Jerry Hahn**

Our schedule is full through  
**August, 2014!** If you'd like to  
exhibit after that, contact  
Marion Damick, 412-521-3075.

### **The Squirrel Hill Adult Book Discussion Group**

All are welcome.

**Thursday, October 24 1:00 PM**  
*Behind the Beautiful Forevers*  
by Katherine Boo<sup>1</sup>

**Thursday, November 21 1:00 PM**  
*Brain on Fire*  
by Susannah Cahalan<sup>2</sup>

**December – no meeting**

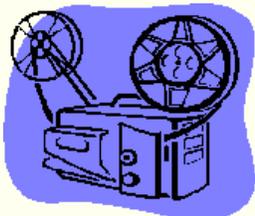
### **Genre Book Club-**

**Third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM**

**October 16**, the historical fiction novel  
*Equal of the Sun* by Anita Amirrezvani  
takes place in 16<sup>th</sup> century Iran and is  
a riveting story of political intrigue and  
a moving portrait of the unlikely bond  
between a princess and a eunuch.

**November 20**, a humor title by A.J.  
Jacobs, *Drop Dead Healthy*

**December – no meeting**



## **Film, Fiction, Fun**

by Mark Russell, Librarian



**Film, Fiction, Fun** is a special series presented at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Squirrel Hill that explores the relationship between films and the novels that inspired them. Attendees are encouraged to read a monthly fiction selection, and then join CCAC's Jeanne Bergad for a screening of the film and discussion to follow.

**October 17th's** title is *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo. Considered to be one of the longest novels ever written (coming in at over 1,500 pages in the unabridged English translation), this epic story addresses the timeless issues of poverty, injustice, and despair. The main plot of the book follows Jean Valjean, a man who steals bread to feed his starving family and serves 19 years in prison for it. Upon his release, Valjean tries to make a new life for himself and help those in need, particularly the orphan Cosette, but he finds himself pursued by police, targeted by criminals, and trapped within a violent revolution. In the 1980's, *Les Miserables* was adapted into a musical. In 2012, a film version of this musical was released, directed by Tom Hooper and starring Hugh Jackman as Valjean, plus Anne Hathaway, Russell Crowe, Amanda Seyfried, Sacha Baron Cohen, and Helena Bonham Carter. The film won three Academy Awards, including Best Supporting Actress for Hathaway.

**November 21st's** book is *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho* by Stephen Rebello. Rebello's 1990 book about the making of one of Hitchcock's best known films tells the entire history of *Psycho*, from the murders that the movie was based on to the later films inspired by it. Since the book relies heavily on interviews with *Psycho* insiders, it contains a number of interesting anecdotes about the film. The 2012 movie *Hitchcock* (starring Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren, and Scarlet Johansson) is based largely on this book, although it focuses primarily on the relationship between Hitchcock and his wife, Alma.

**December 19th's** selection is *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac. Based on Kerouac's real life trips across America, *On the Road* is one of the most famous books from the Beat Generation and is widely acknowledged as part of the modern canon. The book tells the story of five different trips taken by Salvatore Paradise (a stand in for Kerouac) and Dean Moriarty (Kerouac's friend Neal Cassady) that crisscross the continent, including stops in New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, Denver, Detroit, and Mexico City. *On the Road* was adapted to film in 2012. The movie was directed by Walter Salles and the cast includes Garrett Hedlund, Sam Riley, Kristen Stewart, Viggo Mortenson, Kirsten Dunst, and Amy Adams.

**It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community. Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed.**

comedian and author Paula Poundstone,  
national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries USA

<sup>1</sup> see [www.nytimes.com/2012/02/09/books/katherine-boo-on-her-book-behind-the-beautiful-forevers.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/09/books/katherine-boo-on-her-book-behind-the-beautiful-forevers.html)

<sup>2</sup> see [www.oprah.com/health/Susannah-Cahalan-Interview-Brain-on-Fire](http://www.oprah.com/health/Susannah-Cahalan-Interview-Brain-on-Fire) and [www.susannahcahalan.com](http://www.susannahcahalan.com)



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### October – December 2013

by Aisha Hallman



programs begin at 6:30 unless otherwise noted

where registration is required, speak to a librarian, call  
412-422-9650, or email us at [squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:squirrelhillprograms@carnegielibrary.org)

## Lectures and Seminars

As part of the library's Money Smart series, Chad Restori from Hefron-Tillotson will be here on **Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm** for "**Retirement Basics: Are You Prepared for Retirement?**" **Registration required.**

On **Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm**, join us for "**People's University: How to Be Happier in the 'Burgh**" with local author and happiness expert Britt Reints. Topics to be discussed include how to take charge of your happiness, how to protect your happiness from outside forces, and why you're the real expert when it comes to figuring out your own happiness.

On **Saturday, October 5 from 1-2:30 pm**, Jisen Coghlan, Zen teacher and practitioner, will lead "**People's University: Releasing Into Now**". This class will explore activities centered on calming the body and mind. Please join us for an afternoon of movement, quiet sitting, outdoor walking and lively conversation. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. **Registration required.**

On **Monday, October 7 at 6:30 pm**, as part of our Health Smart series, we'll have "**Weigh Less, Live More**". Certified nutritionists Vanessa Alberts and Steph Telep and medical researcher Nate Riley from Sweat & Butter health coaching will teach safe and healthy ways to drop those extra pounds and still feel satisfied. **Registration required.**

We are having two special events as part of our **Muslim Journeys** series. On **Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm**, Sheikh Atef Mahgoub, the Spiritual Director of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, will present "**Judaism and Islam: 10 Major Similarities and More**". On **Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 pm**, Talha Ramani, a Fulbright Scholar and Carnegie Mellon University Robotics graduate student, will present "**Christian Concepts in the Quran: Jesus, John the Baptist, and Mary**".

On **Thursday, October 24 at 6 pm**, Jackie Greenwald from Comfort Keepers In-Home Care, Mary Beth St. Clair from Senior Living Advisors and Jennifer Rose, a Certified Elder Law Attorney with Julian Gray Associates will present "**Senior Options**", a discussion of some options available for your aging loved ones. Topics will include the variety of resources and devices that can help a parent live safely at home, assisted living communities and support services, and veterans' benefits and long-term care planning. **Registration required.**

Did you know only 58% of students receive a four-year college degree in six years and that many well-paying jobs that require shorter training often go unfilled? On **Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 pm**, Karen Litzinger will present "**Clarify Education and Career Goals Now: Save Time, Money and Heartbreak Later**" which will help both students and parents learn how to make educated, grounded decisions for future success and discover practical resources that will help guide career paths. Whether you have a clear goal or want to bury your head in the sand when someone asks you the lifelong question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?", this program can help you avoid headaches in the future.

Interested in traveling, but concerned about the cost? On **Monday, November 4 at 6:30 pm**, join us for "**People's University: Travel with Mirela**" as Worldview Travel Consultant Mirela Selfo gives tips on how to maximize your time and money when travelling locally and abroad. **Registration is required.**

On **Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm**, Karen Litzinger will present "**Career Planning in Your Twenties and Thirties: Beyond Just Paying Off Your Loans**". No matter where you are in your career, it's always a good idea to think about your next steps for greater career satisfaction and success. Use a career model to evaluate your current role and plan for the next rather than just "ending up" somewhere. Get tips on the job search so your resume doesn't land in the black hole of the Internet.

Everyone has a story, and throngs of people are writing their stories down. Please join us for "**Write Your Life Now**" on **Thursday, November 7 from 1-3 pm** in a celebration of National Life Writing Month, and learn how you can begin writing the story of your life. In this program, Life Writing coach and teacher Sharon Lippincott, with Squirrel Hill residents and memoir writers Stan Angrist and Bob Ennis, will discuss benefits and elements of life story writing. They will share a few writing prompts to give you a taste of how it all works. **Registration preferred.**

Looking to make homemade gifts this holiday season? Cynthia Hill will be at the library **Monday, November 11 at 6 pm** to help you **Create a Holiday Gift Basket** filled with natural beauty products like lotion, sugar scrub, and soap bars. Seating is limited. **Registration required.**

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**10,000 Villages Shopping Night Fundraiser Monday, December 2, 6-8 pm**

Last year's Friends fundraiser at the 10,000 Villages store on Forbes Avenue earned \$200.00, based on the final net sales for the evening. Each year proceeds go to the CLP Friends Council, to help all Friends groups. Let's beat 2011, when we made \$403.52!



The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has been holding Happy Hours at various branches and Squirrel Hill's turn is coming up. The theme will be Travel: pull out the travel books and get ready to enjoy an international night featuring [Pandemic Pittsburgh](#), [Ishtar](#), [Full Pint Brewing](#), and all kinds of mildly educational activities. Tickets are \$35 before November 1 (\$45 after) and include 2 cocktails and light food. Proceeds support day-to-day operations of the CLP. For more information, pictures of previous events, and to get tickets, go to <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/events/programs/afterhours/> Must be 21 or older.

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**Daylight Savings Time**

In spring when maple buds are red,  
We turn the clock an hour ahead;  
Which means, each April that arrives,  
We lose an hour out of our lives.

Who cares? When autumn birds in flocks  
Fly southward, back we turn the clocks,  
And so regain a lovely thing  
That missing hour we lost in spring.

Phyllis McGinley 1905-1978

*Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, which standardized the length of Daylight Saving time. Changes have been made since then, but Daylight Saving Time is now in effect for most states. This year Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 am.*



**Editor's Message  
by Joan Schwartzman**

October is my favorite month of the year - lovely warm days that remind us of summer and cold nights that let us think ahead to winter - October is a month like no other in the year. We can sit outside and read a book without sweating or freezing - what a joy!

This October, take advantage of the glorious weather and the extra hour of daylight, and enjoy your favorite book — or discover a new one — in your back yard or on your porch.