What’s New at East Pennsboro Branch Library?
Jackie Barton – East Pennsboro Branch Director

Summer is here, and so is summer reading, only now we’re calling it “Summer Learning.” This year’s Summer Learning theme, “Build a Better World,” centers on the universal appeal of creating, repurposing, and building, and is for children, teens, and adults. Throughout the summer, participants will challenge themselves, try new things, and discover new ways of looking at the world and ways to make positive change. All ages can register starting on June 5, and the program runs through August 5. Our big Children’s programs will still be on Tuesdays at 1:30, but this year they will be held right next door to the library in the new Community Room. We’ll also have weekly drop-in story times, Bingo for Books, crafts, STEM activities, a Space Camp, and of course Friday Fun!

This summer, adults can participate in two reading groups: Life Lessons and Library Reads. In June, join us for a timely discussion with former WGAL news man Nelson Sears on how television news has changed over the years. Mr. Sears will also lead our new “Chess for Adults” group. And if you’d like to try your hand at writing, join us for our “Travel Journal” series in July and August. Teens can join us for a fun selfie scavenger hunt, a craft program, and the ever-popular “Build ‘Em and Smash ‘Em!”

Like us on Facebook and visit our website at eastpennsborobranch.org for the latest activities.

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Summer Learning Program Kickoff!
Monday, June 5
from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Drop in anytime between 10:30 am to 2:00 pm on Monday, June 5, as we kick off a summer of reading, learning, and building a better world!

- Complete a library scavenger hunt to win a prize.
- Picture book story times on the hour (11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm).
- Plant a seed, flower, or plant to take home, while supplies last.
- Bring along your pennies: we are having a girls versus boys penny drive to raise money for the library!

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Win a $450 BIKE of your choice!
Sponsored by Holmes Cycling & Fitness
Tickets are $5 or 3 for $12!
Drawing June 9th.

ON SALE NOW!
A 10 pound box is still just $30!
Pick up will be on June 29 – just in time for your July 4th picnics!
Order ONLINE ($1 fee) or at the library. Blueberries also make a great gift – greeting cards available!

Check our website at www.eastpennsborobranch.org for all upcoming events and activities.
Adult / Teen programs
Call 732-4274 to register or for more information on any of these programs.

All Ages Summer Learning Program 2017: Build a Better World:
June 5 through August 5. Register online or at the Library beginning June 5.

Life Lessons
Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 pm
Registration required
Join us for a discussion of the book, “Anchor and Flares: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hope and Service” by Kate Braestrup. Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. If you like to knit, sew, crochet, embroider while talking, feel free to bring along your handiwork. Registration required.

Chess for Adults
Monday, June 5 and 19 at 6:00 pm
You’ve already heard about the amazing brain benefits of playing chess. Come find out for yourself! Whether you’re a novice or a decorated chess champion, join us for a casual evening of chess. Bring a game board, if you have one.

Television News: Then and Now
Thursday, June 8 at 6:15 pm
Join us for a conversation with Nelson Sears, whose forty year career with WGAL included serving as a news man, a pitch man, a weather caster, and a promotions manager. Registration required.

Chix with Stix – Monthly Knitting Group
Monday, June 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Join an informal monthly gathering of knitters (or crocheters) at all levels of experience. Registration required. Ages 12 & up.

Library Reads
Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 pm
Registration required
Join us for a discussion of the Library Reads recommended book, “The Chilbury Ladies Choir.” Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. Register by contacting the library at 732-4274.

All Ages Cereal Box Recycling Saturday, June 17 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Build a better world by reusing your cereal boxes. Make a gift box, a container for office or desk supplies and more! No registration necessary. Materials provided. Bring your own box to reuse or use one of ours.

Coloring for Adults
Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm
Bring along your colored pencils, crayons, or watercolors, and a coloring book or sketch pad and enjoy a time of active meditation.

Teen Selfie Scavenger Hunt
Friday, June 30 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Bring your smart phones and join us for a selfie scavenger hunt. The hunt will include items in keeping with the summer reading theme “Build a Better World.” No registration necessary.

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Drop-In Weekly Story Times
Wednesdays, 11:00 to 11:30 am

Friday Fun
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1st Fridays - Coloring
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Children’s Birdfeeder Craft
Friday, June 9 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Come to the library to build a better world and make a bird feeder. No registration necessary. Materials provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3-11.

Pizza Gardens
Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Registration required
As a part of a Whitaker Grant, the Library will provide fun, interactive DIY STEM activities related to growing your own pizza garden. For ages 9 to 12, with an adult. Registration required starting May 10. Limit of 10 families (one potted pizza garden per family). All materials provided. Register by contacting the library at 732-4274.

ScienceTellers “Building: Tall Ships and Pirate Tales”
Tuesday, June 13 at 1:30 pm

Ahoy! People don’t just build on land. They build on water, too! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to construct a ship before all hope is lost… at sea! Planks, sails, rigging, rails... what else could building a pirate ship possibly take?! Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help us explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure, scientific variables and more! Do not miss this refreshing nautical tale with a twist!

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National Aquarium
Tuesday, June 20 at 1:30 pm
National Aquarium Presents The Rainforest. Investigate plant and animal interactions and adaptations for survival in the South American rain forest. Discover the importance of this unique habitat, threats to its survival and how to influence its future!

Bingo for Books
Tuesday, June 20 - 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Registration requested
Fun for the whole family with children’s books as prizes. Register by contacting the library at 732-4274.

Jesse The Reptile Guy
Tuesday, June 27 - 1:30 to 2:30 pm
Our interactive shows are crawling with fun and laughter, presented by Forgotten Friend’s herpetologist, author, photographer, and certified class clown, Jesse Rothacker. We bring learning to life with fifteen live snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocs. You’ll meet reptiles from around the world, and a few from your own backyard!

Space Camp
Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Registration required – limited space
Sun, moons, stars, and planets. Explore them all in our Space Camp for ages 5 to 8, with fun hands-on activities and your own Space Camp Lab Book to take home! Complete the entire Camp, and get a free book of science activities to keep! Registration begins on June 5 and includes both days from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Register by contacting the library at 732-4274.
**July**

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**Chess for Adults**
**Monday, July 3 and 17 at 6:00 pm**

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**Library Closed**
**Tuesday, July 4**

The East Pennsboro Branch Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

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**Life Lessons**
**Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 pm**

Registration required

Join us for a discussion of the book, “A Gathering in Hope” by Philip Gulley. Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. If you like to knit, sew, crochet, embroider while talking, feel free to bring along your handiwork. Register by calling the library at 732-4274.

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**All Ages Gratitude Rock Painting**
**Friday, July 7 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

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**Teen Galaxy Jars**
**Friday, July 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

If you like things that glow in the dark, come to the library and make a galaxy jar with glitter, to personalize your room. We’ll provide the glow in the dark paint, glitter and other materials. Bring your own bottle or jar with lid or use one of ours. No registration necessary.

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**Travel Journal**
**Tuesdays July 18, 25 and August 1, 15, 22, and 29 from 6:00 to 7:45 pm**

Registration required

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**Summer Reading Book List**
**Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 pm**

Registration required

Bring a list of the books you’ve been reading, and share your thoughts and recommendations with other readers. Register by calling the library at 732-4274.

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**Can You Build It? - Saturday, July 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Drop in anytime between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for STEM building activities for all ages.

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**Coloring for Adults**
**Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm**

Bring along your colored pencils, crayons, or watercolors, and a coloring book or sketch pad and enjoy a time of active meditation.

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**Teen Build ‘Em and Smash ‘Em**
**Friday, July 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Fun for all ages, but this is just for our teens! Come to the library to build a structure using only the materials we provide. See how many books it will hold. No registration necessary.

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**Build a Better Community Food Drive - Monday, July 31 through Saturday, August 5**

Build a better world by bringing some non-perishable food items to the library. Which of the food group bins can we fill first? Vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy, or protein? All food drive items will be donated to the Central PA Food Bank.

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**Life Lessons**  
**Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 pm**  
Registration required  
Join us for a discussion of the book, “Rising Strong” by Brené Brown. From the Publisher: “The physics of vulnerability is simple: If we are brave enough often enough, we will fall. The author of the #1 New York Times bestsellers Daring Greatly and The Gifts of Imperfection tells us what it takes to get back up, and how owning our stories of disappointment, failure, and heartbreak gives us the power to write a daring new ending. Struggle, Brown writes, can be our greatest call to courage, and rising strong our clearest path to deeper meaning, wisdom, and hope.” Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. Register by calling the library at 732-4274.

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**Adventures in Reading**  
**Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm**  
Registration required  
Join us for a discussion of the book, Trespassing Across America, by Ken Ilganus. From the publisher: “Told with sincerity, humor, and wit, ‘Trespassing Across America’ is both a fascinating account of one man’s remarkable journey along the Keystone XL pipeline and a meditation on climate change, the beauty of the natural world, and the extremes to which we can push ourselves both physically and mentally.” Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. Register by calling the library at 732-4274.

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**Build a Better World Summer Learning Program**  
**CELEBRATION! Saturday, August 5 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
Celebrate a summer of building a better world by joining us on Saturday, August 5 at 10:30 am as Storyteller Tim Hartman brings our summer to a close with “Folktrails,” a show that teaches how to live with others through three stories from very different cultures. Snacks provided!

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**FRIENDS OF EAST PENNSBORO BRANCH BOOK SALES**

Ground floor of the East Pennsboro Township Municipal Building.  
From 9am until 3pm every Tuesday, Thursday and third Friday, hundreds of gently used books at great prices fill the room so generously donated by East Pennsboro Township, for our use.  
All proceeds benefit East Pennsboro Branch Library.