What’s New at East Pennsboro Branch Library?
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As March approaches, we’re busy once again planning our summer programs. This year’s theme is “Build a Better World.” Stay tuned for details!

But until summer, we have plenty of programs to enrich your life. As always for children, Mrs. B and the Girl Scouts return with story times. On Wednesday mornings, we have drop-in story times. If you’re looking for family fun, register for one of our Bingo for Books nights, or drop in on Fridays for fun with building sets, coloring, puzzles, trains, and board games. We also have a variety of upcoming craft programs, usually one per week - everything from animal crafts to wind chimes to painting sea shells. And if your child is having issues with assignments in elementary school, you can make an appointment with our Homework Helpers.

We have several new programs for adults in March, April, and May. Our new “In the Rotation” series wraps up in March with two sessions on basic cooking techniques and strategies for grocery shopping. The book group will add sessions on Christian Fiction and meet on Saturday mornings each month. Those in need of stress relief can join us for adult coloring on a few Saturday mornings, as well as for Zen rock painting in March. Language lovers can sign up for a six-week poetry workshop that kicks off in April. Our monthly knitting group, Chix with Stix, is always working on new projects.

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the light and shadows of a marriage and of a family that kept secrets as a way of life. He learns of his grandmother’s life growing up during World War II; her coming to America and living with a man who kept to himself, even lying to her about his short time in prison. Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook.

Coloring for Adults
Saturday, March 18 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Bring along your colored pencils, crayons, or watercolors, and a coloring book or sketch pad and enjoy a time of active meditation.

Zen Rock Painting - Monday, March 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Need a break from the winter blues? Adults can join us on Monday, March 20 for Zen rock painting. All materials provided. No registration necessary.

Bingo for Books - Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Registration requested
Fun for the whole family with children’s books as prizes. Held third Tuesday of the month.

In the Rotation: Grocery Shopping Strategies - Thursday, March 23 from 6:15 to 7:30 pm - Registration required Bring along your recipe collection, in whatever form it currently exists! We will help you organize and preserve it, so that those family favorites will stay in the rotation for generations to come. Learn tips on what to shop for and when so that we can get the most nourishment from what we spend at the grocery store each week.

Teen Tech Decoration - Friday, March 31 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Want to personalize your case, charger or other tech accessory? Teens can come to the library to decorate an accessory with glitter glue or printed duct tape. Decorating materials provided. Bring your own tech accessory. No registration necessary.

Children’s programs
Call 732-4274 to register or for more information on any of these programs.

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

Friday Fun
Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Drop by any time between 11 am and 1 pm. All ages. No registration necessary. 1st Fridays - Coloring 2nd Fridays - Puzzles 3rd Fridays - Trains 4th Fridays - Let’s Build 5th Fridays - Games

Homework Helpers
Registration required
Make an appointment for tutoring with one of our local retired teachers, who will assist you with your homework. Register by contacting the library at 732-4274.

Fire-Breathing Dragon Craft for Kids
Tuesday, March 7 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Children ages 3-6 can join us to make a fire-breathing dragon. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Story Time and Craft hosted by Girl Scout Troops - Thursday, March 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Registration requested
Enjoy a fun story time and craft. Recommended for ages 3 to 8.

Children’s St. Patrick’s Day Craft
Tuesday, March 14 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Children ages 3-6 can join us to make a St. Patrick’s Day craft. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Story Time with Mrs. B (March 21 through April 25)
Tuesday, March 21 and 28 at 10:00 am (pre-K) and 11:00 am (toddlers)
Registration required
Join Mrs. B for exciting story times and activities at the library for children ages 3 ½ to K at 10:00 am and children ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ (accompanied by a parent/caregiver) at 11 am. Sessions run about 30 minutes.

Bingo for Books - Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
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Stories of Faith
Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 am
Registration required. Join us for a discussion of the book, "Stitches" by Anne Lamott. From the publisher, "Lamott explores how we find meaning and peace in these loud and frantic times; where we start again after personal and public devastation; how we recapture wholeness after loss; and how we locate our true identities in this frazzled age." 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.

Wind Chime Craft
Monday, April 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
With spring in bloom, come to the library to make a wind chime for your window or porch. Materials provided. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Poetry Workshop
Tuesdays April 4, 11, 25 and May 2, 9, 23 at 6:00 pm
Registration required. A dash of alliteration here, a little irony sprinkled there, and before you know it, you’ve written a poem. Learn how to incorporate literary devices into your writing. Plan to attend all six sessions.

Chix with Stix – Monthly Knitting Group - Monday, April 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Registration required. Friendly, informal monthly gathering of knitters or crocheters at all levels of experience. Help with projects or learn new techniques. Bring personal projects or participate on a group project. Held second Monday of the month. Ages 12 and older.

Coloring for Adults
Saturday, April 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Bring along your colored pencils, crayons, or watercolors, and a coloring book or sketch pad and enjoy a time of active meditation.

Spring Window Decoration for All Ages - Monday, April 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Waiting for spring to be in full bloom? Come to the library and make a bird or flower decoration to brighten your window. Materials provided. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bingo for Books
Tuesday, April 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Registration requested
Fun for the whole family with children’s books as prizes. Held third Tuesday of the month.

Library Reads
Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm
Registration required. Join us for a discussion of the Library Reads recommended book, "Books for Living" by Will Schwalbe. From the publisher: "In this delightful celebration of reading, Schwalbe invites us along on his quest for books that speak to the specific challenges of living in our modern world, with all its noise and distractions. In each chapter, he discusses a particular book—what brought him to it (or vice versa), the people in his life he associates with it, and how it became a part of his understanding of himself in the world." Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting. Registration required.

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Children’s Easter Scavenger Hunt
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Children’s Jellyfish Craft - Monday, April 24 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Children ages 3-8 can join us to make jellyfish. Materials provided. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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Blueberries for Books! 10 lb. boxes
ON SALE May 1st! Pickup June 29th.
Order ONLINE or in the library!

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Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am
Registration required. Join us for a discussion of the book, “Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living” by Shauna Niequist. From the Publisher: “In these pages, you’ll be invited to consider the landscape of your own life, and what it might look like to leave behind the pressure to be perfect and begin the life-changing practice of simply being present, in the middle of the mess and the ordinariness of life.” 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.

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Teen Seashell Painting
Friday, May 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Can’t wait for summer vacation to begin? Come to the library and paint a seashell to dream about a beach vacation or to give as a Mother’s Day gift. Materials provided. No registration necessary.

Bingo for Books - Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
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Make Your Own Summer Reading Bookmark - Thursday, May 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Patrons of all ages can come to the library to make your own bookmark for summer reading. Materials provided. No registration necessary. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Library Reads
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