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

As the weather gets colder, we have plenty for you to do inside at East Pennsboro Branch Library!

We have several holiday programs to get you in the spirit of the season. On November 30 at 6:30, Kitty Jones of Kit’s Interactive Theatre will present “The Mrs. Claus Holiday Celebration,” which will feature stories, singing, and dancing in a jolly show for all ages. On December 6, The Friends of East Pennsboro Library and East Pennsboro Recreation Board will welcome Santa Claus starting at 5:00 pm, culminating in the Township tree lighting ceremony at 7:00 pm. Mrs. B’s Holiday Story Times will continue through December 12. On December 13, all ages are welcome to attend our DIY Fleece Wreaths program, a partnership with the Schaner Adult Center. And on December 14, join the Girl Scouts in the evening for a holiday story time and craft.

We also have a few new programs for adults. If you’re applying for jobs or education programs, stop by on Friday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for individual assistance, starting in December. Starting in January, join us on the 4th Saturday of the month for “Homemaking Habits: Declutter & Organize” and “Coupon Clippers.” What better way to begin the new year than by organizing your home and learning how to save money?

The theme of this year’s All-Ages Winter Reading Program is Candy Land, running for the month of February. We have two special programs to go along with this theme: Life-Size Candy Land and Candy Land House Extravaganza. Don’t miss the fun! Register at the library beginning on February 1.

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

Adult / Teen programs
Call 717-732-4274 to register or for more information on any of these programs.

Resume, Job and School Application Assistance
Fridays December 1 through March 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Are you applying for jobs or education programs? Every Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the library will offer assistance with on-line job, school, scholarship and other applications. Whether you need help getting started, need to revise a resume, CV or cover letter or just need assistance uploading documents to an on-line application, a branch assistant will be here to help.
No registration necessary. WiFi is free to connect with your own device, or bring your library card or photo ID to use our internet computers.

Life Lessons
Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm
Registration required
Join us for a discussion of the book The Art of Stillness: Adventures in Going Nowhere by Pico Iyer. From the publisher: “The Art of Stillness paints a picture of why so many—from Marcel Proust to Mahatma Gandhi to Emily Dickinson—have found richness in stillness. Ultimately, Iyer shows that, in this age of constant movement and connectedness, perhaps staying in one place is a more exciting prospect, and a greater necessity than ever before.”

DIY Fleece Wreaths
Wednesday, December 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Registration required
Make a fleece wreath to hang on your door or to give as a gift. This program is a partnership with the Schaner Adult Center. All materials will be provided for those who register in advance. All ages welcome; under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Register at the library or by calling the library at 717-732-4274.

Mindful Eating
Monday December 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Registration required
Do you eat mindfully? This practice of slowing down to fully enjoy your food can help improve your health and well-being. Join Weis dietitian Erin Long for this four-part series to learn more about mindful eating principles and techniques and how to apply them to your lifestyle.

Chix with Stix – Monthly Knitting Group
Monday, December 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Join an informal monthly gathering of knitters (or crocheters) at all levels of experience. Help provided with projects and learn new techniques. Held second Monday of each month. For information and registration please contact the library. Ages 12 and older.

Children’s programs
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Homework Helpers
By Appointment
Call the library at 717-732-4274 to make an appointment for tutoring with one of our local retired teachers, who will assist you with your homework. For grades 1-5.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit with Santa
Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
The Friends of East Pennsboro Library and East Pennsboro Recreation Board welcome Santa Claus! Santa will have treats for the children after they have their picture taken (photos available for purchase for a small fee). The Santa visit is followed by the tree lighting ceremony at 7:00 pm.

Holiday Story Time with Mrs. B (Tuesdays November 21 through December 12)
Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 am (pre-K) and 11:00 am (toddlers) Registration required
Join Mrs. B for holiday story times and activities at the library for children ages 3 ½ to K at 10:00 a.m. and children ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ (accompanied by a parent/caregiver) at 11 a.m. Sessions run about 30 minutes.

Bingo for Books
Tuesday, December 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Fun for the whole family with children’s books as prizes.

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Life Lessons
Thursday, January 4 at 6:30 pm
Registration required
Join us for a discussion of the book, “Why Won’t You Apologize: Healing Big Betrayals and Everyday Hurts” by Harriet Lerner. From the Publisher: “Re-nowned psychologist and bestselling author of The Dance of Anger sheds new light on the two most important words in the English language—I’m sorry—and offers a unique perspective on the challenge of healing broken connections and restoring trust. . . With her trademark humor and wit, Lerner offers a joyful and sanity-saving guide to setting things right.” Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting.

Homemaking Habits:
Declutter & Organize
Saturdays January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26 from 10:00 to 10:45 am
Registration required
You can organize your home this year! Come learn tips for decluttering and organizing during this monthly workshop. Held on the fourth Saturday of the month. Register at the library or by calling the library at 717-732-4274.

Finding Your Voice
Tuesdays January 16, 23; February 6, 20; March 6, 20 at 6:00 pm
Registration required
Find your voice in your writing practice by experimenting with points of view and literary forms. Join us for all six sessions.

Library Reads
Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm
Registration required
Join us for a discussion of the Library Reads recommended book, “How to Find Love in a Bookshop” by Veronica Henry. From kirkusreviews.com: “A young woman takes over her father’s bookshop and discovers its importance to its small-town clientele. . . A light romantic comedy well-suited for bibliophiles and Anglophiles alike.” Please either have read the book or listened to the audiobook before the meeting.

Coloring for Adults
Monday, January 22 at 6:30 pm
Bring along your colored pencils, crayons, or water colors, and a coloring book or sketch pad and enjoy a time of active meditation.

Coupon Clippers
Saturdays January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26 from 11:00 to 11:45 am
Registration required
Informal monthly gathering of coupon clipppers. Bring your coupons to clip and trade while we share ideas for saving money. Held on the fourth Saturday of the month. Register at the library or by calling the library 717-732-4274.

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Tuesday, January 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
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Fun for the whole family with children’s books as prizes.

Winter Story Time with Mrs. B
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Drive-In Movie
Monday, January 15 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Decorate a “car” with your family. Then sit in your car and enjoy a snack as you watch a short movie. All supplies and snacks provided. Recommended for ages 3 to 8. Register by contacting the library at 717-732-4274.

Can You Build It?
Monday, January 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
If you like building, come to the library and see what architectural creations you can design! Build your own or collaborate with friends to make something awesome. Complete one of our building challenges! We’ll have Keva Planks, Magna-Tiles, Legos, and more! Drop in anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Snacks provided. All ages welcome; under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Read great books, color the spaces on your Candy Land game board, and earn prizes. When you finish the game, submit your card to enter to win one of our grand prizes. Register at the library starting February 1.

Seasonal Cooking
Thursdays February 1 and 22; March 1 and 22; April 5 and 26 at 6:15 pm
Registration required
Bring along your recipe collection, in whatever form it currently exists. As we organize our favorite recipes (and collect new ones), we will talk about ways of making the most of each season's bounty.

Candy Land
Saturday, February 10 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm
Registration required
Let's play Candy Land! Sign up as a family or a team to play our life-size candy quest! All ages welcome; under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Register for a time slot at the library starting February 1.

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Candy Land House Extravaganza
Monday, February 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
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Join us for our Candy Land House Extravaganza! You are challenged to create a spectacular Candy Land house using graham crackers, ice cream cones, cookies, candy, and frosting! All materials provided. All ages welcome; under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Register at the library starting February 1.

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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 fill the room so generously donated by East Pennsboro Township, for our use. All proceeds benefit East Pennsboro Branch Library.

Programs offered are sponsored by generous support from individuals and businesses in our community, and from the Friends of Fredricksen Library & Friends of East Pennsboro Branch Library.