

Monday, April 27, 2009

Community Meetings in May

Below is a list of community meetings taking place in May. If you know of any that are missing, please post them in a comment or let us know so that we can add them.

- [Brentwood AARP](#), Chapter 2517 meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Room from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- [Brentwood Borough Agenda Meeting](#): May 12 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- [Brentwood Borough Council Meeting](#): May 26 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- [Brentwood Borough Planning Commission Meeting](#): May 21 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- [Brentwood Borough Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#): May 27 at 8:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- [BBW Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting](#): May 26, 8 am at the GBU Building
- [BBW Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting/Luncheon](#): May 7, 2009 at Royal Place.
- [BBW Chamber of Commerce Women's Networking Meeting](#): May 1, Noon at the South Hills Country Club.
- [Brentwood Democrat Committee](#) meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- [Brentwood Fourth of July Committee](#) meets on the second Monday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- [The Brentwood PALS Organization](#) meets at the Civic Center every Wednesday from 9:15 A.M. to 11:15 P.M. The caregiver must remain with the child!

Posted by Brentwood Library at 1:12 PM

Monday, May 4, 2009

Upcoming Events

- **Friday Night @ The Library: Friday, May 8 from 7 -10pm.** Watch a new release children's movie, use the computer, play games in the rec room, check out books and movies, or just relax. All ages are welcome!
- **Friends of the Library Book Sale: Saturday, May 9 from 9am-2pm.** Books, magazines, VHS tapes, and books on cassette will all be for sale. Proceeds from the book sale support the continuation of programs and services, and the ability to purchase new materials. Be sure to stop by because it's the best book sale in Brentwood!
- **Brentwood 4th of July Committee Flea Market: Saturday, May 9 from 8am - 1pm.** It will be in the library parking lot and will feature food, treasures, and bargains.
- **The library will be closed on Sunday, May 10 in observance of Mother's Day.**

Posted by Brentwood Library at 6:01 PM

Monday, May 11, 2009

Volunteer Speed Match

If you've been thinking about volunteering for ages, but aren't quite sure what to do, or which charity to support, then the Volunteer Speed Match sponsored by the Baldwin, Brentwood, and Whitehall Libraries is for you. Volunteering can help you as well as the projects you support, so why not give it a try?

Register for our speed match program and give local nonprofits 5 minutes each to impress you. Anyone already familiar with the idea of speed dating will know how this works. If it's a new idea to you, don't worry, because help will be on hand.

A wide variety of organizations will be participating. These include, but are not limited to, the Heinz History Center, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, AARP, American Red Cross, Pittsburgh Habitat for Humanity, and many more.

Representatives from 20 nonprofits will be waiting to speak with you.

We will be arranging these first “dates” for you – you decide whether you are compatible with any of the nonprofits and want a second “date.”

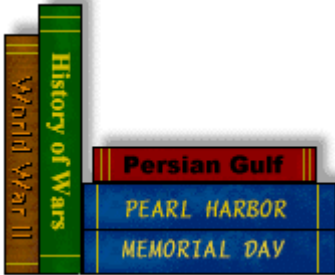
This event will be held on Friday, May 15 from 5 – 8:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Public Library, 100 Borough Park Dr., 15236. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, please contact Nancy Musser at Baldwin Borough Public Library - 412-885-2255, Megan Heady at Brentwood Library - 412-882-5694, or Denise Ignasky at Whitehall Public Library - 412-882-6622.

Posted by Brentwood Library at 9:19 AM

Monday, May 18, 2009

Memorial Day Weekend

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!



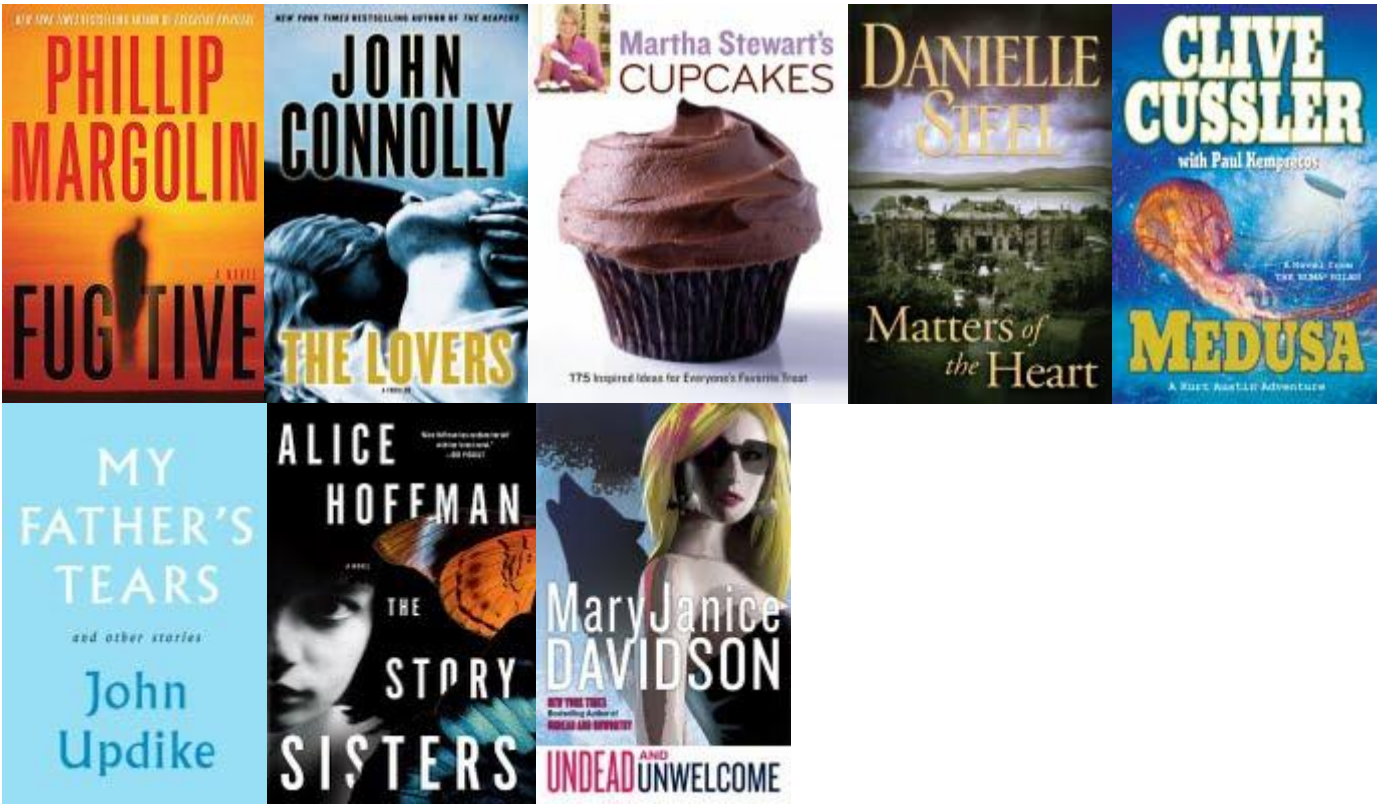
Posted by Brentwood Library at 2:35 PM

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Coming Soon

Below is a list of books to be released next week. Be sure to reserve your copy today.

- [Fugitive](#) by Phillip Margolin
- [The Lovers](#) by John Connolly
- [Martha Stewart's Cupcakes: 175 inspired ideas for everyone's favorite treat](#) from the Editors of Martha Stewart Living
- [Matters of the Heart](#) by Danielle Steel
- [Medusa](#) by Clive Cussler
- [My Father's Tears and Other Stories](#) by John Updike
- [The Story Sisters](#) by Alice Hoffman
- [Undead and Unwelcome](#) by MaryJanice Davidson



Posted by Brentwood Library at 3:29 PM

Monday, June 1, 2009

Summer Reading!

Be Creative
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Our Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults begin today! Be sure to sign up and join the fun. Please ask for more information if you have any questions about how they work.



Posted by Brentwood Library at 4:08 PM

Thursday, June 4, 2009

ROI study proves public libraries' worth

Librarians have been saying for years that public libraries are a bargain. Now they have the numbers to prove it.

“We have the results of a remarkable “Taxpayer-Return-on-Investment (ROI) in Pennsylvania Public Libraries” study conducted by the University of North Carolina’s School of Information and Library Science,” said Glenn Miller, executive director of the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA).

Here are some of the results:

- The study concludes that Pennsylvania’s 474 public libraries, (630 when including satellites such as branches and bookmobiles) which serve nearly 12 million Pennsylvanians, provide a return on investment of \$5.50 in benefits for every \$1 of tax support. That means a return of \$55 for every \$10 of local, state and federal taxes we invest in supporting our public libraries.
- The 5.5 to 1 ratio was calculated in the following manner. Taxpayers dedicate \$249 million in tax dollars annually for public libraries in Pennsylvania. If we didn’t have these public libraries, the economic loss would amount to \$1.34 billion, according to the study.
- The bulk of the loss would be due to the higher cost of finding and using alternative sources of information. It also would include lost library jobs, lost library purchases and lost revenue from library-related businesses.
- Of 9.1 million adults in Pennsylvania, 51.6 percent visited a public library in person during a year’s time, and an additional 13.2 percent connected with one online.
- In all, public libraries in Pennsylvania totaled 40.8 million in-person visits in the year preceding the study. Nearly half involved adults and nearly 40 percent involved school-age children.
- People visit public libraries in person for many purposes – to check out a book, tape, CD or DVD; to find reference information or do research; or to use a library computer, to name a few.
- The study clearly demonstrates that public libraries are used by adults, school-age and preschool children, teachers, retirees, business people and others for meeting educational, personal, family and work-related needs, in addition to recreation and entertainment.
- A large number of people who use a remote connection – close to half – are researching family or personal issues.
- At least half of the time, users considered the information they obtained, whether in person or by remote connection, to be “absolutely essential” to them.
- Overall, users of public libraries are pretty evenly spread among age groups and income groups up to \$150,000 per year.
- Users value public libraries because they perceive them to be convenient and easy to use. They believe that the information is trustworthy, that libraries are the best source of information and that using the library helps them save time and money.

For more information on this study, please visit <http://www.palibraries.org/>, the Pennsylvania Library Association's Website.

Posted by Brentwood Library at 11:56 AM

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Pittsburgh is Top-Notch

The Economist ranked Pittsburgh as the 29th most livable city in the world. We knew it all along, but the word is beginning to spread. For more information, click [here](#).

Let's go Pens!

Posted by Brentwood Library at 9:52 AM

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Recycling Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones

Through the FundingFactory Recycling Program, the Brentwood Library is going to be recycling empty printer cartridges and used cell phones. The program is FREE and easy, but it won't work without your support.

By recycling items you would normally throw away, we will receive much-needed funding for every item we recycle. We will also be doing our part to help save the environment. Let's make this recycling program a huge success by working together to collect as many empty printer cartridges and used cell phones as we can.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this great opportunity. Thank you in advance for your support!

Posted by Brentwood Library at 9:51 AM

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Public Library Funding May Be Cut

Services and resources at your community library are going to be directly affected by a significant decrease in funding. NOW is the time to write your letters, postcards, anything! Let them know you care about your library!

Write to legislators and the Governor! Your voice is important! If you write a postcard at the library, we will mail it for you.

Tips for letters to legislators:

1. Handwritten is great
2. Include your name & address so they know you're a constituent
3. 5-10 sentences is fine
4. Tell what you value about the library
5. Object to library cuts

Talking points:

- Say that you support LEVEL FUNDING (no increase, no cut).
- Libraries are busier than ever helping people looking for work, families on tight budgets, seniors with shrinking savings.
- Proposed cuts to libraries will cost \$1 million in more in lost federal money.

Thanks for your help!

Addresses:

Hon. Wayne Fontana
930 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Hon. Harry Readshaw
1917 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

Governor Edward Rendell's Office
225 Main Capitol Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Tuesday, June 30, 2009

4th of July

Please join us this Friday evening, July 3rd, from 6-8pm for the Library Open House and the BBOA Street Fair. The Library Open House will feature the Moonbounce, Tattoo Artist, and Balloon Artist again this year! JRMC Diagnostic Services is our sponsor for the event.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



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