



# Northland News

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## TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE RETURNS

Northland Library, in cooperation with AARP, is offering free tax preparation assistance for senior citizens and low-income residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm from February 2 through April 12. IRS-trained volunteers will help in preparing both federal and state forms. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and we cannot guarantee that everyone needing help can be accommodated on any given day. Please remember to bring all necessary paperwork to complete the forms. A signup sheet will be located outside of the lower library entrance so early arrivals can register and then either wait in their car or return when the library opens.

## LIBRARY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Northland Library's annual Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the lower level meeting rooms. The Tournament is open to children from kindergarten through the eighth grade who live in Allegheny County. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in two age divisions: kindergarten through fourth grade, and fifth through eighth grade. First place winners advance to the county-wide tournament in March. Chess sets and boards will be provided. Registration is required. You may sign up at the children's and young adult reference desk from February 1 through February 22.

In preparation for the Tournament, chess players of all levels in grades one through eight can review the basics and increase their chess skills in one-hour sessions on Tuesdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm through February 21. There is also a special class for beginning chess players on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00pm. Space is limited. Advance registration is required for these classes. You may sign up at the children's and young adult reference desk.



## HOW TO BORROW LIBRARY eBOOKS

If you have a Kindle, Nook, or other type of e-reader but aren't sure how to use it to borrow e-books from the library, then plan on attending one of two informative programs that will walk you through the borrowing process step by step, as well as answer your questions.

The first program is tailored for owners of Kindle devices only. It will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00pm. The second program is for owners of a Nook, or other non-Kindle device. It will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00pm. You may register for either program online on the library website or by calling the adult services department reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## INDIAN COOKING CLASS

Ann Manchella will present another of her popular Indian cooking classes on Monday, February 27 at 7:00pm. She will demonstrate how to prepare Kadhi with Pakora, Punjabi-style. Kadhi is a yogurt-based curry served with pakora, a fried fritter-like dumpling. As always, tasty samples will be available. You may register for this program online on the library website or by calling the adult services department reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS: GROWING TOGETHER

Dr. Katarzyna Sudol of Bellevue Pediatrics will discuss the ways that mothers and daughters can successfully manage the sometimes-tricky transition from youth to puberty and beyond without excessive stress. This program, which includes a question and answer session, will be held on Monday, February 20 at 7:00pm. You may register online on the library website or by calling the adult services department reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## Film Series at Northland



### FOREIGN FILM SERIES

Help us celebrate Valentine's Day when we present the romantic French film, *Shall We Kiss?* on Wednesday, February 8 at 2:00pm. It's the story of a couple that has just met, where after dinner Gabriel's offer of a goodnight kiss is met with an unexpected rebuff by Emilie, who through a series of flashbacks recounts how a supposedly innocent kiss can lead to unexpected consequences. In the style of Woody Allen, there are many twists and turns leading to a satisfying ending. No reservation is required. Refreshments will be served.

### TRAVEL FILM SERIES

A visit to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul is scheduled at this month's Travel Film Series presentation on Wednesday, February 15 at 2:00pm. We'll take a Mark Twain-style steamboat ride down the Mississippi River, tour the Hill House, the largest house in the Midwest when it was built, and shop at the world's largest indoor mall, the Mall of America. No reservation is required for this program.

### CLASSIC FILM SERIES

This month's selection is guaranteed to keep you laughing, as we present Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in *Some Like It Hot*, on Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00pm. You'll howl as Lemmon and Curtis disguise themselves as female musicians to outrun the mobsters who are hunting them down. Mayhem ensues when the two try to keep their real identities secret when they run into the gangsters. No reservation is required for this program.

## CONVERSATION SALON EXPANDS

The popularity of our Conversation Salon has grown to the point where we are now adding a second Salon, which will be held at 2:00pm on the second Friday of each month. Now you have two chances to discuss timely topics such as politics, movies, or anything else that's on your mind with others and hear their opinions. There are no topics that are out of bounds in these lively and informative discussions. This month's Conversation Salons will be held on Friday, February 10 at 2:00pm, and on Wednesday, February 22 at 1:00pm. Join us for one or both sessions. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome.

## NORTHLAND KNITTERS

Our Northland Knitters group is a gathering place for anyone interested in knitting regardless of your level of experience. The knitting circles are where you can share ideas and techniques, swap patterns, knit, break for dessert, and then knit some more.

Our evening knitting circle will meet on Wednesday, February 8 and Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Ferguson Road in Allison Park. The afternoon knitting circle will meet at the library on Friday, February 17 at 1:00pm. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome.

## AMATEUR ASTRONOMY CLUB

If you are interested in astronomy, and enjoy talking with other astronomy enthusiasts, then why not join our Amateur Astronomy Club, which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 7:00pm. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome. Join us for an out of this world experience.



## BOOK NOOK SPECIALS

Tuesday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. What better way to celebrate than to stop by the Book Nook and browse our selection of art books, vintage books, and books about love. New items are arriving every day. It's a great way to stock up on your winter reading needs.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Our February selection is *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, by Laura Hillenbrand. It is the story of Louie Zamperini, a juvenile delinquent-turned Olympic runner-turned Army hero, and the series of incredible catastrophes that occur after his plane crashes into the Pacific Ocean. The group will meet on February 7 at 7:00pm to discuss this work. No reservation is required, and new participants are always welcome.

## SECOND FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Due to the snowy conditions, the group did not meet in January. So this month we will discuss Allison Pearson's novel, *I Think I Love You*, which captures the essence of the 1970's, the power of first love and how it can ignite and change our adult lives. Join us on February 10 at 11:30am to discuss this powerful work. Bring a brown bag lunch and join in this informal program. New participants are always welcome and no reservation is required.

The March selection will be Anne Patchett's highly-regarded novel, *State of Wonder*.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Northland Library would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the volunteers who help to keep us clean, organized, and a fun place to be. More than 250 volunteers contributed over 75-hundred hours of service in 2011, saving the library tens of thousands of dollars in costs, including the following who donated at least 100 hours:

### More than 100 Hours

Sandy Anderson	Judy Barlow	Alice Cragill	Eileen Karnavas
Bob Lang	Marlow Madeoy	Pat Meister	Kystal Mitchell
Anjail Premkumar	Debby Trenan	Pearl Wirth	

### More than 200 Hours

Erik Gunst	Susan Mueller	Joyce Pontzloff	Jackie Somers
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### More than 300 Hours

Ellie Haas	Pat Hartman	Glenn Waldschmidt	Maybelle Waldschmidt
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It's now easier than ever to apply for a volunteer position at the library. Simply log onto the Northland Library website. Then go to the *Get Involved* page and click on the volunteer application form. The information you provide will better enable us to match you with a position that you are interested in.

## SERIOUS READERS GROUP

Our Serious Readers Group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month to discuss books that often form the outline of our political and economic philosophies. Our next session will be on February 25 at 11:00am, when the topic of discussion will be *Two Treatises of Government*, by John Locke, and *Spirit of the Laws*, by Montesquieu. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome.

## MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK GROUP

Are you an avid mystery reader? Do you enjoy talking with others about your favorite mystery books and authors? Then we invite you to join our Mystery Lovers Book Group, which meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. The next gathering will be on February 16, when the group will discuss Henning Mankell's *The Dogs of Riga*. Mankell is a Swedish crime writer best known for his mystery series featuring Inspector Kurt Wallender. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome.



## NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

300 Cumberland Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-366-8100

[www.northlandlibrary.org](http://www.northlandlibrary.org)

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Monday through Thursday	9:00am - 9:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm

## BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Fridays Marshall Elementary School	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Saturdays North Hills Shopping Center	1:30pm - 3:30pm

## PROGRAMS FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS

Storytimes for children of all ages begin this month and run through mid-March. No registration is required for any of these programs:

### Preschool Storytime

**Mondays through March 12**

**10:00am and 1:00pm**

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5 can have fun with picture books, songs, and action rhymes

### Mother Goose Storytime for Walkers

**Wednesdays through March 14**

**10:00am**

Our Kangaroo Storytime has a new name, but still provides fun for children ages 24 through 36 months old accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or caregiver. The program includes nursery rhymes, music, movement, and stories.

### Mother Goose Storytime for Crawlers

**Wednesdays through March 14**

**11:00am**

Children ages 6 through 24 months old, who are accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or caregiver, are invited to join us for nursery rhymes, songs, tickles, bounces, and time for free play.

### Mother Goose Storytime for Crawlers and Walkers

**Wednesdays through March 14**

**7:00pm**

Children from 6 through 36 months old, accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or caregiver, are invited for an hour of nursery rhymes, stories, songs, tickles, bounces, art exploration, and free play. Brothers and sisters through age five are also welcome to attend.



## STORYTELLING FESTIVAL RECEIVES GRANT

The 12th annual Three Rivers Storytelling Festival has been named one of the National Storytelling Network's 2012 Regional Spotlight events. The honor comes with a \$1,000 grant. Only seven such awards are given out each year. The National Storytelling Network is now an official sponsor of the Festival, which will be held on the library grounds on Friday and Saturday, August 10 and 11.

## BOOK GIVING PROGRAMS

Northland Library wishes to thank the following people who have recently contributed to Northland Public Library's Book Giving Programs. If you are interested in donating a book in memory of a loved one, or in donating a book to honor someone on a special occasion such as an anniversary or birthday, please see a librarian at the adult reference desk or call Northland Library at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

### IN MEMORY OF

Gayle S. Homison  
Jane Kehoe  
Noah Mass  
Pat McCarthy  
Dr. Judith Orié  
Elsie Rost  
Dorothy Sciuillo  
Irene Williams

### IN HONOR OF

Eleanor Haas (*a woman of strong convictions and a generous spirit*)  
Dr. Tariq Halim (*Christmas 2011*)  
Pat Hartman  
Courtney A. King  
(*for completing her Master's Degree and Teaching Certification*)  
Mary Morgan Smith  
(*for her wonderful storytelling*)  
Dr. Hai Tsao  
(*for teaching me how to make lemonade from lemons*)

### DESIGNATED GIFT

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Kathy Shomo  
Neil and Teresa Sydor

### FROM

Town of McCandless  
New Century Club of Ingomar  
Alyson Mass (mother)  
Northland Public Library Authority Board  
Drs. Robert and Cindy Potter  
Pat and John Stuchell  
Suzanne Fry  
Mary Lou Dunlop

### FROM

Margie Cain  
Anonymous  
Kathleen States  
Debbie and Jeff King  
Ingomar United Methodist Women  
Anonymous

### Northland Public Library Foundation

The Foundation meets in the library on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Please stop by and join us!

To learn more about the unique programs and activities, partnerships and current focus of fundraising goals of the Foundation visit our page on the library's website at:

[www.northlandlibrary.org](http://www.northlandlibrary.org).



**Northland Public Library Foundation**

#### •MISSION STATEMENT•

The mission of the Northland Public Library Foundation is to build financial support through community fundraising to enhance programs and growth of Northland Public Library.

# Events • February 2012

February 1 Mother Goose for Walkers \*  
10:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Red Hat Mermaids  
10:00am Room 103

Mother Goose for Crawlers \*  
11:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
and Walkers \*  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Parent Room Plus  
7:00pm Room 103

February 2 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

February 3 AAA Safe Driving Class  
9:30am Rooms 148-1&2

February 4 Shridi Saibaba Temple  
2:00pm Room 148-1

Judy Liu Interviews  
2:00pm Room 103

February 5 Absolute Beginner Chess Class \*  
2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

February 6 Preschool Storytime \*  
10:00am and 1:00pm  
Rooms 148-1&2

North Pittsburgh Past Finders  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

StorySwap  
7:00pm Room 103

February 7 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Chess Class \*  
4:00pm Room 148-1

Tuesday Night Book Group \*  
7:00pm Room 148-1

North Hills Youth Ministry  
7:00pm Room 148-2

North Hills Genealogists Board  
7:00pm Room 103

February 8 Mother Goose for Walkers \*  
10:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
11:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Foreign Film Series \*  
2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
and Walkers \*  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Northland Knitters \*  
7:00pm St. Paul's UM Church

Northland Library Foundation \*  
7:00pm Room 103

February 9 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Pine Creek Land Trust  
7:00pm Room 103

February 10 Second Friday Book  
Discussion Group \*  
11:30am Rooms 148-1&2

Conversation Salon \*  
2:00pm Room 148-1

February 11 NAIC Model Club  
9:30am Room 148-1

UPMC For Life  
10:00am Room 148-2

Breeshooters Radio Club  
12:00pm Room 148-2

Embroiderers Guild  
1:00pm Room 148-1

February 12 Moraine Sailing Club  
1:00pm Room 148-1

February 13 Preschool Storytime \*  
10:00am and 1:00pm  
Rooms 148-1&2

Writers at Work  
6:30pm Room 148-1

North Hills Coin Club  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 14 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Chess Class \*  
4:00pm Room 148-1

North Hills Youth Ministry  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 15 Mother Goose for Walkers \*  
10:00am Rooms 148-1&2

League of Women Voters  
10:00am Room 103

Mother Goose for Crawlers \*  
11:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Travel Film Series \*  
2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
and Walkers \*  
7:00pm Room 148-1

Mantra Yoga and Acupuncture  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 16 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mystery Lovers Book Group \*  
7:00pm Room 103

Breeshooters Radio Club \*  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 17 MOMS Club-Ross/McCandless  
10:00am Room 148-2

Northland Knitters \*  
1:00pm Room 148-1

February 18 Coldwell Banker  
10:00am Room 148-1

Board Games Meetup  
12:00pm Room 148-2

February 19 Strategies for Success  
1:00pm Room 103

Art of Music and Dance  
1:00pm Room 148-2

Rock Garden Society  
2:00pm Room 148-1

February 20 Preschool Storytime \*  
10:00am and 1:00pm  
Rooms 148-1&2

Mothers/Daughters  
Growing Together \*  
7:00pm Room 148-1

Watch & Clockmakers Assn.  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 21 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Highmark  
10:00am Room 103

Chess Class \*  
4:00pm Room 148-1

North Hills Genealogists  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Northland Library Authority Board \*  
7:30pm Room 103

February 22 Mother Goose for Walkers \*  
10:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers \*  
11:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Conversation Salon \*  
1:00pm Room 148-1

Classic Film Series \*  
2:00pm Room 148-2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
and Walkers \*  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

February 23 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Gateway Hospice  
3:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Borrowing eBooks for Your Kindle \*  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

Amateur Astronomy Club \*  
7:00pm Room 103

February 24 YWCA Southwest Regional Key  
9:00am Room 148-1

The Book Club  
2:00pm Room 103

February 25 Northland Library  
Chess Tournament \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Serious Readers Book Group \*  
11:00am Room 103

February 26 Strategies for Success  
1:00pm Room 103

February 27 Preschool Storytime \*  
10:00am and 1:00pm  
Rooms 148-1&2

February 28 Tax Form Preparation Assistance \*  
9:00am Rooms 148-1&2

North Hills Youth Ministry  
7:00pm Room 148-2

February 29 Mother Goose for Walkers \*  
10:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers \*  
11:00am Rooms 148-1&2

Mother Goose for Crawlers  
and Walkers \*  
7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2

\* *library sponsored program.*

Contact names and phone numbers for all  
programs are available in the Events Calendar  
section of the library website.



# FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WILL PROVIDE SENIOR CITIZENS AND  
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH HELP IN PREPARING FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS.

NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS • FEBRUARY 2 - APRIL 12**

**9:00AM - 12:00PM**

NO APPOINTMENTS TAKEN • PREPARATION HELP GIVEN IN ORDER OF SIGN-UP  
SIGN-UP SHEET AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF LOWER LIBRARY ENTRANCE PRIOR TO 9:00AM

ARRIVE EARLY • SESSIONS FILL QUICKLY

# Computer Classes • February 2012

Northland Library offers these computer classes free of charge. Pre-registration is required. You may register in person in the Computer Center on the upper level, or by calling 412-366-8100, extension 131. Space is limited. Please notify the Computer Center if you are signed up for a class but are unable to attend.

## INTRODUCTORY CLASSES

Introduction to Computers <i>(for beginning computer users)</i>	Thursday, February 23	1:30pm-3:00pm
Mouse Practice <i>(for beginning computer users)</i>	Friday, February 24	10:00am-11:00am
Word Pad <i>(a basic word processor-first step to the Internet and email use; must have mouse skills)</i>	Monday, February 27	3:00pm-4:00pm
Introduction to Windows 7 <i>(this new class for people moving to Windows 7 teaches some of the new and fun features of this program. Participants must have computer and mouse experience)</i>	Thursday, March 1	11:00am-12:00pm
Introduction to the Internet <i>(must have computer competence, mouse skills and some typing)</i>	Monday, February 6	3:00pm-4:00pm
Introduction to Yahoo Email <i>(make an appointment to set up your new Yahoo account before attending the class; must have Word and Internet experience)</i>	Monday, February 13	3:00pm-4:00pm

## MICROSOFT OFFICE SOFTWARE

Introduction to Word 2010 <i>(for students with no previous Word experience)</i>	Monday, February 27	1:00pm-2:30pm
Word 2010 Practice <i>(must have taken the Introduction to Word 2010 class)</i>	Tuesday, February 28	11:30am-12:30pm
Word 2010 In Depth Class <i>(an advanced Word class-must have Word experience)</i>	Thursday, March 1	2:00pm-4:00pm
Introduction to PowerPoint 2010 <i>(must have Word experience)</i>	Friday, March 2	2:00pm-3:30pm

## OTHER CLASSES

Working With Digital Pictures <i>(how to upload, edit, and organize photos on the computer and Internet)</i>	Thursday, February 9	7:00pm-8:30pm
Job Hunting on the Internet <i>(pointers on using the Internet to search for work; the basic outline may be varied to fit the needs of the students; must have computer and Internet competence)</i>	Thursday, February 23	7:00pm-8:30pm
Computer Protection and Maintenance <i>(must have some computer experience)</i>	Thursday, February 16	1:30pm-3:00pm
Introduction to Social Media <i>(Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Google Plus—what are these social networking websites and why do people use them? This class will explain the basics of social networking,)</i>	Wednesday, February 22	7:00pm-8:30pm