

The Library Scoop

Free Library of Northampton Township ~ Adult Programs & Interests!

Royal Refugees: By Force and Arms

Saturday, June 8, 1:00 pm

The Doan gang was a group of British loyalists; the most notorious members being five brothers and one cousin from the Doan family of Plumstead. The gang was composed of around 30 members who were accused murderers, attainted traitors and horse thieves who ferried British prisoners of war to British lines. They were also guilty of robbing tax collectors – their most famous crime being the theft of the Bucks County treasury in 1781.



We invite you to join Annie Halliday of Mercer Museum as she presents this fascinating program on the Doan Gang of Bucks County. This lecture focuses on separating fact from fiction and is based on contemporary records including court documents, eyewitness accounts, newspaper appearances, maps and depositions. *Royal Refugees: by Force and Arms* will tell the story of the famous Newtown Treasury robbery in October 1781. It also covers other note-worthy robberies and events up to October 1782. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.

My Life: The Struggles, Successes and Songs of Billy Joel

Saturday, July 13, 1:00 pm



Did Billy Joel really flip a piano? Play in a heavy metal band? Lose most of his money...Twice!? Find out this and more when Billy M presents an hour of the life of singer/songwriter extraordinaire Billy Joel: Piano Man, Rock n Roller and Story-Teller.

Billy Joel's career has been far from a simple, sweet melody. This presentation will take you through his life and music. Audience members will relive their own lives as they learn about Billy Joel's struggles and challenges, successes and triumphs and, of course, the songs and albums and their place in pop culture and modern history. Billy M performs hit songs, fan favorites and obscure masterpieces as he connects the dots along the timeline of Billy Joel and his music.

Bill Monaghan (Billy M) is a Bucks County singer, songwriter, musician and producer who is active in the community and has original music sales worldwide. His original works and compositions include albums, children's ballets, musicals and more. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.

The Library will be closed

Mother's Day
May 12

Memorial Day Holiday
May 26 & 27

Independence Day
July 4

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PA Forward® Programs

Welcoming the Stranger English as a Second Language (ESL) & Citizenship Classes

ESL ~ Tuesday Mornings & Evenings
April 9 – June 25

Citizenship ~ Thursdays April 18 - June 20

Welcoming the Stranger is a nonsectarian educational non-profit organization. It was founded in 1999 by Rev. Sturgis Poorman. Classes are tailored to adult students' personal needs. All classes are staffed by volunteer teachers.

Language is the key that opens the door to jobs, community involvement and other opportunities for immigrants, refugees and their families. Integrating students into English-speaking culture allows them to communicate more fully with neighbors, doctors, employers and their children's teachers. Conversation, reading and writing are taught in a practical context.

Classes will be held in-person at the library.

Morning classes 10:00 – 11:30 am

Evening classes 6:00 – 7:45 pm

Thursday Citizenship Classes 3:30-4:30 pm

Register at www.welcomingthestranger.org

Health & Safety Tips Monday, June 17, 6:00 pm

Join members of the Northampton Township Fire Department as they offer tips to keep you healthy and safe this summer!

Native Plant Gardening Monday, June 24, 6:00 pm

Come join us to learn about native plant gardening in Pennsylvania and how to support your local pollinators! This program is presented by Heritage Conservancy.



Memoir & Legacy Letters Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm



Local author and Bucks County Community College educator, Jennifer Nelson, will present her program on memoir writing and legacy letters.

What are legacy letters? ~ these “letters” are an updated 3,500 year-old Jewish tradition. A legacy letter is a loving document, book or recording that translates your personal and family stories into life lessons that can inform the younger generation.

If you've always wanted to write your memoir or are interested in creating a legacy letter, come with pen and paper for taking notes as Jennifer gets you started on your journey.

Register in advance online, in person or by phone: 215-357-3050.

www.NorthamptonTownshipLibrary.org

Introduction to Ancestry Library

Monday, May 20, 1:00 pm OR

Monday, June 3, 6:00 pm

Back by popular demand!

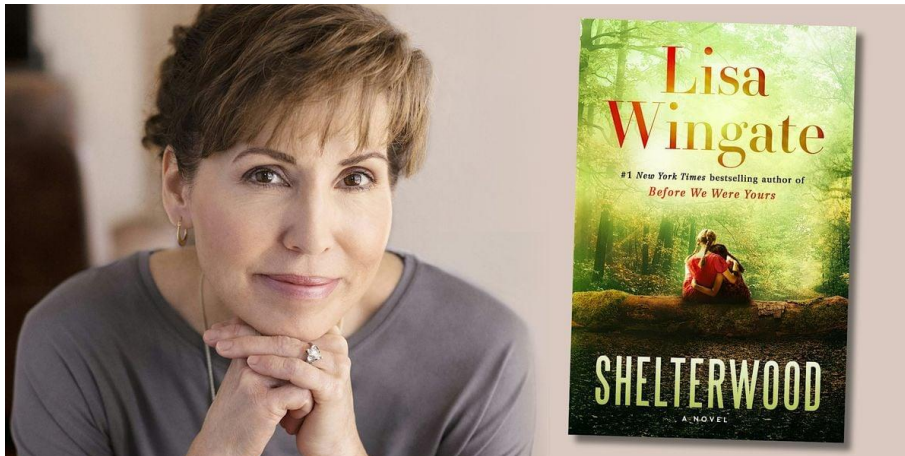
If you're interested in researching your family's history, this is the program for you! Learn about Ancestry Library, a free database accessible at the library, when you attend this one-hour introductory class.

You will discover the available records on Ancestry, how to search for ancestors, examine search results, use the different collections of records and where to find records not available on Ancestry.

Space is limited! Register online, in person or by phone.

An Evening with Author Lisa Wingate

Thursday, June 13, 6:00



The Free Library of Northampton Township, along with Newtown Bookshop, will be welcoming New York Times Bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours*, Lisa Wingate, for a discussion and book signing of her new novel, *Shelterwood* ~ a seeping novel inspired by the untold history of women pioneers who fought to protect children caught in the storm of land barons hungry for power and oil wealth in early 20th century Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, 1909 ~ Eleven-year-old Olivia and six-year-old Nessa flee from Olivia's stepfather's evil intention. Together they begin a perilous journey, struggling to stay one step ahead of those who seek to exploit them... or worse.

Oklahoma, 1990 ~ Law enforcement ranger Valerie Born-Odell is faced with local controversy of the newly minted Horsethief Trail National Park opening, a teenage hiker gone missing from one of the trails, and the long-hidden burial site of three children unearthed in a cave.

In this tale of tragedy, resilience and triumph, Wingate traces the story of children abandoned by the law and the battle to see justice done. Ollie and Valerie traverse the rugged and beautiful terrain, each leaving behind one life in search of another.

If you would like to attend this event, registration is through Newtown Bookshop's website. Each ticket will include a hardcover copy of *Shelterwood*.

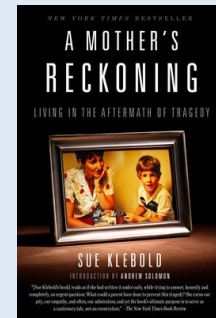
Talk About yourSHELF

A different kind of book club!
 May 16, June 20, July 18
 Join us on Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Do you love talking about books and enjoy reading whatever **you** choose? Come join us! We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month to discuss what everyone is currently reading, share book recommendations, and get ideas of great new titles to add to our personal to-read lists!

New Members Welcome! Registration is not required.

Staff Pick May



A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy
 By Sue Klebold

In the spring of 1999 the country was shocked by the tragic events at Columbine High School. Sadly, there would be far too many similar events in the ensuing two decades. For that reason, I feel that this is a very important book. While it may be an uncomfortable story to read, it is also relevant, powerful, eye-opening and haunting. I think every American adult needs to read this book, especially adults with children of any age in their care; whether at home or in the workplace.

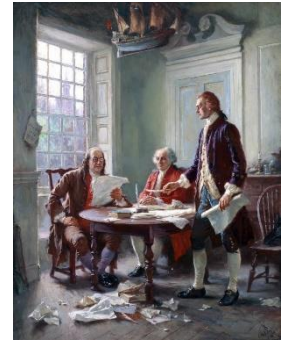
As the mother of Dylan Klebold, one of the two shooters that April day in 1999, Sue Klebold has lived a nightmare that most of us had never even imagined before Columbine. She draws upon interviews with mental health experts, videos, her personal journals, and Dylan's writings, to reveal what she has learned on this journey. She shares her story with courage and unflinching honesty.

The Times called this, "a book of nobility and importance." I couldn't agree more. I found it to be absolutely riveting and enlightening.

John Adams & the Declaration of Independence **Monday, July 1, 6:00**

Join us as John Adams makes a visit to the library to present and discuss the Declaration of Independence!

This program is presented by The Bachman Players of Easton, Pennsylvania. The Bachmann Players is a group of locally based amateur historians and actors. Mining the area's rich colonial history, using letters, diaries, and other source materials to recreate the people and events of the 1700s so that they can be experienced by a modern audience.



Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township Museum Pass Program



Here's how the program works:

- ~ Become a Friend of the Library at the "Family" level (\$20) or higher.
- ~ Borrow a pass for a maximum of two nights.
- *Enjoy your museum visit!

Twenty-one great attractions!

- * **The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University**
~ admits 2 adults and up to 5 children age 18 or under
- * **African American Museum of Philadelphia** ~ admits 4 adults up to 8 children
- * **Battleship New Jersey** ~ Admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * **Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * **Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles** ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * **The Bucks County Children's Museum** ~ admits up to 6 people
- * **Chanticleer Garden** ~ admits up to 4 people
- * **Eastern State Penitentiary** ~ admits 6 people, children under 7 are free
- * **Elmwood Park Zoo** ~ admits 2 adults and up to 6 children
- * **Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle** ~ admits up to 4 people
- * **Michener Art Museum** ~ admits 2 adults and their dependents
- * **Museum of The American Revolution** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children, ages 6-17 (children 5 and under are admitted free of charge)
- * **The Mutter Museum** ~ admits 4 people
- * **National Constitution Center** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * **Penn Museum** ~ admits 2 adults and all children under 18 in one household
- * **Pennsbury Manor** ~ admits up to 9 people for general admission only
- * **Philadelphia Magic Gardens** ~ admits 2 adults and 3 children
- * **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children
- * **Washington Crossing Historic Park** ~ admits 4 people
- * **Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum** ~ admits 4 people
- * **Woodmere Art Museum** ~ admits 2 adults and 4 children age 18 or under

Book a Librarian! **1:1 appointments** **60 minute sessions** **Day, Evening & Weekend Time Slots Available!**

Want to learn how to get eBooks on your e-Reader, phone or tablet? Have questions about using the internet, email, apps, computer programs or and more? Bring your questions to us!

We're here to help!

Advanced registration is required; in person, by calling 215-357-3050, or on our website.

Puzzle Lovers!

Here at the library, we LOVE puzzles and we have several ways for you to share in the fun if you're a "Puzzler" as well!

Visit our **Puzzle Exchange** area behind the Reference desk. Puzzles are available year-round to exchange one of yours for any of ours on the shelves.

We've added a **New Puzzle Table** (complete with drawers for sorting!) to the community puzzle area near the Reference desk. Stop by to add a piece or stick around and work on it to your heart's content!

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month!

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is a perfect time to pay tribute to the generations of these cultures who have contributed to and enriched U.S. history, progress, innovation, and culture.

Below is a list of books you may enjoy reading in celebration of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander neighbors.

Fiction

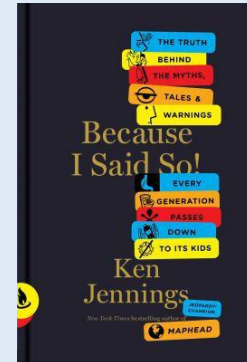
- Yellowface ~ R.F. Kuang
 Pachinko ~ Min Jin Lee
 On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous ~ Ocean Vuong
 Interior Chinatown ~ Charles Yu
 Crazy Rich Asians ~ Kevin Kwan
 The Sympathizer ~ Viet Thanh Nguyen
 Daughter of the Moon Goddess ~ Sue Lynn Tan
 Dial A for Aunties ~ Jesse Q. Sutanto
 Severance ~ Ling Ma
 Our Missing Hearts ~ Celeste Ng
 Arsenic and Adobo ~ Mia P. Manansala
 Portrait of a Thief ~ Grace D. Li
 She Who Became the Sun ~ Shelley Parker-Chan
 A Tale for the Time Being ~ Ruth Ozeki
 The Leavers ~ Lisa Ko
 Beautiful Country ~ Qian Julie Wang
 Interpreter of Maladies ~ Jhumpa Lahiri
 The Fortunes of Jaded Women ~ Carolyn Huynh

Non-Fiction

- Crying in H Mart ~ Michelle Zauner
 Know My Name ~ Chanel Miller
 Dear Girls: Intimate Tales, Untold Secrets, & Advice
 for Living Your Best Life ~ Ali Wong
 The Best We Could Do (graphic novel) ~ Thi Bui
 What My Bones Know: A Memoir of healing from Complex
 Trauma ~ Stephanie Foo
 We Were Dreamers: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story ~
 Simu Liu
 Stay True ~ Hua Hsu
 The Making of Asian America: A History ~ Erika Lee
 All You Can Ever Know ~ Nichole Chung

**And... a beautiful picture book to read to a child:
 Eyes that Kiss the Corners ~ Joanna Ho**

Staff Pick June



Because I Said So! The Truth Behind the Myths, Tales, & Warnings Every Generation Passes Down to Its Kids, Ken Jennings

A fun and very informative read from trivia master Ken Jennings explores the truth behind those things we say to our children (and that our parents and grandparents said to us), like that chicken soup is good when you're sick, sitting too close to the TV will damage your eyes, and whether or not you should "air out" a cut.

This book will give you many conversation starters as well as useful information. A must-read for parents and know-it-alls.

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*"Having a child is like getting a tattoo on your face. You better be committed!"*

*~ Elizabeth Gilbert*

## Looking Forward: July and August...

### **Know Your Medicare Options**

**Monday, July 17, 6:00**

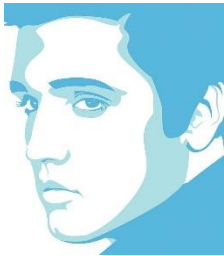
We welcome you to join Steve Perlman of DelVal Senior Advisors as he presents his quarterly talk on Medicare for soon-to-be retirees in our community. The program will provide a comprehensive educational discussion on how Medicare works, what is covered, how Part “D” prescription plans work and how to choose the best plan for you and your future.

This program conforms to the guidelines set by CMS for Educational Only programming. There will be no salespeople present, no forms to complete, and DelVal Senior Advisors will not receive a list of program attendees

This is a PA Forward® program.

### **Elvis in Concert Tribute with Jeff Krick**

**Saturday, August 10, 1:00 pm**



Jeff Krick is an award winning Elvis Tribute Artist. Jeff makes Pennsylvania his home and has been performing professionally since 1990. He has performed across the nation, in other parts of the world, on cruise ships, casinos, all-inclusive resorts and even for the U.S. State Department.

In addition to Jeff's credits, he has had the distinct honor of performing with, and being endorsed by, Elvis' very own back-up vocal group, The Stamps Quartet. He has also used his talents to support many worthwhile charitable causes such as the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Jeff's personality and interaction with his audiences make every show a memorable and enjoyable experience! We hope to see you there!

This program is sponsored by  
Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township.

## Already thinking about your summer reads?



A beach read is more than the book you happen to be reading when your toes are in the sand. Despite their reputation as light fare, beach reads have to hold the reader in their grip for the entirety of a yawning vacation day—no small feat at all. Below are 12 stories recommended by the staff at Harper's Bazaar that will keep you “entertained, moved, and engrossed all the way to Labor Day.”

*Good Material* ~ Dolly Alderton

*Come & Get It* ~ Kiley Reid

*The Women* ~ Kristin Hunter

*Leaving* ~ Roxana Robinson

*Listen for the Lie* ~ Amy Tintera

*Kill for Me, Kill for You*  
~ Steve Cavanagh

*Sociopath: a Memoir*  
~ Patric Gagne

*One of Us Knows* ~ Alyssa Cole

*Last House* ~ Jessical Shattuck

*Housemates*  
~ Emma Copley Eisenberg

*The Midnight Feast* ~ Lucy Foley

*By Any Other Name* ~ Jodi Picoult

Watch for more summer reading  
ideas in the next library newsletter!

**Registration for all programs listed in this newsletter can be made online, over the phone at 215-357-3050 or in person at the Reference Desk unless otherwise directed.**