

Upper Merion Township Library

# Winter Program Guide

## Preschool Expo

We're partnering with the Mother's Club to provide families with a meet and greet with preschool directors, teachers and childcare professionals to learn more about the community's childcare options.

**\*\*Activities provided for children ages 2 and up\*\***

**January 25 at 6pm**

## 18th Annual Black History Celebration

Explore the rich history and culture of African Americans at this year's event - *Stepping Out with Black History.*

**February 25 from 10am - 3pm**

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# Adult & Teen Department

## Winter Reading Program begins January 3

Read, Register and Review to win exciting prizes. Stop by at the Library to register or go online. Last date to review is March 20, 2017

## Adult Coloring Sessions

Bring your friends and enjoy coloring. Walk-ins are welcome. Materials will be provided. If you are interested in puzzles, we have them as well!!  
Second Monday of the Month at 2 pm and 7 pm

## Financial Literacy @ the Library

Check our online calendar for the exact date & time throughout the year. Workshops throughout the year raising awareness in money management.

## Knit Nite

For all ages – from veterans to wanna-be knitters. If you don't know how to knit and want to learn, our more experienced knitters are always eager to pass on their skills. Advanced knitters are usually available to help with patterns and designs. January 23, February 27, March 27 · 7:00 pm

## ESL Conversation Group

Meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Valley Forge Room.  
Registration not required.

## Tech Night

Own a tablet or cellphone but have trouble using it? Planning on buying or upgrading, but the latest technology is over your head? Our teen volunteers are here to help you.  
January 9, February 6, March 6 · 7:00 pm

## Money Smart April

Adults and teens, stay tuned for a series of workshops in April. We will have presenters and speakers hosting seminars on how to be money smart!

## 2017 Adult Spring Book Discussion Series

Dates coming soon!

## Social Security and Medicare Workshop

This informative two-part workshop covers the basics of Social Security and reveals strategies for maximizing your benefits. Presented by Sean Crowley, MBA, Stonehenge Advisor Group, LLC.  
(Check our online calendar for dates)

## De-Stress Workshop & Yoga

Not sure how to relax and stay calm? Come to this De-stress workshop and learn yoga from Kamini.  
Registration not required. February 20 · 7:15 pm

## College Admission Process Made Easy

For high school students and their parent/guardian.  
Registration required. March 13 · 7:00 pm

## Teen Advisory Group

Students in grades 9 - 12 who are interested in community service projects can join TAG. If you would like to join TAG, please call the library at (610) 265-4805 or contact Sangeetha at [ssrini@mclinc.org](mailto:ssrini@mclinc.org). Certificates will be given for the number of hours each Teen volunteered in TAG.  
Check our online calendar for various programs and book discussion schedule.

## Chess for Teens & Kids

Teens, are you interested in teaching elementary school children play chess? Please email Ms. Sangeetha at [ssrini@mclinc.org](mailto:ssrini@mclinc.org). Community hour certificates will be given to teen volunteers.

## Fitness Classes

### at the Community Center

Sponsored by the Library and Park & Rec Dept.

We will have FREE fitness classes at the new community center for our library patrons many times a year. Membership not required but MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE LIBRARY. Please check our online calendar for dates and times.

# Children's Department

## Beanstack

Families can receive personalized book recommendations, log reading, and find learning tips to extend reading! Check it out on the library's website!

## Family Reading Month

April is Family Reading Month. We'll have a special kick-off event to celebrate Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child Initiative. March 28 · 6:30pm

## Character Ball (Dance Party)

Dress as your favorite character and dance your socks off! April 12 · 6:30pm

## Birth – 5 years

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Help your child learn early literacy skills by reading to them every day! Register at the library!

### Six-Week Story Time Classes

Winter session begins January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Spring session begins March 27<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday Storytimes

Join us for a Saturday storytime filled with stories, songs, and more geared for children ages 2 – 5 and their families. January 14, February 4, March 18, April 29, May 20 · 10:30am

### Preschool Explorers

Children ages 3 - 5 explore STEAM themes at this hands-on program. January 17, March 7, May 9 · 1:30pm

### Parent/Child Workshop

Attend this play workshop series for ages 1 - 3 with child development specialists on hand to answer questions. March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24 · 10:00am

### Play Workshop

Children ages 1 - 3 and their parents/caregivers can attend this fun, open play workshop filled with developmentally appropriate toys. March, 6, March, 13, March 20, March 27 · 10:00am

## Grades K – 4

### Fun Fridays

Early Dismissal Fridays + The Library = FUN!  
January 14, February 10, March 10, April 21 and  
May 12 · 2:00pm · grades 1 - 4

### Crazy 8s Math Club

Math is all around us and it's fun! Don't believe us? Check out our Crazy 8s Math Club. January 23, February 6, March 6, April 3 · 6:30pm · grades 3 - 5

### Full STEAM Ahead

We'll be exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math in this interactive program · 6:30pm · grades 3 – 7  
January 18 · MaKey MaKey  
February 15 · Bristle Bots  
March 15 · Squishy Circuits

## Grades 5 – 8

### Junior Friends Meeting

Join our Middle School group and gain valuable volunteer experience. January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, May 1 · 7:00pm

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### Spring Play Tryouts & Informational Meeting

Join us for some reader's theatre as our culminating event to Family Reading Month! Play schedule for May 2 at 6:30pm. Auditions will be March 8 · 7:00pm

# Director's Note

Happy New Year Upper Merion!

One of the best parts of the New Year, in my opinion, is creating new resolutions to work on throughout the year. Do I always accomplish them - no, but I like having goals to work toward and the library is no different! The library will be very busy this year working toward creating a brand new strategic plan!

What does that mean for you in the community? We will continue to provide quality customer service, excellent programming and resources for educational and recreational use, and we will also be taking a close look at where we see the library moving in the future - what new programs and services we would like to provide and what we need to do in order to achieve those goals. Although this process is a long one, I know that having a strong foundation will allow us to provide the community with the very best.

The Board of Trustees, the staff and myself are excited for the new year to try new ideas, learn new things and partner with community organizations to create a stronger, more vibrant Upper Merion Township. Check out the library's website for up-to-date information about programs and services!

Sincerely,

Laura Arnhold

## Online Resources



Tutor.com is an online tutoring program that provides students in Kindergarten - 12th grade with a individualized tutor to help with homework questions in math, science, English, history and more. Tutor.com also provides study resources and test prep. Available for all students in the Upper Merion Area School District. If you're having difficulty accessing the site, please call 610-265-4805.



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