

June 2024

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY WITH NEW DIRECTOR JENNIFER MICHELLE KOCH

In the grand narrative of our library, a new character has made her entrance. I am Jennifer Michelle, and I am thrilled to invite you to join me on this exciting new chapter.

Envisioning a Bright Future Together

As I embark on this new journey with all of you, I am filled with enthusiasm and anticipation for the opportunities that lie ahead. One of the aspects of this role that truly excites me is the prospect of fundraising. I have always found a unique joy in rallying support for causes close to my heart, and our library is no exception. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the board and the former director, Jayne, for the warm welcome I have received. The sense of camaraderie and shared purpose I have experienced has only reinforced my belief that this is the beginning of a remarkable journey together. Fundraising, to me, is more than just a means to an end. It's a chance to engage with our community, to share our passion for literature and learning, and to collectively work towards enhancing the resources and services we offer. I am eager to bring fresh ideas and innovative programming to our already wonderful facility, and I am confident that together, we can write a new chapter of growth and success for our library. As we move forward, I am excited to learn from each of you, to share my own experiences, and to work together to create a vibrant and enriching environment for our community.

A little about me...

My life is a vibrant tapestry of stories, woven with threads of laughter, love, and a lot of books. I am a mother to a lively and diverse family of eleven, including my husband, and an additional foster child who, along with my biological daughter, is preparing to graduate this year. Our home is a real-life version of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" with a dash of "Cheaper by the Dozen." Before stepping into this role, I served at Bethany Children's Home, where I was a part of the Development Department and also acted as their Historian & Archivist. My journey there was akin to walking through the corridors of Hogwarts, filled with history, mystery, and a touch of magic. It even inspired me to pen a Children's Historical Fiction based on the Children's Home. While it may not rival J.K. Rowling's wizarding world, it holds a special place in my heart.

I am an ardent admirer of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, a fascination that extends to the entire British Monarchy. My interests also sail across the Atlantic to the tragic tale of the Titanic and into the realms of the supernatural with "Outlander," "A Discovery of Witches," and "Vampire Diaries - The Originals -Legacies." When I'm not immersed in these worlds, you can find me quilling or crocheting, accompanied by my two dogs, Balto Niklaus and Alexandrinna Elizabeth, three cats, Chip, Shaggy, & Clio, and a rabbit named Cloud. My wanderlust often takes me to the serene Raystown Lake and the vibrant city of New Orleans, each a different chapter in my life's story.

A question I love to ask others and I will tell you mine right here, my favorite books, I hold "Jane Eyre," "The Secret Garden," and the "A Discovery of Witches" series close to my heart. Each has touched my soul and shaped my journey, much like I hope our journey together will.

I am thrilled to invite you to join me in this literary adventure. As we turn the pages of this new chapter together, I am confident that our story will be one for the books.

AND FAREWELL FROM JAYNE...

I have enjoyed many years at the North Wales Area Library. My love affair started when I volunteered as a third grade student with Librarian Kathryn Schultz! The Library has been an important entity for our family –my Mother, Dot Rorer, served the Library for decades, my father Paul, was a partner with her and my children fondly remember their hours spent at the Library. I was proud to follow my mother's footsteps. I thank you all for your caring support of the Library during my entire tenure. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the community I care deeply about. The North Wales Area Library has been called a jewel and will always remain precious to me.

Happy Reading!

Jayne

IT'S SUMMER READING TIME!



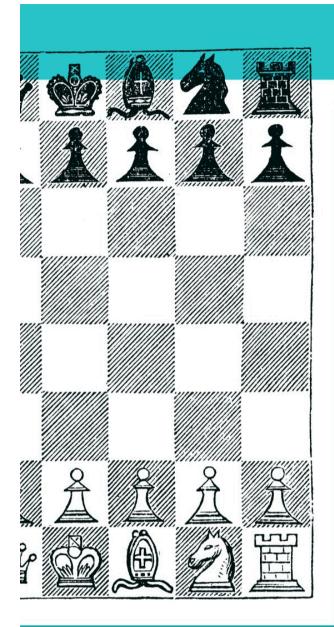
FOR EVERYONE

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT





CHESS CLUB





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TAKING PLACE AT THE LIBRARY WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS AT 1PM. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE!

FOR KIDS STORY TIME



Join Miss Vicki for Story Time @ the Library on Tuesdays at 10 am. Stories, songs and family fun. For ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

Miss Erin will lead Story Time @ the Library on Thursdays at 11 am. For ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

Watch a storytime from space

JUNE 27TH @ 11AM



IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT NORTH WALES AREA LIBRARY





TODDLER MOVEMENT CLASS



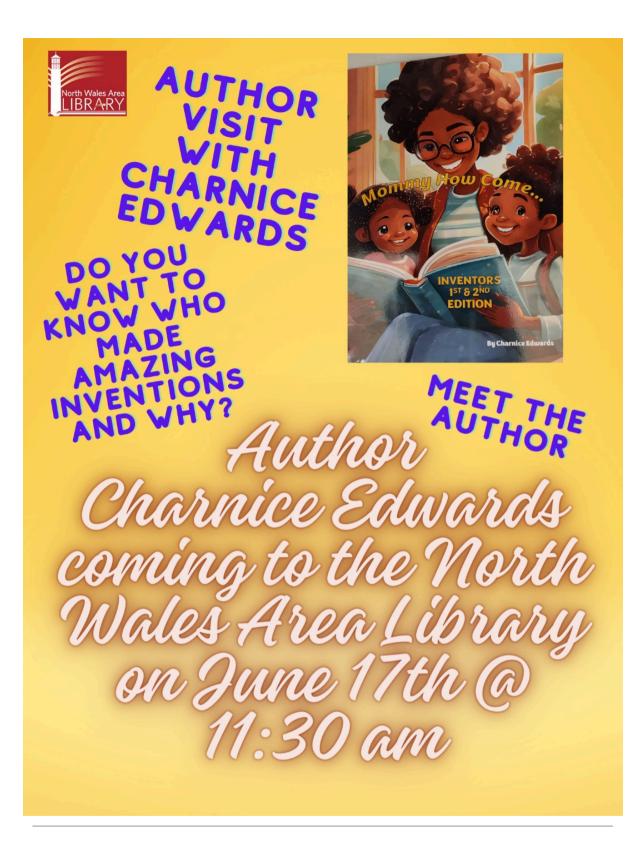
Toddler Movement Class June 5th

June 19th

@ 11:15am

Registration required for each class!

AUTHOR VISIT



LEGO CLUB



ART MAKERSPACE



SOLAR ASTRONOMY

North Wales Area Library welcomes Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers for a Solar Gazing Events

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH @ 11AM-12PM

(REGISTERED EVENT)

AGES 4-14

WE WILL BE DRAWING WHAT WE SAW AND

EXPERIENCED AFTER WE SOLAR GAZE!



SPACE LEGOS

MAKE YOUR OWN SPACE ADVENTURES WITH LEGOS

June 26th @ 2pm



FOR ADULTS - PARENT CAFE

FIND YOUR PARENTING VOICE WITH PARENT CAFÉ!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION — BUILDING STRUCTURE & ROUTINE AT HOME



With the help of a trained table host, parents and caregivers will engage in group discussions.

We'll share parenting tips and learn ways to strengthen our families by building protective factors.



North Wales Library 233 Swartley Street North Wales, PA 19454 **Scan the QR code to learn more and register** or visit



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https://bit.ly/NorthWalesParentCafe

UNDER

Childcare will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY

JUNE 4

6-7:30 PM

Questions? 610-326-1610 ext. 322 PFCparentcafe@fsmontco.org

HOUSE REP. LIZ HANBRIDGE MOBILE OFFICE

The office of House Representative Liz Hanbidge

will host

MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

at North Wales Area Library

233 S. Swartley St, North Wales, PA 19454 215-699-5410

www.northwaleslibrary.org

2nd Tuesday of Every Month

1/9/24 2/13/24 3/12/24 4/9/24 5/14/24 6/11/24 7/9/24 8/13/24 9/10/24 10/8/24 11/12/24 12/10/24

11:30am-12:30pm

Office staff will be available to help you with:

- Vehicle registrations, special tags, duplicate
 Birth and death certificate applications titles, driver's license, and non-driver identification card applications
- Handicapped plate and placard applications
- PACE/PACENET applications
- PA road maps

- PA income tax forms
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- · Complaints about state road conditions
- PA Treasury, unclaimed property claims
- SEPTA Senior Citizen Discount card applications



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FIBER ARTS GROUP



Monday, June 10 @ 1 pm

Looking for help with a new pattern? Recently had an interest in learning a new technique? Just want to get together with like minded crafters? Join us here! Drop-ins welcome. For more information, contact Barbara (1 pm) or Lauren (5 pm).

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive North Wales Area Library

Thursday June 20th, 2024 1:00PM – 6:00PM

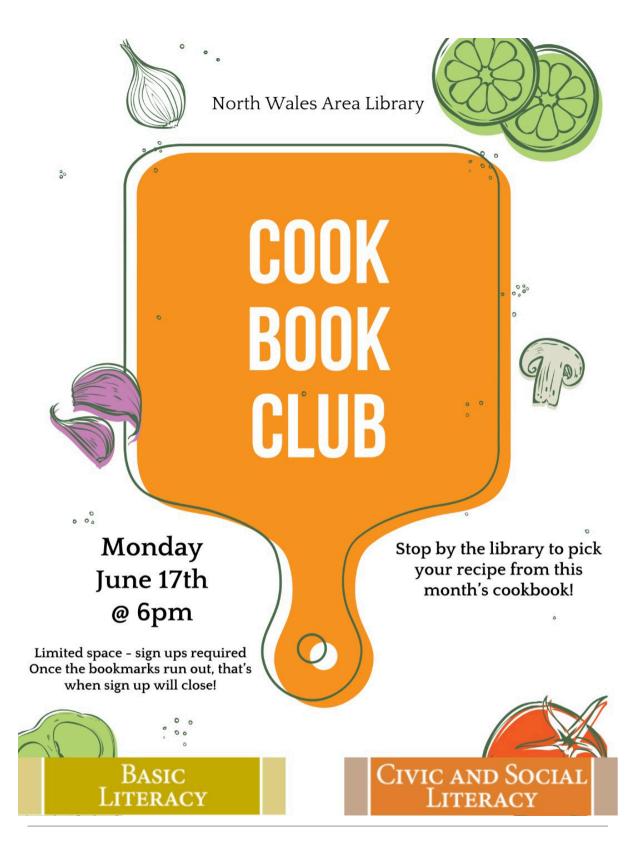
Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: North Wales Library SCAN TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT



Do Good Things! Come to give blood June 10 through 30 for a \$15 e-gift card!

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ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP



Would you like one-on-one help to better understand Windows, how to best manage your files, help with Microsoft Word or Excel, Email, browsing the web, security questions, or anything else specific on your PC? Get assistance by having someone sit with you and help you understand using your PC. Sign up now for one-on-one computer tutoring. Indicate a few preferred dates and times plus the topics you would like help with. Call 215-699-5410 or email <u>librarian@northwaleslibrary.org</u> with your information. The fee is \$10/hour.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS



Community Room Rentals

233 S. SWARTLEY STREET, NORTH WALES, PA 19454

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT NORTHWALESLIBRARY.ORG UNDER POLICIES & GUIDELINES "MEETING ROOM POLICIES (WORD DOC)"

Room includes:

- Projector screen and television
- Outlets
- Plenty of tables and chairs
- Approx. 1,500 sq. feet

Rental rates:

- Meeting Room A (33 persons): \$75
- Meeting Room B (33 persons): \$75
- Double Meeting Room (66 persons): \$150
- Kitchenette privileges: Additional \$25



Contact us: 215-699-5410 www.northwaleslibrary.org