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QUARTERLY PRESS

WINTER 2016: January–March

2016 Will Be An Exciting Year for the Millvale Library!



Millvale Makers and Mini-Makers wrap up 2015 by making holiday gifts and decorations. Look inside to see what they will make in 2016!

Joining ACLA!—The Millvale Community Library has been invited to join the Allegheny County Library Association! This means our patrons will soon have access to shared library collections from libraries throughout Allegheny County. Resources and services received as a result of our membership will help support the growth of our library. We invite you to join us on Tuesday, January 12th from 3–8pm, as we celebrate this amazing step forward.

St. AfterSchool—The Millvale Community Library is pleased to announce an outreach partnership with the St. AfterSchool Program at Christ Lutheran Church. This opportunity allows us to share our Maker Programming with children, K-4th grade, on-site at Christ Lutheran Church, every Monday from 5:30–6pm. Kids will focus on projects designed to empower creativity through making. For more information please contact the Millvale Community Library or Christ Lutheran Church directly, at 412-821-4300.

Millvale Community Library Gala—April 10–16 is National Library week, and we'd like to launch our inaugural *Celebration of Learning and Innovation!* We hope that you will join us at this special awards gala with food, music, and leadership awards celebrating those who have made our library possible. For information on underwriting or attending the Millvale Community Library Gala, check our website, www.millvalelibrary.org. Details and information will be available by mid-January.

Saturday Yoga at the Library—The Library will resume its free Yoga Class on Saturday, January 9th at 12:30PM. Whether you are an experienced yogi or just starting to learn the benefits of yoga, this one-hour class is for you! We encourage you to stop down and connect with other community members in a healthy practice for the mind, body, and soul. Please bring a water bottle and a yoga mat or towel. For class updates please contact us by phone, 412-822-7081, or visit our website at millvalelibrary.org.

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"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."

—Jorge Luis Borges

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KIDS PROGRAMMING

Millvale Makers Launch into 2016 with Monthly Projects



Bella works on knitting a scarf during the November Maker Project at the Millvale Community Library.

September marked the beginning of the “Maker Wednesday” program here at the library. During the fall, kids made their own Halloween costumes, learned to knit, and made holiday gifts from recycled wool sweaters. With a new theme and project every month the kids in Millvale hop off the bus and run in to see what Nora is making. There is so much enthusiasm behind this after school program that the new year is looking especially exciting with new projects in stop motion animation, simple circuitry, and sewing. These are just a few reasons why 2016 will be called “Year of the Maker” at the Millvale Community Library. This program is free and open to kids of all ages, no registration necessary, just stop by and Make!

January: Create your own short, stop motion film on the subject of your choice, start to finish!

February: Light up your loved ones with homemade electric valentines! Materials provided.

March: Learn basic sewing stitches and create projects you can take home. Materials and instruction provided.

Weekly Happenings at the Millvale Community Library January 5 through May 28, 2016

Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
<p>Tutoring 4:00–5:00pm Bring your homework down to the MCL. Tutors will be on hand to help out!</p> <p>Science Tutoring 5:00–6:00pm Science-specific tutoring for middle school and up.</p> <p>Teen Clubhouse: 4–8pm</p>	<p>Mini-Maker Wednesdays 11:00am–1:00pm Explore and Create with Miss Nora at “Mini-Makers.” These daytime hours are reserved just for wee folk.</p> <p>Maker Wednesdays 3:00–6:00pm Join Nora and become a “Millvale Maker” at our Maker Wednesdays! All ages are welcome, the only limit is our imagination</p> <p>G.E.D. Prep Classes 6:00–8:30pm For registration information, call the library at 412-822-7081</p> <p>Teen Clubhouse: 3–6pm</p>	<p>Grown-Ups Color Too! 1:00–3:00pm Did you know that coloring reduces stress? Join our Adult Coloring Club! We will provide the coloring pages, crayons, relaxing music, and coffee! Drop in for a few minutes or the whole time!</p> <p>Tutoring 4:00–5:00pm Bring your homework down to the MCL. Tutors will be on hand to help out!</p> <p>Millvale Writers Group 7:00–8:30pm Regardless of your skill level, join us for writing, sharing, learning, and fun!</p> <p>Teen Clubhouse: 3–6pm</p>	<p>Small-Fry Fridays 10:30–11:00am Family, Infant, and Toddler Storytime! 11:00am–2:00pm Stay after storytime for open playtime and a healthy snack for the wee ones!</p>
			<p>Saturdays</p> <p>Tween Book Club 10:30–11:30am Join Roman and Friends as they explore graphic novels!</p> <p>Free Yoga @ MCL 12:30–1:30pm Starts January 9</p> <p>Saturday Game Club 1:00–5:00pm Every other Saturday starting January 9</p>

All events and programs are free. Please contact Millvale Community Library with any questions.

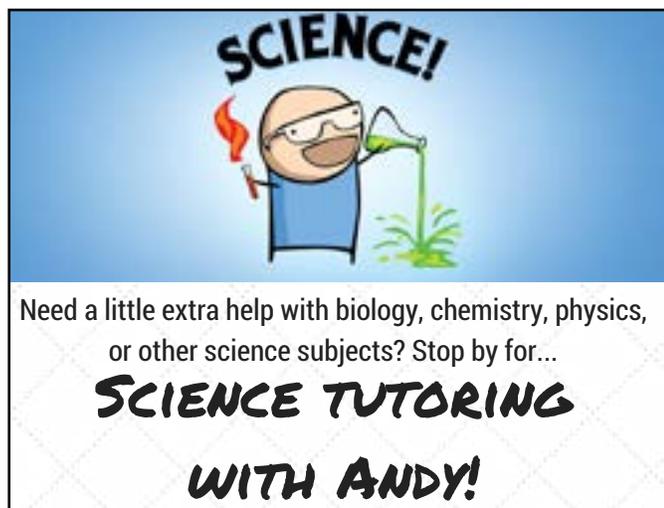
Additional details about the program and contact information for instructors can be found online at millvalelibrary.org/programs-and-events.

For calendar updates, please see our online calendar at millvalelibrary.org/our-calendar.

For information on special events, please see page 3 or go to millvalelibrary.org/special-events.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Visit Andy on Tuesdays for Help With Your Science Homework!



In January, you will see a new face around the library: Andy Ciesielski, a volunteer tutor for middle and high schoolers in biology, chemistry, physics, and general science. Andy is no stranger to Millvale—he grew up in the community and attended Shaler schools. Andy studied biology at the University of Albany, and he was recently hired as a Research Associate at the Translational Neuroscience Program at the University of Pittsburgh. Having returned to the area, Andy was driven to find local volunteer opportunities, saying: “I would love to give back to a neighborhood that helped shape me during my youth.”

Science tutoring with Andy begins on Tuesday, January 5th and will run from 5 to 6pm. Andy will be available

on a drop-in basis every Tuesday for any interested middle or high school students, and his hours may expand by appointment. Andy also has an exciting project in the works in the form of hands-on science workshops for teens: stay tuned for updates on that!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Millvale MASH @ Grist House

Showcase your creativity at an Open Mic Night:

Monday, January 11—7:30PM

Monday, February 8—7:30PM

Monday, March 14—7:30PM

Millvale for Kids Quarterly Meeting @ Millvale Community Library

Join us to review goals and to strategize for 2016:

Wednesday, January 6—7:00PM

Monthly Board Meetings @ Millvale Community Library

Join us at the beginning of our monthly board meeting to offer feedback for the Millvale Community Library.

Thursday, January 7—6:00PM

Thursday, February 4—6:00PM

Thursday, March 3—6:00PM

EcoDistrict Working Group Meetings @ Millvale Community Library

Share ideas to promote an equitable community; Join a working group on (1) Energy, Air, and Mobility, or (2) Food, Water, and Equity:

(1) Thursday, January 14—6:00–8:00PM

(2) Thursday, January 21—6:00–8:00PM

Community Planning Meeting @ Millvale Community Center, 416 Lincoln Avenue

Join us as we create a community plan for a more sustainable Millvale!

Thursday, January 28—6:00–9:00PM

Save the date and join us as we celebrate the Champions of Innovation and Learning

**Friday, April 15, 2016 at the
Millvale Community Center
416 Lincoln Avenue from 7:00–9:00pm**

Tickets and Information available mid-January at the
Millvale Community Library.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Saturday Game Club Ventures into the Realm of Dungeons & Dragons

It has been said that the job of children is to play, and we want our younger patrons to do just that! Kids learn through play! So come “learn” with us as we play tabletop games at the Library.

Every other Saturday, our gaming expert, Mr. Taejas Kudva, comes in with a wide variety of specialized board games which include strategy games, language and math games, fantasy games, and more. These games encourage creative problem solving and imagination. There is more than meets the eye with tabletop games—kids build social skills and graces and learn the value of healthy competition.

Recently we took this club one step further. For the first time kids are exploring the popular game, Dungeons & Dragons. This game is a fantasy role-playing game where kids engage in imaginative and cooperative storytelling, each taking on the role of a hero in a grand quest for adventure and battling the forces of evil. This game allows kids to explore themes of friendship, ethics, and morality, while building their critical thinking, partnership, and collaboration skills and engaging their creative mind. We are excited for the potential of this new step, and hope to see more kids join up as the weeks go on.

If you would like to know more about our programming for kids, take a look at our website, or feel free to give us a call at 412-822-7081; you may also email us at millvalelibrary@gmail.com.

Mike on the Saturday Game Club:

“The gaming club is amazing fun! The facilitators, Jason and Taejas, are both very nice and understanding—makes me wish this program happened more frequently.”



ADULT PROGRAMMING

A Contribution from Millvale Writers Group

“Doc” by Charlotte Wlodkowski

In the hot Lawrenceville summers, when we kids heard the sound of a bell, we knew it meant ‘treat time.’ A small, white truck plastered with ice cream treat signs was coming into sight. He parked in the same spot every day, just outside the gates of The Stephen Foster Community Center—our playground.

The only person in the famous truck was Doc. He always had a smile, and a little conversation, “How’re you doing today?” he’d say. “What game are you playing?” We knew the drill. Line up, single file, and wait our turn to buy whatever our taste buds craved that hot afternoon.

It was a sweet distraction. I can still taste the creamsicles and Nutty Buddies; they were my favorites. He never rushed us to choose which treat we wanted. He just waited for us to decide. Doc taught us to be patient. We all wanted that smile and attention. At times, I didn’t have enough money to pay for my treat, but Doc didn’t have a problem with that. He would simply say, “See me tomorrow.” And I always did. If you didn’t pay a debt, he remembered, and would deny selling you an ice cream until you paid in full. He taught us responsibility, and trustworthiness. How fortunate we were to have such a patient ice cream man. Doc seemed to get as much enjoyment from selling treats as we did from choosing them. All that from an ice cream truck!

Life lesson: We all have opportunities to teach. Use actions. They speak louder than words.

Interested in Volunteering at the Millvale Community Library?

If you have ideas for programs that you would like to see at the library, or for more information on volunteering at the Millvale Community Library, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda Wilson, at MillvaleLibraryVolunteer@gmail.com.

