

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

Career Guides

Hey Teens,

If you're at that point in your life when you're starting to think about what you want to do for a living, we have an excellent resource for you. Check out our career guides. They cover over 400 careers, including everything from acting and engineering to pet shop businesses and marketing. Each guide provides a general overview of the career, the history of it, how you get started in it, where you will work, stories from people in that field, qualifications needed, pros and cons, salary averages, what opportunities are available, and where to find more information. The guides are located in our non-fiction collection between 378.34 and 378.73. Please ask if you have any questions. Good luck!

Posted by Brentwood Library at [10:31 AM](#)

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Amazing Factoids About Pennsylvania Public Libraries

- Pennsylvanians check out an average of more than five books a year. They spend \$23.11 a year for the public library -- much less than the average cost of one hardcover book.
- 99.8% of Pennsylvania public libraries provide access to the Internet. They make available 6,883 Internet terminals for public use.
- There are more public libraries than McDonald's® in Pennsylvania -- a total of 681, including branches.
- Pennsylvania public libraries provide 1,594,401 items a year to the public through interlibrary loan.
- An average of 756,740 Pennsylvanians visit a public library each week. Standing single file, the line of visitors would stretch from Philadelphia to Erie.

Source: <http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=15&q=113963>

Posted by Brentwood Library at [1:10 PM](#)

Monday, June 2, 2008

[Catch the Reading Bug!](#)



Our Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults begin today! Be sure to sign up and join the fun. Please ask for more information if you have any questions about how they work.

Posted by Brentwood Library at [10:51 AM](#)

Thursday, June 5, 2008

[June Meetings Taking Place in Brentwood](#)

Below is a list of meetings taking place in June. If you know of any that are missing, please post them in a comment or let us know so that we can add them.

- [Brentwood Borough Agenda Meeting](#): June 5, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- Crime Watch: June 16, 7 pm at the Brentwood Library
- [Brentwood Borough Planning Commission Meeting](#): June 19, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- [Brentwood Borough Council Meeting](#): June 24, 7:30 pm for 2008 at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- [Brentwood Borough Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#): June 25, 8:00 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road

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Tuesday, June 10, 2008

[Books to Look Forward to in June](#)

Here are some of the new books being released this June. Be sure to reserve your copy today.

- [Blue Smoke and Murder](#) by Elizabeth Lowell
- [The Broken Window: a Lincoln Rhyme Novel](#) by Jeffrey Deaver
- [A Champion's Mind: Lessons from a Life in Tennis](#) by Pete Sampras with Peter Bodo
- [Fearless Fourteen](#) by Janet Evanovich

- [The Monster of Florence: a True Story](#) by Douglas Preston and Mario Spezi
- [Sail](#) by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
- [When You Are Engulfed in Flames](#) by David Sedaris

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Thursday, June 12, 2008

Library Happenings

- This Friday, June 13 is Friday Night @ The Library! Take time to unwind, read a book, work on the computer, watch a new release children's movie, or play games in the rec room. We'll be open from 7-10 p.m.
- We're having another Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 14 from 9-2. We have a great selection of books, magazines, VHS tapes, and books on cassette, so be sure to stop by.
- Starting this Sunday, June 15, the library will be closed on Sundays through August 17. Happy Father's Day!

Posted by Brentwood Library at [9:18 AM](#)

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Is Google Making Us Stupid?

For an interesting perspective on what the Internet is doing to our brains, check out Nicholas Carr's article "Is Google Making Us Stupid?" on TheAtlantic.com.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200807/google>

The article addresses how the Internet is changing the way we read. He argues that even though we may be reading more now than we did in the 1970's or 1980's, it's a different kind of reading and we don't know what the long-term neurological and psychological effects will be.

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Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Sweater Drive

Thank you for the sweaters! Over 300 were collected and donated to the following locations:

- Washington Christian Outreach
- Light of Life Rescue Mission
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

All of the organizations were very grateful for the donations and we even received a thank you card from the Washington Christian Outreach. Here's what they wrote:

"Dear Friends,

We at the Washington Christian Outreach would like to thank you for your recent donation of the 'Mr. Rogers' sweaters. These items can be worn year-round and are greatly appreciated.

Thank you, for thinking of the many poor and needy people in our communities, and for taking the time to help them.

May God bless you and keep you in His Light.

Our Love in Christ,

Jeanne Allender
Founder and Director"

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Wednesday, June 25, 2008

[Great American Backyard Campout!](#)

This Saturday, June 28, is the [National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout](#). "Held each June and now in its fourth year, Great American Backyard Campout™ is a national event that encourages individuals, youth, friends and families to camp out together for one night." It also supports Great Outdoors Month (June). So if you're looking for something to do this weekend, try camping. Check out the following resources for ideas:

Books:

- [Camping](#) by Tim Seeberg
- [The Backpacker's Handbook](#) by Chris Townsend
- [Kids Gone Campin' : the young camper's guide to having more fun outdoors](#) by Cherie Winner
- [Let's Get Primitive : the urban girl's guide to camping](#) by Heather Menicucci
- [The Best In Tent Camping, Pennsylvania : a guide for car campers who hate RVs, concrete slabs, and loud portable stereos](#) by Matt Willen
- [The L. L. Bean Guide To the Outdoors](#) by Bill Riviere, with the staff of L. L. Bean
- [Great Natural Areas In Western Pennsylvania](#) by Stephen J. Ostrander
- [Pennsylvania's rail-trails](#) by Tom Sexton, Pat Tomes
- [Weekend Getaways In Pennsylvania](#) by Bill Simpson

Websites

- [National Wildlife Federation](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Parks](#)
- [Venture Outdoors](#)

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Monday, June 30, 2008

Library Open House on July 3!

In conjunction with the BBOA Street Fair on Thursday, July 3rd, the library will be hosting its annual Open House from 6 - 8:30 p.m. We will again have a balloon artist, a tattoo artist, and the moonbounce. The band "The Chiappetta Special" will also be playing the parking lot from 6 - 8 p.m. The parking lot will therefore be closed to cars.

Please join us for this night of family fun!

Posted by Brentwood Library at [1:25 PM](#)

Thursday, July 3, 2008

July Meetings Taking Place in Brentwood

Below is a list of community meetings taking place in July. If you know of any that are missing, please post them in a comment or let us know so that we can add them.

- Brentwood Borough Agenda Meeting: July 8, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- Crime Watch: July 14, 7 pm at the Brentwood Library
- Brentwood Borough Planning Commission Meeting: July 17, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- Brentwood Borough Council Meeting: July 22, 7:30 pm for 2008 at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- Brentwood Borough Zoning Hearing Board Meeting: July 23, 8:00 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- Brentwood Democrat Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- Brentwood Fourth of July Committee meets on the second Monday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- Brentwood AARP, Chapter 2517 meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Room from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- The Brentwood PALS Organization meets at the Civic Center every Wednesday from 9:15 A.M. to 11:15 P.M. The caregiver must remain with the child!

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Wednesday, July 9, 2008

New Books!

Here's a list of some of our new books this month:

- [Chasing Darkness](#) by Robert Crais
- [Drink: A Cultural History of Alcohol](#) by Iain Gately
- [In An Instant](#) by Lee and Bob Woodruff

- [The Monster of Florence: A True Story](#) by Douglas Preson and Mario Spezi
- [The Sister](#) by Poppy Adams
- [Sweet Love](#) by Sarah Strohmeyer
- [TailSpin](#) by Catherine Coulter
- [Tribute](#) by Nora Roberts

Be sure to request a copy today.

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Monday, July 14, 2008

[Looking for something good to read?](#)

If you're looking for something good to read this summer, check out our book display for July. The theme is traveling and it's located under the catalog computer by the front door. Here are some of the titles on display:

- [Eat, pray, love : one woman's search for everything across Italy, India and Indonesia](#) by Elizabeth Gilbert
- [The Places in Between](#) by Rory Stewart
- [Secrets of the Savanna : twenty-three years in the African wilderness unraveling the mysteries of elephants and people](#) by Mark and Delia Owens
- [Seven Years in Tibet](#) by Heinrich Harrer
- [Under the Tuscan Sun : at home in Italy](#) by Frances Mayes
- [A Year in the World : journeys of a passionate traveller](#) by Frances Mayes

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Monday, July 21, 2008

[Tamora Pierce - Author Visit!](#)

Best-selling author **Tamora Pierce** will be **appearing at Brentwood Library on July 22 at 7 p.m.** Come, and bring your friends, too!

Tamora Pierce is the author of more than twenty fantasy books for young adults, including the *Song of the Lioness* quartet, the *Protector of the Small* quartet, and the *Circle of Magic* quartet. She is known for her strong female heroes and is currently working on a new comic series with her husband, Tim Liebe.



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Thursday, July 24, 2008

[New York Times Best Sellers List](#)

Here's the list of best sellers for the week of July 27, 2008.

HARDCOVER FICTION:

1. **TRIBUTE**, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam, \$26.95.) A former child star returns to Virginia to rehabilitate the farm owned by her grandmother, an actress who died mysteriously.
2. **FEARLESS FOURTEEN**, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$27.95.) Stephanie Plum and her boyfriend Joe Morelli become involved when his cousin's bank robbery goes bad.
3. **THE LAST PATRIOT**, by Brad Thor. (Atria, \$26.) Scot Harvath, a Homeland Security superagent, searches for an ancient secret that could defeat Islamic militants.
4. **THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE**, by David Wroblewski. (Ecco, \$25.95.) A mute takes refuge with three dogs in the Wisconsin woods after his father's murder.
5. **SWAN PEAK**, by James Lee Burke. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.95.) The Louisiana detective Dave Robicheaux can't escape trouble on his Montana vacation.
6. **SAIL**, by James Patterson and Howard Roughan. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A sailing vacation turns into a disaster.
7. **THE HOST**, by Stephenie Meyer. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) Aliens have taken control of the minds and bodies of most humans, but one woman won't surrender.
8. **TAILSPIN**, by Catherine Coulter. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock — F.B.I. agents as well as husband and wife — come to the aid of a colleague.
9. **THE BEACH HOUSE**, by Jane Green. (Viking, \$24.95.) A woman's life changes when she rents out

rooms in her Nantucket house.

10. **LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH**, by Emily Giffin. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) A woman's happy marriage is shaken when she encounters an old boyfriend.

11. **CHASING DARKNESS**, by Robert Crais. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.95.) Is the Los Angeles private eye Elvis Cole responsible for the release of a serial killer?

12. **CHASING HARRY WINSTON**, by Lauren Weisberger. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.95.) Three glamorous friends, New York women nearing 30, vow to change their lives.

HARDCOVER NONFICTION:

1. **WHEN YOU ARE ENGULFED IN FLAMES**, by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) The humorist's latest essays.

2. **ARE YOU THERE, VODKA? IT'S ME, CHELSEA**, by Chelsea Handler. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$24.95.) Humorous personal essays from the stand-up comedian.

3. **FLEECED**, by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann. (Harper, \$26.95.) Americans are fleeced by government, business, labor unions and lobbyists. (+)

4. **WHAT HAPPENED**, by Scott McClellan. (PublicAffairs, \$27.95.) A former White House press secretary regrets that "I allowed myself to be deceived" by top officials.

5. **STORI TELLING**, by Tori Spelling with Hilary Liftin. (Simon Spotlight, \$24.95.) The actress's memoir.

6. **THE MONSTER OF FLORENCE**, by Douglas Preston with Mario Spezi. (Grand Central, \$25.99.) An American writer in Florence and an Italian journalist work to discover the identity of a local serial killer.

7. **THE POST-AMERICAN WORLD**, by Fareed Zakaria. (Norton, \$25.95.) The rise of China and India and the global distribution of power.

8. **AUDITION**, by Barbara Walters. (Knopf, \$29.95.) A personal and professional memoir.

9. **THE PROSECUTION OF GEORGE W. BUSH MURDER**, by Vincent Bugliosi. (Vanguard, \$26.95.) The Manson prosecutor makes a case for trying the president for the deaths of 4,000 American soldiers in Iraq.

10. **MY STROKE OF INSIGHT**, by Jill Bolte Taylor. (Viking, \$24.95.) A brain scientist shares what she learned from her 1996 stroke.

11. **ROME 1960**, by David Maraniss. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.95.) How the 1960 Olympic Games reflected their time.

12. **SOMEWHERE IN HEAVEN**, by Christopher Andersen. (Hyperion, \$23.95.) The marriage of Christopher and Dana Reeve.

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Monday, July 28, 2008

[Hiring Library Assistants](#)

The Brentwood Library is hiring library assistants to assist library customers and perform circulation desk duties. Computer experience, HS diploma/equivalent, and pass clearances. Please forward resumes to lutherd@einetwork.net No phone calls.

Posted by Brentwood Library at [12:44 PM](#)

Monday, August 4, 2008

[August Meetings in Brentwood](#)

Below is a list of community meetings taking place in August. If you know of any that are missing, please post them in a comment or let us know so that we can add them.

- **[Brentwood School Board Agenda Planning Meeting](#)**: August 11, 7 pm in the Board Room in the Administrative Offices of the Brentwood Borough School District, 3601 Brownsville Rd.
- **Crime Watch**: August 11, 7 pm at the Brentwood Library
- **[Brentwood Borough Agenda Meeting](#)**: August 12, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- **[Brentwood School Board General Purpose Meeting](#)**: August 18, 7 pm in the Board Room in the Administrative Offices of the Brentwood Borough School District, 3601 Brownsville Rd.
- **[Brentwood Borough Planning Commission Meeting](#)**: August 21, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- **[Brentwood School Board Committee Meeting](#)**: August 25, 7 pm in the Board Room in the Administrative Offices of the Brentwood Borough School District, 3601 Brownsville Rd.
- **[Brentwood Borough Council Meeting](#)**: August 26, 7:30 pm for 2008 at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- **[Brentwood Borough Zoning Hearing Board Meeting](#)**: August 27, 8:00 pm at Council Chambers, 3624 Brownsville Road
- **Brentwood Democrat Committee** meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- **Brentwood Fourth of July Committee** meets on the second Monday of each month in the Borough Building from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
- **Brentwood AARP**, Chapter 2517 meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Room from 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- **The Brentwood PALS Organization** meets at the Civic Center every Wednesday from 9:15 A.M. to 11:15 P.M. The caregiver must remain with the child!

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