



## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PATRONS

The fall season is here, and it's certainly a busy time for us at the library. Our Authority Board is required to adopt an operating budget for the next calendar year by mid-September, which is then sent to the elected boards of our five supporting municipalities, who then have 60 days to adopt it or reject it. Those municipalities, Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall Township, Town of McCandless, and Ross Township, provide approximately 56% of the library's funding. We receive about 34% of our funding from the Regional Asset District (RAD) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The remaining 10% is self-generated, through fines, fees, book sales, grants, etc.

Because of the current economic conditions, the budget planning process for 2010 has been interesting. Next year's budget, as adopted by our Authority Board, includes:

- **No increase** in funding from our five supporting municipalities
- A 13% **increase** in RAD funding
- A 30% **decrease** in state aid and related state funding
- A 30% **decrease** in self-generated revenue

The net result is a 2010 budget that is 6% less than 2009, a **loss** of more than \$141,000. In order to cope with this reduction in funding, the following actions are planned:

- A hiring freeze through December of 2010
- The discontinuation of Bookmobile stops in Ross and Marshall Townships as of December 31, 2009
- A 38% **decrease** in the amount available to purchase books and materials in 2010
- A 21% **decrease** in the library technology budget
- Reductions in some employee benefits

Since the adoption of the library budget, a new state budget has been passed, which has restored some of the funding for libraries. In addition, RAD could possibly make some restorations in their funding. If they do so, our Board has resolved to restore the Bookmobile service.

All of these difficult decisions come at a time when our community's use of Northland Public Library in 2009 has dramatically **increased** when compared to 2008. The number of visitors to the library has increased by 6.7%, items borrowed has increased by 11%, attendance at programs is up 15%, computer use is up 8.5%, and assistance with research has gone up by a whopping 25%.

We encourage you to call or write your local state legislators and thank them for restoring some of the proposed library budget cuts. It is our sincere hope that the remaining reductions we have had to make, because of circumstances beyond our control, can be restored at least in part, and do not negatively impact your use of Northland Public Library and our facilities. Please be assured that our staff will continue to work hard to assist you in every way possible to make your Northland experience a pleasant one. Thank you for your understanding.

Sandra Collins  
Executive Director  
Northland Public Library

## NEW FINE STRUCTURE AND MEETING ROOM FEES SET

The Northland Public Library Authority Board has adopted changes in the library's fine structure and meeting room fees. Effective January 1, 2010, the fine for all overdue items other than DVDs and videos will increase from 15 cents per day to 25 cents per day. The fine for overdue DVDs and videos will remain at \$1 per day. The same fine rates will be in effect for all libraries in the northern region of Allegheny County. Questions about the new fine structure should be directed to our Circulation Department Customer Service Desk at 412-366-8100, extension 116.

The Board has also adopted a new fee structure for use of the library's meeting rooms, which will also go into effect on January 1, 2010. Non-profit groups or organizations based in one of our five supporting municipalities whose meetings are free and open to the public will continue to be able to use our facilities without charge. There will be a fee ranging from \$15 to \$50 for all non-profit groups whose meetings are not open to the public or who are not based in one of our five supporting municipalities. Room rental rates for all businesses and for-profit organizations will increase to \$30 to \$150 per meeting, depending on the location of the business and the room or rooms requested. Questions on the new fee structure should be directed to Frank Gilbert at 412-366-8100, extension 135, or by email at gilbertf@einetwork.net.

### Library Schedule

#### Sunday

1:00pm-5:00pm

#### Monday through Friday

9:00am-9:00pm

#### Saturday

9:00am-5:00pm

### Bookmobile Service

**Saturdays** 1:30pm-3:30pm  
North Hills Village Shopping Center

**Fridays** 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Marshall Elementary School

## IS A HOME-BASED BUSINESS RIGHT FOR YOU?

As the use of the Internet for purchasing goods and services increases, more and more people are investigating the pluses and minuses of running a home-based Internet business. Jay Klaus of Klaus and Associates is experienced in developing web portals for home-based businesses. He will explain the procedures and requirements for tapping into the vast potential customer base on the Internet in an informative program on Monday, November 16 at 7:00pm.

Please register for this program online on the library website, or by calling the adult services reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## HIDING BEHIND THEIR SKIRTS: FINDING WOMEN IN GENEALOGY RECORDS

Sometimes it's difficult to find female ancestors on the family tree for a variety of reasons, including name changes as the result of a marriage, or poor record keeping. Research can include searching church records or tracing ancestors through diaries or other family records.

Certified genealogist Elissa Powell will offer examples of how to search the family tree for female ancestors on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00pm. Please register for this program online on the library website or by calling the adult services reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## GOOD NUTRITION FOR THE PICKY EATER

When children become picky eaters, parents often worry if they are getting enough of the important nutrients that are vital for growth and development. Dr. Ditte Karlovits of Bellevue Pediatrics Association will discuss the eating problems that can develop in a child's early years on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm.

You may register for this program online on the library website or by calling the adult services reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## CONVERSATION SALON

Our next Conversation Salon will be held on Wednesday, November 25 at 1:00pm. We invite you to join in this round-table discussion of any topic of interest. Whether it's politics, the economy, sports or any other subject, nothing is out of bounds. No reservation is required and new participants are always welcome.

## THE BEAD LADY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Back again by popular demand, Kathy Shomo, the Bead Lady, returns just in time for the holiday season to demonstrate how to create a bracelet, earrings, necklace, or other items using semi-precious stones and Czech glass. This program will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30pm. There is a fee of \$10 to \$30, depending on the project, which is paid directly to the instructor on the night of the program. You may register online on the library website or by calling the adult services reference desk at 412-366-8100, extension 113.

## NORTHLAND LIBRARY TUTOR

Free, live tutoring assistance is available daily from 3:00pm to 10:00pm on the home page of our website by clicking on the **Northland Library Tutor** logo. Students connect directly with experts for one-on-one help in math, science, social studies and English. Adults can receive assistance with resume and work-related writing. You can access **Northland Library Tutor** on any Internet-equipped computer in the library, or through our website by anyone with a Northland Library card who is a resident of our five supporting municipalities.



## FOREIGN FILM SERIES

On the menu this month is a romantic drama from Iran, *The Fish Fall in Love*. It centers on a man named Aziz, who after serving 20 years in jail finds out that his fiancée Atieh has turned his house into a restaurant. But she thinks he's coming back to sell the house and tries to change his mind by feeding him very, very well. Find out how this all turns out on Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00pm. No reservation is required and refreshments will be served.

## TRAVEL FILM SERIES

Get your "Rocky Mountain High" this month as we head out west to visit the sights in this region, including Glacier National Park, Mammoth Hot Springs, the "Old Faithful" geyser at Yellowstone National Park, and Pikes Peak. Join us for this trip to some of America's most spectacular scenery on Wednesday, November 18 at 2:00pm. No advance registration is required.

## DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES

This month's presentation is a film that's well out of the ordinary. It's entitled *Baraka*, a word that means *blessing* in several languages. Rather than a plot with actors, this non-narrative film presents images shot at 152 locations in 24 countries around the world, and includes images such as bustling cities, historic ruins, ancient rituals and various landscapes. Join us for a showing of this unique film on Wednesday, November 25 at 2:00pm. No reservation is required.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

On November 3 at 7:00pm the group will discuss *The Post-American World*, by Fareed Zakaria, a host on CNN and an editor of Newsweek International. We will discuss the challenges and opportunities that will face us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century when the United States will no longer dominate the globe.

On December 1 we will discuss *Nothing to be Frightened Of*, by Julian Barnes, which Booklist describes as a "bracing, funny and expansive mix of musings, literary criticism and memoir as Barnes confronts the paradoxes, fantasies, horrors, mystery and inevitability of death." No reservation is required for this program and new participants are always welcome.

## SECOND FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This month's selection is *Brideshead Revisited*, by Evelyn Waugh. It tells the story of Charles Ryder, and his infatuation with an upper-class English family and the world of privilege they enjoyed between the two World Wars. Join us for a brown bag lunch and a discussion of this work on Friday, November 13 at 11:30am.

December's meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup>, when the selection will be *Loving Frank: A Novel*, by Nancy Horan, a fictionalized account of Frank Lloyd Wright's scandalous affair with Mamah Cheney. No registration is required for this program and new participants are always welcome.

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

Northland Public Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed on Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2009

November 1	No public events scheduled	Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2	Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2
November 2	Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room  Ingomar Garden Club 10:00am Room 148-1  Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2  Greg Miller & Associates 2:00pm Room 148-2  North Pittsburgh Past Finders 7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2	Writers at Work * 6:30pm Room 148-1  North Hills Coin Club 7:00pm Room 148-2	Home-Based Business Program * 7:00pm Room 148-1  Watch & Clockmakers Assn. 7:00pm Room 148-2
November 3	Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room  Tuesday Night Book Group * 7:00pm Room 148-1  North Hills Genealogists 7:00pm Room 103	November 10 Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room  HealthAmerica/Advantra 10:00am Room 148-2  Acri Realty/Oxford Court 6:00pm Room 148-2  Bellevue Pediatrics Program * 7:00pm Room 148-1	November 17 Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room  North Hills Genealogists 7:00pm Rooms 148-1&2  Northland Library Authority Board * 7:30pm Room 103
November 4	Mother Goose Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Children's Program Room  Ingomar Garden Club 10:00am Rooms 148-1&2  Red Hat Mermaids 10:00am Room 103  Southwest Regional Key 6:00pm Room 148-1  Greg Miller & Associates 6:30pm Room 148-2	November 11 Mother Goose Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Room 148-1  Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2  Foreign Film Series * 2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2  Northland Library Foundation * 7:00pm Room 103  NH Amateur Radio Club 7:00pm Room 148-2	November 18 Mother Goose Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Room 148-1  League of Women Voters 10:00am Room 148-2  Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2  Travel Film Series * 2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2  Southwest Regional Key 6:00pm Room 148-1  Fortune Acupuncture 7:00pm Room 148-2
November 5	Kangaroo Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Children's Program Room  Hiding Behind Their Skirts * 7:00pm Room 148-1  Kings Kids 4-H 7:00pm Room 148-2	November 12 Kangaroo Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Children's Program Room  Pine Creek Land Trust 7:00pm Room 103	November 19 Kangaroo Storytime * 10:00am & 11:00am Children's Program Room  Breezeshooters Radio Club 7:00pm Room 148-2
November 6	Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2  PJ Storytime * 7:00pm Children's Room	November 13 Second Friday Book Group * 11:30am Rooms 148-1&2  PJ Storytime * 7:00pm Children's Room	November 20 MOMS Club of Wexford 9:30am Room 148-1  Northland Library Walkers * 1:00pm Room 148-2  The Book Club 2:00pm Room 148-1
November 7	Pittsburgh Kaplan Center 9:00am Rooms 148-1&2	November 14 Breezeshooters Radio Club 12:00pm Room 148-2  Fibromyalgia: Current Concepts 1:00pm Room 148-1	November 21 Board Games Meetup 12:00pm Room 148-2
November 8	Strategies for Success 1:00pm Room 103	November 15 Strategies for Success 1:00pm Room 103  Rock Garden Society 1:30pm Room 148-1	November 22 Strategies for Success 1:00pm Room 103
November 9	Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room	November 16 Preschool Storytime * 10:00am Children's Room  Highmark 1:00pm Room 148-1	

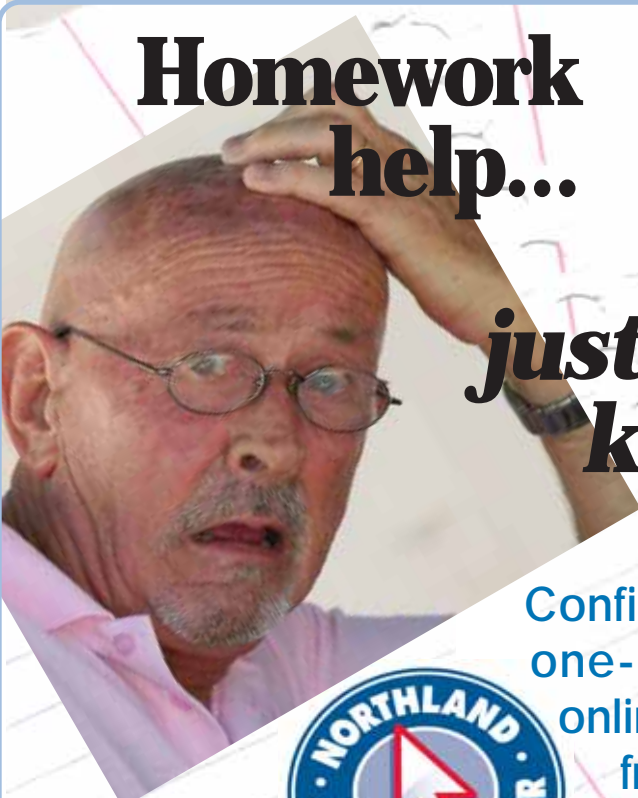
- November 23 Northland Library Walkers \*  
1:00pm Room 148-2
- November 24 Gateway Hospice  
2:00pm Rooms 148-1&2
- November 25 Library closes at 5:00pm  
  
Conversation Salon \*  
1:00pm Room 148-1  
  
Northland Library Walkers \*  
1:00pm Room 148-2  
  
Documentary Film Series \*  
2:00pm Room 148-2
- November 26 Library closed/Thanksgiving Day
- November 27 Northland Library Walkers \*  
1:00pm Room 148-2
- November 28 No public events scheduled
- November 29 No public events scheduled
- November 30 Highmark  
9:00am Room 148-1  
  
Northland Library Walkers \*  
1:00pm Room 148-2

*\*library sponsored program*


Contact names and phone numbers for non-library programs can be found on our Events Calendar located on the home page of the library website.

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## TELLABRATION!

Tellabration!, a night of storytelling celebrated world-wide, will be held at the library on Saturday, November 21 at 8:00pm. Storytelling guilds and enthusiasts hold events in cities and towns alike to celebrate the art of storytelling. Pittsburgh-area storytellers, including Sean Miller, Kristin Ward, Kate and Scott Pavelle, and Mary Morgan Smith will offer an evening that is sure to delight, captivate and entertain the audience. Admission to this event is free, but there will be a container for anyone wishing to make a free-will donation.

## ENJOY BOOK ON SALE

The 2010 Enjoy Book is on sale in the Book Nook. It's crammed with two-for-one and discount coupons good at area restaurants, theaters, golf courses, and various services throughout the region. The cost is just \$27, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Northland Public Library Foundation.

The Book Nook also has a large selection of books for the holidays as well as gifts for young and old alike. Stop in and browse our selection.

## WRITERS AT WORK

If you want to learn more about writing as a career or a hobby then why not join our Writers at Work group, which will meet on Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm. Get some helpful hints on everything from the basics of creative writing to brushing up on your writing skills. No reservation is necessary. For more information please call Hana Caye at 412-364-0877.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN THE BOOK NOOK

Do you love to read and enjoy talking to others? Then why not apply for one of the volunteer openings in our bookstore, the Book Nook, located on the upper level of the library. Volunteers work in two-hour shifts on a weekly basis. If you are interested please contact Pat McCarthy at 412-366-8100, extension 104, or email her at [mccarthyp@einetwork.net](mailto:mccarthyp@einetwork.net).

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The library would like to extend a special "thank you" to the members of the Ingomar Garden Club for the donation of their time and talent to plant new flowers in the outdoor planters at the upper and lower entrances, as well as the garden in front of the entrance sign on Cumberland Road. Their efforts were all part of the National Day of Service on September 11.

## FALL STORYTIMES

Our Fall Storytimes for children of all ages continue in November. No advance registration is necessary for any of these programs:

### **Preschool Storytime** (*children ages 3-5 years old*)

10:00am on Monday, Nov. 2, 9, 16  
10:00am on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 10 17

### **Mother Goose Storytime** (*children ages 6-24 months old and a parent/ caregiver*)

10:00am & 11:00am on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 11, 18

### **Kangaroo Storytime** (*children 24-36 months old and a parent/caregiver*)

10:00am & 11:00am on Thursday, Nov. 5, 12, 19

### **Pajama Storytime** (*preschool/elementary age children and their families*)

7:00pm on Friday, Nov. 6, 13, 20

## BOOK GIVING PROGRAMS

We wish to thank the following people who have recently contributed to Northland are interested in donating a book in memory of a loved one, or in donating a book as an anniversary or birthday, please see a librarian at the adult reference desk or 412-366-8100, extension 103.

### **In Memory Of**

John Backus (loving husband of Marjorie Backus)  
Mary Chase (mother of Mary Ann Chance Breitfeld)  
Alice Forney  
Annette M. Leon

Richard R. Redman  
Marion Starinchak  
Marion Starinchak  
Paul L. Thompson  
Freda Trauger  
Freda Trauger

### **Designated Gift**

Mellwood Women's Club

### **From**

Ernie and Janice Meade

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Kevin and Amy Steele  
Donald J. Wessel  
Thomas H. Williams  
Thomas H. Williams  
Al and Lois Krebs  
Northland Public Library Staff  
Doc Wessel  
Ann Popper  
The Workout Place



## NOVEMBER COMPUTER CLASSES

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Northland Public Library offers **free** Computer and Internet classes. Class size is limited and **pre-registration** is required. **Register** at the Computer Center desk or by calling (412) 366-8100 ext. 131

<b>Introduction to Computers</b> (For <b>beginning</b> computer users)	Monday November 9 or 30	10:30-12noon
<b>Mouse practice</b> (For <b>beginning</b> computer users)	Tuesday, November 10	2:00-3:00pm
<b>Introduction to Word 2007</b> <i>(<b>Must</b> have mouse skills) for students with <b>no</b> previous Word experience</i>	Monday, November 9 or 30	1:00-2:30pm
<b>Word 2007 Practice</b> (for those students who've had the <u>Intro</u> to Word 2007class) ( <b>Must</b> have mouse skills)	Wednesday, November 11	10:00-11:00am
<b>WordPad</b> For those students who only need basic skills to access the Internet and e-mail ( <b>Must</b> have mouse skills)	Thursday, November 12	11:00-12noon
<b>Word 2007–part 1 &amp; 2 combined</b> <b>More in-depth class</b> ( <i><u>Pre-requisite</u> good mouse skills</i> )	Thursday, November 12	2:00-4:30pm
<b>Excel 2007</b> ( <i><u>Pre-requisite</u> word processing competence</i> )	Thursday, November 5 Thursday, November 19	2:00-3:30pm 7:00-8:30pm
<b>PowerPoint 2007</b> ( <i><u>Pre-requisite</u> word processing competence</i> )	Thursday, November 19	2:00-3:30pm
<b>Photoshop Elements 7</b> ( <i><u>Pre-requisite</u> Word &amp; Internet competence</i> )	Monday, November 16	2:00-4:00pm
<b>Introductory New E-mail</b> Set up a <b>Yahoo only</b> E-mail account and learn to use your new Yahoo E-mail	Wednesday, November 4 Monday, November 9	7:00-8:30pm 3:00-4:30pm
<b>Introduction to the Internet</b> ( <i><b>Must</b> have basic computer competence</i> )	Tuesday, November 10 Monday, November 30	7:00-8:00pm 3:00-4:00pm
<b>Selling online- auctions and ecommerce sites</b> ( <i><b>Must</b> have basic computer &amp; internet competence</i> )	Wednesday, November 18	1:30-3:00pm
<b>Digital Photography and Online Services</b> How to take pictures from the camera, edit and set up a flickr account( <i><b>Must</b> have basic computer and internet competence</i> )	Friday, November 13	10:00-11:00am
<b>Job Hunting on the Internet</b>	Thursday, November 5 or 19	7:00-8:30pm

