



## Main Library Renovation

The Library's mission is to welcome, connect and inspire our community. In order to take steps towards that goal, we are renovating the Main Library in Blue Bell. In the first two years, we hope to replace the 40+ year old roof, fix plumbing issues, renovate the bathrooms and finally repave the parking lot. In the next few years after, we plan to create more study/conference rooms, make the ones we have more comfortable, paint and replace the carpet. Won't you consider making a donation today? You can help us achieve our vision to be the place "where you are always welcome." You can use the attached envelope or go to <https://wvpl.org/donate>.

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## New Features

### Wi Fi Access Points aka "HotSpots"

Now you can take the Internet home with you. You can borrow a **Hotspot** from either library and use it for a whole week. This is great if you are taking a vacation or have some work or studying to do that requires a roving Internet connection. Ask at the circulation desk for more details.



**Brandywine Museum Pass at the Ambler Branch:** The museum showcases the work of Andrew Wyeth, a major American realist painter, and his family.



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Won't you help us continue purchasing great books and planning new programs for the community by donating today? You can use the enclosed envelope or go to [wvpl.org](https://wvpl.org) to donate.

## Libby

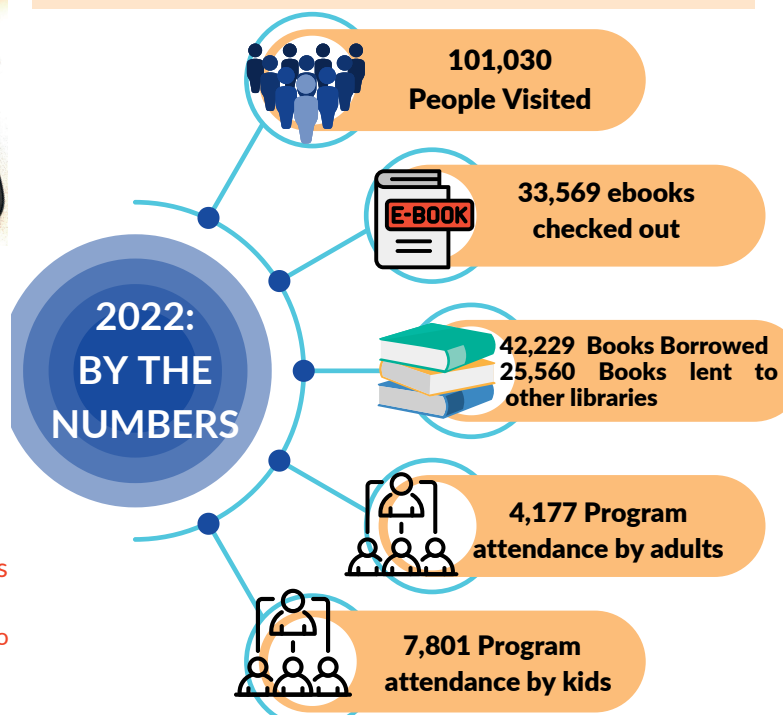
Do you love Libby? Libby hit a milestone last month. If you've used Libby, then you've helped them reach one BILLION loans through the app since its launch in 2017.

The Libby app, created by OverDrive, is used in over 22,000 public libraries and thousands of colleges, universities, corporate libraries and learning centers. If you haven't tried Libby yet, please stop in and a reference librarian will happily help you get the app! <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby>

## AARP TAX AIDE

AARP helped 171 people do their taxes this year at the library. We thank them for their valuable time and service.

AARP volunteers:  
Top row, left to right: Mark, Steve, Mike  
Bottom row, left to right: Irv, June, Dennis



### MAIN LIBRARY

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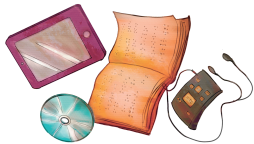
## Our New Community Outreach Coordinator



Rakhee Lala

We are excited to announce that Rakhee Lala, our Circulation Staff Member for the past 8 years, is now our Community Outreach Coordinator. She is enjoying planning and bringing in library programs for adults and is looking to form and grow relationships and partnerships with community members. Share with her your recommendations for things to read/watch/listen or any program topics and speakers you would like to enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering to present, email her at [rlala@wvpl.org](mailto:rlala@wvpl.org).

Patron Sharon Shur told us she is enjoying the afternoon programs that Rakhee has scheduled. She finds them intelligent and thought provoking, and looks forward to even more. Thank you Sharon for your wonderful feedback !



## Summer Reading For All Ages June 20th -August 12th

Summer 2023 is packed full of fun and educational events and activities happening each week at both the Blue Bell and Ambler branch! We are looking forward to a Dinosaur Expedition Adventure, live bugs, a Claymobile, Ridiculous Nicholas science show, stop-motion animation workshop, Reading Rocks Magic Show, Mad Science, Stories in the Park, learning about the Ancient Egyptians Pharaohs, pyramids, and more! There is something for everyone at no cost to anyone. Stay up-to-date on registering for these events by visiting the calendar on our Website. In addition to library programming, you can keep track of your summer reading by logging your books on paper or in the Beanstack app, beginning in June. Everyone who participates will receive a prize. Don't miss out!



ESL Teacher Rita Moskoff

Rita has been volunteering with WVPL for more than six years. She started at our Ambler branch teaching conversational ESL . During the pandemic, Rita continued to hold these classes online and even added a second class on Tuesday mornings! Her ESL classes consist of both international and local intermediate students who represent diverse cultures and backgrounds. Rita says, "We enjoy learning from each other and we now consider ourselves friends. I believe I'm helping the students with specific questions they have about United States protocol and also helping to enhance their comprehension and pronunciation, but I know my learning and life are enhanced and enriched by our laughter and friendship."

## Volunteer Spotlight



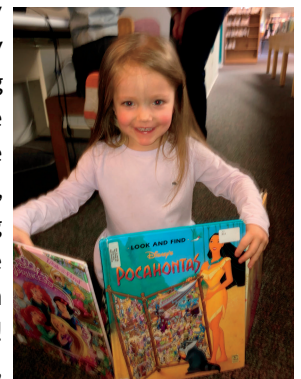
## National Library Week April 23 - 29, 2023



Libraries have always had a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to ebooks. Now libraries also lend items such as museum passes and games. WVPL programming brings our community together for entertainment, connection, and learning through book clubs, storytimes, movie matinees, crafting classes, lectures and more. Enjoy National Library Week. #loveyourlibrary

## Patron Story

Patron Heather Knoll frequently brings her children to the library to borrow books and learning games. They especially love the look-and-find books, which can be a fun challenge. Her son, Dillon, enjoys the hands-on learning games that help him to practice his skills at home. His teacher even noticed the improvement. Wow! Thank you for sharing this with us, Heather.



Pictured: Dillon's sister Emma



**At the heart of the library are people like you!**  
Your support in our endeavors reminds us that we are partners in the library's mission.

It's Good To Have  
*friends*

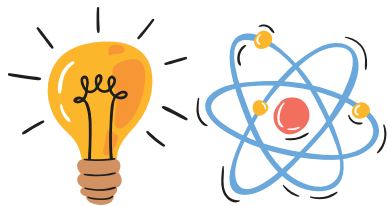


This year, the Friends of the Blue Bell Library plan to donate \$20,000+ towards the renovation of the Blue Bell library. Their next big book sale will be held April 22-25 at the Main Library

The Ambler Friends donated \$3,415 in 2022. It supported programs for adults and children. Their next big book sale will be held June 9-10 at the Ambler Branch

## EITC Donations Fund STEAM

Have you heard of the Earned Income Tax Credits? Businesses large and small can donate to local non-profits and get a 90% tax credit. This year, individuals are eligible as well. WVPL would like to thank Elliott -Lewis for donating \$2,500 and the Ambler Savings Bank for donating \$2,000. This money is used to fund summer STEAM programs for kids. These are programs that involve Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.



### How To Donate

Donations are tax deductible



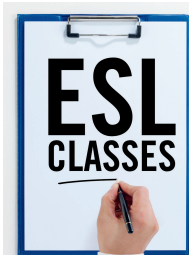
**Mail Donation** in the enclosed envelope.

**Donate Online** at [www.wvpl.org](http://www.wvpl.org), click on **Donate**.

**Sign up for Company Matching Donations.** The library gets matching donations from General Electric, Exxon Mobil, Merck, Citizens Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Penn Virginia Corporation, Pfizer Foundation, Quaker Chemical Foundation, Vanguard, Oracle, Wells Fargo and GlaxoSmithKline.

**Make a Memorial Donation.** Honor a relative or a friend.

**Donate** a portion of your Required Minimum Distribution from your **IRA**.



WVPL Ambler Branch is looking for volunteers to assist with teaching Beginner level ESL. All materials are provided by the library and volunteers will be partnered with current teachers. If interested, please send an email to [esl@wvpl.org](mailto:esl@wvpl.org) or contact Anne Hall at 215-646-1072.

## Grant Writers Unite

The library would like to thank the VNA foundation of Greater North Penn for awarding the library a \$5,000 general operating grant. The VNA foundation is a true partner in helping to make the Wissahickon, North Penn and Souderton school districts as healthy as possible.



## Story Time with Miss Delia

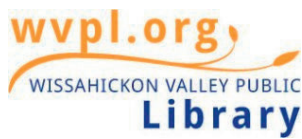
WVPL Ambler Branch Library is partnering with Ambler Community Garden this summer on Mondays from June through August, Miss Delia will hold preschool storytimes in the community garden at Knight Park.

## Top Ten Non Fiction Books

1. *Spare*, by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex
2. *Go-to dinners: Make Ahead, Freeze Ahead, Prep Ahead, Easy Assembled*, by Ina Garten
3. *The Light We Carry: Overcoming In Uncertain Times*, by Michelle Obama
4. *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, by Jennette McCurdy
5. *Friends, Lovers, And The Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir*, by Matthew Perry
6. *Confidence Man: The Making Of Donald Trump And The Breaking Of America*, by Maggie Haberman
7. *Dinners With Ruth: a memoir On The Power Of Friendships*, by Nina Totenberg
8. *So Help Me God*, by Mike Pence
9. *Smitten Kitchen Keepers: New Classics For Your Forever Files: a Cookbook*, by Deb Perelman
10. *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal The Hidden Realms Around Us*, by Ed Yong

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## Wissahickon Valley Public Library - We're here to serve you!

### Educational Events At Blue Bell

#### Ongoing Events:

**Mondays:** Virtual ESL Group 10:30 am

Yoga 12:30 pm, Advanced Tai Chi 2:30 pm, Intermediate Tai Chi 3:15 pm, Beginning Tai Chi 4:00 pm, Chess club 5:00 pm

**Tuesdays:** Knitting 10:00 am, Storytime 10:30 am, Movie Matinee 2:00 pm, Mindful Meditation 6:00 pm

**Wednesdays:** Blue Bell Book Club 10 am 1st Wednesdays

**Thursdays:** Story time 10:30 am, Socrates Cafe 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm

**Fridays:** Baby Wiggles 10:30 am, Mahjong 1:30 pm

**Saturdays:** Mystery Book Group 3rd Saturdays 1:30 pm

#### Featured Events:

**Thurs April 6** Thursday Movie Club: Real Women Have Curves 2 pm

**Fri April 21 - April 25** Friend's Book Sale

**Thurs April 27** More Than Just A Pretty Face. Women Of Woodmere's Collection 6:30 pm

**Month of May** MONTCOSAAC's Art Center exhibit

**Thurs May 11** Memory Care 6 pm

### Educational Events At Ambler

#### Ongoing Events:

**Mondays:** Storytime 10:30 am, Ambler Beading Group 1st and 3rd Mondays 1:00 pm, Yoga 6:30 pm

**Tuesdays:** Baby Storytime 10:30 am, Virtual ESL Group 10:30 am, Yarn Cafe 6:30 pm

**Wednesdays:** Beginner ESL 10:00 am

**Thursdays:** Ambler Book Group 2nd Thursdays 2:30 pm

**Fridays:** Yarn Cafe 10:30 am, Ambler Artist Group 10:00 am

**Saturdays:** Reading to the Dogs 3rd Saturdays 11:00 am

#### Featured Events:

**Mon April 10** Cook The Book Club 6:30 pm

**Thurs April 13** Parenting Workshop 6:30 pm

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