

Newsletter

Winter 2018-19

Wreath and Centerpiece Workshop

Saturday Dec 8, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

An abundance of fresh greens and assistance are supplied by Lauren Leatherbarrow of the UC Garden Club, and Diane Adler of the Friends of WSWL.

*You bring the decorations and ribbons -
and a bowl if making a centerpiece.*

The workshop is Free,
but contributions are accepted for the cost of the
greens
and the wire frames.

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***Huge, Winter Indoor Book Sale - two
days!***

***Friday December 14, 2 pm to 4:45
pm
Saturday December 15, 10 am to 4:00
pm***

Shop the best of our donated books
for a special someone - or for you!

***Most books cost \$1 or \$2,
but some are only \$0.50 or up to \$5***

***Proceeds help the Friends support WSWL
programs and improvements.***

***Free Library of Philadelphia
TURNS UP THE VOLUME
Philly needs FULLY FUNDED
LIBRARIES!!***

***Add your voice
to a press conference and rally in City
Hall***

***Wednesday December 12, 3:15 pm
meet at NE corner City Hall.***

Bring a posse.
Show that Philadelphia cares!

And...

Join our voices calling & tweeting Mayor
Kenny
215 686-2181
(james.kenney@phila.gov)

on #FULLFUNDINGFRIDAY
for the rest of the year.
(or any other day!)

But WHY??

Testifying at City Council budget hearings every
spring
has gotten city libraries nowhere.
We still are scrimping by on the same funding as in
2008,
after it was reduced due to the recession.
With inflation, that buys 17% less than in 2008!
So staff vacancies aren't filled, especially childrens'
librarians,
and branch libraries close unexpectedly due to other
staff shortages.

WSWL's managing librarian splits his time with other
branches

so they can stay open. But then *we're* short a librarian and WSWL is frequently short library assistants and guards.

Our librarian comes in hours early every day, on his own time, to do routine book processing because we are so shorthanded.

Do you wonder why it takes so long to get books you have reserved?

WSWL is lucky. Other branches have been closed for whole seasons because of no air conditioning or heating, and over half our branches are now closed on Saturdays.

Recent FLP staffing improvements came by "borrowing" money that should be spent on materials - *books??*.

WSWL Friends are already buying paper towels and cleaning materials for the bathrooms.

Our Libraries need full funding they can count on!!

Have questions or want to be more involved?
email FreeLibraryFullFunding@gmail.com

for handouts go to the following links:

[Fund Our Libraries Poster](#)

[Press Conference Poster](#)

[Petition](#)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

New at WSWL this Winter

Philly Math Group : Fractions Made Easy

Saturdays, 2 – 4 pm

Students get help with mathematics.

Meet the Author

Martin Earl Smith, author of "*Philadelphia Big 5*".

Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 – 4:30pm

Discusses Philly's Big 5 college basketball teams and signs his book,

Teen Fantasy RPG Club

Monday Dec 17 and Jan 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

A supplement to the *full*, Wednesday night role playing program.

Join us as we expand the scope of our RPG club. Explore new worlds and adventures with a new leader.

Children's Winter Holiday Storytime

Tuesday, December 18, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Young children and families enjoy stories, songs, and activities

about Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Snowball Winter Dance Party, and more...

Saturday, December 22, 2 pm – 4 pm

Attention kids and teens!

Come dressed in your favorite sweater and dance the afternoon away at our first ever *Snowball Dance Party!* If dancing isn't your thing, try your hand at making snowflakes or cookie decorating.

Snacks will be provided. All kids and teens welcome.

Hand Sewing for Beginners

Saturday Jan 5 and 19, 2 pm - 3 pm

Whether you're interested in embroidery or just want to learn a new skill, Miss Oumou will teach you the basics of hand sewing.

Confirm on January calendar.

Recommended for ages 7+.

Library Friends' Lunar New Year Party

February 11, 5 - 6 pm

Penn Lion Dancers and Drummers entertain!

***For January and February programs,
see the calendar at the library or on the
Friends web site.***

CALENDAR, HOURS & CLOSINGS:

WWL is now open on Saturdays until next summer.

All libraries will be closed

Tuesday December 25, on Christmas

Tuesday January 1, on New year's Day

*There may be early closings on Christmas Eve
and New Year's Eve*

All libraries will be closed on

**Monday January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday**

Monday February 18, Presidents' Day

- For a **complete calendar of events**, classes and activities, including numerous children's programs, [click here](#).
 - The librarians post emergency closings on [facebook](#).
For hours, click [here](#).
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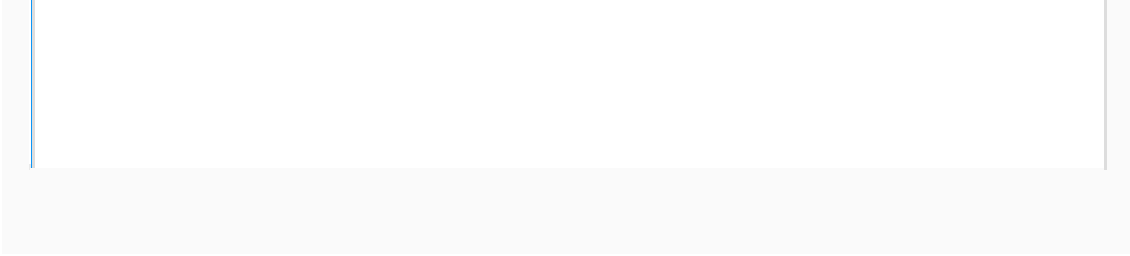
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