

TOWNSHIP OF SHALER ADMINISTRATION

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David Shutter, President
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| Manager | Timothy Rogers |
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| Engineer | Matthew Sebastian |
| Bldg. Code Official | Robert Vita |
| Public Works Director | Anthony Zelina |

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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| Board of Commissioners | 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM. |
| Planning Commission | 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM |
| Zoning Hearing Board | 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM |
| Library Board at SNHL | 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM (except July, Aug., & Sept.) |
| Committee Meetings | 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM (except May, June, July, Aug.) |
| Pension & Insurance | 9:00 AM (meets qtrly.) |

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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| Business Office | 412-486-9700 |
| Property Tax Department | 412-486-9700 (Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. – 12 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) |
| Shaler North Hills Library | 412-486-0211 |
| Police Administration | 412-492-2222 |
| Shaler Hampton EMS | 412-487-6590 |
| Hampton Shaler Water Authority | 412-486-4867 www.hswa-pa.org |

ALL EMERGENCIES 9-1-1



GLENSHAW CENTURY CLUB, INC. CARING BEARS



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Check page 10 for details.



SHALER TOWNSHIP'S "LITE" UP NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 SHALER NORTH HILLS LIBRARY

Check out page 11 for more details

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION:

Sign up at www.shaler.org
 for e-mail notifications regarding Township news, alerts, events and meetings.

SHALER TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving, November 26 & 27
Christmas, December 24 & 25
New Year's Day, January 1

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Police Department: [facebook.com/PoliceShaler](https://www.facebook.com/PoliceShaler) -or- twitter.com/PoliceShaler

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Veteran's Day Memorial Service

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Memorial at Shaw Place along Mt. Royal Blvd.

Shaler Post 785 American Legion and VFW Post 9199 are planning to conduct the annual memorial service. All are invited but should wear face masks and try to maintain social distancing. A sound amplifying system will be in use. There will not, however, be a luncheon following the service. If it is later deemed to be too dangerous to gather, the service will be cancelled and issue a notice in this regard by some means.



Shaler Area Rotary Club

Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Shaler Area Rotary Club remains focused on serving the local community and has focused on projects to address food shortages and to support local food banks. The Rotary club donated \$15,000 to local charities with a \$2,500 donation each to the Bread of Life Food Pantry, North Hills Community Outreach, Elfinwild Meals on Wheels, Network of Hope, Anchor Point Ministries, and CLC in Millvale. Grants to support the Shaler Backpack Initiative and for food for Bread of Life and NHCO food pantries have been awarded. The Rotary club is also looking for a local veteran that could benefit from the use of an all-terrain trac wheelchair. The club is always looking for new members who are looking for fellowship in volunteering and community service.

Thanksgiving on Every Table Collection

October 19, 2020 – November 9, 2020
North Hills Community Outreach Main Office
1975 Ferguson Road Allison Park, PA 15101

Every year North Hills Community Outreach distributes hundreds of complete Thanksgiving dinners to families and individuals experiencing hardship. You can help by holding a collection or donating any or all the following items.



Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 4 PM, and the first Saturday of the month 9 AM - Noon.

Items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner include;

- 1 large box stuffing mix
- 1 large box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 15-ounce can of cranberry sauce or yams.
- 2 16-ounce cans of vegetables
- Any dessert mixes;
- 1 box of muffin mix
- 1 package of turkey gravy mix
- 1 package of napkins
- 1 grocery certificate for \$20 or more (to purchase a turkey)
- Canvas shopping bag for collecting these items

Senator Lindsey Williams'

McKnight Road Office is open by appointment for constituent services including free notary services! Please call 412-364-0469 or email SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com to schedule your appointment. We look forward to assisting you!
 To receive regular updates about upcoming events, please sign up for our newsletter at [SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Subscribe](https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/Subscribe)."



LINDSEY WILLIAMS

Leaf-Yard Waste Pick Up 2020 October – December Dates:

Saturday, November 7 Saturday, October 31
 Saturday, November 14 Saturday, December 5
 Saturday, November 21

No pickup on Saturday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Holiday weekend)

During Leaf Collection there is no need to schedule as the entire community will be serviced for leaf and yard waste collection on the dates below:

- Yard waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery with no dirt attached, limbs, twigs, brush and tree trimmings and similar items, but does not include grass clippings and mulch.
- Yard waste must be placed in a **bio-degradable paper bag**. Tree trimmings not to exceed 3-inches in diameter. Brush, limbs, twigs and shrubbery must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4 feet in length and 1-foot total diameter.

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Garbage service will be delayed by one day.

- New Year's Day
- Labor Day
- Christmas Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Trees

Christmas tree removal is scheduled from January 2 through January 30. Place your tree at the curb during your scheduled pick up day.

"Extended Travel" Billing Waiver Request – also for sale of a vacant home

Form and information located at www.shaler.org under Forms and Trash Collection.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Place only the following materials in your recycling cart.

- Aluminum Cans
- Corrugated Cardboard - broken down and placed in cart
- Newsprint and Inserts
- Office Paper
- Plastics No. 1 - 2
- Steel Cans
- Phone Books
- Paperback Books
- Junk Mail and Envelopes
- Boxboard: such as tissue, dry food boxes, cereal, noodles and cake boxes.



Electronic Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Collection

To schedule a collection time, call County Hauling at 724-929-7694 Ext. 2 or visit their website at countyhauling.com

Residents who call will be asked to describe the items they wish collected E-waste or HHW. Instructions will be sent on how to package the Household Hazardous Waste. Residents will be told the correct location for placement of HHW & E-Waste for pick-up when they schedule.

You will also be given a collection date. Such items must be kept in a secure location, NOT at the curb, until collected.

This service is available throughout the year by merely scheduling and describing the items to be collected at your home.

Waste Accepted:

- Electronics (anything with a screen, cord, or circuit board)
- TV/VCR/DVD Player
- Computer/Laptop/Monitor/Printer
- AC Unit/Dehumidifiers
- Stereos/CD & Tape Player
- Copiers/Fax Machine
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Microwaves
- Oil Based/Latex Paint
- Universal Waste (Light Bulbs & Batter)
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Household cleaning agents
- Aerosols
- Flammable Liquids
- Stains/Finishes/Sealers



EAGLE CANYON TRAIL UPDATE



The Township has plans to develop Eagle Canyon Trail that will connect Fawcett Fields to Wetzel Road. These plans were originally scheduled to commence in 2020 but were delayed due to budget concerns with the pandemic.

The Eagle Canyon Trail follows Little Pine Creek and will provide flat walking trails and bridges through the park valley and connect to Little Pine Creek Road following the stream bed. This park also features a children's fishing area and soccer fields that are utilized by the Shaler Area Soccer Club.

The delay in construction proved very beneficial to the Township. In 2019, State Representative Lori Mizgorski announced that she was able to secure funding in the amount of \$350,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Heritage and Other Parks Program. In early October 2020, State Representative Mizgorski announced that she had secured an additional \$95,000 in funding from the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) to help repair storm damage and stream erosion, as well as widen the soccer field and trail.

In addition, State Senator Lindsey Williams informed the Township that she has secured an additional \$100,000 in funding through the GEDTF to help with this planned project. The grant funds for this project total \$545,000 and the estimated total project cost is \$763,000. The development of this trail will enhance the walking opportunities for residents of the Township. We anticipate that the project will be completed by the end of 2021.

The Township is very thankful for the tireless efforts of State Representative Lori Mizgorski and State Senator Lindsey Williams for their contributions to this valuable project.

SUCCESSFUL 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET



On September 12th the second annual community flea market was held at Kiwanis Park. Vendors purchased tables at a cost of \$15 per space and within a matter of 1 hour, the parking lot and outfield of Crawshaw Field were filled with vendors wares. Shortly after 8 am, the buyers arrived. It was a beautiful day and there were many treasures to be found. A special thank you to vendors and buyers alike for practicing safe distancing and staying safe. It is a great community event that we hope to continue in 2021. The tentative date for the 2021 sale is September 18th. Start saving your unwanted treasures now. It is a great way to make some extra money and clean out your basement and garage.



**SUPPORT NEW LOCAL BUSINESSES
WELCOME TO SHALER!**

Executive Chandelier Services, LLC
1403 Mt. Royal Blvd.

Rice Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
1416 Mt. Royal Blvd.

Nail Obsessions Beauty Bar, LLC
845 Butler Street

GLENSHAW CENTURY CLUB, INC. CARING BEARS



It takes a village to help raise a child, or in this case, 400 little fleece Caring Bears...

Members of the Glenshaw Century Club, Inc. have been very busy over the last three months crafting 400 fleece Caring Bears to be distributed to all the Shaler kindergartners and staff on their first day of school.

Club members Donna Mastandrea, Suzi Fisher and Eileen Phillips came up with this idea when discussing how different the new school year would be for everyone, but especially for



the kindergartners. Along with the normal angst of starting school, there was a lot of fear in the little ones with the COVID virus including meeting strangers for the first time with masks on and having to social distance from their friends, etc. To help with these fears, it was decided to make a Caring Bear for all, with "Love" (and 50 lbs of poly fiber stuffing) from the ladies of the Glenshaw Century Club, Inc. The bears have been a big hit with parents, teachers, and kids alike. Scott



Primary School Kindergarten teacher Jessica Gilbert states "I wanted to send you a HUGE thank you for all of your work, time, and dedication that you put in to ensure that our new Shaler Area Kindergartners received a bear to take home with them for the 2020-21 school year. The kids were ALL so excited about their bears! I heard so many comments like "They're so soft!" "I can't wait to put my bear on my pillow" and "I love this!"

The Club is a 501 (c) (3) organization with objectives to provide grants to Shaler Area High School seniors and donations to local organizations promoting the good and welfare of the elderly and disadvantaged. Since 1960, the club has awarded over



\$700,000 in grants and to community organizations.

President Dianne Kelleher stated "I am very proud of the Glenshaw Century Club outreach projects. Our members always embrace an opportunity to help our community. I hope our Caring Bears help the Shaler and Blessed Trinity kindergarten students have a great school year. When they are high school seniors, we look forward to seeing their scholarship applications!

Save the Date

Shaler Township's "Lite" Up Night is on Saturday, November 21st at the Shaler North Hills Library

Events include ice skating, food vendors, and a parade with Santa!
Check our website at www.shaler.org for additional information and a full schedule.

IT IS HOME IMPROVEMENT SEASON



The Township's building and zoning enforcement programs are designed to protect public health and safety, to maintain sound property values, and to improve the visual image of the Township. All homeowners and business owners are required to adhere to these regulations so that we can maintain a stable and attractive community.

The Township of Shaler Code Enforcement Department handles a wide variety of responsibilities. One of which is the permit application process for all types of building projects. Whatever you are thinking of building throughout the year, we are here to guide you.

It is simple to recognize that an office building or commercial store might need a building permit. But it is equally important that homeowners recognize that their project may also require permits. Decks, pools, and additions are examples of residential projects that must be reviewed. Shaler Township participates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and currently utilizes the 2009 series of the International Construction Codes. If you are uncertain your project requires a permit or plan review, we are available to answer all your questions. Please reach out to the Code Enforcement Department for assistance.

Glenshaw Century Club, Inc. presents
Christmas in the Valley

Saturday, November 14th, 10am-3pm

Holiday Craft Fair

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church

1520 Butler Plank Road, 15116

* Free admission * Raffles * Food to go *

* New-to-you * Masks required *

Tours available of the church and the
Lower Glenshaw Public Library

For additional information, contact Donna at 412-412-478-6064



VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES



BAUERSTOWN VFD
www.bauerstownvfd.com

CHERRY CITY VFD
www.cherrycityfire.org

Thanks to all those persons who attended the Grilled Chicken BBQ fundraisers in our parking lot over the summer months. We truly appreciate your support. We are prepared to re-open our Thursday night bingos as soon as we get the go-ahead from Governor Wolf. We have begun selling our 2021 PA Lottery Calendars with well over \$10,000 in prizes. They are only \$25 each. We are also selling 100 chances to win \$1,000 each month with the cost only \$20 per ticket. In December, we will be raffling off chances to win different amounts for \$50. These monthly raffles are based on the 2-digit evening Daily Number. If you ever considered becoming a member of our fire company, remember, "you don't have to fight fires" to belong. We have Business membership in addition to active firefighting. Our Ladies Auxiliary is always looking for new members too! Follow us on Facebook and check our website to see the latest information on our fires/rescue's incidents and updates on any fundraisers.

ELFINWILD VFD
www.elfinwildfire.com

SHALER VILLA VFC
www.shalervillavfc.com

SHARPS HILL VFD
www.sharpshillvfd.org

UNDERCLIFF VFD
www.undercliffvc.org
2020 Car Raffle

The members of Undercliff Volunteer Fire Company would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has been supporting us during these unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel many fundraisers and events leaving us to get creative in our fundraising efforts. We have recently started doing some online fundraisers via Facebook to help offset operational costs. Please follow us on Facebook to see our current online fundraisers going on and help spread the word! Also, mark your calendars for our annual Cash Bash with Etna VFD on January 30, 2020! Thank you for all your continued support!



SHALER HAMPTON EMS

Shaler Hampton EMS developed its Annual Subscription Drive to allow our patients to protect themselves from a potentially expensive ambulance bill and support their community. It works by paying a small fee once a year to become a subscriber. As a subscriber you will receive a 50% discount on out-of-pocket expenses for medically necessary emergency ambulance trips. Most insurance programs have deductibles and co-payments that the patient is expected to pay. In addition, most communities in the North Hills honor your Shaler Hampton EMS Subscription so you are protected even when you are outside our service area. Subscribing also supports a vital community resource. Shaler Hampton EMS needs your financial support to continue as your local am

The fees are \$40 for an Individual Subscription, \$55 for a Family Subscription, and \$75 for a Family Plus Subscription. The Subscription Year starts on April 1st and ends on March 31st. If you have not received your subscription, please contact us at 412-487-6590 or visit our website at www.shalerhamptonems.org.

POLICE NEWS



PREPARE FOR WINTER DRIVING

Winter driving can be extremely hazardous, especially in Western Pennsylvania. With the drop in temperatures, you should always prepare for snow and ice on our roadways. Stay informed of fast changing weather patterns, consider signing up for local weather alerts to receive text messages and optional storm alerts for your area.

The first thing you should do is make sure your vehicle is ready for winter. A properly winterized vehicle will help make these months a little less challenging to navigate. A quick walk around your vehicle will tell you if you're ready or not.

- Snow tires are always recommended, they have deeper, more flexible tread, and are designed for snow covered roads. But, if you are using all-season tires, check the tread on your tires and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch.
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed. Be sure to use winter rated washer fluid for temperatures as cold as -30 degrees.
- Check your vehicle lighting- headlights, brakes lights, turn signals, etc.
- Check your cooling system and top off any other fluids.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Township Right of Way – Removal of Structures: As the Township Public Works Department prepares for winter road maintenance, please remove all basketball hoops and other obstructions or structures within 10 feet of the edge of the paved portion of the public street or highway in the Township.

Chapter 225-107 of the Township Zoning Code states that it is illegal to place any structure within 10 feet of the edge of the paved portion of any public street or highway in the Township.

If these obstructions or structures are not removed from the public right-of-way, the Township will not be responsible for any damage sustained to the structure as a result of snow removal in that area.

Snow Removal on Roads: Please assist the Public Works Department during the winter months and snow removal by following the suggestions below:

- Whenever possible, please park in your driveway and not on the street during a winter storm. This will help the drivers on their snow routes.
- Do not blow or shovel snow on the street after it's been cleared. This is a violation of Township Code Chapter 192, Article II, and carries a fine of \$600.00
- Monitor winter storm tracking through the media, plan accordingly and try to avoid unnecessary travel during these storms.
- Unless you have an emergency, please do not call the Township office to report that your street has not been cleared. Rest assured, if it's snowing, we're working.

In addition to Township streets, our crews are responsible for all county and state roads with the exception of Route 8. Streets are prioritized according to high traffic, public transportation and school bus routes first.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- If heavy snow and ice are in the forecast, wait out any storms if possible or leave yourself extra time for getting to your destination.
- Know your vehicles capabilities- traction control, anti-lock braking system, etc.
- Completely remove all snow and ice from your vehicle to include the windshield, headlights, taillights, mirrors, etc.
- It is also recommended to clean off any front or back cameras. These cameras allow assistive driving features like automatic braking systems to function properly.
- When driving accelerate and decelerate slowly, avoid fast braking, Increase following distance between vehicles. Avoid aggressive driving maneuvers.
- Always keep a minimum of a half tank of fuel in your vehicle.

WINTER DRIVING ESSENTIALS

- A cellphone and charger
- Jumper Cables
- Blankets and extra clothing
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Shovel

Remember, the most important things anytime of the year are to always Buckle Up, Use Child Safety Seats Properly, and Never Drink and Drive.



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Email notification: Sign up on our website at www.shalerlibrary.org for our monthly emails.

Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates added after press time.

NEW HOURS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY:**
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
- **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY:** 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
- **SATURDAY:** 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
- **SUNDAY: CLOSED**

Call us anytime M-TH 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and F/SAT 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and we are happy to answer any questions or bring Library materials and craft items for virtual programs to your vehicle. Thank you for your patience.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSURES:

- **CLOSED NOVEMBER 21 FOR SHALER TOWNSHIP'S LITE UP NIGHT.**
- **CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 26 & 27 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**
- **CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25 & 26 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**
- **CLOSED DECEMBER 31 AND JANUARY 1 & 2 TO CELEBRATE A NEW YEAR.**

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON SOME OF OUR FAVORITE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING EVENTS:

We will miss our annual wreath-making fundraiser during the holiday season! However, please support the Library by purchasing a wreath beautifully decorated by the amazing members of the Shaler Garden Club! Sales begin during Shaler Township's "Lite Up" Night on November 21. \$30.00 while supplies last. Also, visit our table during "Lite Up" Night to purchase hot cocoa and pre-bagged s'mores. In addition, more wonderful raffles to come to benefit both the Library and our generous Kiwanis Club during the holidays. Thank you for your support of the Library and our community groups. They do so much for all of us.

"There's SNOW better time to read!" Our winter reading program for all ages kicks off January 18 to February 28! Bundle up, read and win! Virtual and in-person!

Pop-up mini book sales continue! A generous Friend of the Library donated \$6000 to offset the loss of critical funds from our fall community book sale. But we still have a lot of wonderful donations—some of which we add to the collection, swap for condition, and give to kids and families. The rest we sell to raise

funds for the Library! Call us or check our website for what mini book sale theme has "popped up" in our large print room. Thank you! We accept donations any time in the designated bins in the lobby.

WE KNOW YOU LOVE YOUR LIBRARY! AND WE LOVE OUR PATRONS AND DONORS!

Our heartfelt thanks go to the many donors who helped us raise much-needed funds during September's Love Your Library month, when donations received a partial match from the Jack Buncher Foundation. Whether you bought a raffle basket ticket, Library swag or a sponsor heart; adopted a book or made an Honor and Memorial Book selection; purchased handcrafted jewelry, porcelain birds, or fresh herbs; visited our coffee and donut table at the Shaler Flea Market; shopped on Amazon Smile and picked Shaler North Hills Library to benefit, or signed up for Shop'n Save Perks and designated the Library; or lent us your financial support through your generous donations, we are most grateful. Your ongoing support is needed now and will be important for us to continue to serve you in 2021. Thank you!

A SCOUT'S GOOD DEED NOW BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY!

Food pantry plaque photo courtesy of Shaler Journal

Xander Hill, the great-grandson of former Shaler Commissioner and longtime Library Board Member William J. Neely, wanted to honor Mr. Neely's life. So the Boy Scout Troop 560 member and Eagle Scout hopeful created a food pantry for his community service project, which was installed at the Library in September. Donations from Xander's family and friends initially stocked the pantry, and a \$500 check given to SNHL will help keep it full. Folks are welcome to donate gift cards to future food purchases as we don't have space to store food. Community members are encouraged to stop by the pantry to stock up on essentials, which are free to those in need. We are most grateful!



AND SPEAKING OF COMMUNITY SERVICE: A SHOUT-OUT TO OUR HERBISTS!

The Bowers are retiring after several years of providing our community with wonderful herbs. Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme (that sounds familiar!) plus basil and so much more. We thank the Bowers for their hard work—hauling water and dirt, and providing the plants, then carefully bagging them for sale to benefit the Library. They have donated so much time to make our space an attractive and fragrant one, attracting lots of pollinators too. The Bowers even suggested how to use the herbs. Gosh, they have done so much to benefit our Library and community! We give them hearty thanks! If anyone would like to maintain this lovely space, please reach out to Sharon at the Library at mcraes@einetnetwork.net.

GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT VIA THE LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY INFORMATION ELECTRONIC SIGN

Driving down Mt. Royal Boulevard past the Library, you've probably noticed the bright blue community electronic sign flashing messages about events and other important information. Shaler Township received a grant to install the sign on Library property. Its purpose is to promote the good works of Shaler civic groups, non-profits, churches, Emergency Services, SNHL, the SASD and Shaler Township. If you are a non-profit, a Shaler area community group, a fire hall, or are running a fundraising event, visit our website at <http://www.shalerlibrary.org/our-community/electronic-community-information-board/> for more information including our advertising policy and a downloadable form.

SHARE YOUR COVID-19 STORY

And while we're talking about messaging, SNHL is collecting your stories for a historic record of what life was like for our residents during this pandemic. Your story matters. Visit our website and click on the "Saving our History" link to fill out the Google form. Or write it down and mail it to us. Your information will be used strictly for historical reflection.

Try out some new board games! The Library's games to borrow are always popular and we have many more being added to the selection. Games check out for three weeks. You can search our catalog by 'Board Games' and then limit to Shaler Library (Format = toy). Find games for kids, adults, families, and everyone!

Or how about some new puzzles? That's right! We're loaning out jigsaw puzzles with your Library card. Gather round the table or snag two and have a friendly competition....Ready? Set! Let the FUN begin!!

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING AND ERESOURCES:

Zoom with us to talk books and poetry! Visit our website Eventkeeper schedule and consult our Check It Out monthly newsletter for details.

- Monday Day & Night Book Group - Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Mystery Book Group - Third Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
- Poetry Workshops hosted by Art and Inspiration International - Second Thursday evening of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, FAMILIES AND TEENS!

Count on the amazing Miss Ing & Miss Rebekah and your Youth Services Team to keep bringing the fun, the wacky and the educational programs you know and love! Be sure to stay tuned to <https://www.shalerlibrarykids.org/> and follow along with our favorites like Book Babies, Mother Goose, Dance Party, Toddler Time, Fun Food for Kids, Saturday Storytime and American Girl. But you know more awaits! While you know we love sharing stories and activities in person, right now virtual is how we will continue to serve to help our community stay safe and healthy. It's not ideal, but we will stay flexible in our services, programs and activities.

LIBRARY MATERIALS:

- Drop off your returns to the outside book drop. You can return all Library materials from any Allegheny County Library to these bins while we are all still fine free!
- No matter when or where you borrowed Library materials, kindly bring them back. Did pandemic cleaning lead you to a treasure trove of forgotten Library materials? Any items checked out pre-March of 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017? Bring the items back, no questions, the overdue fine comes off. If items are lost or damaged, just call and we will work with you on a deal to get you back to a "fresh start" with your Library card. Please reach out.
- While there will be NO late fees for your items through the end of the year, donations are welcome; visit our website for information on ways you can help your Library.
- Some items may not be checked in off your Library card right away—this has to do with quarantining and the Holds system.

Understand that as Library budgets tighten, the ability to request materials may become an issue and wait times for those requests will be longer. If you are in a book group or have homework needs, please plan ahead.