



Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

From the Director's Desk: Rent-a-Consultant

JTPL has a grant opportunity to help improve the library's layout. Considering this grant, I have been thinking about how patrons find books in the Library. Being as I have spent more than thirty years working in libraries, how I use it is not indicative of "normal" library use.

Learning how people navigate through the library is the first step in figuring out how to make it easier to find specific books. Of course, this assumes that people have difficulty finding books in the library. So, we are running a small contest to collect feedback on your experiences with locating books in the library. To enter the contest all you need to do is e-mail me with an answer to the following questions:

1) How often are you unable to find a specific book in the library?

- **Always** – I always find my book
- **Almost Always** – I find my book at least 80% of the time
- **Sometimes** – I find my books at least 50 % of the time
- **Rarely** – I find my book only about 20% of the time
- **Never** – I never find my book

2) When looking for books in the library, how do you go about finding the items?

- Online catalog computer stations
- Browse the shelves
- Select books from the displays
- Ask a librarian for help

Whomever emails me with answers to these questions, by March 31, 2018 will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$20.00 gift card from Amazon.

Please email your answer to seth.stephens@jeffersonlibrary.net



HOLIDAY HOURS

March 30th & 31st

CLOSED

Good Friday and Easter Saturday

April 1st

CLOSED

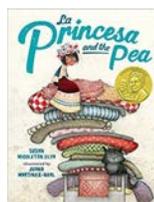
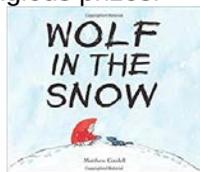
Easter Sunday

2018 YMA Winners

ALA YOUTH MEDIA AWARDS

Every year the American Library Association honors books, videos, and other materials for children and young adults. Think of the Oscars or Grammys for books, seriously! Though, I'd guess on the red carpet, they'd be asking who each participant is reading, rather than who they are wearing.

The awards are presented during the ALA Midwinter Conference, and were announced on February 12th. Selection committees spend the year reviewing nominated work, and are composed of librarians and other experts in youth literature. Look for a gold or silver medal on the book's cover, it's a good indication the author or illustrator was awarded one of these prestigious prizes.



The awards are given out to original books, written and published in the U.S., showing creativity and merit, some of the most notable awards are:

- John Newbery Medal** for excellence in children's literature
- Randolph Caldecott** for outstanding illustrations in a picture book
- Coretta Scott King** awards for African-American writers and illustrators
- Pura Belpre** awards for authors and illustrators of Hispanic decent
- Michael L Printz** award for young adult fiction and nonfiction

For the full list of current and past winners, please visit: www.ala.org/yma



Children's Corner



Please check our online calendar for additional events and registration.



Spring Storytimes (April 3rd - May 22nd)

- Mondays** - 10am Lapsit Storytime (ages 2 1/2 & under)
- 11am Storytime (ages 3 & up)
- 12pm Stay & Play (all ages)
- Tuesdays** - 9:30am Lapsit Storytime (ages 2 1/2 & under)
- 10:30am Alphabet Adventures T-Z (ages 3 & up)
- 1pm Storytime and Craft (ages 3 & up)
- Wednesday** - 10am Storytime (ages 3 & up) ** begins April 25
- Thursday** - 6pm Pajama Storytime (all ages)
- Friday** - 10am Friday Fun Storytime **4/20 and 4/27

Mommy/Daddy and Me Yoga
March 12th and 19th @ 9:30am

Early dismissal day programs @ 2:30pm

March 20th - Healthy Treats with Ms. Amanda (5 & up)

April 17th -Afterschool Art

Teen Drawing (10 & up) with Ms. Bernadine @ 7pm

March 29th
April 19th

Chess Club (all ages) @7pm

March 8th & 22nd
April 12th & 26th

Spring Break Fun at the Library

April 2nd
11am Drop-In Craft

April 3rd
10am Morning Yoga (ages 5-10)

April 5th
3:30pm STEM with Ms. Kerry (ages 5-7)

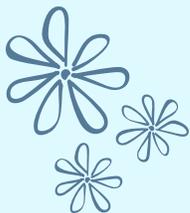
April 6th
10am Be BEAR Aware

12pm Your Incredible Journey Watercycle (grades 1-5)

6pm Eyes of the Wild

4pm STEM with Ms. Kerry (ages 8&up)

2pm - Drop-In Lego (ages 6&up)



Programs for Adults

Please check our online calendar for additional events and registration.

St Patrick's Day with Slateford Creek

Saturday, March 17th @ 2:00pm

The Celtic Voyage program features traditional Irish and Scottish songs, tunes and sea shanties.

Instruments used include banjo, guitar, penny whistle, tambourine, various shakers and rattles, and concertina.



Painting and Crafts with Bernadine

March 5th and April 9th @ 7:30pm



Cover-to-Cover Book Group

March 22nd and April 26th @ 10:30am

The Trees by Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

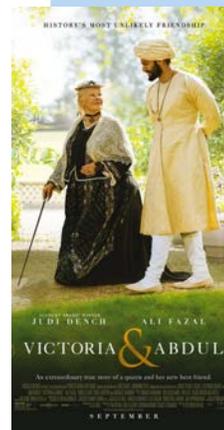
Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.



Coffee, Donuts, and a Movie

10:30am / Movie starts at 11am

March 8th - Victoria and Abdul



Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal) arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's (Dame Judi Dench) golden jubilee. The two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. (rated PG, 135min)

April 12th - The Greatest Showman



Inspired by the imagination of P. T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Starring Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, and Zac Efron (rated PG, 135min)

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**Our
Mission**

The Library of Jefferson Township is a haven for the investigation of life skills and interests, connecting a diverse community socially, culturally, and intellectually.



March 8th
April 13th
6-8pm
**Wordsmiths Writing
Workshop**

Cornelia by Bill O'Brien

Cornelia had never danced any of his ballets before this, and although a renowned legend in Vienna, she trembled. What if her legs would not obey her mind's wishes? What if her newly gained pounds, few and slight as they were, noticeably caught the attention of the audience? Clearly, those who sat stoically motionless in their seats were profound ballet perfectionists, and mistakes were intolerable. The women, so finely attired in their tight fitting ball gowns, jealous of her talent, waited for any mistake to be committed. She was of the impression that nothing would please them more, while their husbands, their thoughts far away, wished only for the evening to end, with the hope that they might disappear from it all, and fold, perhaps, into the arms of their mistresses.

It was all so overly draining, and once more, Cornelia's poise took hold. She had summoned it often. She would dance for none other than herself. She would be victorious. She would dance as she had never done so before, masterfully and fluid, for after this evening's curtain fall, she would dance, never again.

What is Wordsmiths?

Ever think about writing, but the thought of a blank page or screen is too daunting? Well, look no further than our monthly Wordsmiths Writing Workshop, led by Diane Hess. She uses inspirational, and thought-provoking, pictures to help spark your imagination. If you want a good place to start your writing journey with a fun and engaging group to help you along the way, then Wordsmiths is the place for you.

