



# Violet's Porch

The Newsletter of the Jefferson Township Library

## From the Director's Desk: *Front Stairs and Portico*

The front stairs of the library are being replaced, and a portico is being built to cover them. A rendering of the portico can be seen in the library lobby area. These changes will make a safer entry to the library. The nose of each stair has been slowly crumbling, leading to a portion of the stairs being closed earlier this year. During the winter snow and ice accumulates on the stairs making them slippery and unsafe to use.

The replacement is expected to begin on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Library will remain open during the work on the stairs and the erection of the portico. The work is expected to be completed in 6 to 8 weeks. The contractor will build a guardrail at the top of the stairs so that people may enter the library as they normally would, through the main entry. Additionally, the entrance on the north side of the building will be open if people wish to avoid the construction area.

The approximate cost of the project is \$174,000.00. The cost is being paid with funds that the Library Trustees have saved for projects such as this. The replacement of the stairs and the new portico are the first steps in an eventual full renovation of the front of the library building.

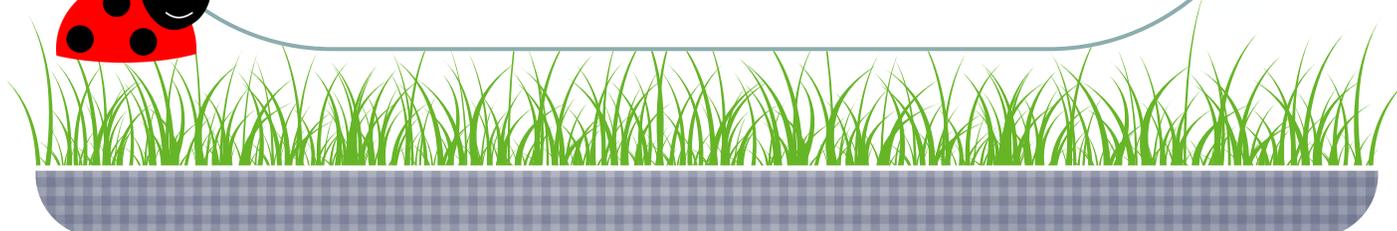
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### ***It's Summer Reading Time!***

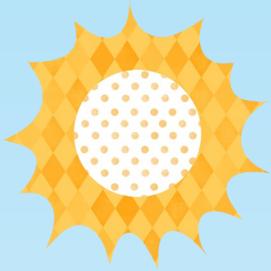
**This year children, teens and adults are all invited to sign up online at [www.jeffersonlibrary.net](http://www.jeffersonlibrary.net), create an account and start reading! The programs run for eight weeks, from June 27 through August 19.**

**Be sure to enjoy all of the free programs and events happening right here at the Jefferson Township Library this summer!**



# Summer Reading Kickoff

Tuesday, June 28 at 11 AM



*I wonder what it  
would be like to live  
in a world where it  
was always June.*

—L. M. Montgomery

Jump into summer with **TEAM MAKERS**,  
at **On Your Mark, Get Ready, Read!** an  
exciting outdoor program for **Ages 4+**. En-  
joy interactive team games that will chal-  
lenge your mind and body!

***Event Registration for Children's  
Summer Programs begins on  
June 1st.***

Visit [www.jeffersonlibrary.net](http://www.jeffersonlibrary.net) for the complete calendar,  
and descriptions of events for children, teens and adults.

#### *FOR KIDS*

June 29 at 10:30 AM — Meet Michelangelo the Therapy Horse

June 30 at 4 PM—PreSchool of Rock Music Concert

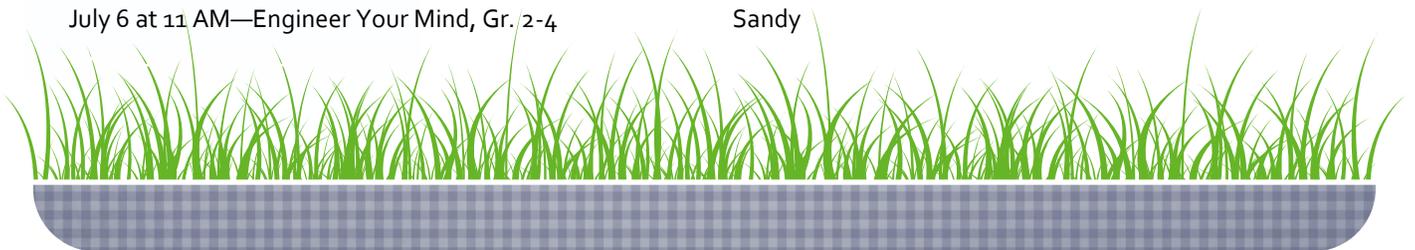
July 6 at 11 AM—Engineer Your Mind, Gr. 2-4

#### *FOR ADULTS & TEENS*

June 29 at 7 PM—Meteorite Stories

July 20 at 7 PM—Healthy Cooking: Berry, Berry Good!

July 24 at 2 PM—Inside the Megastorm: Hurricane Sandy





# Good novels to pick up now!

## **Bertie Plays the Blues** by Alexander McCall Smith

A six-and-a-half year old unhappy with his mother-driven schedule of yoga, Italian lessons and psychotherapy puts himself up for adoption on eBay.

## **The Boston Girl** by Anita Diamant

Addie Baum, the daughter of Jewish immigrants, recalls family tragedies and personal triumphs from her beginnings in a Boston tenement in the early 1900s.

## **Eligible** by Curtis Sittenfeld

A tender and funny story that brings Austen’s classic into the present, looking at issues of sexuality, racism, eating disorders and single parenthood. Simply charming!

## **Girl Waits with Gun** by Amy Stewart

A mystery based on the true story of the feisty and sharp Constance Kopp, first female deputy sheriff, set in the familiar landscape of Wyckoff, New Jersey in the early 1900s.

## **Lock In** by John Scalzi

Scientists who developed a virtual reality world for people who are paralyzed in body, but not in mind, find there are unexpected consequences.

## **Perfect Touch** by Elizabeth Lowell

An art dealer falls for the rncer whose inherited paintings she is appraising, but a missing painting and murder threaten her life and livelihood.

## **The Opposite of Everything** by Joshilyn Jackson

A fiercely independent, sassy divorce lawyer learns the power of family and connection when she receives a cryptic message from her estranged hippie mother

## **Station Eleven: a novel** by Emily St. John Mandel

A night at the theater urns deadly when the entire world is struck by a catastrophic flu pandemic.



## Coffee, Donuts & a Movie

Our Public Performance Site License allows us to legally screen selected movies at the library, for your viewing enjoyment! Refreshments served from 10:30 AM, show time is 11

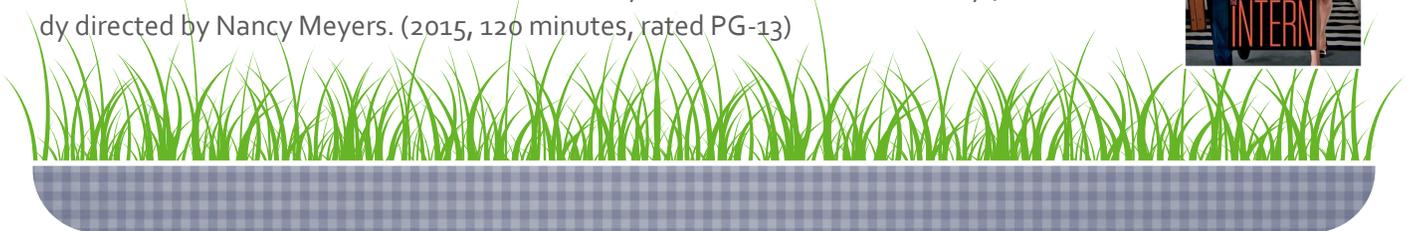
### **Bridge of Spies—Thursday, June 9**

During the Cold War, an American lawyer (Tom Hanks) is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help facilitate an exchange for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers. This historical thriller, directed by Steven Spielberg, was nominated for a best picture Oscar last year. (2015, 142 minutes, rated PG-13)



### **The Intern—Thursday, July 15**

70-year old widow Ben Whittaker (Robert DeNiro), who has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be, seizes an opportunity to get back in the game. He becomes a Senior Intern at an online fashion site founded and run by Jules Ostin (Anne Hathaway), in this comedy directed by Nancy Meyers. (2015, 120 minutes, rated PG-13)



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MISSION**

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



The library celebrated Shakespeare's 400th birthday with a display of memorabilia from the collection of Jefferson resident Mary Ann McAdams.

Do you have a small collection you'd like to see displayed in the library's display case? Why not consider sharing it — be it snow globes, key chains, Beatles collectibles, tea cups — anything small enough to fit in our approximately 35" by 36" case. Please contact Librarian Christine O'Brien

**New on DVD**

The Benefactor  
Carol  
Concussion  
Daddy's Home  
Earth's Natural Wonders  
50 to 1  
Glassland  
Globe Trekker: Touch Trains

The Hateful Eight  
The Lady in the Van  
Meteor Strike  
Misconduct  
The Revenant  
Room  
Sisters  
Spotlight

Star Wars, Episode VII: The Force Awakens  
Stop Bullying!  
Theeb  
The Transforming Power of Caregiving  
Trumbo  
Victor Frankenstein