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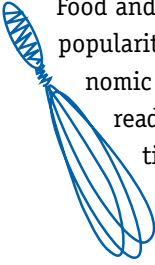
NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

Building Community, Transforming Lives

At the July 26, 2006 meeting of the Library Board of Directors, the Board unanimously approved the new strategic plan for 2006 to 2010 entitled "Building Community, Transforming Lives." The plan is an ambitious one and was drafted by the consulting firm of Joel and Sinclair after meeting with community members, elected officials, library staff and trustees over a period of several months.. As a starting point, a scientific telephone survey of Cheltenham residents was conducted to gauge awareness of library services and funding. While the plan addresses all areas of library operations, two priorities emerged as essential: marketing library services and evaluating what organizational structure best serves our community. The project was fully funded by a LSTA grant administered by Commonwealth Libraries.

This fall, the Library Board will appoint a Citizen's Committee to work with a library building consultant on a feasibility study that will evaluate the ability of the current model of four neighborhood branches to meet community needs given the resources available to provide library services.

If You Like *Hell's Kitchen* and *Iron Chef*... Try These Culinary Memoirs



Food and drink have a universal appeal that has only been heightened by the popularity of the Food Network and reality shows like *Hell's Kitchen*. The gastronomic adventures of famous professional chefs and amateurs make for great reading or listening. Taste some of the following selections from our collections. Bon appetit!

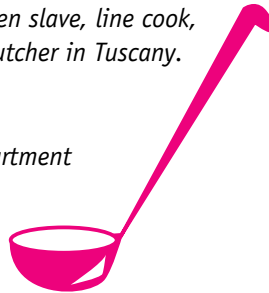
Buford, Bill. *Heat: an amateur's adventures as kitchen slave, line cook, pasta maker, and apprentice to a Dante-quoting butcher in Tuscany.* Behind the scenes at Mario Batali's restaurants.

Child, Julia. *My life in France.* Early days in the life of an icon.

Powell, Julie. *Julie and Julia; 365 days, 524 recipes, 1 tiny apartment kitchen: how one girl risked her marriage, her job and her sanity to master the art of living.* The title says it all!

Reichl, Ruth. *Garlic and sapphires: the secret life of a critic in disguise.* The editor of *Gourmet* magazine remembers her tenure as the restaurant critic for the *New York Times*. Try the audiobook which won a 2006 Audie award.

Ruhlman, Michael. *The making of a chef: mastering heat at the Culinary Institute of America.*



Improvements Galore

- Automatic doors, handrails and foyer improvements at Elkins Park paid for with a Keystone Grant and matching funds from Cheltenham Township.
- Carpeting at the Glenside branch funded in part by Cheltenham Township and the Friends of the Glenside library.
- New shelving at the La Mott branch funded by a PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant sponsored by Rep. Larry Curry.
- Vestibule at the Glenside branch funded by Cheltenham Township and a DCED grant sponsored by Rep. Larry Curry.
- New book and A/V drops at Glenside and Elkins Park made possible through Keystone and DCED grants and the Friends of Glenside.
- Audiovisual shelving at East Cheltenham funded by DCED.
- New book return at East Cheltenham funded with a DCED grant sponsored by Sen. Allyson Schwartz.
- Special thanks to the Cheltenham Township Commissioners for funding the much needed system headquarters renovations.

Website Revamped

Our original website became outdated and difficult to use. In order to create an interface that truly is a virtual branch, staff and library users met with a professional designer to revamp the entire site. We hope you will take a look at www.cheltenhamlibraries.org and let us know what you think.

SEPTEMBER 23-30

Read Banned Books During Banned Books Week

From the American Library Association website

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Banned Books Week (BBW) celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. After all, intellectual freedom can exist only where these two essential conditions are met.

Visit the American Library Association's BBW resources page for more information. (<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>)



The Top Ten Banned Books of 2005

(Compiled by the American Library Association)

- *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie H. Harris and Michael Emberley
- *Forever* by Judy Blume
- *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher
- *Detour for Emmy* by Marilyn Reynolds
- *What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones
- Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey
- *Crazy Lady!* by Jane Leslie Conly; and
- *It's So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families* by Robie H. Harris.

Off the list this year, but on for several years past, are the Alice series of books by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

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Share Your E-Mail Address with Us

Many people prefer to communicate by e-mail. If you are one of them, stop by the library or go online to update your library card account with your e-mail address. We will send you a link to our monthly newsletter with upcoming events and services. In the near future, we will even send you a reminder when your checked out items are due and when you have reserved items ready for pick-up.

FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

Legend of Sleepy Hollow family performance October 24th at 7:15 pm at Glenside.

Dick Boak from Martin Guitars

Guys Read, Guys Only event at Elkins Park, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.



October 15-21

COMING SOON!

Video Express

Look for Video Express at your local branch this September. This is a collection of popular, new DVD releases. Unlike our general video titles, these cannot be reserved or renewed. You might find the DVD you want just by checking the shelf. This pilot project is modeled after our very successful Reader's Express which made bestselling books available to readers without a long wait. You never know what you will find on our Express shelf!

Shelf Life

Fall 2006

System Administration & Business Office
Carrie Turner, Director
Dorothy Sutton, Head, Technical Services
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0457

Monday through Friday, 9-5

About your local library branch

East Cheltenham

Kim Gallon, Head Librarian
400 Myrtle Ave.
(Rowland Community Center)
Cheltenham, PA 19012
215-379-2077

Monday 10-9; Tuesday 10-6
Wednesday 1-9; Thursday 1-6
Friday 1-5; Saturday 10-4
Sunday (except July & August) 1-4

Elkins Park

Cathy McCoy, Head Librarian
563 Church Rd. (east of Old York Rd.)
Elkins Park, PA 19207
215-635-5000

Monday, Wednesday 10-9;
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-4; Sunday 1-4

Glenside

Mary Glendening, Head Librarian
215 S. Keswick Ave.
Glenside, PA 19038
215-885-0455

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-5
Tuesday, Thursday 10-9
Saturday 10-4; Sunday 1-4

La Mott

Michael McGettigan, Branch Manager
7420 Sycamore Ave.
(La Mott Community Center)
La Mott, PA 19027

Monday, Wednesday 3-8:30
Tuesday 2-5; Thursday 10-5
Friday 3-5; Saturday 12-4

2006 Library Board of Directors

Barbara Kotzin, President
Fredericka E. Waugh, Vice-President
Joseph Trainer, Treasurer
Paul R. Greenwald
Rita D. Jaffe
Rebecca P. Rosemond
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2006 Board Meeting Schedule*

September 27, La Mott branch
October 25, Glenside branch
November 29, Township Administration Building
December – no meeting

*All meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are open to the public.

AUDIO TO GO

Download Books from Home, 24/7 – It's Free With Your Library Card!

You may have noticed the downloadable audio icon on our website beginning last June. This new service allows residents to download audio books to their PC and MP3 player (sorry no iPods) free-of-charge. Audio books are perfect for busy people and can be enjoyed at the gym, in the car, on the train, while cleaning, cooking, exercising, even walking the dog. Available titles include bestsellers, classics, how-to, language instruction, children's series, non-fiction, romances, sci-fi and a wide range of mysteries.

To take advantage of this service you will need a PC computer with Windows Media Player 9.0 or above (free software), Overdrive Media Console (free software), an Internet connection (the faster your connection, the faster the download) and your library barcode number. If you intend to transfer the book to a portable device, please purchase a player on the list of compatible devices. Some titles may be burned to CD. The technical details and step-by-step directions are available on our website, www.cheltenhamlibraries.org. Simply click on the Downloadable Audio icon.

Listened To Any Good Books Lately?

Audio books are available in many formats at our branches — cassettes, compact discs, MP3 compact discs and now digital downloads. Some feature a single narrator and others a full-cast production. Narrations are done by professional readers and sometimes by the author. Give them a try — we think you will be hooked.

Donate to the Library

While library services, computers, books, videos, programs are free to library borrowers, they do cost money to purchase. When funding is cut, services are cut. Your donations support the ongoing costs of operating our branches and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Consider making a contribution to the most used service in our community!

DONATION FORM

I would like to contribute to Cheltenham Township Library System.
Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
Please mail to: CTLS, 215 S. Keswick Ave., Glenside, PA 19038.

Use my donation for:

Children's services DVDs Audiobooks
 Adult books Computing services General operating

Acknowledgement should be sent to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Thank you!

NEW ONLINE REFERENCE SERVICE

Ask Here PA is a service for Pennsylvanians

Ask Here PA is Pennsylvania's new statewide live chat reference service and will be available to the public on September 6. Ask Here PA is a free service to all residents of Pennsylvania, offering live chat reference 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

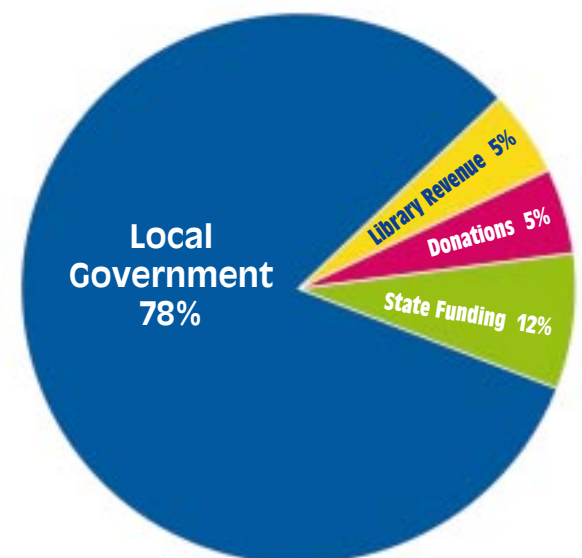
We'll be here to help you get answers to your questions, any time and anywhere you have Internet access. Unlike other "expert" sites on the Web, there is no charge to use our service. We'll be doing what libraries have always done best — quickly getting you the accurate, unbiased information you need. To access this service, just click on the icon at our website www.cheltenhamlibraries.org.

Guys Read

"Guys Read" is a national initiative begun by Jon Scieszka, children's author and educator. It recognizes that guys have different reading interests and styles. Beginning in September, we will launch the Cheltenham chapter of Guys Read with funds provided by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. Our plan is to purchase lots of magazines, books and graphic novels with "guy appeal" and to provide "guys only" programs on subjects that interest them.

Where Does the Money Come From?

The Cheltenham Township Library System receives funding from four sources. The most, by far, comes from your local tax dollars.



THE SMARTEST CARD

Top Ten Ways to Use Your Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and now the Smartest Card accesses more services than ever. You can even save time managing your account from home. Here is our top ten list of things you can do with your library card:

- 1 Reserve a book, audio, video or magazine.
- 2 Reserve a computer.
- 3 Download an audio book.
- 4 Renew your library materials.
- 5 Check your account for due dates and overdues.
- 6 Check where you are on the waiting list for a title.



- 7 Access thousands of full-text magazine articles in the POWER Library.
- 8 View the collections of libraries throughout Pennsylvania.
- 9 Read e-books online.
- 10 Borrow books, audios, videos, graphic novels, comic books and music from our collection of over 150,000 items or from the millions of titles held in Pennsylvania's public libraries.

Fall Computer and Internet Courses!

Introduction to the Internet

Monday, Sept. 25 – Oct. 30

(No class on Oct. 2)

1:00 pm-3:00 pm at Glenside

This 5-week course covers the basics of internet searching, the Power Library Online databases, research techniques, setting up an email account, and uploading/downloading files. Course will also provide basic understanding in Blogs, RSS Feeds and Podcasting.

Introduction to Basic Computers with Microsoft XP

Thursdays, Sept. 28 – Nov. 2

(No class Oct. 12)

4:00 pm-5:30 pm at Glenside

This 5-week course covers the basic overview of the computer. Topics include PC terminology as well as the skills needed to begin working with Microsoft Office. The course will also cover how to shop for a computer that's right for you.

Microsoft Office Word 2003

Thursdays, Sept. 28 – Nov. 2

(No class Oct. 26)

1:00 pm-3:00 pm at Elkins Park

This 5-week, word-processing course starts off covering creating, editing, saving and opening a document. Also included are creating tables, handling text and using formatting and design tools. Basic resume writing using Word will be incorporated at the end of the course.

Registration & Contact Information:

Tanya Finney 215-885-0457
tfinney@mclinc.org

Registration is required.

Pre-school Storytimes

Please call for monthly schedule:

East Cheltenham Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Elkins Park

Toddlers (ages 1-2) Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Preschoolers (ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Glenside

Toddlers (ages 1-2) Mondays at 10:30 am

Preschoolers (ages 3-5) Tuesdays at 10:30 am

La Mott

Thursdays at 11 am

SPECIAL EVENTS

READING

The Jewish Remembrance Theater will do a staged reading of Arnold Perl's *The World of Sholom Aleichem*, Sunday, October 22, at 1:00 pm, at the Elkins Park branch.

DISCUSSION AND SEMINAR SERIES

Bioethics and Faith: DNA, stem cells, genes and vaccinations from Christian, Jewish and Islamic points of view: November 5, 12, 19 & December 10 at Elkins Park. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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