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Holiday Library Closings



CLOSING Wednesday,
November 22 at 5 pm

CLOSED - Thursday,
November 23 Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 22
Saturday, December 23
Monday, December 25

New Year's Holiday
Friday, December 29
Saturday, December 30
Monday, January 1, 2018

STORMY WEATHER?

In the event of inclement
weather, logon to ANY of the
following for Library
delays and closings:

B104 - www.b104.com

WZZO - www.wzzo.com

Fox 1470 - www.fox1470.com

Newstalk 790 WAEB-
www.waeb.com - WAEB will also
read some major local
cancellations & delays on the air.

Channel 69 WFMZ StormCenter -
For WFMZ information, just click
on Weather Closings in the upper
right corner of the Library's
homepage at www.eastonpl.org



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A BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY & ITS DISTRICT LIBRARIES

BIG Library Book Sale

New days
& times
for this sale!



Thursday	November 30	10 am - 7 pm
Friday	December 1	11 am - 5 pm
Saturday	December 2	10 am - 3 pm
Monday	December 4	2 pm - 7 pm - ½ Price Day
Tuesday	December 5	2 pm - 7 pm - Bag Day

(Fill a standard brown grocery bag for \$5!)

* Gently Used, Donated Books/Materials * CDs - DVDs - Audio Books *
* Older Books of Special & Local Interest *

* Used Books & Media from the Library's Adult & Children's Collections *

Easton Area Public Library - Catherine Drake Meeting Room
Use the 5th St. entrance on the lower level, 515 Church Street, Easton, PA

PREVIEW SALE FOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Wednesday, November 29 from 4
pm to 8 pm - Become a Friend - Applications are available at the Main Library,
Palmer Branch & online at www.eastonpl.org. For more information, call the
Library at 610-258-2917, ext. 393 or email at maryannh@eastonpl.org

Nothing Says Christmas Like a Visit to Beautiful Longwood Gardens!

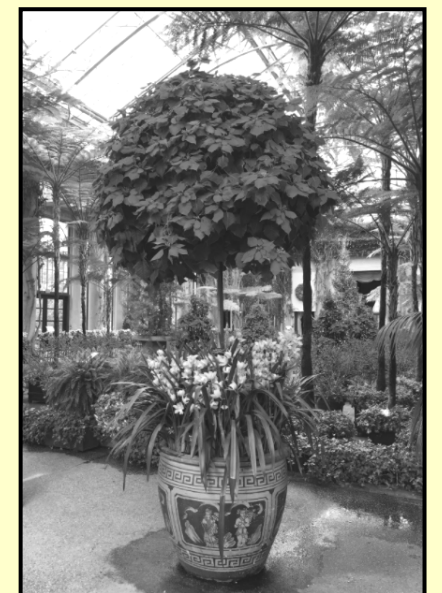
Sunday, December 3, 2017

Included in our *Longwood Christmas* visit will be a 60-minute tour:
View over 50 trees decorated in the classic Christmas tones of red,
gold, silver and white adorned with laurel garlands and glistening
crystal ornaments! See the colorful dancing fountains while you stroll
through the wonderland of twinkling lights. Listen to the lively songs
of strolling carolers and join in the festivities with holiday sing-alongs.

You will have time to yourself to explore the gardens including the
Cathedral Canopy Treehouse built by Animal Planet's Treehouse
Masters. Organ sing-alongs will be held at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

We will meet at the Main Library - Easton Area Public Library located at
515 Church Street, Easton, PA at noon to board the bus and depart
Longwood Gardens at 6:00 pm. The total cost for the day is \$70 including
gratuities. To register, please contact Sheila at 610 258-2917 ext. 302.

Make checks out to *Friends of the Easton Area Public Library*.





PALMER BRANCH NEWS



The Palmer Branch is once again sponsoring a **Giving Tree** for two local families. Please stop by the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25, when the wishes of local children will be hung on ornaments.

Theresa Radtke, a Palmer resident, will display her **beautiful holiday dolls** in the library's display case throughout December.



Local Girl Scouts are taking donations of new or gently used (clean) stuffed animals to be donated to ProJeCt of Easton. If you would like to contribute, please drop off any time at the Palmer Branch. Deadline will be December 1.

Santa will be visiting the Palmer Branch on Saturday, December 9, at 10 am. This program requires **PRE-REGISTRATION!** Signups begin on Saturday, Nov. 25. Snow date will be Saturday, Dec 16.

Holiday Story Time will run from November 6 through December 12. Stop by the library any time to see what sessions best suit your schedule. Winter session signups begin December 11. The winter session will run from January 8 - February 12.



Sew Others May Be Warm will meet throughout November and December on Thursdays from 1 - 2:30 pm. New members always welcome.

Medicare Counseling is available every Friday from 9 am - 1 pm. **APPRISE** volunteer Dana Mehta will be available to help seniors determine the best plan for them. Please call for an appointment with Dana at 610-417-3748.

Holiday cards will be available to sign for our servicemen/women serving overseas this holiday season beginning November 1. Stop by and fill out a card to let them know they are not forgotten over the holidays. **Support the Troops, Inc.** will send them overseas in time for the holidays.



For more information on the Palmer Branch activities, please go to our weblink at www.eastonpl.org, select *Palmer Branch* or call 610-258-7492.



NEW E-BOOKS FOR KIDS & TEENS!

Overdrive Kids & Teens ebooks are now in a separate collection. To browse the collection and check out a book, go to EAPL's homepage, click on ebooks (Overdrive), and click on Collections to access the Kids & Teens area of the **Library's Overdrive** access site on our webpage.

Kids, it's time to decorate HOLIDAY COOKIES!

Saturday, December 9 from noon to 1 pm



Children will decorate and share an assortment of holiday cookies to take home. Cookies and supplies will be provided. This program is open to children ages 5 - 12. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Bring an apron or wear old clothes to cover up. *This program will be held in the Catherine Drake Meeting Room at the Main Library.* Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Registration closes on Tuesday, November 28. Call the Library at 610-258-2917 ext. 306 to sign-up or for details.

Be sure to bring along your holiday spirit!



WHAT IS SPARK?

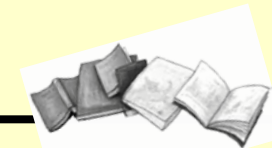
On October 12, the Lehigh Valley Library System migrated to a new computer system called SPARK to track circulation and catalog records. SPARK is a library system designed for Pennsylvania public libraries. All of these libraries are members of PaILS, the Pennsylvania Integrated Library System, a non-profit corporation that oversees SPARK. SPARK itself is an "open" or flexible system created by librarians for libraries. Over 100 libraries in Pennsylvania are using the SPARK system, and more will be signing on in the next few years. By the end of 2018, almost all of the libraries located in the Lehigh Valley will be SPARK libraries.

Although the online catalog and your online account look different, you still have access to the information and features that you had in the previous system. A new feature we will offer is the ability for our patrons to receive text messages on their cell phones when their holds come in. (Carrier charges may apply based on your plan.) We will also continue our direct loan partnership with the Allentown and the Bethlehem Public Libraries, but with so many libraries in the area using SPARK, we hope to expand this service in the future.

Since SPARK is only used in Pennsylvania, many reports that the Library needs for the annual report have already been designed for our use. In addition, we will be able to track more detailed information about how our patrons use library items and services. These features will save time and resources, as will the ability to share our catalog with the other SPARK libraries.

Our migration to SPARK was made possible by a Library Science Technology Act (LTSA) grant from the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to work out the minor issues that come with any significant change, especially with a computer system. We appreciate our patrons, and we look forward to serving you. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

book club news



MAIN LIBRARY

The NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP meets on the **last Wednesday of the month in the Marx Room at the Main Branch at 7 pm**. For more information, call the Library at 610-258-2917 ext. 393 or email maryannh@eastonpl.org.

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm - *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert "Natural scientists posit that there have been five extinction events in the Earth's history (think of the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs), and Kolbert makes a compelling case that human activity is leading to the sixth." –Bill Gates

No meeting in December.

PALMER BRANCH

Palmer Adult Book Group meets the **fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 pm** except December.

All Waiting is Long by Barbara Taylor Bradford on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 pm

No meeting in December.

We welcome new members! For detailed information, call the Palmer Branch at 610-258-7492.