

## CLAV is a Family Place Library™

Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in a young child's growth and development. The overall goal of Family Place Libraries™ is to develop and institutionalize a family friendly environment by transforming libraries into community centers for literacy, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community information. [More information HERE!](#)



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## Moving forward as a PA Forward® Gold Star Library!



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What does that mean? PA Forward® is a literacy initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association. Its mission is to fuel success in our communities by promoting the types of knowledge essential to success: Basic Literacy, Information Literacy, Civic & Social Literacy, Health Literacy, and Financial Literacy. The "Gold Star" library designation the library has held since 2020 showcases CLAV as a high-quality learning provider, offering programming and services essential for early literacy and life-long learning alike.

### Look for the Literacy Logos!

You will notice the PA Forward® literacy logos on our flyers, in our newsletters, and hashtags on our social media posts. These designate those special programs with a focus on one of the five literacies. Want to know more? Ask a librarian or visit [www.PAForward.org](http://www.PAForward.org) for more information on this statewide library initiative!



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# News

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## Happy Retirement!

Our Library Director, Kathy Firestone, will be retiring from her position on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Kathy has served as Director for Community Library of Allegheny Valley for 29 years. She has seen the library through many changes and leaves us in a great place to continue her library legacy.

Patrons and friends of Kathy are invited to a special event on Friday, November 19th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to wish her well and meet our incoming Director.

Suzy Ruskin will be promoted to the role of Library Director. Suzy has worked at the Community Library of Allegheny Valley for 3 years and is currently the Assistant Director. She has over 15 years of library experience and has been Director at Moon Township Public Library and Green Tree Public Library. "I am very excited to continue the wonderful work of this library and continue the legacy that Kathy leaves me," says Suzy.

**Best Wishes, Kathy!**

## Children (Birth thru Kindergarten)

### Friday Stories with Miss Judy - Fridays at 10:00 am

Hey kids! Join us **in-person** with Miss Judy for a quick story. Miss Judy will sing songs, count, say the ABCs and share a fun story!

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### Baby Time with Miss Judy - Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Miss Judy will present Baby time **in-person**!

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### Thankful for Thanksgiving Songs on Zoom

Monday, November 22nd 6:30 pm



The Music, Bubble And Comedy Show: Thankful For Thanksgiving Songs engages children with comedy, singing, stories about family and friendship, turkeys, pumpkin pies and bubbles! The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children and a great time for parents and caregivers. Each song in the 30-minute show is accompanied by hands-on, visual and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. Kids will gobble, wobble and bobble throughout the whole show!

Registration is required. [Register HERE!](#)

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### Disguise a Gingerbread Man Family Project

Pickup a template at the library, starting Saturday, November 27th

Decorate and return him to the library by Saturday, December 11th

Judging of the entries will take place from December 13th through the 21st

The winner will be announced on Wednesday, December 22nd at 11:30 AM

Your task, should you chose to participate, is to think of a storybook character, then create a disguise for the gingerbread man based on that character. Pick up a template, decorate your gingerbread man with whatever materials you have available. Please include your name, phone number, and the name of the book that inspired you on the back of the entry. Invite family and friends to check out and vote for their favorite character. Have fun and get creative! Remember, the future of your gingerbread man is in your hands, don't let him down!



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### Friends of the Library Giving Tree

December 2021



The Friends of the Library will have a giving tree in the library lobby in December! Stop by to see what you can give to the library to help prepare for next year!

### Copying and Faxing is available at the library!

#### Copies

- .15¢ per page

#### Faxes

- Incoming: .50¢ per page
- Outgoing: \$1 per page



Please call the library at 724-226-3491 to set up arrangements to have documents copied or faxed.

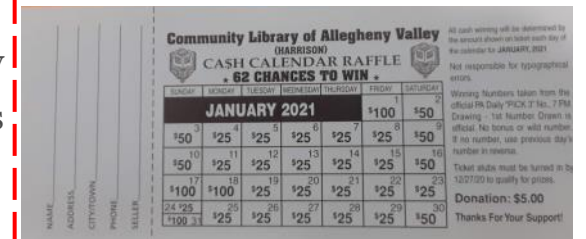
Website: [www.alleghenyvalleylibrary.org](http://www.alleghenyvalleylibrary.org)  
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We're on Instagram [@clav\\_library](https://www.instagram.com/clav_library)  
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Support the library by purchasing a **Cash Calendar Lottery Raffle Ticket**. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each online or at the library and will be available for each month of 2021. All cash winnings will be determined by the amount shown on the ticket. Each entry is two lottery numbers.

Winning numbers taken from the official PA Daily 'PICK 3" No. 7 PM drawing - 1st number drawn is official. Thanks for your support!

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## Upcoming Events



### Reminder: Holiday Closings

**November 25th - 26th:**  
Library closed for Thanksgiving

**December 24th - 25th:**  
Library closed for Christmas

**January 1st, 2022:**  
Library closed for New Year's Day



### Name Our Elf on the Shelf!



Look out for the library's poll to help name our Elf on the Shelf in November, then go visit the library in person and on Facebook to see our Elf's adventures!

### December's WHO KNEW?

**Tuesday, December 21st 6:00 pm**

Details for this WHO KNEW? program are coming soon. Check back on our online calendar for more information!



### Holidays Around the World

**Saturday, December 18th 1:00 pm**



Celebrate holiday traditions from around the globe with Bright Star Theatre and make a craft. Join Nick and Joy in their quest to make it home for the holidays. Their journey brings much more than they ever imagined! The traditions and holidays which abound throughout winter are celebrated in this show.

**Registration is required. Register HERE!**

### December Painting Class!

**Thursday, December 9th  
6:00 pm**

Our final painting class of 2021 is just in time for the holiday season! We'll be making a handmade painted Christmas tree ornament, perfect for a gift or for your own tree. All materials will be provided, just bring your artistic passion! More information and registrations will be online [HERE!](#)



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## Kids/Teens (Kindergarten-12th Grade)

### My Mother the Astronaut

**Friday, November 5th 1:00 pm**

Aquarius' mom is an astronaut and today is "Take your child to work day". Aquarius can't wait to go to NASA and find out what it's like to be in space! Registrations can be found



[HERE!](#)

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### Needle & Thread Club

**Sat, Nov 13 12:30 pm**

Join us for hands-on sewing, weaving and other textile based projects. This self-guided free program is for youth in 4th Grade & up. Basic materials provided.

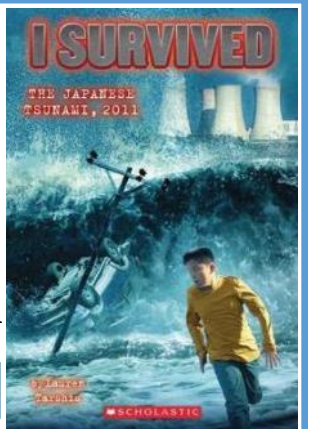
**Please register online [HERE!](#)**



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### I SURVIVED Book Club - Tuesday, November 9th, 5:00 pm

Join Mrs. Wilson with book discussion and trivia fun! This historical fiction series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale! This free program is for children in grades 3-6 both in-person and on Zoom live. One name will be drawn from those in attendance to win a free paperback copy of next month's book! **Registration is required. Register here!**



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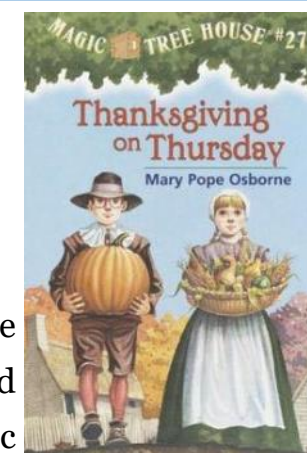
### Magic Tree House

#### Adventures

**Thursday,  
November 18th  
4:30 pm**

Join Mrs. Wilson at the library as she reads aloud from a selected Magic Tree House book that includes a hands-on book related activity/craft. The club will meet both on Zoom and in-person.

**Register HERE!**



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### Lego Challenges

**Monday, November 22 4:30 pm**

Calling all LEGO Builders! This program offers challenge activities to spark your imagination and build critical thinking skills. Free for children in Grades 2-5.

Limited seating, **registration required.**

**Register here!**



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## Local History

### WHO KNEW?

#### History of Local Neighborhoods

With George Guido

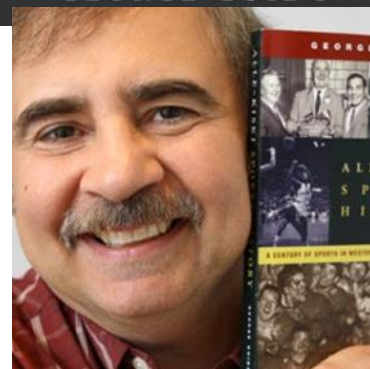
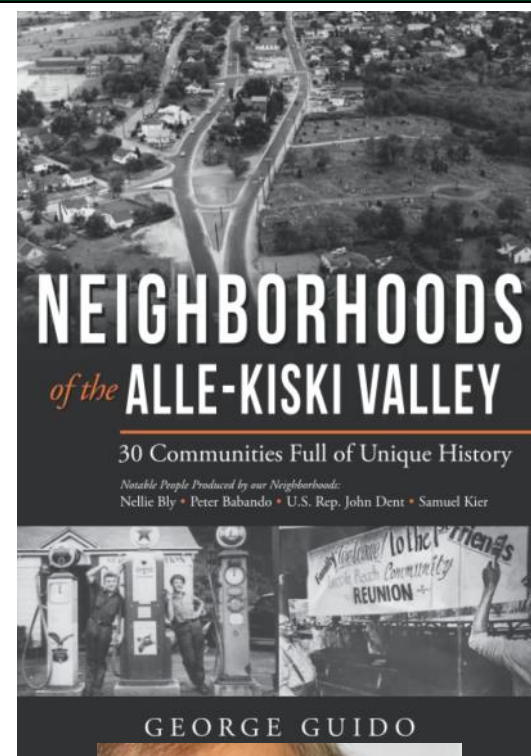
Tuesday, November 16 6:00 pm

Live in person and on Zoom

Our guest speaker, George Guido, will tell us about the people and unique history in each of the many nearby small neighborhoods as described in his new book: *Neighborhoods of the Alle-Kiski Valley*. He will remain after the presentation to answer any questions you may have about local neighborhoods and local history. His new book, as well as his previous works including *Alle-Kiski Sports History* and *New Kensington: The Photographic History* will also be available for purchase after the talk. **Limited seating in person. Registration is required. Register [HERE for in-person](#), and [register HERE for Zoom](#)!**

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## NEW Local History hours



12-6 Monday

12-6 Tuesday

12-6 Wednesday

12-6 Thursday

Closed Friday

By appointment Saturday

\* Call the library at 724-226-3491 to make Saturday appointments.

\* Questions or local history requests may be made during local history hours or anytime at [alvalley@einetnetwork.net](mailto:alvalley@einetnetwork.net).

New hours begin 9-13-2021

**DID YOU KNOW?** Ancestry availability outside the library has been extended to library patrons through December 31, 2021! Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for new genealogy research, Ancestry is a great library resource. Access it for free here:

<https://elibrary.einetnetwork.net/ancestry-in-library>

ancestry library edition

## Adults

### Take and Make Craft:

#### Cork Leaf Trivet - November 6

For November's craft, we'll be making a simple, but beautiful leaf trivet made from cork. This project comes just in time for Thanksgiving, making it a perfect addition to the dinner table. Limited numbers available.

**This craft cannot be reserved, this is on a first come, first serve basis.**



### Creating Effective Cover Letters

Tuesday, November 23 6:00 pm

Learn how to get employers to notice your job application! Example resumes and cover letters will be provided. [Please register here!](#)

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### Pop Culture Trivia Night

Thursday, November 11 6:00 pm

Form a team of family and friends and get ready to battle it out! Trivia categories include: modern and classic movies, video games, music, and more. The winning team will receive a prize! Your team can have up to 4 people. [Register online!](#)

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### Yarn Friends

Monday, November 22nd 5:30 pm

Calling all yarn and craft lovers! Bring your projects and come to the library to swap ideas, chat, and receive help and support from fellow yarn enthusiasts. No experience necessary. All ages are welcome. Group members are happy to help, we'll teach the basics!

[More info here.](#)



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### Fall and Winter Gardening for Wildlife on Zoom

Wednesday, November 17th 5:30 pm



How can you sustain wildlife in your yard over winter? Birds, bugs and hibernating creatures all need your support in the harsh winter times. Learn tricks and tips to making sure your yard is a winter wonderland for native wildlife. This event will be streamed live on Zoom.

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