

## 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!](#)



### Friends of the Library Giving Tree

**December 2021**

The Friends of the Library 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!



### Elf on the Shelf



During the month of December, look on our social media to see our elf Harry hiding somewhere in the library, then come on in and try to find him yourself! Be sure not to touch him, as that spoils his magic ability to hide. Will you be able to find all his hiding spots?

## 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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## 24th Annual Quilt Show Information

Our annual quilt show is here again! We are accepting submissions for quilts through December until January 14. We have decided to conduct our annual quilt show both on-site and virtually this year. Quilts will be displayed in the library, as well as on our social media and our website. Voting for the quilts runs January 17th through January 29th. The winners will be announced on January 31st, 2022. The guidelines are:

- This is both an in-person and virtual event. Quilts can be submitted to the library physically, or can be submitted via email: [kristinej@einetwerk.net](mailto:kristinej@einetwerk.net) and fill out the [form](#).
- Free to enter and vote
- Must be handmade but not necessarily by submitter
- There are 3 categories: hand quilted, machine quilted, wall hanging\*
- Winner of each category receives a prize\*

\*categories may be combined depending on number of entrants.

Kids can design a paper quilt square! Pick up a craft bag starting Jan. 3, and return on the 31.



### Places of the Heart Collection

Give a unique gift this holiday season with Places of the Heart! This collection features twelve local buildings of historic value, including the Manos Theater, the Chapman Building, and the Tarentum Train Station (pictured). Available for purchase in the library or on our [online shop](#).



## Children (Birth thru Kindergarten)

### 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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### Changes in Days and Times for Story Time Next Year!

Story Time is changing next year! It will now take place on **Tuesday**, from **9:30 to 10:30 am**. Baby Time will remain on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:00 am.

The new day and time for Story Time will be applied with the first Story Time in 2022 on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

The first Baby Time for 2022 will be on **Wednesday, January 5th**.



See you next year!

### Picked for me Pack

What does your child like? Fairy Princesses? Dinosaurs? Trucks? Kittens? Let us put together a special pack of materials just for them. **Fill out the form on our website** to order yours now!

### Grab-N-Go Book and Movie Packs

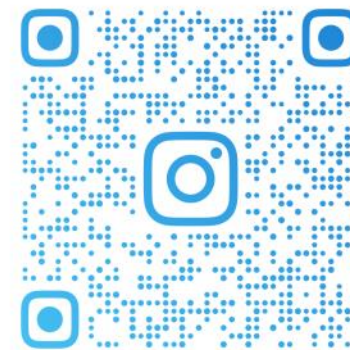
Looking for books and movies in a specific genre? Come to the library and pick up a Grab-N-Go pack, which includes titles for specific themes. Children's packs are next to the children's movie section, and the adult packs can be found on the new and bestseller book shelves.

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### 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.

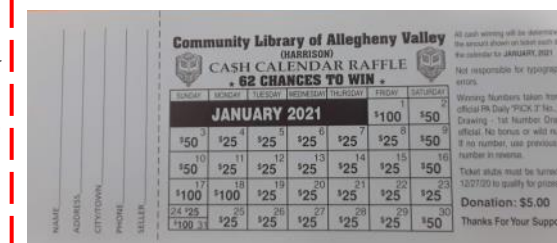
Website: [www.alleghenyvalleylibrary.org](http://www.alleghenyvalleylibrary.org)  
Facebook: @CommunityLibraryofAlleghenyValley  
We're on Instagram @clav\_library  
Want text updates? Join our BAND!

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

**December 24th - 25th:**

**Library closed for Christmas**

**January 1st, 2022:**

**Library closed for New Year's Day**

**January 17th, 2022:**

**Library closed for Staff Development Day**



### Anime Club is Returning in 2022!

While it was put on hold for a while, we are planning on reviving the Anime Club! Join us for showings and discussions of anime shows and movies. Stay tuned to see when the first meeting will be in the first months of 2022! Although this is an adult-oriented program, teens 14 and up will also be welcome to join.

### January's WHO KNEW? - Live & Zoom

**Tuesday, January 18th 6:00 pm**



Did you know in the late 1800s there were 7 local glass factories operated in our area? Learn more about the history of the local glass industry in the A-K Valley in the next local history program! Register [HERE for in-person](#) and [HERE for Zoom](#)!

### American Girl® Spa Day

**January 2022**



Help an American Girl® doll have the best spa day ever! Details for this January program will be on our website soon, so keep a look out!

### January Painting Class!

**Thursday, January 27th,  
2022 6:00 pm**

Let's start the year off well with a relaxing painting class! The theme will be posted later this month on our online calendar, so stay tuned.



More information and registrations will be online [HERE](#)

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

### Needle & Thread Club

**Saturday, Dec 11**

**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 [HERE!](#)



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### I SURVIVED Book Club

**Tuesday, December 14th 5:00 pm**



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. **Registration is required.** [Register here!](#)

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### Holidays Around the World!

**Saturday, December 18th 1:00 - 2:00 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. The traditions and holidays which abound throughout winter are celebrated in this show. From Kwanzaa to Christmas to The Festival of Lights, this unique production offers people a look into the celebrations that occur around the globe during this special time of year. Suggested for Grades K & up.

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

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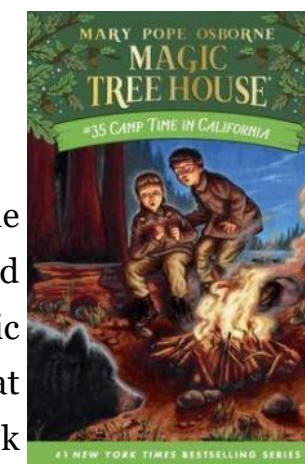
### Magic Tree House Adventures

**Thursday,  
December 16th**

**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, December 20th 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?

#### Let It Snow: Unforgettable Winters

Live on Zoom only

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

The big snow of 1950 closed many local schools, businesses, and highways. Even the mail delivery was suspended! Discover more unforgettable winters and storms in our local area in this month's library local history program.

The WHO KNEW? series is presented by the library's local history department each month on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm. All programs highlight some local connection to our local area.

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

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#### Local History Hours

**Monday - Thursday:  
12:00 - 6:00 pm**

Closed Friday

By appointment Saturday

Call the library at (724) 226-3491 to make Saturday appointments

- Questions or local history requests may be made to: [alvalley@einetnetwork.net](mailto:alvalley@einetnetwork.net)
- More local history info can be found [HERE!](#)



**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

### Senior Medicare Webinar

**Thursday, December 2nd 11:00 am**

Attend this virtual webinar to get all your Medicare questions answered! This event is virtual and can be attended either from home, or in-person where it will be streamed live in the library. **Limited seating in person. Registration required. Register [HERE for in-person](#), and register [HERE for Zoom](#).**

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### The Basics of Email

**Wednesday, December 15th, 1 pm**

Join us as we learn the basics of using email! We'll go over what email services look like, how to set up an email, how to read and send emails, how to customize your email, and more! Please register to attend, limited seating.

**[Register HERE!](#)**

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### December Painting Class

Painted Ornament

**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 hand-made painted Christmas tree ornament, perfect for a gift or for your own tree. All materials will be provided. *Limited seating, please RSVP to attend!*

**[Register HERE!](#)**



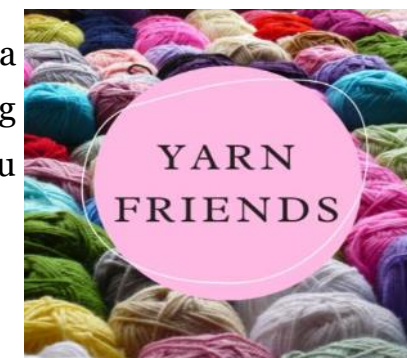
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### Yarn Friends

There will not be a Yarn Friends meeting in December. See you in January 2022!

**[More info here.](#)**

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### Interested in a new Book Club hosted by CLAV?

Next year, we want to initiate an all-new book club! Details will appear on our website in January, so keep a look out. This is a perfect thing to choose as a New Year's resolution that you will want to keep! If you have any questions or reading recommendations, feel free to email the adult program supervisor John Kristine at [kristinej@einetnetwork.net](mailto:kristinej@einetnetwork.net).



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