

January 21, 2017

To: Jan Stauber Grant Committee

From: Susan Wilson

Re: "Sleuthing With Sherlock Holmes" program final report

I am extremely pleased to report that our "Sleuthing With Sherlock Holmes" program was a smashing success! Thanks to the generosity of the Jan Stauber grant, all participants (30) received copies of *Sherlock Homes: The Complete Novels and Stories Volume I and II* books to read and keep. We also added nine Sherlock Holmes related books to our library collection:

- DK Publishing, The Sherlock Holmes Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained
- Daniel Smith, The Sherlock Holmes Companion: An Elementary Guide, Aurum Press Ltd; Updated edition
- Christopher Redmond, Sherlock Holmes Handbook: Second Edition
- Orlando Park, The Sherlock Holmes Encyclopedia
- Jack Tracy, The Encyclopedia Sherlockiana, Doubleday; 1st edition
- Tim Dedopulos, Sherlock Holmes' Elementary Puzzle Book: Riddles, Enigmas and Challenges Inspired by the World's Greatest Crimesolver
- Steven Doyle, Sherlock Holmes For Dummies, 1 edition
- Mark A. Williams Sr., How To Instantly Size Up Strangers Like Sherlock Holmes, 1 edition
- Dick Riley, The Bedside, Bathtub & Armchair Companion to Sherlock Holmes, 1st edition

For our mystery theatre program, we purchased Sherlock Holmes 10 minute Plays Collection by John DeGaetano: Based on the original books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

This program was offered as three sessions to our Teen Reading Lounge participants.

#1 An introduction to Sherlock's World (1 ½ hours) = 18 teens in attendance

Pictures of Victorian items were projected on screen – having the teens try to guess what they were used for.

Lunch was provided.

George Skornickel, BSI presented an overview of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes, Victorian England and the Canon.

A question and answer discussion took place.

#2 Sherlock Holmes in the media (2 hours) = 18 teens in attendance

Riddle/challenges were offered for the group to solve from the book, *Sherlock Holmes' Elementary Puzzles: enigmas and challenges inspired by the world's greatest crime solver* by John Watson.

Teens worked in teams for a Sherlock trivia challenge (prepared by our BSI) as a review of the previous session.

Lunch was provided.

Video selections were shown featuring Sherlock through the years from movies & television including comparison and discussion.

George Skornickel, BSI conducted a slide presentation and explanation of actors who have portrayed Holmes through the years.

#3 Sherlock Holmes Mystery Dinner Theatre (2 hours) = 20 teens in attendance

This session was held at the library after hours. We gathered for a buffet dinner in our library's community room. Moving to the main room of the library, the teens participated in a reader's theatre style performance of **Sherlock Holmes and Interview at Cambridge Estate** taken from the book *Sherlock Holmes 10 Minute Plays Collection* by John DeGaetano: Based on the original books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. To finish, we celebrated Sherlock's birthday with cake, chocolate pipes and party gift bags (that included mini magnifying glasses and a set of bookmarks featuring quotes from Sherlock Holmes). It was an awesome evening for all!

Goals achieved:

- Young people were introduced to the world of Sherlock Holmes.
- Expanded on this knowledge through reading, discussion, visuals and active participation.
- Became more familiar with the writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the methods used by Sherlock Holmes.
- Group interaction and critical thinking skills were enhanced.
- Engagement on different levels in the mystery dinner play.

Impact:

Being able to offer Sherlock Holmes (a literature classic) in an out-of-school environment and to be successful at motivating teens to willingly participate has made for a very rewarding experience for myself and our library. Working with George Skornickel, BSI (our Sherlock expert) and Dr. Sandra Reidmiller (our school district librarian who had a vital role in program planning & implementation) has shown what can be achieved through community collaboration. It was amazing to witness the teens having continued enthusiasm and engagement at each session, with the highlight being the mystery dinner play. This experience will be memorable for them.

The program has attracted new participants to our ongoing Teen Reading Lounge group. The repeated high attendance at all three sessions shows that we were able to keep the teens interested and inspired. It has gotten them excited to read and learn more as they have voluntarily checked out the newly purchased Sherlock grant funded books. Parents have verbally given me very positive feedback.

In a separate email I will attach marketing samples and photographs from this program.

Many thanks for giving us this opportunity and for your support.

Susan Wilson
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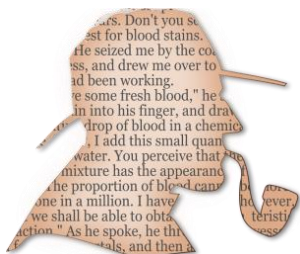
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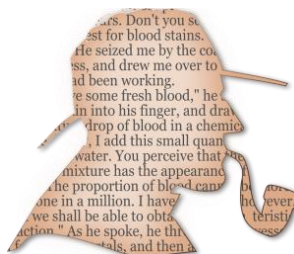
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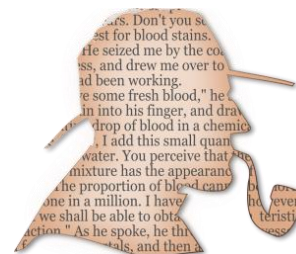
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Library Happenings

Community Library of Allegheny Valley



Visit us online:
www.alleghenyvalleylibrary.org

Harrison

Location

1522 Broadview Blvd.
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
Phone: 724-226-3491

Monday through Thursday:
11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Tarentum

Location

400 Lock Street
Tarentum, PA 15084
Phone: 724-226-0770

Monday through Wednesday:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday and Sunday: Closed



Wellness on the Web 6 pm Oct. 12 (Harrison)

The web is a phenomenal resource for health information. This course will introduce you to the types of websites you can use to learn about health issues, blogs that you can follow to learn what's new, online resources you can work out with, and mobile apps that can help you in your journey toward a healthier tomorrow. \$10 fee includes manual. Register at 724-226-3491.



on September 19. This six week long course will meet on Monday nights. There will be a \$15 materials fee for this course. Those interested must sign up by September 15. Register at 724-226-3491.



Yoga for Beginners (Harrison)

Yoga is a great way to increase muscle tone, flexibility, circulation, and general health. Try out this popular form of exercise at the library, no experience necessary. Participants should bring a yoga mat or a few towels to class. \$5 Donation requested. Call 724-226-3491 for dates and times.

Open Makerspace 5:30 to 8 pm Oct. 19

11:15 to 1:45 pm Oct 28 (Harrison)

Have an idea for a new project? Come and create using the library's makerspace. Stop by and use the sewing machine, Cricut, Scan n Cut, Quilling tools, screen printing machines, pottery supplies, and computers. Spend time swapping ideas with fellow makers. Use of the machines is free but disposable materials (ex: paper and glue) will not be provided.

Spooktacular Papercrafts 6 pm Oct. 13 (Harrison)

Create intricate decorations and cards without breaking a sweat. Take your holiday decorating to the next level without breaking the bank. Register at 724-226-3491.



Who Knew? Local Fire Departments 6 to 7 pm Oct. 18 OR 19 (Tarentum)

Did you know Tarentum had a fire department as early as 1886? Learn more about the history of the area's fire departments and how important volunteer fire companies are to our neighborhood. Registration required at 724-226-0770 as seating is limited.



Quilled Jewelry 6 pm Oct. 20 (Harrison)

These are fashion accessories for the budget conscious. Learn how to make beautiful jewelry out of strips of paper. There will be an optional finishing class on Oct. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30. Register at 724-226-3491.

Polymer Clay Beads: Flower Canes 5:30 to 7:30 pm Oct. 25 (Harrison)

Spice up your next jewelry project with these handmade beads. There will be a \$3 materials fee. Register at 724-226-3491.



Introduction to Watercolor Class

6 pm Sept. 19 to Oct. 24 (Harrison)

Professional artist Cameron Booth will be holding an introduction to watercolors class starting

Ongoing Programs Happening at Harrison

Historical Book Club: 7 to 8 pm Oct. 3
Open Computer Lab: Tuesdays 12 to 2 or by Appt

Lifestory: 5 pm Oct. 12 and 26
50 Book Challenge: 6 to 7 pm Oct. 18
Yarn Friends: 5:30 to 7:30 pm Oct. 24

Congratulations to our lottery ticket raffle winner Donna Nolan!



Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/CommunityLibraryofAlleghenyValley

Sign up for the library's mailing list! Receive emails containing our newsletter and other important information. Email "mailing list" to Katie at myserk2@einetwork.net to sign up.

Children's Programs

LAPSI

For children 0-3 years (\$1 donation)

- 11 am Tues., Harrison
- 9:30 am Thurs., Harrison
- 9:30 am Fri., Harrison
- 10:30 am Fri., Harrison



STORYTIME

For children age 3 to 5 (\$5 donation)

- 11 am OR 6:30 pm Mon., Harrison
- 11 am Thurs., Harrison

Fall programs began the week of Sept. 12;
inquire about openings!

Imagine, Create, Explore

6 pm Oct. 11 (Harrison)

\$1 per class

Monthly (second Tuesday of the month) program for children ages 5-7.

Join us for stories, games, crafts, songs, science experiments, and much, much more!

Register at 724-226-3491.



BLOCK PARTIES!

Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 17

10 to 11:15 am (Harrison)

For children 3-6 yrs with an adult

No registration required.

What can you create?



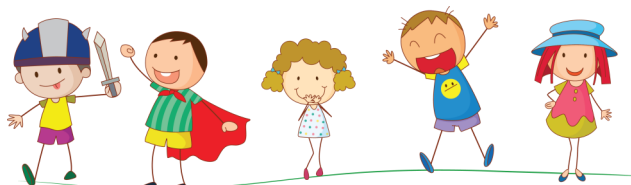
PLAY TIME KIDS

Wednesdays in October

10 to 11 am (Harrison)

Come play with us!

All ages welcome. No registration required.



Youth & Teen Programs

Teen Reading Lounge Presents: *Sleuthing with Sherlock Holmes*

A three part program for teens including a mystery dinner theater.

Contact Susan Wilson at 724-226-3491 or wilson2@einetnetwork.net for more information.

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www.pahumanities.org

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ANIME CLUB

Halloween party

12 to 3 pm October 29

The anime club gets together
for a meeting and movie.

For teens in grades 9 and up.

New participants welcome!

Contact Mrs. Wilson at 724-226-3491.

American Girl Book Club (Fall)

For girls ages 7 and up
Meets 1 to 2 pm one Saturday
a month

After School Art Attack (Fall)

For kids in grades 2-5
Meets 4:30 to 5:15 pm one
Monday a month

Magic Tree House Adventures (Fall)

For independent readers in
grades 1-4
Meets 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. one
Thursday a month
Meets October 20



Stay tuned for Lego Story Starters this winter!

\$1 donation per program per child.

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3 Sessions

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DISPLAY OF BOOKS PURCHASED WITH JAN STAUBER GRANT FUNDING



Session #1 Introduction to Sherlock's World



Session #1: Susan Wilson, Youth Services Librarian



Session #1



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Session #1 George Skornickel, BSI Mentor



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Session #2 Sherlock Holmes in the Media
Dr. Sandra Reidmiller, Teacher Facilitator and mystery guest



Session #2 Lunch



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Session #3 Mystery Dinner Theatre



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Session #3 Dessert: Happy Birthday Sherlock!

