



# Beyond the Bookshelf

The Haddon Heights Library Newsletter

## 2018 Holiday House Tour

Friday, December 7 from Noon - 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 10 p.m.



Four beautiful homes are ready for the 2018 House Tour

On Friday, December 7, from noon - 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 10 p.m., the library will hold its "All Through the House" Holiday House Tour.

Every year, residents open their homes to showcase charming interiors decorated for the

holidays. This year's tour features a classic American Foursquare, a mid-century center-hall colonial and two renovated Cape Cods. We are also featuring a spectacular model train display at night at the Haddon Heights Library.

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### Director's Message

This year represents the 35th anniversary of our "All Through the House" Holiday House Tour. I hope you can join us for this wonderful fundraiser. We have four beautiful homes for tour-goers to see. We also have model trains at night in the library's meeting room, making five total stops.

Our house tour committee is hard at work and we encourage everyone to come and enjoy this



festive day which has become the holiday kickoff in Haddon Heights.

We are grateful to our homeowners who volunteered for the tour, as this is a very important fundraiser for us and helps continue a great tradition.

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### MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

The Haddon Heights Library is hosting two wonderful holiday model train displays. The TCA will be here with their S and O gauge layout on December 1 from 10 - 4 and December 2 from 10 - 2. The display features many interactive accessories. Then, on December 8, 9, 15 and 16, the South Jersey S-Gaugers join us from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The display features a highly detailed, 26'x12'

sectional layout with three levels. It is capable of operating AC, DC or DCC and can utilize American Flyer, HiRail and 1/64th scale locomotive and rolling stock.

This event wouldn't be possible without the partnership between the library, Roads and Rails and Heights in Progress.

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

2018 has been another excellent year for the library. We continued to expand on our eBook collection, with a focus on best sellers. We also added to our Museum Pass Program with The National Constitution Center and The Mutter Museum. Our Cook Book Club continues to be successful and we have started offering free S.T.E.A.M classes for kids.

We also had a great year with the events we run. We recently had our 4th annual Halloween House Decorating Contest, with 13 creative and spooky houses participating.

Our biggest success this year was our Outdoor Movie Night. We watched The Greatest Showman on a 26-foot screen on Station Avenue with 285 of our closest friends. The library raised over \$1,000 that night. We will definitely have another movie under the stars in 2019.

On November 2, we welcomed Jonathan Kruk, master storyteller from Sleepy Hollow, NY. Mr. Kruk captivated 75 people with his dramatic retelling

of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." We look forward to having him back on Wednesday, December 19 to hear his version of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are still available for a limited time.

Our regular children's programming continues to be very popular, with four different story times offered. Toddler Time is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Story and Craft Hour is held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Lego Story Time is held on the third Friday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Keep an eye out for news and updates we have in store for 2019. It is going to be a big year as we continue to adapt to the needs of our community.

The staff and I continue to look to improve the library and its services. Suggestions are welcome. If you ever have any questions, concerns or recommendations, please contact me at 547-7132 or at [chris@haddonheightslibrary.com](mailto:chris@haddonheightslibrary.com). You can also stop by the library. My door is always open.

- Christopher Walter -

## HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR



With five unique stops, the 2018 tour will be spectacular. There is something for everyone to see, from beautiful Christmas china to stunning outdoor light displays.

The holiday house tour is one of the library's major fundraisers. Started 35 years ago, the self-guided tour continues with 800 to 1,000 people coming from all over New Jersey and Pennsylvania to see festive homes decorated for the holidays.

Tickets may be purchased at the following Haddon Heights locations: the Haddon Heights Library, April Robin Florist and Gifts, Freshest Flowers and Kunkel's Restaurant. Tickets are priced at \$15 leading up to the tour and \$20 the day of the tour. Prices

apply to both adults and children. Proceeds benefit the Haddon Heights Library.

The House Tour Committee sincerely thanks all of our tour-goers for supporting us each year. We are also extremely grateful to this year's homeowners.

If you would like to volunteer your home for 2019 so we can continue this special Haddon Heights tradition, please call Christopher Walter at 547-7132.



## LEGO STORY TIME

The library continues to host LEGO Story Time, held on the third Friday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Parents and children K - 6 are welcome to enjoy a story, followed by time for building LEGO masterpieces.

**“A CHRISTMAS CAROL” LIVE**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. for a live performance of “A Christmas Carol.” This live show features master storyteller Jonathan Kruk and musician Jim Keyes, fresh off their run in Sleepy Hollow, NY and Haddon Heights performing “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” Experience the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge like you have never before. These two wonderful performers will regale you with their adaptation of Charles Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol.”

Tickets are available now and are \$10 per person. They are available at the library and also online by visiting the event site on our Facebook page. Please join us for this very special live performance at your library.

**MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM**

Passes are available to check out, at no charge, to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Garden State Discovery Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, Morris Arboretum, Museum of the American Revolution, Mutter Museum, National Constitution Center and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Please call ahead for availability.

**SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

The library has developed a strong presence on social media and we'd love it if you would follow us. We post and share information about the events and services we offer. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Just look for @HHPLibrary.

**DOWNLOAD FREE E-BOOKS**

Our e-book service continues to expand with new titles added monthly. There are two services available: Overdrive and 3M Cloud Library. Cardholders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere from our website.

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**REALLY LITTLE RESIDENTS**

Please join us every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for Really Little Residents, which is a great Saturday morning activity for parents and their young children. It is for kids from birth to four. The program usually lasts 20 - 30 minutes and features songs, stories and dancing!

**FOREIGN FILM NIGHT**

Our foreign film nights continue on the fourth Thursday of every month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., a new or classic foreign film will be shown. Our next film nights will be Thursday, December 27 and Thursday, January 24.

**SANTA'S MAILBOX IS BACK**

Santa is putting a mailbox in front of the library again this year from November 23 - December 22. Children are welcome to write their letters and drop them off in the box. Santa reads and replies to these letters, so don't forget to include your wish list and address.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in search of volunteers to join a new library committee that will help run library events. These events include the House Tour, the Garden Tour and many adult/children's programs that we host. If you are interested in joining this committee and helping out the library and our community, please call Christopher Walter at 547-7132.

**COOK BOOK CLUB**

One of our newer offerings, Cook Book Club meets quarterly on Thursday nights. All participants prepare and bring a dish from the chosen cook book. The group talks about the book, the dish they made and everyone gets to enjoy the dishes that are prepared. Look for the signup sheet in the library in January.

**NOTARY SERVICES**

The library offers Notary Public Services for the benefit of the residents of our community. Customers are encouraged to call ahead to ensure a Notary is available. Notary service is not available for Deeds, Wills, Living Wills, Living Trusts, Codicils or Depositions. While donations are accepted, this service is free.

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## Haddon Heights Library 2019 Tax Aide

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. It is available to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes and gives special attention to people age 60 and older.

Tax-Aide will be available at the Haddon Heights Library every Monday, February 4 - April 15, except for February 18 (President's Day). The program will run from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with filing the 1040 Form and the more standard schedules, like A & B. Taxpayers with more complicated returns are

advised to seek paid assistance. Electronic filing is offered with no charge to the taxpayer. E-filing ensures more accurate returns and faster processing of refunds.

Assistance is limited every Monday to 15 people and will include a mix of appointments and walk-ins. Please bring with you the current year's tax forms and booklet. You will also need last year's return, W-2s, all 1099 forms and other items related to your return.

The library will have a full stock of tax forms available if you are doing your own returns. They will be available in February.

### Calendar

#### December 7

Holiday House Tour

#### February 4 - April 15 (Mondays)

AARP Tax Aide

#### February

'Love Your Library' Month

### Closings

**December 24**

**December 25**

**December 31 at 5:00 p.m.**

**January 1**

**January 21**