



Beyond the Bookshelf

The Haddon Heights Library Newsletter

2019 Holiday House Tour

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



Five beautiful homes are ready for the 2019 House Tour

On Friday, December 6, 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. In its 36th year, the tour features a mixture of five beautiful American Foursquare and Center Hall Colonial homes, each with their own distinct personality, holiday decor and architecture. They will not disappoint.

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Director's Message

This year represents the 36th anniversary of our "All Through the House" Holiday House Tour. I hope you can join us for this wonderful fundraiser. We have five beautiful homes for tour-goers to see. Each home has something different to offer and I know you will not be disappointed.

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 7 & 14 from 10 - 4 and December 8 & 15 from 10 - 2. The display features many interactive accessories. Then, on December 14, 15, 21 and 22, 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)

2019 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 Eastern State Penitentiary and the Independence Seaport Museum. Our Cook Book Club continues to be successful and we are 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 5th annual Halloween House Decorating Contest, with 10 creative and spooky houses participating.

Our biggest success this year was our Outdoor Movie Night. We watched The Lego Movie 2 on a 26-foot screen on Station Avenue with 250 of our closest friends. The library raised over \$1,000 that night. We will definitely have another movie under the stars in 2020.

This summer's reading program for kids was our most successful ever, as we had over 90 participants. We were fortunate to receive a PRIDE grant from

the Haddon Heights Education Association to help with our launch party and our end of the summer pizza party. It also enabled us to host a mad scientist in July for the kids. We hope to build on this and make our 2020 summer reading program even better.

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 2020. 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. You can also stop by the library. My door is always open.

- Christopher Walter -

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR



With five unique stops, the 2019 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 36 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.

HOOPLA

The library has added Hoopla to the list of services we offer. Hoopla is a digital service that streams movies, television shows, audiobooks and music albums to your mobile device or your computer. Hoopla also has ebooks and comics.

Each patron is allowed five downloads per month. This can be any type of material you want. There is no waiting. If Hoopla has it, you can download it immediately. This service is free.

If you visit our website, you can find more detailed information on the service as well as links to download the software. If you have any questions, please call us at 547-7132.

MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

Passes are available to check out, at no charge, to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Eastern State Penitentiary, Garden State Discovery Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, Independence Seaport Museum, 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.

Users can download titles to a PC or Mac and also to mobile devices such as Kindles, Nooks, iPads, iPhones and other tablets and phones.

There are thousands of popular fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from. Download best-selling novels, well-known classics, self-improvement guides and much more.

To get started, just visit www.haddonheightslibrary.com and click on the icon for e-books. If you have any questions or need help setting up, don't hesitate to call or stop by the library.

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 26 and Thursday, January 23.

SANTA'S MAILBOX IS BACK

Santa is putting a mailbox in front of the library again this year from November 29 - December 20. 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 2020 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 3 - April 13, except for February 17 (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 6

Holiday House Tour

February 3 - April 13 (Mondays)

AARP Tax Aide

February

'Love Your Library' Month

Closings

December 24

December 25

December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

January 1

January 20