

Check It Out!

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library
Educate, Entertain & Enlighten

July 2010

Main Library
1 Pennwood Avenue, Edgewood
412-731-0909

www.ccmellorlibrary.org

Forest Hills Branch
444 Avenue D, Forest Hills
412-824-3567

AARP DRIVING CLASSES

Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads we drive on every day. Brush up on your driving skills to stay safe! CCM is offering two AARP Driver Safety Programs for people over 55.

In July a *Driver's Refresher Course* is available to anyone who has successfully completed AARP's *Basic Class*. The Refresher Course is offered on Tuesday, July 20 from 9 am-1 pm in the Edgewood Community House Living Room. The cost, which covers all materials and instruction, is \$14, \$12 for AARP members. *Participants will receive a certificate which can be used for a 5% reduction in insurance.* Register at the library's adult circulation desk.

The AARP Basic Class will be offered in the fall. More details will follow.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Library has received gifts in memory of Judge Jim McGregor, Melissa Heidinger, and Elizabeth Brown Rossi Grumley. Books will be added to the collection in their memory.

Happy Birthday America!

The Library will be closed on July 5, 2010.

SUMMER READING CLUB FOR ADULTS

Who said Summer Reading Clubs are only for kids? It's easy to take part in CCM's *Summer Reading Club for Adults*. From July 1 through August 1 just fill out a drawing entry for each book that you read. Winners will be drawn every Monday to win a variety of prizes.

2010 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting CCM's 2010 Annual Appeal. As of June 25 we have raised \$32,250. We are in the home stretch as the 2010 appeal ends on September 30. It's never too late to make a donation or pledge by credit card at www.ccmellorlibrary.org or by check. Thanks for your support!

Now is the time to pick up your book for upcoming CCM **Adult Book Groups**. All are welcome.

The *PALS Book Club* meets on Tuesday, August 24 at 1 pm at the Forest Hills Library to discuss John Wideman's *Brothers and Keepers*.

The *Drop Dead Book Club* is discussing *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley on Wednesday, September 8 at 7 pm in the Board Room in Edgewood.

Outer Banks Beach House Auction to Benefit CCM

Through the generosity of a patron, the Library will auction a week's stay at *Water View Downs*, located on North Carolina's Outer Banks between the villages of Duck and Corolla. Available the week of September 11-18, the three bedroom, 2 ½ bath house sleeps six, has decks off all rooms, and is a quick walk to the beach. Bidding on the house runs through July 31. Bids can be made by contacting Sally Bogie at bogies@einetwork.net, or by contacting the Library @ 412-731-0909. All bids will be confidential, and bidders will be notified when a higher bid has been placed. Bidding begins at \$500. Visit the Library's website to learn more, see a link to the house, and to place a bid.

C. C. Mellor Library Needs Your Help!

Please take a moment to send a letter or email to PA Sen. Jay Costa and Rep. Paul Costa concerning State Library Funding for Public Libraries for 2010-2011.

Important talking points are:

In the 2009-2010 budget libraries state-wide received the following cuts:

- a 21% cut in basic operating funds (State Subsidy for Public Libraries).
- reimbursement for nonresident use (Access PA) was eliminated.
- Funding for the online resources of the *PA Power Library*, available through both public and school libraries, was cut in half.

Libraries are still reeling from these cuts and further cuts in the 2010-2011 state budget will result in more local cutbacks and loss of services. The proposed budgets include *an additional 2% cut in local library subsidy*.

Please ask your state official to:

- Advocate for *a minimum of level funding in the State Public Library Subsidy line*.
- Advocate for *restoration of at least \$3 million in the Library Access line to restore Power Library resources*.

Additional letter writing tips:

- *Make your letter personal*. Tell how you and your family use the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library and/or PA Power Library resources.
- A handwritten note is acceptable—even preferred.
- Include your home address so the representative recognizes you as a constituent.
- Mail your letter as soon as possible.

Senator Jay Costa and Representative Paul Costa represent Edgewood, Forest Hills, Churchill, Braddock Hills and Wilkins.

Representative Paul Costa

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USE GoodSearch & EARN \$\$\$ FOR CCM

Help the Library raise additional monies for programs and materials by using **GoodSearch** as your Internet search engine. Go to www.goodsearch.com and type in C.C. Mellor Memorial Library as your favorite charity. Each web search will generate over one penny for the library, and that will mount up by the end of the year. **GoodSearch** is powered by Yahoo.

DISPLAY YOUR COLLECTION AT CCM

The Library is offering collectors the opportunity to display their collections for a 6-week period. The display cases are 22"x 26"x 9". Please contact Sally Bogie.

GOT MILK...CARTONS?

Preparing for the Book Sale is a year-round activity. The Library is fortunate to have a large storage room to keep the many items patrons donate through the year. We are looking for milk cartons to help us keep items safe and dry. If you have some, please consider donating them. And save the date...the 2011 Book Sale runs March 18-22.

CHURCHILL RECYCLING FOR CCM

Did you know that the paper recycling bin at the Churchill Borough Building benefits the Library? Remember, no plastic or cardboard please.