

Check It Out!

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

February 2010

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

www.ccmellorlibrary.org

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

Save the Date...CC Mellor Big Book Sale Returns March 20-23!

Mark your calendars for the C.C. Mellor's Annual Book Sale, our biggest fundraiser of the year. We'll kick off the event with a preview party for Edgewood residents and their guests on Friday, March 19. Main sale dates are March 20 and 21, followed by bag sales on March 22 and 23. The library is accepting donations of items for the sale as well as volunteers to help with the sale. More details in the March newsletter.

CCM THANKS RECENT GRANTMAKERS

CCM has updated its travel section, thanks to a recent anonymous grantmaker. Many new books on travel to foreign lands and the US are available, including language CDs and books for those who want to brush up before traveling. Also, the children's department will be adding to their collection of books from other nations.

The Edgewood Foundation has been a generous supporter of the library for many years. In 2010 they have made two gifts to the library; one to purchase resources for the children's room and the other for renovation of our historic building.

Thanks for your support!

E-AUDIOBOOKS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The collections of *OverDrive* are now available to all county residents. This is in addition to *NetLibrary* collection. You can download books from home to your computer or MP3 player. Over the next six months, users will have a chance to use both collections. Based on use and feedback from patrons, a decision will be made by the eiNetwork as to which service to continue. Please take a look at both products and report back.

CPR Class at CCM

On Saturday, February 28 at 10 am William Bake from the Eastern Area Ambulance Service will offer ***Heart Saving CPR and AED*** to adults. Participants who successful complete the course will receive an American Heart Association First Aid Card. This class does NOT satisfy the CPR requirements for life guards. Cost of the program is \$15. Please register in advance.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR GROWN-UPS

These Tuesday classes are free, one session and one hour. Please register in advance.

Basic Internet February 16 @11:00 am
Basic Excel February 23 @ 1:00 pm

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Volunteers will again help residents prepare their federal and state income taxes. The program is free and is open to senior citizens and other individuals with uncomplicated tax returns. Tax preparation is done by appointment with preparers available during both the daytime and evening Monday-Thursday. Spots fill quickly so make your reservation early by calling the Library.

CAN WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL?

To help us better serve you we are asking Library patrons to provide us with their email addresses. Email addresses are used to notify patrons that requests are available for pick-up and, to avoid fines, reminding patrons that items are about to come due.

In order to incent you we will hold three separate drawings for \$25 throughout February and March. Patrons who have already supplied us with email addresses may also enter the drawing. Stop in and fill out an entry form.

TRUSTEE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House (CCM) is seeking a civic-minded Edgewood resident to serve on the Board of Trustees effective February 2010. The mission of CCM is to provide the highest quality Library services and to restore and preserve our historic building at 1 Pennwood Ave. The Board is particularly interested in receiving letters of interest from individuals with expertise in the areas of fund-raising, grant-writing, public relations/marketing, communications, web-design, and building systems maintenance/repairs. Please forward your letter of interest to Patrick J. Doyle, President, CCM Board of Trustees, 1 Pennwood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

SAVE THE DATE! CCM YARD SALE

Ready to clean house and make money? CCM will be hosting the first (hopefully annual) **Great Edgewood Yard** sale on Saturday, May 15. Rent a table (we provide the table) for \$25. We do the advertising and will cart away any unsold items. More details to follow.

In Honor of... Ella Lesko's fifth birthday and Marjie Stewart, who recently completed her doctorate at IUP. The Library will be adding books to the collection. Congratulations!

Book Club News

The Drop Dead Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 pm in the Board Room to discuss *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin. This chilling, mesmerizing book combines the best of modern forensic thrillers with the details and drama of historical fiction. March's selection will be *Final Jeopardy* by Linda Fairstein. Copies of the book are available at the children's circulation desk.

The PALS Book Club will discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan on Tuesday, February 23 at 1 pm at the Forest Hills Library. Fact and fiction are brilliantly blended in this compelling story about the relationship between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, the wife of a couple whose home Wright built in 1904. PALS meets every other month to discuss popular fiction and non-fiction. The book is available in regular format, large print, and as an audio book.

Check the Library's website for newly added links to the book club's discussion pages.

. ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

A heads up to local book clubs! This year's *One Book, One Community* selection is *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson. If your book club will like to reserve copies of this book, please call the Library.

POLICE ACADEMY

The Edgewood Police are offering an opportunity for residents and non-residents to participate in their free Police Academy. The classes include ten hours of training spread over a number of weeks on topics such as safety inside and outside of the home, reviews of current police equipment and tools, and how citizens can assist police. A minimum of 10 participants is required.

If you would like to join the class, please call Donna at the borough offices at 412-242-4824.