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South Fayette Township workers build shelter for big get-togethers in Fairview Park



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# South Fayette Township Library

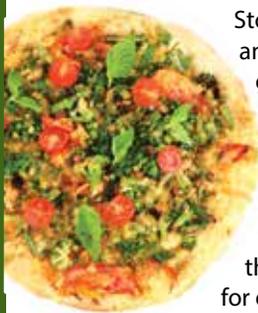
## Fall Events

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412.257.8660 • [www.southfayettelibrary.org](http://www.southfayettelibrary.org)  
HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Sunday: CLOSED

### New eResource! Universal Class.

Over 500 online non-credit continuing education courses are available for free to all Allegheny County library card holders 24/7. Adults and children can take courses in Computer & Technology, Mathematics, Office Skills, ESL Writing, Writing for Children and much more online in their own time! Go to Virtual Library Services at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org).

### Pizza Garden



Stop by the library and visit the pizza garden planted by our very own storytime attendees and volunteers. Stay tuned for when the veggies are ripe for our pizza party!

Follow the garden on

Twitter @SFLibraryGarden.

### Monday Afternoons, September 22-October 27 1-2:00 p.m. Math Mites.

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. In this 6-week session, children will explore math concepts using Stuart Murphy's Mathstart series and other picture books that teach math concepts. Week 1: Counting Beyond 10. Week 2: Subtracting One. Week 3: Size. Week 4: Tallying. Week 5: Shapes. Week 6: Number Order. Another 6-week session will be held in the Spring of 2015. Classes become more difficult as the

school year progresses. Registration is required. Space is limited. To register, click on Calendar of Events at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org) or call 412.257.8660.

### Monday Afternoons, November 3-December 8, Cost TBD Noon-1 p.m. Preschool Science.

For ages 2-6 years with caregivers. Make the most of your child's natural instinct to explore and understand their surroundings. All classes have fun and gooey, hands-on science experiments. The instructor shares a book relevant to the class theme. A snack is also provided.

**Monday Evenings,  
Chess Club. 5:30-6:30 p.m. for  
Beginners. 6:45-7:45 for Intermediate  
Players.** CHILDREN WHO HAVE NEVER PLAYED CHESS BEFORE SHOULD ARRIVE AT 5:00 P.M. Two 6-week sessions run from September 8-October 13 & October 20-November 24. For children in grades K-8. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Players enjoy half an hour of play and half an hour of strategy instruction. Participants must attend at least 4 Monday evening sessions to be eligible for the Saturday tournaments. Tournaments are Saturdays October 18 and November 29 from 1-3:00 p.m. Trophies are awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners in the junior and senior categories. Registration is required for all sessions. Space is limited. To register, click on Calendar of Events

at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org) or call 412.257.8660.

### Every 4th Monday Evening, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Book Club.

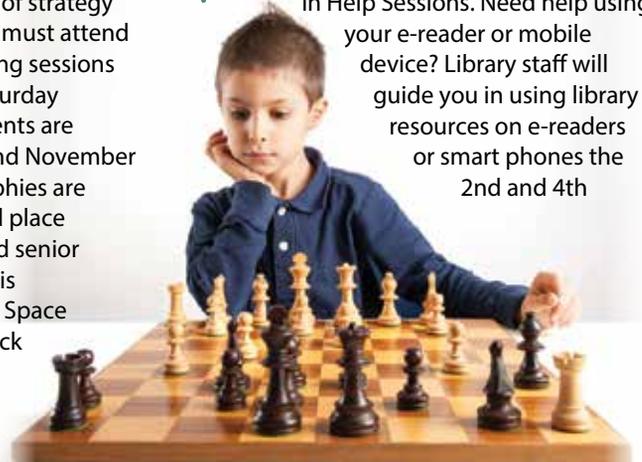
Book club members have a lively discussion and suggest their favorite books for upcoming sessions. Registration is requested, but not required. Go to Calendar of Events at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org) or call 412.257.8660 to register or request books.

### Every 3rd Tuesday, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Reading Social Book Club.

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Mingle with good books and neighbors each month. Expand yourself with thought-provoking discussions of books from different genres. Readers of all ages are welcome! No registration is required. Click on Calendar of Events at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org) to view book selections.

### Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday Evening, 6:00-7:30 p.m. E-Reader Drop-

in Help Sessions. Need help using your e-reader or mobile device? Library staff will guide you in using library resources on e-readers or smart phones the 2nd and 4th





Wednesdays of each month. Support available for all e-reader types including Kindles, Nooks and iPads. If possible, please bring your e-reader to the session. Call 412.257.8660 to register (requested but not required).

**Every 1st Thursday Evening, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Magic Dragon Club.**

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month September-December. For children in Grades 1-5. Young artists and writers watch a brief instructional video from the Art Lessons from Children series then work on their own creations. At the December 4th session, students will select their best work and submit it for publication in Magic Dragon magazine. Copies of Magic Dragon are available at the library, or subscribe at [magicdragonmagazine.com](http://magicdragonmagazine.com). Registration is required. Space is limited. To register, click on Calendar of Events at [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org) or call 412.257.8660.

**Every 3rd Thursday Evening, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Who Was... Club.**

Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month September-November. Children will discuss a book from the Who Was... children's biography series and enjoy fun activities inspired by the book. Registration is required. Space is limited. Go to [southfayettelibrary.org](http://southfayettelibrary.org), or call 412.257.8660 to register or request books. Books are available for checkout at the library.

**Friday Mornings, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Tales 'n Tunes Story Time.** For ages 3-5 years with caregivers. A high-energy

program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Children sing songs with movements, listen to stories, and enjoy art activities. This program enhances vocabulary, language, social and motor skills. Get ready for Kindergarten with this exciting program! No registration is required.



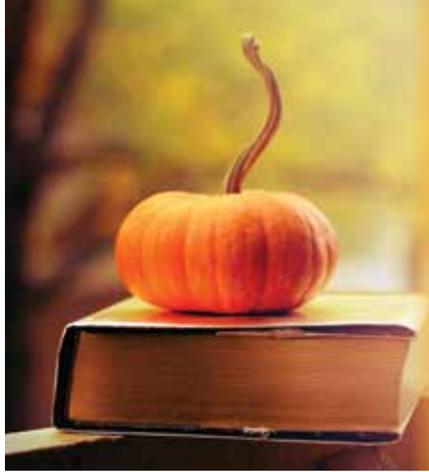
**Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Mother Goose Story Time.** An entertaining program for little ones from birth-3 years and their caregivers. Children interact through songs, finger plays and flannel board stories. This program gently develops awareness of letters, print and images. Motor and social skills are also enhanced. What a fun way to include reading readiness into a child's schedule! No registration is required.

**One Saturday Afternoon a Month, Writers Unleashed for Grades 5-8.** Writers Unleashed! is a fun, no-cost writing program for middle school teens (grades 5-8) who share a passion for writing and want to explore their craft. Teens write novels and scripts, share word-count goals and achievements, and brainstorm with other writers via

online message boards. Brittany Ketter, a seasoned NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) and ScriptFrenzy veteran, guides teens through the Young Writers Program. Participants learn about inciting incidents, character building, plot making and dialogue and also work to improve writing skills, grammar and formatting of novels. Please email Brittany at [ketterb@einetnetwork.net](mailto:ketterb@einetnetwork.net) for information on upcoming online, in-library and Skype sessions.

**One Saturday Afternoon a Month, Writers Unleashed! High School Writing Program.** Writers Unleashed! is a Young Writers Program directed by Brittany Ketter and designed for high school teens who share a passion for writing. At Writers Unleashed! participants learn the art of storytelling, sharpen their writing skills and learn how to create inciting incidents, build strong characters, craft plots and work through dialogue. Participants also write a novel and, if desired, are taken through the publishing process. Please email Brittany at [ketterb@einetnetwork.net](mailto:ketterb@einetnetwork.net) for information on upcoming online, in-library and Skype sessions.





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## Fall Events *continued*



**Thursday Mornings, September 18-October 23**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m. Preschool Drawing.**  
 Cost TBD. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Children will learn how to draw circles, ovals, squares, rectangles, and triangles, and turn them into animals, objects, people and settings. Watch your child turn circles into cats, bunnies or ninja turtles. See squares turn into houses and robots.

**Thursday Mornings, October 30-December 11**  
**(No Class November 27)**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m. Preschool Yoga.**  
 Cost TBD. A popular program for ages 2-6 years with caregivers. Please bring a yoga mat for your child. Optional mat for adults.



### Featured Virtual Library Services Free for County Library Card Holders

Access ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, reference materials, online courses and other digital services under Virtual Library Services on our website at southfayettelibrary.org. All you need: a valid library card, Internet access, and a computer or device that meets the system requirements for the digital materials you wish to access. If you need help getting started, schedule an appointment with a librarian by calling 412.257.8660.

**Freegal Music & Video Downloads.**  
 Love music and music videos? Download three MP3 songs per week or one video and one song per week on Freegal. They are yours to keep! Hoopla is free-access,

streaming music albums (including Disney's Frozen! soundtrack), popular TV shows & movies. Borrow up to 8 simultaneous use titles per month.

**Axis 360 eBooks on the Magic Wall.**  
 Get high-demand eBooks and eAudio without the wait with our new service—Axis 360. Resident library cardholders can download bestsellers, children's and young adult ebooks.

**Ebooks, Audiobooks and More on Overdrive.** Choose from an extensive catalog of ebooks, audiobooks and more. Download free software or view on your browser. Take a guided tour of the service.

**IndieFlix.** Discover over 4,000 great independent films anytime, anywhere with IndieFlix. Stream award-winning shorts, features and documentaries from more than 50 countries on all Internet-enabled computers and tablets

(including iPad & Android) as well as smartphones and gaming consoles through your Web browser. Also available on Roku and Xbox.



**Encyclopedia Britannica.** Britannica Online provides two

sites in one—a child-friendly collection and an adult general reference collection. Students can access encyclopedias, Britannica-approved Web sites, and a Student Center with an atlas, biographies, multimedia, "How To" guides for school reports, and other learning materials. Older students and adults will find similar resources created for advanced information seekers in the Britannica Reference Center (adult) section.

**New Book Alerts.** Want to know what is new in our collection? Sign up

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for newsletters, place holds for new materials, read & write reviews and more!

**Memorial & Honor Books**

A memorial or honor donation to the South Fayette Township Library is a special way to remember a friend or loved one. Donations may also be made in honor of a special person or event (such as a birthday, anniversary, retirement, graduation, etc.). Your gift will be used to purchase an item for the library’s collection and a nameplate will be placed inside the item indicating the name of the honoree and the donator. To make a donation, go to [www.southfayettilibrary.org/memorialdonationinstructions/](http://www.southfayettilibrary.org/memorialdonationinstructions/) or call 412.257.8660.



**Become a Friend of the Library**

The Friends of the South Fayette Township Library group is looking for members. If you’re interested in library advocacy and helping the library provide quality materials and programming, come join us. Pressed for time? You can help a little or a lot, depending on your schedule. Call Friends president Lois Levi at (412) 969-1396.

**Ink Cartridge Recycling**

Gather up those empty ink jet cartridges for recycling at the library!



**GET INVOLVED!**

South Fayette Township encourages involvement in government through volunteerism. Many department services are enhanced because of the generosity of time given by citizens of the Township and citizens of surrounding areas. Join this team of dedicated, civic-minded individuals by applying for available volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in applying for any of the current volunteer opportunities, please complete and submit a volunteer application. Volunteer applications may be downloaded from the South Fayette website, [www.south-fayette.pa.us](http://www.south-fayette.pa.us), and mailed to the Township Office or picked up at the Township Office at 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064. For more information, you may call the Township Office at 412.221.8700.

**The following volunteer opportunities are available.**

- Engineering Aide
- Clerical Assistance
- Community Outreach
- Office Organization
- Information Technology
- Accounting Aide
- Library Aide
- Public Works

**Make a difference in your community. Volunteer!**

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# South Fayette Development Ramps Up at I-79

Plans progress at Newbury, UPMC Children's Hospital and The Crossings at South Fayette By Andrea Iglar



Construction projects are moving ahead at the Interstate 79 ramp in South Fayette, with the goal of bringing more stores, services and road upgrades to township residents.

Plans are progressing for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC outpatient center to open September 29, The Crossings at South Fayette shopping center to open later this year and Newbury Market to open in 2016.

Aldi, Giant Eagle, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Starbucks are some of the many businesses expected to join the township in the new developments.

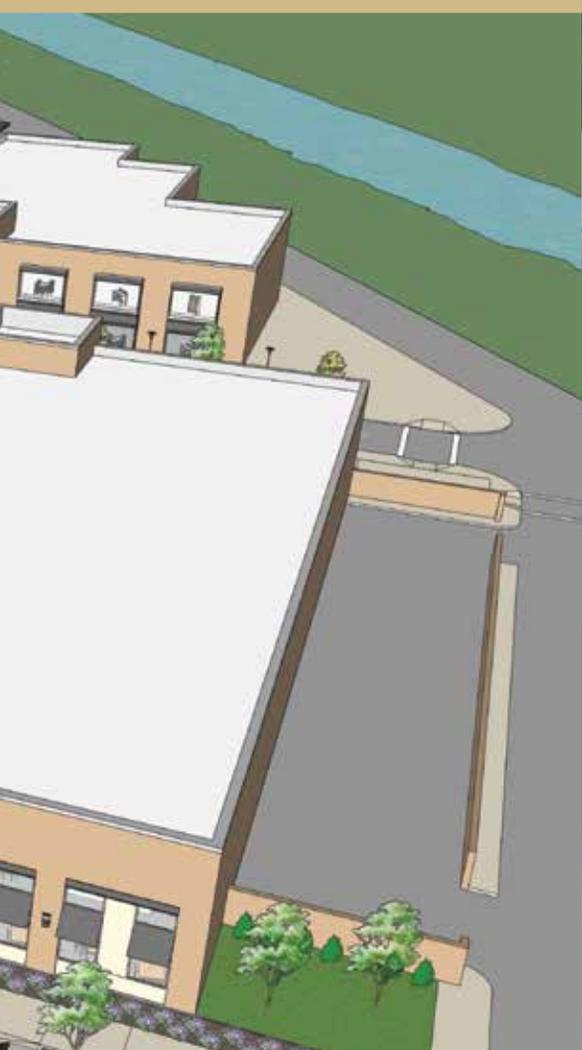
South Fayette manager Ryan Eggleston said the township is seeing a growing interest in commercial construction around Route 50 and the Bridgeville interchange of I-79.

"With UPMC set to open this fall, we really think that will be a catalyst to continued commercial development," Mr. Eggleston said. "It definitely seems like it's ramping up."

With new commercial centers will come road improvements—including adaptive traffic lights and additional turn lanes—aimed at helping traffic flow through the Washington Pike and Route 50 corridors.

Workers this summer have been creating a new intersection with a traffic signal and turn lanes on Route 50/Millers Run Road.

The intersection will provide access to Newbury Market and, on the opposite side of Route 50, to the site of the former Star City Cinemas and UPMC's new \$24 million, 60,000-square-foot pediatric center. The pediatric clinic's grand opening details will be forthcoming.



▲ Workers continued making progress in June on construction of the \$24 million, 60,000-square-foot pediatric center by Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. The medical office building is set to open this fall in South Fayette.

◀ Newbury Market’s pedestrian-friendly main street will include shops, restaurants and outdoor gathering spots.

Aldi, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Starbucks are expected to open later this year in a new shopping center called The Crossings at South Fayette.

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**The Crossings at South Fayette**

This 37,000-square-foot shopping center will include an Aldi supermarket, Chipotle restaurant, Starbucks coffee shop and several other businesses on eight acres at the T-intersection of Washington Pike and Route 50/Millers Run Road.

Opening is anticipated before the end of the year. RBG Development Inc. and property owner Bridgeville Realty LP have gotten the go-ahead from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to replace the intersection’s traffic signal system, which also will serve the shopping center’s main driveway.

**Newbury Market**

Grand opening is anticipated in 2016 for Newbury Market, a planned 88-acre, 1.2 million-square-foot shopping center bordered by Route 50, Presto-Sygan Road and I-79.

Highlights include a Giant Eagle grocery store, a Courtyard by Marriott hotel, two office buildings, five large retail stores and a pedestrian-friendly town center with shops, restaurants and outdoor gathering spots.

This summer and fall, developer EQA Landmark Communities/Newbury Development Associates LP is installing infrastructure for water, sewer and storm water and working on an entrance road from Route 50.

# Pavilion in the Park



**When a backyard isn't big enough for your get-together, consider gathering at South Fayette Township's new pavilion in Fairview Park.**

**T**he community pavilion, which opened for rentals in June, is the township's largest shelter and offers the most amenities.

The pavilion accommodates about 200 people and provides built-in restrooms, a food serving area with electricity, aluminum picnic tables and access to fields, trails, sports courts and green vistas in the 125-acre park.

Butch Truitt, the parks and recreation director, said about 90 percent of the construction was completed in-house by the township's public works crew.

The three-year project was made possible by township funds and a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Bridgeville-South Fayette.

Businesses and individuals are welcome to inquire about naming rights to the new pavilion.

The pavilion's daily rental fee for South Fayette residents is \$200 on weekdays (Monday through Friday), or \$300 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Nonresidents pay \$350 on weekdays, or \$450 on weekends and holidays.

A separate \$250 check for a security deposit also is required of all renters.

Alcohol permits are available at a cost of \$15 for residents or \$25 for nonresidents.

Please visit the township office, 515 Millers Run Rd., or call 412-221-8700 for information on reservations or naming rights.

Directions to Fairview Park: From Route 50/Washington Pike, turn onto Boyce Road. Turn left onto Lawnshadow Drive and right onto Greenwood Drive. The park entrance is on the right, before the bend. The new pavilion is located at the back of the park, near the multipurpose fields.



## Do Your Driveway the Right Way

Please contact the township prior to starting any driveway work, including repair, replacement, paving or new construction. South Fayette will work with you and your contractor to ensure the design plan works smoothly with adjacent roads and right-of-ways. Please contact the permitting officials in the Engineering and Planning Department at 412.221.8700 or email [sfadmin@sftwp.com](mailto:sfadmin@sftwp.com) before finalizing plans or beginning work. Thanks, and we appreciate your cooperation!



**Keep our parks clean!**

**Please remember to use the trash bins located in all township parks.**



*Volunteers and hunters gather during a celebration dinner last year at the conclusion of South Fayette's annual Disabled Sportsman Hunt. This fall, the event will occur Oct. 23, 24 and 25.*

## Disabled Sportsman Hunt set for October

South Fayette's annual Disabled Sportsman Hunt is set for Thurs., Oct. 23, through Sat., Oct. 25.

The three-day event includes an assisted deer hunt and celebration dinner. Participation is free for South Fayette residents and

nonresidents who hold a Pennsylvania Game Commission permit for hunters with disabilities.

To participate, volunteer, or make a donation, please contact Butch Truitt, parks and recreation director, at 412.221.8700 or [btruitt@sftwp.com](mailto:btruitt@sftwp.com).