



SUPPORTING HOMESCHOOLING FAMILIES

GUEST SPEAKER

SERIES



Will Estrada, Esq

Homeschooling with Confidence: Understanding Pennsylvania's Homeschool Laws



Steven Duvall, PhD

Reading Workshop: Improving Your Child's Reading Fluency



Natalie Mack, MEd

Charting Your Way Through High School for College, Career, or Military

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September 6 at 11am:

Homeschooling families are invited to a **Homeschool Curriculum & Book Swap** where you can:

- Find good homes for books you've outgrown
- Collect new educational materials for free
- Connect with other home educators

11-11:30am: Drop off your books and enjoy light refreshments and social time.

11:30am-12:00pm: Select and take home books.

This will be a completely free exchange, without strings attached – materials are contributed without condition, and people take materials without charge or condition, on a first-come, first-served basis. This will be followed immediately at **12pm** by another event for homeschool families, **How to Use The Library**. Please join us for both events. Free pizza will be provided for those who do!



October 10 at 6:30pm: Join **Will Estrada** for an informative seminar on Pennsylvania's homeschool laws designed to help empower you to homeschool with confidence. Come prepared with your own questions and concerns, as there will be time for Q & A at the end of this presentation. Will is a homeschool graduate from Pennsylvania, a homeschool dad, and Senior Counsel at the Home School Legal Defense Association. Will has also worked as a career federal employee in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and was appointed by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin in 2023 to serve a four year term on the Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University, a public university in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is a member of the California bar, the D.C. bar, the U.S. Supreme Court bar, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals bar, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals bar.

October 21 at 6:30pm: A hands-on session to show parents how to use research-proven methods for increasing children's reading fluency and comprehension presented by **Steven Duvall, PhD**. These techniques are effective with slow readers and children with learning disabilities and/or dyslexia. The workshop also includes instruction in how to select reading materials, measure progress, track reading gains over time in relation to other students the same age, and how to know whether tutoring is no longer necessary. Dr. Duvall has served homeschool families as an evaluator and educational advocate since the late 1980s and has worked with the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) as a consultant since 1993. He currently serves as Director of Research at the HSLDA. He is a licensed/certified school psychologist. With experience as a school psychologist in the public schools (21 years) and as a professor and program director of university training programs for school psychologists (19 years), Dr. Duvall brings a unique perspective to homeschooling children with special needs.

November 6 at 6:30pm: Preparing your teen for their post-graduation goals requires planning. This seminar, presented by **Natalie Mack, MEd**, provides a timeline and checklist to ensure that important items are included! For college-bound teens, this includes entrance tests, applications, and financial aid information. Students headed directly into the workforce can benefit from career aptitude testing, training opportunities, and building a resume. Learn about the military's homeschool enlistment policy and advice for applying to service academies. Natalie Mack is a National Certified Counselor, author, TEDx speaker, and 20+ year military home educator with over 20 years of service to military homeschool families and military homeschool support group leadership. Her published works include the book *101 Tips for Homeschoolers* and several articles for Home School Legal Defense Association, the Military Family Advisory Network, *Military Families Magazine*, and *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Friends of ELANCO Library Book Sale: Saturday, September 21 from 10am to 2pm - Friends of ELANCO Library are pleased to host a "Clean the Closet" 50% Off Book Sale! We're making room for new donations. All items will be 50% off the regular price. **DON'T MISS THE GREAT BARGAINS!** The event will take place in the upstairs Activity Room at the ELANCO Library (Elevator access is available). All proceeds benefit ELANCO Library. For more ways to support the library and ensure that quality programs and special events like these can continue, please visit www.elancolibrary.org/give.



Preschool Storytime: Numbers and Counting

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Preschoolers are invited to enjoy themed books, songs, rhymes, or movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Ages 3-6, siblings welcome!

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Join Miss Jen on Tuesdays during the school year for an hour of crafts, games, snacks and more! No registration required. For tweens and teens.

Schedule:

9/3: Icebreakers and Games

9/10: Mental Health "De-Stress" Day at the Library

9/17: Library Scavenger Hunt

9/24: STEM Marble Roller Coasters

Toddler Thursdays: Numbers and Counting

Thursdays at 10:30am

Toddlers will dance, zoom, scoot, and hop with stories selected to promote language development. All adults are expected to participate and encourage the children to join in the fun. Ages 0-3, sibling welcome!

Music & Movement

Saturday, September 7 at 10:30am

Sing, dance, chant, listen to music, move, and play instruments, while exploring the patterns and sounds that make up our language. For ages 0-6 with parent or other caring adult.

Read Aloud with Pepper the Dog!

Saturday, September 7 at 2pm

Children of all ages are invited to spend some time with and read aloud to Pepper, a friendly and adorable Labrador Retriever who will be accompanied by Mrs. Carol Stark.

Readers' Roundtable Book Discussion

Monday, September 9 at 2 p.m.

All are invited to join the Readers' Roundtable for lively conversation and discussion. The book selection for September is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. For adults.

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm

Are you crafty with a needle (or two)? Would you like a little company to talk shop with while you knit or crochet? Join us at the Library! Beginners welcome! We'll get you started on your first project. For all ages.

Introduction to Mental Health and Mental Health Resources in Lancaster County

Saturday, September 14 at 2pm

Join Dave Krahling, Th.M., Program Manager for Mental Health America Lancaster, for an informative introduction to mental health and to the mental health resources available to residents of Lancaster County.

Come prepared with your questions and the issues or concerns that you would like to discuss. Dave Krahling is not only the program manager for MHALC and the chairperson for the coalition but is also a peer who deals openly and honestly about his own lived experiences with mental health and suicide, as well as the mental health challenges being a combat Veteran. For adults and teens.

Migratory Birds: Pathways in Peril

Monday, September 16 at 6pm

Join Miss Jen, our resident bird enthusiast, to learn about the incredible journeys migratory birds embark on each year, the threats that they face, and what we can do to help them survive. For elementary-school-aged children through adults.

Introduction to Pennsylvania's Election Laws

Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm

Join Ricardo Almodovar from American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania (ACLU) for a non-partisan informational session on election laws as they relate to Pennsylvania and voter rights. The seminar will include time for Q & A, and assistance with voter registration will be provided as needed. For adults and teens.

LEGO Creation Club

Thursday, September 12 at 6pm

Once a month, we'll build themed creations out of Lego® Bricks that will be displayed in the Library. Recommended for ages 8+ and siblings.