

... Making our patrons feel like family since 1936.

Dormont Public Library is an independent community library located in the South Hills which works to empower, educate, and inspire the members of the Dormont community and the surrounding Pittsburgh area through a wide offering of social, academic, and community-based programming. These programs help to establish the Dormont Public Library as a place of learning and growth.

In addition to basic services such as library card registration and renewal, access to thousands of books throughout Allegheny County, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines, faxing and scanning capabilities, and a fully-staffed computer lab, Dormont Public Library also offers the following:

Translation and Interpreting Services

We are proud to feature a multilingual staff that speaks and understands the following languages, in addition to English:

- German (spoken and written)
- Italian (written)
- Spanish (spoken and written)

Our staff is experienced and competent in facilitating and providing assistance with:

- Basic conversational needs
- Location of necessary materials within the library system and online
- Library card registration and material renewal processes
- Location and help with completion of citizenship applications and other documents

- Registration for English as a Second Language (ESL) and other support programs through the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC)

Globally-focused Programming

We offer a wide variety of programs designed to emphasize our commitment to interactive learning and multicultural development; these programs are available to patrons throughout the year and are available to the public at little or no cost and include the following:

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – Offered in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC), this class meets **Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM** and is open to individuals who wish to learn or improve their English skills.
- **Let's Talk! Spanish Conversation** - This class meets **Wednesdays from 7:00PM-8:30PM** and is open to individuals of all skill levels. The class offers a relaxed, informal atmosphere where students can converse with other Spanish speakers or have an opportunity to practice their language skills. Registration for this program is preferred; to register, please call 412.531.8754 or visit the library's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/dormontlibrary).
- **Let's Talk! Hindi Conversation** - This class meets **the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:00PM-7:00PM** and is open to individuals of all skill levels. The class offers a relaxed, informal atmosphere where students can converse with other Hindi speakers or have an opportunity to practice their language skills. Registration for this program is preferred; to register, please call 412.531.8754 or visit the library's Facebook page.
- **Origami** – This unique workshop, offered **the fourth Saturday of each month from 11:30AM - 12:30PM**, provides an introduction to the ancient Japanese art of origami. Please call 412.531.8754 or ask at the front desk to register. Recommended for third grade and up.

- **Pittsburgh Narrative Project** - Originally introduced as part of our Welcoming Week in September, we are extending our Pittsburgh Narrative Project to allow more people to share their stories. Share an important memory from your immigration story or those of your parents, grandparents, or other family members by adding it to our book! Call 412.531.8754 for more information.
- **Covered Dish Dinner** - We offer a themed International Covered Dish Dinner twice a year. The goal of the dinner is to bring members of the Dormont and surrounding communities together and celebrate the unique and diverse cultures of the immigrants and visitors who have made Pittsburgh their home. The Covered Dish Dinner for the spring will take place **Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30PM.**

Family Programming

In addition to a wide array of multicultural programming, we also offer several opportunities for our younger patrons to strengthen their literacy skills and embrace the library as a source of creative exploration. Many of these programs take place throughout the year and include:

- **Family Storytime** – This program takes place **Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30AM-11:30AM** and features a selection of stories and crafts which reflect the theme for the week. Storytimes are open to children in Preschool-2nd grade and their families and follow a rotating, six-week schedule; please call the library at 412.531.8754 or visit the library's Facebook page for more information about program availability.
- **Saturday Storytime** – Offered **the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:30AM – 11:30AM**, this program is open to children of all ages and their families and features stories and crafts that follow a theme that differs from the weekly Family Storytime program.

- **Tail Waggin' Storytime** – This fun and interactive program is offered **the second Saturday of each month at noon** in partnership with Therapy Dogs International and offers children of all ages the ability to practice their reading skills by reading to specially-trained Storytime Listening Dogs.
- **“The Pillowcase Project”** - Learn about different kinds of hazards and how to take charge in an emergency in a fun, hands-on program with us and the American Red Cross **Saturday, February 27, at 1:00PM!** This program is designed for children in grades 3-5 and is intended to empower children to understand the best methods of staying safe, managing stress, and acting as an advocate during emergency situations. Registration is required for this program; to register or for more information, please visit us on Facebook or call the library at 412.531.8754. Limit 24 people.
- **Summer Reading Club** – Children of all ages have the opportunity to show off their reading skills and win treats and prizes along the way each summer during this fun and interactive celebration of learning and literature! Each hour completed earns readers a piece of candy and a chance to win a series of unique prizes. Participants for this year's Summer Reading Club can knock their reading goals out of the park with this year's theme, “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read,” scheduled to kick off **Saturday, June 18**. Visit us on Facebook or call 412.531.8754 in April for more information about Summer Reading programs.
- **Fairy Tale Mock Trial** - Too hot? Too cold? Just right? Be an important part of the Fairy Tale Mock Trial **Saturday, April 2, at noon** and help decide! Register by visiting us on Facebook or calling the library at 412.531.8754. Who knew jury duty could be so fun?



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Additional Programming

We want our patrons to know that the library is a place where they can work as well as play. For this reason, we have a wide selection of free and low-cost activities available to visitors to our library which are designed to encourage social, cultural, and educational engagement; these programs include:

- **Colorful Conversations** - Everyone loves to color... why not do it at the library? Relieve stress and bring out your inner child with a fun and relaxing evening surrounded by markers and mandalas **the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM!** The cost for this program is \$5. This event is BYOB and is intended for individuals 21 years old and older; we supply the coloring pages, markers, coloring pencils, crayons, and refreshments. Bring a friend and your favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and make the library your Wednesday night go-to spot for chilling, coloring, and conversation! Registration required; please visit us on Facebook or call the library to register. Limit 40 people.
- **Yoga** - This class is offered **every Monday from 7:30-8:30PM**. The class is donation-based, with a suggested fee of \$5. Guests of all skill levels are welcome and are asked to bring a yoga mat and water. *This program is offered on an independent basis and is not sponsored by the library.*
- **Hatha Yoga** - Offered **every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00-8:00PM**. The class is donation-based, with a suggested fee of \$5. Guests of all skill levels are welcome and are asked to bring a yoga mat and water. For more information, visit <http://facebook.com/dormontyoga>. *This program is offered on an independent basis and is not sponsored by the library.*
- **Tai Chi for Seniors** - Offered **every Wednesday from 12:30-2:00PM**, for a relaxing and restorative session of Tai Chi, specially designed for seniors. This class is taught by former LifeSpan instructor, Judy Crow, in the Yang-style long form and will feature a “meditation in motion” approach. The cost for this class is \$3 per class. Registration for this program is preferred; to register, please call 412.531.8754 or stop by the front desk.
- **Tai Chi** - Offered **every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM**. The class is donation-based, with a suggested fee of \$8. Guests of all skill levels are welcome. *This program is offered on an independent basis and is not sponsored by the library.*

- **South Hills Dormont Book Club** - Takes place the **1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM**. Please call 412.531.8754 for more information.
- **Adult Evening Book Club** - Group meets on the **last Wed. of the month at 7:00 PM**.
- **Senior Book Group** - Formerly offered through the Dormont LifeSpan Senior Center, this book group meets the **third Monday of each month from 12:30-2:30PM**.

Resources

Our website is available in both Spanish and English; the new website is in the process of being re-translated to reflect the changes made from the original version. We also offer books for children and adults in Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and French, available throughout our collection.