

SUMMER SAMPLER

WEEK 1
JUNE 6

JUMPING INTO
SUMMER WITH
VIM AND
VIGOR!

Get into summer with books, music, food and activities! A little bit of everything to make your summer a little bit amazing!



LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH

How many of the cool landmarks of the city we live in have you personally seen? Why not take an afternoon to see a LOT of them by taking a self-directed walking tour! [This 5-mile route](#) covers the North Side, Downtown, Mt. Washington, and Station Square. 17 highlights along the way to check out and optional deviations to keep it free. Or try [one of these tours](#) suggested by the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, with several interesting historical features to check out. Get some exercise for your body and brain at the same time by walking and learning!

SUMMER IS FOR GENEALOGY

Working on a genealogy project? Your library can help! You may know about [Ancestry.com](#), [Family Search](#), or even [Find a Grave](#), but do you know about American Ancestors? [The New England Historic Genealogical Society](#) is America's founding genealogical organization and has been around since 1845. The [American Ancestors database](#) that they maintain has over 1.4 billion searchable names for you to browse. Their records span over 22 different countries including the British Isles and continental Europe. And American Ancestors also offers a [searchable collection of genealogical journals and magazines](#) for those interested in learning more about genealogical studies. Whether you are just beginning a genealogical journey or are looking for new avenues to study, American Ancestors might have what you are looking for! American Ancestors is available for in library use at Northland Public Library or ask your local library about other genealogy resources!



BEACH READS FOR YOUR SUMMER ESCAPE

Summer is here! Whether you're relaxing at the beach with your feet in the sand or you're in your backyard soaking up the sun, these books are the perfect summer escape (titles link to catalog).

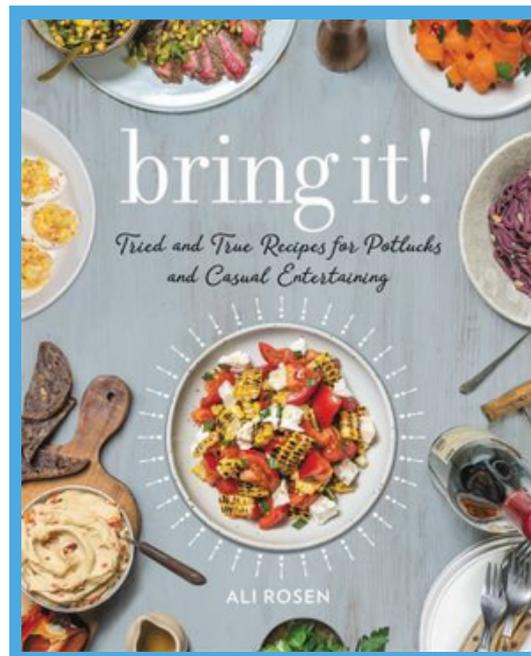
- [Black Cake: A Novel](#) by Charmaine Wilkerson
- [Party of Two](#) by Jasmine Guillory
- [Dial A for Aunties](#) by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- [Playing the Palace](#) by Paul Rudnick
- [Untamed Shore](#) by Silvia Moreno-Garcia



SUMMER PLAYLIST

Try some Hot Summer Hits from the 80s - the decade of the cold war and the fall of the Berlin Wall and the rise and fall of Wall Street. And also the decade of big hair, MTV, Michael Jackson, Madonna and Whitney Houston. Take a trip down memory lane with [these summer hits and summer-inspired songs on Spotify](#).

TOMATO, ROASTED CORN AND FETA SALAD



- 3 ears corn (about 2 ½ to 3 cups kernels)
- 2 cups diced fresh tomatoes (about 2 lbs or 2 large tomatoes)
- ½ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup diced basil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (about ½ a lemon)
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Dash of salt and freshly ground black pepper

Enjoy this Ali Rosen recipe. It'll become a keeper! Set gas burner to medium and cook corn. Turn every minute until you get a nice char. Alternatively, if you don't have gas, broil the corn, turning every 10-20 seconds. Once the corn has cooled, combine all the ingredients and serve.

SUMMER PROGRAMS at Your Library

WEEK OF
JUNE
6 - 12

Find your nearest library here: aclalibraries.org/library-finder/

To download a digital version of the Summer Sampler with links go to:
aclalibraries.org/summer-sampler

The libraries in Allegheny County ramp up their programming for all ages in the summer. Here are some of the great stuff happening for the grown-ups this week:

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN SPELL?

Thursday, June 2nd | 6:00-7:00 **Baldwin Borough Public Library**

You better bee-lieve it! Join us June 2nd at 6PM for our first ever adult spelling bee. The winner of this friendly competition will receive their very own first place trophy. Register [here](#)!

LEFT TO WRITE: MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

Tuesday, June 7th | 10:00-12:00 **Whitehall Public Library**

Want to start writing your memoir, but not sure where to begin? Or have you begun and become stuck? Learn about the art of memoir and receive gentle feedback that will help you improve your writing skills in a warm and supportive community. You have the option to join us in person or online. If you are new, please email Sarah at scotts2@whitehallpubliclibrary.org

INTRO TO EBOOKS

Tuesday, June 7th | 11:00-12:30 **Sewickley Public Library**

Did you know you can download ebooks, audiobooks & magazines for free from the library? Learn about what the library's digital collections have to offer with this step-by-step guide to getting started. Register [here](#)!

DARE 2B TICK AWARE

Tuesday, June 7th | 6:30-7:30 **Scott Township Public Library**

During this online webinar, a PA Lyme Resource Network faculty member will cover a variety of topics including PA stats, tick ID, habitat and behavior, Lyme and tick-borne diseases and prevention options.

Register [here](#). After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar.

SOUND BATH MEDITATION

Tuesday, June 7th | 6:30-8:00 **Cooper-Siegel Community Library**

Immerse yourself in the transcendent tones of quartz singing bowls and violin as Monique Mead guides you to a state of stillness and peace. You'll sit or lie comfortably as these pure sound vibrations permeate your being, activating your body's natural healing power. This 60-minute sound journey provides an uplifting way to release stress and promote healing on all levels. The benefits of sound healing include reduced stress, balanced mood, improved sleep, and lower blood pressure and cholesterol. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket and any yoga props (cushions, blocks, bolsters) to sit/lie on. Register [here](#)!

TIME TRAVEL WITH TIM

Wednesday, June 8th | 6:30-7:30 **Western Allegheny Community Library**

Area resident, Tim Killmeyer has created and has shared his popular "Time Travel with Tim" videos on YouTube. Join us as he discusses his research and how he came to create his videos. We'll also travel back 100 years along local roadways to see how our area looked back then and compare the transformation over time. Presented in partnership with WACHS. Register [here](#)!

CRAFTING

Thursday, June 9th 1:00-3:00 **Brentwood Public Library**

Whooooo's ready to do some crafting? Come make some upcycled owls, and more! All materials provided for this free event. Space is limited. Please register [here](#)!

WELCOME TO OPERA: RUSALKA

Thursday, June 9th | 6:00-8:00 **Northland Public Library**

Whether you are new to opera or a long-time enthusiast, come join us for a lively presentation of this lesser known opera. John and Cheryl Weiss will show video clips of actual performances and share some of the show's music. Register [here](#)!

CONVERSATION CAFE

Friday, June 10th | 1:00-2:00 **Penn Hills Library**

Join the conversation. Participate in conversations about meaningful topics where anyone is welcome to join. No registration required. Find more information [here](#)!