

Library Update - May, 2021



Message from Corinne: Dear Volunteers, Supporters and Friends:

We are approaching the end of this mostly virtual 2020/2021 academic year. With your generous support, our Library Volunteers Program will be able to gift each Kelly student with a new book to enjoy over the summer. I am so appreciative of Dr. Pressley's invitation for us to join in the end of year celebrations. We are especially looking forward to participating in Kelly's well deserved year-end celebration culminating on graduation day, June 11th. I am also very hopeful that our "Summer Sendoff" this year will be the first of many to come.

I hope to see you at the Germantown Cricket Club's inaugural Juneteenth event. Please stop by our Kelly School tables. More info on Kelly School's participation below - Corinne

Summer Sendoff: Thanks to all who have contributed to Kelly School's year-end student celebration or "Summer Sendoff" as we like to call it. We have made bulk purchases of new books, appropriate to each grade level to contribute to the students' gift bags. We are continuing to accept donations. \$10 can purchase almost four new books at bulk prices! Tax deductible donations can be made through the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia or directly to Corinne. Contact Corinne for more information.

Juneteenth: Please join us at The **Germantown Cricket Club** celebration of this historic day at their 1st Annual **Celebration of Black Life, Saturday, June 19, 2021**. They plan an afternoon for their friends and neighbors that will include recognizing the contributions of local Black artists, performers, athletes, vendors, chefs, and other talents with music, entertainment, food and youth tennis. The John B. Kelly School and Lingelbach School have been specially invited to attend. Both the Kelly School Library Volunteers Program and Kelly Green will participate. Our Library Volunteers Program will give away books and Kelly Green will be selling fresh vegetables from the Kelly garden. Both will provide literature to spread awareness of our Kelly programs and the Kelly School Playground fundraiser. For free registration information:

<https://www.germantowncricket.org/juneteenth>

DUE TO COVID, SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER NOW!

Juneteenth
/jooon-teenth/ noun
a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States

Germantown Cricket Club Cordially Invites
Anna L. Lingelbach Elementary School &
John B. Kelly Elementary School to

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK LIFE
SAT JUNE 19, 2021
GERMANTOWN CRICKET CLUB
411 MANHEIM ST PHILADELPHIA
12-4PM

YOUTH TENNIS (NO SUPPLIES NEEDED) /
GIVEAWAYS / FOOD & ART
VENDORS / LIVE PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL SCHOOLS

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER FOR FREE, VISIT
[germantowncricket.org/juneteenth](https://www.germantowncricket.org/juneteenth)

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In the Spotlight: **Lee Scarborough-Kirk**, Reading Buddy and Storytime volunteer, joins us *In the Spotlight*. Lee states: During the winter of 2018, I joined the volunteers at Kelly library. Having taught English and social studies in grades 6 through 12, I did not know what to expect. Well, it has been a delight! I love to read to and with students who are so curious and spontaneous. (I also love their height; I am only 5 feet tall!) I grew up in East Mount Airy and attended school in Germantown, eventually earning a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. When not at Kelly, I volunteer with Friends of the Wissahickon and deliver meals to the elderly and the disabled in Glenside, where I now live with my husband and our cat. I am a member of three book clubs and a community chorus, Philomusica Chorale which reaches out to churches, nursing homes, and families; a favorite event is singing carols outside at Christmas. Brrr! I have sung all my life, beginning in high school, graduating to Philly groups like Singing City and the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia. My absolute passion? Animals! I pat every dog that I pass and volunteer with Forgotten Cats, a group that rescues kitties and finds them furrever homes. I have enjoyed virtual Reading Buddies this year, but am looking forward to being at Kelly in person in the fall.



Little Library Program: We continue to send books to all K-5 classrooms for use by those students who are in the hybrid program. The teachers may use these books as they like to extend their classroom library and share with each other.

Our Wish List of Books: Check out our Wish List of books if you are looking for a special way to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or holiday. Purchase a new book for the Kelly School Library from our wish list of curated books and we'll add a special plaque to mark the event. To view the list, click here: [John B. Kelly School Library Wish List](#). Contact Doris or Corinne at our email address: kellyschoollibrary@gmail.com with any questions.

Pre-Screening to Enter Kelly: The school district has implemented a new procedure of screening people entering into school buildings now that K-2 students are back. The form is available and submitted online, only takes a minute, and must be completed up to 3 hours prior to entry. To access the form: [COVID-19 Building Pre-Entry Screening Form – Employee Health Services](#)

In Case You Missed It:

➤ *The Inquirer:* [District plans full reopening on Aug. 31](#)

News from Philadelphia School District: Click on the links:

- [District Website Reopening Dashboard](#)
- [Family & Community Engagement](#)
- [Volunteer Paper Work Checklist](#)

Stay Safe and Well! Please reply directly to Corinne or Janet at kellyschoollibrary@gmail.com with any items to share. We'd love to have your recommendations for "What We're Reading," have you volunteer to be "In the Spotlight," or share your activities or events with "Members' Happenings."