

... 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, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and magazines throughout Allegheny County, 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 Literacy Pittsburgh.

Globally-focused Programming

We offer a wide variety of programs designed to emphasize our commitment to inclusive 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 (**Please note that all programming is suspended indefinitely, due to safety restrictions related to COVID-19**):

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – Offered in partnership with Literacy Pittsburgh, this class meets **Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15AM-11:15AM** and is open to individuals who wish to learn or improve their English skills. An English proficiency test is required to participate in this program; please contact us for more information or to schedule an exam with one of our instructors.
- **Origami Workshop** – This unique workshop, offered **the fourth Saturday of each month from 1:00PM – 2:00PM**, 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.

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 **Wednesdays from 10:30AM-11:30AM and Fridays from 1:30PM-2:30PM** 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 and Twitter pages 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.



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- **Tail Waggin' Storytime** – This fun and interactive program is offered **the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM** 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.
- **Summer Reading Club** – No pool? No problem! Make the hours feel like minutes this summer, during our celebration of learning and literature! Each book completed and recorded earns readers a chance to win a series of unique prizes. Participants for this year's Summer Reading Club can start a new chapter with this year's theme, "Imagine Your Story," **Monday, June 8 – Saturday, August 8**. Visit us on Facebook or Twitter or call 412.531.8754 for more information.

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:

- **Adult Evening Book Club** - Group meets on the **last Wed. of the month at 7:00 PM.**

Resources

Our website is available in both Spanish and English; the 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.