



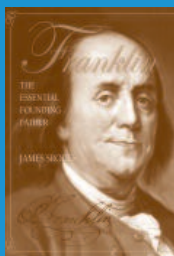
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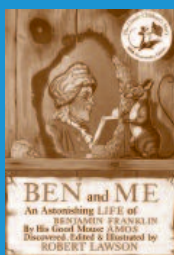


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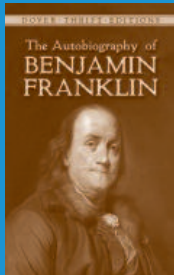
In Philadelphia  
EVERYONE IS READING  
about Ben Franklin



Franklin: The Essential  
Founding Father  
BY JAMES SRODES



Ben and Me  
BY ROBERT LAWSON



The Autobiography  
of Benjamin Franklin  
BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

# Calendar of Events

One Book  
One Philadelphia

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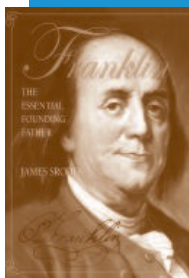


## Founding Father

January 17 – March 15, 2006

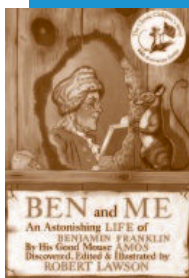
Continuing Events through December 31, 2006

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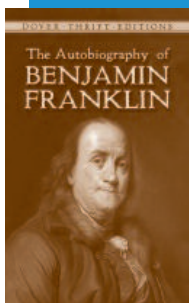
## Franklin: The Essential Founding Father

JAMES SRODES is an author and freelance journalist. In addition to his biography of Franklin, he has also written *Allen Dulles: Master of Spies*, which was named Best Intelligence Book of 2000 by the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. He is the coauthor of a best-selling biography of automaker John DeLorean. Srodes has written for many publications, including *Forbes*, *Business Week*, *Financial World*, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *The Daily Telegraph*, and *The Spectator*. *Booklist* called *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, “A page-turning biography...Srodes probes underneath the myth, dissecting the shrewd, ambitious Renaissance man primarily responsible for one of the greatest political experiments of western civilization.”



## Ben and Me

ROBERT LAWSON was a writer and illustrator who won both the Caldecott Medal and Newbery Medal — two of the most prestigious awards in children’s literature. He illustrated such beloved classics as *Mr. Popper’s Penguins* and *Ferdinand the Bull* and wrote and illustrated *Ben and Me* and *Mr. Revere and I*. He was born in 1892 and died in 1957. The Rare Book Department of the Free Library of Philadelphia possesses Lawson’s original drawings for *Ben and Me*. They will be on display at the Central Library throughout the *One Book* calendar period.



## The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN was born in 1706 and died in 1790 at the age of 84. He was an author, inventor, businessman, scholar, scientist, revolutionary, and statesman whose contributions to Philadelphia and the world are countless. His autobiography is considered a classic of American literature and covers his life up to his prewar stay in London as representative of the Pennsylvania Assembly.

# The Autobiography Project

Sponsored by The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News, and Philly.com

Ben Franklin's autobiography may be the most widely published of all time, but for his three-hundredth birthday the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary and *One Book, One Philadelphia* invite you to submit a memoir of your own, using no more than 300 words. Selected pieces will be published in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, and will be reprinted on bus and subway posters throughout Philadelphia. Go to [www.philly.com](http://www.philly.com) for more details, or visit [www.benfranklin300.org](http://www.benfranklin300.org) or [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov). After all, as Franklin warned us: *If you wou'd not be forgotten, As soon as you are dead and rotten, Either write things worth reading, Or do things worth the writing.*

James Srodes



## Author Appearances

**Meet James Srodes, Author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection**

**Feb. 27 at 1 p.m., free**

Walnut Street West Branch

3927 Walnut Street, 215-685-7671

Author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, will lecture and take questions from the audience.

[www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

**Brown Bag Lunch Discussion with James Srodes, Author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection**

**Mar. 6 at 1 p.m., free**

Falls of Schuylkill Branch

3501 Midvale Avenue, 215-685-2093

Meet author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, at a brown bag lunch.

[www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

**Meet James Srodes, Author of *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection**

**Mar. 6 at 7 p.m., free**

Lovett Memorial Library

6945 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-2095

Author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, will lecture and take questions from the audience.

[www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

**James Srodes, Book Signing and Author Lecture****Mar 9 at 6:30 p.m. (book signing) & 7:30 p.m. (lecture)**

Fees: \$15 signing and talk (advance); \$7 talk only (advance); \$10 talk (door)  
 Book signing at Haverford Township Free Library, 1601 Darby Road, Havertown, followed by Lecture and Q&A at Havertown High School, 200 Mill Road (located one block from the Library), 610-446-3082. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold for the book signing. Meet James Srodes, author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection. This will be Mr. Srodes' only appearance outside of the City of Philadelphia.

[www.haverfordlibrary.org](http://www.haverfordlibrary.org)

**James Srodes, Free Author Lecture, *One Book, One Philadelphia* Closing Event****Mar. 14 at 7 p.m., free**

Central Library, Auditorium, 1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

James Srodes is an author, journalist, and broadcaster based in Washington, D.C. In addition to his book on Franklin, Mr. Srodes has also written biographies of Allen Dulles and John DeLorean. His book, *Allen Dulles: Master of Spies* won an award for "Best Intelligence Book" in 2000 from the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father* is a featured selection of the 2006 *One Book, One Philadelphia* program. *Harper's Magazine* commented that, "[Srodes'] gift to the familiar Franklin is an accessible style that will see readers to the last page." A question and answer period and book signing will immediately follow the lecture. (Books will be on sale at the event.) [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)

## Exhibitions and Ongoing Events

**Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World****Runs through Apr. 30, 2006. Sunday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

National Constitution Center

525 Arch St., Independence Mall.

Adults, \$14, children ages 4-12, seniors, college students, and active military personnel, \$12, groups of 20 or more, \$8.50, 215-409-6700

Designed to celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday, this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition invites people of all ages to experience the adventures of an extraordinary man. Through multimedia displays, never-before-seen artifacts, and a special guide just for kids, the exhibition brings to life Franklin's legendary achievements and makes them relevant to our times. Admission to the National Constitution Center's award-winning permanent exhibition also included.

***Ben and Me: Robert Lawson's Drawings for his Tale of Ben Franklin's Friend, Amos, the Mouse*****Runs through Mar. 2, Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday**

Central Library, Rare Book Department, 3rd Floor

1901 Vine Street, 215-686-5416

An exhibition of 29 drawings by Robert Lawson for his 1939 best-seller of that title featuring Amos, a poor mouse who befriends Franklin and gives him many of his best ideas. Various editions of the book itself are also included. Tours of department at 11 a.m. daily.

**Dr. Franklin of Philadelphia: A Celebration of His Legacy****Runs through June 30**

Central Library, Main Lobby

1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

An exhibition highlighting Franklin's life and accomplishments. Twelve display cases feature historical and topical material including texts, maps, timelines, portraits, illustrations, and objects.

**Benjamin Franklin: Catch the Lightning****Runs through June 30**

Central Library, Central Children's Department Hallway

1901 Vine Street, 215-686-5369

An exhibition of selected Franklin biographies for children, dating from the early 19th century to the present, in three display cases.

**Through the Dewey Decimal System with Ben****Runs through June 30**

Central Library, Central Children's Department

1901 Vine Street, 215-686-5369

An exhibition that highlights Franklin's inventions and accomplishments relating to that system. The exhibition asks, "If you had to do research for a report on Benjamin Franklin, where would you look in the Dewey Decimal System?" (Fun fact: Books in Benjamin Franklin's library, The Library Company of Philadelphia, were shelved by size.)

**Ben Franklin and Religious Liberty****Runs through May 31, 2006**

National Museum of American Jewish History

Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, 215-923-3811

"Ben Franklin and Religious Liberty" explores his relationship with the Jewish community and illustrates Franklin's key role in forging a pluralistic America. [www.nmajh.org](http://www.nmajh.org)**Breakfast with Ben****Runs through April 30**

Independence Visitor Center

6th and Market Streets, 1-800-537-7676

This is a chance to have a buffet breakfast and talk with Franklin about his life. Children can also have their photo taken with the look-alike. Admission is \$19 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under. Go to [www.breakfastwithben.com](http://www.breakfastwithben.com) for reservations.**"Talk" with Franklin's Ghost****Ongoing****Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays**

PECO Energy Liberty Center

6th and Chestnut Streets, 215-LIBERTY

At PECO Energy Liberty Center, Philadelphians can use a technology called "synthetic interview." Franklin will actually appear to be answering questions and speaking with people through a high-tech video screen developed by Carnegie Mellon University's Entertainment Technology Center. The ghostly chatter will be free to the public all year at the Energy Center. [www.lightsofliberty.com](http://www.lightsofliberty.com)**Walking in Franklin's Footsteps****Ongoing**A free, self-guided walking tour of the city that takes about an hour, pointing out city landmarks pertinent to Franklin's history. The tour, which is available at [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben), can be printed and carried along to see sites like the Fireman's Hall Museum (147 N. 2nd St.), the location of Franklin's first fire company in 1736, or the Christ Church (20 N. American St.) where Franklin and his family worshiped each week.**Toast Ben with Food and Drink****Runs through April 30**

At least 60 restaurants have designed special Desserts for Ben that they'll feature on their menus through April 30, like the "Franklin Minted" chocolate mousse mint cake dessert at Lacroix at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W.

Rittenhouse Square, or "Ben Franklin's Lightning Bread Pudding" at the Old Original Bookbinder's, 125 Walnut St. Other restaurants have devised clever Ben drinks and entrees that they'll serve now through the end of April. A full listing of participating eateries, bars and hotels is at [www.gophila.com/ben](http://www.gophila.com/ben).**Poor Richard: Anatomy of an Almanac****Runs through Mar. 19**

Rosenbach Museum &amp; Library

2008 Delancey Place, 215-732-1600

This exhibition features Franklin's original almanacs that detail such historic moments as the Liberty Bell's arrival in Philadelphia.

[www.rosenbach.org](http://www.rosenbach.org)

**Ben's 300th Birthday Bash****Runs through Dec. 31**

Franklin Institute Science Museum

222 N. 20th Street, 215-448-1329

Partygoers can share a giant birthday cake, then watch reenactments of Franklin's science experiments. After the birthday party, it's the debut of the interactive Ben's Electrical Spectacular, a stage show that demonstrates Franklin's discoveries, complete with lightning.

[www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu)**Franklin Meets Pulaski****Runs through Dec., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Saturday**

Polish American Cultural Center Museum

308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-992-1700

An exhibition depicting the first meeting of Benjamin Franklin and Casimir Pulaski, an exiled freedom fighter from Poland and American Revolutionary War hero. They met in Paris, France. Franklin persuaded Pulaski to come to America to aid the colonies in their quest for independence.

[www.polishamericancenter.org](http://www.polishamericancenter.org)**Ben and Me Fun at the National Liberty Museum****Runs through Nov. 2006, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

National Liberty Museum, 321 Chestnut Street, 215-925-2800

*Ben and Me* celebrates the timeless wisdom of Benjamin Franklin with an exhibition of period "Benorabilia" and a self-guided tour of the National Liberty Museum through his eyes.

**Franklin's National Icon: Talons or Waddles****Runs through Apr. 30**

The Academy of Natural Sciences

1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA, 215-299-1000

In the spirit of Ben Franklin, The Academy of Natural Sciences will let visitors decide for themselves which bird should be our national bird: the North American wild turkey, as Franklin wanted, or the American bald eagle, which ultimately won the title. A mounted turkey and a bronze eagle illustrate the qualities of both birds. Free with museum admission!

[www.acnatsci.org](http://www.acnatsci.org)**Institute of Contemporary Art/ University of Pennsylvania Project Space:****Brian Tolle****Jan. 17 – Mar. 26, Wednesday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.,****Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Institute of Contemporary Art, 118 South 36th St.

\$6 for adults, \$3 for students over 12, artists, and senior citizens. Free to ICA members, PENN card holders, children 12 and under, and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 215-898-5911

New York artist Brian Tolle will unveil his new work, commissioned in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. His sculptures and installations are realized after detailed research with area historical archives and fabricators. This work will explore Franklin's recurring use of the snake motif as a provocative symbol.

**Franklin's Philadelphia****Jan. 20 at 8 p.m., Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, Philadelphia****January 21 at 8 p.m., Saint Paul's Episcopal Church 84 E. Oakland Ave., Doylestown****January 22 at 4 p.m., Saint Martin's in the Fields, 8000 St. Martin's Lane, Philadelphia**

Philadelphia was the cultural capital of the New World, and Franklin was its star. Pittsburgh's Chatham Baroque Trio is Philly's guest for a program of popular favorites. Info: 215-487-2344

**Benjamin Franklin: An American Idol****Runs through Jan. 22, 2006**

Nexus/Foundation for Today's Art

137 N. 2nd Street, 215-629-1103

*Benjamin Franklin: An American Idol* delves into three interrelated themes of Franklin's life: technology, mass communication and civic engagement through an art exhibition and related program series of workshops, screenings, forums and parties. In a fashion reminiscent of this true Renaissance figure, the project brings together the work of artists, publishers, printmakers, musicians, scientists, puppeteers and poets, as well as activists and scholars who address these themes in and through their work.

[www.nexusphiladelphia.org](http://www.nexusphiladelphia.org)**Franklin on Silence: "Speak not but what may**

**Slide Presentation: Through the Eyes of Benjamin Franklin, An Architectural Tour of Philadelphia**

**Runs through Jul. 26. Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Van Pelt Auditorium, Philadelphia Museum of Art  
26th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway., 215-763-8100

This slide talk on Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia, presented by the Park House Guides of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, will look at the buildings Franklin might still recognize today.

**An Imperfect Union**

**Will be online in March**

[www.archives.gov/midatlantic](http://www.archives.gov/midatlantic), 215-606-0112

Web exhibition exploring the ebb and flow of Franklin's thought on various subjects, including slaves and the perpetual union of the states

**Brett Keyser as "The Turk"**

**Mar. 1 – Jun. 30**

Performances in various locations around the city, 215-440-3427

Performance artist Brett Keyser re-creates the mechanical marvel that dumfounded the crowned heads of Europe. Dressed as a figure wearing a turban and seated at a chessboard, the Turk was controlled by intricate gears and appeared to be a machine that could think. It challenged Voltaire and Franklin to a game of chess — and won!

**Franklin Court**

**Mar. 3 through Mar. 11, Call for times.**

Single Tickets \$10 - \$111

Pennsylvania Ballet, Academy of Music  
Broad and Locust Streets, 215-551-7000

Former Artistic Director Christopher d'Amboise's *Franklin Court* returns! Set to Bach's moving G Minor Fugue, a magnificent set of hanging beams resembling Robert Venturi's "ghost house" floats above the stage while Franklin's inventions are highlighted through the dancer's personification of swim fins, bifocals, spark, and electricity.



benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation."



# Chronological Listing

Dates & times are subject to change. Call to confirm event. For complete details please visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov) or call 215-567-7710. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free to the public.

## **A Tribute to Ben Franklin: Armonica Recital by Cecilia Brauer**

**Jan. 15 at 3 p.m.**

The Curtis Institute of Music, Field Concert Hall

1726 Locust, 215-893-5252

Cecilia Brauer will perform with Curtis students as part of Ben Franklin 300 Philadelphia. The armonica, also called the glass harmonica, was invented by Franklin in 1761. Open to the public free of charge; no tickets required.

## **Happy Birthday, Ben! *One Book, One Philadelphia* Kick-Off**

**Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.**

Main Lobby, Central Library

1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

Join the party at the Central Library to celebrate Ben Franklin's three-hundredth birthday. Ben Franklin, colonial soldier Ned Hector, and fife and drum players will lead a parade of children and adults around the Library lobby. Anchor Monica Malpass, from 6abc, will read from the children's classic, *Ben and Me*, with the help of special visitor "Amos" the Mouse. Christopher Cashman, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Public Affairs for Independence Blue Cross, Lead Sponsor of *One Book, One Philadelphia*, will officially kick-off the 2006 program. Other surprises are in store. Come to the Library to join the fun and help Ben blow out the candles on his birthday cake!

## **300 Years and Still Current: America Celebrates Franklin's 300th Birthday**

**Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.**

National Constitution Center, 525 Arch St., Independence Mall

215-409-6700

When was the last time you celebrated a 300th birthday party? With birthday celebrations for Benjamin Franklin planned all around the world, the greatest party of all will be in Franklin's hometown of Philadelphia. This once-in-a-lifetime national event will celebrate the Franklin inside us all: his curious spirit, open mind, and positively charged influence on the future of America.

## **7-Up on Ben**

**Jan. 17 at 10 p.m.**

The Kelly Writers House, University of Pennsylvania

3805 Locust Walk, 215-573-9748

In this lively discussion, seven panelists from the Writers House, Penn, and Philadelphia communities will be speaking, reading, storytelling, dancing, and singing, for seven minutes each, on some aspect of what Franklin represents for them. A reception to celebrate Penn's newly-founded "Franklin Press" will follow.

## **Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin***

**Jan. 17 at 2 pm**

Fishtown Community Branch

1217 E. Montgomery Avenue, 215-685-9990

## **Happy Birthday Ben!**

**Jan. 17, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Haverford Township Free Library

1601 Darby Rd., Havertown, PA 19083, 610-446-3082

Celebrate Mr. Franklin's birthday with free cake and coffee!

## **Ben's Big Birthday Bash**

**Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m.**

Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library

68 W. Cheltenham Avenue, 215-685-2152.

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, followed by birthday cake. For school-age children.

**Franklin on Order:** "Let all your things have their places;



**Educating the Youth of Pennsylvania: Worlds of Learning in the Age of Franklin****Jan. 17 – May 31, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday by prior arrangement: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Rosenwald Gallery, 6th floor, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library (on Penn Campus), 3420 Walnut St., 215-898-7552

This exhibition draws on collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and other area repositories to survey learning and schooling in Franklin's day. Who received an education; who were the teachers; what was taught? The exhibition also addresses the originality and relevance of Franklin's 1749 educational manifesto, *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania*.

**Book Discussion: *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson****Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m.**

Overbrook Park Branch

7422 Haverford Avenue, 215-685-0182

**Ben Franklin Day****Jan. 18 at 3:30 p.m.**

Fox Chase Branch

501 Rhawn Street, 215-685-0547

An afternoon filled with activities related to Ben Franklin including discussion of the book *Ben and Me* followed by a craft activity and the film, *What's the Big Idea Ben Franklin?*

**Books are Great to Make!****Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.**

Cecil B. Moore Avenue Branch

2320 W. C.B. Moore Avenue, 215-685-2766

Make your own book, like Ben Franklin's pamphlets, in this hands-on workshop led by Shellie Holl.

***The Amazing Dr. Franklin*****Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.**

Frankford Branch

4634 Frankford Avenue, 215-685-1473

A story cycle by Ray Gray that tells the life of Benjamin Franklin.

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Jan. 18 at 4:30 pm**

Queen Memorial Library

1201 S. 23rd Street (enter on Federal Street), 215-685-1899

**Ben Franklin's Amazing Machine****Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.**

Chestnut Hill Branch

8711 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-9290

Storyteller Vicky Town leads an interactive program using an imaginary machine that "prints" sayings by Ben. For ages 6 and up.

***Ben Franklin: America's Original Entrepreneur* Lecture and Book Signing****Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Franklin Institute, 222 N. 29th St., 215-448-1175

Benjamin Franklin scholar and author Blaine McCormick has adopted Franklin's classic 18th century autobiography for modern day readers. McCormick will present a lecture and will sign copies of his book *Ben Franklin: America's Original Entrepreneur*.

***The Amazing Dr. Franklin*****Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m.**

Chestnut Hill Branch

8711 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-9290

Stories about Ben Franklin presented by Storyteller Ray Gray.

Program reserved for invited school classes. Adults who would like to observe must call in advance.

**Creative Writing, Inspired by Ben Franklin****Jan. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m.**

Lovett Memorial Library

6945 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-2095

The Lovett Library Creative Writing Group will devote its meeting to writing about the quotations of Benjamin Franklin. For adults.

**Breakfast with Ben****Jan. 21 at 9 a.m.**

Haverford Township Free Library  
1601 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083, 610-446-3082

**Book Discussion Training — *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*****Jan. 21, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Central Library, Story Hour Room, Children's Department  
1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

Barbara Baumgartner, Northwest Regional Coordinator for the Free Library of Philadelphia, will lead a discussion of the book (one of this year's selections for *One Book, One Philadelphia*) and talk about the process of leading a book discussion. Free but reservations required by calling 215-567-7710.

***Peter and the Wolf* Meets Ben Franklin****Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. (Pizza lunch at 12 p.m.)**

Fees: Adults, \$15; Children 12 and under, \$7. Pizza lunch, \$3

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel  
8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, 215-887-8700

Sonoro Wind Quintet play the ever-popular Prokofiev *Peter and the Wolf* and Berio's Opus No. Zoo. As a special treat, the K.I. String Players will play a short string quartet by Ben Franklin. A copy of *Ben and Me* will be given to every family in attendance.

**That Fabulous Franklin****Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.**

Central Library, Auditorium  
1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

Celebrate Ben's 300 birthday with a lively play filled with Ben Franklin's wit and wisdom presented by Family Stages/Duet Productions. Part of the Philadelphia City Institute's Board of Managers *Sundays on Stage* series. (Interpreted in sign language.)

**Ben's Big Birthday Bash****Jan. 23 at 4 p.m.**

Haddington Branch  
446 N. 65th Street, 215-685-1970

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, followed by a birthday cake.

**Benjamin Franklin, Scientist and Medical Investigator****Jan. 23 at 6:15 p.m.**

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
19 S. 22nd Street between Market and Chestnut Streets, 215-563-3737 ext. 265  
The College's Francis C. Wood Institute for The History of Medicine invites you to join us for a free lecture by Stuart Green, M.D. (Professor, School of Medicine, University of California, Irvine).  
[www.collphyphil.org](http://www.collphyphil.org)

**Ben's Science Experiments****Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.**

Philadelphia City Institute  
1905 Locust Street, 215-685-6621

"Professor Bob" Matcovich will amaze you by performing some of Ben's experiments.

**Meet Benjamin Franklin****Jan. 24 at 3:30 p.m.**

Queen Memorial Library  
1201 S. 23rd Street (enter on Federal Street), 215-685-1899

Everyone's favorite founding father, Benjamin Franklin, visits the Queen Memorial Branch.

**Ben's Big Birthday Bash****Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.**

Nicetown-Tioga Branch  
3720 N. Broad Street, 215-685-9790.

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, fun activities, and birthday cake.

**Ben Franklin's Science Experiments****Jan. 25 at 4 p.m.**

Roxborough Branch

6245 Ridge Avenue, 215-685-2550

Enjoy hands-on science fun as Professor Bob Matcovich recreates some of Ben Franklin's science experiments. For ages 6 and up.

**"A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned"****Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m.

Richmond Branch

2897 Almond Street, 215-685-9992

Learn to build wealth — not debt — in this Philadelphia Saves program presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Delaware Valley.

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.**

Oak Lane Library

6614 North 12th Street, 215-685-2848

Book discussion led by Ella Schwartz.

**Temple Book Club Discussion****Jan. 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

Temple University Libraries, Urban Archives, 1210 W. Berks St., 215-204-5750

Temple Book Club, open to the public, will meet to discuss *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father* by James Srodes.

**Book Discussion: *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*****Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.**

Bushrod Branch

6304 Castor Avenue, 215-685-1471

Irene Reiter will lead a discussion of the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*.

**Franklin & Friends****Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.**

Haverford Township Free Library

1601 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083, 610-446-3082

This lecture is about Franklin's relationship with the Quakers and the Abolitionists. Franklin had important relationships with many members of the Society of Friends including John Bartram. The speaker will be Professor Emma Jones Lapsansky-Werner, Professor of History & Curator, Special Collections, Haverford College.

**Benjamin Franklin and the Jews****Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.**

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, 215-887-8700

Rabbi Lance Sussman, Ph.D., Senior Rabbi of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel of Elkins Park, will speak at Shabbat Services.

**Ben's Big Birthday Bash!****Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.**

Falls of Schuylkill Branch

3501 Midvale Avenue, 215-685-2093

Celebrate Ben Franklin's birthday by listening to interesting (and mostly true) stories of his life as described by his friend, Amos the mouse. Then enjoy cake and borrow a copy of *Ben and Me*, by Robert Lawson. For children and families of all ages.

**Book Discussion: *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*****Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.**

Fox Chase

501 Rhawn Street, 215-685-0547

Irene Reiter will lead a discussion of the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*.

**Book Discussion: *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*****Jan. 31 at 6:30**

Northeast Regional Library

2228 Cottman Avenue, 215-685-0500

Irene Reiter will lead a discussion of the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*

**Kite Making Workshop****Feb. 1 at 4 p.m.**

Lovett Memorial Library

6945 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-2095

Build your own kite (like Ben Franklin did) and learn about the science of flight; led by Ren Parker. For ages 6 and up.

**Fire Prevention****Feb. 1 at 4 p.m.**

Lehigh Avenue Branch

601 W. Lehigh Avenue, 215-685-9794

See fire equipment from Ben Franklin's day and learn how to prevent fires in your own house. Presented by a firefighter from the Philadelphia Fire Department.

**Franklin's Experiments****Feb. 1 at 4 p.m.**

Holmesburg Branch

7810 Frankford Avenue, 215-685-8756

Science educator, Bob Matcovich, will recreate some of Ben Franklin's experiments.

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*****Feb. 1, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Lutheran Theological Seminary, 7301 Germantown Ave., 215-843-6333

Why do we revere old Ben? Read his *Autobiography* and come discuss Ben's wry writings, his acknowledgement of his "errata," his understanding of how humans reconcile public and private beliefs and other fascinating aspects of his life. Discussion leader is local author and Ben admirer, Sandy Crimmins. Sponsored by Mt. Airy Learning Tree.**The Music of Franklin's Time****Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.**

Fox Chase Branch

501 Rhawn Street, 215-685-0547

A baroque trio will play works that were popular during Franklin's lifetime.

**Birthday Party for Benjamin Franklin****Feb 4 to 18, 10 a.m.**

The Philadelphia Orchestra

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Broad and Spruce Streets, 215-893-1999

Join Philadelphia's citywide celebrations of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday in a concert that explores his passions for invention and for music.

Featured Performers: Rossen Milanov (conductor), The Philadelphia Orchestra, Derek Pitts (host), Men of the Philadelphia Singers Chorale (choir) [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org)**Franklin's Letter Press****Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.**

Torresdale Branch

3079 Holme Avenue, 215-685-0494

Learn how Ben Franklin's press worked and print colonial currency.

**Book Discussion: *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, by James Srodes****Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

Richmond Branch

2987 Almond Street, 215-685-9992

**Book Discussion: *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, by James Srodes****Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.**

Andorra Branch

705 E. Cathedral Road, 215-685-2552

Book discussion led by Liz Snowdon

**Meet Benjamin Franklin****Feb. 8 at 3 p.m.**

Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr. Branch

1935 Shunk Street, 215-685-1755

Everyone's favorite founding father, Benjamin Franklin, visits the Donatucci Branch.

**Ben's Big Birthday Bash****Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

Roxborough Branch

6245 Ridge Avenue, 215-685-2550

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, followed by a birthday cake.**Ben's Science Experiments****Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

Charles Santore Branch

932 S. 7th Street, 215-685-7677

"Professor Bob" Matcovich will amaze you by performing some of Ben's experiments.

**Meet a Black Soldier of the American Revolution****Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

Ramonita G. de Rodriguez Branch

600 W. Girard Avenue, 215-686-1768

Ned Hector (as played by Noah Lewis) will talk about being a soldier and about Ben Franklin.

**Meet Ben Franklin!****Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.**

Katharine Drexel Branch

11099 Knights Road, 215-685-9383

Mr. Malcolm reenacts the life of Benjamin Franklin.

**"A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned": The Basics of Managing Your Money****Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Haverford Avenue Branch

5543 Haverford Avenue, 215-685-1964

Learn to build wealth — not debt — in this Philadelphia Saves program presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Delaware Valley.

**Meet Benjamin Franklin****Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m.**

Overbrook Park Branch

7422 Haverford Avenue, 215-685-0182

Everyone's favorite founding father, Benjamin Franklin, visits the Overbrook Branch.

**Meet Benjamin Franklin****Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m.**

Fox Chase Branch

510 Rhawn Street, 215-685-0547

Everyone's favorite founding father, Benjamin Franklin, visits the Fox Chase Branch.

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.**

Falls of Schuylkill Branch

3501 Midvale Avenue, 215-685-4171

**Book Discussion: *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, by James Srodes****Feb. 15 at 1 pm**

Charles Santore Branch

932 S. 7th Street, 215-686-1766

**Ben's Science Experiments****Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.**

Kensington Branch

104 W. Dauphin Street, 215-685-9996

"Professor Bob" Matcovich will amaze you by performing some of Ben's experiments.

**Colonial Day at Nicetown-Tioga Library****Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.**

Nicetown-Tioga Branch

3720 N. Broad Street (one block north of Erie Avenue), 215-685-9790

March to a fife and drum corps and meet a visitor from the past, Ned Hector, a free, black colonial soldier who became a Revolutionary War hero. Refreshments and free books distributed to children in attendance. Sponsored by Temple University Health System.

**Kite Making Workshop****Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.**

Logan Branch

1333 Wagner Avenue, 215-685-9156

Build your own kite and learn about the science of flight; led by Ren Parker. For ages 6 and up.

**Book Discussion: *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson****Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.**

Wynnefield Branch

5325 Overbrook Avenue, 215-685-0298

**Ben Franklin Book Discussion****Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m.**

Camden County College, Wolverton Library

Learning Resource Center Conference Room, 856-227-7200

Facilitated by Lis Bass. Free to the public.

**Life Lessons from Ben Franklin of Philadelphia****Feb. 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Museum of the American Philosophical Society, 2nd Floor Gallery

104 South 5th St., 215-440-3427

Join Penn faculty and members of this year's freshman class for a lively and entertaining discussion of this year's Penn Reading Project book, Franklin's *Autobiography*. In this family-friendly program, we'll retrace Franklin's steps and send visitors forth inspired by Franklin's own journey to become thoughtful, successful, and engaged citizens of the world!

[www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)**Benjamin Franklin and the Magic Squares****Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m.**

Central Library, Children's Department

1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

Learn about both Benjamin Franklin and his invention of the magic squares — square grids of numerals in which all the numbers in any vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row add up to the same sum. Refreshments served.

**Book Discussion: *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, by James Srodes**

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion. Bring your lunch — pastries and coffee will be provided

**Feb. 22 at 12:30 pm**

Independence Branch

18 S. 7th Street, 215-685-1633

**Ben Franklin Day****Feb. 22 at 3:45 p.m.**

Ogontz Branch

6017 Ogontz Avenue, 215-685-3566

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, and other fun activities.

**Ben's Big Birthday Bash****Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.**

Logan Branch

1333 Wagner Avenue, 215-685-9156

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, followed by birthday cake.

**Kite Making Workshop****Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.**

Oak Lane Branch

6614 N. 12th Street, 215-685-2848

Build your own kite and learn about the science of flight; led by Ren Parker. For ages 6 and up.

**Betsy Ross: the Story of our Flag****Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.**

Andorra Branch

750 E. Cathedral Road, 215-685-2552

Meet Betsy Ross, who talks about meeting George Washington and Ben Franklin; answers children's questions, and demonstrates how to make a perfect five-pointed star with one snip of her scissors. For ages 6 and up.

**Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Lecture Series: Franklin's Curiosity****Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.**

American Philosophical Society, Benjamin Franklin Hall, 427 Chestnut St., 215-557-0733 ext. 410

In the halls of America's first scientific society, founded by Benjamin Franklin, author Philip Dray will examine the evolution of Franklin's scientific curiosity and its impact on America's fundamental values. Arrive early (5:00) for a special curator-led after-hours tour of *The Princess and the Patriot*, the new exhibition at the Museum of the American Philosophical Society. This lecture series is made possible through the generosity of the John Templeton Society.

**"A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned": The Basics of Managing Your Money****Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.**

Wynnefield Branch

5325 Overbrook Avenue, 215-685-0298

Learn to build wealth — not debt — in this Philadelphia Saves program presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Delaware Valley.

**Benjamin Franklin Film and Fun Night****Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.**

Bustleton Branch

10199 Bustleton Avenue, 215-685-0472

Enjoy the video, *Benjamin Franklin: Scientist and Inventor*, followed by a kite-making workshop for parents and children.

**Book Discussion: *Stealing God's Thunder: Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod and the Invention of America*, by Philip Dray****Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.**

Oak Lane Library

6614 North 12th Street, 215-685-2848

Book Discussion led by T. Michael Poxon.

***The Amazing Dr. Franklin*****Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.**

Tacony Branch

6742 Torresdale Avenue, 215-685-8755

A story cycle by Ray Gray that tells the life of Benjamin Franklin.

**Writing Workshop: Wearing Ben's Specs: Writing about Self from Several Perspectives****Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Committee Room, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 26th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, \$40 enrollment fee

Just as this year's *One Book, One Philadelphia* selections examine Benjamin Franklin from several perspectives, participants in this hands-on writing workshop will write about themselves, or someone they know well, from a variety of angles inspired by visual art works in the Museum's collections. The result will be a multi-dimensional self-portrait that's fascinating — and fun — to create. No writing experience necessary.

**Ben's Science Experiments****Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.**

South Philadelphia Branch

1700 S. Broad Street, 215-685-1866

"Professor Bob" Matcovich will amaze you by performing some of Ben's experiments.

in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions."



**The Music of Franklin's Time****Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.**Northeast Regional Library  
2228 Cottman Avenue, 215-685-0500

A baroque trio will play works that were popular in the time that Franklin lived.

**Meet James Srodes, Author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father, A One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection****Feb. 27, 1 p.m.**Walnut Street West Branch  
3927 Walnut Street, 215-685-7671

Author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, will lecture and take questions from the audience.

**Book Discussion: *Ben and Me*, by Robert Lawson****Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.**Whitman Branch  
200 Snyder Avenue, 215-685-1754**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.**Logan Branch  
1333 Wagner Avenue, 215-685-9156**Ben Franklin's Amazing Machine****Mar. 1 at 4 p.m.**Wyoming Branch  
231 E. Wyoming Avenue, 215-685-9158

Storyteller, Vicky Town, leads an interactive program using an imaginary machine that "prints" sayings by Ben.

**Books Are Great to Make!****Mar. 1 at 4 p.m.**West Oak Lane Branch  
2000 E. Washington Lane, 215-685-2844

Make an accordion-style book from start to finish; led by Shellie Holl. For ages 6 &amp; up.

**Franklin's Letter Press****Mar. 1 at 4 p.m.**Lawncrest Branch  
6098 Rising Sun Avenue, 215-685-0549

Learn how Ben Franklin's press worked and print colonial currency.

**Ben Franklin's Science Experiments****Mar. 1 at 4:30 p.m.**Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library  
125 S. 52nd Street, 215-685-7424

Enjoy hands-on science fun when "Professor Bob" Matcovich recreates the science experiments that made Ben Franklin famous as an inventor and scientist.

**Kite Making****Mar. 1 at 4:30 p.m.**Queen Memorial Library  
1201 S. 23rd Street (enter on Federal Street), 215-685-1899

Make your own kite, like Ben Franklin's, in this hands-on workshop led by Ren Parker.

**Ben Franklin: Interactive Storytelling with Mr. Malcolm****Mar. 4 at 2 p.m.**Walnut Street West Branch  
201 S. 40th Street, 215-685-7671

Help re-enact American history through Ben Franklin's eyes.

**Brown Bag Lunch Discussion with James Srodes, Author of *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father, a One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection****Mar. 6 at 1 p.m.**Falls of Schuylkill Branch  
3501 Midvale Avenue, 215-685-2093

Meet author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, at a brown bag lunch.

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Mar. 6 at 6:30 pm**Ramonita G. de Rodriguez Branch  
600 West Girard Avenue, 215-686-1768**Book Discussion: “Franklin: The Essential Founding Father” by James Srodes****Mar. 6 at 7 p.m.**Haverford Township Free Library  
1601 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083, 610-446-3082  
Facilitated by Professor James Kirschke, Professor of English, Villanova University.**Meet James Srodes, Author of *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006 Featured Selection****Mar. 6 at 7 p.m.**Lovett Memorial Library  
6945 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-2095  
Author and Franklin expert, James Srodes, will lecture and take questions from the audience.**Book Discussion: *Franklin’s Autobiography* and *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*****Mar. 6 at 7:30 p.m.**Chestnut Hill Academy  
500 West Willow Grove Avenue, 215-247-4700 x1151  
Join a discussion of *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* and *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, for readers of either or both books.  
[www.chestnuthillacademy.org](http://www.chestnuthillacademy.org)**Book Discussion: *Ben and Me*, by Robert Lawson****Mar. 7 at 3:30 pm**Fumo Family Branch  
2437 S. Broad Street, 215-685-1758**Book Discussion: *Benjamin Franklin: the Essential Founding Father*, by James Srodes****Mar. 8 at 2 pm**Fumo Family Branch  
2437 S. Broad Street, 215-685-1758**Books Are Great to Make!****Mar. 8 at 4 p.m.**Wadsworth Avenue Branch  
1500 Wadsworth Avenue, 215-685-9293  
Make an accordion-style book from start to finish; led by Shellie Holl.  
For ages 6 & up.**Ben Franklin’s Science Experiments****Mar. 8 at 4:30 p.m.**Paschalville Branch  
6942 Woodland Avenue, 215-685-2662  
Enjoy hands-on science fun when “Professor Bob” Matcovich recreates the science experiments that made Ben Franklin famous as an inventor and scientist.**Kite Building Workshop****Mar. 8 at 4:30 p.m.**Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library  
68 W. Cheltenham Avenue, 215-685-2152  
Build your own kite and learn about the science of flight; led by Ren Parker.  
For ages 6 and up.**“A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned”****Mar. 8 at 6 p.m.**Whitman Branch  
200 Snyder Avenue, 215-685-9158  
Learn to build wealth — not debt — in this Philadelphia Saves program presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Delaware Valley.

**"A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned"****Mar. 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Ogontz Branch

6017 Ogontz Avenue, 215-685-3566

Learn how saving can build your wealth, and how it grows through the miracle of compounding and time. Presented by Pamela Townsend. For teens and adults.

**Book Discussion: *The Way to Wealth* by Benjamin Franklin****Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.**

Oak Lane Library

6614 North 12th Street, 215-658-2848

**Meet Ben Franklin!****Mar. 8 at 7 p.m.**

Welsh Road Branch

9233 Roosevelt Boulevard, 215-685-0498

Mr. Malcolm reenacts the life of Benjamin Franklin.

**Ben's Big Bash****Mar. 9 at 3 p.m.**

Blanche A. Nixon/Cobbs Creek Branch

5800 Cobbs Creek Parkway, 215-685-1973

A showing of the video *Ben and Me*, followed by a birthday cake tribute to Ben Franklin.

**James Srodes, Book Signing and Author Lecture****Mar 9 at 6:30 p.m. (book signing) & 7:30 p.m. (lecture) Call to confirm times.**

Fees: \$15 signing and talk (advance); \$7 talk only (advance); \$10 talk (door)

Book signing at Haverford Township Free Library, 1601 Darby Road,

Havertown, followed by Lecture and Q&amp;A at Havertown High School, 200

Mill Road (located one block from the Library), 610-446-3082. A maximum

of 100 tickets will be sold for the book signing. Meet James Srodes, author

of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, a *One Book, One Philadelphia* 2006

Featured Selection. This will be Mr. Srodes' only appearance outside of the

City of Philadelphia.

[www.haverfordlibrary.org](http://www.haverfordlibrary.org)**Amazing Dr. Franklin****Mar. 10 at 3:45 p.m.**

Independence Branch

18 S. 7th Street, 215-685-1633

Learn about Ben from his boyhood in Boston to his death at the age of 84 in these amazing stories told by Ray Gray, a storyteller from "Once Upon a Nation."

**"A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned"****Mar. 13 at 4 p.m.**

Niketown-Tioga Branch

3720 N. Broad Street, 215-685-9790

Learn how saving can build your wealth, and how it grows through the miracle of compounding and time. Presented by Pamela Townsend. For teens.

**Ben Franklin's Amazing Machine with Storyteller Vicky Town****Mar. 13 at 4 p.m.**

Charles Durham Branch

3320 Haverford Avenue, 215-685-7436

Storyteller, Vicky Town, leads an interactive program using an imaginary machine that "prints" sayings by Ben Franklin.

**Book Discussion: *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*****Mar. 13 at 7 p.m.**

Lovett Memorial Library

6945 Germantown Avenue, 215-685-2095

**The Amazing Dr. Franklin****Mar. 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

Tacony Branch

6742 Torresdale Avenue, 215-685-8755

A story cycle by Ray Gray that tells the life of Benjamin Franklin.

**Kite Making****Mar. 14 at 3:30 p.m.**

Fishtown Community Branch

1217 E. Montgomery Avenue, 215-685-9990

Make your own kite, like Ben Franklin's, in this hands-on workshop led by Ren Parker.

**From Poor Richard's Almanac to Podcasting: The Next New New Things in Communications****Mar. 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

National Constitution Center, Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, Kirby Auditorium

525 Arch St., 215-409-6700

Fees: \$12, members; \$15 non-members; \$6 students and K-12 teachers.

A discussion with a group of the nation's top communications innovators about what's new today and what will be obsolete tomorrow. Reservations required.

www.constitutioncenter.org

**James Srodes, Free Author Lecture, *One Book, One Philadelphia* Closing Event****Mar. 14 at 7 p.m., free**

Central Library, Auditorium, 1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

James Srodes is an author, journalist, and broadcaster based in Washington, D.C.

In addition to his book on Franklin, Mr. Srodes has also written biographies

of Allen Dulles and John DeLorean. His book, *Allen Dulles: Master of Spies*

won an award for "Best Intelligence Book" in 2000 from the Association of

Former Intelligence Officers. *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father* is afeatured selection of the 2006 *One Book, One Philadelphia* program. *Harper's**Magazine* commented that, "[Srodes'] gift to the familiar Franklin is an accessible

style that will see readers to the last page." A question and answer period and

book signing immediately follow the lecture. (Books will be on sale at the

event.) www.library.phila.gov

**Book Discussion: *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*****Mar. 15 at 1 p.m.**

South Philadelphia Branch

1700 S. Broad Street, 215-685-1866

**Books Are Great to Make!****Mar. 15 at 4 p.m.**

Greater Olney Branch

5501 N. 5th Street, 215-685-2845

Make an accordion-style book from start to finish; led by Shellie Holl.

For ages 6 &amp; up.

**Fire Prevention****Mar. 15 at 4 p.m.**

Widener Branch

2531 W. Lehigh Avenue, 215-685-9799

See fire equipment from Ben Franklin's day and learn how to prevent fires

in your own house. Presented by a firefighter from the Philadelphia

Fire Department.

**Make a Kite with Ren Parker****Mar. 15 at 4 p.m.**

Kingsessing

1201 S. 51st Street, 215-685-2690

Make your own kite, like Ben Franklin's, in this hands-on workshop led by

Ren Parker.

**Ben Franklin's Science Experiments****Mar. 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

Eastwick Branch

2851 Island Avenue, 215-685-4170

Enjoy hands-on science fun when "Professor Bob" Matcovich recreates the

science experiments that made Ben Franklin famous as an inventor and scientist.

**Poor Richard's Walking Tour****Mar. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

Fumo Family Branch

2437 S. Broad Street, 215-685-1758

Take a tour of the streets and buildings from Ben Franklin's time in this slide

program presented by historian and Philly Walks tour guide, Kyle Farley.

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# Beyond One Book

Notable events that occur after the official *One Book, One Philadelphia* calendar period.

## Ben's Big Birthday Bash

**Mar. 16 at 4 p.m.**

Andorra Branch

750 E. Cathedral Road, 215-685-2552

Celebrate Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday with the video *Ben and Me*, followed by birthday cake

## Make Your Own Kite!

**Mar. 18, call for time.**

Haverford Township Free Library

1601 Darby Rd., Havertown, PA 19083, 610-446-3082

Family event — Details TBA.

## *Ben and Me*, The Musical

**Mar. 19 at 2 p.m.**

Central Library, Auditorium

1901 Vine Street, 215-567-7710

A musical play about the life and times of Ben Franklin presented by students from The Philadelphia School. Part of the Philadelphia City Institute's Board of Managers *Sundays on Stage* series.

## Ben Franklin's Science Experiments

**Mar. 22 at 4:30 p.m.**

Wynnefield Branch

5325 Overbrook Avenue, 215-685-0298

Enjoy hands-on science fun when "Professor Bob" Matcovich recreates the science experiments that made Ben Franklin famous as an inventor and scientist.

## *The Way to Wealth* by Benjamin Franklin

**Mar. 22 at 7 p.m.**

Oak Lane Library

6614 North 12th Street, 215-685-2848

Book discussion led by Shirley Phillips.

## Benjamin Franklin: Master of Intrigue

**Mar. 29, time tbd**

National Constitution Center

525 Arch St., 215-409-6700

Join James Srodes, author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, and Thomas B. Allen, author of *George Washington: Spy Master*, for a look at how Franklin established an intelligence network for the United States during the Revolutionary War with a full array of sophisticated spycraft, from secret writing to calculated leaks. Call for time and fees.

## Benjamin Franklin: Master of Intrigue

**Apr. 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

Fee: \$15

International Spy Museum

800 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 202-654-0937

Join James Srodes, author of *Franklin: The Essential Founding Father*, and Thomas B. Allen, author of *George Washington: Spy Master*, for a look at how Franklin established an intelligence network for the United States during the Revolutionary War with a full array of sophisticated spycraft, from secret writing to calculated leaks.

## Franklin the Diplomat: from Albany to Paris

**Apr. 6 at 6:30 p.m.**

National Constitution Center, Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, Kirby Auditorium

525 Arch St., 215-409-6700

Fees: \$12, members; \$15 non-members; \$6 students

A look at Ben's career as a diplomat.

**Franklin on Tranquility:** "Be not disturbed at trifles,

### **The Medical World of Benjamin Franklin**

**Exhibition opens Apr. 8; Lectures Apr. 11, May 11, and Jun. 6 at 6:15 p.m.**

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
19 South 22nd Street, 215-563-3434 ext. 265

An exhibition that features Franklin's medical ideas and inventions, his own health problems, and his relations with physicians. Also three lectures on Franklin and medicine in Philadelphia, London, and Paris respectively. \$10.00 for adults, which includes admission to the College's Mutter Museum. Discount for students and seniors or for a series ticket.

[www.collphyphil.org](http://www.collphyphil.org)

### **VFMAC Salutes Benjamin Franklin**

**Apr. 23, Open house, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Regimental Review Mounted parade at 12:30 p.m.**

Valley Forge Military Academy and College, 1001 Eagle Road, and May H. Baker Memorial Library, Wayne (parade field is next to library)  
610-989-1438 or 610-989-1364

The May H. Baker Memorial Library at Valley Forge Military Academy and College invites the public to an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a Regimental Review Mounted Parade at 12:30 p.m. [www.vfmac.edu](http://www.vfmac.edu)

### **Benjamin Franklin, An American Tale**

**Apr. 24-25 at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts  
Broad and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, 215-563-3501

Call for ticket prices.

Benjamin Franklin is the star-spangled musical that celebrates the spirit, ideas and energy of America's favorite patriot; an exploration of the foundations of liberty that shaped our democracy and the inspiration and heart behind those early concepts.

[www.atafy.org](http://www.atafy.org)

### **Franklin's Paris**

**May 5**

Saint Martin's in the Fields, St. Martin's Lane

**May 6**

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church 84 E. Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA

**May 7**

Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets

Call for times, 215-487-2344

When Franklin was ambassador of a young America, Louis XVI still had his crown, but music was king. Our own royalty, soprano superstar Julianne Baird, joins the Philomel Orchestra for arias and symphonies from a time when Franklin graced the salons of Paris in his coonskin cap.

### **Home and the Immigrant Soul**

**Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia  
21st and Walnut Streets

Lyric Fest presents *Home and the Immigrant Soul*, a musical journey in song with a cast of professional singers that looks at the lives and creative expression of such immigrant composers as Herbert, Stravinsky, Korngold, Gershwin, Weill, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, and Bartok. Tickets at the door, \$15 adults, \$5 for children/students.

[www.lyricfest.org](http://www.lyricfest.org)

**Note: Dates and times are subject to change. For complete details please visit [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov) and click on "One Book, One Philadelphia."**

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