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May 2013

Grand Re-Opeining of the Bala Cynwyd Library

Come to the grand re-opening of the renovated and expanded

Sunday
May 19, 2013
1:00-4:00 PM

Ribbon cutting

Books and checkout records from Lower Merion's first library, opened in 1842

Dancing for young children

Music for all

Bala Cynwyd Library
131 Old Lancaster Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004



Come dressed as your favorite literary character (kids and adults alike)

Visit us on facebook or on www.lms.org for details and updates. The library will be open for all services during the celebration.

The Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon events will be Irene Marks, President, Board of Directors of the Bala Cynwyd Library. Flag raising by Cub Scout Pack 581 and special remarks from Commissioners Elizabeth Rogan and George Manos.

A history of the library will be presented by Jerry Francis, President of the Lower Merion Historical Society, who will trace the library and the Lower Merion Academy's origins back to 1842. Lori Salganicoff, Board Member of the Woman's Club of Bala Cynwyd will pick up the story at the turn of the last century, when the Woman's Club helped establish the Bala Cynwyd Library in the historic Levering Mill House.

There will be music and dancing for everyone; presented by the Lower Merion High School Jazz Band, and by UpBeat Dance Company.

Cynwyd Heritage Trail Storytelling

A Day to Remember on
Memorial Day Weekend:
Green Burial and History
along the Cynwyd
Heritage Trail

9:30am - 11:30am

Cosponsored by West Laurel Hill
Cemetery and the Lower Merion
Historical Society



Join us for a day of history and storytelling along the Cynwyd Heritage Trail. Meet at 9:30am at Bringhurst Funeral home for bagels and coffee. Mary Woodsen's stories and slides will introduce the what, where, when, why behind green burial and provide some bare-bones background on the nearly three dozen conservation, natural, and hybrid burial grounds across North America certified by the Green Burial Council. Then we visit West Laurel Hill's very own natural burial section, Nature's Sanctuary. Lastly, we will tour a section of the Cynwyd Heritage trail, following the old train line that once hosted funeral and commuter trains from Philadelphia to the historic West Laurel Hill Cemetery, stopping at historic sites along the way, ending up at the new Cynwyd Station where

Lower Merion native Sadie Francis tells the story of the green renovation of the historic trailhead.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

