



EVENTS

June – August 2017

If you need more detailed information concerning the following programs, please call the library of your choice. Pre-registration is requested for most programs and workshops.

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MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY 330-643-9000
60 S. High St., Akron, 44326

BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT
330-643-9020

World War I Poster Display

July-August: During "The Great War," the impact of the poster as a means of communication was greater than at any other time during history. Stop by the Business & Government Division on Main Library's Third Floor to view reproductions of posters created between 1914 and 1920. Courtesy of the Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division.

Business Research Essentials

Saturdays, June 10, August 5, 10:15 am-12 pm Computer Lab 2. Are you thinking of starting or expanding a business? Do you need information on writing a business plan or how to research competitors? Join us and learn how to utilize some of the Library's business databases and the U.S. Census Bureau's website to find your answers. 12 available spaces. Register with Eventbrite-<https://ResearchEssentials.Eventbrite.com> or call the Business & Government Division at 330-643-9020.

Reentry in Motion: Meet the Reentry Providers

Tuesday, June 13, 11 am-12 pm Room 2AB. Reentry providers in Summit County assist citizens returning from incarceration in the following areas: mental and spiritual health; medical assistance; transitional housing; job training;

and much more. Meet some of the organizations devoted to help individuals make a smooth transition back into the community.

Reentry in Motion: Valor Court

Thursday, July 13, 11 am-12 pm Room 2AB. The Summit County Valor Court, established in 2013, was developed due to the recognition that many of our veterans return to the community with serious trauma, both mental and physical, which may lead to their incarceration. Valor court provides access to programs, treatment, and interaction with mentors in a collaborative way to enhance a veteran's chances of success.

Reentry in Motion: Mental Health Court

Saturday, July 15, 11 am-12 pm Room 2AB. The Akron Municipal Mental Health Court is the first of its kind in Ohio and one of a handful in the United States. The Mental Health Court was formed, in part, as a response to the overwhelming numbers of mentally ill offenders being seen by the Akron Municipal Court. This program is a collaborative effort between the Summit County ADM Board, Community Support Services, and the Akron Municipal Court. Honorable Judge Annalisa S. Williams, will provide more information about this program.

Reentry in Motion: Reentry Court

Thursday, August 3, 12-1 pm Room 2AB. The Reentry Court Program has been in existence since September 27, 2006. This program is a collaboration of the Court of Common Pleas General Division, and the Adult Probation Department. A Judge refers a client (offender) under consideration for Judicial Release to the program. The client is screened by a Probation Officer using the ORAS-SRT (Ohio Risk Assessment System - Supplement Reentry Tool). If the client is granted Judicial Release by one of the Reentry Court Judges, that client is either released

from custody or transferred to residential programming, depending on the ORAS-SRT risk level. Honorable Judge Alison McCarty, will provide more information about this program.

Reentry Success Stories

Saturday, August 12, 11 am-12 pm Room 2AB. In the following reentry success stories, goals are reached, accomplishments are made, and dreams come true despite setbacks, wrong turns, and failures.

My Boy Jack (film)

Saturday, August 12, 2-3:30 pm Auditorium. Author Rudyard Kipling and his wife Caroline search for their 18-year old son Jack, a lieutenant in the Irish Guards, after he vanishes during World War I. Starring David Haig, Daniel Radcliffe (as Jack Kipling), Kim Cattrall and Carey Mulligan.

True Crime Event-Author Jane Ann Turzillo

Thursday, August 17, 6:30 pm Meeting Room 1. Does Northeast Ohio have any wicked women in its history? You bet. Jane Ann Turzillo, author of Wicked Women of Northeast Ohio, will be at Main Library to share stories of women who didn't play by the rules. Included in her presentation will be a New Philadelphia ax murderess, a Nilees vengeful widow, and Akron's own Mary Woodfield. Book Signing will follow.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

330-643-9050

School Age Programs

Wednesdays, June 14-July 26, 2 pm Weekly programs. Groups of ten or more, please call ahead to register.

June 14: Sogbety Diomande-Drumming and dance Ivory Coast style.

June 21: Magician Rick Smith, Jr.-Cutting edge, breathtaking magic.

June 28: Bubble Lady-The wonderful world of bubbles.

July 5: Mad Science-An entertaining and funny way to look at science.

July 12: Storigami with Christina Kallevig-Origami and stories together!

July 19: Songs and "Tails" from the Woods Musicians-Sam Sapp and Sarah Matheny.

July 26: Celebrate with us at the summer reading party!

Comic Book Club

Saturday, July 22, 2 pm For grades 4-12. Do you love to draw and talk about comics? Join us for our quarterly meeting.

Science Saturday

Saturday, July 29, 2 pm STEM activities for grades 2-6.

Sign Language Workshops

Monday, July 31-Friday, August 4, 1-2 pm Learn how to talk with your hands using ASL (American Sign Language). Classes build on each other, so try to attend every one! For Grades K-6.

Family Programs

Builders' Club

Saturdays, June 24, August 26, 2 pm Build and create with a variety of building materials.

Summer Movies

Thursdays, June 8- August 24, 2 pm Chill in our Auditorium and enjoy these movies! Groups welcome.

June 8: The Secret Life of Pets-Rated G, 87 min.

June 15: Zootopia-Rated PG, 111 min.

June 22: Finding Nemo-Rated G, 100 min.

June 29: Finding Dory-Rated PG, 95 min.

July 6: Inside Out-Rated PG, 95 min.

July 13: Sing-Rated PG, 108 min.

July 20: Moana-Rated PG, 107 min.

July 27: The Angry Birds Movie-Rated PG, 97 min.

August 3: The BFG-Rated PG, 117 min.

August 10: James and the Giant Peach-Rated PG, 79 min.

August 17: Lego Movie-Rated PG, 100 min.

August 24: Lego Batman-Rated PG, 104 min.

Early Childhood Programs

A Time to Play

Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am Children learn through play, and we like to play

in the Children's Library! Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play experiences and materials will be available for young children and their caregivers. Explore, make friends, share stories, create and play with us.

June 13: STEAM Playtime: Building the foundations for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math learning for the young child.

July 11: Sing, Dance, Celebrate & Learn: Through music and movement, children develop math, science, social, and early literacy skills.

August 8: Team Work Tuesday: Think, collaborate, problem solve, create and build together.

Baby Time

Every Wednesday, 10:30 am An active story time for children from birth to 2 years old with an adult caregiver. We combine music, story and play to engage our youngest learners.

Preschool Story Times

Every Thursday, 10:30 am Stories, music, and activities for children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

Saturday Story Time Sampler

First and third Saturdays of the month, 11 am Story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

Paws for Reading

Second Saturday of each month, June 10, July 8, August 12, 11 am Share a book with a certified therapy dog.

Sunday Story Time Sampler

Every Sunday, 2 pm A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

CULTURE & AV

330-643-9015

Thursday Movies@Main

All films will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium at the show times listed below. Visit the Library's website & check our flyers for updates.

June 1, 6 pm Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

June 8, 6:30 pm
The Mummy's Hand

June 15, 6:30 pm
The LEGO Batman Movie

June 22, 6 pm La La Land

June 29, 6:30 pm China Seas

July 6, 6:30 pm Soap Box Derby: A Television Tribute

July 13, 6 pm Planet of the Apes

July 20, 6:30 pm

The Palm Beach Story

July 27, 6:30 pm

Three Stooges Film Festival

First Wednesday Book Group

June 7, August 2, 6:30-8 pm Door

opens at 6 pm. Meeting Room 1.

For more information on our lively group or the next title email cadiv@akronlibrary.org or call 330-643-9015. Adults ages 18 and over.

Copies of the discussion books are available at the Culture & AV desk.

Poetry Hour

Saturdays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 3-4 pm Door opens at 2 pm.

Meeting Room 1. Calling local poets! You are invited to read your original poems. Poetry lovers are welcome to listen to our local poets. Coffee and cookies provided. Adults ages 18 and over. Poems read at Poetry Hour should not be overtly explicit in language or subject matter. Registration requested: email cadiv@akronlibrary.org or call 330-643-9015.

Yarn Lovers @ the Library

Wednesdays, June 21, July 19,

August 16, 12-2 pm Drop by for

the entire two hours, or any time between 12-2 pm. Bring your own lunch, or purchase at the Café.

You're welcome to bring a current project. Knitting and crochet instruction and assistance will be available when possible.

Please meet in the Stray Dog Café.

LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN

330-643-9070

Located on the second floor, behind the security desk and conveniently located by the parking deck entrance. Owned and operated by Friends of the Main Library, LSAM offers gently used books at exceptionally low prices and unique gifts to support ASCPL. Volunteer opportunities are available. All volunteers get free parking and 25% off store products.

MOBILE SERVICES

330-643-9055

Bringing the Library to you! Call for more information.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

330-643-9075

Please contact Science & Technology for more information or to reserve your spot.

Tai Chi with Nancy Gardner

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28,

July 5, 12, 12:15-1 pm Relax and reenergize with Tai Chi, the slow movements and mindful breathing make Tai Chi the perfect exercise for people of all ages and physical abilities.

What's On the Menu?

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 am-2

pm Introduce fun eats into your home with an afternoon of cooking demonstrations.

Meditation with Simone

Wednesday, July 19, 12:15-1 pm

Stimulate your parasympathetic nervous system through sitting meditation (zazen), walking meditation (kinhin), and stress reduction meditation (visualization).

Total Eclipse of the Sun

Monday, August 21, 12-4 pm Main Library Park. Join in celebrating this unusual astronomical event as we watch the skies darken.

12-1 pm Eclipse information, safety discussion, and eclipse glasses distribution.

1:07 pm Eclipse begins.

2:31 pm Eclipse reaches maximum coverage.

3:52 pm Eclipse ends.

Introduction to Intellectual Property

Tuesdays, June 6, August 15,

6:30-7:30 pm Learn the differences among the various types of intellectual property, and how best to protect your creative work. Class meets in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level.

Introduction to Patents & Patent Searching

Saturdays, June 10, August 19, 10:15 am-Noon Librarians from the Science & Technology Division will explain the process of getting a U.S. patent, and show you how to do a preliminary patent search using the United States Patent & Trademark Office website. Class will meet in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level.

Ask a Patent Attorney

Monday, August 7, 6-8 pm

Register for a free one on one 20-minute session with a registered patent attorney. Appointment times are limited and must be scheduled beginning July 8 by contacting the Science & Technology Division.

Akron Inventors Club

Second Thursday of every month,

6 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm. Monthly meetings feature a variety of speakers and informational programs as well as a chance to network with like-minded innovators. The club meets in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street Level.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

330-643-9030

For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org. Visit our website at <http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections>.

Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors Before 1820

Saturday, June 3, 10:30 am-12:30 pm Tracing ancestors before 1820 can be extremely difficult due to a lack of documentation and surviving records. Focusing on European immigrants to the eastern seaboard, this class is an overview of strategies and sources commonly used in researching early immigrants. NOTE: This class is geared toward genealogists with intermediate research skills. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor. Registration requested.

Getting Started in Family History

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 am-12:30 pm Join the Special Collections Division for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level. Registration requested.

Getting Started in African American Genealogy

Saturday, July 22, 10:30 am-12:30 pm Do you want to trace your African American family tree? Not sure how or where to begin? The Special Collections Division presents a two-hour session for genealogy beginners who have a specific interest in African American ancestral research. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level. Registration requested.

Discovering Your Military

Ancestors, featuring Eric Johnson and Michael Strauss
Saturday, August 5, 9:30 am-4 pm Main Library Auditorium. Registration requested. This all-day program will focus on the challenges of finding genealogical information about your ancestors who have served in the military: Revolutionary War Genealogical Research; Ohio, the Civil War, and the Internet; Ohio and World War I; Research Your World War II Ancestors.

TECHZONE@MAIN 330-643-9145

Visit the new Makerspace at Main Library. Equipment in the TechZone@Main includes a professional grade recording studio, 3-D printer, laser engraver, vinyl printer, HeatPress media transfer station, green screen video recording, photo box, and a crafting area with a button maker, sewing, embroidery and silhouette machines. Design computers with Adobe Creative Cloud are also available. For more information, contact the TechZone@Main reference desk at 330-643-9145.

YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE 330-643-9067

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens ages 11-18. Please call the Teen department or email ysodiv@akronlibrary.org to register for programs or with any questions. *Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the Teen Department.

Chain Reaction Challenge

Tuesday, June 13, 3 pm Bring your creativity and a little physics knowledge to this competition. Work as a group to create a chain reaction using dominoes, blocks, string, balls and other materials.

Out of This World Crafts*

Tuesday, June 20, 3 pm Get galactic with your crafting! Make your own galaxy tote bag, constellation keychain, and much more!

Party Animals

Tuesday, June 27, 3 pm Lions and tigers and dinosaurs! OH MY! Who can resist those adorable tiny plastic animals? Get creative turning them into keychains, jewelry, wall mounted trophies and whatever you can dream up! Have fun and be a party animal!

Shipwreck Island Survival*

Tuesday, July 11, 3 pm You've landed on a deserted island. Now you need to build a shelter using only 2 materials and search for edible island foods.

Build a Better You

Tuesday, July 18, 3 pm Make crafts that will help you relax! Make your own stress ball, dream jar, try your hand at Zen doodling and much more! We will end our program with a healthy smoothie snack. Your mind and body will thank you for trying to build a better you!

Volunteer Day

Thursday, July 20, 2-4 pm Need some extra volunteer hours for school or college applications? Join us to make pet blankets to donate to a local animal shelter and work on other service projects.

Peace, Love and Tie Dye*

Tuesday, July 25, 3 pm Fill your world with a rainbow of colors! Learn different tie dye techniques and create your own tie dye t-shirt. We'll finish off with an awesome taste-the-rainbow treat. Yes- we're talking Skittles!

BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULT BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019
2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

Book Clubs

Books are available in advance at the circulation desk.

Rabid Readers Book Discussion **Third Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm**

June 20 AT THE WATER'S EDGE by Sara Gruen

July 18 SHIP OF BRIDES by Jojo Moyes

August 15 STARS OVER SUNSET BOULEVARD by Susan Meissner

Book Club On The Run **New books on the second Monday of the month**

No meetings...no deadlines...just GOOD books! Perfect for someone crunched for time. Book selections each month include author information and other interesting things about the book.

June 12 BUDDHA IN THE ATTIC by Julie Otsuka

July 10 RULES OF CIVILITY by Amor Towles

August 14 DELICIOUS! by Ruth Reichl

Ellet Needle Crafters

First and third Monday of the month, June 5, 19, July 3, 17, August 7, 21, 3:30-5 pm Do you like to share techniques, ideas and suggestions? All levels of expertise and all ages welcome.

Cool Summer Concerts

Spread out on the front lawn and enjoy free concerts from some of the best local bands around! If weather is unfavorable, concert will be moved inside.

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 pm The Chants

Tuesday, July 25, 6:30 pm Missile Toe
Saturday, August 12, 1 pm Frigid Touch

Coffee & Coloring

Wednesdays, June 7, July 5, August 2, 1 pm Stop the world and embrace your inner child! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as coloring utensils and refreshments will be provided.

Master-Inspired Art Workshop: **Klimt's "Tree of Life"**

Tuesday, June 13, 1:30 pm
Art Historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman presents an interactive art program in which you will not only learn about the featured classic artist, but also create art inspired by their work. We will gain insight into the artist's inspiration and appreciate even more the value of his work. Space for this program is very limited, so please register.

RIVER OF FAITH with Beverly Shaw

Tuesday, June 13, 6 pm Beverly Shaw's book RIVER OF FAITH was written as a chapter book primarily for children, but is also a great book for families to read together and for adults "encouraging them to be more child-like in their faith."

Early Bird Movie Matinee **Thursdays, June 22, July 27,**

August 10, 10:30 am Enjoy popcorn and a fun family-friendly movie on the big screen!

Memory Cafe: An Early Stage Dementia Program

Wednesdays, July 26, August 30, 1 pm Memory Cafe offers a relaxing and comfortable way for people living in the early stages of memory loss to build a social network and connect with like individuals in their own community. Meaningful social

and educational activities promote social interaction, companionship, and learning. The Memory Cafe is a collaboration between The Alzheimer's Association Greater East Ohio Area Chapter and the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Advance registration is requested. To register, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

Seed Sharing Library To Go
Tuesday, August 1, 2 pm Learn about how to participate in the Seed Sharing Library To Go program from our Science and Technology Division at the Main Library. Seeds will be available at the Ellet Branch Library in August and September while supplies last.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Adult Play Day: Puzzles, Coloring and Coffee.
Thursday, June 1, August 10, 2 pm Experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Also, try your hand at our new puzzles and brain teasers for adults! Coloring pages designed especially for adults. Colored pencils and refreshments will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Fairlawn-Bath Library.

Illustrating Plants and Animals with Dr. Christopher Sheil

Saturday, June 3, 2 pm Dr. Christopher Sheil worked as a Scientific Illustrator for the Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Research Center, at the University of Kansas, and has worked as a free-lance illustrator for over two decades. In this two-hour workshop, he will present a summary of some of the media and techniques that work well for presenting biological material commonly observed by naturalists. If you want to try your hand at making illustrations of animals and plants commonly seen on nature walks or in your garden, you'll love this workshop. Previous instruction in art is not required. We will meet at the Martin Center for Field Studies & Environmental Education at 4240 Ira Road, Akron, 44333. For more information or to register please visit the library or call us at 330-666-4888.

Anything Goes Book Discussion
Join us the second Monday of each month, 1 pm
June 12: EVERYONE BRAVE IS FORGIVEN by Chris Cleave

July 10: DEAD WAKE: THE LAST CROSSING OF THE LUSITANIA by Erik Larson

August 14: LOVE IN LOWERCASE by Francesc Miralles

Computer Training

Monday, June 19 10:15 am, MS Excel, Part 1: Opening & Creating Workbooks

Monday, June 19, 2 pm, MS Excel, Part 2: Formatting & Modifying Workbooks

Thursday, June 22, 10:15 am, MS Excel, Part 3: More On Formatting Cells & Worksheet Basics

Thursday, June 22, 2 pm, MS Excel, Practical Application Project

Monday, June 26, 10:15 am, MS Excel, Part 4: Introduction to Formulas & Excel Functions

Monday, June 26, 2 pm, MS Excel, Part 5: Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists & More

Thursday, June 29, 10:15 am, MS Excel, Part 6: Charts & Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets

Thursday, June 29, 2 pm, MS Excel, Practical Application Project

Carve! Print! Repeat! Relief Printmaking for Beginners

Thursday, July 6, 6 pm Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE.

The process involves removing the "whites" of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up "in relief." Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the image can be printed again and again. In this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Let's get printing! Registration begins June 6.

Branching Out: U.S. Vital Records and Obituaries

Thursday, July 27, 6 pm

This class focuses on the types of genealogical information and sources researchers encounter, what to expect when working with U.S. vital records and obituaries, and basic strategies for finding these records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. Please stop in to register or call us at 330-666-4888.

Heirloom seeds? Yes, please!

Thursday, August 3, 6:30 pm Join us for this program on planning your garden both to maximize your harvest and your seed-saving ability. Heirloom seeds are open-pollinated varieties which will breed true and can be saved from

one harvest for the next year's planting. The Akron-Summit County Public Library has a Seed Sharing Library at the Science & Technology Division at Main Library. Fairlawn Bath Branch is hosting a mini-sized Seed Sharing Library To-Go from early August through the middle of September. Stop in to select some seeds donated by local gardeners and get your garden growing.

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126 1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

Book Club on the Run

No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Pick up new selections each month. Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information included with each book.

June DROWNING RUTH by Christina Schwarz

July BLACK AND BLUE by Anna Quindlen

August THE SOUND AND THE FURY by William Faulkner

Needle Crafting @ The Library

Second and fourth Mondays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 14, 28, 6 pm Enjoy discussion and share current knitting and crochet projects.

Afternoon Computer Mini-Clinics

Thursday afternoons, June 8, July 6, August 10, 2 pm Registration requested. Register for a fifteen-minute mini-clinic that keeps learning simple and enjoyable. Beginner and intermediate friendly.

Computer Training

Monday, July 10, 10:30 am

Basic Computer Skills

Wednesday, July 12, 6 pm

Windows 10

Friday, July 14, 2 pm

File Management

Saturday, July 15, 10:30 am Typing

Monday, July 17, 10:30 am

Internet Part 1: An Introduction

Tuesday, July 18, 6 pm Internet Part

2: Searching, Printing, and Favorites

Wednesday, July 19, 6 pm Email Part

1: Read, Respond, Write and Print

Thursday, July 20, 6 pm Email Part

2: Message Management

Busy Persons Book Club

Tuesdays, 2 pm This book club will meet every 6 weeks, because sometimes, life gets in the way. Stop in to pick up our next book.

June 20 BORN TO RUN

by Bruce Springsteen

August 1 THE LIGHT BETWEEN

OCEANS by M.L. Steadman

Firestone Park Book Club

Wednesday, August 30, 5:30 pm @ Firestone Park Community Center

This book club is for everyone in the Firestone Park community who is 18 and up. Join your neighbors as we discuss: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD by Colson Whitehead

Coloring and Coffee

Second and fourth Thursdays, June 8, 22, July 13, 27, August 10, 24, 1 pm Learn new techniques and the joy of adult coloring. This program is great for any skill level. Please register for this program by calling us.

B4 Bed + Stories for Adults

Monday evenings, June 5, July 3, 6:30 pm Have you always wanted to start a good story only to realize you don't have the time? Or maybe you want to feel just like a kid again and have a good story read to you? Let your imagination wander as you join storyteller Kyle Jozsa from Wandering Aesthetics as he shares a series of short stories – radio play style – for adults only. B4 BED: STORIES FOR ADULTS is all about that return trip to childhood. So sit back, relax and get away from the everyday as we read you enthralling episodes from modern and classic writers alike.

*Participants should feel free to bring their sewing, knitting or crocheting projects, coloring books or other handheld fidget toys to enjoy as Kyle weaves these tales. Please register for this program by calling us or stopping in to visit us at the Firestone Park Branch Library.

Vinyl Revival Listening Group

Tuesday evenings, June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, 6 pm

Are you a music lover? This could be the club for you. Take the time to enjoy full-length albums front to back, and share your thoughts with other vinyl addicts from the area. Bring an open mind and new suggestions for our next meeting. Please register for this program by calling us.

Pickle Ball

Third Thursday evenings @ Firestone Park Community Center, June 15, July 20, August 17, 4-5:30 pm What is Pickle Ball?

Pickle Ball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. If you like Ping Pong, or you enjoy Tennis, you will enjoy Pickle Ball. Join us at the Firestone Park Community Center to see if you have what it takes to play Pickle Ball. Please register for this program by calling us.

Mix it Fitness

Tuesday, August 15, 6 pm Just because summer is winding down, doesn't mean your fitness routine has to. Join us as Helena Larios hosts a fitness clinic for all skill levels. Please register for this program by calling us.

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522 60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305 Book Club to Go

New books are available the first week of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just some GREAT reads! Discussion questions, read-alike lists, and author information are included with each book.

June THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP by Nina George

July THE BLESSING WAY

by Tony Hillerman

August THE DINNER by Herman Koch

Geeks Who Game @ the Library

First Saturday of the month, June 3, July 1, August 5, 10 am-4 pm

Tabletop gamers unite! Millennials, young professionals, and those who want to find games for your next get-together, let your inner geek out and join us to discover new, and revisit some favorite, tabletop games.

Color It So

First Tuesday of each month,

June 6, August 1, 12:30 pm Join

the craze that has grown-ups acting like kids again. Spend a relaxing time coloring with us. We'll provide coloring sheets designed specifically for adults, plus colored pencils and crayons. Blank paper will be available to those who like to craft their own drawings. (No session on July 4 – Library Closed)

Puzzle Pizzazz Time

Second Thursday of each month,

June 8, July 13, August 10, 12:30-2 pm Do you like solving puzzles? If you like word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, brain-teasers, logic puzzles, etc. then stop on in. We will have a variety of puzzles on hand, or feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served.

Rockin' the Stacks

Friday, June 9, 6:30-9 pm Join

us for our first ever a cappella performance! Nuance is The University of Akron's premier all-male a cappella group. They will be performing a wide range of repertoire, ranging from popular hits, boyband favorites, classic oldies, hip-

hop mashups, and power ballads. Refreshments, including mocktails, will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Goodyear Branch Library. No tickets or reservations are required for this adult after-hours Library event.

Space-to-Make

Mondays, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 14, 28, 6-7:45 pm Do you enjoy learning about new hobbies, crafts, or hands-on projects? Join us for a new adult-friendly gathering of crafters, thinkers, hobbyists, artists, tech enthusiasts, students, and more. Bring your craft or hobby with you and work on it at the Library. Share your love with others and maybe learn something new.

Summer Citrus-Inspired Paint Party

Monday, June 19, 6 pm Tap into your creative side with a night of summer painting. Kimberly Henderson will guide you as you create your own, one-of-a-kind, citrus-themed masterpiece to keep for your wall décor. Class size is limited to 15 adult participants. Please register.

What's Cookin'-Summer Side Dishes

Monday, July 17, 6:30 pm Summer is all about simple, easy, and fresh meals, and this goes for side dishes, too. Join Tonya to sample and learn to make some easy summer sides. Class size is limited to 25 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. *Registration begins on Monday, June 19.*

Antique Appraisals with Jason Adams

Tuesday, July 18, 6 pm Bring your favorite antique to the library and have it appraised by Jason Adams. Limit two items per person (no swords or firearms). For large items, you can bring a photograph. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. For those wanting their items appraised, please register in advance *beginning Tuesday, June 20.*

Practical Advice on Getting Your Children's Picture Book Published

Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 pm Children's book authors Allison and Wayne Marks share their experiences breaking into the traditional publishing industry. Their newest book, THE ART LESSON: A SHAVUOT STORY (published January 1, 2017), and past books will be available for purchase. Please register in advance.

Paper Arts in Japan

Monday, August 7, 6:30 pm Join us for a presentation on Japan which includes an introduction to Japanese pop culture through magazine publications. There will also be a hands-on Origami workshop in which attendees will test their abilities in folding the Japanese national bird and a ninja star or ball. Space is limited to 25 attendees, so registration is requested.

Succulents in a Mug

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 pm Make a super cute succulent planter arrangement in a DIY Sharpie mug hand-crafted by you. Class size is limited to 15 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. *Registration begins on Tuesday, July 11.*

GREEN- 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

Memory Fitness Matters:

What You Need To Know

Friday, June 2, 2 pm If you are experiencing memory frustrations, it is important to understand what might interfere with your ability to remember. Learn the impact of attitude, paying attention, lifestyle choices and stress as well as the changes in memory that come with normal aging. Presented by Kathryn Kilpatrick M.A. CCC/SLP, a geriatric life enhancement consultant, a memory fitness specialist and a national motivational speaker with more than 40 years of experience as a speech-language pathologist, primarily in the area of home health care.

Racing Through the Holy Land: 9,000 Years in 9 Days

Pictures and presentation by Karen Sue Eckart. Many things about her trip to Israel surprised Ms. Eckart (like how lush and green the northern part of the country is). If you are curious at all about modern day Israel and its Biblical history, come take a trip with Ms. Eckart. At each stop, we will talk about the Biblical context, history and archaeology. She will also share the things their Jewish guide told them about modern day Israel.

Down to the Dead Sea - Part 1

Monday, June 5, 6:30 pm Starting at the uppermost boundary of Israel, we will work our way down the country to the Dead Sea. Stops include the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus spent most of His ministry. We will also visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then onto Masada, the last Jewish

stronghold against the Romans. And from there, into the Dead Sea. Many other stops are included.

Up to Jerusalem - Part 2

Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm There are many interesting sites between the Dead Sea and Jerusalem and we will stop at a few of them. Within a short distance from Jerusalem lies Bethlehem and Herodium (where King Herod the Great is buried). In Jerusalem, we will see the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall (Wailing Wall) and other sites. There are many museums in Jerusalem and we will visit 2, the Israel Museum (Dead Sea Scrolls are here) and Yad Vashem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum.

Medicare

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm

New to Medicare, turning 65, or on Medicare but confused about your options? Don Ebner and Ed Nowlan from Sherpa Insurance in Green will be presenting this educational forum on Medicare 101. Let these insurance "Sherpas" guide you through the basics of Medicare, so you understand your options and avoid costly pitfalls. This is an Educational event only, not a sales situation. Please register in advance for this program.

Jar Craft

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 pm Join us to up-cycle ordinary glass jars into stylish storage containers. Registration begins Monday, May 22.

Computer Training

Monday, June 12, 2 pm MS Word, Part 1: Creating/Editing Documents
Tuesday, June 13, 6 pm MS Word, Part 2: Formatting Text & Paragraphs
Thursday, June 15, 6 pm MS Word, Part 3: More Useful Formatting Tools
Saturday, June 17, 10:30 am MS Word, Parts 1-3: Practical Application Project

Garage Organization

Monday, June 19, 6:30 pm Presented by Lynne Poulton, LSW Certified Professional Organizer with Wholly Organized!®LLC. Ms. Poulton will discuss the best practices on organizing your garage space.

Local Author: Ginny Bache

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 pm Author Ginny Bache will give a summary about her new book, WAKE UP AMERICA: OUR HEALTHCARE IS BEING USURPED.

How to Spot and Stop a Scam

Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 pm Joseph McCovey, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, will talk to you about what to look for and how to prevent becoming a victim of scams.

Heirloom seeds? Yes, please!

Thursday, June 22, 1 pm Join staff from our Science & Technology Division for this program on planning your garden both to maximize your harvest and your seed-saving ability. Heirloom seeds are open-pollinated varieties which will breed true and can be saved from one harvest for the next year's planting. The Akron-Summit County Public Library has a Seed Sharing Library in the Science & Technology Division at Main Library which is available whenever the library is open.

Summer Fitness with Instructor Nancy Gardner

Tai Chi

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm Tai Chi is an "internal" Chinese martial art, most often practiced for its many health benefits and mind/body connections. The slow movements and mindful breathing make Tai Chi the perfect exercise for people of all ages and physical abilities.

Qigong

Thursday, August 3, 6:30 pm Qigong (pronounced "chee gung") focuses on movements and breathing that build and circulate Qi, the life-force energy that flows through us. Qigong can help you deal effectively with stress, keep your body relaxed and supple, and improve the quality and flow of your Qi.

Life Skills: Financial Fitness

Monday, June 26, 1 pm Learn how to balance a checkbook, and how to use credit cards. What does a credit score mean? Learn these financial life skills, and more. Presented by Aaron Curry of Key Bank.

Unknown Beatles

Thursday, June 29, 6:30 pm Beatles enthusiast Ray Carmen presents little-known songs, videos, facts and trivia about the world's most famous band.

Beekeeping

Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm Presented by Summit County Beekeepers Association. This will be an introduction to the joys of keeping bees.

Stephen King: America's Boogeyman

Monday, July 24, 6:30 pm In honor of King's 70th birthday, we will take a look at his works, adaptations, and influence on American pop culture. Those who avoid Mr. King's books may gain a better insight into his works, and ideas on where to begin reading. And long-time King fans may learn something about the author they didn't know before. Presented by Patrick Manning.

Civil War Technology That Changed the World

Monday, July 31, 6:30 pm Presented by Paul Goebbel, Civil War historian. This presentation covers weapons, communication, transportation, and other things that not only changed war, but also the new United States. Many things we take for granted today had their start during the Civil War.

Crafting with Marla

Thursday, August 10, 6:30 pm Join us for a fall-inspired craft, with local artist Marla Knapic-Derga. Please register in advance for this program.

Antique Appraisal

Monday, August 14, 6 pm Bring your favorite antique to the library and have it appraised by Jason Adams. Limit two items per person (no swords or firearms). For large items, you can bring a photograph. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Program size is limited so please register in advance.

Cookbook Club

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, August 9, 6:30 pm Love reading cookbooks and sampling recipes? Then join us each month as we pick a theme and prepare dishes to share. Check out our library display for each month's theme and cookbooks, or use your own recipes. Enjoy some good food, discussion and fun.

Book Discussions

Afternoon Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 1 pm
June 13: EMPTY MANSIONS: THE MYSTERIOUS LIFE OF HUGUETTE CLARK AND THE SPENDING OF A GREAT AMERICAN FORTUNE by Bill Dedman
July 11: CIRCLING THE SUN by Paula McLain
August 1: THE SHADOW OF THE WIND by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Evening Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 6 pm
June 20: THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER by Phaedra Patrick
July 18: AMERICANAH by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
August 15: CUTTING FOR STONE by Abraham Verghese

Classic Book and Film Discussion

Dessert and Discussion for Teens and Adults
Tuesdays, 7 pm
June 20: I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS by Maya Angelou
July 18: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
August 15: THE INVISIBLE MAN by H.G. Wells

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Please register for all adult programs either by calling or stopping in to visit us.
Crooked River Comedy Improv Show
Saturday, June 3, 11 am Fast, funny and deliriously attractive, The Crooked River Comedy Ensemble is Northeast Ohio's premier improv troupe. These skillful storytellers create fresh, original performances based on ideas from you, the audience. The Crooked River Comedy Ensemble features Deena Nyer Mendlowitz, Patrick French and James Catullo, as well as a rotating list of the best and brightest comedic minds around.

Egyptian Tomb Excavation Series

Professor Emeritus Earl Ertman, from the University of Akron, shares his experiences excavating tomb KV63. An art history professor, Ertman shifted his emphasis to ancient art and, after winning a Smithsonian Research and Development Grant in 1971 with a colleague, began working in tombs in Egypt.

First Tomb Found in the Valley of the Kings Since Tutankhamun's in 1922: KV63, 2005-2006, (Part I)
Wednesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn about the discovery and excavation of this tomb.

KV-63: What the Objects Tell Us, and Nefertiti: Sorting Myth from Reality (Part II)
Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn about dates, uses and importance of the items found.

Nefertiti: More Than a Wife and Queen/Tutankhamun's Reign (includes New Research!)

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn about Nefertiti, and some details of King Tutankhamun's tomb.

Essential Oils Presentation

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn what essential oils are, where they come from, and how they can support health from wellness advocate Lana Kearns. The three major ways to use essential oils will be explained, and samples will be available for participants to smell.

Sign Language Series with Paula Wray

Saturdays, June 24, July 22, August 12, 1:30-3 pm Interested in learning how to sign? Join us at these sessions of lessons, games, and songs, and learn more. No prior knowledge of sign language is necessary! This class is for adults. Children over 10 may come if accompanied by an adult.

Cooking Series with Chef Sarah

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn about these international inspirations by Chef Sarah.
July 11 Morocco- With local ingredients like figs, olives and dates, recipes like Moroccan lamb and poultry stews come to life with flavor. Join us and learn traditional Moroccan cuisine!
August 15 Argentina- As one of the world's greatest food producing regions, Argentina combines many cultures to create amazing and unique cuisine. Join us for a taste of Argentina.

September 19 Japan-The people of Japan live long lives and have a low rate of heart disease due to healthy eating habits. Learn the fun and tasty way of Japanese eating.

October 17 Sweden- Creators of the first food preservation methods, Swedes are still the best users of leftovers around. Learn some new tips and tasty recipes of Sweden.

Exploring the Pilates Method

Wednesdays, July 12, 19, 11 am-12 pm Learn about this system of exercises designed to improve physical strength, flexibility, and posture, and enhance mental awareness. This two-part series will explore a brief history of the method founded by Joseph Pilates, familiarize participants with essential key poses, and provide a check list of what to do, and what not to do to prevent injuries. Bring a

mat and a bottle of water and wear comfortable clothes. This program is presented by Debora Totti.

Shade Gardening with Hosta Plants

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn all about hosta plants from Barrie Kridler of Kridler Gardens, who specialize in hostas and rare perennials. This presentation will include a slide show and examples of varying types of hosta plants for participants to examine.

Highland Square Branch Library's Ten-Year Anniversary Celebration with Guest Speaker Rosemary Reymann

Saturday, August 5, 11 am-12 pm Inspired by a collection of photographs and post cards, Rosemary Reymann will share stories of how Highland Square has changed over time. Rosemary Reymann, a retired Akron Public Schools teacher, has lived in Highland Square since 1973, and grew up on West Hill across from Forest Lodge. Ms. Reymann has been involved in many community redevelopment, historic preservation, and cultural events that highlight and enrich the Highland Square neighborhood. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library.

Reduce Stress with Adult Coloring

Wednesday, August 16, 11 am-12 pm Listen to relaxing music and color with friends, family or our community. All supplies are provided.

Falconry Presentation by Mike Pompoco

Saturday, August 26, 2 pm Mike Pompoco, retired US Air Force pilot and pilot for American Airlines, has been a falconer for 17 years. He is the secretary of the Ohio Falconry Association, a state and federally licensed group that practices this 4000 year-old sport, and hunts using birds of prey instead of a gun. In this presentation, people will learn about falconry today, and get to meet Otaktay, the Harris's hawk.

Mindfulness Meditation for Your Health

Tuesday, August 29, 6:30-7:30 pm Meditation with Andy Davis, professional clinical counselor. This workshop is an introduction to mindfulness meditation and its current implications for health, stress, and brain function.

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm Enjoy a diverse selection of titles. New members are always welcome.

June 22 HIS FOR HAWK,
Helen Macdonald

July 20 FATES AND FURIES,
Lauren Groff

August 24 THE WITCHES: SALEM,
1692, Stacy Schiff

Computer Training

Please call 330-643-9145 for more information about these classes.

Tuesday, July 25, 2-3:30 pm

MS PowerPoint, 1: The Basics

Wednesday, July 26, 2-3:30 pm

MS PowerPoint, 2: Advanced Features

Thursday, July 27, 2-3:30 pm

MS Publisher, Part 1: The Basics

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Book Club To Go

Pick up new selections on the second Monday of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information is included with each book.

June 12 NO MAN'S LAND
by David Baldacci

July 10 NIGHT SCHOOL by Lee Child

August 14 THE CHEMIST
by Stephenie Meyer

Zentangle Fun

Saturday, June 24, 1 pm Join Carol Bailey Floyd to learn the fun and stress-relieving art of Zentangle. Kit will be provided. Space is limited, so please register at 330-745-6126.

Kenmore Craft Club

Please call to register.

Doodle Me a Sun Catcher

Monday, June 12, 6 pm Create sun catchers with jar lids and personalized doodling.

Zentangle Rock Art

Monday, July 10, 6 pm Use what you learned if you attended the Zentangle Fun workshop! All you'll need is a sharpie and a rock to create your very own Zentangle art. Supplies will be provided.

Marvelous Memory Wire

Saturday, July 22, 1 pm Join Judy Fitzgerald to create a beautiful memory wire bracelet. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited, so call 330-745-6126 to register.

MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

The Akron African United Front Book Discussion Group

Every second and fourth

Thursday, 6 pm The Akron African United Front book discussion group offers you the opportunity to share your opinions on how history affects our world views in today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history. Discuss important heartfelt issues with your peers.

Sistas Knit 2

Every Thursday, 6:30 pm Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross stitch and more. All crafters are welcome.

Belly Dance for Beginners

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm Belly dancing has a rich history within the Arab culture and this fun program is designed to get people involved in a traditional style of dance. Join Professor Alia Almashni as she enriches the audience with the history of belly dancing. Participants will also be provided hip scarves while learning basic moves of the art.

The Wonders of Tea

Saturday, June 10, 2 pm This is your opportunity to explore the wonders of tea. Liksha Hoskins will present an informative program about the benefits of drinking tea, will also provide a variety of teas for tasting. Please call the branch to register.

Afternoon Movies

Wednesdays, June 21, July 19, 1:30 pm

June 21 Hidden Figures starring Taraji P. Henson and Octavia Spencer

July 19 Fences starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis

Drawing from Life

Saturday, June 24, 2 pm Drawing from life is a skill that anyone can acquire once they've learned a few tricks! This class is an introduction to the fundamental ways artists translate what they see from the three-dimensional world onto a two-dimensional surface. We will do exercises which will challenge you to "see" like an artist and help to demystify the process of drawing the infinitely complex world. Join artist Claire Marks as she presents this informative and exciting class. Please call the branch to register.

Adult Coloring Class

Tuesdays, June 27, August 8, 29, 1:30 pm Adult coloring is all the craze right now. It is a great relaxing way to be creative and to relieve stress. All supplies are provided by the library. Please stop by or call the branch to register.

Planning for Your Great Escape-- Retirement

Friday, July 21, 1:30 pm With increased market volatility, economic uncertainty, longer lifetimes and rising household expenses, achieving a great retirement seems harder all the time. This seminar realistically discusses the challenges ahead and provides time-tested solutions audience members can start implementing right away. It shows how to make the most of your asset building years, including getting retirement saving tax break you're entitled to. It also discusses maximizing the Social Security and Medicare benefits, as well as passing on more to heirs. Financial Adviser Angela Byers will answer your questions. Please call the branch to register.

Bath Salts and More

Saturday, August 5, 2 pm Treat yourself to a spa day at the library. Join Beauty Consultant Toray Green she gives us a hands-on class on how to make your home made bath salts. Use these salts at home to make your skin soft and beautiful. All supplies provided by the library. Please call the branch to register.

Planning for College:

Financial Basics

Wednesday, August 9, 1:30 pm

A brief overview of the need to plan ahead for a college education and the types of planning vehicles available, including UGMA/UTMA, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and 529 plans.

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

Hand Quilting for Beginners

Thursday, June 15, 6 pm Sandy Barstow will be teaching a beginner's class on hand quilting. You will learn how to cut out and hand stitch a square in class. You can then use the materials and methods taught in class to finish the squares for your small quilt at home. If there is enough interest, Sandy will return on July 26 at 6 pm to give instructions on how to turn your blocks into a complete quilt. Space is limited so please call to register.

Patriotic Crafts

Thursday, June 22, 6 pm Get creative at this patriotic craft free-for-all. You will have a variety of yarn-wrapped flag projects to choose from, including wreaths, vases and flower pots. Supply options will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call to register.

The Mystery Experience

Tuesday, July 11, 6 pm We've received a mysterious package in the mail with a compelling mystery inside. Using objects, clues, puzzles and the power of observation we must make sense of what is in front of us. Put your detective skills to the test as we may find additional clues using websites to research character profiles, locations and much more. Part story, part game, all interactive-join us for a night of fun! Refreshments will be provided. Please call to register.

End of Summer Concert with Morning Star

Thursday, August 10, 6 pm Spend an evening in our Reading Garden enjoying some bluegrass music fun with the Americana band Morning Star. This entertaining group welcomes you to kick back and relax while you have some refreshments during this engaging musical experience. In case of rain, the concert will be indoors.

Health Enhancing Benefits of Using Essential Oils

Thursday, August 17, 6 pm Join Kristy Celce-Cook as she explains the many uses of essential oils, from cleaning and aromatherapy to beauty and health and wellness.

Rock & Roll Bingo

Thursday, August 24, 6 pm Unleash your inner rock star and join us for a fun night of music and prizes. Rock & Roll Bingo is similar to a standard game, but instead of numbers on the board, the spots will be filled with the names of classic Rock favorites. Sing-along, enjoy some light refreshments and hopefully take home a prize.

Cookbook Club

Thursdays, June 29, July 20, August 31, 6 pm Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or cooking techniques? Join fellow foodies for our Cookbook Club. You don't have to be a gourmet chef to participate. Each month we will get together to talk about a certain book, theme,

or a celebrity chef. There will be food samples or activities at every meeting. A selection of cookbooks will be available for members to borrow. Browse our collection, try out some of the recipes, and join the group to discuss your successes and mishaps.

June 29: Picnic in the Garden

July 20: Salads

August 31: Cooking for 2

Investment Perspectives

Tuesdays, June 20, July 18,

August 15, 6:30 pm Financial

advisor Vince Rosnack will be discussing timely market topics and potential solutions to help you stay on track. Please call to register.

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

June 7: THE LITTLE PARIS

BOOKSHOP by Nina George

July 5: HILLBILLY ELEGY by J.D. Vance

August 2: THE UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD by Colson Whitehead

Past Times Book Club

Wednesdays, 2 pm

July 19: REBEL QUEEN

by Michelle Moran

Mysterious Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

June 6: HOTEL PARADISE

by Martha Grimes

August 1: AN OLD FASHIONED
MURDER by Carol Miller

Warm Up Akron

Tuesdays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25,

August 8, 22, 3:30-5 pm Knit and
crochet to help the needy! If you can
make just one 7" or 9" rectangle you
can help keep the needy in the Akron
area warm. To date, this chapter has
supplied over 8,000 afghans.

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595
9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

Book Discussions

No registration necessary.

Thursday, June 8, 2 pm RULES OF
CIVILITY by Amor Towles.

Monday, June 12, 2 pm Monday
Casual Reads. Celebrate our 11th
year of fun light reads. "Reader's
Choice" – Read a book of your
choice and share the highlights
with the group.

Wednesday, June 28, 7 pm

Mystery Book Discussion Group.
"Reader's Choice" of a Charles Finch
mystery.

Monday, July 10, 2 pm Monday
Casual Reads. THE ALL-GIRL FILLING
STATION'S LAST REUNION
by Fannie Flagg.

Thursday, July 13, 2 pm

"Reader's Choice" of a classic.

Wednesday, July 26, 7 pm Mystery
Book Discussion Group. "Reader's
Choice" of a Donald Bain mystery.

Monday, August 14, 2 pm Monday
Casual Reads. BEEKEEPER'S BALL
by Susan Wiggs.

Thursday, August 10, 2 pm THE
CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR
PEPPER by Phaedra Patrick

Wednesday, August 23, 7 pm
Mystery Book Discussion Group.
"Reader's Choice" of a true crime
book.

Workshops & Programs

Registration is suggested for the
following programs.

Plan for Your Stuff

Thursday, June 1, 7 pm We all
have stuff, and some of us have
lots of stuff! At some point, we
(or our families) will have to deal
with our stuff. This can be a big
and emotionally challenging job.
Andrew Richmond discusses why
you need to plan for your stuff,
helpful planning tips, when to get
an appraisal, ways of selling your
personal property, and how to
prepare yourself mentally.

Crafters' Corner

Saturdays, June 3, July 1, August 5,
10 am-4 pm Join your fellow
crafters for daylong fun. Bring your
own supplies. Craft for an hour
or the entire day. No experience
necessary – all crafts welcome!

Wellness Yoga: Yoga off the Mat

Wednesdays, June 7, 21, July 5,
19, and Tuesdays, August 15, 29,
6:30 pm Learn soothing stretches
that you can incorporate into your
daily life in this gentle yoga series
with Diane Bielecki, who graduated
from the Cleveland Clinic School of
Yoga. No mat is needed – stretches
are done standing or in a chair.

Coffee Roasting

Thursday, June 8, 7 pm James
Rome teaches how to roast
your own coffee beans at home,
featuring a demonstration and
samples. It is simple to learn, saves
money, and makes better coffee.

Stitch Clique

Tuesdays, June 13, July 11,
August 8, 6-8 pm Grab your
crocheting/knitting needles and
yarn and stitch the evening away.
Join us for crocheting/knitting
tips, friendship, advice and more.
Refreshments will be served.

The Novel in You: Introduction to Novel Writing

Tuesdays, June 13, 20, 27, July
11, 18, 25, 6:30 pm In this six-part
writing workshop, each session
will provide an in-depth look at a
different part of writing, including
how to create realistic characters,
dialogue and plot, and the tools
necessary for bringing out the best
of the writer's work.

Socrates Café

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12,
August 9, 6:30 pm A regular
gathering of adults engaging in
great conversation, exploring
current events, thoughtful ideas,
and reasoned debates. Take part,
or just listen to the discussion! For all
patrons 16 & over. No registration
necessary – No homework – No
assigned reading.

Writers Guild of Nordonia Hills

Wednesdays, June 21, July 19,
August 16, 6:30 pm Writers
wanted! New writers and old hands
welcome, fiction, nonfiction, and
everything in between. Have your
work critiqued and give feedback
to others in a fun and friendly
environment. Please bring a sample
of your work to share.

Nordonia Hills Game Time

Saturdays, June 24, July 15,
August 19, 10 am-5 pm Meet
and join in with players of various
games including chess, board and
Euro games, role-playing games,
mah-jongg, war games, and regular
and trading card games. All ages
welcome. No registration necessary.

Adult Coloring Night

Tuesdays, June 27, July 25,
August 29, 6 pm Bring your own
coloring book or choose from
provided coloring pages and spend
the evening relaxing and coloring
with new friends.

Puppy Training 101

Wednesday, June 28, 6 pm Start
your puppy off right and learn
the tips and tricks of training a
well-behaved puppy from Drew
and Michele Delgross of Pet
State University. This one-hour
seminar will start you out with
housetraining, basic commands,
and more, but is for owners only
– please do not bring your puppy.
Registration is suggested.

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S GUIDE TO OHIO

Thursday, June 29, 7 pm

Photographer and author Ian Adams
discusses his decades of work in the
Buckeye State, presenting some of
his work, and sharing thoughts on
capturing the beauty of Ohio.

Gettysburg, The Last Invasion

Thursday, July 6, 7 pm It is Robert
E. Lee's last attempt to invade the
north and force the end of the war.
Find out what Robert E. Lee hoped
to accomplish for his country and
the cause by marching north. The
biggest battle of the war from the
southern point of view.

Watercolor Painting Class

Saturday, July 8, 1-4 pm Oscar
Velasquez teaches beginning
watercolor painting, featuring
landscapes. All supplies provided.
Space limited.

The Music of Mark Twain

Thursday, July 20, 7 pm This
program looks at the life and times
of one of America's greatest writers
--- through a musical lens! Mr.
Clemens' childhood years on the
banks of the Mississippi, his travels,
literary work, and lifelong love of
music. Includes performances of
period songs on instruments of the
day: Fiddle, banjo, guitar, piano,
harmonica, and pennywhistle.

Couponing 101

Wednesday, July 26, 6 pm Learn
how to save money using coupons!
Rachel Krych, local blogger and
columnist, teaches a FUN-FILLED
class, where she covers where to get
coupons, how to organize them, and
how to maximize your savings at
stores such as Target, CVS and Giant
Eagle. This class is great for beginners!

Nerd Music: An Overlooked Phenomenon

Thursday, July 27, 7 pm Nicholas
Davis presents an interactive
overview of the memorable
music of video games, TV shows
(especially Anime), and films and
its impact on music education,
music innovation, culture, American
orchestras, and the "nerd community!"

DIY: Finger Knitting

Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 pm
Crocheting or knitting seem too
complicated? Take the first step
and try the relaxing art of finger
knitting. Make a little craft to take
home! Registration is suggested,
as this class is limited to fifteen
participants.

POP GOES CLEVELAND: THE IMPACT OF CLEVELAND AND NORTHEAST OHIO ON POP CULTURE

Thursday, August 3, 7 pm
Author Peter Chakerian discusses Cleveland's contribution to what we know as popular culture. From Superman and Forrest Gump to Dorothy Dandridge and Gary Dee, Cleveland has produced many well-known trendsetters, whether it has been on the silver screen, radio, television, music, or art.

Terry Pluto: Cleveland Sports Stories
Wednesday, August 16, 7 pm
The author and award-winning sportswriter discusses stories and insights about Cleveland sports — Indians, Browns, Cavs, high school, and more.

College Funding Workshop
Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 pm
The cost of a college education has skyrocketed and, as a result, many parents feel completely overwhelmed, with little to no guidance on how they can minimize the cost of college. College Funding Educators of America was formed to provide comprehensive education to parents so that they can maximize financial aid and understand various college funding strategies that will help reduce their family's out-of-pocket expenses.

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Evening Book Discussions
Mondays, 6:30 pm Books are available for check out at our service desk one month prior to the discussion. New members are always welcome!
June 5 MY BRILLIANT FRIEND by Elena Ferrante
July 10 THE WANGS VS. THE WORLD by Jade Chang

Mind, Body & Sole Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, June 7, 6 -7:30 pm Join us for ice cream and entertainment as we kick summer off with a bang! For all ages.

Mosaic Glass Pictures with Leona Bowser
Monday, June 12, 6:30 pm Leona Bowser will teach you how to make a beautiful, summer-themed, glass-on-glass mosaic picture. Limited to 20 participants. Please call the branch to register beginning Monday, June 5.

Sedona Bracelets with Jennie Thewlis
Monday, June 19, 6:30 pm Jennie Thewlis of Beadtini Boutique Designs will teach you how to make a Sedona Bracelet. This program is limited to 15 participants. Please call the branch to register beginning Monday, June 5.

Jumping Off the Page: A Storytelling Festival with Wandering Aesthetics
Monday, June 26, 6:30 pm Join storytellers Kyle Josza and Nici Romo from Wandering Aesthetics Theatre as they share stories and fables from around the world. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll have a fabulous time! For all ages.

Gentle Yoga with Nia
Mondays, July 3, 17, August 14, 28, 6:30 pm Have you always wanted to try yoga? Here's your chance! Be led in warm-up stretches and breathing exercises, move through yoga poses with the help of a chair, and end sessions with music and nature sounds. Please bring a yoga mat or a beach towel and a water bottle.

Fun with the Pre-Fab Four: Micky, Mike, Davy, and Peter of the Monkees
Monday, July 24, 6:30 pm Spend an hour with music enthusiast Ray Carmen as he presents rarely seen videos and plays little-known songs from everyone's favorite manufactured pop band that went on to become a genuine recording and performing entity.

North Hill Needle Crafters
Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:15 am If you love to knit, crochet, and help others, this is the group for you. Everything this talented group makes is donated to helping agencies in our community. Are you new to crafting? We will be glad to get you started. If you have yarn and supplies to donate, we will make good use of them.

Computer Training
2 – 3:30 pm These free, hands-on classes are available on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to 15 participants. We recommend arriving at least one-half hour early to get an entry ticket.
Monday, July 31 MS Excel, part 1: Opening & Creating Workbooks
Tuesday, August 1 MS Excel, part 2: Formatting & Modifying Workbooks

Wednesday, August 2 MS Excel, part 3: More on Formatting Cells
Thursday, August 3 Practical Application Project
Monday, August 7 MS Excel, part 4: Introduction to Formulas & Excel Functions
Tuesday, August 8 MS Excel, part 5: Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists
Wednesday, August 9 MS Excel, part 6: Charts & Advanced Custom Tools
Thursday, August 10 Practical Application Project

Evening Book Discussion Movie and Pizza Night
Monday, August 7, 5:30 pm We will be reading THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS by M.L. Stedman and watching the movie. Please call the branch to register for this program beginning Monday, July 10.

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081
1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313
Summer Gardening Series
Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden Planting Day
Saturday, June 3, 2 pm All ages are welcome to help us plant a butterfly and hummingbird container garden. We'll also share garden-themed activities and crafts.

The Gardens at Stan Hywet Hall – Author Talk and Book Signing
Thursday, June 22, 6 pm Join Julie Frey, Director of Museum Services and Curator at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, as she uncovers the hidden history of *The Gardens at Stan Hywet Hall*. The book explores the history and evolution of Stan Hywet Hall's landscape design. Frey highlights the landscape design and garden spaces using information from original Seiberling correspondence, as well as photographs taken during the early years of the estate. The book also touches on the restoration efforts undertaken by the Stan Hywet Hall Foundation since it assumed ownership of the property in 1957. Copies of *The Gardens at Stan Hywet Hall* will be available for purchase and signing following the talk.

Bee-Friendly Gardening
Tuesday, July 18, 6 pm Have you always wondered how to attract and support pollinators with your home garden? Summit County Master Gardener Peggy Cartwright will give tips and tricks for creating a bee-friendly environment in your own backyard.

Mind, Body & Sole Adult Fitness Series
Please call 330-836-1081 to register for these programs. Instructors from Build a Body Personal Training will teach these all-levels classes. Beginners are welcome!
Yoga-Thursday, June 8, 6 pm
Please bring a mat, water bottle and towel.
Tai Chi-Tuesday, July 11, 1 pm
Mat Pilates-Thursday, July 13, 6 pm
Please bring a mat, water bottle and towel.

Food for Thought Book Talks
Wednesdays, 1 pm Marvin Phillips presents ideas from popular works of fiction and nonfiction each month. Topics range from entertainment to history and politics.
August 9-ALEXANDER HAMILTON by Ron Chernow

Book Buzz Discussion Group
Second Tuesday, 6 pm at Nervous Dog Coffee Bar. This discussion group for book lovers in their 20s and 30s meets monthly to talk novels and nonfiction over drinks crafted by the baristas at Nervous Dog Coffee Bar. Copies of each title will be available at the Northwest Akron Branch Library a month prior to its discussion date. Attendees will be responsible for the purchase of their own drinks, but purchase is not required. Nervous Dog Coffee Bar is located at 1530 W Market St, Akron, OH 44313.
June 13 A LITTLE LIFE by Hanya Yanagihara
July 11 EUPHORIA by Lily King
August 8 HERE I AM by Jonathan Safran Foer

Mystery Book Discussion Group
Third Wednesdays, 1 pm
June 21 HOME by Harlan Coben
July 19 THE WOMAN IN CABIN 10 by Ruth Ware
August 16 LIAR, TEMPTRESS, SOLDIER, SPY: FOUR WOMEN UNDERCOVER IN THE CIVIL WAR by Karen Abbott

Computer Training
Monday, August 14, 10:30 am Basic Computer Skills
Tuesday, August 15, 6 pm Windows 10
Wednesday, August 16, 6 pm File Management
Thursday, August 17, 6 pm Typing

NORTON – 330-825-7800
3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

The Sights and Sounds of Summer

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 pm Relax to the sounds of the hammered dulcimer. View summer butterflies and gardens and plenty of flowers. Birds fill the air as clouds float by; dazzling fireworks light the evening sky. Experience the peace and beauty of a moonlit night. You won't want to miss Mary Lou Jubin as she returns to Norton Library for another popular hammered dulcimer program.

Summer Evening in the Garden with Musical Group Librarians with Hickeys

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 pm Librarians with Hickeys dig deep into the wellspring of AM Gold tracks with a few choice early FM nuggets like Manfred Mann covering Bob Dylan, Syd Barrett-era Pink Floyd, Lobo, Cornelius Brothers & Sister Rose and even some Captain Beefheart. They'll also play some of their own "Akron Sound" back catalog. Members in this local band include Mike Crooker - lead guitar and vocal, Ray Carmen - rhythm guitar and vocal, Andrew Wilco - bass, and Rob Crossley - drums. Join us in our beautiful NatureConnect Reading Garden for an early evening summer concert. Garden benches are available but you may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and relax on the lawn. We will make use of our meeting room should it rain. Light summer snacks will be provided.

Book Discussion

First Wednesday of each month, 1 pm Join us for good books, conversation and light refreshments.

June 7: THE MARTIAN by Andy Weir

July 5: WATCH THE MOVIE-THE MARTIAN ~special time 12:30-2:30 pm; lunch provided

August 2: THE ORPHAN MASTER'S SON by Adam Johnson

Coloring Fun

Thursdays, June 22, July 13, August 10, 11 am Join us for a morning of coloring, relaxation, conversation and snacks. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils, music and snacks are provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies or use ours.

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726
600Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

Summer Coloring -Build a Colorful World

Tuesdays, June 13, July 18, 2-3 pm Join us and others for a relaxing coloring experience making the world a bit more colorful. Bring your friends or make new ones. We supply the coloring pages or bring your own coloring book. Activity for adults and teens over the age of sixteen. Refreshments will be provided.

Yoga-Build a Better Body Personal Training

Saturdays, June 17, July 15, 11 am-12 pm Join us for yoga as we build a better body and mind and become more Zen. The class will be led by a member of the Build a Better Body Personal Training team from Green, OH. Bring your own yoga mat or grab one provided. Activity for all fitness levels and adults and teens over the age of sixteen.

Summer Movies

-Build a Better Mind Fridays, 1-3 pm Join us for a Friday afternoon movie that uplifts and inspires building a better mind. Movies for adults and teens over the age of sixteen.

June 9 Life of Pi

June 23 He Named Me Malala

July 7 The Hundred-Foot Journey

July 21 Hidden Figures

Computer Training

Class size is limited to 15 and tickets will be handed out on a first come basis beginning a half hour prior to class.

Monday, August 21, 10:30 am

Internet Part 1: An Introduction

Tuesday, August 22, 10:30 am Internet Part 2: Searching, Printing, and Favorites

Wednesday, August 23, 6 pm

Email Part 1: Read, Respond, Write and Print

Thursday, August 24, 6 pm

Email Part 2: Message Management

Monday, August 28, 10:30 am

MS Word, Part 1: Learning Essential MS Word Skills

Tuesday, August 29, 10:30 am

MS Word, Part 2: Creating/Editing Documents

Wednesday, August 30, 6 pm

MS Word, Part 3: Formatting Text and Paragraphs

Thursday, August 31, 6 pm

MS Word, Part 4: More Useful Formatting Tools

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050
4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

Puzzled at the Library

Thursdays, June 1, July 6, August 3, 6-7:30 pm Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Ready for a challenge? Join us once a month as we work together to complete new puzzles with friends.

Community Photo Scanning Days in Collaboration with the Portage Lakes Historical Society

Fridays, June 2, July 7, August 4, 1-3 pm Do you have interesting old photos we can share with the public? Bring your original photo or slide from the Portage Lakes area to be scanned and digitally saved for our digital community archive, www.summitmemory.org. Please register in advance for an appointment time.

Computer Training

No registration is required; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. 15 tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to class.

Thursday, June 1, 6 pm, Excel 3

Friday, June 2, 2 pm,

Practical Application

Monday, June 5, 6 pm, Excel 4

Tuesday, June 6, 6 pm, Excel 5

Wednesday, June 7, 6 pm, Excel 6

Thursday, June 8, 6 pm,

Practical Application

A Different Kind of Book Club

Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14, 6:30 pm Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Are you looking for your next book to read and would like a recommendation from others? Join us as we eat, drink, and share. No one has to read the same book. It's basically one big book report meeting and no books are off-limits. Classics, Self-Help, Biographies, Cozy Mysteries, Travel, Sci-Fi, anything goes!

Buying Your First Car

Thursday, June 15, 6 pm Looking at getting your first car but have a lot of questions? Ed Brown from Team Mindy State Farm will be conducting the presentation "Your First Car" and answering questions about shopping for your car, financing it, and insuring it.

Saturday Morning Craft Club

Sand Dollar Wall Hanging June 17, 10:30 am

Bring the beach inside! Using fishing line, beads, sand dollars and driftwood, create a small wall

hanging to display indoors or outside. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

Experimenting with Watercolor July 22, 10:30 am Experiment and learn about watercolors and multiple resist techniques with Vicki O'Dell. Create two 8x10 pieces suitable for framing. Please wear "play clothes"; you may get messy. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

Recycled CD Coasters August 19, 10:30 am We are upcycling old CD's with some colorful fabric to add to your home décor. Fabric provided, but if you have a favorite pattern, feel free to bring your own. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

Western Reserve Historical Society Presents

Euclid Beach Park – Cleveland's Most Beloved Amusement Park Wednesday, June 21, 6 pm Do you remember the food, rides, and attractions? What makes Euclid Beach Park so memorable? Learn about its early beginnings in 1895 and reminisce about its heyday until the final days in 1969. Light refreshments served.

Vehicles of the Western Reserve Wednesday, July 19, 6 pm At one time, Cleveland was the automobile capital of the world. Take a ride through the Western Reserve at the turn of the 20th century and discover a treasure of Cleveland-made vehicles. Light refreshments served.

150 years of Cleveland Style Wednesday, August 30, 6 pm Clevelanders have always used fashion to stand out in a crowd. Learn about the city's trendsetters, who they were, and where they shopped, celebrating 150 years of bold clothes. Light refreshments served.

Buckeye Martifest-North Reservoir

Saturday, June 24, 2-4 pm Stop by our table for crafts and giveaways as we celebrate Portage Lakes being the Purple Martin Capital of Ohio! We love participating in this annual event sponsored by the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association.

The Hower House

Monday, June 26, 6 pm How much do you really know about

this National Historic Landmark? Learn about the Hower family, the 28-room Victorian mansion located on the University of Akron Campus, and the ongoing events that keep this one of the best-preserved houses in the country. Enjoy a cup of tea after. Please register in advance. Presented by Sherri Thompson and Lyn Benedict.

Mystery Book Discussion

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

June 29 The following books were nominated for the 2017 Edgar Award for the best paperback original story. Do you agree? Read one, read all, your choice. A BRILLIANT DEATH by Robin Yocum, HEART OF STONE by James W. Ziskin, THE 7TH CANON by Robert Dugoni.

August 31 School is back in session, and it's that time of the year we enjoy some favorite Teen Mysteries. Read one, read all, your choice. A STUDY IN CHARLOTTE by Brittany Cavallaro, GIRL I USED TO BE by April Henry, LAST SEEN LEAVING by Caleb Roehrig, THREE TRUTHS AND A LIE by Brent Hartinger.

Buying Your First Home

Thursday, July 13, 6 pm Buying your first home can be frightening and complicated. Ed Brown from Team Mindy State Farm will be conducting the presentation "Your First Home" and answering questions about shopping for your home, financing it, and insuring it.

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days-Portage Lakes State Park

Saturday, July 15, 11 am-3 pm Stop by our table and say "Ahoy Matey" to our friendly pirates! Participate in pirate crafts and see what other treasures we may have. We love participating in this annual event sponsored by the Portage Lakes Kiwanis.

The Mystery Experience

Thursday, July 27, 6 pm We've received a mysterious package in the mail with a compelling mystery inside. Using objects, clues, puzzles and the power of observation we must make sense of what is in front of us. Working in teams, put your deduction skills to the test as you may find additional clues using websites to research character profiles, locations and much more. Part story, part game, all interactive – join us for a night of fun! Which team will finish first? Bring a snack to share. Please register in advance.

Adults with Aging Parent Drivers

Thursday, August 10, 6 pm Are you concerned about a loved-one's ability to drive safely as they age? Keeping Us Safe, LLC, provides a roadmap to help families address driving concerns with tact, compassion, and empathy, so an older driver's dignity and independence is never unnecessarily jeopardized.

Vintage Postcards of Portage Lakes

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm Be the first to view the new book published by the Portage Lakes Historical Society featuring life as it was many years ago. Long, Nesmith, Cottage Grove, Rex & Turkeyfoot lakes, New/North Reservoir, Little/West Reservoir, Big/East Reservoir, State Mill, Summit and Springfield lakes are all featured. Coventry Township residents George Beckham and Carol Eubank share postcard buying & collecting tips and how the book *Vintage Postcards of Portage Lakes* came to be published. Light refreshments will be served and books will be available for purchase.

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343
3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Healthy Cooking and Eating
Saturday, June 10, 2 pm Abraham Nabors, Director of Education & Standards of Mustard Seed Market hosts a presentation about practical tips to incorporate into a healthy lifestyle, which would include healthy eating and cooking tips with some food samples and products to look at.

Meditation Program

Saturday, June 17, 2 pm Presented by Simone R. Richardson, MLS, MA, Librarian, Business & Government, Akron-Summit County Public Library. Stimulate your parasympathetic nervous system through sitting meditation (zazen), walking meditation (kinhin), and stress reduction meditation (visualization). The parasympathetic nervous system controls the "rest and digest" response in the body which is a system that slows the heart and breathing rate, and causes blood vessels to dilate thus improving blood flow. For those planning to attend this session, wearing loose or stretchy clothing is recommended.

Countryside Conservancy Program

Thursday, June 29, 6:30 pm Presented by Brian Reitz, Developmental Director for The Countryside Conservancy. Learn about The Farmers Markets, Food Swaps, and Cooking Classes offered by The Conservancy. The purpose of Countryside Conservancy is to connect people, food, and land by increasing public awareness of how food and farming impact personal, community, and environmental health, and by inspiring personal commitment to building a resilient, sustainable food culture. They pursue our purpose across Northeast Ohio through numerous regional collaborations and a unique partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Doodling for Stress Relief

Saturday, July 1, 2 pm Presented by Christina Turner, Akron-Summit County Public Library. Unwind, draw, and learn tips and techniques for extemporaneous pattern doodling. Turn "mistakes" into a design you love! Leave with a framed work of art.

Yoga Programs

Thursdays, 6:30 pm
July 6 Yoga & Meditation-All levels yoga class focused on poses that prepare you for a comfortable seated meditation practice, class concludes with meditation.

July 27
Slow Flow Yoga- Link breath and movement, while you stretch and strengthen in this slow paced yoga class with a focus on proper alignment in poses.

Book Discussions

First Wednesday, 2 pm Extra copies of the book are available at the front desk.
June 7 Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
July 5 Eve of a Hundred Midnights by Bill Lascher
August 5 Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Family History

First Thursdays, June 1, July 6, August 3, 6 pm Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library.

Richfield Mysteries, An On-Your-Own Book Club

Stop by the front desk and pick up this month's title. No pressure, no

discussion. Just read and enjoy and tell us how you liked it.

June: Dead Key by D.M. Pulley
July: The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey
August: The Trespasser by Tana French

Friday Classic Movie Matinee

Second Friday, 3 pm
June 9 *On the Waterfront* with Marlon Brando and Karl Malden
July 14 *Pat and Mike* with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn
August 11 *High Noon* with Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345
90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

Antique Appraisal Fair

Thursday, June 22, 6 pm Bring your favorite antique to the library and have it appraised by Jason Adams. Limit two items per person (no swords or firearms). For large items, you can bring a photograph. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Program size is limited so please call to register. Please call if you need to cancel your reservation.

Social Security: How to Get the Most Out of Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, July 11, 6 pm Retirement planning specialist Paul Bernier's presentation will help all who are in or nearing retirement and are interested in making informed decisions about the foundation of their retirement income plan.

Fly Girls: World War II Women Pilots

Wednesday, July 26, 6 pm Local historian Ray Hoffman will discuss female pilots during WWII. Numbering more than 1,000, they flew over 60 million miles in every type of military aircraft. Thirty-eight female fliers lost their lives while serving during the war, all in accidents.

Energize Your Day

Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm Do you have any stress in your life? Tight muscles or achy joints? Could you use a little more energy? If so, then "Energize Your Day" is for you! This program incorporates movements from Tai Chi, Qigong and Yoga, self-massage, breathing practices and energy exercises. Most of these take less than a minute to do and when practiced daily, produce profound, long-lasting results!

Book Discussions

Mondays, 2 pm

June 12 FLIGHT OF DREAMS

by Ariel Lawhon

July 10 THE READERS OF BROKEN WHEEL by Katarina Bivald

August 14 A MAN CALLED OVE by Fredrik Backman

Computer Training

Attendance will be based on a numbering system with 15 tickets being distributed outside the classroom 30 minutes prior to class start.

Monday, July 3, 2 pm

MS Word, Part 1: Learning Essential MS Word Skills

Wednesday, July 5, 2 pm MS Word,

Part 2: Creating/Editing Documents

Friday, July 7, 2 pm MS Word, Part

3: Formatting Text and Paragraphs

Saturday, July 8, 10:30 am

MS Word, Part 4: More Useful Formatting Tools

TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

Thursdays, 1 pm

Grades 6-12.

Life-Sized Monopoly

June 15 Outside, weather permitting.

Project Runway

June 22 Register to be a designer or model in our fourth Project Runway event. Designers will have an hour and a half to design an outfit with materials provided by the library. Models will have hair and makeup done and will wear the designers' outfits for judging. Registration requested beginning June 1. Limit of 10 designers and 10 models.

Mosaic Art with Leona from Don Drumm Studios

June 29 Teen favorite Leona is back for her eighth summer to teach a glass on glass mosaic piece without grout. The theme of the artwork is beach or anything you wish. Two designs will be available from which participants will create a 5x7 glass framed piece. Participants are welcome to create their own simple designs as well. Registration requested beginning June 1. Limit of 20 participants.

Movie Bingo

July 6 Movie Bingo featuring Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life. Snacks provided.

Art Break Experience

July 13 Join Connie from Art Break Experience as you paint a masterpiece on canvas with high quality acrylic paint and brushes. Friendly step-by-step instruction and opportunities to give the painting your own creative flair. Registration requested beginning July 1. Limit of 25 participants.

Book Dominoes

July 20 How many books can we stack in a domino line in our community meeting room? Stop by to help us set them up, then knock them down.

Glass Painting

July 27 Drinking glasses and glass mugs make great blank canvases for painting. Create something beautiful and useful for yourself or to give as a gift.

VolunTEEN

Monday, July 31, 10 am Have fun and earn service hours for school by helping with our summer reading program carnival. Certificates will be awarded at the end of the program. Registration requested beginning June 1.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Grades 4-12. All teen programs are Thursdays at 1 pm unless otherwise noted.

STEM@Sylvan: Building Bridges

June 8 Join Sylvan of Fairlawn as we explore, build, design, and test bridges! You'll learn fascinating concepts in science, math, and structure all while discovering more about the roles of architects and engineers in our cities.

Paint like a Master

June 15 Join in as we work through the eyes of one of the Master Artists of all time, Henri Matisse! He was said to 'draw with scissors' and was known as the 'Master of Color!' Experience, firsthand, what that means as you create your own masterpiece using his style! This workshop presented by Carolina Martin is easy and lots of fun! Please wear clothing suitable for painting. Space is limited. Register at the library or by calling.

Circuits

July 6 Try your hand at Squishy Circuits, Snap Circuits or the card game Set. Decide which activity interests you or make the round of science stations.

Melted Crayon Art

July 13 These crayon masterpieces are not for kids. We'll apply heat and paint canvas in rivers of melted color. Space is limited. Register at the library or by calling.

Sunprints

July 20 We'll arrange compositions of natural or manmade items on sun sensitive paper and use sunlight to create graphic art.

STEM@Sylvan: Robotics in Action! Bridge into fall

July 27 We invite you to join Sylvan and our team at the library as we begin to explore in the amazing world of robotics through STEM. You'll begin to build, program, and improve robots while engaging in friendly competition!

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

Teen Time

Wednesdays, 2 pm

June 14 Apptastic Afternoon:

Minecraft Edition

June 21 Zen Spa Day

June 28 Teen Trivia: Jeopardy style

July 5 Water Sports

July 12 Construction Zone

July 19 Apptastic Afternoon:

Escape Room Edition

July 26 Community Kindness

Forever Young Book Club

Thursday, August 17, 2 pm Teens and Adults welcome. In honor of the recent 50-year anniversary, we will be reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Copies will be available for checkout beginning in July.

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

Thursdays, 3 pm

For ages 11-18.

Lego Building Challenge

June 15 Pick a challenge card and build it. How fast can you build?

Edible Architecture

June 29 Recreate some famous buildings in edible bricks you can then devour.

T-Shirt Tote Bag

July 13 Take an old shirt and turn it into a handy tote with no sewing at all.

Book Cover Bingo

July 27 What are your favorite books? Mark them off your game sheet as they are called out and win some fabulous prizes.

Volunteer Wednesdays

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12,

August 9, 10:30 am-4:30 pm

Calling all teens ages 12 and up! Looking for some fun work this summer? Need volunteer hours? We need you! Summer Reading Program Volunteers can be responsible for a wide variety of tasks including program set up and assistance, decorations, and many other projects around the Library.

GREEN – 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

Teen Writers Club

Tuesdays, June 6, July 11, August 1,

6 pm We eat junk food and talk writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

Annual Teen Cupcake Bake-off

Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 pm Bakers

and tasters needed! To register for this program or for more information, ask at the front desk.

Babysitting Basics Workshop

Wednesday, August 2 AND

Thursday, August 3, 2-3:30 pm

This two-session class covers babysitting basics and how to get started. Not affiliated with the Red Cross. Please register in advance. Space is limited.

HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

Cork Planters

Friday, June 16, 2-4 pm These tiny planters can live up any odd place a magnet can hold them.

Duct Tape Flip Flops

All through June-Stop in and make yourself some stylish duct tape footwear. While supplies last.

Leather Bracelets

Friday, July 7, 2-4 pm Use basic leather tools and stamps to create your own folksy leather bracelet.

Predict the Weather

All through July- We'll use a barometer, hygrometer, and thermometer to track local weather patterns. Can we use that data to predict the weather? Let's find out!

Make Your Own Musical Instruments

Saturday, August 19, 2-4 pm

Enjoy the neighborhood sights and sounds during the annual Porch Rok'r festival. You can join in by playing your very own musical instrument created at the library.

Become a Navigator

All through August- Prepare for a life of exploration by creating some basic navigational instruments. While supplies last.

KENMORE – 330-745-6126
969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314
For grades 6-12. **Tuesdays, 2 pm**

Wild Rock Art

June 13 Creatively paint a rock with which to decorate your room.

Mystery Make It and Take It Summer Treat

June 27 Pop in to create a yummy treat to eat or take with you. The mystery yummy will be revealed that day.

Fabulous Flip Flop Art

July 11 Bring your own flip flops to decorate for the summer.

Egg Drop-A-Thon

July 25 To participate in this program, you must be on time. We will be working in teams to engineer a contraption to keep a raw egg from breaking when being dropped from the roof of the library. Prizes will be given for the best contraptions. Eggs will be provided.

Wii U Gaming Days

Thursdays, June 1-July 27, 4 pm
Test your gaming skills with friends. Games will be announced weekly. Check our white board and digital sign for information.

MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721
1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

Tuesdays, 2 pm

Beach Read Bash

June 13 Check out our awesome collection of books to read this summer! Snacks and beverages provided.

Build a Better Meal Challenge

June 20 Test your culinary skills against your competitors and see if you have what it takes to make the best appetizer and dessert with the ingredients provided. Registration is requested.

Art in a Jar/Cityscapes

July 11 Decorate jars with famous paintings and produce a city skyline using paint chips. Registration is requested.

Musical Instruments

July 18 We're getting the band back together! Make awesome musical instruments with the help of Maple Valley staff member Sherilyn Gray-Leas. Registration is requested.

Tealight Lantern/Notebook Decorating

Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 pm Create a fun lantern to use indoors or outdoors and decorate notebooks. Registration is requested.

Drop In Fun

Fourth of July Festivities

June 28-July 3 Stop by the front desk for various Independence Day-themed crafts, games, and contests!

Back to School Movie Week

Watch your favorite school movies on the big screen! Snacks and beverages provided.

Monday, August 21, 2 pm: Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life (PG)(92 min)

Tuesday, August 22, 2 pm: Coach Carter (PG-13)(136 min)

Wednesday, August 23, 2 pm: Freedom Writers (PG-13)(123 min)

Thursday, August 24, 2 pm: The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13)(102 min)

Friday, August 25, 2 pm: Lean on Me (PG-13)(108 min)

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

Totally Teen Thursdays

All programs at 2 pm Ages 11-18.

Beginning Yoga

June 15 Learn the basics of yoga with Lisa Kelleman-McClain of Build a Body Personal Training. Be sure to wear yoga appropriate or loose fitting clothing.

Calm Coloring

June 22 Relax and color intricate patterns and designs while listening to music.

Teen MakerSpace

June 29 Ever played a keyboard made of bananas? Want to create your own buttons? Program squishy circuits? Make a stain glass jar? Try all these and more at our Teen MakerSpace.

Water Sports

July 6 From a water balloon toss to a sponge relay, we'll have it all. Wear a bathing suit or old clothes and be prepared to get wet!

Indoor Games

July 13 We're ending our summer programming with updated indoor versions of classic rainy day games! Try toilet paper bowling, supersized emoji memory, and balloon ping pong. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595
9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

Teen Cafe

Thursdays, June 8-July 27, 2 pm
For students in grade 5 and up.

June 8 We are going to dye cloth with plants like dandelions, onions and nuts. What colors do you think we'll get?

June 15 Jeff Nicholas is back to draw cartoons with us.

June 22 Join Miss Sue for Glow in the Dark Fun and Games.

June 29 5th Annual Paper Airplane Races! Come race your designs against other worthy opponents.

July 6 Make an earbud holder.

July 13 Create a wire ring for yourself or a friend.

July 20 Make a balloon powered race car & race your friends

July 27 No Sew T-Shirt Bag. Make your own no-sew, upcycled t-shirt bag. All supplies provided, unless you would like to bring your own t-shirt to turn into a bag.

Cookies and Conversation Second Wednesday of each month, June 14, July 12, August 9, 3:30pm

Meet to talk about what's going on your life, school, town or the world. We'll discuss philosophy, current events or whatever is on the groups mind. And don't forget we'll have cookies!

Teens Do Something

Tuesdays, June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, 3:30 pm This is a new way for kids going into 5th through 12th grades to volunteer. Some of the things we're going to be doing are make survival bracelets for the military, cards for shut-ins and cookies for firefighters. Any questions please ask Miss Sue.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

Teens and Tweens @ 2

Thursdays, 2 pm For grades 4-12. Join us each Thursday for some interactive fun this summer!

Canvas Bag Design

June 15 Design your own one-of-a-kind canvas tote bag, just in time for Summer Reading! All supplies provided.

Jammin' Jumpers

June 22 Join members of Ohio's Jammin' Jumpers Jump Rope Team in this exhilarating workshop and see if you have what it takes to be a competitive jumper. Jumpers should wear comfortable shoes; no flip flops or sandals, please. Jump ropes will be provided.

DIY Jewelry and Keychains

June 29 Join us to learn about the jewelry arts in this hands-on workshop.

Upcycled Crafts

July 6 Take upcycling to the next level and make something old new again.

Hip Hop Hoop Troop

July 13 Join members from Kent's Hip Hop Hoop Troop as they show participants how to manipulate a hula hoop with their waists, arms, hands, legs, and feet. Participants should wear comfortable shoes; no flip flops or sandals, please.

Create Your Own Buttons

July 20 Express yourself by creating your own 3-inch buttons using our button maker and old magazines and comics.

Minute-to-Win-It

July 27 Do you have what it takes to complete the tasks in under a minute? Test your skills against others for a chance to win some cool prizes. Snacks will be provided.

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Friday, June 9, 4 pm Calling all teens 13 and up. Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity for the summer? Join us as a Mind, Body & Sole summer reading volunteer. Attendance is mandatory if you wish to be considered a volunteer at Northwest Akron Branch Library this summer. Pick up an application at the desk or call Teen Librarian Tricia Bohanon at 330-643-4702 for more information.

Craft Mix-It-Up

Wednesday, June 28, 3 pm Use your creativity and a variety of materials to express yourself.

Retro Gaming Day

Wednesday, July 26, 3 pm Try your hand at some board and card games, learn their history and enjoy a game-themed snack!

NORTON – 330-825-7800

3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

Mind, Body & Sole: Build a Better World

Teen Tuesdays, 2 pm

June 6-Kindness Rocks- Kindness rocks and so do you! Help us to inspire others by designing and decorating a rock masterpiece to take with you or to decorate our Library Reading Garden.

June 13-Turn a T-shirt into a Tote-Bring a t-shirt to recycle into a useful tote without ever sewing a stitch.

June 20-Summer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math)- It's hot outside, so join us at the Library to check out these cool experiments.

June 27-Messy Party-Dress for a mess and bring your sense of adventure too. Activities will include messy games, messy crafts and messy food. We'd bring a change of clothes if we were you!

July 11-DIY Upcycle Inventor's Box-What can you do with a box of someone else's discarded trash? Turn it into a treasure, of course! See what you can create.

July 18-Escape Room-Can you make it out in time? You will have a limited amount of time to solve a series of riddles, decipher the clues, and find the key to escape! Do you have the brainpower and the skills needed to win?

July 25-Master Chef-Sweet Treat Challenge-Combine delicious treats with scrumptious toppings to make a culinary wonder. Put your signature spin on the challenge to wow the judge and you could be crowned champion.

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726
600 Vernon Odom Blvd. Akron, 44307
Join us to Build a Better World
Stop by the Teen Area during the summer months for different puzzles and activities that will get your mind thinking about how you can build a better world.

Building Challenge
Tuesday, June 20, 1 pm Teens are invited to challenge each other and themselves while trying to build the tallest and strongest structures. Are you up to the challenge? Please register in advance for this program.

Build an Upcycled Dreamcatcher
Tuesday, July 11, 1 pm Build your own dreamcatcher using leftover and recycled materials. You'll get a nifty handmade item for yourself while also doing your part to keep materials out of a landfill. Please register in advance for this program.

Build a LEGO Maze
Tuesday, July 25, 1 pm Work together with your friends and other teens to build a maze out of Legos. Build a more traditional maze for others to work their way through or try your hand at building a more complicated Rube Goldberg machine. Please register in advance for this program.

Back to School Party
Tuesday, August 29, 3:30 pm
Celebrate the start of a new school year by decorating school supplies and enjoying a snack.

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050
4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

Totally Teen Tuesdays @ 2 pm
For grades 5 and up.

Yoga for You
June 13 Wear comfy clothes; bring a water bottle and yoga mat or towel, as Ms. Colleen Hohl will teach us some cool new ways to move this summer.

Draw or Doodle?
June 20 Cartoonist and Graphic Artist Donald Peoples shares some tips to improve your drawing skills.

Project Runway
June 27 With limited time, a selection of materials, and an abundance of creativity see what you can make! Finished projects will be judged in various categories for prizes. Please register.

House of Cards Competition
July 11 Test your skill and dexterity as we build with cards. Who will be our summer champ and take home a prize?

Wii Bit of Fun this Summer!
July 18 Hang out, play Wii games and rock out as we paint positive rocks to share around town and see how far they travel. You may play our games or bring your own (games must be rated E).

Cupcake Wars
July 25 Given an allotted time and designated supplies decorate a prize-winning cupcake. Please register.

VolunTeen Nights
Mondays, 5:30-7:30 pm Looking for community service hours for school, church or Scouts? Join us as we engage in different activities to support a variety of organizations. Activities may include writing letters of support for Operation Gratitude or local shut-ins, creating centerpieces and door hangings to donate to St. Luke Lutheran Community. Make a difference in your community by donating a few hours to help brighten another's day.
June 19 July Fourth Crafts and letter making for St. Luke's residents
July 17 Creating pet toys for local shelters

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343
3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

VolunTEEN Training
Monday, June 5, 11 am or 2 pm
Tuesday, June 6, 2 pm or 7 pm
Wednesday, June 7, 12 pm or 3 pm
Students ages 11-18 interested in volunteering at the library this summer must attend *one* of the ½

hour training sessions. Please call to register for a session at 330-659-4343.

Battle of the Books
Each month, there will be a Battle of the Books- Lightning Round. There is only 1 hour per round to see which team will come out victorious. Look for the Battle of the Books flier for rules, book lists and how to register your teams. Lightning fast challenges are done in 1 hour. Grab the rules and booklist. Don't forget to register your team or register for a team.
Battle of the Books Challenges
Round 1: Wednesday, June 28, 2 pm
Round 2: Wednesday, July 26, 2 pm
Round 3: The Face-off!
Wednesday, August 9, 2 pm

Mind, Body & Sole Kick-off: Body Art
Wednesday, June 7, 1 pm Meet in the Reading Garden. Water crayons wash off easily.

Mini Zen Gardens
Wednesday, July 5, 2 pm Summer is half way over, take home a little zen to enjoy the last half.

Scavenger Hunts
Many will be played digitally and free.
Dewey Do It Weird Enough?
Monday, June 5, 10 am This digital game opens up on Monday. Find it on GooseChase (via app).
Lemoncello's Library Scavenger Hunt & Party
Wednesday, June 21, 1 pm This one is old-school, all paper, pencil and balloons!
Say What Now?
Monday, July 3, 10 am You're going to have to do some digging to find some wacky items in this library. You have no idea.

Testing Strategies Series: Did You Know the Common App Essay Prompt Has Changed?
Tuesday, July 11, 2 pm The Common App essay prompts for 2017-18 have just been released. Of the five prompts, three have undergone minor makeovers to expand the reach of each question and the breadth of a student's potential responses. The Common App has also added two new prompts. The 2017-18 college applicants will now have seven essay prompts to choose from. These personal stories and feats of insight will again be relegated to 650 words. Learn about how to write the best essay from The College Review Pros. Registration requested: 330-659-4343

Do You Understand the ACT Visuals?

Thursday, July 13, 6:30 pm
Improve Interpretation of Visuals for ACT Math, Science is now needed. High school students should understand each type of graph or chart they will encounter on the ACT. Students who are familiar with graphs may answer ACT questions faster. The visuals by themselves are not especially complicated; rather, the challenge lies in the immense time-related pressure of the ACT format. You will have a minute or less per question. A College Review experts will take your student step by step with their proven program. Registration requested: 330-659-4343

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345
90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278
Teen Tuesdays, 2 pm
June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25
Grades 5-12. Call the branch for details, 330-633-4345

CHILDREN'S BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019
2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312
Baby Story Play Group
Tuesdays, June 13-July 25, 10:05 am No program July 4. Ages 6-24 months and their caregiver. Rhymes, music, books, and bounces followed by group playtime.

Toddler Story Play Group
Tuesdays, June 13-July 25, 11 am
No program July 4. Ages 2-3 years and their caregiver. Stories, songs, and rhymes followed by crafts and group playtime.

Preschool Story Play Group
Wednesday, June 14-July 26, 10:30 am Ages 2-6 years. Stories, music, and puppets followed by crafts and group playtime.

Family Fun
Mondays, June 12-July 31, 11 am
For all ages.

June 12: Outback Ray and his amazing animals.
June 19: Mr. Puppet will make you laugh out loud with his ventriloquism and puppet shows.
June 26: Build a Body presents a family fitness program that will get your blood pumping.
July 3: Build a Better World: Connie from Art Break Experience will help you paint rocks to hide in the area to bring joy to others. You can also use your imagination and creativity

to build with a variety of materials.
July 10: Storytelling and Origami together as one with Christina Kallevig.
July 17: Juggling that will thrill and captivate by Matt Jergens, a gold medal winning juggler.
July 24: Dr. U R Awesome, a Guinness Book of World Records holder, will blow up some fun with his bubble show.
July 31: Carnival with games, crafts and a sweet treat.

Build a Better World

Help us to Build a Better World by bringing a nonperishable food item to the library during June and July. We will donate all items to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. The Super Six most needed items are boxed cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned beef stew and canned soup.

Community Sculpture

Help create a community sculpture! For each book read, you will get a Lego piece to add to our library sculpture! Let's see how big we can make it together!

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, June 24, July 29, August 26, 12-1 pm For all ages. No registration necessary. Snuggle up and read to a furry friend.

Kids Book Club to Go

Grab a copy of the monthly selection to read at home with family and friends. Answer the discussion questions provided, try the suggested activities, and complete the reading or writing activity that can be returned for display in the library.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, June 3, 17, July 1, 15, August 5, 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are welcome to come. The doggie's human pal will read to the child.

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, July 12-26, 1 pm
Registration begins Monday, June 26. Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts and more!

Tiny Tales Baby Time

Mondays, July 10-31, 10:15 am
Registration begins Monday, June 26. Children ages 6-24 months with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Jessica for stories, rhymes, music, instruments and playtime.

Summer Toddler Story Time

Mondays, July 10-31, 11:30 am
Registration begins Monday, June 26. For children ages 2-3 ½ years old. Children must be accompanied by their favorite adult. We will enjoy stories, songs, dancing and a craft each week with Miss Jessica.

The People in Your Neighborhood—Fairlawn Police Department

Wednesday, June 21, 1 pm
Registration begins Monday, June 12. Join us as we visit the Fairlawn Police Department, located at 3487 S. Smith Rd. We will tour the entire department, learning about a police officer's role in our community and then get up close to see the police cars. For children ages 3-6 and their adult caregivers. *The tour is limited to 20 children.*

Meet Me at the Park!

Tuesday, August 1, 11 am
Registration begins Monday, July 17. Join Miss Pam at the pavilion at the Bath Community Activity Center, 1615 N Cleve-Mass Rd, for an outdoor story time. After we read some stories and do our craft, we will take a short nature walk. Please feel free to bring picnic snacks or lunch. Children can also enjoy the playground after story time. For children ages 3-6 and their adult caregivers.

Lego-Palooza

Wednesday, August 2, 1-2 pm
Let's build something! We will provide the Legos and build challenge cards, you provide your imagination and engineering skill. Miss Pam will be on hand to take pictures of completed projects to display at the library. For children preschool – 2nd grade and their adult caregivers.

Preschool Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party

Tuesday, August 8, 6 pm
Registration begins Monday, July 17. Wear your pajamas and bring your second-favorite stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library! Miss Pam will lead story time before helping kids tuck their stuffed friends in for bedtime. Children and

caregivers can pick up the stuffed animals when the library opens the next morning, and receive a photo book of their nighttime adventures in the library. For children ages 3-6 and their adult caregivers.

NatureConnect Discovery Center

During the months of June-August, stop by our Discovery Center in the children's section for self-guided, hands-on activities where children can explore and learn about seashells.

School Age Kids Create

Fourth Saturday, June 24, July 22, August 26 Take-it Make-it Crafts the fourth Saturday each month. Pick up a craft all day while supplies last.

Family Programs

Tuesdays, 1 pm

June 6-Join us at our **MBS Kick-off** for some outside games to help get our mind, body & soles ready for summer fun!

June 13-**Outback Ray** is back by popular demand with his exciting and engaging animal show!

June 20-Percussionist, **Elec Simon** will get your feet tapping with his musical talent and positive message of love, tolerance and understanding. A great show for all ages.

June 27-**Rick Smith Jr.**, magician, illusionist, and world record holder returns with an exciting new show that will entertain kids of all ages. **July 11**-**Party Couture featuring TKO Entertainment** are bringing the disco to the library. Lights, music and a fabulous DJ will turn on meeting room into a disco dance party! Mark your calendar for this one of a kind event.

July 18-**Mad Science** will bring their fun and interactive twist to all things science.

July 25-**Jason Alan Magic** presents a thrilling & hilarious magic show will keep the audience on the edge of their seats. You'll want to catch this Fairlawn-Bath Library debut performance.

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126
1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

Mind, Body & Sole Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm Join us for an ice cream social, register for our summer reading program, and meet Webster, the Rubber Ducks mascot!

Terrific Tuesdays

June 13, 12 pm Bubble Lady
June 20, 12:30 or 2 pm Outback Ray-2 shows: 12:30 pm or 2 pm
June 27, 12 pm Bricks 4 Kidz
July 11, 12 pm Mad Science
July 18, 12 pm Magician Rick Smith, Jr.
July 25, 12 pm Poof Daddy's Comedy Magic Show, 12 pm

Stories in the Garden

Mondays, June 5-26, 6:30 pm
Thursdays, July 6-27, 11 am
Ages 2-6. Join us outside in our NatureConnect space for this hands on story time. We will tend the garden, enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and end with a creative activity.

Family Story Time

Wednesdays, June 7-28, 11 am
All ages. Join us for stories, music, movement and fun! Each session will be followed by a play time or fun activity.

Nature Adventures

Wednesdays, 11 am Grades K-3. Together we will explore and tend to our NatureConnect garden and then finish with a creative craft to take home.
July 5 Create your own stepping stone.
July 12 Decorate a colorful garden stake.
July 26 Design your own kite to fly on windy summer days.

PAWS for Reading

Saturdays, June 17, July 15, 12 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal. Bring a book from home or read one of ours. Not reading yet? Our dog's human pal will read to you. Children of all ages are welcome.

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522
60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

Stories and Play

Thursdays, June 8-July 27, 10:15 am
Enjoy stories, movement, and song. Story time is early learning fun for young children to help develop the skills to succeed in school. Stay and play afterwards with toys and a chance for parents to chat. Play helps young children learn skills needed for reading and writing.

Paws for Reading

Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14, 4 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy

skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

Family Shows

Tuesdays, 1 pm We have performers to amaze and entertain you this summer. Enjoy the shows and check out some books! Large groups please schedule ahead with the children's librarian to make a reservation for all shows due to limited space.

World of Difference

June 13 Join us with this theatrical storytelling company that uses the interactive performance of stories to inspire the imagination, spark creativity and promote the love for learning.

Mr. Puppet

June 20 His business is laughter so get ready to laugh and enjoy the hilarious Mr. Puppet.

Outback Ray

June 27 Exciting, fun, and educational! Outback Ray brings exotic animals for us to see and learn about.

Rockin Robots

July 11 These robot dance performers create a show that will take you on a trip beyond reality.

Mark Wood Fun Show

July 18 Cowboy magician Mark Wood uses magic, comedy, juggling and audience participation to put on a wonderful show!

Party Couture

July 25 Disco Dance Party featuring TKO Entertainment! Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to cut loose, and dance to the music.

Family Programs

Registration appreciated.

Building Challenge

Wednesday, June 7, 6 pm

Challenge yourself to make a tall newspaper tower, a strong paper bridge and a large toothpick structure. Join us for an evening of engineering and building.

Building Workshop

Wednesday, July 5, 6 pm Build something to take home. We have some wooden craft kits you can sand, hammer, and glue into a mini toolbox, helicopter, or birdbath/bird feeder.

Building Recipes

Monday, July 24, 5 pm Special guests Cooking Caravan will square off in a Chef Battle that features audience members as sous chefs and judges.

Movie Matinee Mondays

Mondays, 1 pm Large groups please schedule ahead with the teen librarian to make a reservation for all movies due to limited space.

June 12 Moana (PG) (113 minutes)

June 19 The Secret Life of Pets (PG) (90 minutes)

July 3 Kubo and the Two Strings (PG) (101 minutes)

July 17 Finding Dory (PG) (103 minutes)

On Your Own

Participate in these activities on your own at the library. They will each be available for two weeks. Bring them to the desk for a small reward.

Ball of String-June 5 Bring in some pieces of string to add to our ball. How big do you think it will be?

Day at the Beach-June 19 Look in the NatureConnect window and observe the things found at the beach.

Building Bricks Search-July 3 Look around the children's area for the building blocks and write down the words you find.

Butterfly Tree-July 17 Create your own beautiful butterfly to add to our tree in the NatureConnect window.

Around the Town Search-July 31 Look around the children's area to find the paper buildings.

GREEN - 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

Pokémon Club

Mondays, June 26, July 17,

August 21, 6:30 pm Calling all Pokémon enthusiasts ages 7 and up! Join fellow Pokémon fanatics to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or to show off your collection. This is a student led program. Snacks will be provided.

Family Story Time

Thursdays, July 13, 20, 27,

August 3, 10:30 am Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm and movement activities. With luck we'll be able to play in the Reading Garden! For all ages.

Summer Special Events Series

Wednesdays, 11 am OR 1 pm

Choose the time that is best for your family.

June 7 Magician David Anthony

June 14 Card tricks and illusions by Guinness record holder Rick Smith Jr.

June 21 A wild visit from the Akron Zoo

June 28 Bubbleologist

Dr. UR Awesome

July 5 Play Bingo for fun and prizes

July 12 Outback Ray and his animals

July 19 Mad Science

HIGHLAND SQUARE - 330-376-2927
807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

Baby & Me

Mondays in June and August, 11 am

Ages 0-18 months and their grown-ups. No program on June 26 and August 28. Discover simple songs and exercises to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. Dress for possible messy play experiences.

Story Time

Tuesdays in June and August,

10:30 am Ages 18 months-5 years old and their grown-ups. Discover songs, books, prop stories and movement activities to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, June 13, 2-3 pm Kick start your summer with free ice cream and sundae toppings (provided by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library) outside in the square. While you visit the library, you'll also have a chance to register for Mind, Body & Sole, the summer reading program. You don't want to miss this fun event!

Marvelous Mondays

Mondays, 2 pm All Children of all ages.

June 12-See the **Bubble Lady** and bubbles beyond your imagination. You will not believe your eyes when you see a person inside of a bubble!

June 19-Tons of laughs and puppets are the ingredients for a show from **Mr. Puppet**. Vaudeville is alive and well, so sit back, relax, and bring your funny bone to the show 'cause you're going to need it. **June 26-Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show** is fun, exciting and very educational. This hands-on show is extremely entertaining for kids of all ages. Outback Ray will bring 10-15 captive born, exotic animals. The animals are trained and handled daily to ensure the safety of the audience as well of the animals.

July 10-David Anthony will entertain with lots of magic, some juggling and a lot of audience participation.

July 17-Author, novelist, and professional storyteller Christine Petrell Kallevig has been captivating audiences since 1991 with the special storytelling technique she calls **Storigami**.

July 24-Cooking Caravan comes to our library for a Chef Battle!

July 31-Sogbety Diomande

presents a West African experience. In this high-energy performance, children will experience the rhythms, dances, and songs of West Africa.

KENMORE - 330-745-6126

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

Family Programs

Thursdays, 1 pm

Realm of the Reptile

June 8 Marissa Dubina will be bringing all of her favorite reptile friends for your viewing pleasure.

Zootopia (PG)

June 15 Watch a movie on our big screen and enjoy popcorn.

Mr. Puppet Show

June 22 Mr. Puppet and his friends put on a zany show!

Jungle Bob

June 29 Learn about some amazing animals with Jungle Bob!

Secret Life of Pets (PG)

July 6 Watch a movie on our big screen and enjoy popcorn.

Akron Zoo

July 13 Cool off from the afternoon sun and see the animals brought by the Akron Zoo.

Sogbety Diomande

July 20 This show features traditional West African drumming on djembe drums.

Rick Smith, Jr.

July 27 Join us for a dazzling show of magic and card throwing!

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, June 17, July 15, August 19, 12:30 pm Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children who are not yet reading are welcome to come. The doggie's human pal will read to the child.

MAPLE VALLEY - 330-864-5721

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

Pitter Patter Playgroup

Wednesdays, June 7-July 26,

11:30 am Ages 5 and under. Bring your little ones to enjoy our puzzles, games, and toys! Both children and caregivers can join in the fun! No registration required... just come and play!

PAWS for Reading

Saturdays, June 17, July 15, August 12, 2 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

Thrilling Thursdays

Join us every Thursday, 1:30 pm

For all ages; children under the age of 5 should be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration required.

June 8: Ice Cream Social-Join us for crafts, games, and more as you explore your creativity and cool off with a sweet ice cream treat. We'll also have a visit from Elephant and Piggie! Don't forget to bring your cameras.

June 15: Jungle Bob's Animal Show

June 22: Magician Rick Smith, Jr

June 29: The Hilarious Ventriloquist, Mr. Puppet

July 6: Storigami Storyteller, Christine Kallevig

July 13: The Famed and Inspirational Percussionist, Elec Simon

July 20: The Magic of David Anthony

July 27: Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

School-Age Programs

LEGO-licious Mondays

June 12, 19, July 10, 17, August 14, 21, 2 pm Grades K-6. Love Legos? So do we! Join us for an afternoon of fun, creativity, and building!

Wild Water Sports

Saturday, July 8, 2 pm Grades K-6. Make a splash at Maple Valley! From a water balloon toss to a sponge relay, we'll have it all. Wear a bathing suit or old clothes and be prepared to get wet!

Recycling Rhythm: A DIY

Instrument Workshop

Saturday, July 22, 2 pm Grades K-6. Let's help to build a better world with music! Create your own musical instruments from recycled materials, give new life to discarded objects, and discover a new world of sound. Registration is requested.

Back to School Breakfast

Wednesday, August 23, 11:30 am Grades K-6. Summer was fun, but school is great! It's a back to school breakfast, so don't be late! Stop in to celebrate the exciting start to a new school year with Ms. Erica and Ms. Megan! We will have a special breakfast treat provided by *Sylvan Learning Center*, and other games, crafts, and activities to get you ready for a wonderful year of learning. Registration is requested.

Family Programs

Dudes, Duct Tape, and Donuts

Saturday, June 17, 2 pm What better way to celebrate Father's Day than by making something out of duct tape and eating donuts with your favorite dude? Registration is requested.

Family Movie Monday

Every third Monday of the month, 6 pm Join us for a family friendly movie, popcorn, and drinks!

June 19: Sing (PG) (110 min)

July 17: Rock Dog (PG) (80 min)

August 21: The Lego Batman Movie (PG) (90 min)

NatureConnect: Dig in...

Saturday, June 3, 2 pm Join us for a fun and messy afternoon of digging in the dirt as we plant beautiful flowers outside the library. Gardening tools and gloves will be provided. Please be sure to wear older clothes as we will be getting dirty. Fun for families with children of all ages!

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

Library Babies and Tots

Thursdays, June 8-August 17, 10:30 am Ages birth – 3 ½. Join Miss Kim for songs, stories and group playtime with our library friends.

Story Time Programs

Tuesdays, June 6– August 15, 10:30 am Ages 3 and up. Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games and crafts.

Family Programs

Fun Club

Wednesdays, 11:30 am and 2 pm Make Wednesdays your Family Fun days! Join us for some summer fun and entertainment. Performances are at 11:30 am and 2 pm unless specified. No need to register-just come and have FUN!

June 7 Ice Cream Social-Special Time 12:30-2 pm

Calling all ages! Build a Better World and start off your summer right

by visiting the Mogadore Branch Library and registering for Mind, Body and Sole, our summer reading program. Socialize with friends, neighbors, and library lovers while enjoying some ice cream. We will also have a special visit from Elephant and Piggie, as well as Webster, mascot for the Akron Rubber Ducks!

June 14 Outback Ray and his amazing animal show

June 21 The Bubble Lady

July 5 Library Bingo

July 12 Magician Rick Smith, Jr.

July 19 Rockin' Robots

July 26 Party Couture featuring TKO Entertainment, Dance Party

Special Program: Touch-A-Truck Monday, June 26, 12:30-2 pm

Bring the entire family to the Library anytime between 12:30-2 pm.

Special guests from our community will display their trucks in the Mogadore High School parking lot. Explore a bookmobile, fire truck, school bus, and other vehicles while learning how they are used in our community. Rain or shine, come to the library, check out some books, and touch-a-truck! A big thank you to the Library's Mobile Services Department, Mogadore High School, Adorni's Service Center, Mogadore Post Office, and Mock Pond Shop for providing vehicles and their time.

NatureConnect: Northeast Ohio Rocks

All summer in the Children's Area. Decorate your own rock and then take it with you. Hide the rock anywhere you like, as part of our summer theme to "Build a Better World." For more information, check out Northeast Ohio Rocks on Facebook.

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

NatureConnect

See what we will have going on in our NatureConnect area this summer.

Monthly Challenges

For grades K-5. Monthly challenges will be located in children's area. Complete the challenge for a chance to win a small prize.

June-What is It? -Make the box into anything you choose.

July-Hidden Objects-Find the hidden objects in the construction picture.

August-Construction Match-Up-Color and match-up the different construction vehicles.

Family Time

Donuts with My Dude

Friday, June 16, 12:30 pm Share a donut with your dad, grandpa, or other special gentleman in your life. Registration is appreciated.

Build it

Friday, July 14, 4 pm Whether you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

Messy Monday

One Monday a month, 6 pm Join us for some messy fun. Don't forget to wear some old clothes, you may get messy.

June 12-Fly Swatter Painting

July 17-Chalk Paint

August 14-Ice Painting

Science Saturday

Saturday, June 17, 2:30 pm

Dr. U R Awesome is the current Guinness World Record Holder in both indoor and outdoor bubbles. He is also a skilled bubbleologist.

Saturday, July 22, 3:30 pm

What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey! Learn more amazing bee facts from Kristopher and Evona Gaughan.

Family Night

Families of all ages Come do some great crafts

One Monday a month, 6:30 pm

June 26-Join Miss Sue and make a sun catcher wind chime.

July 31-No need to catch lighting bugs, we're going to make our own!

August 28-Make a ball & cup game.

Story Times

Baby Time

Thursdays, June 1-June 22,

August 3-August 31, 10:15 am For children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver. Our programs feature bounces, songs, and stories.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, June 1-June 22,

August 3-August 31, 11:15 am For children 2-3 years old, with two-year-olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Short stories, rhymes, and more!

Preschool Story Time

Thursday, June 1-June 22,

August 3-August 31, 12:30 pm

For children 3-5 years old, not yet in Kindergarten. Stories, rhymes, and more!

Parachute Play

Thursday, July 27, 11 am Toddler parachute play is for ages 2-5. We will use music and movement to play parachute games.

School-Age Programs

School Age Fun

Tuesdays, 2 pm

For students in Kindergarten – 5th grade.

June 6-Bingo- It's a game of BINGO! Who will be are lucky winners?

June 13-Realm of the Reptile –See some awesome reptiles and learn some interesting information about them.

June 20-Bubble Lady-Witness some amazing bubbles. You want believe your eyes!

June 27-Mad Science-A science theme show that is designed to amaze and inspire.

July 4-LIBRARY IS CLOSED

July 11-Rick Smith Jr., Guinness world record holder, actor, and magician will entertain us with his magic and illusions.

July 18-Rockin' Robots-Lets rock with some musical robots.

July 25-Lindsay Bonilla – Interactive storyteller from World of Difference will share some wonderful stories.

Yoga for School Ager

Wednesday, July 19, 3 pm

Grades K-4. Registration is appreciated. Join Nirvana Yoga for some yoga fun.

3rd-4th Grade Book Club

Mondays, 4 pm Read a chapter book and then come and talk about it with others over a drink and snack.

June 5 – LIFE ACCORDING TO DANI by Rose Lagercrante (AR 3.4 Pts 1)

July 10 – THE GIRL WHO BREATHED FIRE by Michael Dahl(AR 3.0 Pts .05)

August 7 – THE ABSOLUTE VALE OF MIKE by Kathryn Erskine (AR 3.9 Pts 8)

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, June 14-July 12,

12:30-2 pm Students going into Kindergarten through fourth grades are invited to join Miss Sue for a story and a craft. Bring your lunch and your listening ears. Dessert and beverages will be provided! Please register.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

Library Traveling Bears

These cuddly, stuffed bears like to travel and make new friends. Plan to take one along on your family vacation this summer. Most bears spend a week at the beach, or at

Grandma's house, or take day trips to the zoo, or watch a movie with friends at a slumber party. Children (or adults) are expected to read to the bear every day. Each bear has a backpack, and a journal to record exciting adventures and unusual destinations. To borrow a bear, stop at the library, pick out a bear, have an adult sign it out, tell us when the bear will return. Have fun with our traveling bears!

Preschool Playgroup

Tuesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Our little ones need time to play and visit with other children. During this free play session little ones can learn to play along-side, or with others. They will share language skills. Play with blocks, balls, tools, dolls, and puzzles that enhance problem solving skills and encourage their imaginations. The adults also get a chance to visit with one another and make new friends.

Paws for Reading

Tuesdays, June 6, 20, July 18,

August 1, 15, 11:30 am Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to Rocky, our special doggie visitor. Bring a book from home, or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dog's owner will read with you!

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, June 27, July 11,

18, 25 This series of programs is for children ages 2 to 5. Adult caregivers are welcome and expected to join in the fun. We'll read books, play music, hear flannel board stories, learn rhymes, experiment with puppets and finger plays, and play with toys as we make new friends and make something to take home.

Special Preschool Events

Tuesdays, 10:30 am

July 11 Race your fastest car in the Hot Wheels Derby. This event is for anyone younger than six.

July 18 Learn about animals from our special guest, Outback Ray. He'll bring live animals to share with us.

School Age Programs

Wednesdays, 2 pm These programs are designed to entertain children and parents. Each event will last about forty-five minutes to an hour. Enjoy performers with illusions to share, animals to learn about, skills to teach, and drums to beat.

June 14 Try your hand at cartooning with our special guest, Jeff Nichols!

June 21 Enjoy the live music of Sam Sapp!

June 28 Marissa Dubina will bring some of her favorite pet reptiles!

July 5 Annual Hot Wheels Derby! Bring your fastest car!

July 12 Magician David Anthony will show his intriguing illusions!

July 19 Listen to drums and stories with Sogbety Diomande!

July 26 Wonder about Jason Alan's magic!

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081
1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

Family Programs

Please call 330-836-1081 to register for these programs. All ages are welcome.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Thursday, June 8, 2 pm Get into the summer spirit by registering for Mind, Body & Sole at our annual kick-off event. Ice cream sundaes included!

Sensory Story Time on the Road

Saturday, June 17, 8-11 am

Visit our table at the Autism Society of Greater Akron's Akron Autism 5K Run and Walk at Lock 3 and engage in some sensory elements incorporated in our monthly Sensory Storytime held at Northwest Akron Branch.

Family Fitness

Saturday, June 17, 3 pm

A Build a Body Personal Training instructor will motivate the entire family during this all ages fitness class. Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing.

Paint the Walk

Wednesday, June 21, 1-3 pm In collaboration with the Northwest Family Recreation Center, we will beautify our landscape by painting the walkways in front of our building. Bring the whole family for this fun and creative activity!

Family Science Saturday

Saturday, June 10, 11 am Stop in between 11 am and 1 pm to work together on some hands-on science activities. All ages are welcome, but the activities will be geared toward those ages 4 and up.

Drive-In Car Rally

Saturday, July 8, 11 am Families can join us at the library drive-in to create their very own cardboard box cars, then enjoy some short movies! Snacks will be provided. Registration requested.

Zumba for Kids

Saturday, July 15, 3 pm It's time to dance and move it with fun Zumba instruction courtesy of Build A Body Personal Training. Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing.

Sensory Story Time

Third Saturdays, July 15,
August 19, 10:30 am & 11:30 am
Join us for this adapted story time where children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a supportive environment with respect and appreciation for differences.

Family Movie Afternoon

Tuesdays, June 20, July 18, 2 pm

Get out of the sun and into the library to enjoy popcorn and a movie.

LEGO Club

Second Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14, 6:30 pm Drop in to build and show off your creations! LEGOs will be provided.

Campfire Story Time

Mondays, June 19, July 24, 6:30 pm

Families, join us outside for a special story time with stories, a craft, and a snack. Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Mind, Body & Sole Summer Performers

Thursdays, 2 pm

June 15: Outback Ray

June 22: Bubble Lady

June 29: Mad Science

July 13: Rick Smith, Jr.

July 20: Rockin' Robots

July 27: Sogbety Diomande

Butterfly and Hummingbird

Garden Planting Day

Saturday, June 3, 2 pm All ages are welcome to help us plant a butterfly and hummingbird container garden. We'll also share garden-themed activities and crafts.

Northwest Akron Branch Library and Recreation Center Anniversary Concert & Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 1, 6-8 pm Join us for our annual celebration at the Northwest Akron Recreation Center with the AKRON BIG BAND for the 15th anniversary of our building. This is also the National Night Out Against Crime and will include activities supporting that initiative in collaboration with the City of Akron.

NatureConnect Anytime Program: Plant Matching

June-August Borrow one of our photo guides to learn all about the plants and flowers in our butterfly garden!

NORTON – 330-825-7800
3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

Meet and Greet Event

Monday, June 5, 2-3 pm Register for Mind, Body & Sole and meet fan favorite, Webster the Akron RubberDucks mascot.

Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 am Stories, music, movement and crafts. For ages 2-5.

June 14 Mo Willems Appreciation day

June 21 Busy Bees

June 28 Construction Zone

July 12 Mix and Match Building day

July 19 Three Little Pigs

July 26 Nature Diggers

Family Fun

Thursdays, 2 pm

June 8 Storyteller Lindsay Bonilla and the interactive play Peace Builders.

June 15 Meryl Hornyak and the Hip Hop Hoop Troop demonstrate Hula Hoop creativity. Hula Hoops will be provided, but you can bring your own, too!

June 22 David Anthony Magic and Illusion Show.

June 29 Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show.

July 13 Get fit with "Build a Body" fitness trainers.

July 20 Tower Power - building games and fun challenges.

July 27 Jason Alan Interactive Magic Show.

Building Things-Lego Freestyle

Saturdays, June 17, July 15, 2 pm

Go crazy building with friends, family and fellow LEGO lovers.

Talking that Walk-All Day Story Walk

Saturday, August 12 Walk and read a story on our front lawn and enjoy a related activity.

Write a Story

June-July Create stories using common household objects at our Creative Learning Table.

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726
600Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

Mind, Body & Sole Performers

Wednesdays, 1 pm

June 14 Hula Hoop with Meryl Hornyak-Learn some new moves.

June 21 Outback Ray-Meet some exotic animals in this interactive program.

June 28 Rick Smith, Jr.-Interactive magic show with one of the best in the world.

July 12 Elec Simon-African drummer and performer.

July 19 Build a Body-Families get fit together in this fun workout.

July 26 Lindsay Bonilla-Storytelling around the theme of Peace Building.

Preschool Fun Story Time

Thursdays, June 15, 22, 29, July

6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am For ages 3-5 with a caretaker. Each week we will share stories, song, movement and a special activity in an hour of fun.

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050
4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

Family Programs

Thrilling Thursdays

June 8-July 27, 11 am Join us for eight weeks of family fun programs! No registration required.

June 8 Mind, Body & Sole Kickoff!

Register for our Summer Reading Program, enjoy a frozen treat, visit with the Rubber Duck Mascot and decorate our reading garden with amazing chalk artwork and crafts.

June 15 Magician Rick Smith Jr.

will dazzle us with amazing tricks!

June 22 Outback Ray is back with his astounding animal friends.

June 29 Build, Explore, Create!

Bricks 4 Kidz bring a mound full of Legos and other building activities so let your imagination go wild.

July 6 More Magic with David Anthony! First time performance at our library!

July 13 Storigami! You've never experienced storytelling like this before! Presented by **Christina Kallevig**.

July 20 Tai Chi Animals! Nancy Gardner leads a family-fun workout for the whole family.

July 27 Sing a Song Sing-Along

with musician **Sam Sapp** from Sammytunes.

Puzzled at the Library
Thursdays, June 1, July 6, August 3, 5:30-7:30 pm Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Put your skills to the test and team up with a partner or work with a group to see who can complete a new puzzle the fastest.

Saturday Craft Club
Saturdays, June 10, July 8, August 5, 1 pm Like to create fun projects? Join the fun as each month we have new art experiences

to try! Preschool through grade 4 recommended. Finished with your masterpieces? Stay to visit with and read to the dogs of Tails & Tales at 2 pm.

Tails & Tales
Saturdays, June 10, July 8, August 5, 2 pm Visit with our furr-iest friends and practice your reading skills! These gentle friends just love to hear great stories! Children not yet reading are welcome to share a favorite picture book. All ages welcome.

Family Story Times
Tuesdays, June 13-July 25, 11 am No program July 4. Join us for a family-friendly story time with stories, songs, finger-plays, art and lots of fun! All ages welcome.

NatureConnect Create
Wednesdays, June 14, 28, July 12, 26, August 9, 11 am Make Wednesday mornings a day of exploration! Dress for mess and outdoor weather as we engage in a variety of nature activities around our property. Create a nature-inspired craft to take home.

Preschool Playtime
Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14, 11 am Play with your child and help your little one discover a whole new world through play! We provide a variety of activities and toys for preschoolers to explore while making new friends. Ages 1-4 recommended, with a caregiver.

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343
3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Family Story Time
Tuesdays, June 13-July 25, 10:30-11:30 am Ages 6 months- 6 years. Children bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, music, rhymes, gardening, and more. Please note we will have a variety of outdoor activities during story time. Lather up with sun screen and be ready to get dirty, messy and potentially wet.

Family Story Hour Picnic
Tuesday, July 25, 11:30 am Consider staying after story hour for a picnic. Bring your own sandwiches and a picnic blanket. We will provide lemonade, fruit, and munchies. This is a fun and relaxing way to wrap up a summer of fun. In the event of rain, we will enjoy an indoor picnic instead.

Family Group Hike in the "Enchanted Story Land Forest"
Tuesday, August 1, 10:30 am We will meet at the Carter-Pedigo Trail head and go on a group hike. This morning the forest will be enchanted and full of fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters. Join in on scavenger hunt fun for all. Please note the trail is not very stroller friendly. Sandals are not recommended, as the trail is made of crushed limestone. Please dress for the weather, sunscreen and bug spray recommended. The trail head is located on the east side of the library parking lot. Scavenger Hunt trinkets will be available for the first 40 children to participate.

Build and Play Day
Thursday, August 3, 10:30 am-12 pm Enjoy a morning of building and play. We will have a variety of building blocks available, and toys out for play. Fun for all.

Snack and Play in the Garden
Tuesday, August 8, 10:30 am-12 pm Enjoy a relaxing morning playing in the garden. Snacks will be provided. Fun for all ages.

Mind, Body & Sole Kick Off
Wednesday, June 7, 1-3 pm Join us in the garden to register for the Mind, Body & Sole summer reading program and refreshing root beer floats. Bring a picnic blanket and settle in with your float and enjoy the performance by Up River Music as they dazzle us with the sounds of Appalachia. Music performance will take place from 1:30-2:30 pm. Refreshments generously provided by the Friends of the Richfield Branch Library.

Performer Line Up Family Fun
Wednesdays, 2-3 pm For all ages.
June 14- The Bubble Lady will provide us with some soapy fun.
June 21- Storyteller Lindsay Bonilla from World of Difference will get our imaginations running.
June 28- Outback Ray and his wild friends will visit with us.
July 5- Dr. Insecta, will show us how bugs build a better world, join us and get bugged.
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Thursday Matinees

1-3 pm Kick back and relax with our family friendly movies. For your enjoyment we'll also provide popcorn and juice.

June 15- Pete's Dragon

June 29- Moana

July 6- Lorax

July 27- E.T. The Extra Terrestrial

August 10- Middle School: The Worst Year of My Life

Paws for Reading

First and third Saturday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am Children can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals Kodak, Rudy, and Yuki. This is a great way for your child to build reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are also welcome to come; stories will be read to the children by our doggie pals' humans.

Yoga Fun Mondays

July 31, August 7, 14, 10:30-11:30 am Calling all boys and girls ages 4 and up, join us for an hour of yoga fun from Nirvana Yoga Studio, followed by a healthy snack. If you have access to a yoga mat or beach towel, please bring it. We will have a small supply of yoga mats available too. No registration required. Parents are welcome to participate in our yoga practice too.

Carter-Pedigo Trail Programs

This summer we prove it is possible "to kill two birds with one stone." Now open along the Village of Richfield's Award winning Carter-Pedigo trail is a community StoryWalk®. Now while you are hiking in the great outdoors to earn your miles for Mind, Body & Sole, you can also earn reading time as you walk along the trail and read the story posted along the way.

June Photo Walk Celebrating Richfield's 50th Jubilee

July OUR GREAT BIG BACK YARD, Laura Bush

August NESTING QUILT
Cathryn Falwell

Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, June 8, 1 pm Join the Richfield Branch Library and Richfield Village Parks and Recreation for a fun scavenger hunt along the Carter/Pedigo Trail. We will begin at 1pm at the trail head. Please remember to where your bug spray and dress for the outdoors.

Community Day

Sunday, August 13, 11 am-6 pm

Find us under the tent at Community Day. We will be back by popular demand with our "Fish-N-Wish." This game has attended Community Day for 30+ years so stop by, make a wish and catch a fish. In honor of Richfield Village's 50th Jubilee, visit and share a favorite Richfield memory with us. We look forward to seeing you at Richfield Woods Park, located at 4100 Broadview Rd.

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345
90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

Bouncing Baby Rhyme Times
Mondays, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 am For babies up to age 24 months with a caregiver. 20 minutes of rhymes, songs and stories followed by a 20-minute group playtime.

Preschool Tales

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am
For 2-6 year olds and their families.

Fabulous Family Fun

Thursdays, 1 pm Entertainment and creative fun for all ages. Our shows are limited to the first 110 people.

June 8 Outback Ray

June 15 The Bubble Lady

June 22 Musician, Sam Sapp

June 29 Family Fit Program, Build a Body Team

July 6 High Five Fitness Dance Program, Art Sparks

July 13 Magician, David Anthony

July 20 Akron Zoo

July 27 Jungle Safari Show, Katie Bee Entertainment

Summertime is NatureConnect Time

June, July, August- Stop by our nature area to discover different monthly activities designed to keep youngsters engaged with the natural world.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Mini Sale- Saturday, July 8, 10 am-3 pm

Mini Sale- Saturday, August 19, 10 am-3 pm

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

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600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

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RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Friends Preview- Friday, June 2, 12-1 pm

Book Sale- Friday, June 2, 1-5 pm

Book Sale- Saturday, June 3, 10 am-4 pm

LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN

330-643-9070

60 S. High St., Akron, 44326

Monday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm

Friday & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

Sunday: 1-4 pm

Programs are subject to change.

