A Message From Our Executive Director

Hello,

Welcome to this special expanded edition of our quarterly Program Guide featuring Great Books for Kids, Cuyahoga County Public Library’s annual guide to the very best recently published books for kids of all ages. All of the titles included in Great Books for Kids have been thoughtfully curated by our very own librarians, so you know they’re guaranteed to delight young readers. Our featured titles are presented in age-appropriate categories, beginning with books for parents to read aloud to their newborns and ending with a selection of great books for teenagers.

Naturally, all of the titles we included are available to borrow from our collection, but they could also make great holiday gifts that readers will cherish for a lifetime.

Great Books for Kids also highlights a few recent favorites from our toy library. These are toys you can borrow, just like a book or DVD. We have hundreds of toy titles to choose from in our collection. Every one of them has been carefully selected by our childhood literacy experts for their overall quality and ability to stimulate constructive play activities. Play is a child’s work. It’s how they begin to make sense of the world and acquire skills that form the foundation of learning – print concepts, phonological awareness and word, number, shape and color recognition. If you have young children in your life, you owe it to yourself to check out our full collection at cuyahogalibrary.org/toys.

As always, we have tons of high-quality programming in store for you this winter, but there a few in particular that I want to highlight. In December, our new writer in residence, Dr. Mary E. Weems, will teach a series of master classes at the William N. Skirball Writers’ Center located in our South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch (page 10). If you are an aspiring author, you do not want to miss this opportunity to learn from an accomplished writer and teacher.

On MLK Day, we’ll hold screenings of the powerful documentary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Historical Perspective at our Maple Heights and Warrensville Heights branches (see page 28). These screenings are free and open to the public, and everyone who attends will have the opportunity to join in a community discussion after the film.

Last, but not least, are our increasingly popular culinary literacy programs, which you’ll find listed throughout this guide. These hands-on programs give participants the chance to explore the world of food in new and novel ways – and eat what they learn.

See you at the library.

Kind regards,

Tracy Strobel
Executive Director
YOUR EBOOK ACCESS IS IN JEOPARDY

Macmillan Publishers has announced a troubling new policy, limiting libraries to purchasing only one copy of each new eBook title for the first eight weeks after a book’s release. This embargo jeopardizes libraries’ ability to promote access to information for all, so the American Library Association is calling on the publisher to reverse course. We’re asking readers everywhere to join the #eBooksForAll movement and sign a petition to Macmillan CEO John Sargent.

Text EBOOKS to 40649 ebooksforall.org

HONORING SARI FELDMAN

The CCPL Board of Trustees and the CCPL Foundation Board hosted a retirement celebration September 13 in honor of former Executive Director Sari Feldman’s 16 years of distinguished service to the Library. Special guests included Rep. Marcy Kaptur and former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins. Sen. Cory Booker – a 2020 presidential candidate – sent a video message to Feldman from the campaign trail.

Event proceeds from library donors and corporate sponsors helped seed the new Sari Feldman Fund of the CCPL Foundation, which will support innovative programs and services that enhance learning throughout the library system.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who supported out-of-school-time learning at CCPL by donating to our back-to-school supply drive. Our volunteers sorted 450 packs of paper, 70 packs of glue, 302 packs of pencils, 405 packs of crayons, 210 packs of dry erase markers, 200 folders and 1,372 erasers.

We are always looking for volunteers. Areas of need include literacy, after school homework help and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Learn more at cuyahogalibrary.org/volunteer.
Meet the Authors

cuyahogalibrary.org/authors

We’re always booking more authors! For the most up-to-date schedule, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/authors.

Eileen Quinlan ✓
The former English teacher at Regina High School and Notre Dame College will discuss her newest book, which tells the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame and their work in Northeast Ohio.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Sun, Dec 1 / 2 PM

Colleen Oakley ✓
The author of Close Enough to Touch and Before I Go will discuss her latest novel, in which a woman must choose between the man she loves and the man fate has chosen for her.

PARMA BRANCH
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Michael Symon ✓$ The celebrated Iron Chef and restaurateur will visit in support of his new book, which shares how he learned which foods caused his inflammation and pain (he calls these his food triggers) and helps readers discover their own food triggers. This is a ticketed event.

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Thu, Dec 5 / 7 PM

Marie Benedict ✓
The author of The Only Woman in the Room and The Other Einstein will discuss her latest work of historical fiction, about Clementine Churchill.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Fri, Jan 17 / 7 PM

Connie Berry ✓
The author of the Kate Hamilton mystery series will discuss her second book about the American antiques dealer’s investigations in Great Britain.

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Dec 12 / 7 PM

Fran Golden & David Molyneaux
Hear about the people who built Cleveland’s most iconic restaurants.

PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

Jeffrey Blount ✓
In the Emmy Award-winning TV director’s new novel, The Emancipation of Evan Walls, a 10-year-old in 1968 Virginia makes a startling declaration and the central question of his life is born: Is he black enough?

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Sat, Feb 8 / 12 PM

Gail Ghetia Bellamy ✓
Look back at holidays past and relive your favorite Cleveland Christmas memories.

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Mon, Dec 2 / 7 PM

Anja Sassenberg-DeGeorgia ✓
The certified life coach’s new book will provide proven strategies to help you achieve success in retirement.

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Thu, Dec 5 / 7 PM

Jacqueline Acho, PhD
The strategy and leadership consultant’s new book breaks down the ways emotional and physical toxicity can affect your health and well-being.

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Wed, Jan 22 / 7 PM

Strongsville Branch
Thu, Feb 6 / 7 PM
All shows will be held at 7:30 PM in the Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center located at 1855 Ansel Road, Cleveland, OH 44106. For tickets, visit writerscenterstage.org or call 216.368.6062.

Tickets on sale now!

March 19, 2020
Thurs., 7P.M.
Andrew Sean Greer

April 23, 2020
Thurs., 7P.M.
Luis Alberto Urrea & Julia Alvarez

May 7, 2020
Thurs., 7P.M.
Carl Hiassen & Dave Barry
Adult Book Discussions
cuyahogalibrary.org/discussions

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Thursday Evening Book Discussion
12/5 Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli;
2/6 Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide by Tony Horwitz
Thu, Dec 5, Feb 6 / 7 PM

BAYarts Book Discussion
Held on the BAYarts campus
12/6 Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane;
1/10 The Confessions of Frannie Langton by Sara Collins; 2/7 The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grames
Fri, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7 / 10 AM

Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion
12/11 News of the World by Paulette Jiles;
1/8 Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney; 2/12 Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane
Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 1:30 PM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Art Book Club
Learning to See: A Novel of Dorothea Lange, the Woman Who Revealed the Real America by Elise Hooper
Mon, Dec 2 / 2 PM

Book Chat
12/10 The Overstory by Richard Powers;
1/14 Saints for All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan; 2/11 The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal
Tue, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 7 PM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH
Wednesday Evening & Thursday Morning Book Discussions
12/4 & 12/5 Circe by Madeline Miller; 1/22 & 1/23 Clock Dance by Anne Tyler; 2/26 & 2/27 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson
Wed, Dec 4, Jan 22, Feb 26 / 7 PM
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 23, Feb 27 / 10 AM

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Book Park Café
1/23 The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah; 2/27 Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford
Thu, Jan 23, Feb 27 / 10 AM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Monday Afternoon Book Discussion
12/16 The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters by Balli Kaur Jaswal; 1/20 The Last Man by Jane Harper; 2/17 The Dutch House by Ann Patchett
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 1:30 PM

Armchair Travel Book Discussion
Travel to a distant land without leaving the library.
Sat, Feb 1 / 10 AM

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Wednesday Evening Book Discussion
12/11 The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict; 1/8 The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris; 2/12 Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 7:30 PM

Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussion
12/17 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens; 1/21 Celine by Peter Heller; 2/18 The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
Tue, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18 / 2 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Bookbeat Book Discussion Group
1/8 Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro;
2/12 There There by Tommy Orange
Wed, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 7 PM

Tuesday Titles
1/11 Reader’s choice – bring a book you’d like to discuss or recommend; 2/11 The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict
Tue, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 2 PM
## GATES MILLS BRANCH

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion**
12/10 A Gruesome Discovery: A Mystery Set in 1920s Ireland by Cora Harrison; 1/14 Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney; 2/11 Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

**Wed, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 7 PM**

## MAYFIELD BRANCH

**New Chapter Book Club**
Read and listen to books with fellow book lovers during this discussion for people with varying interests and abilities.

**Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 / 11:15 AM**

**Monday Afternoon Book Discussion**
1/13 Women Rowing North: Navigating Life’s Currents and Flourishing as We Age by Mary Pipher; 2/10 Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

**Mon, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 2 PM**

## MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH

**Monday Afternoon Book Discussion**
12/2 The Clockmaker’s Daughter by Kate Morton; 2/3 Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

**Mon, Dec 2, Feb 3 / 1:30 PM**

**Cookbook Book Club**
Bring a favorite recipe from the book to share.

**Thu, Dec 5, Feb 6 / 2:30 PM**

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**
12/9 The Stars Are Fire by Anita Shreve; 2/10 The Book of Dreams by Nina George

**Mon, Dec 9, Feb 10 / 7:30 PM**

## NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion**
1/15 The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson; 2/19 The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

**Wed, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 2 PM**

## INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

**Wednesday Evening & Thursday Afternoon Book Discussions**

**Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7:15 PM**

**Thur, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 2:15 PM**

## MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH

**Monday Morning Book Discussion**
1/13 White Houses by Amy Bloom; 2/10 Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

**Mon, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 10 AM**

**African American Authors Book Discussion**
1/20 When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi; 2/17 Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen by Sarah Bird

**Mon, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 7 PM**

## NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH

**Bookmarks & Body Bags**
12/5 They All Fall Down by Rachel Howzell Hall; 1/2 Grist Mill Road by Christopher J. Yates; 2/6 The Dry by Jane Harper

**Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 / 2 PM**

**BookBites**

**Tue, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 7 PM**

## OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH

**Monday Evening & Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussions**
1/20 & 1/21 Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro; 2/17 & 2/18 Women Rowing North: Navigating Life’s Currents and Flourishing as We Age by Mary Pipher

**Mon, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 7 PM**

**Tue, Jan 21, Feb 18 / 2 PM**

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**ORANGE BRANCH**

**Hot Cocoa Book Buzz**

Create your own hot chocolate mix while we give you the scoop on hot new books of 2020!

**Thursday Morning Book Discussion**
12/19 The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict; 1/30 The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson; 2/27 Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney

Thu, Dec 19, Jan 30, Feb 27 / 11 AM

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion**
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 1:30 PM

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**PARMA BRANCH**

**Monday Afternoon Book Discussion**
12/9 The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg; 1/13 Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company That Addicted America by Beth Macy; 2/10 The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 2 PM

**Breakfast Books**
Tue, Dec 10 / 10 AM

**Wednesday Evening Book Discussion**
12/11 The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce; 1/15 Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng; 2/19 The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Wed, Dec 11, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7 PM

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**PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH**

**Monday Afternoon Book Discussion**
12/2 The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old by Hendrik Groen; 1/6 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson; 2/3 Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth by Sarah Smarsh

Mon, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 / 1:30 PM

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**PARMA-SNOW BRANCH**

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**
12/16 The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley; 1/20 The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson; 2/17 A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Mon, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 7 PM

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**RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH**

**Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussion**
Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century by Jessica Bruder

Tue, Feb 11 / 2 PM

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**SOLON BRANCH**

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**
Mon, Jan 27, Feb 24 / 7:30 PM

**Solon Senior Center Book Discussion**
Held at the Solon Senior Center.
Tue, Jan 28, Feb 25 / 10:30 AM

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**SOUTHEAST BRANCH**

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion**
12/4 The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine; 1/8 The Flood Girls by Richard Fifield; 2/5 The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Wed, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 1:30 PM

**African American Authors Book Group**
1/30 Trailblazer: A Pioneering Journalist’s Fight to Make the Media Look More Like America by Dorothy Butler Gilliam; 2/27 Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

Thu, Jan 30, Feb 27 / 7 PM

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**STRONGSVILLE BRANCH**

**Wednesday Evening Book Discussion**
12/18 Everything Here Is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee; 1/15 The Book of Dreams by Nina T. George; 2/19 The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson

Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7 PM

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**Young at Heart**
A book club for adults who love children’s and teen books. 1/7 Front Desk by Kelly Yang; 2/4 Dig by A.S. King

Tue, Jan 7, Feb 4 / 7 PM

**Discuss & Design: Millennial Book Discussion**
We’ll discuss The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor and design something that complements the title or cover.

Wed, Jan 8 / 7 PM

**Monday Afternoon Book Discussion**
Mon, Jan 27, Feb 24 / 2:30 PM

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**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**

**Book Lovers’ Club**
12/11 Catching Christmas by Terri Blackstock; 1/8 Be Frank With Me by Julia Claiborne Johnson; 2/12 Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond

Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 2 PM

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**Adult Book Discussions**
cuyahogalibrary.org/discussions

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BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Tween Homeschool Book Club  
Grades 4 – 7  
Gather with other homeschoolers for activities, snacks and discussions. 12/5 The Wild Robot by Peter Brown; 1/9 Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson; 2/6 Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6 / 11 AM

Small Plate Homeschool Teen Book Club  
Ages 13 – 18  
Have a snack while enjoying classics, graphic novels, nonfiction and the latest best-sellers. 12/16 holiday activity; 1/13 The Weight of Our Sky by Hanna Alkaf; 2/10 The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley  
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 10:30 AM

Magic Tree House Book Club  
Grades 1 – 4  
Travel with Jack and Annie on magical adventures from author Mary Pope Osborne. 12/19 Civil War on Sunday & Revolutionary War on Wednesday; 1/16 Twister on Tuesday; 2/20 Earthquake in the Early Morning  
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 4 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Fantasy Tween Book Club  
Grades 5 – 10  
12/10 Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger; 1/14 The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan; 2/11 The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman  
Tue, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 3:30 PM

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Twee Teen Book Club  
Grades 5 – 8  
Join us for food and fun as we discuss a different title each month. 12/5 Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo; 1/9 Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock; 2/6 Tangerine by Edward Bloor  
Tue, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6 / 4 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Kindergarten Boost Book Club  
Kindergartners with caregiver  
Discuss The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein and take part in fun activities.  
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Book Busters  
Grades K – 2 with caregiver  
Bring a special grown-up for reading, discussion, snacks and activities focused around great books.  
Tue, Dec 10 / 6:30 PM  
Sat, Jan 11, Feb 29 / 11 AM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Book Club Jr.  
Grades 4 – 8  
Discuss books and have a snack. 1/11 Greetings From Witness Protection! by Jake Burt; 2/8 The Next Great Paulie Fink by Ali Benjamin  
Sat, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 2 PM

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Kindergarten Boost Book Club  
Kindergartners & their families  
Discuss books and take part in fun activities.  
Sat, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15 / 11 AM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
ABC Kindergarten Book Club  
Kindergartners with caregiver  
Create magical crafts and celebrate the famous wizard. 1/28 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire; 2/25 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix  
Tue, Jan 28, Feb 25 / 6 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
ABC Kindergarten Book Club  
Kindergartners with caregiver  
Enjoy a book and a fun activity. Presented in collaboration with the Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center.  
Thu, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 / 7 PM

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Harry Potter Book Club  
Grades 3 – 5  
Create magical crafts and celebrate the famous wizard. 1/28 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire; 2/25 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix  
Tue, Jan 28, Feb 25 / 6 PM
CALL 216.475.2225 to learn about our exciting Career Pop-Up Shops, where you can receive on-the-spot job advice and services. Explore all our offerings at cuyahogalibrary.org/job-seeker.

WORKSHOPS

New Year, New Job Seeker ✓
Ring in the new year by learning ways to kick start your job search. Topics will include setting achievable goals, revising your résumé, crafting a winning strategy and developing a positive attitude.

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Thu, Jan 16 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Create Winning Résumé & Cover Letters ✓
Learn the styles, tips, trends and keywords that will help you stand out and get past applicant tracking systems.

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon, Jan 27 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Steps to Effective Interviewing ✓
Learn the do’s and don’ts for before, during and after the interview. We’ll cover verbal and nonverbal cues and practice the phases of interviewing.

PARMA BRANCH
Wed, Feb 5 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

ABCs & 123s of LinkedIn ✓
Learn all about the social network designed for professionals. We’ll discuss creating an account, building and optimizing a profile, managing settings, making connections, networking, joining groups and applying for jobs.

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Tue, Feb 25 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

TEEN JOB SEARCH ✓

Ages 14 – 18
Join us for a fun, interactive workshop that will help you discover what jobs interest you. You’ll learn how to fill out job applications, prepare for job interviews and effectively communicate your strengths to employers.

ORANGE BRANCH
Tue, Feb 11 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

ENCORE ENTREPRENEURS ✓

SOLON BRANCH
Mon, Jan 27 – Mar 2 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

OHIO MEANS JOBS

The workforce development group provides mobile employment specialists to meet with job seekers at our branches. Job seekers can register for services and receive assistance with eligibility, referral services and employment or training opportunities funded by Ohio Means Jobs. For more information, including dates and times, call 216.777.8200 or visit omjcc.us.
Cuyahoga County and your local library systems are making it easier than ever for residents to connect with free education and workforce development programs. Call Aspire Greater Cleveland at 833.ASPIRE2 (833.277.4732) or visit aspiregreatercleveland.org to get started. Then complete an orientation and schedule classes at a convenient time – morning, afternoon, evening or weekend.

ESOL & CITIZENSHIP
Aspire Greater Cleveland provides free classes to help you learn English and prepare for the citizenship test. Students must attend orientation before beginning classes.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
PARMA BRANCH
Tue, Dec 3 & Thu, Dec 5 / 6 – 8 PM
Tue, Jan 7 & Thu, Jan 9 / 6 – 8 PM
Tue, Feb 4 & Thu, Feb 6 / 6 – 8 PM

OHIO MEANS JOBS
CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY
1910 Carnegie Avenue / Cleveland
Thu, Dec 12 / 12:30 – 4:30 PM
Thu, Jan 9 / 12:30 – 4:30 PM
Thu, Feb 13 / 12:30 – 4:30 PM

SOLON BRANCH
Sat, Jan 11 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Sat, Feb 8 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

SPANISH AMERICAN COMMITTEE
4407 Lorain Avenue / Cleveland
Wed, Jan 15 / 10 AM – 2 PM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Wed, Jan 15 / 4:30 – 8:30 PM
Wed, Feb 19 / 4:30 – 8:30 PM

BEACHWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
24601 Fairmount Boulevard / Beachwood
Thu, Jan 16 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Fri, Jan 17 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Fri, Feb 21 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

STRONGSVILLE BRANCH
Fri, Jan 17 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Thu, Feb 20 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
FULTON BRANCH
3545 Fulton Road
Tue, Jan 28 / 1:30 – 5:30 PM
Tue, Feb 18 / 10 AM – 2 PM

GED®/HSE
Aspire Greater Cleveland has free classes for those interested in preparing for a High School Equivalency exam or improving skills before college. Students must attend orientation before beginning classes.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE
MERRICK HOUSE
1050 Starkweather Avenue / Cleveland
Fri, Dec 6, 13 / 9 AM – 1PM
Fri, Jan 3, 10 / 9 AM – 1 PM

OHIO MEANS JOBS
CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY
1910 Carnegie Avenue / Cleveland
Fri, Dec 6, 13 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Fri, Jan 3, 10 / 9 AM – 1 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Fri, Jan 3, 10 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

NORTH STAR NEIGHBORHOOD REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER
1834 East 55th Street / Cleveland
Mon, Jan 6 & Tue, Jan 7 / 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Tue, Jan 7 & Thu, Jan 9 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Thu, Jan 16, 23 / 5 – 9 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Tue, Jan 7 & Wed, Jan 8 / 5 – 9 PM
Mon, Jan 13 & Tue, Jan 14 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Mon, Jan 20 – Thu, Jan 23 / 5:30 – 8:30 PM
(Integrated Education Training / Microsoft Office Specialist)

HOUGH MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
8555 Hough Avenue / Cleveland
Wed, Jan 8 & Thu, Jan 9 / 1 – 5 PM

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WESTERN CAMPUS
11000 West Pleasant Valley Road / Parma
Sat, Jan 18, 25 / 9 AM – 1 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue, Jan 21 & Wed, Jan 22
9:30 AM – 1:30 PM or 5 – 9 PM

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon, Jan 27 & Tue, Jan 28 / 1 – 5 PM

BASIC SKILLS EDUCATION
Our Basic Skills Education services are designed to help adults learn to read and/or improve their literacy skills. Call 216.706.7423 to set up an orientation.

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Adults
Work on your project in the company of other writers. Facilitated by Abby L. Vandiver.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Fri / 2 PM

Young Writers Club

Grades 5 – 9
Get your creative juices flowing and explore the writing process in a fun, welcoming, no-stress environment.

ORANGE BRANCH
Mon, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 / 7 PM

Write On: Writing Club for Teens

Grade 6 – 12
Meet other writers and practice creative writing.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Wed, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 6 PM

Write On

Grades 5 – 8
Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing activities.

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6 / 3 PM

West Side Poetry Writing Workshop

Adults
Share your poetry with amateur and seasoned poets alike in a comfortable setting. Led by Jeremy Jusek.

PARMA BRANCH
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 23, Feb 27 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Pen 2 Page

Grades 2 – 6
Expand your writing toolbox and build better stories through fun, quirky and challenging exercises that focus on different writing aspects.

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Sat, Dec 7, Jan 18, Feb 15 / 2 PM

Second Sunday Poets

Adults
Join us for a poetry open mic moderated by the city of South Euclid’s first poet laureate, M.A. “Doc” Janning.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Sun, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9 / 3 PM

Wordsmiths

Grades 6 – 12
Hone your creativity with fun writing prompts and exercises.

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Mon, Dec 16 / 3:30 PM
Mon, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 4 PM


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Writer in Residence

Master Classes

Adults
Led by Dr. Mary E. Weems, the Library’s Writer in Residence. 12/18 Writing personal narrative poems: Hone your storytelling skills by drawing from experiences in your life and lives of people you know. 1/15 Exercise your creative muscle: Learn to write quickly – without pause for correction – to free up your creativity while strengthening your ability to develop new ideas for poems, plays and other genres. 2/19 How many ways can you say “I love you”? Write your own “love notes” to tell the people and pets how much you love them.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7 PM

Office Hours

Adults
Drop in any time during office hours to speak one-on-one with Dr. Mary E. Weems.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Thu, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 1 – 3 PM

Registration Required
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
**Write Now! Teen Writing Group**

*Grades 6 – 12*

Tap into your creativity through writing exercises, prompts and activities.

**MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Tue, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25 / 7 PM

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**Poetry Writing Workshop**

*Adults*

Bring 20 copies of your poem and get feedback on your work. Led by Robert E. McDonough.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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**Balance Exposition & Reflection in Your Nonfiction**

*Adults*

Discuss the craft and practice what you’ve learned in this workshop for writers of memoir, biography and personal essays. Led by Charlotte Morgan.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Tue, Jan 7, 21, Feb 4, 18 / 1:30 – 3:30 PM

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**Creative Writing for Video Games**

*Grades 5 – 12*

In this creative writing club, you’ll learn to use Twine software, hang out with new friends and create awesome story games.

**SOUTHEAST BRANCH**
Wed, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 7 PM

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**Get Your Manuscript Into Shape**

*Adults*

Discover production and publication strategies that will make your self-published book the best it can be. Led by Abby L. Vandiver.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Sat, Jan 11 / 10 AM – 12 PM

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**North Olmsted Creative Writers**

*Adults*

Discuss your work with other writers, improve your works in progress and take advantage of time to write.

**NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH**
Thu, Jan 23 / 7 PM
Sat, Feb 22 / 2 PM

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**Book Whisperer**

*Adults*

Meet one-on-one with Deanna Adams to discuss query letters, book proposals, novel synopses, editors, agents, publishing and marketing.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Fri, Jan 24; Sat, Feb 8 / 2 – 5 PM

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**Guided Autobiography**

*Adults*

Experience this process of memory priming and the value of sharing and listening to others’ stories. Led by Susan Bond and Ramona Charles.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Sat, Jan 25 / 10 AM – 4 PM

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**Hire an Editor**

*Adults*

Learn the ins and outs of hiring an editor for your work. Led by Dayna Jackson.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 8 / 10:30 AM

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**Poetry Out Loud Regional Semifinals**

*Adults & teens*

See which high school students will represent our region at the state finals of the nation’s largest youth poetry recitation competition.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 22 / 2 – 4 PM

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**Leap (Into Writing) Day**

*Adults*

Spend this extra day of 2020 writing! We’ll have refreshments, a pizza lunch and door prizes, as well as workshops led by Andrea Campbell and E.F. Schraeder.

**SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 29 / 10 AM – 4:30 PM

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**Beyond the Book Jacket**

Step beyond the pages with your favorite authors as they bring their books to life at CCPL. Enjoy presentations, Q&As and book signings. Save your seats now!

BeyondTheBookJacket.com
WE OFFER STORYTIMES nine months out of the year, with breaks in May, August and December.

Baby & Me Storytimes
Ages birth – 18 months with caregiver

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Tue / 4 PM
Thu / 10 AM

BEREA BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Thu / 9:30 AM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Mon / 6:45 PM
Thu / 10 AM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Thu / 10 AM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Mon / 7 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM

ORANGE BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM
(followed by Stay ‘n’ Play)
Tue / 10 AM
(followed by Stay ‘n’ Play)

Toddler Storytimes
Ages 19 – 35 months with caregiver

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM
Tue / 10 AM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

BEREA BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Wed / 7 PM
Thu / 11 AM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Mon / 7 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Wed / 10:30 AM

Parma-Snow Branch
Wed / 10 AM

SOLON BRANCH
Thu / 10:30 AM
Fri / 10:30 AM

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Tue / 11 AM

STRONGBUSI LE BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM
Wed / 10 AM

Toddler & Preschool Storytimes
Ages 19 months – 5 years, but not yet in kindergarten, with caregiver

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Wed / 6:45 PM
(wear your pajamas)

BEREA BRANCH
Mon / 7 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Thu / 10:30 AM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Mon / 11:30 AM
Tue / 11:30 AM
Thu / 11:30 AM

Family Storytimes
All ages with caregiver

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Tue / 6:45 PM
Fri / 10 AM
Fri / 11 AM

BEREA BRANCH
Thu / 10 AM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH
Thu / 10 AM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Sat / 10:30 AM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Thu / 11 AM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Wed / 10 AM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Thu / 10 AM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Wed / 6:30 PM
Thu / 10 AM

PARMA BRANCH
Mon / 11:30 AM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM

RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue / 10 AM

SOLON BRANCH
Mon / 10:30 AM

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Mon / 10 AM

TRONGSUSI LE BRANCH
Mon / 11:30 AM
Tue / 11:30 AM
Thu / 11:30 AM

Storytimes
cuyahogalibrary.org/storytimes
Featured Youth Programs
cuyahogalibrary.org/events

DON’T MISS these special programs for kids. You’ll find even more great offerings and in our Branch Events section starting on page 26.

Kids Café
Ages 18 & under
During the school year we collaborate with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to provide children with free healthy meals at select branches.

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:30 – 4:15 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3 – 3:30 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon – Thu / 6:30 – 7 PM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:30 – 4 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:45 – 4:15 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:30 – 4 PM

SOUTHEAST BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:30 – 4:15 PM

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon – Fri / 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Art Experiences
Grades K – 8
Examine the works of art masters and explore various mediums, such as paint, pastels and clay. View the complete schedule at cuyahogalibrary.org/art-experiences.

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Sat / 11:30 AM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

SOUTHEAST BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Fri / 4 PM

HOMEWORK HELP
Grades K – 8
We offer free after-school homework help to students in grades K – 8 at many of our branches. Learn more at cuyahogalibrary.org/homework.

HOMEWORK CENTERS
Registration is required.

Monday – Thursday
BROOK PARK BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:20 – 6:30 PM

HOMEWORK MENTORS
Registration is not required.

Monday – Thursday
BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
3:30 – 5:30 PM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
3 – 5 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
3:30 – 5:30 PM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
3:30 – 5:30 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
4 – 6 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

SOUTHEAST BRANCH
Session 1 / 4 – 5:15 PM
Session 2 / 5:15 – 6:30 PM

STRONGSVILLE BRANCH
4 – 6 PM

Find Adapted Storytimes in our Branch Events section on page 32.
Featured Adult Programs
cuyahogalibrary.org/events

CHECK OUT these notable events for adults. You’ll find even more great adult programs and in our Branch Events section starting on page 26.

ARTS FOR WELLNESS
Arts for Wellness workshops provide people affected by cancer (including survivors, those in treatment, post-treatment, their families and caregivers) the opportunity to connect with others through the arts. To register, call University Hospitals at 216.844.1211.

Remembering Ornament ✓
Create an ornament that commemorates someone who has passed, someone special in your life or favorite moments from over the years.

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Mon, Dec 9 / 6 – 8 PM

Acrylic Pour Painting ✓
Pour, sprinkle and use other methods to create colorful abstract designs.

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Tue, Jan 21 & 22 / 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Peace Banners ✓
Use fabric markers to fill a mandala with designs, words or images intended to bring peace.

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Sat, Feb 1 & 15 / 9:30 – 11:30 AM

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Census 101: What, Why & When ✓
The U.S. Census Bureau will discuss the importance of participation, options for responding and confidentiality and data security for a fair and inclusive count.

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH
Wed, Dec 4 / 7 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Thu, Jan 9 / 7 PM

CULTURE

China: Art & Technology ✓
The Cleveland Museum of Art will share how the Chinese manufactured bronze, silk and ceramics and discuss the function of the artifacts in society and culture.

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Wed, Jan 15 / 7 PM

COOKING

Comfort Soups ✓
Learn how to make soups that will keep you warm all winter long.

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 PM

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Sat, Dec 14 / 1 PM

STRONGSVILLE BRANCH
Mon, Jan 6 / 7 PM

PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Jan 9 / 7 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Wed, Jan 15 / 7 PM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Tue, Jan 21 / 7 PM

BROOKLYN BRANCH
Thu, Jan 23 / 7:15 PM

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Sat, Feb 1 / 2 PM

ORANGE BRANCH
Tue, Feb 4 / 6:30 PM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH
Mon, Feb 10 / 6:30 PM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue, Feb 18 / 7 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Feb 20 / 6:30 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon, Feb 24 / 7 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Feb 27 / 7 PM

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Essential Oils Basics ✓
Learn about aromatherapy and the use of plant oils such as peppermint and rosemary in medicinal applications. You’ll also make a product to take home.

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue, Dec 17 / 6:30 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Mon, Jan 6 / 7 PM

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM

BEREA BRANCH
Mon, Jan 27 / 7 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Jan 30 / 7 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Wed, Feb 5 / 7 PM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Sat, Feb 8 / 1 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon, Feb 10 / 7 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Tue, Feb 13 / 7 PM

CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH
Fri, Feb 15 / 2 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Wed, Feb 26 / 7 PM

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body ✓
The Alzheimer’s Association will share research on diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and help you create a plan for healthy aging.

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Tue, Dec 3 / 2 PM

NORTH OLMSTED BRANCH
Thu, Jan 9 / 7 PM

SOUTHEAST BRANCH
Wed, Feb 12 / 10 AM

PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Feb 20 / 7 PM

SOLON BRANCH
Tue, Feb 25 / 2 PM

HISTORY

Valentine’s Day in Cleveland ✓
Experience the story of Dawson and Anne Kelly’s romance, and examine a variety of valentines from the Western Reserve Historical Society.

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Tue, Feb 4 / 7 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Feb 6 / 7 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Thu, Feb 13 / 7 PM

A Vintage Rockin’ Christmas ✓
Travel back to the 1950s and 1960s and relive holiday memories, including music from Ricky Nelson and TV clips from Andy Williams.

PARMA BRANCH
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 PM

SOLON BRANCH
Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Tue, Dec 10 / 2 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH ★
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Mon, Dec 16 / 7 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Wed, Jan 29 / 6:30 PM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
Wed, Feb 5 / 7 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Wed, Feb 26 / 7 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Tue, Dec 17 / 6:30 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH
Mon, Jan 6 / 7 PM

BROOK PARK BRANCH
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH
Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM

BEREA BRANCH
Mon, Jan 27 / 7 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH
Thu, Jan 30 / 7 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Wed, Feb 5 / 7 PM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Sat, Feb 8 / 11 AM

PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH
Mon, Feb 10 / 7 PM

FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH
Tue, Feb 13 / 7 PM

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Fri, Feb 15 / 2 PM

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Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

MAYFIELD BRANCH
Tue, Dec 10 / 2 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH ★
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Mon, Dec 16 / 7 PM
**MUSIC**

The Cleveland Orchestra
Music Study Groups ✓ S
Join the orchestra’s Rose Breckenridge, PhD, to explore the concert of the week through informal lectures and listening. Pick up a brochure at the library and call 216.231.7355 to register (fee required).

**BEACHWOOD BRANCH**
Tue, Jan 28 – Mar 3 / 1:15 PM

**ORANGE BRANCH**
Thu, Jan 30 – Mar 5 / 1:15 PM

**Jazz for All Ages ✓**
The Biasella Trio will take you on a live musical journey through America’s jazz history, from swing to Latin to blues to ballads.

**MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Wed, Jan 8 / 6:30 PM

**CHAGRIN FALLS BRANCH**
Sun, Jan 12 / 2 PM

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Wed, Jan 15 / 7 PM

**MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Thu, Jan 30 / 7 PM

**BROOK PARK BRANCH**
Thu, Feb 13 / 7 PM

**BAY VILLAGE BRANCH**
Mon, Feb 24 / 7 PM

**TECHNOLOGY**

Computer Classes
Take free classes that cover digital literacy basics, Windows 10, Microsoft Office programs, digital imaging and cloud computing. Visit cuyahogalibrary.org/computer-classes for a complete listing.

**Drop In & Download**
Learn how to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies and music from our Digital Collection. Bring your device (and passwords) and our staff will get you started. Sessions are available at all branches – visit cuyahogalibrary.org/drop-in to find a convenient time and location.

**TRAVEL**

Appalachian Trail Magic ✓
Avid photographer Terry Martin will share his enlightening experience hiking the Appalachian Trail through stories and photos.

**SOLON BRANCH**
Mon, Jan 13 / 7 PM

**PARMA-SNOW BRANCH**
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

**WOMEN IN HISTORY:**

**SALLY HEMINGS ✓**
An actress from Women in History will portray Hemings, an African American who sacrificed her freedom from slavery for the love of President Thomas Jefferson.

**MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Wed, Feb 5 / 6:30 PM

**SOUTHEAST BRANCH**
Wed, Feb 19 / 7 PM

**BROOKLYN BRANCH**
Thu, Feb 6 / 7:15 PM

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 22 / 2 PM

**SOLON BRANCH**
Wed, Feb 12 / 7 PM

**BEREA BRANCH**
Mon, Feb 24 / 7 PM

**PARMA BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 15 / 2 PM

**BROOK PARK BRANCH**
Thu, Feb 27 / 7 PM

**INDEPENDENCE BRANCH**
Sat, Feb 29 / 2 PM

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

**Blood Drives**
You can help save up to three lives in just an hour of your time. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 800.733.2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

**MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Tue, Dec 10 / Wed, Jan 15; Mon, Feb 17 / 1 – 7 PM

**ORANGE BRANCH**
Mon, Dec 16 / 2 – 7 PM

**NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH**
Wed, Dec 18; Thu, Dec 26 / Mon, Jan 28 / Thu, Feb 27
1:30 – 6:30 PM
Fri, Jan 3 / 10 AM – 3 PM

**BEREA BRANCH**
Mon, Dec 19 / 1 – 7 PM

**STONGSVILLE BRANCH**
Fri, Dec 20; Wed, Jan 22; Fri, Feb 21 / 10:15 AM – 3:15 PM

**NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH**
Fri, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**BAY VILLAGE BRANCH**
Mon, Dec 23 / 1:30 – 6:30 PM
Tue, Jan 21, Feb 25
10 AM – 3 PM

**BEACHWOOD BRANCH**
Sat, Jan 18
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH**
Thu, Jan 30 / 10 AM – 3 PM

**Tax Prep ✓**
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will offer free individualized tax preparations for low- to moderate-income taxpayers – especially those 60 and up.

**BAY VILLAGE BRANCH**
Fri, Feb 7 – Apr 10
10 AM – 1 PM

**FAIRVIEW PARK BRANCH**
Tue, Feb 4 – Apr 7
9 AM – 2:30 PM
Wed, Feb 5 – Apr 8
9 AM – 2:30 PM

**MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 AM – 2:30 PM
Wed, Feb 12 / 7 AM – 2:30 PM

**MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH**
Mon, Feb 3 – Apr 13
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**PARMA BRANCH**
Tue, Feb 4 – Apr 14
9:45 AM – 2 PM
Wed, Feb 5 – Apr 8
9:45 AM – 2 PM

**PARMA-SNOW BRANCH**
Mon, Feb 3 – Apr 13
9:30 AM – 2 PM
Thu, Feb 6 – Apr 16
9:30 AM – 2 PM

Turn the page to read Great Books for Kids, our annual gift-giving guide. Library event listings resume on page 26.
Great Books for Kids is our annual list of recently published books and toys for kids of all ages. These items have been selected by our librarians, so you know they’re the best. We hope you’ll consider these books and toys for gift giving at the holidays (or any other time you want to give a special gift).

**AGES 0 – 5**

**B Is for Baby**
by Atinuke, illustrated by Angela Brooksbank
Print | Walker Books & Subsidiaries
B is for biscuit, bananas, Baba and so much more in this beautiful picture book that highlights the adventure of being an older sibling.

**Baby Food**
by Stefanie Paige Wieder
Print | Barefoot Books
Spanish | Barefoot Books
Black-and-white photos show off the variety of ways that babies eat. Also in this series: Baby’s Day and Baby Play.

**I Love You, Little Pookie**
by Sandra Boynton
Print | Little Simon
A mother pig expresses all the ways her little piggy is loved.

**The Littlest Things Give the Loveliest Hugs**
by Mark Sperring, illustrated by Maddie Frost
Print | Little, Brown and Company
eBook | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Small animals and children give the best hugs. Read this one before bedtime and don’t be surprised if you get an extra hug before turning out the lights.

**Love You Head to Toe**
by Ashley Barron
Print | Owlkids Books
This book is a celebration of babies and what it means to love them from head to toe.

**My First Pop-Up Dinosaurs**
by Owen Davey
Print | Candlewick Studio
This perfect introduction to dinosaurs that pop from the page includes the correct pronunciations of the dinosaurs’ names!

**Silly Monsters at Mealtime**
illustrated by Danny E. Rivera
Print | Children’s Press
Silly monster drawings and photographs of toddlers eating their food are sure to delight adults and kids. You can also read the book as a seek-and-find story.

**Up, Up, Up, Down**
by Kimberly Gee
Print | G.P. Putnam’s Sons
eBook | Penguin Young Readers Group
This book of opposites follows father and baby as they have a great time going about their day.

**Where’s the Astronaut?**
by Nosy Crow Ltd., illustrated by Ingela P. Arrhenius
Print | Nosy Crow
This lift-the-flap book encourages babies to look for different objects in space.

**The Whole Wide World and Me**
by Toni Yuly
Print | Candlewick Press
A beautiful celebration of a child’s place in the natural world, this book is a great vocabulary builder.

**AGES 0 – 2**

**The Whole Wide World and Me**
by Toni Yuly
Print | Candlewick Press
A beautiful celebration of a child’s place in the natural world, this book is a great vocabulary builder.
AGES 3 – 5

The Cars and Trucks Book
by Todd Parr
Print | Little, Brown and Company
eBook | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Check out the various vehicles on the road: trucks, street cleaners and school buses. There’s even a list of safety tips for drivers.

First Snow
by Nancy Viau, illustrated by Talitha Shipman
Print | Albert Whitman & Company
eBook | Albert Whitman & Company
Two siblings and their neighborhood friends enjoy a perfect day outside in the snow.

Follow Me ABC
illustrated by Fhiona Galloway
Print | Autumn Publishing
This finger-tracing book will provide opportunities to learn and practice letters.

I Love My Colorful Nails
by Alicia Acosta & Luis Amavisca, illustrated by Gusti
English translation by Ben Dawlatly
Print | NubeOcho
Ben gets teased by other boys at school because he loves to paint his nails – until one day he receives a dazzling surprise.

Princess Puffybottom ... and Darryl
by Susin Nielsen, illustrated by Olivia Chin Mueller
Print | Tundra
eBook | Tundra
Princess Puffybottom is an only pet … until Darryl shows up. This book is a great choice for animal lovers and kids who are about to get a new sibling.

Remarkably You
by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Patrice Barton
Print | Harper
Playful sketches of daily adventures celebrate the idyllic joy and innocence of childhood.

Side by Side: A Celebration of Dads
by Chris Raschka
Print | Phaidon Press Limited
Wonderfully energetic watercolor illustrations celebrate the bond between father and child.

Ten Rules of the Birthday Wish
by Beth Ferry, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
Print | G.P. Putnam’s Sons
eBook | Penguin Young Readers Group
You’ll laugh out loud when you see how different animals follow the 10 rules of making birthday wishes.

When Pencil Met Eraser
by Karen Kilpatrick & Luis O. Ramos, Jr., illustrated by Germán Blanco
Print | Imprint
eBook | Imprint
Can Pencil and Eraser figure out how to work together? Find out in this humorous story about friendship and collaboration.

Why the Face?
by Jean Jullien
Print | Phaidon Press Limited
Bold cartoon drawings fold out to reveal the amusing stories behind each facial expression.

AGES 6 – 9

How to Read a Book
by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Print | Harper
eAudiobook | HarperCollins
Celebrate reading and discover the best way to devour a book.

Junior Maker: Experiments to Try, Crafts to Create and Lots to Learn!
Print | DK Publishing
eBook | DK Publishing
Explore space, nature, history, animals and science through hands-on crafts, activities and experiments that use household items and art supplies.

Kiwi Cannot Reach!
by Jason Tharp
Print | Simon Spotlight
eBook | Simon Spotlight
Small and flightless, Kiwi can’t pull the rope dangling overhead. Maybe you can help him?
Meet Yasmin!
by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly
Print | Picture Window Books
Book Discussion Set | Picture Window Books
eBook | Capstone
Yasmin is a spirited second grader who’s always on the lookout for solutions to life’s little problems. Also recommended: Yasmin the Superhero, Yasmin the Zookeeper, Yasmin the Teacher and Yasmin the Chef.

Megabat
by Anna Humphrey, illustrated by Kass Reich
Print | Tundra
eBook | Tundra
Daniel decides to help Megabat return to his home in Borneo, but that proves to be harder – and more humorous – than it sounds. Also recommended: Megabat and Fancy Cat.

Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero!
by Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez
Print | Little Simon
eBook | Little Simon
When a special invitation arrives in the mail, Mia learns that her parents have a big secret to share – they’re all superheroes! Also recommended: Mia Mayhem Learns to Fly, Mia Mayhem vs. the Super Bully, Mia Mayhem Breaks Down Walls, Mia Mayhem Stops Time and Mia Mayhem vs. the Mighty Robot.

The Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories
by Sergio Ruzzier
Print | Chronicle Books LLC
eBook | Chronicle Books LLC
Readers who enjoy Elephant and Piggy will get a kick out of this light and humorous collection. Also in this series: The Party and Other Stories.

Thank You, Omu!
by Oge Mora
Print | Little, Brown and Company
eBook | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
Omú’s delicious thick red stew is bursting with a wonderful aroma. Everyone in the neighborhood who smells the stew wants to taste it. Would you like a taste?

Tiger vs. Nightmare
by Emily Tetri
Print | First Second
eBook | First Second
Tiger must harness her inner strength when she encounters a nightmare so scary not even her friend Monster can defeat it.

You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks
by Evan Turk
Print | Atheneum Books for Young Readers
eBook | Atheneum Books for Young Readers
Every page in this book is an adventure. Explore ancient forests, icy landscapes, snow-topped mountains and more.

Dragons in a Bag
by Zetta Elliott, illustrations by Geneva B
Print | Random House Books for Young Readers
Book Discussion Set | Random House Books for Young Readers
eBook | Random House Children’s Books
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group
Jax must help Ma return three baby dragons back to their magical home-world. As if he didn’t have enough problems of his own. Also in this series: The Dragon Thief.

A First Book of the Sea
by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton
Print | Candlewick Press
Dive into an ocean of poetry and beautiful images. This is a book you’ll want to experience again and again.
The Magical Unicorn Society: Official Handbook
by Selwyn E. Phipps, illustrated by Harry & Zanna Goldhawk & Helen Dardik
Print | Feiwel & Friends
eBook | Feiwel & Friends
After hundreds of years, the official unicorn handbook has finally been released to the public! Learn the truth about unicorn powers and upkeep. The magic continues in A Brief History of Unicorns.

Meena Meets Her Match
by Karla Manternach
Print | Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
eBook | Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers
Meena’s life has been dull and gray since she had a fight with her best friend, Sofía. Can a plan to make the best Valentine’s box ever help bring color back into Meena’s world?

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters
by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts
Print | Amulet Books
Book Discussion Set | Amulet Books
eBook | Abrams
Audiobook | Dreamscape Media, LLC
eAudiobook | Dreamscape Media, LLC
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Rosie Revere, an enthusiastic engineer, has just two days to invent a machine to help Aunt Rose and her group of riveters. Also in this series: Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants.

Science Is Magic: Amaze Your Friends With Spectacular Science Experiments
by Steve Mould
Print | DK Publishing
eBook | DK Publishing
Explore the magic of science and the science of magic. Learn the secrets and science behind amazing magic tricks and optical illusions.

The Undefeated
by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Print | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Book Discussion Set | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
eBook | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
The greatest black artists, athletes and activists are brought to life in this ode to black history told through lyrical poetry.

Click
by Kayla Miller,
additional color by Katherine Efird
Print | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
eBook | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books
Olive just wants a group to “click” with, but she may discover that being herself is just as rewarding. Also in this series: Camp.

Saving Winslow
by Sharon Creech
Print | Joanna Cotter Books
Book Discussion Set | Joanna Cotter Books
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Harper Audio
eAudiobook | HarperCollins
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
This heartwarming, timeless story will have readers rooting for an ailing newborn donkey and the boy who nurses him back to health.

What Do You Do With a Voice Like That?
by Chris Barton, illustrated by Ekua Holmes
Print | Beach Lane Books
eBook | Beach Lane Books
Barbara Jordan was the first African American congresswoman in Texas and one of the first African American U.S. congresswomen from the South. Learn how she used her powerful voice to champion social justice.

AGES 10 – 13

AGES 10 – 11
The Collectors
by Jacqueline West
Print | Greenwillow Books
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Blackstone
eAudiobook | Greenwillow Books
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Hearing-impaired protagonist Van Markson is drawn into a magical world of gremlin-like wish eaters, talking squirrels and mysterious characters. He soon learns that even “good” wishes can have unintended consequences. Next in this series: A Storm of Wishes.

Countdown: 2,979 Days to the Moon
by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Thomas Gonzalez
Print | Peachtree Publishers
This book chronicles the 2,979 days from President Kennedy’s speech announcing his goal to get a man to the moon and back through the successful Apollo 11 moon landing.

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer
by Lamar Giles
Print | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Large Print | Thorndike Press
eBook | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books
Audiobook | Recorded Books
If you could freeze time on the last day of summer break, would you? Small-town supersleuths Otto and Sheed discover it might be a bad idea in this thrilling, time-bending sci-fi adventure mystery.

The Lost Girl
by Anne Ursu, drawings by Erin McGuire
Print | Walden Pond Press
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Harper Audio
eAudiobook | Walden Pond Press
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Twin sisters Iris and Lark are devastated when they discover they are in separate fifth grade classrooms. As they feel more unsettled and lost, objects begin to disappear.

Searching for Lottie
by Susan L. Ross
Print | Holiday House
eBook | Holiday House
Charlie searches for her great-aunt who supposedly perished in the Holocaust. Can she uncover what really happened all those years ago?

Small Spaces
by Katherine Arden
Print | G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers
Large Print | Thorndike Press
eBook | Penguin Young Readers Group
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing
When Olivia (Ollie) Adler “borrows” an old book of legends and ghost stories from a strange woman, things get strange and frightening very quickly. Next in this series: Dead Voices.

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA
by Brenda Woods
Print | Nancy Paulsen Books
eBook | Penguin Young Readers Group
Audiobook | Recorded Books
In 1946 South Carolina, white 12-year-old Gabriel is saved from near tragedy by Meriwether Hunter, a black World War II veteran. This is a realistic story about racism in the Jim Crow South, bigotry, bravery and an unlikely friendship.

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices
edited by Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson
Print | Crown Books for Young Readers
eBook | Random House Children’s Books
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Random House Children’s Books
Fifty diverse and talented writers deliver comforting, encouraging messages of kindness and courageousness in this treasury of poems, essays, letters and short stories.
### A Good Kind of Trouble

**by Lisa Moore Ramée**  
Print | Balzer + Bray  
eBook | Scholastic  
Audiobook | Blackstone  
eAudiobook | Balzer + Bray  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

Rule-following Shayla discovers there are worse things than getting in trouble when her school bans Black Lives Matter armbands. This big-hearted debut novel is perfect for fans of The Hate U Give and the novels of Renée Watson and Jason Reynolds.

### The Next Great Paulie Fink

**by Ali Benjamin**  
Print | Little, Brown and Company  
Large Print | Thorndike Press  
eBook | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
Audiobook | Hachette Audio  
eAudiobook | Blackstone Publishing  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

Being the new girl at Mitchell School is not easy for Caitlyn Breen. It's a strange place and everyone seems obsessed with a former student named Paulie Fink, who seems to have just disappeared. Drama and fun ensue as Caitlyn leads a competition to find the school’s next great Paulie Fink.

### City of Ghosts

**by Victoria Schwab**  
Print | Scholastic Press  
Spanish | Urano  
eBook | Scholastic Inc.  
Audiobook | Scholastic  
eAudiobook | Scholastic Audio  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

Cassidy Blake can see and talk to ghosts. When she and her ghostly friend Jacob travel to Scotland on a family trip, they meet a girl who shares Cass’ “gift.” Cass quickly realizes she still has a lot to learn about the mysterious (and dangerous) world of spirits. Next in this series: Tunnel of Bones.

### The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century

**by Neal Bascomb**  
Print | Arthur A. Levine Books  
eBook | Scholastic Inc.  
Audiobook | Scholastic  
eAudiobook | Scholastic Audio  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

Experience the suspenseful journey of daring breakout artists imprisoned in World War I’s most notorious POW camp, Holzminden.

### The Next Great Paulie Fink

**by Ali Benjamin**  
Print | Little, Brown and Company  
Large Print | Thorndike Press  
eBook | Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
Audiobook | Hachette Audio  
eAudiobook | Blackstone Publishing  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

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### Other Words for Home

**by Jasmine Warga**  
Print | Balzer + Bray  
eBook | HarperCollins  
Audiobook | Harper Audio  
eAudiobook | Balzer + Bray  
Playaway | Findaway  
World, LLC

When war comes to her city, Jude must leave behind her family and friends in Syria and move to America with her mom. Her journey leads her to discover the true meanings of home, identity and bravery.
Pie in the Sky
by Remy Lai
Print | Henry Holt and Company
eBook | Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group

When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he’s landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn’t speak English, and he’s often stuck looking after his annoying little brother. Baking the elaborate cakes his father dreamed up might be just what Jingwen needs to find friends and learn English.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe
by Carlos Hernandez
Print | Disney Hyperion
Large Print | Thorndike Press
eBook | Disney Book Group
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC


The Storm Runner
by J.C. Cervantes
Print | Rick Riordan Presents
Large Print | Thorndike Press
eBook | Disney Book Group
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group

Kids at school tease Zane Obispo because of his limp and cane. On his first day at a new school, Zane meets a beautiful girl, Brooks, who warns him of an ancient Mayan prophecy he’s destined to fulfill. Can Zane and Brooks work together to stop an ancient evil from destroying the world? Next in this series: The Fire Keeper.

Dear Ally, How Do You Write a Book?
by Ally Carter
Print | Scholastic Press
eBook | Scholastic Inc.

From drafting your story to querying an agent, Ally Carter demystifies the process with pragmatism and humor. This book is great for any writer, whether you are writing for fun or planning to turn pro, and it includes tips from 25 prominent YA authors.

Dear Heartbreak: YA Authors on the Dark Side of Love
edited by Heather Demetrios
Print | Henry Holt and Company
eBook | Henry Holt and Company Books for Young Readers

Love isn’t always sunshine and happiness. YA authors respond to letters from teens with personal stories and advice about love and heartbreak.

Darius the Great Is Not Okay
by Adib Khorram
Print | Dial Books
Large Print | Thorndike Press
eBook | Penguin Young Readers Group
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group

Darius Kellner is half-Persian on his mom’s side, but he speaks better Klingon than Farsi and knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. Little does Darius know that his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life. This brilliant debut novel is for anyone who’s ever felt not good enough – and then met a friend who makes them feel so much better.

Hope and Other Punch Lines
by Julie Buxbaum
Print | Delacorte Press
eBook | Delacorte Press
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group

Abbi Goldstein celebrated her first birthday on 9/11 at the daycare in the World Trade Center. A photo of her wearing a crown and clutching a balloon as the tower fell behind her made her famous. Now she’s 16 years old and just wants to live a normal life. Soon after Abbi gets a job as a camp counselor, her plans for an anonymous summer are foiled.

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The Lady’s Guide to Petticoats and Piracy
by Mackenzi Lee
Print | Katherine Tegen Books
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Harper Audio
eAudiobook | HarperCollins
In a society with strict expectations for young women, Felicity’s path to becoming a doctor is full of secrecy and schemes. Also in this series: The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue and The Gentleman’s Guide to Getting Lucky.

Little White Lies
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Print | Freeform Books
eBook | Disney Book Group
Audiobook | Dreamscape Media, LLC
eAudiobook | Dreamscape Media, LLC
When Sawyer’s estranged grandmother appears on her doorstep and offers her a $500,000 trust to attend the college of her choice, Sawyer reluctantly agrees to participate in this year’s debutante season. Next in this series: Deadly Little Scandals.

On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas
Print | Balzer + Bray
Large Print | Thorndike Press
Spanish | Urano
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Harper Audio
eAudiobook | HarperCollins
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Aspiring rapper Bri has big dreams and even bigger shoes to fill as the daughter of a legendary rapper who died young. Bri’s irrepressible drive to succeed will be put to the test as she navigates racism at school, changing friendships and her mother’s job loss in this book from the best-selling author of The Hate U Give.

Opposite of Always
by Justin A. Reynolds
Print | Katherine Tegen Books
eBook | HarperCollins
Audiobook | Blackstone
eAudiobook | Katherine Tegen Books
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Jack thinks meeting the witty, charming Kate is a once-in-a-lifetime experience—until he finds himself (literally) reliving their meet-cute over and over. As Jack tries to make the right choices with Kate to keep his life from rebooting, his relationships with friends and family begin spiraling in unexpected ways.

Spin
by Lamar Giles
Print | Scholastic Press
eBook | Scholastic Inc.
Audiobook | Scholastic Audio Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
International sensation DJ ParSec has been found murdered at an abandoned warehouse. Now her childhood friends Kya and Fuse must delve into ParSec’s past to track down the killer.

Two Can Keep a Secret
by Karen M. McManus
Print | Delacorte Press
Spanish | Alfaguara Infantil
eBook | Random House Children’s Books
Audiobook | Listening Library
eAudiobook | Penguin Random House Audio Publishing Group
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Echo Ridge is small-town America. Ellery’s aunt went missing there at age 17. And only five years ago, a homecoming queen put the town on the map when she was killed. When another girl goes missing before homecoming, Ellery begins to realize that everyone in Echo Ridge is hiding something sinister.

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America
edited by Ibi Zoboi
Print | Balzer + Bray
eBook | Balzer + Bray
Audiobook | Blackstone
eAudiobook | HarperCollins
Playaway | Findaway World, LLC
Don’t miss this compelling assortment of coming-of-age stories written by top contemporary YA authors.

Check, Please! #Hockey
by Ngozi Ukazu
Print | First Second
eBook | First Second
Bitty is a freshman at Samwell College and a newbie on the hockey team. Don’t let his avid pie baking and vlogging confuse you. He’s totally ready to embrace the bro life, right? Next in this series is Sticks and Scones (spring 2020).

A Curse So Dark and Lonely
by Brigid Kemmerer
Print | Bloomsbury
Spanish | Urano
eBook | Bloomsbury Publishing
Prince Rhen has been cursed and transformed into a shape-shifting monster that kills everything in his path. The only way to break the curse is to find true love. This book is perfect for fans of fairy tale retellings and the Kendra Chronicles series. Next in this series is A Heart So Fierce and Broken (winter 2020).
Four misfit space cadets flunk out of Ellis Station Academy. When their trip back to Earth is cut short by terrorists, they find themselves in the unlikely position of being the Colonies’ last hope. "The Breakfast Club meets Guardians of the Galaxy in this funny, action-packed debut novel."

In Honoku, tradition calls for a competition to be held to find the next empress. Mari has trained her whole life for this, but she has a dangerous secret. She’s a yokai, a supernatural monster, which have been banned by the current emperor. Can she survive the competition before her true nature is revealed?

"Annabelle Agnelli starts running after picking up a burger and never stops. She’s running away from an unspeakable tragedy – at least at first. But as she crosses the country, she starts running toward true healing in this 2019 Michael L. Printz Honor Book."

"Delia and Josie are seniors in high school who became best friends working on a public access horror show. But it seems they’ll be choosing different paths. To keep Josie from abandoning her, Delia sets up a meeting with a famous horror producer at a horror con in Florida."

"This autobiography beautifully explains how Anderson, the author of Speak, became who she is today. It gives readers encouragement to become authors themselves and find help for difficult issues."

"During World War II, a group of German college students start an underground resistance movement against the Nazis. This book is based on true events."

"With so many responsibilities, is there room in Emoni’s life for her own dreams?"
Chase ‘N Go Ball Popper by Playskool
Ages 9 months & up
Press the button and colorful balls pop out of the elephant’s trunk.

Laugh & Learn Remix Record Player by Fisher-Price
Ages 1 & up
Spin the record to activate a variety of fun songs.

Otrio by Marbles Brain Workshop
Ages 7 & up
Players get nine rings in three different sizes. The goal is to be first to arrange three rings into a concise pattern without being blocked. It’s a challenging variation on tic-tac-toe.

Fish Parquet Double-Sided Puzzle by HABA
Ages 3 & up
Match the same colors of fish or build a rainbow of fish with the colorful double-sided pieces that encourage cognitive development and creativity.

Rainbow Puzzle Railway by Hape
Ages 18 months & up
The train plays a melodious tune when it goes over the xylophone track. Let the good times roll!

Play ‘N Scoot Pirate Ship by Little Tikes
Ages 18 months & up
This ride-on toy lets you be the captain of your own ship. It even has a hatch to hold some of yer gear, matey!

Klickity by Fat Brain
Ages 1 & up
This toy encourages sensory exploration, cause-and-effect learning and fine motor development with every push, spin, rattle and click.

Number Blocks by Learning Resources
Ages 2 & up
This is a fun way to build early counting and math skills. Children can stack blocks or use them as letter molds.

Vibrating Bee by Fun & Function
Ages 3 & up
This imaginative fidget toy stimulates the under-responsive and calms the over-responsive. It also supports those with ADHD, sensory processing disorder and autism.

Worry Eater Doll by Haywire Group
Ages 3 & up
Children write or draw their worries and place them in the Worry Eater’s mouth. This toy encourages communication between adults and children, and it teaches healthy coping skills that build self-esteem.
Branch Events
cuyahogalibrary.org/events

PRO TIP: Add any of our programs to your calendar at cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Make & Take Craft
Families
Drop in to make a seasonal craft.
Mon, Dec 2 – Fri, Dec 20
during library hours

Homeschool Fun ★
Grades 3 – 6
Take part in interesting and engaging activities designed for homeschoolers.
12/2 Bouncy slime; 1/6 Wrecking ball science; 2/3 Around the world
Mon, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 / 11 AM

Teen Zone ★
Grades 5 – 12
Have fun after school – explore gaming, art, movies and technology!
Wed, Dec 4 – Feb 26 / 3 PM

Mad Scientists ★
Grades K – 2
12/4 Build a gingerbread house.
1/8 Create a marble maze.
2/5 Build a winch.
Wed, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 7 PM

Touch a Toy ★
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Make friends and explore our popular Toy Library.
Fri, Dec 6 / 10 AM

Makerspace ★
Adults
Make creative projects and learn about our Innovation Centers.
12/7 Suncatcher; 2/19 Recycled wind chime
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 PM; Wed, Feb 19 / 7 PM

STEAM On ★
Grades 3 & 4
Create something fun during our hands-on STEAM programs.
12/9 LED ornaments; 1/13 Snap circuits; 2/10 Sock puppets
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 7 PM

Preschool STEAM ★
Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver
Join us for stories and a hands-on STEAM activity.
Sat, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 10 AM

DIY Felt Ornament ★
Adults
Create a felt-stuffed ornament while learning how to complete a backstitch and blanket stitch.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

3D Design Challenge ★
Grades 5 – 12
Create your own design using a 3D modeling program.
Tue, Jan 7 / 6:30 PM

Cricut Basics ★
Adults
Learn how to use the Cricut machines in our Innovation Center to create personalized projects.
Thu, Jan 9 / 7 PM

Beach Party ★
Grades K – 2
Heat up with summer stories, songs and sand.
Thu, Jan 16 / 4 PM

Stuffed Animal Sleepover ★
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Join us for a stuffed animal sleepover party that will feature stories, crafts and activities.
Wed, Jan 29 / 3:15 PM

Melted ★
Grades K – 2 with caregiver
Join us for a hands-on candy making workshop.
Wed, Feb 12 / 7 PM

Penguin Race Challenge ★
Families with children in grades K – 4
Help your penguin pal race down a slide, use a toboggan and zipline its way to victory.
Sat, Feb 15 / 2 PM

‘90s Maker Night: Sand Art Terrarium ★
Adults
Enjoy old school crafts and snacks while decorating a glass terrarium with colored sand, pebbles and faux succulents.
Tue, Feb 18 / 7 PM

Flight School ★
Grades 3 & 4
Learn about airplanes and design your own.
Thu, Feb 20 / 4 PM

Upcycle Buffet Challenge ★
Families
Upcycle items from our challenge list.
Sat, Feb 22 / 10 AM

Upcycle Buffet Challenge ★
Families
Upcycle items from our challenge list.
Sat, Feb 29 / 2 – 4 PM

BEACHWOOD BRANCH

Chinese Storytime
Families
Hear stories, songs and rhymes in Mandarin Chinese and stay for a craft and playtime. Presented in cooperation with the Chinese Language and Culture Center.
Sat, Dec 7, 21, Feb 8, 22 / 10:30 AM

Brain Health Basics ★
Adults
Evan Shelton, PhD, will discuss ways to improve your brain health at any age.
Mon, Dec 9 / 2 PM

STEAM Tuesday ★
Grades 2 – 5
Engage in exciting STEAM-based learning activities.
12/10 Marshmallow matter; 1/14 Egg drop contest; 2/11 Locked box mystery
Tue, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 4 PM

Family Maker Fair ★
Families
Join us for hands-on creative fun that will include paper crafts, invention kits, stop-motion animation, buttons and sticker making.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Winter Wonderland Storytime
Ages 2 – 6 with caregiver
Enjoy winter-themed stories and crafts.
Fri, Dec 13 / 10:30 AM

Warmth by Flavor Spice Series ★
Adults
Join us for lessons in spice blending. Warm your body with the flavors of Morocco, France and India.
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 6:30 PM

Vaping & JUULing ★
Grades 6 – 12, adults
Ellen Rome, MD, MPH, from Cleveland Clinic will discuss the health consequences facing vapers.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

Teen Midweek Makers ★
Grades 6 – 12
Enjoy makerspace activities involving sewing, button making, zines and the Cricut cutting machine.
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 3:30 PM

Hebrew Storytime
Families
Hear stories, songs and fingerplays in Hebrew and English. Presented in collaboration with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 19 / 4 PM

Registration Required ★
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
Homeschool Art Explorers √ ★ 
Grades 1 & up
Each month we’ll focus on an artist, explore their life and creative style, and make our own works of art.
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 13
10:30 AM

Through the Eyes of the Artist √ ★ 
Adults
Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman will present her series on the lives and works of beloved artists.
12/20 Michelangelo; 1/10 Paul Gauguin; 2/21 Wassily Kandinsky
Fri, Dec 20 / 10 AM

Tote Bag Design √ ★
Adults
Learn how to design a heat transfer vinyl image using the library’s Cricut machine and then apply it to a canvas tote bag. Go home with free books in your new bag.
Wed, Jan 15 / 2:15 PM

Friday Family Fun √
Ages 2 – 6 with caregiver
Join us for themed stories, crafts and activities. 1/17 Snowy day; 2/14 Share the love
Fri, Jan 17, Feb 14 / 10:30 AM

Intention & the Brain √
Adults
Dawn Maze-Molina, MEd, LPC, will discuss how setting intention at the start of the day changes brain activity and helps create the day that you want.
Mon, Jan 20 / 2 PM

Feed Me a Story: Stone Soup
Ages 4 – 7 with caregiver
Enjoy a reading and tasty reenactment of the European folk tale.
Thu, Jan 23 / 11 AM

The Great American Songbook √ ★
All ages
Singer/songwriter Debbie Darling will give an in-depth musical presentation and discuss the history and music of four prolific composers.
Fri, Jan 24 / 1 PM

Berea Branch

Young Explorers √
Grades K – 5 with caregiver
Join us for stories, fun and themed activities. 12/5 Folded book art; 1/2 Mo Willems; 2/6 The science of sound
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 / 7 PM

Movement & Music
Ages 19 month – 5 years with caregiver
Enjoy a high-energy session of music and movement using shakers, beanbags and scarves.
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 3:30 PM

Homeschool Art Sparks √ ★
Grades 6 – 12
Each month we’ll focus on an artist, explore their life and creative style, and make our own works of art.
Thu, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13
10 AM – 12 PM

Movie Matinee: Coraline ★
Families
Enjoy refreshments and an afternoon film.
Thu, Feb 6 / 1 PM

Your Brain on Love √
Adults
Learn about the predictors of attraction from Evan Shelton, PhD.
Mon, Feb 10 / 2 PM

The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel √
Adults
View the award-winning documentary about a decorated German soldier who became an American patriot.
Wed, Feb 19 / 6:30 PM

What to Eat After School √
Grades 4 – 7
Learn how to make healthy after-school snacks, including black bean burritos and guacamole.
Fri, Feb 21 / 3:45 PM

DIY Holiday Gifts in a Jar ★
Adults
Make treats for your family, friends or neighbors. Personalize each with a handmade tag and greeting.
Thu, Dec 12 / 6:30 PM

Fabulous Fridays √
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Kids will explore their senses and enjoy stories and songs.
12/13 My five senses; 1/17 Mitten magic; 2/14 Be my Valentine
Fri, Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14 / 10:30 AM

Once Upon a Fairy Tale ★
Families
Great Lakes National Puppet Theater will perform “The Shoemaker and the Elf” and “Little Red Riding Hood.”
Sat, Jan 25 / 11 AM

Create It Yourself √
Adults
Learn to do image transfers and make a gift for a loved one or for yourself. Bring a few photos of your own for a personalized touch.
Mon, Feb 10 / 6:30 PM

Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease & Dementia √
Adults
Symphony at Olmsted Falls will provide valuable information and answer your questions.
Tue, Feb 11 / 2 PM

Registration Required ★ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week
All ages
Complete a make-and-take project to help spread a little love around your community.
Mon, Feb 17 – Fri, Feb 21 during library hours

People in Your Neighborhood Storytime: City Services
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Join us for stories, songs and a craft with a Berea City Services worker. Learn about important work the service department performs.
Fri, Feb 28 / 10:30 AM

BRECKSVILLE BRANCH

Teen Advisory Group
Grades 6 – 12
Make crafts, play games, help with library activities, meet new people, earn service hours and enjoy snacks.
Mon, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 / 7 PM

Look Who’s Talking
Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver
During a one-hour play-based program, facilitated by the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, children and parents will play and explore ways to increase language skills.
Tue, Dec 3 / 10 AM

Teen Holiday Glass Etching
Grades 6 – 12
Make a glass-etched holiday piece to keep or give as a gift.
Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

Holly Jolly Sing-Along With the Cleveland Fleaharmonics
All ages
Enjoy a holiday-themed performance from the popular ukulele band. Bring your ukulele.
Tue, Dec 10 / 7 PM

Make & Take: Star Wars Glasses
Adults
May the Force be with you as we watch Star Wars-themed glasses.
Wed, Dec 11 / 6:30 PM

Homemade Gifts for the Holidays
Grades 3 – 5
Make food items and decorate packages to take home and give as gifts.
Sat, Dec 21 / 2 PM

Mini-Movers
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Have a great time dancing and moving to your favorite storyline music with beanbags and rhythm sticks.
Fri, Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 / 10 AM

Teen Cinema — Spider-Man: Far From Home
Grades 6 – 12
Enjoy hot chocolate, popcorn and a movie.
Sat, Jan 4 / 2 – 4 PM

Read It! Make It! Take It
Families
Families will enjoy a shortened storyline and create a craft to take home.
Wed, Jan 8, Feb 5 / 10:30 AM

STEAM Kids
Grades 3 – 5
Engage in STEAM-related projects and activities. 1/11 Catapults; 2/8 LEGO® WeDo robots
Sat, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 10:30 AM

STEAM Team
Grades K – 2
Learn about STEAM concepts through fun projects and activities. 1/16 Decorate a canvas bag; 2/20 Earthquake!
Grades K – 2
Thu, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 6:30 PM

Travelin’ Tuesdays: Millionaires’ Row
Adults
Author Alan Dutka will take you on a journey back in time to see the mansions of Euclid Avenue.
Tue, Jan 21 / 2 – 4 PM

Cricut Design Space Basics
Adults
Learn how to use the Cricut machines in our Innovation Center to create personalized projects.
Mon, Feb 17 / 6:30 PM

Reader Boost Camp
Grades K – 2 with caregiver
For the first part of the program, parents will get tips from a learning specialist on working with their child at home, while children do fun reading-based activities with a librarian. During the second part, families will participate in an activity together.
Tue, Feb 18 & 25 / 6:30 PM

Save More Green for College
Adults
Learn about Ohio’s 529 plan.
Thu, Jan 23 / 7 PM

Parent/Teen Maker Program
Grades 6 – 12 with an adult
Use our equipment to create a unique craft.
Sat, Jan 25 / 2 – 4 PM

Celebrate the Chinese New Year
Families
Learn about Chinese culture and celebrate the Year of the Rat with eighth graders from Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School.
Sat, Feb 1 / 2 PM

Origami Valentine Cards
Adults
Make special Valentine’s Day cards with your folded creations.
Thu, Feb 6 / 6:30

So Happy Together
Families
Premier balloon artist Blake Parhamovich will entertain with magic, comedy and balloon sculpting.
Sat, Feb 8 / 2 PM

Teen Valentine Treats
Grades 6 – 12
Learn to make a variety of special themed-treats.
Wed, Feb 12 / 6:30 PM

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Tue, Feb 18 & 25 / 6:30 PM
**BROOK PARK BRANCH**

**Chronic Disease Self-Management ✓**
*Adults*
Learn to manage pain, fatigue and depression from Fairhill Partners’ Diana Walsh.
Thu, Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, 12, 19 1 – 3:30 PM

**Crochet Clique ✓**
*Adults*
Knitters and crocheters of all levels are invited to work on projects, socialize and create projects for donation.
Mon, Dec 2, 16, Jan 6, 20, Feb 3, 17 7 PM

**Student Volunteers ✓ ★**
*Grades 4 – 12*
Help at the library, enjoy fun activities and make new friends.
Tue, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 / 4:30 PM

**Family Storytime**
*All ages with caregiver*
Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.
Tue, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 / 4 PM

**Holly Jolly Sing-Along With the Cleveland Fleaharmonics ✓ ★**
*All ages*
Enjoy a holiday-themed performance from the popular ukulele band. Bring your ukulele.
Thu, Dec 5 / 7 PM

**Gingerbread House Creations ✓**
*Grades K – 5 with caregiver*
Drop by and make a gingerbread house to take home.
Sat, Dec 7 / 9:15 AM – 5:15 PM

**Between the Lines: Coloring for Adults ✓ ★**
Relieve stress and relax with provided coloring sheets and utensils.
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 7 PM

**Arduino Basics ✓**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Learn how to build and code electronic circuits using Arduino Uno.
Tue, Dec 10 / 6 – 8 PM

**Camp Magic With Mr. Zap! ✓ ★**
*Grades 1 – 12*
Mr. Zap will teach you a variety of magic tricks and how to present them. Sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Magicians/Cleveland Area Ring 23.
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 4 PM

**Magic: The Casualing ✓**
*All ages*
Play the popular card game Magic: The Gathering in a variety of styles and formats.
Sat, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 29 / 1 – 5 PM

**Blobxels Video Game Creation ✓**
*Grades 6 – 8*
Use a hands-on platform to build, collaborate and tell stories through video game creation.
Tue, Jan 21 / 6 – 8 PM

**Getting to Know Your Tablet or Smart Device ✓**
*Adults*
Learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device.
Thu, Jan 23 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**The Vanishing History of Brook Park ✓**
*Adults*
Discover what you might not know about the city with local historian Carol Henninger.
Thu, Jan 30 / 1 PM

**Valentine Fun ✓**
*Grades K – 2*
Drop by for exciting activities.
Sat, Feb 1 / 10 AM – 5 PM

**Stop-Motion Animation ✓**
*Grades 6 – 8*
Learn about the filmmaking technique and create your own short movie.
Mon, Feb 17 / 2 – 4 PM

**Best Books of 2019 ✓**
*All ages*
Our librarians will discuss the best adult, teen and children’s books and provide personalized recommendations.
Thu, Dec 5 / 7:15 PM

**Star Wars Day & Toys for Tots Drive ✓**
*All ages*
Enjoy refreshments, crafts, raffles and activities while celebrating Star Wars and supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 – 5 PM

**Brooklyn Cinema ✓ ★**
*Prep & Landing (G) & Mickey’s Christmas Carol (G)*
Mon, Dec 9 / 7:30 PM

*Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)*
Thu, Dec 12 / 6:30 PM

*Holiday Inn (NR)*
Sat, Dec 21 / 2 PM

*Dumbo (PG)*
Mon, Dec 30 / 2 PM

*Vertigo (PG)*
Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM

*Toy Story 4 (G)*
Mon, Jan 20 / 2 PM

*Love Actually (R)*
Sat, Feb 15 / 2 PM

**Wrap-Jewelry Bracelet ✓**
*Adults*
Use leather and pearls to create your own bracelet.
Tue, Dec 10 / 6:30 PM

**Holiday Paint-Along ✓**
*Adults*
Create a unique mixed-media piece of artwork to celebrate the holiday season.
Sat, Dec 21 / 11 AM

**Stop-Motion Animation ✓**
*Adults*
Create a unique mixed-media piece of artwork to celebrate the holiday season.
Sat, Dec 21 / 11 AM

**The Polar Express ✓**
*Families*
Hear Chris Van Allsburg’s classic story and enjoy crafts, songs, rhymes and refreshments.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

**Hands On! 3D Printing with a MakerBot ✓**
*Adults*
Learn basic 3D printing concepts and try your hand at using the MakerBot 3D printer.
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 4:30 PM

**I-Spy with Dr. Seuss ✓**
*All ages*
Enjoy refreshments, crafts, raffles and activities while celebrating Dr. Seuss.
Sat, Dec 21 / 11 AM

**Make a Snowman – Snow Sculptures ✓**
*Adults*
Bring an art project to work on or try out new mediums alongside other creative types.
Tue, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 / 7:15 PM

**Student Friends ✓**
*Grades 4 – 8*
Help at the library and enjoy fun activities and a snack.
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 3:30 PM

**Star Wars Teen Maker Program ✓**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Customize your own Star Wars-themed T-shirt or tote bag with a heat press and vinyl decals.
Sat, Dec 21 / 11 AM

**Holiday Tween Pixel Art Craft ✓**
*Ages 8 – 16*
Have fun making holiday-themed art.
Mon, Dec 23 / 2 PM

**Mario Kart Tournament ✓**
*Ages 8 – 16*
Compete in a video game tournament.
Fri, Dec 27 / 2 – 4 PM

**iPad® 101 ✓**
*Adults*
Learn essential skills needed to navigate and use your device.
Mon, Jan 6 / 7:15 PM

**Intro to Bullet Journals ✓**
*Adults*
Learn about the quick and flexible organization system.
Wed, Jan 8 / 7:15 PM

**Mystery Maker Club ✓**
*Grades 4 – 6*
Help create an escape room program for the library.
Sat, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 10 AM – 12 PM

**Cricut 101 ✓ ★**
*Adults*
Learn how to use the Cricut machines in our Innovation Center and make your own unique project.
Tue, Jan 14, 21 / 7:15 PM

**Kindergarten Kids ✓**
*Ages 4 & 5 with caregiver*
Join us for fun activities to prepare you and your child for kindergarten.
Thu, Jan 16, Feb 13 / 7 PM

**Krita Animation for Teens ✓**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Create your own animation with the free open-source painting program.
Sat, Jan 18 / 10:30 AM

Registration Required  Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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You Can Crochet; Now Crochet
Adults
Ages 9 – 15
Preschoolers will practice simple "core" poses geared to little ones. Bring a yoga mat or large towel.
Sat, Jan 18, 25, Feb 1 / 1 PM

Plants Over Pills
Adults
Physicians will discuss food pollutants and their potential health effects while also demonstrating a "clean" recipe to sample.
Wed, Jan 22 / 7:15 PM

If You Give a Pig a Pancake Event
Children
Listen to Laura Numeroff’s popular story and then use our Charlie Cart (portable kitchen) to make delicious pancakes.
Tue, Feb 18 / 6:30 PM

Low’ s at the Library
Adults
A representative from the Brooklyn store will discuss ways to organize your closet and maximize space.
Mon, Feb 24 / 7:15 PM

DIY Coastal Wall Decor
Adults
Learn to paint your own inspirational ocean scene.
Tue, Feb 25 / 7:15 PM

Where the Bodies Are Buried
Adults
Discover the lore of cemeteries and gravestones and discover ways to use your findings in genealogy research.
Thu, Feb 27 / 7:15 PM

Valley Art Center Art Exhibit
Adults
Darlene Jackson and friends will have their work on display in the main level meeting room.
Mon, Nov 4 – Sat, Dec 28 during library hours

Holiday Ornament
Adults
Stop in and make an ornament to hang on your tree.
Fri, Dec 13 / 10 AM

Scratch Art Holiday Craft
Grades 6 – 12
Create your own colorful scratch artwork for the holidays.
Sat, Dec 14 / 11 AM

Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show
All ages
Join us for an exciting and educational look at exotic animals.
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

Friday Films: Audrey Hepburn
Adults
12/20 Sabrina; 1/3 The Nun’s Story; 2/7 Charade
Fri, Dec 20, Jan 3, Feb 7 / 12 – 2 PM

Princesses, Dragons & Knights, Oh My!
Children
Come dressed as your favorite character for a fantastic photo opportunity. Stay for interactive stories and a craft.
Fri, Dec 27 / 10 AM

Cleveland Metroparks: Animal Homes & Habitats
Adults
Students will engage in natural discoveries as they explore habitats around Lake Erie.
Mon, Dec 30 / 10 AM

Guided Chakra Meditation
Adults
Jan Webber of Holistic Life Solutions will lead guided chakra meditation sessions for beginner and experienced meditators alike.
Wed, Jan 8 / 6 PM

We Make Music Storytime
Families
The whole family is invited to bang, rattle, swish and twirl at our interactive musical storytime.
Sat, Jan 25, Feb 22 / 10 AM

Minecraft Open Play
Grades 6 – 12
Build new worlds with our iPads® or your own device.
Thu, Feb 6 / 7 PM

Learn to Make Holiday Treats
Grades 3 – 6
Learn how you can make simple and delicious treats inspired by children’s books.
Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 PM

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Make It & Take It
Join us for creativity and crafting.
Grades K – 5
Wed, Dec 11 / 3:30 PM
Grades 6 – 12
Wed, Dec 11 / 6 PM

Preschool Playgroup
Ages 3 – 5, but not yet in kindergarten, with caregiver
Enjoy stories, play and educational activities with your child as you get to know other preschool families.
Fri, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 / 10 AM

The Muppet Christmas Carol Movie
Families
Enjoy a holiday movie and a winter-themed craft.
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 – 4:30 PM

Art Club
Grades K – 5
Instill the love of art and creativity in your children by allowing them to get their hands dirty and explore art in its many forms!
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 4 PM

Marvelous Minecrafters
Grades 2 – 5
Play the pocket version, plan future Minecraft programs and enjoy fun activities.
Tue, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18 / 4 PM

The Corni Ones Holiday Concert
All ages
The horn ensemble will play holiday hits.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

Anime Club ★
Grades 6 – 12
Each month we’ll have activities featuring a different anime. 12/18 Chi’s Sweet Home; 1/15 Fullmetal Alchemist; 2/19 Naruto
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7 PM

Teen Maker Club ★
Grades 6 – 12
Create unique STEAM projects, share ideas and make friends.
12/19 Glass-etching project; 1/16 Light painting; 2/20 3D night-light
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 3:30 PM

Gingerbread Houses
Families
Create your own holiday graham cracker creation. Bring candy for decorating if you’d like.
Sat, Dec 21 / 2 PM

Music & Movement Storytime
Ages birth – 5 years with caregiver
Join us for a story followed by songs and movement activities.
Wed, Jan 8 – Feb 26 / 10 AM

Turning a Mental Disorder Into a Strength ★
Adults
Extreme endurance athlete Tony Sigmund will discuss his struggles with bipolar disorder, anxiety and depression and how he ultimately overcame them to achieve success.
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Homeschool Meetup
Grades 2 – 5
Enjoy fun activities and projects with other homeschoolers. 1/24 Cookie sheet memo board; 2/28 Upcycled book crafts
Fri, Jan 24, Feb 28 / 11 AM

Thorne Musica Concert
Adults
Carrie King and Paul Kovac will perform melodic, fiery music from European, South American and North American traditions.
Sat, Jan 25 / 2 PM

Arduino Basics for Teens
Ages 11 – 18
Learn how to build and code electronic circuits using Arduino Uno.
Thu, Jan 30 / 6 – 8 PM

No-Bake Valentine Treats
Grades 3 – 6
Celebrate Valentine’s Day by making special homemade treats.
Wed, Feb 12 / 3:30 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH

Drop In & Innovate
Adults
Learn about the equipment and software in our Innovation Center and complete a fun project.
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 13 / 2 – 4 PM
Sat, Dec 14, Jan 18 / 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 29, Feb 26 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Innovate Club: Ornaments
Grades 3 – 5
Make a unique ornament in our Innovation Center.
Sat, Dec 7 / 11 AM

Teen Drop In & Innovate
Grades 6 – 12
Work on a fun project in our Innovation Center.
Tue, Dec 10, Feb 11 / 3:30 PM

Art Workshops
Adults
Complete art projects using supplies made in our Innovation Center.
12/12 Ornaments; 2/20 Winter painting
Thu, Dec 12 / 6:30 PM
Thu, Feb 20 / 6:30 PM

The Polar Express at the Library
Children
Enjoy activities, hot chocolate, cookies and a reading of the classic holiday story.
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

DYING FOR LOVE: A LIBRARY MURDER MYSTERY ★

Just before the premiere of the play Dying for Love, the lead actor is found dead. Meet the suspects, find the clues and help us solve the crime.

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Thu, Jan 9 / 7 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Wed, Jan 22 / 7 PM

Registration Required ★ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
Adapted Storytimes ✓
Children with caregiver
Children with varying learning styles and abilities will learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged.

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Mon, Dec 2, Jan 27 / 10 AM

SOLON BRANCH
Sat, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15
10:30 AM

PARMA BRANCH
Sat, Jan 4, Feb 1 / 11 AM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH
Sat, Jan 11 / 10 AM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Sat, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 11 AM

P.A.L.S. Big-Screen Sensory-Friendly Movie ✓ ★
All ages
The sound is lower, the lights are brighter and talking, singing and moving are perfectly acceptable! These sensory-friendly events are great for movie lovers on the autism spectrum and/or with special needs as well as anyone who prefers this type of experience. 12/7 The Grinch; 1/20 Wonder Park; 2/17 The Princess and the Frog

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Sat, Dec 7 / 11 AM – 1 PM
Mon, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 11 AM – 1 PM

Play & Say ✓
Ages birth – 6 years with families
This adapted playgroup is safe and welcoming for families who have concerns about their child. Learn new skills, meet other families and connect to community resources to help your child.

SOLON BRANCH
Fri, Jan 24, Feb 28 / 10:30 AM

Less Screaming, More Talking ✓
A social work will teach you exercises to help identify communication styles, improve listening and manage conflicts. You’ll also learn about reacting vs responding.

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Ages 7 – 9 with caregiver
Sat, Feb 22 / 10:30 AM

Ages 10 – 12 with caregiver
Sat, Feb 22 / 2:30 PM

How to Apply for Grants for Children With Special Needs ✓
Families
The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Zane’s Inc. and Ohio Family 2 Family will discuss obtaining financial support for therapies, camps and equipment.

SOLON BRANCH
Sat, Feb 29 / 1 PM

Music Therapy & MoreSM ✓
Ages birth – 6 years with families
Children who are struggling in an area of development will use music to improve their motor skills, communication, social skills and behavior.

SOLON BRANCH
Fri, Dec 6, Feb 7 / 10:30 AM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH
Sat, Jan 18, Feb 22 / 10:30 AM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONNECTING FOR KIDS
Register at connectingforkids.org or call 440.570.5908.

Music & Movement Storytime
Ages 19 month – 5 years with caregiver
Join us for a fun, interactive storytime that includes early literacy concepts.
Tue, Jan 7 – Feb 25 / 10 AM

Teen Deep Dive ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Get creative with equipment in our Innovation Center during this four-week series.
Tue, Jan 7 – 28 / 3:30 PM

STEAM Time ✓
Grades K – 3
Every session we’ll have a different adventure – science experiments, technology, building, art and music.
Sat, Jan 11 / 11 AM

Innovation Creations: Glass Sublimation ✓
Adults
Bring a digital photo to print and transfer to glass.
Wed, Jan 15 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Frozen Party ✓
Ages 3 – 6 with caregiver
Come dressed as your favorite character and enjoy activities, music and refreshments.
Sat, Jan 18 / 11 AM

Kindergarten Readiness ✓
Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver
Help prepare your little one for kindergarten through stories and skill-building activities/stations.
Tue, Jan 21, Feb 18 / 10 AM

Wed, Jan 22, Feb 19 / 10:30 AM

Raspberry Pi Basics ✓
Adults
Learn to build and program electronic circuits using a Raspberry Pi microcomputer.
Thu, Jan 23 / 6:30 PM
Family Drop In & Innovate: Lovebugs
Families
Learn about the equipment and software in our Innovation Center and stay for a Valentine’s-themed project.
Sat, Feb 8 / 10 AM

Baby & Toddler Play: Snow ✓
Ages birth – 3 years with caregiver
We’ll have fun toys and activities to boost your child’s brain through play.
Wed, Feb 26 / 10:30 AM

GATES MILLS BRANCH
Kindergarten Readiness ✓
Preschoolers with caregiver
Help your preschooler make the transition into school by building self-awareness skills and establishing positive routines. 12/9 Celebrating together; 1/20 Shapes; 2/3 All about me
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 20, Feb 3 / 4 PM

Teen Art Experiments ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Experiment with different types of art and artistic media.
Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 4 PM

Gingerbread Craft ✓
Grades K – 5
Hear a story about the gingerbread man and make a bracelet or necklace to take home.
Mon, Dec 16 / 4 PM

Techie Teens ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Explore technologies such as coding, computer apps, robotics and circuits.
Wed, Dec 18 / 4 PM

Artist Open House & Reception ★
Adults
The Friends of the Library will feature Bryan Zima’s paintings in the branch. Meet the artist and discuss his work during a reception.
Open house Thu, Jan 2 – Sat, Feb 29 during library hours
Artist reception Thu, Jan 9 / 6:30 – 8 PM

Art ✓
Grades K – 5
1/13 Lines: Explore activity stations and discover how lines are used to create shapes and express ideas.
2/10 Collage: Explore, discover and create during art play.
Mon, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 4 PM

Light Up Your Library ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Learn about circuits and help the Friends by making LED bookmarks for an upcoming book sale.
Thu, Jan 23 / 6 PM

Sketchbook Club ✓
Adults
Bring your sketchbook and engage in creative drawing exercises.
Mon, Jan 27 / 2 PM

Anti-Valentine Craft ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Express your disgust with all things romance. Create anti-Valentine’s Day food art and then eat (or destroy) it!
Thu, Feb 13 / 6 PM

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
Movin’ Groovin’ Stories ✓
Ages 2 – 6 with caregiver
Join us for an exciting evening of stories and songs.
Mon, Dec 2 / 6:30 PM

Geodesic Paper Ball Ornament ✓
Ages 11 – 18
Make ornaments from recycled cards.
Tue, Dec 3 / 7 PM

Robotics Orientation ✓
Adults
Build and work with the popular LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 robotics kit.
Thu, Dec 5 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Tech Gift Guide ✓
Adults
With the holidays approaching, join us for a brief session about trends in handheld technology.
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 PM

Teen Game Day ✓
Grades 5 – 12
Enjoy snacks, video games and board games.
Mon, Dec 30 / 2 – 4 PM

The Golden Age of Shopping in Cleveland ★
Adults
Reminisce about Cleveland’s historic department stores.
Fri, Jan 3 / 12:45 PM

VolunTeens ✓
Grades 5 – 12
Have fun, make friends and help the community.
Tue, Jan 7, Feb 4 / 7 PM

College Advantage Program ✓
Adults
Learn how you can save money for college with Ohio’s 529 plan.
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Teen STEAM Origami ✓
Ages 11 – 18
Try your hand at several origami designs.
Tue, Jan 21 / 7 PM

Understanding Grief & Loss ✓
Adults
Cornerstone of Hope’s Julia Ellifritt will discuss ways to manage and cope. Presented in partnership with Cleveland Clinic.
Wed, Jan 22 / 2 PM

Repeat, Repeat, Pattern, Pattern ★
Grades 1 – 4
See and touch amazing objects from the Cleveland Museum of Art.
Wed, Jan 22 / 6:30 PM

Glowing Greetings ★
Grades 3 – 5
Make a pop-up greeting card that lights up for Valentine’s Day. Presented by Gigalearn.
Tue, Jan 28 / 6:30 PM

School Readiness: Off to Work ✓
Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver
Learn about jobs and careers through play and activity stations.
Wed, Jan 29 / 11 AM
Thu, Jan 30 / 10 AM

Akron ZooMobile ★
Ages 3 – 8
The Akron ZooMobile will bring live animals from its education animal ambassador program.
Sat, Feb 8 / 11 AM

Weave It ✓
Ages 11 – 18
Try your hand at string and weaving crafts.
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 PM

Junk Drawer Knickknack Creation ★
Adults
Using small shadow boxes and burlap frames, create small desk gifts/displays with a touch of nostalgia.
Thu, Feb 13 / 7 PM

MAPLE HEIGHTS BRANCH
Chinese Calligraphy ✓
Adults
Celebrate the Chinese New Year by learning calligraphy from your instructor.
Wed, Jan 22 / 6 – 8 PM

Fabric Art on Canvas Pouch ✓
Adults
Decorate a canvas pouch using vinyl stencils and fabric markers.
Wed, Feb 5 / 6 – 8 PM

Genealogy for Beginners ✓
Adults
This three-part series will get you started on your genealogical journey. 2/15 Intro to genealogy; 2/22 Using U.S. Census records; 2/29 Using vital records
Sat, Feb 15, 22 & 29 / 2 PM

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MAYFIELD BRANCH

Deep Dive: Wearables ✓
Our eight-week maker series continues. Use the technology and equipment in our Innovation Center to create wearables.
Tue through Dec 17 / 3:30 PM

Innovation Creations ✓
Adults
Join the maker movement and complete projects in our Innovation Center. 12/3 Make a holiday wreath. 1/21 Create a Mason jar tissue dispenser. 2/4 Design your own erasable magnetic calendar (children ages 6 and up are welcome with supervision).
Tue, Dec 3, Jan 21 / 6:30 PM

Stay & Play ✓
Ages birth – 5 years with caregiver
Enjoy our toys and have a play date at the library.
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2 / 10:30 AM

Investing Demystified! ✓
Adults
A BetterInvesting instructor will discuss how to use the four principles of investing and historical data when buying stocks.
Sat, Dec 7 / 10:30 AM

Gingerbread House ✓
Families
Make a house out of graham crackers and candy that you can take home and display for the holidays.
Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 PM

3D Design Basics ✓
Adults
Explore hands-on digital creation using 3D modeling software.
Tue, Dec 10 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Art Hour ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Join us for an hour (or maybe more) of creativity and crafting.
Wed, Dec 11; Mon, Jan 6, Feb 3 3:30 PM

Homeschooler Monday ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Engage in fun activities, including games, arts/crafts and maker projects.
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 10:30 AM

Chess Club
Adults
Drop in and play in this club for all skill levels.
Mon, Dec 16 / 3:30 – 8:30 PM

Arduino Basics ✓
Adults
Learn to build and code electronic circuits using an Arduino Uno.
Thu, Dec 19 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Fun Science Lab ✓
Grades 3 – 8
Make your own bouncy ball and bubbling lava bottle while learning about the scientific principles that make them possible.
Mon, Dec 30 / 2 PM

Robotics Orientation ✓
Adults
Learn to program a pre-built robot that will conquer automated movement challenges using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 software.
Thu, Jan 9 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Teen Robotics ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Learn more about building and programming LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 robots and complete a fun challenge.
Mon, Jan 13 / 3:30 PM

Teen Takeover ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Explore the exciting technology and equipment in our Innovation Center as you become part of the maker movement and work on your own project.
Tue, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11, 25 / 3:30 PM

Adobe Illustrator Basics ✓
Learn how to create designs for the laser engraver in our Innovation Center.
Thu, Jan 16 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Get Ready for Kindergarten ✓
Children entering kindergarten in fall with caregiver
We’ll help your child build kindergarten readiness skills. January – sharing and caring; February – counting and estimating
Fri, Jan 17, Feb 14 / 10 AM

Let’s Get Crafty ✓
Grades 2 – 6
Join us for fun paper crafts and origami.
Mon, Jan 20 / 2 PM

Laser Engraver Basics ✓
Adults
Learn how to cut personalized projects in our Innovation Center.
Mon, Jan 20 / 6:30 PM

Homeschool Social Studies ✓
Ages 7 – 10
Explore the culture of Japan: Enjoy folktales, learn a game and try the Japanese art of paper folding.
Fri, Jan 31 / 2 PM

E. 105 & Euclid
All ages
Presenter Dennis Sutcliffe will share the notable and notorious history of Cleveland’s Doan’s Corners – stagecoach stop, entertainment mecca and site of a power struggle.
Tue, Feb 11 / 2 PM

Valentine’s Day Card Making ✓
Ages 5 – 10
Make cards for your family and friends.
Tue, Feb 11 / 6 PM

Winter Preschool STEAM ✓
Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver
Join us for STEAM stations that celebrate winter.
Sat, Feb 22 / 10:30 AM

Cricut Basics ✓
Adults
Learn how to use the Cricut machines in our Innovation Center to create personalized projects.
Wed, Feb 26 / 2 PM

Raspberry Pi Basics ✓
Learn to build and program electronic circuits using a microcomputer.
Grades 6 – 12
Wed, Feb 26 / 6:30 PM

Adults
Thu, Feb 27 / 7 PM

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH

Holiday Glass Etching ✓
Adults
Use technology to make a holiday craft item.
Wed, Dec 4 / 2 PM or 7 PM

Make a Gingerbread House ✓ ★
Families
Construct and decorate a gingerbread house to take home. Bring a bag of candy to share.
Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 PM

Joint Health ✓
Adults
Cleveland Clinic will discuss the importance of keeping your joints healthy to reduce the wear and tear on cartilage, a key component to having an active lifestyle.
Wed, Dec 11 / 1 PM

Wrap Up the Holidays ✓
Adults
Get the most out of this holiday season with the least amount of stress with help from an Oakview Behavioral Health Center counselor.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

★ Registration Required  ★ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
You Can Uke 
Have a ukule-tastic time learning to make music on the world's happiest instrument! If you don't have a ukulele, we'll provide one.
Adults
Sat, Dec 14 / 10 AM – 12 PM
Grades 5 – 12
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 – 4 PM

Build It! 
Grades K – 3
Share a story and build on a related theme.
Mon, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 / 7 PM

Spa-tacular Science ⭐
Grades 6 – 12
Learn the science behind fizzing bath bombs and shower scrubs as we create homemade spa products.
Mon, Dec 16 / 7 PM

Holiday Sing & Strum
All ages
If you like to sing or play an instrument, join us for an evening of seasonal music.
Wed, Dec 18 / 7 PM

Not Your Average Smoothies
Adults
Start the new year off right by learning how to make yummy and healthy smoothies, with a twist!
Mon, Jan 6 / 7 PM

String Art for Teens ⭐
Grades 6 – 12
Create your own original piece of string art. Supplies provided.
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Cooking With Chef Wells
Adults
Learn culinary techniques and methods to create an awesome meal in a fun and festive atmosphere. Great for singles, couples, friends and date nights!
Thu, Jan 16 / 7 PM

Fun in a Jar ⭐
Grades 2 – 5
What can you do with an empty jar? Find out at this fun program.
Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM

Guitar 101
Adults
Bryan Reichert of the Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School will teach the basics.
Mon, Jan 20 / 7 PM

Coffee 101
Adults
Red Cedar Coffee will share the many varieties of coffees and roasting methods.
Tue, Jan 21 / 7 PM

Teens Cook: Winter Warm-Ups
Grades 6 – 12
Come in from the cold for some warming winter foods and recipes.
Wed, Jan 22 / 7 PM

Sensory Playtime
Ages 3 – 7 & their families
Children will enjoy a variety of activities that include pouring, scooping, molding and sorting.
Sat, Jan 25 / 2 PM

Countdown to the Oscars
Adults
Watch Oscar-nominated films. Popcorn provided! 1/27 The Florida Project; 2/3 Ex Machina
Mon, Jan 27, Feb 3 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Valentines at the Zoo ⭐
Grades K – 3
Hear the story My Heart Is Like a Zoo and make valentines for your family and friends.
Sat, Feb 1 / 2 PM

LED Valentine Cards ⭐
Grades 6 – 12
Make a Valentine's Day card or a greeting card using LEDs and circuits.
Tue, Feb 4 / 7 PM

Birding Fun ⭐
Grades K – 3
You won’t “egret” helping us celebrate National Bird Feeding Month with bird stories, crafts and fun.
Sat, Feb 8 / 2 PM

Sweet Treats ⭐
Grades 3 – 5
Learn to make delicious – and healthy – treats to celebrate the sweetest day of the year.
Thu, Feb 13 / 7 PM

Marimba & Steel Drum Concert
Adults
Escape the winter blues with the soothing sounds of percussionist Drew Andreatta.
Mon, Feb 17 / 7 PM

INNOVATION CREATIONS

Designer Cookies
Adults
Get an introduction to laser engraving as you design and engrave your own rolling pin. Then learn how to roll and bake custom-designed cookies. Session one is at our Garfield Heights Branch and session two is at our Warrensville Heights Branch.
Wed, Dec 11 & 18 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Embroidered Tea Towel
Adults
Learn how to operate a sewing machine and create a tea towel. Then embroider a design on your towel using the tools in our Innovation Center. Session one is at our Warrensville Heights Branch and session two is at our Garfield Heights Branch.
Tue, Feb 11 & Wed, Feb 12 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Teen Minecraft Meetup ⭐
Grades 6 – 12
Explore, build, battle and survive in exciting virtual worlds.
Mon, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3 / 4 PM

Active Play Indoors
Families
Drop in to play some games together and check out what our Toy Library has to offer.
Tue, Dec 3 / 6 PM

Shake, Rattle & Read
Ages birth – 5 years with caregiver
Have a great time dancing and moving to your favorite storytime music with shaky eggs, rhythm sticks and more!
Fri, Dec 6, Jan 17, Feb 14 / 10 AM

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The Nutcracker Storytime & Dance ✓
All ages
Join the Arlene Cassara Dance and Theater Center to read The Nutcracker, learn some dance moves and meet some special ballerinas.
Sat, Dec 7 / 11 AM

Magic: The Togetherring ✓
All ages
Play the popular card game Magic: The Gathering in a friendly, casual setting. Beginners welcome!
Sat, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 / 1 – 5 PM

Holiday Pajama Storytime ✓ ★
Children & families
Wear your pajamas to this special storytime featuring holiday books, songs and rhymes.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Drop-In Crafting ✓
Adults
Whether it be knitting, scrapbooking or arranging your online photos, join us for conversation and snacks while doing the craft of your choice.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Teen STEAM ✓ ★
Grades 11 – 18
12/17 Make your own glass-etched project. 1/14 Learn to program a robot to complete a variety of challenges. 2/11 Create a mug and a sweet treat, just in time for Valentine’s Day!
Tue, Dec 17, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 6 PM

Holiday Music With Debbie Darling ✓
Adults
Enjoy festive music and interesting anecdotes on some of the most famous holiday songs.
Wed, Dec 18 / 7 PM

Library Mini-Golf
Families
Enjoy a miniature golf course at the library!
Sat, Jan 4 / 11 AM

Birds of Northeast Ohio ✓
All ages
Get a close-up look at 100 of the most common residents, migrants and breeding birds in our region and learn where and when to find them.
Wed, Jan 8 / 7 PM

Noodle Doodle Bot ✓ ★
Grades 3 – 5
Create your own vibrating, drawing robot using a pool noodle and an electric toothbrush.
Sat, Jan 11 / 11 AM

Mindful Mondays ✓ ★
Grades 3 – 6
Explore mindfulness in this three-part series. 1/13 Affirmations and meditations; 1/20 Get moving; 1/27 Spa make and takes
Mon, Jan 13, 20 & 27 / 4 PM

College Entrance Exam Practice ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Take free practice exams. Bring No. 2 pencils and a graphing/scientific calculator. 1/18 ACT; 2/8 SAT
Sat, Jan 18, Feb 8 / 9:30 AM – 1 PM

Dinosaur Discovery Days ✓ ★
Grades K – 3
Discover dinosaurs through stories and a variety of activities.
Sat, Jan 25, Feb 22 / 11 AM

Mini-Cut-Paper Dioramas ✓
Adults
Create your own with the help of Laura Cooperman, an accomplished cut-paper artist.
Tue, Feb 4 / 7 PM

Great Lakes Theater Play ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Enjoy a free performance of Sherlock Holmes Meets the Bully of Baker Street. Join the world’s greatest detective as he uses his remarkable skills of observation and deduction to solve his most sensational mystery.
Sat, Feb 29 / 2 PM

NORTH ROYALTON BRANCH

Ringing in the Season ✓ ★
Families
The Streetsboro United Methodist Church handbell choir will present a holiday concert for the entire family. Sing along, learn the history of handbells and even try your hand at ringing!
Mon, Dec 2 / 7 PM

Play, Learn & Grow ✓
Grades birth – 3 years with caregiver
Enjoy interactive play stations that stimulate creativity and muscle development.
Tue, Dec 3 / 6:30 PM
Wed, Dec 4 / 10 AM

Christmas at the White House ✓ ★
Adults
Christopher Kenney from the William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum will offer an illustrated look at how some of our past presidents have celebrated the holiday.
Tue, Dec 3 / 7 PM

ACT Workshop ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Discover what colleges are seeking in ACT scores and learn valuable test-taking tips. Plus, get your results if you took the November 23 practice test.
Wed, Dec 4 / 6:30 PM

The Nutcracker ✓
Families
Enjoy excerpts of the ballet performed by costumed dancers from Dance Arts by Regina.
Sat, Dec 7 / 11 AM

Glass Etching ✓ ★
Grades 6 – 12
Make your own glass-etched seasonal-themed creation.
Sat, Dec 7 / 2:30 PM

The Polar Express ✓ ★
Families
Get ready for the holidays with a reading of the story, a snack, a craft and games.
Sat, Dec 14 / 11 AM

Preschool Science: Dinosaurs ✓
Grades 3 – 5 with caregiver
Learn science and math concepts as you play at activity stations.
Tue, Dec 17 / 11 AM or 6:30 PM

VolunTeens ✓ ★
Grades 6 – 12
Get involved in your community while receiving service hours for school.
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19 / 7 PM

New Year, New Look! ✓ ★
Adults
Discover fresh ideas from makeup artist Stephanie Walkiewicz, who will discuss product and color choices, provide a short demo and answer your questions.
Wed, Jan 8 / 7 PM

Stick to Your New Year’s Resolutions! ✓
Adults
Wendy Zullo from LifeWorks of Southwest General will discuss ways to stay motivated all year long.
Wed, Jan 15 / 7 PM

Preschool Math: Measurement ✓
Grades 3 – 5 with caregiver
Explore and develop math skills through play at learning stations.
Sat, Jan 18 / 11 AM

Escape From the Library! ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Find out if you have what it takes to solve the mystery and beat our escape room.
Sat, Jan 18 / 3 PM

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Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver

Robots Challenge ✓
Grades 4 – 8
Learn how to program LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 robots and show off what you learned in a challenge.
Mon, Jan 20 / 2 – 4 PM

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up ✓ ★
Adults
Chris Beers will inspire and empower you with the KonMari method, which he uses to help his clients restore harmony to their homes.
Wed, Jan 22 / 7 PM

Outback Ray’s Amazing Animals ✓ ★
Families
Meet several cool critters up close and learn about them from the exotic animal expert.
Sat, Jan 25 / 10 AM

Tots Dance ✓
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Dance and move to music with beanbags and shaker eggs.
Thu, Jan 30 / 7 PM
Sat, Feb 29 / 11 AM

What Do Animals Do in Winter? ✓ ★
Grades 1 – 4
Learn about hibernation and migration from a Cleveland Metroparks naturalist, enjoy games and create a hedgehog craft.
Sat, Feb 1 / 10 AM

 Builders Challenge: Valentine Fun ✓
Grades K – 3
Hear a story and then use your imagination and our LEGO® bricks to build a creation.
Sat, Feb 8 / 11 AM

Fantastic Frozen Fun! ✓
Grades K – 4
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of activities based on the movie. We’ll have cool science experiments, crafts, games and music.
Sat, Feb 15 / 2:30 PM

Tweens Minute to Win It ✓
Grades 4 – 8
Complete silly challenges in under 60 seconds!
Wed, Feb 17 / 2:30 PM

An Evening With Teddy Roosevelt ✓ ★
Adults
Commemorate Presidents Day by joining Ted Dudra for his portrayal of the war hero, explorer, naturalist and 26th president.
Tue, Feb 18 / 7 PM

Bodacious Bath Bombs ✓ ★
Adults
Mix ingredients to make our very own bath bombs.
Thu, Feb 20 / 7 PM

Mini-Movers ✓
Ages 6 – 23 months with caregiver
Join us for music, movement, play and socialization.
Sat, Feb 22 / 10 AM

Make Your Own Smoothies ✓ ★
Grades 6 – 12
Learn how to make healthy and delicious smoothies in this workshop.
Sat, Feb 29 / 3 PM

OLMSTED FALLS BRANCH

Kids in the Kitchen ✓ ★
Grades 2 – 5
Learn how to make fun and yummy winter treats – without baking!
Thu, Dec 5 / 4 PM

RoboVentures ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Join us for monthly free play and mini-challenges using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robots.
Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 7 PM

DIY Ornaments ✓ ★
Adults
Make several ornaments to decorate your house and tree for the holiday season.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

Holiday Cookie Design Battle ✓ ★
Grades 6 – 12
See who can design the best cookies with icing and toppings.
Wed, Dec 18 / 7 PM

Music & Movement With The Music Settlement ✓
Ages birth – 4 years with caregiver
A teacher will offer a free class of moving, singing and chanting activities in a musically rich and informal environment.
Fri, Jan 10 / 10 AM

Lake Erie Shipwrecks ✓ ★
Adults
Jim Paskert from Cleveland Underwater Explorers will talk about shipwrecks and Great Lakes maritime history.
Mon, Jan 13 / 7 PM

Floral Collage ✓ ★
Adults
Make a collage out of book pages and magazines to create a wall hanging.
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Teen 3D Design ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Explore hands-on digital creation using a 3D modeling program!
Wed, Jan 15 / 7 PM

Beat Breakers Hip-Hop Class ✓ ★
Ages 4 – 8
Learn some basic moves in this fun, high-energy dance class led by Dance to Evolve.
Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM

Suzuki Violin in Action ✓
All ages
Support young musicians as they perform the beautiful pieces they have learned through the Community Music School at Baldwin Wallace University.
Thu, Feb 6 / 7 PM

The Other Evil ✓
Adults
This multimedia presentation will focus on how the Nazis used propaganda to isolate and threaten Germany’s, and the world’s, Jewish population.
Mon, Feb 10 / 7 PM

Glass Etching ✓ ★
Adults
Learn the art of etching glass.
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 PM

Obstacle-Avoiding Robot With Arduino ✓
Ages 11 – 18
Build a robot and change code to alter the its actions.
Wed, Feb 19 / 6 – 8 PM

Leap Into Leap Day! ✓ ★
Families
Visit different stations for fun activities, interesting facts and a tasty treat to make!
Sat, Feb 29 / 2 PM

ORANGE BRANCH

Graham Cracker Houses ✓ ★
Grades 4 – 8
Using your creativity and design skills, build and decorate a graham cracker house for a holiday display or delicious treat!
Tue, Dec 3 / 6:30 PM

Mini-Movers ✓
Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver
Enjoy a high-energy session of music and movement using beanbags and rhythm sticks.
Fri, Dec 6, Jan 17, Feb 14 / 10 AM

Winter Fairy Garden in a Jar ✓ ★
Grades 1 – 5
Make a fairy garden filled with lovely snow-themed items perfect for a winter fairy.
Sat, Dec 14 / 2 PM

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Homeschool World Explorers ✓ ★
Each month we will “travel” to a different country to learn about its culture and customs. 1/16 Finland; 2/20 Mongolia
Thu, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 10 AM

College Entrance Exam Practice ✓
Grades 9 – 12
Take free practice exams provided by the Princeton Review. 1/18 ACT; 2/15 SAT
Sat, Jan 18, Feb 15 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Junior Robotics ✓
Grades 1 – 3
Explore the world of LEGO® robots and enjoy new adventure with like-minded friends.
Wed, Jan 22 / 6:30 PM

Essays for ACT, SAT & College Entrance ✓ ★
Grades 10 – 12
Learn an effective and efficient format to approach the essay portion of the SAT, the ACT and college entrance applications with writing specialist and consultant Donna Levine.
Tue, Jan 28 / 7 PM

Animal Tracks ✓
Grades 1 – 5
Explore the world of animals in the winter with materials from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
Sat, Feb 1 / 2 PM

American Girl Valentine’s Day ✓ ★
Grades 1 – 5
Help your doll get ready for Valentine’s Day with special doll-size crafts.
Sat, Feb 8 / 2 PM

Make Valentine’s Day Cards ✓ ★
Design cards for the special people in your life using items designed and cut on our Cricut machine.
Adults
Mon, Feb 10 / 2:30 PM
Grades 4 – 8
Mon, Feb 10 / 6:30 PM

Informed & Empowered: Campaign Finance ✓
Learn about fundraising and spending as well as reasons for and against reform from Case Western Reserve University’s Siefel Lifelong Learning Program.
Mon, Feb 17 / 2 PM

PARMA BRANCH
Meet & Speak English ★
Adults
In this casual conversation group, new English speakers practice conversation skills with native speakers.
Mon, Dec 2, 9, 16 / 7 PM

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ✓ ★
Grades K – 3 with caregiver
Celebrate with Rudolph, Yukon Cornelius, Hermey and all the elves! Make holiday crafts and enjoy North Pole treats.
Tue, Dec 3 / 6:30 PM

Maker Club ✓ ★
Grades 5 – 8
Join us after school week as we transform the teen space into a place for creating.
Wed, Dec 4, 11, Jan 15, Feb 12
4:15 PM

Student Volunteers:
Gingerbread Houses ✓ ★
Grades 4 – 6
Help families make gingerbread houses and earn community service hours.
Sat, Dec 7 / 10 AM – 3:30 PM

Gingerbread Houses ★
All ages with caregiver
Drop in and make a graham cracker gingerbread house for the holidays.
Sat, Dec 7 / 11 AM – 3 PM

Ringing in the Season ✓
All ages
The Garfield Memorial UMC handbell choir will help ring in the holiday season.
Mon, Dec 9 / 7 PM

Adult Coloring
Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring.
Tue, Dec 10 / 6 PM
Tue, Jan 14, Feb 11 / 6:30 PM

THE WORLD IN YOUR BACKYARD ✓

Adults
This initiative – which runs through August – promotes cultural competency and increases understanding of diversity, inclusion and equity. 1/18 Kick off the series with cultural displays, food, entertainment and activities.
2/18 Read and discuss Next America: Boomers, Millennials and the Looming Generational Showdown by Paul Taylor.

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH
Sat, Jan 18 / 11 AM – 1 PM
Tue, Feb 18 / 7 PM

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Let’s Go Out to the Movies ✓
Adults
Check out the monthly movie and then join us for a discussion. 12/11 to be announced; 1/8 The Lady in the Van; 2/12 Green Book
Wed, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 / 7 PM

Ready, Set, Create! ✓
Grades 2 – 5
Solve problems, be creative and work with real engineers as you explore how we make electricity using power from nature.
Sat, Dec 14 / 11 AM

Universal Language Calligraphy Club ✓
Adults
Try calligraphy using a dip pen to adorn holiday cards and envelopes.
Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM

Brick Builders Meetup ✓
Grades K – 5
Drop in on Fridays during winter break to build with friends.
Fri, Dec 20, 27, Jan 3 / 2 PM

Young Musicians ✓ ★
Ages 4 – 6 with caregiver
Explore musical rhythm, listening and coordination skills through body movements with The Music Settlement.
Fri, Jan 3 – 31 / 10:30 AM

“Family Ties” Genealogy Workshop ✓
Adults
Discover your ancestors by using Library and Internet resources. A librarian will be available to help guide your search.
Thu, Jan 16 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Renew & Recycle ✓
Adults
Start the new year off right. Renew yourself with yoga/meditation; renew the environment with an upcycling craft project.
Tue, Jan 21 / 7 PM

Using Your Android Tablet ✓
Adults
Bring your device and learn essential skills.
Thu, Jan 23 / 2 PM

ACT Practice & Workshop ✓
Grades 9 – 12
1/25 Take a free practice test from Huntington Learning Center. 2/4 Receive your results and get test-taking tips.
Sat, Jan 25 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Tue, Feb 4 / 7 PM

Declutter Your Mind & Space ✓
Adults
Learn how to get organized and what is truly important in life.
Tue, Jan 28 / 7 PM

Master Builders ✓ ★
Grades 3 – 5
Tackle building challenges with friends using your imagination and our LEGO® bricks.
Sat, Feb 1 / 2 PM

Girls in Science Day: Planetarium ✓ ★
Grades 3 – 5
Enter the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's portable planetarium to view the night sky and learn amazing facts about the sun, moon, asteroids, comets and planets.
Tue, Feb 11 / 6:30 PM

Makeup Tips ✓
Adults
A beauty specialist will demonstrate proper application.
Sat, Feb 15 / 1 PM

Beginners Calligraphy ✓
Adults
Get started making beautiful writing by learning the basics with a chisel-tip dip pen.
Tue, Feb 18 / 7 PM

Foldscopes: Paper Microscopes ✓ ★
Grades 4 – 6
Make a microscope and view the unseen world. You’ll receive a kit to keep!
Thu, Feb 20 / 7 PM

PARMA HEIGHTS BRANCH

Erie Heights Brass Ensemble Holiday Concert ✓
Adults
Enjoy a holiday-themed concert.
Thu, Dec 12 / 7 PM

Brick Builders Club ✓
Grades K – 5
Come build with us using our bricks and your imagination.
Sat, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15 / 2 PM

Color Magic! ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Make a color-changing light by experimenting with resistance and current.
Sat, Dec 28 / 2 – 4 PM

Pearl Road Book Stop ✓
Adults
Our librarian will share a few new books while you enjoy some refreshments.
Thu, Jan 23, Feb 27 / 1:30 PM

Tots & Blocks ✓
Ages 1 – 3 with caregiver
Interact and play with developmentally appropriate toy blocks.
Fri, Jan 24 / 10 AM

Loom Knitting ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Get started knitting a winter scarf on a circular loom. It’s fun and easy – anyone can learn the technique in a few minutes.
Sat, Jan 25 / 2 PM

Bingo for Books ✓
Grades K – 5
Enjoy a game of bingo and win a book!
Wed, Feb 5 / 6:30 PM

PARMA-SNOW BRANCH

CNC Basics ✓
Adults
Get an intro to basic operation and design using VCarve software and ShopBot CNC machine in our Innovation Center.
Mon, Dec 2 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Teen Geekcraft ✓
Ages 13 – 18
12/5 Learn how sleep can influence stress and make a sleep mask.
1/16 Join us for a geek-inspired craft!
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 16 / 4 PM

“Family & Friends CPR ✓
Get hands-on experience in CPR (for infants through adults) and anti-choking techniques. Become familiar with an AED and practice on a mannequin.
Sat, Feb 8 / 10 AM

Native American Weaving ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Make a stunning wall hanging from burlap and adorn it with beads and feathers.
Sat, Feb 22 / 2 PM

Blood Pressure Screenings
All ages
University Hospitals will offer free screenings.
Tue, Dec 10 & Jan 14, Feb 11
10 AM – 12 PM

Teen Innovation Basics
Ages 14 – 18
Learn how to use the resources in our Innovation Center. Master the basics on day one and build on those skills to make a project on day two. 12/10 & 12/12 Cricut Design Space; 1/28 & 1/30 Adobe Illustrator
Tue, Dec 10 & Thu, Dec 12 / 4 PM
Tue, Jan 28 & Thu, Jan 30 / 4 PM

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Holiday Songs ▶ ★
Adults
Judy Crawford will sing a selection of your favorites.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Preschool Yoga ▶ ★
Ages 3 – 6 with caregiver
ZENworks Yoga will offer a storytime yoga program of breathing, bending and lots of fun.
Thu, Dec 12 / 10 AM

Outback Ray’s Amazing Animal Show ▶ ★
Families
Join us for a fun, exciting and educational look at exotic animals.
Sat, Dec 14 / 12 PM

Teens Innovation Club ▶
Join us in the Innovation Center to explore exciting technology and equipment. Bring your ideas and materials for what you might like to design and create!
Thu, Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 6 / 4 PM

Zentangle®-Inspired Art ▶ ★
Adults
Discover this easy-to-learn and relaxing method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns.
Thu, Dec 19, Feb 20 / 7 PM

Build-o-rama ▶
Families
Play with Magna-Tiles® and build with bricks and other types of blocks for all ages.
Sat, Dec 28 / 2 PM

Drop In & Innovate
Adults
Attend an Innovation Center orientation and start a project.
Mon, Dec 30, Jan 27, Feb 24
1:30 – 3:30 PM

Tai Chi for Beginners ▶ ★
Adults
In this four-part series, learn effective exercises for improving your health as you reduce stress and increase flexibility and balance. All fitness levels welcome.
Thu, Jan 9 – 30 / 10 AM

Art Club ▶ ★
Grades K – 5
Instill the love of art and creativity in your children by allowing them to get their hands dirty and explore art in its many forms!
Mon, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 4 PM

Monthly Maker ▶
Families
Bring photos or other mementos to press into buttons.
Mon, Jan 13 / 7 PM

Protecting Yourself From Financial Scams ▶
Adults
U.S. Bank will help you learn to recognize, react to and report common financial scams to better ensure the financial safety of you and your loved ones.
Wed, Jan 15 / 2 PM
Wed, Feb 19 / 7 PM

Adult Coloring Club
De-stress and unwind with crayons and colored pencils!
Thu, Jan 16 / 7 PM

3D Design Basics ▶
Adults
Explore hands-on digital creation using a 3D modeling program.
Tue, Jan 21 / 6 – 8 PM

Mad Science: Fire & Ice ▶ ★
Families
Explore the concepts of matter and pressure. Mad Science will help volunteers defy gravity and present “cool” (dry ice) experiments with bubbling potions!
Sat, Jan 25 / 2 PM

Rock ‘n’ Roll History: The Cleveland Connection ▶ ★
Adults
Explore important events, venues and groups in local music history, and learn more about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.
Mon, Jan 27 / 7 PM

Sherlock Holmes Meets the Bully of Baker Street ▶
Grades 1 – 6
Great Lakes Theater will perform this original tale about the world’s greatest detective, who uses his remarkable skills of observation and deduction to solve his most sensational mystery.
Sat, Feb 8 / 2 PM

Valentine’s Day Friendship Party ▶ ★
Preshoolers – grade 5
After an optional love and friendship family storytime at 6:30, join us for cookie decorating and valentine making.
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 PM

Teen Anti-Valentine’s Party ▶
Ages 13 – 18
Can’t stomach the sweet stuff? Join us for trivia, games and giveaways.
Thu, Feb 13 / 4 PM

Cricut Basics & Greeting Card Design ▶ ★
Adults
In this two-part series, learn how to use Cricut Design Space and the Explore Air machine to design your own greeting cards.
Wed, Feb 19 & 26 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Music & Movement With The Music Settlement ▶
Ages birth – 4 years with caregiver
A teacher will offer a free class of moving, singing and chanting activities in a musically rich and informal environment.
Fri, Feb 21 / 10 AM

Mardi Gras ★
Families
Celebrate with a music- and dance-themed storytime, a jazz band’s tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and musical crafts and refreshments.
Tue, Feb 25 / 6:30 – 8 PM

Tribute to Ella ★
All ages
As part of our Mardi Gras event, celebrate the incredible life and work of Ella Fitzgerald with local jazz singer Shari Hunter.
Tue, Feb 25 / 7 PM

CULINARY LITERACY
Combining cooking and learning, our culinary literacy programs bring people together to talk about food and cooking while exploring new techniques, recipes and skills. Discover these unique learning experiences throughout this Branch Events section and at cuyahogalibrary.org/culinary.

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RICHMOND HEIGHTS BRANCH

Fun Science Lab✓
Grades 3 – 8
Make your own bouncy ball, bubbling lava bottle and more—all while learning about the scientific principles that make them possible.
Fri, Jan 3 / 2 PM

Fun With Clay✓
Grades K – 8
Learn about Dave, a 19th-century African American artist known for his pottery. Then try your hand at making a simple pot.
Mon, Feb 17 / 2 PM

SOLON BRANCH

Downloadable Help✓
Adults
Get one-on-one help downloading eBooks, audiobooks and magazines from our Digital Collection.
Mon / 2 – 3 PM
Wed / 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Modern Art for Kids✓
Grades 2 – 5
Learn about a famous artist and create your own masterpiece.
12/4 Henri Matisse; 12/11 Wassily Kandinsky; 12/18 Charley Harper
Wed, Dec 4, 11 & 18 / 6:30 PM

Paper Circuit Holiday Cards✓
Grades 3 – 8
Add a little light to the holidays by making paper circuit holiday cards with copper tape, button batteries, LEDs and card stock.
Thu, Dec 5 / 4 PM

Jungle Safari Puppet Show✓
Families
Enjoy a puppet show with plenty of magic tricks and funny antics.
Sat, Dec 7 / 3:30 PM

Watch Me Fly!✓
Ages 2 & 3
Come for stories of superheroes, dancing and a super craft.
Tue, Dec 10 / 7 PM

Early Breweries of Cleveland✓
Adults
Historian Rebecca McFarland will discuss the city’s rich beer-making history and breweries like Leisy, Gund, Gehring and Schlather.
Wed, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Music & Movement✓
Ages birth – 4 years with caregiver
The Music Settlement will present a music and movement program. Instilling a lifelong love of music and creative expression can serve as a pathway to improving self-esteem, social skills, listening ability and language development.
Thu, Dec 12 / 10 AM

Teens @ the Library✓
Grades 6 – 12
Join us for a variety of volunteer activities.
Thu, Dec 12, Jan 23, Feb 6, 20 / 4 PM

Perfectly Polite Dining Etiquette✓
Grades 6 – 12
Learn all about table setting, American and Continental styles of dining, posture, proper introductions, international customs and thank-you notes.
Sat, Dec 14 / 3 PM

Winter Beach Party✓
Ages 3 – 7
Welcome the first day of winter with a party in the tropics. Brighten your day with music, stories and a beachy-keen craft.
Sat, Dec 21 / 10:30 AM

Family Arts & Crafts✓
Ages 2 – 11
Bring the whole family! Crafts and drawing supplies provided.
Mon, Dec 23 / 2 PM

Toy Time✓
Ages birth – 5 years
Enjoy an hour of play featuring toys from our Toy Library.
Thu, Dec 26; Sat, Feb 29 / 10 AM

Water Safety With Bubbles the Fish✓
Ages 3 – 7
Meet Bubbles the Fish, hear a story and learn about water safety.
Fri, Dec 27 / 10 AM

Play With Your Food! Nutrition for Preschoolers✓
Ages 3 – 5
Preschoolers can be heroes too! Come for stories, dancing and a super craft.
Tue, Jan 14 / 7 PM

Here I Come to Save the Day!✓
Families
Join a Cleveland Metroparks naturalist (and live owls) to learn about the myths and facts surrounding these fascinating nocturnal creatures.
Wed, Jan 22 / 7 PM

Ah-Choo!✓
Ages 2 & 3
It’s flu season and some of our favorite storybook characters have gotten sick. Hear their stories, do some dancing and make a craft.
Tue, Feb 11 / 7 PM

SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST BRANCH

Jewelry 101✓
Adults
Get crafty and create your own blingy bracelet!
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 PM

Gingerbread House Decorating✓
Children of all ages & families
Create a delicious winter wonderland and cover a house with candy.
Sat, Dec 7 / 3 PM

Tropical Escape✓
Families
Join us for stories of superheroes, dancing and a super craft.
Sat, Dec 7 / 3 PM

TWEEN TIME
Grades 4 – 6
Never be bored again! Enjoy experiments, movies and food.
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 / 3 PM

Greenprint Training I: Introduction✓
Adults
The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will show you how to access and use this set of mapping and planning tools.
Wed, Jan 15 / 9:30 AM

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VolunTeens ✓
Grades 5 – 12
Have fun and make friends while helping with activities that benefit the library and community. 12/18, 1/15 & 2/26: Help out with Family Fun Nights.
Sat, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 / 11 AM
Wed, Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 26
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Homeschool STEM Sleuths ✓
Grades K – 5
Collaborate with others and get creative as we explore the endless possibilities of art and science through fun experiments and activities.
Mon, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10
10:30 AM

New Year, New You, New Skills ✓
Adults
Access authoritative online classes through LinkedIn Learning with Lynda.com content, available from the Library.
Sat, Jan 18, Feb 27 / 10 AM – 12 PM

Teen Maker Boss ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Decide what technology we’ll explore next! Activities include coding, robotics, 3D design, video game app creation and Minecraft.
Thu, Dec 26, Jan 30, Feb 27 / 7 PM

Teen Craft Buffet ✓
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Sat, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 29 / 2 – 4 PM

Adults
Learn how to use the machine in our Memory Lab to create and cut personalized projects.
Mon, Jan 20 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Tribute to Jazz ✓
All ages
Shari Hunter will delight the audience with a trip down memory lane in this tribute to jazz.
Mon, Feb 3 / 7 PM

Valentine’s Storytime
Children of all ages with caregiver
We’ll read books, make a craft, create a special valentine and sing and dance the afternoon away! Sat, Feb 8 / 11 AM

Fri, Jan 31, Feb 28 / 10 AM – 11 AM

SOUTHEAST BRANCH

Messy Mondays ✓
Grades K – 3
Join us for stories, songs and messy activities!
Wed / 7 PM

Picture Book-palooza ✓
Grades K – 5
We’ll have fun with games, crafts and other activities.
Tue / 7 PM

Just for Fun Playgroup ✓
Ages birth – 5 years with caregiver
Connect with other parents as your children socialize in a themed environment.
Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 / 10:30 AM

Jingle All the Way ✓
Adults
Make a festive wood holiday sign with flowers and bells that says, “Jingle All the Way.”
Sat, Dec 7 / 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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Teen Craft Buffet ✓
Grades 6 – 12
Ever wonder what we do with leftover materials from library craft programs? Now’s your chance to find out!
Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Sweet Potato Pies From “Nowhere” ✓
All ages
Make sweet potato pies and learn how Georgia Gilmore’s pies helped fund the 1956 Montgomery bus boycott.
Sat, Feb 29 / 11 AM – 1 PM

STRONGSVILLE BRANCH

Gift Card Pocket ✓
Learn basic sewing skills and make a gift card pocket – perfect for a holiday gift!
Adults
Mon, Dec 2 / 2 – 4 PM
Ages 10 – 18
Mon, Dec 2 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment ✓
Adults
Learn about osteopathic manipulative treatment, a series of hands-on techniques that osteopathic doctors use to help diagnose illness or injury and facilitate your body’s natural tendency toward self-healing.
Tue, Dec 3 / 7 PM

Snowman Top Hat ✓
Adults
Create a snowman top hat using recycled materials.
Wed, Dec 4 / 2 – 4 PM

Great Lakes National Puppet Theater ✓ ★
Families
The magic of puppetry and classic storytelling will come alive in performances of “Little Red Riding Hood” and “The Shoemaker and the Elf.”
Sat, Dec 7 / 2 PM

Teen Craft Buffet ✓
Grades 6 – 12
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Mon, Dec 9 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM
**Winter Pajama Party**
*Families*
Wear your pj’s as we read stories, make a craft and relax with cookies and milk.
**Thu, Dec 12 / 7 PM**

**Just 4 U Student Friends**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Get involved at the branch and connect with your community.
**Sat, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 / 2 PM**

**Holly Jolly Sing-Along**
*All ages*
The Cleveland Fleaharmonics ukulele ensemble will perform favorites like “Deck the Halls,” “Frosty the Snowman” and “Jingle Bell Rock.” Bring your ukulele.
**Tue, Dec 17 / 7 PM**

**Evening Art**
*Adults*
12/19 Create a cute snowflake block. 1/16 Paint a beautiful scene on canvas. 2/20 Make a paper bead bracelet out of book pages and scrapbook paper.
**Thu, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Aromatherapy: The Basics of Essential Oils**
*Adults*
Learn how to use essential oils while gaining insight into their health benefits from Carolyn Smilor, a doctor of naturopathic medicine.
**Tue, Jan 14 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Good Morning, Strongsville Speaker Series**
*Adults*
Join Wendy Zullo from LifeWorks of Southwest General to learn how to keep your resolutions going strong and stay motivated all year.
**Wed, Jan 15 / 10 AM**

**Balloons by Blake**
*Families*
Blake Parhamovich’s comedy variety show will include magic, juggling, balloon twisting and a whole lot of audience participation!
**Sat, Jan 18 / 2 PM**

**ParkFit Mall Walkers Wellness Talks**
*Adults*
Walk at the mall and then join us at the library for wellness talks sponsored by Southwest General. 1/21 Learn about osteopathic manipulative treatment. 2/18 Learn about diabetes and heart disease.
**Tue, Jan 21, Feb 18 / 10 AM**

**Winter Luminaries**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Create a winter luminary using simple materials.
**Tue, Jan 21 / 7 – 9 PM**

**Discovering Art: Line & Shape**
*Grades 1 – 3 with caregiver*
Explore how lines create shapes and express ideas and try a variety of tools and techniques at activity stations.
**Wed, Jan 29 / 7 PM**

**Teen Screen Printing**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Learn the basics in this hands-on workshop.
**Mon, Feb 3 / 7 PM**

**Valentine Door Decor**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Create a special door wreath decoration for Valentine’s Day.
**Tue, Feb 4 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Tender Loving Storytime**
*Ages 3 – 5 with caregiver*
Hear stories of love and friendship and make an edible “loving home” from graham crackers, frosting and sweet treats.
**Fri, Feb 14 / 2 PM**

**Teen Light Painting**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Learn how to take long-exposure photographs of a moving light source.
**Mon, Feb 17 / 7 PM**

**Podcasting Series**
*Adults*
In this two-part series, learn how to record, edit and share audio content and stories in a podcast format.
**Wed, Feb 19 & 26 / 7 PM**

**Kiwanis Read Around the World**
*Families*
The Strongsville Kiwanis Club will read books to children and give each child attending a new book.
The event will also include puppet shows, face painting, storytelling and refreshments.
**Sat, Feb 22 / 10 AM – 12:30 PM**

**WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH**

**Poetic Power**
*Adults*
Step up to the mic and express yourself!
**Mon / 7 PM**

**Essay Help**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Drop in and get help with writing your school reports.
**Thu, Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 / 4 PM**

**Holiday Bags Screen Print**
*Adults*
Shop the season in style with your own screen-printed holiday tote bag.
**Fri, Dec 13 / 10:30 AM**

**Gingerbread House Party**
*Families*
Build and decorate your own gingerbread house.
**Sat, Dec 21 / 2 PM**

**Kwanzaa**
*All ages*
Join the Friends of the Library as we celebrate the fifth day of Kwanzaa, Nia (Purpose).
**Mon, Dec 30 / 2 – 5 PM**

**LEGO® WeDo Robotics**
*Ages 7 – 10*
Build STEM skills and explore the world of WeDo robots.
**Sat, Jan 4 / 2 PM**

**Warrensville Heights Branch**

**Android Basics**
*Adults*
Bring your tablet or smartphone and learn the basics of using your device, including how to take pictures.
**Sat, Jan 11 / 11 AM**

**Chinese New Year Celebration**
*Grades 6 – 12*
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with arts and crafts.
**Thu, Jan 23 / 5 PM**

**Senior Arts**
*Adults*
Chase away the winter blues with the power of artistic creation! 1/24 Add sound effects and music to video; 1/31 Create art with LPs; 2/7 Heat press a lovely pillowcase; 2/14 Glass etch for Valentine’s Day; 2/21 Color with 3D pens
**Fri, Jan 24 – Feb 21 / 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Genealogy Tracers**
*Adults*
Learn ways to search the mysteries of your ancestors.
**Sat, Jan 25, Feb 22 / 10 AM – 1 PM**

**Managing Digital Photos**
*Adults*
Bring your camera or smartphone and learn how to transfer and back up your photos. We’ll also cover different ways to store your photos, such as USB/flash drives and cloud storage.
**Sat, Feb 8 / 11 AM**

**Kids Cook: Valentine Treats**
*Grades 2 – 5*
Learn to make delicious treats for Valentine’s Day.
**Sat, Feb 8 / 2 PM**

**Greenprint Training II: Advanced Features**
*Adults*
The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will show you how to use the advanced features of this set of mapping and planning tools.
**Thu, Feb 13 / 2:30 PM**

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Twenty-eight people became official U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony at our Solon Branch.

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**Mon – Thu / 9 AM – 9 PM**

**Fri – Sat / 9 AM – 5:30 PM**

**Sun / 1 – 5 PM**

### Bay Village Branch
502 Cahoon Road / 440.871.6392

### Beachwood Branch
25501 Shaker Boulevard / 216.831.6868

### Berea Branch
7 Berea Commons / 440.234.5475

### Brecksville Branch
9089 Brecksville Road / 440.526.1102

### Brooklyn Branch
4480 Ridge Road / 216.398.4600

### Chagrin Falls Branch
100 East Orange Street / 440.247.3556

### Fairview Park Branch
21255 Lorain Road / 440.333.4700

### Garfield Heights Branch
5409 Turney Road / 216.475.8178

### Gates Mills Branch
1491 Chagrin River Road / 440.423.4808

### Independence Branch
6361 Selig Drive / 216.447.0160

### Maple Heights Branch
5225 Library Lane / 216.475.5000

### Mayfield Branch
500 SOM Center Road / 440.473.0350

### Middleburg Heights Branch
16699 Bagley Road / 440.234.3600

### North Olmsted Branch
27403 Lorain Road / 440.777.6211

### North Royalton Branch
5071 Wallings Road / 440.237.3800

### Olmsted Falls Branch
8100 Mapleway Drive / 440.235.1150

### Orange Branch
31975 Chagrin Boulevard / 216.831.4282

### Parma Branch
6996 Powers Boulevard / 440.885.5362

### Parma Heights Branch
34125 Portz Parkway / 440.248.8777

### Parma-Snow Branch
5071 Wallings Road / 440.234.3600

### Richmond Heights Branch
5235 Wilson Mills Road / 440.449.2666

### Solon Branch
2121 Snow Road / 216.661.4240

### South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch
1876 South Green Road / 216.382.4880

### Southeast Branch
70 Columbus Road / 440.439.4997

### Strongsville Branch
18700 Westwood Drive / 440.238.5530

### Warrensville Heights Branch
5235 Wilson Mills Road / 440.449.2666

### MetroHealth Service Point
2500 MetroHealth Drive / 216.778.7670

**Mon – Fri / 9 AM – 5:30 PM**
We’ve planned special events celebrating civil rights, culture, music and, of course, books. Don’t miss these highlights: Jeffrey Blount will visit to discuss his new novel, *The Emancipation of Evan Walls* (page 2); an actress from Women in History will portray Sally Hemings (page 15); and we will watch and discuss the documentary *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: A Historical Perspective* (page 28).

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