



# EVENTS

March - May 2020

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

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## MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT  
330-643-9020

**P2PU:**  
**Music Technology Foundations**  
**A Peer 2 Peer University Learning Circle**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 17, 24, 31, Apr 7, 14, 21, 1-2:30 pm**  
Learn how to use creative technologies to make your own music and get a step closer to a career in music. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**A Four-Step Approach to Salary Negotiation**  
**Tuesday, Mar 17, 5:30-6:30 pm**  
Use the information discussed in this program for your next job search. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Reentry in Motion: Equality Ohio & B. Riley House**  
**Thursday, Mar 19, 11 am-12 pm**  
Learn about two important organizations that help people regardless of sexual orientation. Reentry resources will be provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Prison State**  
**Thursday, Mar 26, 11 am-12:30 pm**  
The film Prison State takes an intimate look at the cycle of mass incarceration in America. Reentry information will be included.

**Hesburgh Documentary**  
**Sunday, Mar 29, 1:30-3:30 pm**  
This documentary explores the life of Theodore Hesburgh, a civil rights activist and former president of the University of Notre Dame. Presented in cooperation with the Akron Area Interfaith Council.

**Introduction to Finding Grants-Candid/Grantseeking Series**  
**Tuesday, Mar 31, 10 am-12 pm**  
Are you new to the field of grant seeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants, and how to find potential funders in this introductory course. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Census Day**  
**Wednesday, Apr 1, All Day**  
An accurate census count is critical. Celebrate Census Day at Main Library by completing the census online in one of our computer labs. Refreshments and "I Count!" stickers will be provided.

**Demystifying Credit and Your Credit Score**  
**Saturday, Apr 4, 11-11:45 am**  
Join a representative from Buckeye State Credit Union for a relaxing and informative session on how to cut out the confusion about credit and your FICO score. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Let's Review Your Credit Report for Free!**  
**Tuesday, Apr 7, 10 am-1 pm and Wednesday, Apr 8, 4-7 pm**  
Join a representative from Buckeye State Credit Union for a confidential review of your credit report. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**High Yield Investment**  
**Saturday, Apr 11, 11 am-12 pm**  
Author and interior design entrepreneur David L. Hawkins will discuss his book "Ask the Mailman: A Simple Plan of High Yield Stock Investing for Uncommon Wealth."

**Modernize Your Resume**  
**Wednesday, Apr 15, 5:30-6:30 pm**  
Create a modern resume that will get you past applicant tracking systems and noticed by hiring managers. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Reentry in Motion: Pardon in Six Months**  
**Thursday, Apr 16, 11 am-12 pm**  
Joann Sahl, Professor of Law from the UA School of Law, will discuss the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project. Reentry information will be available.

**Reentry in Motion: College Behind Bars, Part I**  
**Thursday, Apr 23, 11 am-12 pm**  
The video Nobody Ever Taught Me That reveals the lives of men and women in the most rigorous prison education programs in the US - the Bard Prison Initiative. Reentry handouts will be provided.

**Business Research Essentials**  
**Thursday, Apr 23, 6:30-8 pm**  
Attend this class and learn how you can use the Library's resources to write a business plan, gather information on competitors, create a mailing list, find potential customers, etc. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Introduction to Proposal Writing and Budgeting - Candid/Grantseeking Series**  
**Tuesday, Apr 28, 10 am-12 pm**  
Are you new to proposal writing or want a quick refresher? This class will provide an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Reentry in Motion: College Behind Bars, Part II**  
**Thursday, Apr 30, 11 am-12 pm**  
The film I'm Trying to Get Home to My Family, Too takes a look at the power of education in prison. Reentry literature will be available.

**Rebels in Corsets: The Embodied Rhetoric of the Women's Suffrage Movement**  
**Saturday, May 2, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
The movement for women's suffrage was a 72-year struggle that demanded a great deal from women emotionally, politically, and physically. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Reentry in Motion: Released from Prison**  
**Saturday, May 9, 3-4 pm**  
The film The Released provides a rare look at the lives of the mentally ill as they struggle to stay out of prison. Handouts designed to assist with reentry will be provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Execution**  
**Thursday, May 14, 11 am-12 pm**  
Death by Fire: An Update reinvestigates the case of Cameron Todd Willingham, who was executed for the arson deaths of his three children. Reentry information will be provided.

**Is Starting a Nonprofit Right For You? Candid/Grantseeking Series**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 10 am-12 pm**  
Do you have a passion for doing good? Are you thinking of starting a nonprofit? Explore if starting a nonprofit organization is the right course of action. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Reentry in Motion: College Behind Bars, Part III**  
**Thursday, May 28, 11 am-12 pm**  
The video Every Single Word Matters tells the story of a small group of incarcerated men and women struggling to earn college degrees. Includes reentry resources.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY  
330-643-9050

**Sunday Story Time Sampler**  
**Every Sunday except Apr 12, 2-2:30 pm**  
A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

**Story Time: Baby Time**

**Every Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 am** An active story time for ages birth to 2 with an adult caregiver. We combine music, stories and play to engage our youngest learners.

**Preschool Story Time**

**Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30 am** Join us every Thursday as books come to life through stories, music, and activities. For ages 2 to 5 with an adult caregiver.

**Music and Movement Mondays**

**Mondays, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:30 am** Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to shake your sillies out! For ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers.

**Story Time: Stories so good you could eat them!**

**Saturday, Mar 7, 11 am-12 pm** Does your hot dog talk? Does your orange make faces? Enjoy silly stories and activities about the food we eat. For preschool and school-age children with an adult caregiver.

**Play Time: Color & Light**

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 10:30-11:30 am** The discovery of color and light is fascinating for young children. Join us as we experiment with rainbows, color mixing, and different light sources such as light tables, projectors, and light boxes.

**Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, 11 am-12 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Not reading yet? Visit with the therapy dogs while one of the dog's handlers reads to you.

**Tech Club**

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, 6:30-7:30 pm** Explore coding, robotics, game design and more. For grades 3 to 6. Basic knowledge of coding concepts is helpful, but not required. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Third Thursday: Family Play Night**

**Thursdays, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, 4-7:30 pm** Play together as a family with a giant toppling tower, old-fashioned Skittles, Four-in-a-Row, and board games.

**Make & Take: Mini Race Car Track**

**Friday, Mar 20, 2-3:30 pm** Ready, set, go! Build your own mini racetrack using a variety of materials. You can even test out your track before you take it home. For Grades K-3.

**World Water Day**

**Sunday, Mar 22, 1-4 pm** A celebration of Northeast Ohio's abundance of fresh water. Enjoy a variety of activities and performances for all ages. Come and join the party!

**Sunday Story Time Sampler:**

**World Water Day Sunday, Mar 22, 2-2:45 pm** A special story time all about water! Join us for stories, songs, and an activity.

**Baby Play**

**Tuesday, Mar 24, 10:30-11:30 am** The best way for babies to learn is through play! Once a month, we'll explore different activities to encourage your child's curiosity and development. For birth to 24 months with a caregiver. Mar - Pint-Sized Picassos; Apr - Shake, Rattle, and Roll; May - Sensory Scientists

**Iron Chef Jr.**

**Saturday, Mar 28, 2-3:30 pm** For grades 3-6. Do you have what it takes to earn the title of Library Iron Chef? Show off your culinary skills in this creative cooking competition. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Story Time: Rainbow Fun**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 11 am-12 pm** Hear stories and then experiment with making rainbows.

**Mindful Movement Mondays**

**Mondays, Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 am** Join us for a playful movement adventure on our mats! We'll learn about focus and breathing in a way that's perfect for ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

**Spring Break: Beading Bonanza!**

**Monday, Apr 13, 2-3:30 pm** Join us for a variety of bead and wire crafts and activities, including beaded spiders and a coding activity sure to please both boys and girls.

**Play Time:**

**Fantastic Fairy Tale Adventure Tuesday, Apr 14, 10:30-11:30 am** Classic children's fairy tales and nursery rhymes come to life with fun hands-on activities. A special Play Time to celebrate the Week of the Young Child! For toddlers and preschoolers.

**Spring Break: Make & Take -**

**Engraved Picture Frames Tuesday, Apr 14, 2-3:30 pm** Meet in the TechZone to make a picture frame with our laser engraver. Then, come upstairs to the Children's Library to decorate it. For grades K-3. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Spring Break: Nintendo Switch**

**Wednesday, Apr 15, 2-3:30 pm** Play games with your friends on our Nintendo Switch.

**Spring Break: Family Play Day**

**Thursday, Apr 16, 2-3:30 pm** Play together as a family with giant Jenga, old-fashioned Skittles, Four-in-a-Row, and board games.

**Spring Break: Robo-Rama**

**Friday, Apr 17, 2-3 pm** Explore different kinds of robots and make one of your own to keep. For grades K-5.

**Story Time: Flower Power**

**Saturday, Apr 18, 11 am-12 pm** Join us as we welcome spring with flower stories and a craft. For preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

**Nature Exploration**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 2-3:30 pm** You don't have to go to the park to explore nature. Join us for indoor, hands-on nature exploration. For Grades K-3.

**Story Time: Clean and Dirty**

**Saturday, May 2, 11 am-12 pm** Whether you prefer to get messy or be squeaky clean, we've got you covered! Story time and extension activities for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

**Messy Art Mondays**

**Mondays, May 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11:30 am** Create your very own messy masterpiece using a variety of supplies and fun techniques. For children ages 2 to 5 with an adult caregiver.

**Play Time:**

**Dance, Celebrate and Learn Tuesday, May 12, 10:30-11:30 am** Through music and movement, children will develop math, language, and literacy skills. For ages 2 to 5 with an adult caregiver.

**Bubble Science**

**Saturday, May 16, 2-3:30 pm** Join us for some bubble fun! Learn about bubbles and how they are made. You'll even get the chance to create bubbles using a variety of supplies. For grades K-3.

**Science Café: Saving Bats from the Brink of Extinction**

**Saturday, May 23, 10:30-11:30 am** A conversation on the state of bat populations with a researcher from the Summit Metro Parks. Join us for hands-on examples and a bat-inspired crafting opportunity. For grade 3 to adult. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Art Workshop**

**Saturday, May 23, 2-3 pm** Make art in the styles of famous artists using different techniques and materials. For grades K-6.

**Builders' Club**

**Saturday, May 30, 2-3 pm** Open play with LEGOs, Duplos, Citiblocs, and other building materials. For children and parents.

**CULTURE & AV**

**330-643-9015**

**Movies@Main**

**Thursdays, 6:30 pm** All films will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm, unless noted. Call 330-643-9015 or visit the Library's website for a list of titles.

**Get Published! A Conversation on Writing and Publishing**

**Friday, Mar 13, 7-9 pm** Author Eliese Goldbach discusses her new book *Rust Belt - A Memoir of Steel and Grit*. Joining her are David Giffels and Christopher Smith, who will discuss the process of writing and getting published.

**P2PU: Learn to Write Fiction  
A Peer 2 Peer University  
Learning Circle Adults**

**Mondays, Mar 23, 30,  
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30-8 pm**

In this 6-part series, you will learn about topics like character development, setting, plot, dialogue, and action. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Fortunato Film School:  
Singin' in the Rain  
Sunday, Apr 5, 1-5 pm**

Film scholar Joe Fortunato will show and discuss Singin' in the Rain starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor. If you think you know this great film, hear Joe give the inside story!

**Derf Backderf: Kent State - Four  
Dead in Ohio  
Tuesday, Apr 7, 7-9 pm**

The national premiere of acclaimed graphic artist John Backderf's highly-anticipated new book on the 1970 Kent State shootings.

**Poetry Hour**

**Saturdays, Apr 11, May 9, 3-4 pm**

Join local poets reading their original poetry. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**World Tour of Music:  
The Art of French Music with  
Urban Troubadour  
Sunday, Apr 26, 2-4 pm**

Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO) closes out its World Tour of Music residency and culminating concert with Urban Troubadour, a collective of Northeast Ohio's finest musicians. Admission is free. Register online or by calling 330-722-2541.

**LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN  
330.643.9070**

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

**MOBILE SERVICES  
330-643-9055**

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**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION  
330-643-9075**

**P2PU: Smithsonian's Objects  
that Define America  
A Peer 2 Peer University  
Learning Circle**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25,  
12:15-1:30 pm**

This four-part shared learning opportunity will examine objects from the Smithsonian Museum which have significant meaning in American history. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Exploring CAM: Complementary  
and Alternative Health  
Saturday, Mar 7, 1-4 pm**

An overview of the uses of complementary and alternative healing modalities including medical hypnosis, EMDR, and music therapy. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Introduction to Intellectual  
Property  
Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12,  
6:30-7:30 pm**

Learn the differences between the various types of intellectual property and how best to protect your creative work. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Akron Inventors Club  
Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14,  
6-7:30 pm**

Learn something new, invent something! The meeting will feature a speaker, talking about some aspect of invention or innovation. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Introduction to Patents  
& Patent Searching  
Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 18, May  
16, 10 am-12 pm**

Learn about patents and patent searching with USPTO-trained library staff. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**World Water Day  
Sunday, Mar 22, 1-4 pm**  
A celebration of Northeast Ohio's abundance of fresh water. Enjoy a variety of activities and performances for all ages. Come and join the party!

**Akron Inventors Club:  
Design of Everyday Things  
Thursday, Apr 9, 16, 6-7:30 pm**  
A two-part course on key concepts from the first two chapters of The Design of Everyday Things by Don Norman. Learn design concepts inventors can apply to our creative process.

**Introduction to Computer  
Programming Using SCRATCH  
Saturday, Apr 18, 10 am-3 pm**  
Are you interested in learning computer programming, or even just the fundamental principles of how computers think? Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Ask a Patent Attorney  
Monday, May 4, 6-8 pm**  
Get your intellectual property questions answered. Make a free appointment to speak with a USPTO-registered patent attorney. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning April 4.

**Science Cafe: Saving Bats from  
the Brink of Extinction  
Saturday, May 23, 10:30-11:30 am**  
A conversation on the state of bat populations with a researcher from the Summit Metro Parks. Join us for coffee, hands-on examples, and a bat-inspired crafting opportunity. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
330-643-9030**

**Using Ancestry in Your  
Genealogy Research  
Saturday, Mar 14,  
10:30 am-12:30 pm**  
With over 10,000 databases and billions of images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource -- and it's available for free at any library location! Register by phone, in person, or online.

**DNA - Genetic Genealogy  
Interest Group  
Mondays, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18,  
6:15-7:45 pm**  
Explore topics in DNA and genetic genealogy. Open to all skill levels and designed as a forum to help all of us navigate our way through this new science. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Author Talk:  
If This Wallpaper Could Talk  
Saturday, Mar 28, 2-4 pm**  
Author talk and book signing with local artists, Karen Starr and Shane Wynn and their new book, If This Wallpaper Could Talk.

**Identifying Your Family  
Photographs  
Saturday, Apr 4,  
10:30 am-12:30 pm**  
Unlocking the stories of unidentified images requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Cartoons of WWII with Tim Carroll  
Saturday, Apr 18, 1-3 pm**  
Author Tim Carroll shares his ongoing WWII research with the publication of his latest book featuring cartoons by Web Brown.

**Organizing Your  
Genealogy Research  
Saturday, May 9, 10:30 am-1 pm**  
Kelli Bergheimer will present "Organization and Citation for the Family Historian" and "Family Tree Software Options." Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Digitization 101  
Saturday, May 16, 10:30 am-1 pm**  
Join Special Collections and the TechZone for an overview of basic preservation techniques. Learn how to digitize your genealogy materials for free using library equipment. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE  
330-643-9067**  
**Teen Programs at Main Library  
Teen Retro Tech Museum  
Saturday, Mar 7, 3-4 pm**

Play some Atari retro video games, take a selfie with a Polaroid, and check out some other retro tech games and equipment.

**Teen Advisory Board  
Tuesdays, Mar 10, 24, Apr 14, 28,  
May 12, 6-7:30 pm**  
Get volunteer hours for school by helping in the Main Library Teen Department.

### **Blackout Poetry**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 3-4 pm**

April is National Poetry Month, so here is your chance to indulge in some “creative destruction” and express your inner poet.

### **Youth Arts Showcase**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am-2 pm**

Join us for the Youth Arts Showcase and celebrate the artistic talents of the children and teens in our community!

### **Comic Book Celebration**

**Saturday, May 2, 3-4 pm**

Join us in the Teen Department as we celebrate Free Comic Book Day. There will be crafts, trivia, gaming, and free comics while supplies last. Snacks will be provided.

## **ASCPL BRANCH LIBRARIES**

### **ADULT BRANCH PROGRAMS**

**ELLET – 330-784-2019**

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

### **Needlework: Ellet Needlecrafters**

**Mondays, Mar 2, 16, Apr 6, 20, May 4, 18, 3:30-5 pm**

Enjoy good conversation as you work on your personal needlecraft projects. No instruction is provided.

### **Early Bird Movie Matinee**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 10:30 am-12 pm**

A fun, family-friendly movie on the big screen with refreshments provided. Contact the branch for each month's title.

### **Parks You Have Never Seen...Yet!**

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 6:30-7:30 pm**

In addition to the many public parks and recreation areas managed by Summit Metro Parks, there are a few seldom seen conservation areas. Learn about the natural wonders of their Conservation Areas!

### **Computer Classes**

Free hands-on computer classes.

Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- PowerPoint 1 (Creating/Editing Documents): March 16, 2 pm
- PowerPoint 2 (Formatting Text & Paragraphs): March 17, 2 pm
- PowerPoint 3 (Hyperlinks, Columns, Book Format, etc.): March 18, 2 pm
- Publisher (Create letters, labels, and envelopes for mass mailings): March 19, 2 pm

### **Book Discussion: Rabid Readers**

**Tuesdays, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Discuss a different book on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Call 330-784-2019 for the current month's title.

### **Author Barb Baltrinic: Maternal Failure - A Memoir**

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 6-7 pm**

Barb Baltrinic will discuss her memoir and offer hope to others who seek answers about their adoption, finding their biological families, and using DNA tests to solve the mystery of their beginnings.

### **Chess World**

**Saturdays, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 23, 10:30 am-12 pm**

Chess boards provided. For all ages and expertise. Assistance is available for beginners.

### **Memory Cafe: Social Early Stage Dementia/Alzheimer's**

**Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, 1-2:30 pm**

Memory Cafe offers a relaxing and comfortable way for people living in the early stages of memory loss to build a social network and connect with similar individuals in their own community.

### **Rubber Worker Stories and Statue Project**

**Tuesday, Mar 31, 1-2:30 pm**

Art x Love will discuss the Rubber Worker stories & statue project. Attendees will be able to record their own stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives in Akron. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Apollo 13 with Carl Quatraro**

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 6:30-7:30 pm**

How did a “routine” moon mission become the most dramatic rescue mission of all time? Find out what caused the explosion that doomed Apollo 13 and what the astronauts endured during their voyage home.

### **Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Rights Movement**

**Tuesday, Apr 14, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Presented by Jewell Jones. Amelia Jenks Bloomer was a staunch advocate for women's rights. Learn about this suffragist, her battle on restrictive clothing, and health hazards that led her push to adopt sensible dress reform.

### **Have Gavel, Will Travel: Impacts of Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

**Tuesday, Apr 14, 6-7:30 pm**

Judge Ron Cable from the Akron Municipal Court and RISE Coordinator Michaela Yerse will talk about how drug and alcohol addiction impacts domestic violence and human trafficking.

### **Summit Academy's Steel Drum Army**

**Tuesday, Apr 28, 6-7:30 pm**

Enjoy an evening of entertainment featuring the talents of 9-12 grade students with a wide array of learning disabilities that will leave you clapping and smiling!

### **From Captain Penny to Superhost: Tales From the Golden Age of Cleveland Children's Television**

**Tuesday, May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Authors Mike & Jan Olszewski bring wonderful behind-the-scenes stories about our favorite Cleveland-based kid show hosts, as well as never before seen video that will take you back to a simpler time.

### **Author Jane Ann Turzillo: Wicked Women of Ohio**

**Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Hear stories of women who didn't play by the rules. Included are a young woman who fell for the wrong man and wound up on trial for her life, and two very successful madams who faced the FBI.

### **Book Club on the Run**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 14, May 11**

Perfect for people who are on the go but still love a good book recommendation! New book selection released the second Monday of each month with author bio and other information.

### **Coloring Anytime**

Coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Stop in any time and color! New coloring pages will be set out each month for you to color at your leisure.

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

### **Book Discussion**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 1-2 pm**

Join us on the second Monday of each month at 1 pm. New members are always welcome!

Mar-The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde.

Apr- The Wangs vs. the World by Jade Chang.

May- A Well-Behaved Woman by Therese Fowler.

### **Smithsonian's Objects That Define America**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10-31, 1-2:30 pm**

This “Peer 2 Peer University” shared learning opportunity will examine Smithsonian Museum objects which have significant meaning in American history. Please register in person, by phone, or online.

### **The Voyage of Apollo 13: Failure Is Not an Option**

**Thursday, Mar 26, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Local historian Carl Quatraro discusses what was supposed to be a routine mission to the moon in 1970 but which turned out to be one of the most harrowing rescue attempts NASA has ever faced.

### **Finding Your Family in the U.S. Census**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 2-3 pm**

Learn about using United States Census records for your genealogical family research. We will be using electronic resources, so basic computer skills are recommended. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Listen to the Banjo**

**Thursday, Apr 9, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Join local musician Joe Crookston as he plays ragtime, Appalachia, & Civil War-era songs on the banjo using bluegrass, melodic, and old-time clawhammer techniques. All ages welcome!

### **Jewelry Making Class**

**Tuesday, Apr 14, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Make a simple and fun piece of jewelry with artist Jennie Thewlis. Use beads, cording, and split rings to create a pretty Sedona bracelet. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning March 2.

### **Urban Troubadour: Music of the French Impressionists**

**Wednesday, Apr 22, 6-7 pm**

Presented by ORMACO. Urban Troubadour musicians will play excerpts of music and informally discuss the intertwining of French society and culture in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale Friends Preview-Friday, Apr 24, 3-5 pm**

**Friends Preview-Saturday, Apr 25, 9-10 am**

**Book Sale-Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am-3 pm**

**Bag Sale-Monday, Apr 27, 10 am-3 pm**

### **Author Visit: Mindy McGinnis**

**Thursday, Apr 30, 7-8 pm**

Edgar Award-winning novelist Mindy McGinnis will be talking about her books. Books will also be available for purchase if you would like to have a signed copy.

### **Computer Classes**

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- PowerPoint 1- May 12, 10:30 am-12 pm
- PowerPoint 2- May 12, 2-4 pm
- PowerPoint 3- May 14, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Publisher- May 14, 2-4 pm

### **Medicare 101**

**Thursday, May 14, 6-7 pm**

Sharon Honroth from KAZ Company will help you better understand Medicare. Learn about coverage, Medicare Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Part D Prescription Plans.

### **Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project – Recording Sessions**

**Thursday, May 21: 6:30pm - 7:45pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will be at the library to share their latest project and to collect stories from those who want to contribute. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Kick the Sugar! Healthier Eating with Emily Morgan**

**Thursday, May 28, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Health coach and food relationship expert Emily Morgan explains why we crave sugary foods, how sugar sabotages a healthier mind and body, and why emotions are the driving force of our eating habits.

### **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

**1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301**

### **Book Discussion: Inspiration Book Club**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 7-8 pm**

Meet at Firestone Park Community Center to discuss popular contemporary novels, memoirs, and biographies.

### **Needlework:**

#### **Close-Knit Crochet Club**

**Mondays, Mar 9, 23, Apr 13, 27, May 11, 6-7:30 pm**

We don't just crochet! Join us to learn other crafts and to have fun chatting.

### **Versatile Jewelry Making -**

**Butterfly Bracelets**

**Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, 10:30 am-12 pm**

Learn how to make a creative piece of jewelry. Mar 14-Butterfly Bracelet; Apr 11-Charm Bracelet. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale: Preview**

**Friday, Mar 20, 3:30-5:30 pm**

Open to Friends members. Join at the door for only \$5.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale Saturday, Mar 21, 10 am-3 pm**

Hundreds of used books, CDs, DVDs on sale for all ages. Proceeds benefit the Firestone Park Branch Library.

### **US Census Day Open House**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 5-7 pm**

Drop in, enjoy light refreshments, and complete the US Census online. Learn more about good-paying US Census jobs.

### **Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project – Recording Sessions**

**Thursday, Apr 16, 6-7:30 pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project. Attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning Mar 2.

### **Art for Adults: Acrylics on Canvas**

**Thursday, May 7, 6-7:30 pm**

Paint a beautiful flowering tree with local artist Kimmy Henderson. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 1.

### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

**60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305**

### **Computer Classes**

Free hands-on computer classes. Learn how to create/edit documents, format text, insert headers and footers, create PDFs, and more. Attend one class or the entire series. Register by phone, in person, or online.

- MS Word 1 (Creating/Editing Documents): Mar 2, 6-7:30 pm
- MS Word 2 (Formatting Text & Paragraphs): Mar 3, 6-7:30 pm
- MS Word 3 (More Useful Formatting Tools): Mar 4, 6-7:30 pm
- MS Word 4 (Mail Merge): Mar 5, 6-7:30 pm

### **Coloring & Puzzles Galore for Adults**

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, 12:30-2 pm**

Enjoy coloring fun and puzzles of all kinds on the first Tuesday of each month. Refreshments will be provided. Groups of three or more, please register up to one month in advance.

### **Adult Recess: Playtime for Adults**

**Mondays, Mar 9, April 13, May 11, 12:30-2 pm**

Join us at the Library for some good old-fashioned FUN! Each month will be different – building playsets, messy fun, games, and more. Groups of three more, please register up to one month in advance.

### **Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project – Recording Sessions**

**Monday, Mar 9, 6-7:30 pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project and attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Have Gavel, Will Travel: Human Trafficking Red Flags**

**Tuesday, Mar 31, 6:30-7:45pm**

Join us for a discussion about human trafficking, its misconceptions, and some red flags that may help you spot a victim of human trafficking. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **2020 Census Job Fair**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 12-2 pm**

Learn how you can earn a good wage working part-time or full time for the 2020 Census. We will show you how to apply online, so bring your resume and your great attitude.

### **From Captain Penny to Superhost**

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 6-7:30 pm**

Janice and Mike Olszewski bring behind-the-scenes stories about TV hosts from the 50s-70s, as well as never before seen videos that will take you back to simpler times. Registration begins Mar 7.

### **Carve! Print! Repeat!**

**Monday, Apr 13, 6-7:45 pm**

Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking. Learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum with Claire Marks. Registration begins Mar 13.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale: Preview**

**Thursday, Apr 23, 6-8 pm**

Open to Friends members or join at the door.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale Friday, Apr 24, 12-6 pm**

This book sale has a wide variety of gently-used books, magazines, and audiovisual materials for all ages.

### **Friends of the Library Book Sale: Bag Sale**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am-3 pm**

Hundreds of books, CDs, DVDs on sale for all ages. Looking for a special deal? The Friends of the Goodyear Branch Library will have an all-day bag sale on Saturday for only \$5 a bag.

**Book Discussion:**  
**Forbidden Reads Book Club**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5,**  
**10-11 am**

Each month we will meet at **Reservoir Park** to discuss a featured banned/challenged book. Titles are reserved and available. Mar 3-1984 by George Orwell; Apr 7-Animal Farm by George Orwell; May 5-Lord of the Flies by William Golding

**Book Discussion:**  
**A Book Club to Go**

No meetings, no deadlines, just some GREAT reads! Discussion questions and author information are included with each book. Mar-The Hello Girls by Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman; Apr- The Nest by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney; May- Virgil Wander by Leif Enger

**GREEN- 330-896-9074**  
**4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685**

**Living Well For Life**  
**Monday, Mar 2, 6:30-8 pm**

What can we do during the first half of life to live well in the second half? What are some preventive measures we can take? Includes a discussion of chiropractic health. Register by phone or online.

**Woman's Suffrage Movement**  
**Wednesday, Mar 4, 6:30-8 pm**

Carrie Chapman Catt, the famous American women's suffrage leader, will take you from the beginning of the movement through to fruition with the 19th Amendment. Presented by Sharon Rae Snowden.

**First Friday Flicks**  
**Fridays, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1,**  
**1-3 pm**

Enjoy a movie and popcorn. Mar-The Art Of Racing In The Rain; Apr-Judy; May-Harriet

**Afternoon Book Discussion**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 7,**  
**May 12, 1-2 pm**

Monthly discussion of books by a group. Mar-Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann; Apr- A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler; May- Choose your favorite series

**Neil Armstrong:**  
**Follow Your Dreams**

**Saturday, Mar 14, 11 am-12 pm**  
Dan Mathey from the First Flight Project in Warren, Ohio will discuss the Lunar Module model and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Dr. Ronald A. Parise.

**Classic Book Discussion**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 17, Apr 21,**  
**May 19, 6:30-8 pm**

Adults and teens are invited for dessert and discussion. Mar-The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie; Apr-Bury My Heart at Wounded Knew by Dee Brown; May-The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

**Evening Book Discussion**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15,**  
**May 20, 6-7 pm**

New members are always welcome! Mar- Delicious! by Ruth Reichl; Apr- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek By Kim Michele Richardson; May- The Black Jersey by Kim Michele Richardson

**A Visit from Diamond Dogs**  
**Racing Kennel**

**Saturday, Mar 21, 2-3 pm**  
Shannon Miller of Diamond Dogs Racing Kennel (and possibly a canine companion!) will be here to introduce us to the exciting world of dog sled racing. Fun for the whole family!

**Cookbook Club**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26,**  
**6:30-8 pm**

Join us each month as we pick a theme and prepare dishes to share.

**Rubber Worker Stories & Statue**  
**Project – Recording Sessions**  
**Saturday, Mar 28, 1-3 pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project and attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives. Register beginning Feb 10.

**Do You Know Your**  
**Renter's Rights?**  
**Thursday, Apr 2, 6-7 pm**

Fair Housing Contact Service will present information on the rights of renters and what is expected from landlords. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**The Write Stuff Authors**  
**Group of Canton**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 10 am-1 pm**  
The Write Stuff Authors Group of Canton discusses writing and its first anthology, In Context.

**Failure Is Not an Option: The**  
**Voyage of Apollo 13**

**Saturday, Apr 11, 2-3 pm**  
Discover what happened when a "routine" moon mission became the most dramatic rescue mission of all time. Presented by Carl Quatraro.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
**Saturday, Apr 18, 10 am-4 pm**

Browse a selection of used books, DVDs, CDs, and more.

**Urban Troubadour: Music of the**  
**French Impressionists**

**Monday, Apr 20, 6:30-8 pm**  
Urban Troubadour musicians will play excerpts of music and informally discuss the intertwining of French society and culture in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Presented by ORMACO

**Salmon P. Chase:**  
**Secretary of the Treasury**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 2-4 pm**  
Michael Kovacevich will present a program on Salmon P. Chase's career. Chase was Secretary of the Treasury under Abraham Lincoln, and chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1864 to 1873.

**Zac Jackson's "Take"**  
**on the Browns**

**Saturday, May 9, 12-1:30 pm**  
Zac Jackson is a Browns writer for The Athletic Cleveland, the host of the 'A to Z Podcast' alongside Andre Knott, covered the Browns for Fox Sports Ohio, and worked for Pro Football Talk.

**An Evening with Sherlock Holmes**  
**Monday, May 18, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Actor Jim Knight shares background and the cultural influence of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary detective, Sherlock Holmes, and performs dramatic pieces from his mysteries.

**Amelia Bloomer:**  
**Women's Rights Movement**

**Thursday, May 28, 1:30-2:30 pm**  
Amelia Bloomer was a staunch advocate for women's rights and a promoter of dress reform. She pushed for women to adopt a more sensible, new style of dress. Register by phone, in person, or online.

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

**Grandmother's Sewing**  
**Treasures Series**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 21,**  
**May 12, 6-7:45 pm**  
Sew a treasure. Beginning sewers are welcome. All supplies are provided. Presented by Dolly Webb. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Endangered Species**  
**Tuesday, Mar 24, 10:30-11:15 am**

For adults. Why do some animals thrive while others struggle for survival? Meet some animals from the zoo and explore this topic. Presented by the Akron Zoo. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Book Discussion Group**  
**Thursdays, Mar 26, Apr 23,**  
**May 28, 6:45-7:45 pm**

Love talking about books? Join us to discuss a diverse selection of genres and topics. New members are always welcome! Mar- News of the World by Paulette Jiles; Apr- A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles; May- The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

**Beautiful Butterfly Art**  
**Friday, Apr 3, 2-4 pm**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 1-3 pm**  
Celebrate spring by making a mixed media butterfly picture! Register for one session by phone, in person, or online beginning March 2.

**Domestic Violence:**  
**Where to Turn for Help**

**Monday, Apr 6, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Learn about Hope and Healing and the free services this program provides to victims of domestic violence. Learn about the Power and Control wheel, as well as the cycle of violence.

**Tales from Beyond – For Adults and Teens!**

**Tuesday, Apr 14, 11 am-12 pm**  
Jim Kleefeld brings a collection of artifacts collected over the years. Hear stories of murder, mayhem, mental powers, and the macabre. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Lost Voices: 20th Century Home-Made Lacquer Recordings**

**Wednesday, Apr 22, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
This program is a tour of excerpts from home-made records collected over the years made in the 1940s and 1950s. Presented by Ray Carmen. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Behind the Scenes in Conservation**

**Wednesday, Apr 29, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
From prairie burns to cloning technology, learn what is happening behind the scenes with this general overview of the Summit Metro Parks Conservation Program. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friends Preview**

**Friday, May 1, 3-5 pm**  
This presale is for all Friends of the Library Members.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

**Saturday, May 2, 10 am-3 pm**  
Browse a wide variety of gently-used books, magazines, and audiovisual materials. See what we have to offer!

**Hands-Only CPR Training**

**Monday, May 11, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Be prepared if a loved one has a cardiac emergency. Learn the signs of a heart attack, what to do in an emergency, and how to administer Hands-Only CPR. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Transforming Valley View Golf Course**

**Wednesday, May 13, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Learn how Summit Metro Parks is transforming the former Valley View Golf Course into a sustainable natural area and recreational destination. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Friends of the Library Brunch**

**Saturday, May 16, 10:30 am-12 pm**  
Enjoy brunch and socialize from 10:30 to 11 am. At 11 am, guest speaker Amy Shriver will present *Traveling While Black: The Real Story of the Green Book*. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Medicare 101**

**Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**  
Learn about the different parts of Medicare, including Advantage Plans, Medicare supplements, and Part D prescription plans. Presented by Sharon Honroth. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Coyotes Among Us**

**Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Learn about coyotes, their secret lives, their interactions with humans, and how to reduce coyote/human conflicts. Presented by Summit Metro Parks. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**KENMORE – 330-745-6126**  
[969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314](http://www.kenmore.com)

**Book Discussion: Bookworm Bunch**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 13, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Join us for a book discussion on *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Welcoming New Americans in Summit County**

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 6-7 pm**  
In Summit County we have immigrants from all over the world - Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and more. Learn where they come from, why they are here, and our area's unique cultural diversity.

**Summit Academy Akron-Secondary School**

**Steel Drum Army**  
**Saturday, Mar 28: 11:30am - 1:30pm**  
This talented ensemble will leave you clapping and smiling! This concert will showcase the skills of students with a wide variety of physical and learning disabilities. Refreshments provided.

**Census Day**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 10 am-3 pm**

Stop by to learn more about this year's U.S. Census. Respondents do not have to wait until Census Day (Apr 1) to respond, but should include each person in their household on that day.

**Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project – Recording Sessions**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 1-2 pm**  
Learn more about the Rubber Worker stories & statue project. Attendees will be able to record their own stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives in Akron. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Watercolor Painting: Floral Study**

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 6-8 pm**  
Diane Reinhart, artist and painting instructor, leads this class. Complete a floral study using the wet on wet technique. All supplies provided. Drinks and dessert included. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am-3 pm**  
Join us for our Spring Book Sale! Browse a selection of used books, CDs, and DVDs.

**Computer Classes**

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- Intro to Computers-Apr 28, 10:30 am- 12 pm
- Organizing File Folders-Apr 28, 6-7:30 pm
- Internet 1-Apr 30, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Internet 2-Apr 30, 6-7:30 pm
- Email 1-May 4, 10:30 am- 12 pm
- Email 2-May 4, 6-7:30 pm
- Google Drive-May 6, 10:30 am- 12 pm
- Intro to Microsoft Word-May 6, 6-7:30 pm

**Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Rights Movement**

**Tuesday, May 5, 6-7 pm**  
Amelia Jenks Bloomer, a staunch advocate for women's rights, was a suffragist better known for her promotion of "dress reform." This cultural shift paved the way for new rights, including the vote! Presented by Jewell Jones.

**Meet the Authors -**

**Local Authors Exhibition**

**Saturday, May 9, 11 am-4 pm**  
Meet some of your favorite local authors, illustrators, and storytellers! Learn how they got their start, what they love about their work, and where they find their inspiration.

**MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**  
[1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320](http://www.maplevalley.com)

**Movie Discussion**

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, 11:30 am-12:30pm**  
We will discuss movies from the past and present. This will give you the opportunity to watch a movie with a new insight. Mar-Brian Banks; Apr-Life, Animated; May-Wild Rose

**Women's Circle**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, 18, Apr 8, 22, May 6, 6-7:30 pm**  
Freely express yourself through lively discussions, creativity, healthy activities, informative presentations, and more. Women's Circle offers bonding, sharing, and fellowship. Registration required. Mar 4-The Power of Yoga and Meditation; Mar 18-Reiki Healing; Apr 8-How Do You Relax; Apr 22-Caregiver Support; May 6-Picture Yourself

**Needlework: Sistas Knit 2**

**Thursdays, Mar 5-May 28, 6-7:30 pm**  
Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross-stitch, and more.

**The Akron African United Front Book Discussion**

**Thursdays, Mar 5-May 28, 6-7:30 pm**  
Share your opinions on how history affects today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history. Discuss important heartfelt issues with your peers.

## Computer Classes

**Mar 9 & 10, 10:30 am-12 pm**

**Mar 12, 10:30 am-12 pm & 2 pm**

Free hands-on computer classes. Register by phone, in person, or online. Learn how to use the mouse, keyboard, Windows 10, folders, the Internet and more. Attend one class or the entire series. Register by phone, in person, or online.

- Windows 10 (Personalize your Windows 10, Navigate and add Apps, etc.): *Mar 9, 10:30 am*
- Organizing File Folders (Create/Organize Folders, Cut/Move/Copy Folders, etc.): *Mar 10, 10:30 am*
- Internet Basics (Basic Internet Searching): *Mar 12, 10:30 am*
- Gmail (Create/Learn to use Gmail by Google): *Mar 12, 2 pm*

## Cleaning the Natural Way: DIY Solutions

**Saturday, Mar 21, 2-3:30 pm** Using household ingredients and essential oils, we will make natural solutions that can be used to clean your home. Register by phone, in person, or online.

## Movement is Therapy (MIT)

**Saturday, Apr 4, 2-3 pm** Jonathan McCray will give insight into the importance of including nature in your life. Register by phone, in person, or online.

## Women's Suffrage Movement

**Saturday, Apr 25, 2-3 pm** Let Carrie Chapman Catt, the famous American women's suffrage leader, take you from the beginning of the movement through to fruition with the 19th Amendment. Presented by Sharon Rae Snowden. Register by phone, in person, or online.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, May 16, 10 am-3 pm** Friends Preview Book Sale 9-10 AM. You don't want to miss this book sale. We have a variety of great materials from bestsellers, DVDs, magazines, CDs and more. Everything must go.

## MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

[144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260](#)

## Reader's Choice Book Discussion Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a different book every month. Mar-Becoming by Michelle Obama; Apr-Educated by Tara Westover; May- Things My Son Needs to Know About the World by Fredrik Backman.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friends Preview

**Friday, Mar 6, 3:30-5:30 pm** Are you a Friend of the Library? Join us for an early preview of our book sale. Not a friend but want to be?

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, Mar 7, 10 am-2 pm** Browse used books, DVDs, and more. Book Sale leftovers will be available to teachers and non-profits on Saturday, Mar 7 from 3:30 to 5 pm.

## Needlework: Warm Up Akron

**Tuesdays, Mar 10, 24, Apr 14, 28, May 12, 26, 3:30-5 pm** Knit and crochet to help the needy! If you can make just one 7" or 9" rectangle you can help keep the needy in the Akron area warm. To date, this chapter has supplied over 8,000 afghans.

## 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

**Thursday, Mar 12, 6:30-8 pm** This year marks the centennial of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. Carl Quatraro shares stories of the people and events that shaped this occasion. Registration begins Mar 2.

## Book Discussion: Past Times Book Club

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, May 20, 2-3 pm** Join us as we discuss *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield on Mar 18 and *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett on May 20.

## Cookbook Club Thursdays, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28, 6-8 pm

Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or techniques? Join fellow foodies to talk about our theme and enjoy food samples. Mar-Greek cuisine; Apr-Bailey's favorite ingredients; May 5 – 5-Ingredient Dishes

## Census Day

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 10 am-5 pm**

Census Day (Apr 1) is the first day the census form can be filled out. We have set aside a room and computer for you to do just that, so be sure and stop in that day to be counted!

## Planning a Disney Vacation

**Thursday, Apr 9, 6-7:30 pm** Planning a Walt Disney World vacation can be overwhelming. Learn from Small World BIG FUN travel adviser, Rachel Tilves, as she discusses all the components of a Disney World travel package. Registration begins Mar 9.

## Glass-on-Glass Mosaics Thursday, Apr 16, 6-8 pm

Leona Bowser will teach you how to make a beautiful glass-on-glass mosaic picture. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Mar 30.

## Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project – Recording Sessions Wednesday, Apr 22, 1-3 pm

Art x Love will discuss the Rubber Worker Stories & Statue project and attendees are encouraged to record their own stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives in downtown Akron. All ages are welcome. Registration begins Mar 2.

## Antique Appraisal

**Thursday, Apr 23, 6-8 pm** Bring your favorite antique to the library and have it appraised by Jason Adams. Limit two items per person (no swords or firearms). Registration begins Mar 30.

## Friends of the Library Perennial Plant Exchange

**Saturday, May 2, 10 am-12 pm** Join us for our annual plant swap! Add to your garden and have fun socializing with your neighbors. Bring plants to swap and/or share.

## Retirement Optimization Tuesdays, May 12, 6:30-8 pm, May 26, 12-1:30 pm

Retirement planner Allen Gage will teach you how to get the most from your Social Security. Learn how to get guaranteed lifetime income and avoid the income tax "time bomb." Registration begins Mar 2.

## Medicare 101

**Wednesday, May 13, 6-7:30 pm**

Sharon Honroth will guide you through the Medicare maze with an emphasis on Medicare, Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Part D Prescription plans. Registration begins Mar 30.

## 100 Years of Conservation with Summit Metro Parks

**Thursday, May 14, 2-3:30 pm** From prairie burns to cloning technology, learn what is happening behind the scenes with this general overview of the Summit Metro Parks Conservation Program. Registration begins Mar 30.

## Basic Computer Class Series May 18-21, 6-7:30 pm

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class. Intro to Computers- May 18, 6 pm  
Windows 10- May 19, 6 pm  
Organizing File Folders- May 20, 6 pm  
Internet Basics- May 21, 6 pm

## Mobile Devices/Streaming TV Series

**May 26 6-7:30 pm**  
**May 27, 2 pm & 6 pm**  
**May 28, 2 pm** Free demonstrations of mobile devices and streaming services. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning May 4.  
Android Devices-May 26, 6 pm  
Apple Devices-May 27, 2 pm  
Library Apps-May 27, 6 pm  
Streaming TV-May 28, 2 pm

## NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

[9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067](#)

## Book Discussion: Casual Reads Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 2-3 pm

New members are always welcome!  
Mar 9 - The Whole Town's Talking by Fannie Flagg;  
Apr 13 - Love in Lowercase by Francesc Miralles;  
May 11 - Clock Dance by Anne Tyler.

## Writing Workshop: A Book and a Brand

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 6-8 pm** TKI Publishing will share insight from their own experience and will provide practical tools to help you develop a strong brand for your book. Register by phone, in person, or online.



### **Socrates Café**

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, 6:30-8 pm**

A regular gathering of adults engaging in great conversation, exploring current events, thoughtful ideas, and reasoned debates. No homework or assigned reading. Ages 16+, please.

### **Book Discussion: Coffee and Conversation**

**Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, 2-3 pm**

New members are always welcome. Mar 12: The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo; Apr 9: Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson; May 14: Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane.

### **Paper Marbling**

**Thursday, Mar 12, 6-8 pm**

Learn about this colorful art form and try your hand at marbling yourself with Akron artist Claire Marks. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Sessions**

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 1-3 pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project. Attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Writer's Guild**

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15, 6:30-8 pm**

Writers wanted! New writers and old hands welcome, fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Have your work critiqued and give feedback to others in a fun and friendly environment.

### **Paint Night**

**Thursday, Mar 19, 6-8pm  
Wednesday, Apr 29, 6-8 pm**

Paint your own masterpiece and discover your creativity! Each artist will have a finished painting to take home at the end of the night. Registration begins February 19.

### **Creative Exploration for Adults: Ohio's Wild Critters with Summit Metro Parks**

**Tuesday, Mar 24, 12-1 pm**

Learn more about our furry friends in Summit County from Summit Metro Parks Naturalist Joe Malmisur. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Mystery Book Club Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, 6:30-8 pm**

New members are always welcome! Mar 25 - The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides; Apr 22 - An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen; May 27 - The Hunting Party by Lucy Foley.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, Mar 31, 1-6 pm**

**Saturday, May 30, 10 am-3 pm**  
There is currently a critical need for blood donation in NE Ohio. To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use sponsor code 'Nordonialibrary' or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

### **Census Day**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 1-4 pm**

Census Day is Apr 1. Submit your census information online with the help of library staff, or pick up informational materials on the process. Refreshments will be served.

### **Medicare 101**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 6-8 pm**

Are you new to Medicare? Turning 65 soon? Leaving a company plan? This seminar will help you understand Medicare, what it covers and what it doesn't.

### **Carve, Print, Repeat: Linocut Printmaking for Beginners Thursday, Apr 2, 6-8 pm**

Learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Mar 2.

### **Author Jane Turzillo: Wicked Women of Ohio**

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 6:30-8 pm**

Award-winning crime writer Jane Ann Turzillo recounts the stories of Ohio's most notorious vixens, viragoes, and villainesses. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Computer Classes**

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and opens Mar 16. Learn about Microsoft's spreadsheet program Excel. Attend one class or the entire eight-part series.

- Excel 1 - Opening & Creating Workbook: April 8, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 2 - Formatting and Modifying Workbooks: April 8, 2-4 pm
- Excel 3 - More on Formatting Cells and Worksheet Basics: April 9, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel Practical Applications (Excel 1-3): April 10, 2-4 pm
- Excel 4 - Introduction to Formulas & Excel Functions: April 15, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 5 - Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists and More: April 15, 2-4 pm
- Excel 6 - Charts & Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets: April 16, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel Practical Applications (Excel 4-6): April 16, 2-4 pm

### **National Poetry Month Reading: Northeast Ohio Spotlight**

**Thursday, Apr 16, 6-8 pm** Join us in celebration of National Poetry Month with readings from three published Northeast Ohio poets -- Bronte Billings, Kevin Latimer, and DT McCrea.

### **Urban Troubadour: Music of the French Impressionists**

**Thursday, Apr 23, 6:30-8 pm**

Urban Troubadour musicians will informally discuss the intertwining of French society and culture in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

### **Creative Exploration for Adults: Puzzle Pizzazz**

**Tuesday, Apr 28, 12-1 pm** Meet new friends while solving word puzzles, jigsaws, Sudoku puzzles and more. Refreshments provided. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **The History of Rock, 1970-1995 Thursdays, Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-8 pm**

Learn the history of rock, from blues-rock to reggae, to punk, new wave, and indie rock, in a collaborative five-week course, using the Peer-to-Peer model. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Nordonia Hills Trivia Night Friday, May 1, 7-9 pm**

Test your knowledge in our trivia night! Teams of up to six admitted, with smaller parties welcome. Pizza and refreshments will be served and prizes awarded! Registration is strongly suggested.

### **Wellness Yoga Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 6:30-8 pm**

Learn soothing stretches that you can incorporate into your daily life in this gentle yoga series. No mat is needed since stretches are done standing or in a chair. Registration begins Apr 6.

### **All Aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8 pm**

Have you always wanted to know more about the iconic silver passenger cars winding through the Valley? Learn about the CSV, its relationship with the parks, and the programs offered on the trains.

### **Becoming a Hybrid Author Wednesday, May 20, 6-8 pm**

Join USA Today & Wall Street Journal bestselling local author Abby Vandiver (also writing as Abby Collette) to learn about the two sides of publishing and discover what may be best for you. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Creative Exploration for Adults: Adult Story Time Tuesday, May 26, 12-1 pm**

Ignite your imagination with "That's All Folk," an engaging tale from the professional storytellers at Wandering Aesthetics. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423**  
[183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310](http://183.E.CuyahogaFallsAve.,Akron,44310)

### **North Hill Needle Crafters Mondays, Mar 2 to May 18, 10:15 am-12 pm**

If you knit or crochet and love to help others, this is the group for you! Everything the group makes is donated to helping agencies. New to crafting? We'll get you started.

### Afternoon Book Discussion

**Mondays, Mar 2, Apr 6,**

**May 4, 1-2 pm**

Books available for check out one month before the discussion. New members always welcome.

Mar - Reading Behind Bars by Jill Grunenwald; Apr - Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown; May - Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave

### Gentle Yoga with Nia

**Mondays, Mar 2, 9, 16,**

**6:30-7:30 pm**

Be led through warm-up and breathing exercises, move through yoga poses with the help of a chair. Sessions will end with nature sounds and music. Please bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

### Project Learn Beginning ESOL English Classes

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, Mar 3 to May 28, 5:30-8 pm**

Learn basic skills needed to read, write, speak, and listen in English, like the alphabet, letter sounds, and phonics in the context of daily life skills. Call Project Learn to register 330-434-9461.

### Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Sessions

**Saturday, Mar 14, 2-4 pm**

Art x Love will discuss the Rubber Worker Stories & Statue project. Attendees are encouraged to record their stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives in downtown Akron. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Census Day Celebration: We All Count!

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 12-2:30 pm**

Apr 1 is Census Day. Stop in with your census form for assistance filling it out or filing your information online. Enjoy refreshments. Be counted!

### Book Sale: Friends Preview

**Saturday, Apr 18, 8:30-10 am**

You must be a Friend of the Library to attend this preview. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door. Shop early for the best selection!

### Book Sale

**Saturday, Apr 18 10 am -3 pm**

Sponsored by Friends of North Hill Branch Library. Great deals for the whole family. Dealers welcome! Bring your bags for our fabulous bag sale.

### NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

### Author Abbe Turner: Making Goat Cheese

**Saturday, Mar 7, 1-2 pm**

Abbe Turner, author of The Land Of Milk And Money, milkmaid at her goat farm, and cheesemaker at Lucky Penny Creamery, will talk about cheese making. Samples provided! Registration by phone or online.

### Book Buzz:

#### Nonfiction Book Discussion

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 6-7 pm and**

**Wednesday, Mar 11,**

**11 am -12 pm**

Discuss a nonfiction book! The selection for March is Everything is Horrible and Wonderful. Book Buzz meets during the day at 11 am and in the evening at 6 pm.

### Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Sessions

**Wednesday, Mar 11,**

**12:30-1:30 pm**

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will be at the library to share their latest project and to collect stories from those who want to contribute. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Wonder Women:

#### Superheroines in Comic Books

**Saturday, Mar 14, 1-2 pm**

This lecture will trace a history of the superheroine from early representations to our current era, exploring the history of various characters to consider the evolving history of feminism in comics.

### Mystery Book Club

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15,**

**May 20, 1-2 pm**

Join us to discuss a good mystery! Mar 18 - patron choice from the Grand Dames of mystery; Apr 15 - The Language of Bees; May 20 - Death Comes in Through the Kitchen

### Needlework: Embroidery Group

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 15, May**

**20, 6-7 pm** Embroiderers of all skill

levels are welcome. Meets the third Wednesday of each month.

### Movie Discussion:

#### Keeping it Reel Movie Club

**Thursdays, Mar 19, Apr 16,**

**May 21, 6-7 pm**

We're a "watch first, meet later" club that gets together once a month to discuss a movie we've watched on our own.

Mar 19: Yours in Sisterhood;

Apr 16: What We Do in the Shadows;

May 21: Life, Animated

### Adult Dungeons and Dragons:

#### Northwest Adventurers Guild

**Saturdays, Mar 21, Apr 11,**

**May 16, 2-4 pm**

Play Dungeons and Dragons at the Library! We welcome adventurers of all experience levels. The Northwest Adventurers' Guild typically meets on the second Saturday of every month.

### Census Day

**Wednesday, Apr 1, All Day**

Thinking about the Census? The library will have informational handouts about the Census as well as a dedicated computer on the Census Bureau's website.

### Crafting without the Kids:

#### Embroidery Hoop Wreath

**Wednesday, Apr 8, 11 am-12 pm**

Need a break from the kids? Make a floral wreath using an embroidery hoop! Stop in and create a piece of decor perfect for the springtime! Registration opens Mar 25. For adults only.

### Book Buzz:

#### Nonfiction Book Discussion

**Wednesday, Apr 8, 11 am-12**

**pm and Tuesday, Apr 21, 6-7 pm**

Discuss a nonfiction book! April's selection is The Stranger in the Woods. Book Buzz meets during the day at 11 am and in the evening at 6 pm.

### Adult Crafting:

#### Embroidery Stitching

**Wednesday, Apr 8, 6-7 pm** Learn

simple embroidery stitches. Kits will be provided, but please bring thread, scissors, and magnification if needed. Experienced stitchers are welcome! Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Failure Is Not An Option: The

#### Voyage of Apollo 13

**Thursday, Apr 9, 6:30-7:30 pm**

The 50th anniversary of Apollo 13 when a "routine" moon mission became the most dramatic rescue mission of all time.

### Fly Fishing Series

**Saturdays, Apr 11, 18, 25,**

**10:30 am-12 pm**

Interested in learning about fly fishing? The library will be hosting a series of classes to teach the basics of fly fishing. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Book Sale

**Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am-4:30 pm**

Browse used books, DVDs, CDs and more at the Friends of the Library book sale. Proceeds benefit the Northwest Akron Branch Library.

### Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Right's Movement

**Saturday, May 9, 2-3 pm**

Undoubtedly, you have heard of suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. But you probably have not heard of another woman, Amelia Bloomer - and yes, "bloomers" are named after her!

### Book Buzz:

#### Nonfiction Book Discussion

**Monday, May 11, 11am -12 pm**

**and Tuesday, May 12, 6-7 pm and**

**Wednesday, May 13, 11 am-12 pm**

Discuss a nonfiction book! May's book is Evicted.

### Crafting Without the Kids:

#### Card Making Class

**Friday, May 15, 1-2 pm**

Need a break from the kids? Come in and create six greeting cards! You will make two get-well cards, two birthday cards and two "just because" cards. Registration begins May 1. For adults only.

### Speaker: Comics and the Clinic

**Saturday, May 23, 1-2 pm**

Mental health practitioners have long been invested in comics, from psychologist William Moulton Marston's creation of Wonder Woman to psychiatrist Fredric Wertham's attack on comics as a corrupter.

### Book Discussion

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 1-2 pm** Enjoy light refreshments and discussion.

Mar - The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivaldi;  
Apr - Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate;  
May - The Ringmaster's Wife by Kristy Cambron

### Cookbook Club

**Mondays, Mar 9, May 11, 6-7 pm**

Are you a cookbook enthusiast? Join us every other month as we explore a different cookbook, theme, or celebrity chef and test out new recipes. Mar 9 - Bread; May 11 - The Pioneer Woman

### Coloring Fun for Adults

**Wednesdays, Mar 18, Apr 22, 11 am-12 pm**

Join us for a morning of relaxing coloring, conversation, and refreshments.

### Ohio's Forgotten History with Johnny Joo

**Monday, Mar 23, 6-7:30 pm**  
Photographer Johnny Joo shares his book Ohio's Forgotten History (Part 1). Sponsored by the Friends of Norton Library. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Apollo 13:

#### Failure Is Not an Option

**Monday, Mar 30, 6-7 pm**  
This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the voyage of Apollo 13. Carl Quatraro presents the astonishingly true story of the fateful event. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Book Sale: Friends Preview

**Friday, Apr 17, 4:30-5:45 pm**  
Friends of the Norton Library are invited to browse our wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books, audiobooks, and movies. Memberships are available for purchase at the door.

### Book Sale

**Saturday, Apr 18, 10 am-2 pm**  
Browse our wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books, audiobooks, movies, and magazines.

### Mobile Devices/Streaming TV Series

Free demonstrations. Registration is required and opens 3 weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- Apple Devices - Learn how to operate your Apple mobile devices. iPhone, iPad, iPod: April 20, 6 pm
- Android Devices - Learn how to operate your Android mobile devices: April 21, 6 pm
- Library Apps - Learn how to use the Library app, download e-books, and audiobooks, and more: April 22, 6 pm
- Streaming TV - Learn how to get TV shows and movies via the internet using our free Library streaming services and more: April 23, 6 pm

### Medicare 101

**Monday, Apr 27, 6-7 pm**  
Sharon Honroth discusses how to navigate the Medicare maze. Emphasis on Medicare, Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Part D Prescription plans. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project -Recording Sessions

**Monday, May 18, 6-7:30 pm**  
Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project and attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories. Register online, in person, or by phone.

### ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726

[600Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307](#)

### 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

**Monday, Mar 2, 6-7 pm**  
One hundred years have passed since the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote. Hear the story of the people and events that shaped this occasion.

### Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Rights Movement

**Monday, Mar 23, 6-7 pm**  
Celebrate Women's History Month with author Jewell Jones as she discusses Amelia Bloomer and the Women's Rights Movement.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, Apr 4, 10 am-3 pm**  
Browse a wide variety of lightly used books, magazines, movies, and music!

### Declutter Your Life

**Monday, Apr 27, 6-7 pm**

Spring is a perfect time to think about decluttering and organizing! Join Sandra Wright of Organized Wright as she helps you declutter your space and fill your life with more time to do what you want.

### Yoga

**Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 11 am-12 pm**

Judith Hilinski from Yoga Judith guides you through a 60-minute beginner's vinyasa yoga class for adults. Wear comfortable clothes and get ready to stretch!

### Annual Plant Exchange & Tea

**Saturday, May 30, 11 am-1 pm**  
Bring your divided perennials, house plant cuttings, and seedlings with labels. Choose from offerings of other gardeners. The tradition of tea, shortbread, and kale chips with door prizes continues.

### Women's History Month

#### Read-a-thon

Celebrate Women's History Month by participating in our Read-a-thon in March. Stop by the library for details!

### PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050

[4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319](#)

### Puzzle Club

**Thursdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 6-7:30 pm**

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Work together to complete new and challenging puzzles with friends!

### A Different Kind of Book Club

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Bring your latest book recommendation to share with the group.

### Know Before You Go:

**America's Boating Course**  
**Mondays, Mar 9 to Apr 27, 5:30-7:30 pm**

This 8-week course is presented by Akron Sail & Power Squadron. Upon completion, you will be certified to operate a powerboat of 10hp or more in all 50 states. Call 330-256-0267 to register.

### Computer Classes

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and begins Mar 2.

- Excel 1 - Opening & Creating Workbooks: Mar 23, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 2 - Formatting and Modifying Workbooks: Mar 24, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 3 - More on Formatting Cells and Worksheet Basics: Mar 25, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel Practical Applications - Excel 1-3: Mar 26, 2-4 pm
- Excel 4 - Introduction to Formulas & Excel Functions: Mar 30, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 5 - Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists and More: Mar 31, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel 6 - Charts & Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets: Apr 1, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Excel Practical Applications - Excel 4-6: Apr 2, 10:30 am-12 pm

### Mystery Book Club

**Thursdays, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Books will be available one month in advance. Call the branch for a list of titles.

### Play Mahjong

**Fridays, Mar 27, Apr 10, May 8, 22, 1-3 pm**

Mahjong is a fun game of skill and luck enjoyed by millions of enthusiasts around the world. Both novice and seasoned players are welcome!

**Saturday Morning Craft: Picket Fence Easter Egg Container**  
**Saturday, Mar 28, 10:30 am-12 pm**

Paint a small wooden picket fence container with spring colors. Add moss and decoupage Easter eggs for a cute tabletop display. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Mar 3.

## Census Day

### Wednesday, Apr 1, All Day

Thinking about the Census? The library will have informational handouts about the Census as well as a dedicated computer on the Census Bureau's website. Be counted and enjoy a light refreshment.

## Community Photo Scanning Days

### Mondays, Apr 20, May 18,

2-4 pm  
Bring your original pre-1980s photos or slides from the Portage Lakes area to be scanned and saved for our digital community archive, SummitMemory.org. Register by phone, in person, or online.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friends Preview

### Saturday, Apr 25, 9-10 am

Are you a Friends Member? Show your card and shop one hour early!

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

### Saturday, Apr 25, 10 am- 3 pm

Fill a bag of books for \$5 all day!

Some restrictions may apply.

## Adult Craft:

### Kentucky Derby Headbands

#### Tuesday, Apr 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

Be ready to watch the Kentucky Derby by decorating a headband with feathers, flowers, beads, and buttons! Ages 16 and up preferred. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 7.

## Craft Sampler

### Wednesday, May 6, 1-2 pm

Create your own unique projects with a variety of different materials.

## Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Sessions

### Tuesday, May 12, 1-3 pm

Art x Love and the Akron Stories team will discuss the project and attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning April 20.

## Civil War Letters: Cross Keys, Carpet Bag and Pen

### Monday, May 18, 1-2 pm

Local author Kathryn Hardgrove Popio will present lively characters from her book of Civil War letters. She'll use a collection of hats to introduce members of the Hardgrove families of Stark County.

## RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

[3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286](#)

## Richfield Readers

### Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 2-3 pm

Join our group for a lively discussion. Extra copies of the book will be available at the service desk a month before the meeting.

Mar - The Abolitionist's Daughter

by Diane C. McPhail;

Apr - Where the Crawdads Sing

by Delia Owens;

May - The Pioneers

by David McCullough

## Family History First Thursdays

### Thursdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7,

#### 6-8 pm

Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friends Preview

### Friday, Mar 6, 12-1 pm

Are you a member of Friends of the Library? Join us for an early preview of our book sale.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

### Friday, Mar 6, 1-4 pm

### Saturday, Mar 7, 10 am- 3pm

Browse a selection of vintage and gently used books, as well as CDs and DVDs.

## Social Security and Retirement Tax Update Workshop

### Tuesday, Mar 10, 6:30-8 pm

This workshop will focus on Social Security updates, filing strategies, and creating a retirement plan.

## Richfield Crafters

### Wednesday, Mar 11 and

### Thursdays, Apr 9, May 14, 6-8 pm

Join the Richfield Crafters for this month's unique craft program.

Mar-Wire wrapped rings

and pendants;

Apr-Modern hoop wreath

wall hanging;

May-Polymer clay jewelry dishes.

Register by phone, in person, or online beginning one month before the event date.

## Board Game Day

### Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, 10 am-4:45 pm

Open to all gamers and all experience levels. Bring your favorite game or learn to play a new game. Drop in or stay all day. Light snack and refreshment provided. Meets 2nd Saturday of the month.

## Richfield Friday Classic

### Movie Matinee

### Fridays, Mar 20, Apr 10, May 8, 2-5 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of popcorn and great flicks.

Mar - Oklahoma!;

Apr - Easter Parade;

May - The Guns of Navarone

## P2PU: The Science of Well-Being and Happiness

### Mondays, Mar 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 2-4 pm

Explore how to become a happier person during this 4-part series.

Learning circles are study groups for people who want to take online classes together and in person.

Register by phone, in person,

or online.

## Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Sessions

### Tuesday, Mar 24, 1-2:30 pm

Art x Love and the Akron Stories

team will discuss the project.

Attendees are encouraged to record their own Rubber Worker stories for the visitor's kiosk and archives.

Register by phone, in person, or

online.

## Book Discussion

### Tuesdays, Mar 24, Apr 21, 6:30-7:45 pm

Local author Dr. Damour will be speaking at the Revere High School on May 11. In preparation, we are hosting two book discussions around her books. Register by phone, in person, or online.

## The Vet Will See You Now

### Tuesday, Mar 24, 6:30-8 pm

Local veterinarian Dr. Carrie Griffith, DVM and author of the book So How Was Your Day, Doc? will discuss her many years of experience as an emergency veterinarian.

## Bee Dancin': Beekeeping 101

### Tuesday, Mar 31, 6:30-8 pm

Kristopher and Evona Gaughan of Gaughan Bee Dancin' will present their Beekeeping 101 class for anyone interested in starting their own hive.

## Census Day

### Wednesday, Apr 1, All Day

It's Census Day! In celebration of the first online census, library staff will be on hand with library Chromebooks to assist in the process of being counted.

## In Your Back Yard:

### Summit Metro Parks

### Monday, Apr 13, 6:30-8 pm

An overview of the wonderful parks and programs that Summit Metro Parks has to offer.

## Author Talk: Donald Miller

### Thursday, Apr 23, 6:30-8 pm

Join local author Donald Miller as he talks about his new novel Power and Passion.

## 100th Anniversary of

### Women's Suffrage

### Monday, May 18, 6:30-8 pm

Join us for a presentation to mark the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote. Learn about the people and events that shaped the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

## Richfield Mysteries: An On-Your-Own Book Club

No Pressure. No Discussion. Just read, enjoy, and tell us how you liked it. Mar - A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George; Apr - Big Sky by Kate Atkinson; May - The Alienist by Caleb Carr

## SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE – 330-643-4770

[1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312](#)

## Book Discussion

### Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 1:30-3 pm

Books will be available in advance at the service desk. Mar - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson; Apr- Read a nature-related book; May - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

## Needlework: Needle Arts for All

### Tuesdays, Mar 10, 24, April 14, 28, May 12, 26, 3:30-5 pm

Do you love needle arts? Then this group is for you! Bring a work in progress or complete a small crochet project each month while learning some basic stitches. Mar-Baby Chick Crochet; Apr-Flower Power Crochet; May Fold Art Rooster Crochet

### Let's Paint

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, 25, Apr 22, 29, May 13, 27, 2-4 pm**  
Relax and learn about the beauty of watercolors. Register by phone, in person, or online. One project is worked on each month.

### Art @ the Speed of Life

**Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, 6-7:30 pm**

Too busy to do art? Let us plan the project! Register by phone, in person, or online.  
Mar - Moon, stars, and fairy light wall hanging;  
Apr - Easter card and earrings;  
May - Bring a canvas to life

### Friends of the Library Book Sale: Preview

**Friday, Mar 20, 3-5 pm**  
Memberships will be available at the door.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

**Saturday, Mar 21, 10 am-3 pm**  
Gently used books, paperbacks, audio materials and more available at bargain prices.

### Friends of the Springfield-Lakemore Library Meeting

**Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 27, 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Attend Friends of the Library meetings to find out about book sales, membership and volunteer opportunities at the Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library.

### The Census Counts

**Wednesday, Apr 1, All Day**  
The U.S. Census is used to allocate federal funds. Be sure to take part! Stop by the branch to submit your census information online or pick up informational materials on the process.

### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

**Fridays, Apr 3 to May 29, 2-3 pm**  
Improve your balance and fitness with Tai Chi. Participants will learn balance skills, good body alignment, and coordinated Tai Chi movements. Register by phone or online.

### Basic Computer Class Series

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and opens three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- Intro to Computers - Learn basic mouse skills and basic keyboard skills: Apr 6, 2-3:30 pm
- Windows 10 - Personalize your Windows 10, Navigate and add Apps: Apr 7, 2-3:30 pm
- Organizing File Folders - Create/Organize Folders, Cut/Move/Copy Folders: Apr 8, 2-3:30 pm
- Internet Basics - Basic Internet Searching: Apr 9, 2-3:30 pm

### Computer Classes:

#### Microsoft Word Series

Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and available three weeks prior to the start of the first class.

- MS Word 1 - Creating/Editing Documents: Apr 13, 2-3:30 pm
- MS Word 2 - Formatting Text & Paragraphs: Apr 14, 2-3:30 pm
- MS Word 3 - Hyperlinks, Columns, Book Format: Apr 15, 2-3:30 pm
- MS Mail Merge - Create letters, labels, and envelopes for mass mailings: Apr 16, 2-3:30 pm

### Urban Troubadour: Music of the French Impressionists

**Tuesday, Apr 21, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Urban Troubadour musicians will play excerpts of music and informally discuss the intertwining of French society and culture in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Free.

### Rubber Worker Stories & Statue Project - Recording Session

**Thursday, May 7, 6-7 pm**  
Art x Love will discuss the Rubber Worker Stories & Statue project. Attendees will participate in recording their own stories for the visitors' kiosk and archives in downtown Akron. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Getting Started in Family History

**Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Reading on the Run

No meetings, no deadlines, just awesome reads! Grab a book and go. Mar - Summer Hours at the Robber's Library by Sue Halpern; Apr - The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes; May - The Red Address Book by Sophie Lundbert

### Coloring Anytime!

Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Stop in any time and color! New coloring pages will be set out each month.

**TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**  
[90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278](https://www.tallmadge.org/90-Community-Rd.-Tallmadge-44278)

### Prime Timers Afternoon Movie

**Tuesday, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, 1-3 pm**  
Join the Tallmadge Prime Timers group each month for popcorn and movies, varying from classics to new DVD releases. Mar - A Walk in the Clouds; Apr - Red Joan; May - Mary Poppins Returns

### Yoga Series

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 6-7:30 pm**  
Join us for a yoga series of stretching and meditation. A mat is helpful, but not required. Please wear comfortable clothing. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Knit & Crochet Club

**Thursday, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, 3-4 pm**  
Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. Basic supplies are provided to get you started.

### Book Discussion

**Monday, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 2-3 pm**  
Join our monthly book discussion with friends and neighbors. New members are always welcome!  
Mar - The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George;  
Apr - Beloved by Toni Morrison;  
May - Delicious! by Ruth Reichl

### Computer Mini-Clinics

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 5-6 pm**  
Do you need to set up an e-mail? Want to print from your laptop? Want to change your screensaver? Come to a mini-clinic and we'll try to answer your questions!

### Vinyl Revival

**Tuesdays, Mar 10, 24, Apr 14, 28, May 12, 26, 6-7:30 pm**  
Take the time to enjoy full-length albums front to back, and share your thoughts with other vinyl addicts from the area. Bring an open mind and new suggestions for our next meeting.

### Financial Literacy for Teens and Adults

**Fridays, Mar 13, 27, Apr 10, May 8, 22, 3-4 pm**  
Learn how to take control of your finances and have your money work for you. The content is provided by the FDIC and presented by Woodforest National Bank.

### Failure Is Not an Option: The Voyage of Apollo 13

**Tuesday, Mar 24, 3-4 pm**  
The true story of NASA's Apollo 13. Speaker Carl Quatraro will discuss the "routine" moon journey that became one of the most dramatic rescue missions of all time.

### Small Town Big Music: The Outsized Influence of Kent

**Thursday, Mar 26, 6-7:30 pm**  
Author Jason Pruffer will be discussing his book Small Town, Big Music: The Outsized Influence of Kent, Ohio, on the History of Rock and Roll.

### Edwin Stanton: Secretary of War

**Saturday, Apr 4, 2-3 pm**  
Lecturer Michael Kovacevich will discuss Ohio native Edwin Stanton's accomplishments during the U.S. Civil War.

### Marble Flower Pots

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 6-7:30 pm**  
Use simple supplies to create marble flower pots perfect for spring. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### Retirement Optimization

**Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-8 pm**  
**Monday, April 27, 6:30-8 pm**  
Plan well for your retirement.

### Book Sale: Friends Preview

**Thursday, Apr 23, 4-8 pm**  
Friends members can shop early! Proceeds benefit the Tallmadge Branch Library.

## Book Sale

**Friday, Apr 24, 10 am- 5 pm**

Gently used books, paperbacks, audio materials and more available at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit the Tallmadge Branch Library.

## Book Sale: Bag Sale

**Saturday, Apr 25, 9-3 pm** Looking for a special deal? The Friends will have an all-day \$5 bag sale. They tested it out and you can get 18 hardback books per bag, or 36-40 paperback books depending on size. What a deal!

## Star Trek Trivia Night

**Monday, May 11, 6-7 pm** Boldly go...to the library for a night of Star Trek trivia! Questions will cover the TV series, so bring like-minded Trekkies for the chance to live long and prosper (and win prizes).

## TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

### ELLET – 330-784-2019

[2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312](#)

#### Teen Crowd

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Mar 3-May 28, 3:45-4:45 pm**

Video games, arts & crafts, and exploratory activities to entertain, engage, and educate – and just have fun! No meetings when Akron Public Schools is closed.

#### Anime Afternoon

**Saturdays, Mar 28, Apr 18, May 16, 2-4 pm**

Join us for anime, crafts, and snacks.

#### Hyre CLC Book Discussion Group

Students grades 6-8 are welcome. Meetings held once a month during lunch period. Contact Hyre CLC librarian Barb Nicholson for a pass to attend.

### FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

[3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333](#)

**Paper Planes and Origami Boats Monday, Mar 9, 6-7 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5)

Learn to make different paper plane designs and how to fold an origami boat. Afterward, we'll test our planes to see which flies the best.

#### Teen Advisory Board

**Mondays, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18, 5-6 pm**

Help plan library programs, recommend materials, and create thoughtful items for other community organizations. These hour-long meeting can count as volunteer hours.

#### Tech Toy Tuesday

**Tuesday, Apr 7, 1-3 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5)  
We'll have cool tech toys out for a fun afternoon. Learn beginning coding using Turing Tumble or build a circuit with Snap Circuits.

#### Paint Like a Master

**Thursday, Apr 9, 1-2 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5)  
Discover Pointillism in this painting class with art instructor Carolina Martin. Everyone will leave with a painting. Register by phone, in person, or online.

#### Chocolate Tasting

**Monday, Apr 27, 6-7 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5)  
We'll taste several chocolates and learn how this favorite food changed from its origin to today. Discover your favorite in this tasting world tour. Register by phone, in person, or online.

#### Artistic Flower Pots

**Monday, May 11, 6-7 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5)  
Paint or decoupage an ordinary clay pot to make an extraordinary art piece. Register by phone, in person, or online

### FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126

[1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301](#)

#### Gaming Club

**Thursdays, Mar 5, 19, Apr 2, 16, May 7, 21, 4-5 pm**

Join us at a bi-weekly club where we try a different kind of game each time we meet.

#### Teen Art Day

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, 4-5:30 pm**

A local artist teaches tweens and teens how to make different kinds of art. Each month we will explore a new medium. Held at the Firestone Park Community Center. Mar 11-Shadowboxes; Apr 8-Poetry Workshop; May 13-Scrapbooking

#### Tween Time

**Saturdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, 1:30-2:45 pm**

Join us once a month for a fun activity! Mar 28-Taste Test Challenge; Apr 25-Tiny Food Party; May 23-Squishy Circuits

#### Bullet Journaling and Beyond

**Saturday, Apr 18, 1-2:45 pm**

Today we will learn how to make a bullet journal and use it for both time management and fun.

### GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522

[60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305](#)

**Teen Time: After School Lounge Tuesdays, Mar 24, Apr 28, 3:30-5 pm**

Stop by to play games, create something, or just hang out while snacking on goodies. For ages 13-18.

#### Teen Game Night:

**App-Based Gaming**

**Friday, May 15, 6:30-8pm**

Join us for this after-hours event. We will use a phone app and your cell phones to answer pop culture questions. Prizes awarded, pizza dinner served. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning April 15. For ages 13-18.

#### Teen Time: Tech for Teens

**Tuesday, May 26, 3:30-5 pm**

Use the green screen equipment and selfie props in the Teen Space. For ages 13-18.

### GREEN – 330-896-9074

[4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685](#)

#### Teen Writers Club

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, 6:30-8 pm** We eat junk food and talk about writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

#### DIY: Make Lip Balm

**with (or for) Mom**

**Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-8 pm**

For grades 4 and up with moms. A fun DIY you can do together to celebrate Mother's Day. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 6.

**HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**  
[807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303](#)

#### Rock Painting

**Friday, Mar 13, 3-4 pm**

Painting rocks and leaving them for others to discover is a fun way to spread kind messages to the world. We'll paint rocks and go over the basics of how it works.

#### Sun Catcher Wind Chimes

**Friday, Apr 10, 3-4 pm**

We'll use simple materials to turn a variety of found natural objects into hanging wind chimes.

#### Mother's Day Flower Pots

**Friday, May 8, 3-4 pm**

Hand-painted flower pots make a wonderful Mother's Day gift, or any other kind of gift. Adding in a spring flower bulb makes it even better.

### KENMORE – 330-745-6126

[969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314](#)

#### Teen Tuesdays

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, May 5, 4-5:30 pm**

Hang out with friends, work on art, eat snacks, discuss books, or play video games.

#### Nintendo Switch Gaming

**Thursdays, Mar 5-26, Apr 2-16, May 7-28, 4-6 pm**

Test your gaming skills with friends! Open to grades 5 and up.

#### How Does That Work?

**How is it Made?**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10, May 12, 4-5 pm**  
We will be exploring how things are both made and work through short video clips on YouTube.

#### Homework Help

**Wednesday, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13, 3-5 pm**

Need a little help with a tricky homework assignment? We have set this time aside to help students in grades 5-12 with English, math, and any other subject.

#### Art Express

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 4-5:30 pm**

Explore your creative side through art! All materials will be provided.

**After School Movie****Tuesday, Mar 24, 4-6 pm**

Hang out with friends, eat a snack, and watch a movie. The movie will be announced on the hall whiteboard a week before.

**Cult Movie Debate and Show****Tuesday, Mar 31, 4-6:30 pm**

We will start with a brief discussion about what makes a particular movie a cult classic. Then we will vote on several choices of cult film to watch. Snacks provided.

**Cupcake War****Tuesday, Apr 7, 4-5 pm**

Compete in a themed contest to creatively decorate a cupcake. A vote for best confection will follow for a prize and bragging rights.

**Toy Taxidermy and Other Crazy Stuff****Tuesday, Apr 28, 4-5 pm**

Work with friends to re-purpose toys and stuffed animals in new and creative ways. Snacks provided.

**Escape Room - The Lost Mummy****Tuesday, May 19, 4-5:30 pm**

Hang out with your friends and figure out how to escape the room of the mummy's tomb. Bragging rights for all who solve the mystery!

**Summer Snack Ideas****Tuesday, May 26, 4-5:30 pm**

We will learn how to make three simple snacks that you can use to fuel your summer activities.

**MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320**Guess Who Game Day****Tuesday, Mar 10, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Have fun playing various Guess Who board games.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Day****Thursday, Apr 2, 3:30-4:30 pm**

It's National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day! Enjoy delicious snacks and activities to celebrate.

**Daffodil Crafts****Tuesday, Apr 14, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Spring is here! Make various daffodil flower crafts.

**Arbor Day Art****Tuesday, Apr 21, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Get crafty with tree-themed art for Arbor Day!

**VolunTeen Meeting****Tuesday, May 5, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Are you interested in being a volunteer at the library this summer? For students going into grades 6-12 this fall.

**Video Game Day****Tuesday, May 12, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Relax and play games on the Nintendo Switch with your friends!

**Spring Fever Drop-In Fun****March 23-28**

Spring has sprung! Stop by the front desk this week for contests, games, and crafts and to win prizes!

**Get Caught Reading Drop-In Fun****May 1-31**

May is Get Caught Reading Month. Win a small prize if you are caught reading in the library or check out a book! For Grades K-12.

**MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260**Afterschool Program: Teen****Lounge****Tuesdays, Mar 3, 17, Apr 7, 21,****May 5, 19, 3-4 pm**

A place to play games, be creative, enjoy a snack, or just hangout. Join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a different special activity.

**Teen's Throwback Thursday****Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 21,****3-5 pm**

Watch classic throwback movies with your friends after school. Want to know the coolest part? Not only will there be popcorn, but you get to vote on which movies we watch! Vote in the Teen Area.

**Escape Room: A Galaxy Far Away****Mar 23-28: All Day**

Solve puzzles and escape the Empire in order to save the galaxy in this escape room. Please call 330-628-9228 to register. Recommended for teens, tweens, and children with their parents.

**Popcorn Taste Test****Thursday, Apr 23, 3:30-4:30 pm**

You asked for it! Teens and tweens grades 5-12 are invited to sample different flavors of popcorn with yummy topping combinations. Be sure to register so we have enough popcorn for everyone! Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Plant the Reading Garden****Saturday, May 16, 2-4 pm**

Teens and tweens are invited to help us get the Reading Garden ready for the season. Wear something you do not mind getting dirty because we will be planting and digging.

**Teen Volunteer Orientation****Monday, May 18, 3:30-4 pm**

Help the library out this summer by being a volunteer. All volunteers must have completed the 5th grade, be between the ages of 11 and 18, and must attend orientation to participate.

**NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595**9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067**Dungeons and Dragons****Mondays, Mar 9, 23, Apr 6, 20,****May 4 and Tuesday, May 26,****6-8 pm**

Join our quest at your own peril! For more information ask Sycamore, aka Miss Sue.

**Teens Do Something****Saturdays, Mar 28, Apr 11, May 9,****11 am-1 pm**

Grades 5-12 can earn volunteer hours! Make library decorations, clean shelves, and create toys for Akron Children's Hospital.

**Teens Paint****Thursday, Apr 23, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Paint your own masterpiece! Each artist will have a finished painting to take home. For grades 7-12. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423**183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310**See listings under Children's****Branch Programs.****NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081**1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313**Teen Dungeons and Dragons****Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5,****5:30-7:30 pm**

Have you always wanted to play Dungeons and Dragons? Now's your chance! Bring your friends and create your own character, roll dice to decide outcomes, and help tell an interactive story. For grades 6-12.

**Random Fandom****Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 14,****5-6:15 pm**

Join us for a geek-friendly program series that features your favorite fandom in pop culture (movies, books, gaming, and TV shows). For grades 4-12.

**Teen Advisory Board****Tuesdays, Mar 17, Apr 21,****5-6:15 pm**

An open forum lead by the Teen Librarian where teens suggest and help with programs. For ages 13 and up. Refreshments provided.

**Practice SAT****Saturday, Mar 28, 11 am-3 pm**

Take a practice test and receive score reports highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. Register here: [princetonreview.com/product/offering/437985](http://princetonreview.com/product/offering/437985)

**After Hours: Nerf Night****Friday, Apr 3, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Bring your friends and join us for a Nerf night after hours in the library. Permission slips are required. Please bring your own Nerf gear.

**Practice ACT****Thursday, Apr 16, 11-3 pm**

Take a practice test and receive score reports highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. Register here: [princetonreview.com/product/offering/455693](http://princetonreview.com/product/offering/455693)

**NORTON – 330-825-7800**3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203**Make-It-Yourself Monday****for Teens****Monday, Mar 2, All Day**

Enjoy a fun, simple project to get you in the crafting spirit. This month you can create your own good luck shamrock seed kit.

**Random Reads Book****and Writing Club****Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6,****3:30-4:30 pm**

A space for teens and tweens to talk about books and writing. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Super Mario Day**  
**Wednesday, Mar 11,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**

Nintendo Switch Mario Kart Tournament. Join us for a celebration of everyone's favorite gaming icon! Enjoy crafts, Nintendo-themed snacks, and a Mario Kart tournament complete with awesome prizes.

**Teen/Tween Program:**

**Bottles of Hope**

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 3-5 pm**  
Earn service hours by making encouraging crafts for cancer patients. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Teen/Tween Program:**

**Recycled Pet Toys**

**Wednesday, Apr 22, 3-5 pm**  
Earn service hours by making pet toys for animals in need. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Teen/Tween Programs:**

**Free Comic Book Day**

**Saturday, May 2, 1-4 pm**  
Bring the entire family and celebrate Free Comic Book Day with fun activities, popcorn, and free comics (while supplies last)! Come in costume and you might win a prize!

**Teen/Tween Program: Hunger Games Escape Room**

**Wednesday, May 13, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
Can you survive the arena? You will have a limited amount of time to defeat the Capitol's game makers by solving a series of riddles, deciphering clues, and finding the key to escape. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation**

**Wednesdays, May 20, 27,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**  
Calling all teens ages 12 and up! Looking for something fun to do this summer? Need volunteer hours? We need you! Register by phone, in person, or online for an orientation session.

**ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726**  
[600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307](http://600VernonOdomBlvd.com)

**Teen Advisory Board**

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**  
Make your voice heard in the library while also earning volunteer hours! For grades 6-12. Snacks provided.

**Teen/Tween Hangout**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 4, 18, May 6,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**

Join us after school to play games, work on homework, do a craft, read a book, or just hang out with your friends!

**Youth Gaming**

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, 25,**  
**Apr 8, 29, May 13, 3:30-4:30pm**  
Cheer on your friends and enjoy time spent with others while taking turns playing video games and board games with other students. Games played are rated T or below.

**Teen Bullet Journal Club**

**Tuesdays, Mar 31, Apr 28, May**  
**26, 3:30-4:30 pm** If you love organization and creativity, join us on the last Tuesday of the month to plan your spreads for the upcoming month! Journals provided. For grades 6-12.

**Postcards from Japan**

**Wednesday, Apr 1, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
Travel to Japan without leaving the library! Test out Japanese treats, explore Japanese culture, and create Manga! For grades 6-12.

**End of School Pizza Party**

**Thursday, May 28, 3:30-4:30 pm**  
Eat some pizza and hang out with your library friends as the school year comes to a close!

**PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**  
[4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319](http://4261ManchesterRd.com)

**Dungeons and Dragons 101**

**Saturday, Mar 14, 2-3 pm** Learn some basics about D & D and start to create a character sheet.

**VolunTeen Time**

**Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 22,**  
**6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Saturday, May 30, 11 am- 12 pm,**  
**2 pm- 3pm** Looking for community service credits for school, church or Scouts? Earn volunteer hours while engaging in different projects to help the library and support a variety of local organizations.

**Teen Time**

**Saturday, Apr 18, 2-3 pm**  
Did you know that this year marks the 100 year anniversary of women's right to vote? Celebrate your rights and vote for your favorite snack food, book, song and movie from 2019!

**RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343**  
[3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286](http://3761SGrantSt.com)

**Fandom Discussion**

**Saturdays, Mar 7, Apr 11, May 2,**  
**1:30-3 pm**  
Join us for a geek-friendly program series that features your favorite fandom in pop culture from movies, books, gaming, and TV shows. Drop in or stay the entire time. Mar-Mario Bros; Apr-Marvel; May-Star Wars

**SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE –**  
**330-643-4770**  
[1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312](http://1500CantonRd.com)

**ACT Practice Test**

**Saturday, Mar 14, 10 am-1 pm**  
Sylvan Learning is offering a free ACT Practice Test for high school students. Bring pencils and a calculator. Register in person, by phone, or online.

**Teen Advisory Board**

**Thursdays, Apr 23, May 28,**  
**6:30-8 pm**  
Try new things, talk about your interests, and be creative while you earn volunteer hours. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**  
[90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278](http://90CommunityRd.com)

**After School Zen Zone**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10, 24, Apr 14, 28,**  
**May 12, 26, 3-4 pm**  
A place to share music, do homework, or play games.

**Financial Literacy for Teens and Adults**

**Fridays, Mar 13, 27, Apr 10,**  
**May 8, 22, 3-4 pm**  
Learn how to take control of your finances and have your money work for you. The content is provided by the FDIC and presented by Woodforest National Bank.

**Tallmadge Tribe Book Club**

A book club for the busy family. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books!  
Mar-The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket;  
Apr-Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher;  
May- Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

**Test Your Knowledge**

Complete the monthly challenges for a chance to win a small prize. Mar-Geography; Apr -Who Wants To Be A Millionaire; May-Could you be a zookeeper?

**CHILDREN'S BRANCH PROGRAMS**

**ELLET – 330-784-2019**  
[2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312](http://2470EMarketSt.com)

**Toddler Art Class**

**Friday, Mar 6, 12:15-1:15 pm**  
**Saturday, Mar 7, 11 am-12 pm**  
Children through age 4 and a caregiver are invited to experience a time of art exploration. Get messy and explore early art concepts! Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Lego Club**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13,**  
**3:45-4:45 pm**  
Use library Legos to complete a building challenge. March 9: Wind Cars - Build and race wind-powered cars. April 13: Build earthquake-proof towers using Legos, toothpicks, and marshmallows.

**Baby Time**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10-31, Apr 7-28,**  
**10:15-11:15 am**  
Lap bounces, active rhymes, songs, books, and group playtime for ages 6 months through 2 years and a caregiver. Siblings and friends are welcome!

**Story Time: Play Group**

**Wednesdays, Mar 11-Apr 29,**  
**10:30-11:30 am**  
**Thursdays, Mar 12-Apr 23,**  
**6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 11,**  
**May 16, 10:30-11:30 am**  
Children ages 2-6 will enjoy songs and stories shared through books, flannel boards, and puppets. Crafts and playtime included. Siblings and friends are welcome! Mar 14-Peanut Butter and Jelly Party; Apr 11-Yoga; May 16-Plant Our Garden

**Art Explorers**

**Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 27,**  
**3:45-4:45 pm**  
Be creative and get a bit messy. March 23: Stained glass art April 27: Paint BIG! Flowers of Georgia O'Keefe. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Music and Move**

**Fridays, Mar 13-27, Apr 3-24,**  
**12:15-1:15 pm**  
Move and groove with music, books, and learning activities for children through age four and their families. Includes group playtime and a simple craft.



### **Star Wars Fun**

**Friday, Mar 20, 2-3 pm**

Kids in grades K-5 are invited to hunt for Baby Yoda (The Child) in the library, build and battle with light sabers, build ships, and try to destroy the Death Star (again). Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Book Club to Go**

Grab a copy of the monthly selection to read at home with family and friends. Answer the discussion questions provided, try the suggested activities, and complete the reading or writing activity.

**FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888**

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

### **Tiny Tales Baby Time**

**Mondays, Mar 2-30, May 4-18, 10:15-11 am**

Children ages 6-24 months are welcome to join Miss Jessica for stories, rhymes, music, instruments, and playtime.

### **Toddler Story Time**

**Mondays, Mar 2-30, May 4-18, 11:30 am-12:15 pm**

Children ages 2-3 ½ years old will enjoy stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, music, and a craft with Miss Jessica.

### **Evening Story Time**

**Tuesdays, Mar 3-24, 6-6:45 pm**

Children ages 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for story time fun!

### **Preschool Story Time**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4-25, May 6-27, 1-1:45 pm**

Children ages 3-5 with an adult caregiver can join Miss Pam for stories, music and fun!

### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, 10:30-11:30 am**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills. All ages welcome.

### **Music Together Summit**

**Tuesday, Mar 10,**

**10-10:50 am & 11-11:50 am**

Children ages 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join David Palomo of Music Together Summit for music, dancing, and fun! Register in person, by phone or online.

### **Build It!**

**Tuesday, Mar 31, 6-7 pm**

Families build, play and explore with Legos and blocks. All ages welcome.

### **Family Story Time**

**Tuesdays, May 5-26, 6-6:45 pm**

Children ages 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for story time fun!

### **Bath Community Park:**

#### **StoryWalk® Trail Meet-up**

**Tuesday, May 19, 1-2 pm**

Walk the trail and read "Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons." Meet Miss Jessica in the pavilion for a fun Pete the Cat craft and snacks. All ages welcome. Located at 1615 North Cleveland-Massillon Road.

### **Scavenger Hunts**

Participate in these activities on your own at the library. Bring your answer sheet to the desk for a small prize. Each month we will have a different theme. Mar-St. Patrick's Day; Apr-Bunny Hunt; May-Reading is a Blast

### **Bath Community Park:**

#### **StoryWalk Trail**

A StoryWalk is an exercise for both the mind & body. It is a unique, self-directed activity for people of all ages, which encourage participants to read a children's book in stages while walking along a short outdoor trail. Located at 1615 North Cleveland-Massillon Road.

### **Kids Create**

**Saturdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23**

Take-it and make-it crafts the fourth Saturday of each month. Pick up a craft all day while supplies last.

### **NatureConnect Discovery Center**

Stop by our Discovery Center in the children's section for self-guided hands on activities related to spring.

### **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

### **Afterschool Fun Club**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4-25, April 1, 8, 22, 29, May 6-27, 3-4 pm**

Join us for an hour of afterschool fun! Each week we will have a different activity.

### **Evening Story Time**

**Wednesday, Mar 4, 18,**

**Apr 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, 6-7 pm**

Children of all ages and their caregivers can join Miss Sylvia for an evening of stories, rhymes, songs, and playtime.

### **Story Time with Miss Sylvia**

**Thursdays, Mar 5-May 28, 11 am-12 pm**

Children and their caregivers can enjoy story time and playtime. Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, songs, rhymes, and flannel boards, and a 30-minute playtime. All ages welcome.

### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 16, 12-1 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to Kivrin! All ages welcome.

### **Kids Paint**

**Saturdays, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 16, 1:30-2:45 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of painting. Register by phone, in person, or online for the Apr 4 session. Mar 7-Pet Rock; Apr 4-Birdhouse; May 16-Splatter Paint

### **Growing Readers Book Club**

**Wednesdays, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, 6:30-7:30 pm**

A book club for children age 5-8 and their caregiver. Each month we will read a book, and then meet at to discuss it while enjoying light snacks.

### **Friday Feature**

**Friday, Apr 17, 2-4:10 pm**

Join us for a family friendly movie about a girl, her chameleon, and a thief as they embark on an exciting adventure! It will be her "best day ever"!

### **NatureConnect**

Complete a different activity each month for a small prize.

Mar-Chia Pet;

Apr-Spring Scavenger Hunt;

May- Growing Crystals

### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

### **Story Time: Stories and Play**

**Thursdays, Mar 5-26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 10:15-11:30 am**

Enjoy stories, movement, and song. Stay and play with toys afterward along with a chance for parents to chat.

### **Paws for Reading**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 4-5 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. Children of all ages are welcome.

### **Jr. Chef Day**

**Saturday, Mar 21, 1-2:30 pm**

Put on your chef hat and apron. Today we will make Guacamole, microwave some Cinnamon Apple Minute Muffins, and eat some Sweet Sand made from cookies and pudding. For children ages 5 - 9. Register by phone, in person, or online.

### **Tween Scene: Tech Club**

**Thursdays, Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, 3:30-5 pm**

Mar-Explore coding with micro:bit Scratch Cards. Then, find out what you can make using paper circuits. Apr & May- We will use stop motion animation and green screen equipment to begin movie-making. For ages 9-12.

### **Tween Scene:**

#### **After School Lounge**

**Thursdays, Apr 9, May 14, 3:30-5 pm**

Enjoy video games and indoor-outdoor games, create mini terrariums and string nature crafts. For ages 9-12.

### **Family Story Time**

**Wednesdays, Apr 15, May 13, 6-7 pm**

Story time is early learning fun for young children. Apr-Dancing Stories; May-Flower Garden

### **Children's Tea Party**

**Saturdays, Apr 18, 10:30-11:30 am & 2-3 pm**

Enjoy hot tea in a real teacup to take home. Eat cookies, chat, and make a craft to take home. For ages 4 - 9. Register both children and adults for either 10:30 am or 2 pm beginning Mar 18.

### **Sculpting with Clay**

**Saturday, May 2, 1-2:15 pm**

Using your hands and tools, sculpt a small piece of air-dry clay into anything your imagination designs. Take it home to dry and keep. This program is for children ages 5-12. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 2.

### **Take it and Make it Saturdays**

Stop in the library on the first Saturday of the month, pickup one of our simple kid's activity kits, make it here or take it home with you for a fun family activity! (While supplies last) Mar 7-Doodle Cubes; Apr 4-DIY Robot Hand; May 2-Pipe Cleaner Flowers

### **On Your Own**

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

Mar 2-Pete the Cat Scavenger Hunt;  
Mar 16-Nature Magnified;  
Mar 30-Rhyming Rabbits;  
Apr 13-Compare Weight;  
Apr 27-Insect Alphabet;  
May 11-Ladybug Habitat

### **GREEN- 330-896-9074**

[4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685](#)

### **Dr. Seuss Story Time**

**Saturday, Mar 7, 10:30-11:30 am**

Arrive dressed in wacky clothes to listen to Dr. Seuss stories, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. All ages are welcome.

### **Pokemon Club**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Join fellow fanatics at this monthly club to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or show off your collection. This is a child-led program for ages 6 to 12.

### **Baby Time**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10-31, Apr 7, May 5-26, 10:15-11 am**

Baby time for children 24 months and under features books, rhymes, and songs followed by playtime.

### **Toddler Story Time**

**Tuesdays, Mar 10-31, Apr 7, May 5-26, 11:30 am-12:15 pm**

Toddler Time for ages 2-3 features books, music, and alphabet recognition followed by a craft.

### **Make Time for Play**

**Wednesday, Mar 11 and Tuesdays,**

**April 14, May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Bring the kids in for some free play time. We have blocks, tunnels and tubes, a light box, puzzles, Spot It!, musical instruments and more to explore and create with.

### **Family Story Time**

**Thursdays, Mar 12-26, April 2, 9,**

**May 7-28, 10:30-11:30 am**

Enjoy books, music, rhythm, movement, activities, and crafts. Play time follows.

### **Green Boating: Environmental Engineering on Pi Day**

**Saturday, Mar 14, 1:30-3 pm**

Your child will learn the importance of harnessing power through wind energy. Basic principles of aerodynamics will be introduced and applied to the design of their sails. Registration begins Feb 24.

### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, Mar 21, Apr 4, May 2, 12-1 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

### **Spring Break Movies**

**Mar 23-Mar 27, 1-3 pm**

Enjoy a movie and popcorn. Mar 23-Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil; Mar 24-Gemini Man; Mar 25-Frozen II; Mar 26-The Addams Family; Mar 27-Jumanji: The Next Level

### **Superhero Story Time**

**Monday, Apr 6, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Arrive dressed as your favorite superhero and listen to stories and make a craft. All ages are welcome.

### **DIY: Decorate a Baby Yoda Cookie**

**Saturday, Apr 25, 10:30 am-12 pm**

A treat that's almost too cute to eat! We'll supply cookies and supplies to recreate The Child from the popular Star Wars series, The Mandalorian. Registration begins Apr 1. For grades 3 to 12.

### **Beach Canvas Painting For Kids**

**Saturday, May 16, 10:30 am-12pm**

Learn to do a step-by-step painting of a beach scene with Miss Brandie. For children 7 and up. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning April 13.

### **HIGHLAND SQUARE - 330-376-2927**

[807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303](#)

### **Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!**

#### **Evening Story Time**

**Monday, Mar 2, 6-6:45 pm**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with Miss Jill. We will share stories, songs, and rhymes followed by a craft and group playtime. Geared for ages 3-6 with a caregiver, but all ages are welcome.

### **Youth Chess Club**

**Tuesdays, Mar 3, 24, Apr 7, 28,**

**May 5, 19, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Learn the game of chess, improve your chess skills, and compete against your peers.

### **Story Time Play Group**

**Mondays, Mar 23, 30, Apr 6-27, May 4, 11, 10:30-11:30 am**

Join Miss Jill for stories, music, movement, rhymes, puppets and flannel boards. Geared for ages 2-5 with a caregiver and followed by a group playtime.

### **Picasso's Art Studio**

**Tuesdays, Mar 31, Apr 14, May 26, 6-7:30 pm**

**AGE GROUP:** SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY Art supplies will be available for an unstructured art studio for children and their adults.

### **Baby and Me Story Time**

**Thursdays, Apr 2-30, 10:30-11:30 am**

Join Miss KT for a story time with songs, exercises, and a book to help give your child the tools needed to learn to read and better understand the world. Stay afterwards for play time.

### **Let's Tell a Story: Reader's Theater Acting Group Series**

**Thursdays, Apr 2, 9, 16, 6-7 pm**

Learn about storytelling, acting, and reader's theater with Debora Totti. During this series, children will explore the art of storytelling while combining the different art forms of singing, acting, dancing, and narrating. The classes will culminate with a student performance at Highland Square's Once Upon a Folktale storytelling event. Ages 6-10.

### **Sylvan STEM for Grades 2-5**

**Thursdays, Apr 9, May 14, 4:15-5 pm**

Robotics, coding, and engineering - challenge yourself and learn something new while playing with cool materials. Presented by Sylvan Edge of Fairlawn.

### **Once Upon a Folktale**

**Friday, Apr 17, 6:30-8 pm**

Storytellers will share traditional folktales from a variety of countries. Enjoy live harp music, a photo booth, light refreshments, and a craft. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Highland Square Friends Group.

### **Movers and Shakers**

**Thursdays, May 7-21, 10:30-11:15 am**

A music program for children and their adults to sing, dance, and play together! Presented by music educator Marissa Leonino Lange.

### **Art Workshop**

**Saturday, May 9, 10 am-1 pm**

Learn about the instructional art of famous children's book authors and illustrators, Lee Ames and Ed Emberley. Then, create your own art to be displayed at the library. For grades K to 5.

### **KENMORE - 330-745-6126**

[969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314](#)

### **Family Movie**

**Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 20, 4-6 pm**

Spend an afternoon at the library with a family-friendly movie. Snacks provided.

### **Karaoke Dance-Off**

**Wednesday, Mar 11, 4-5 pm**

Test your singing and dancing skills with our Karaoke Dance-Off! Choose your favorite song and sing solo or with friends.

### **Oh Wonderful You!**

**Wednesday, Mar 18, 4-5 pm**

Celebrate your greatness with body tracing affirmation. Make a paper outline of your body and decorate it with messages about wonderful you! This fun activity encourages a positive self-image.

### **Oreo Madness**

**Wednesday, Mar 25, 4-5 pm**

We are taking Oreos to a new level. Make a chocolate covered Oreo and Oreo cream dip! Open to grades K-12.

**Tie Dye T-Shirts**  
**Saturday, Mar 28:**  
**11:30 am-1:30 pm**

Create your own tie-dye t-shirt while you listen to the music of steel drums. Bring your own white t-shirt to dye. Shirts provided for those who do not have one; while supplies last. For all ages.

**Spring Crafts**  
**Wednesday, Apr 8, 4-5 pm**

Let's celebrate spring by making colorful crafts and enjoying some fun activities.

**Earth Day**  
**Wednesday, Apr 22, 4-5 pm**

Let's celebrate our beautiful Earth with crafts and activities from recycled materials.

**I Scream, You Scream...  
Ice Cream Social**  
**Wednesday, Apr 29, 4-5 pm**

Back by popular demand! Join us for a taste test challenge and make a sundae or cone.

**Easy as Cake**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 4-5 pm**

Have you ever eaten cake on a stick? We will measure, mix, and bake cake pops! To top it off, we will dip them in chocolate.

**For the Birds**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 4-5 pm**

Let's welcome the birds back to Kenmore with some crafty bird feeders! Choose from several different designs or make one of each.

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

**After School Homework Help**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays,**  
**Mar 2-May 20, 3-4 pm**

Stop in on Mondays or Wednesdays for free homework help! For grades K to 5.

**Snapology** - Amusement Park Engineering  
**Thursday, Mar 5, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Do you love roller coasters? In Snapology's Amusement Park Engineering class, students will make their own amusement park rides while using physics and engineering concepts.

**Paws for Reading**  
**Saturdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9,**  
**2-3 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dog's human pal will read to you.

**Game On**  
**Friday, Mar 20, 3-4 pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of playing video games, computer games, and board games with your friends!

**Family Movie Monday**  
**Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 20, May 18,**  
**6-7:30 pm**

Join us for a family-friendly movie, snacks, and drinks! Mar 23-The Addams Family; Apr 20-Frozen II; May 18- Spies in Disguise

**STEM Club with Sylvan Learning Center**  
**Thursdays, Mar 26, Apr 23,**  
**May 28, 4-5 pm**

Join Sylvan EDGE to create and explore with technology. Learn the basic concepts of design, programming, and coding. Mar 26-Tynker Hour of Code; Apr 23-Marble Roller Coaster; May 28-Robotic Lion

**National Pet Day Celebration**  
**Saturday, Apr 11, 2-3 pm**

Let's celebrate our favorite furry friends! Stop in to read a few stories, share a few dances, and make a special treat for our four-legged friends. We will also have an extra special furry visitor!

**Spring Break Boredom Busters**  
**Monday, Apr 13-Thursday, Apr 16,**  
**1-2 pm**

Stop in every afternoon over Spring Break for an exciting activity and snacks! Monday-Coloring; Tuesday-Video Games; Wednesday-Board Games and Legos; Thursday-Movie and Popcorn; Friday-Craft to Go

**STEM - Space Food**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2-3 pm**

Snacking in space is not as easy as you might think! Can you design a way to eat your favorite food in zero gravity? All materials provided.

**NatureConnect:**  
**Rain Cloud in a Cup**  
**Friday, May 8, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Are you curious about clouds and rain? You can learn more with this easy science activity. Using just a few common household items, we will create our very own "rain clouds."

**MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**  
**144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260**

**Baby Time:**  
**Library Babies and Tots**  
**Thursday, Mar 12, 19,**  
**Apr 9, 16, 23, 30,**  
**May 7, 10:30-11:30 am**

Join Miss Kim to hear stories, sing songs, dance and play with our library friends.

**LEGO Club**  
**Thursdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7,**  
**3:30-4:30 pm**

Grades K-5 are invited to join us for an afternoon of imaginative LEGO creation. Each month we try a different STEM challenge. All supplies provided.

**Story Time**  
**Tuesdays, March 10, 17, April 7,**  
**14, 21, 28, May 5**  
**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games, and crafts with our library friends.

**Crafternoons**  
**Wednesday, Mar 11, Apr 8,**  
**May 13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Grades K-5 join Miss Kim for an afternoon of creating a fun craft with friends. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Baby Prom**  
**Thursday, May 14,**  
**10:30-11:30 am**

Arrive dressed in your best to dance and play the morning away! Who says the big kids get to have all the fun?

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

**Paws for Reading**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12,**  
**6:30-7:15 pm**  
**Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 27,**  
**6:30-7:15 pm**

Read a book to Sweetie, a certified therapy dog. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

**After School Club**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 11, Apr 8,**  
**May 13, 4-4:45 pm**

Join us after school for some fun activities.  
March 11- CD Top Spinner Craft;  
April 8- Woven craft stick butterfly;  
May 13- Windsock

**Family Night**  
**Mondays, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 11,**  
**6-7 pm**

We'll get together once each month for some fantastic crafts.  
Mar 16 – Create a family of Bead People;  
Apr 13 - Make Fluttering Butterflies;  
May 11 - Make Seed Papers to plant or give

**Play Time: Parachute Play**  
**Thursday, Mar 19, 11-11:30 am**

We will use music and movement to play parachute games. For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

**Dr. Seuss**  
**Friday, Mar 20, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Characters from Nordon High School's Drama Club production of Seussical will read some stories as we do some crafts, enjoy some refreshments, and more. For toddlers through grade 5.

**Science Saturday:**  
**Experimental Play**  
**Saturday, Mar 28, 2:30-3:30 pm**

Join your friends for great hands on STEAM fun and see what new toys have been added!

**Messy Monday**  
**Mondays, Mar 30, Apr 27, May 18,**  
**6-7 pm**

Join us for some messy fun. Remember to wear old clothes - you may get messy.  
Mar 30 - Crepe paper canvas art;  
Apr 27 - Mud Art;  
May 18 - Block printing

**STEM: Build It**  
**Friday, Apr 10, 4-5 pm**

Whether you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

**STEM: Scratch****Saturday, Apr 11, 2:30-4 pm**

We'll spend 90 minutes exploring Scratch, a programming interface for kids who would like to code. You can create stories, animations, games, and more! Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Story Time: Baby Time****Thursdays, Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21,****10:15-10:45 am**

Baby Time features stories, music, and rhymes followed by a playtime. For birth to 24 months with a caregiver. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Toddler and Preschool Story Time****Thursdays, Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 11:30 am – 12 pm**

Story time features stories, songs, and rhymes with a play time to follow. For ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423****183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310****Preschool Story Time:****Stories and More****Tuesdays, Mar 3 to Apr 21, 10:30-11:15 am**

Each program will include books, movement, rhymes, and fun with friends.

**Play Time:****Preschool Playroom Playgroup****Tuesdays, Mar 3 to May 5, 11:30 am-12:30 pm**

Your little one will enjoy a variety of toys, games, and activities each week while making new friends and developing important social skills as the adults get to visit with one another.

**Paws for Reading****Tuesdays, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 12, 3-4 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud with one of our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read with you.

**Afterschool Program:****Candy Sushi****Thursday, Mar 19, 3-4 pm**

Stop in and make your own sushi using candy! For grades 3-12.

**Spring Break Staycation:****Popcorn and a Movie****Tuesday, Apr 14, 2-3:30 pm**

Stop in for a viewing party. You pick the movie! Popcorn will be provided! For grades 3-12.

**Spring Break Staycation:****Countdown to End of School****Wednesday, Apr 15, 2-3:30 pm**

Help us create a countdown to the end of school that will be displayed in the library! For school-aged children.

**Spring Break Staycation:****Coloring Party****Thursday, Apr 16, 2-3:30 pm**

Come in and color with us! All ages welcome.

**Afterschool Program:****Mother's Day Craft****Thursday, May 7, 3-4 pm**

Create a Mother's Day card using your handprint. For grades 1-12

**NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081****1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313****Baby and Toddler Story Time****Tuesdays, Mar 3 to Apr 7, 10:30-11 am**

This program features books, bounces, songs, an art experience, and a short social play time. Intended for ages 2 years and under with a caregiver.

**Story Time: Stories and More!****Thursdays, Mar 5 to Apr 9, 10:30-11 am**

Join Miss Katie for stories, rhymes, finger plays, music, art and a little social playtime with friends! Intended for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

**Family Cake Pop Making Class****Saturday, Mar 21, 1-2 pm**

Bake and decorate your own cake pop! All supplies will be provided by the library. Register by phone, in person or online beginning Mar 2.

**K-2 Book Club****Mondays, Mar 23, Apr 27, 6:30-7 pm**

Read our monthly book together at home, then join us to talk, share snacks, and have fun! For parents or caregivers and their child in grades K-2. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**LOL Surprise Party: Fashion Show****Saturday, May 2, 2-3 pm**

Get a glam makeover, make glitter crafts, enjoy a disco dance party, and more! Want to be in the fashion show? Bring your favorite LOL doll. For preschool through grade 2. Registration begins Apr 13.

**Nature Connect****Mar-May**

Observe a collection of 12 real insects in glass cases this spring! Use a magnifying glass, identify the insect, and make observations in a scientist's journal. Then put together a giant 4-foot long puzzle depicting insects in their habitat. Small prizes are given daily for participation.

**NORTON – 330-825-7800****3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203****Baby and Toddler Story Time****Thursdays, Mar 12, 19, 26, 10:30-11:15 am**

Enjoy flannel board stories, catchy songs, and social playtime. Intended for ages 2 years and under with a caregiver.

**Spring Fling: Family Play Days****Monday, Apr 6, 2-3:30 pm**

Paint it out! Enjoy messy play with paint. All materials provided.

**Donuts with Dad****Tuesday, Apr 7, 6:30-7:15 pm**

Bring your dad, stepdad, or granddad to a silly party with donut games, donut stories, and of course, donuts! Registration is requested.

**Spring Fling: Family Play Days****Wednesday, Apr 8, 2-3:30 pm**

LEGO open play. All materials provided.

**Story Time: Peek-A-Spring Stories****Thursdays, Apr 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:30 am**

Discover the season of Spring through your child's eyes. Each week we will have a theme packed with stories, songs, movement, rhymes, art, and some play experiences! For ages 2 to 5.

**ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726****600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307****KidzKlub****Thursdays, Mar 5 to May 7, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Different activities each week grades K-2. Mar 5 - Word Games; Mar 12 - Pancakes; Mar 19 - Planting; Mar 26 - Perler Beads; Apr 2 - Games; Apr 9 - Grilled cheese; Apr 16 - Sewing; Apr 23 - Lego Challenge; May 7 - Quesadillas

**Early Bird Movie Matinee****Tuesdays, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, 10:30-11:30 am**

A fun family-friendly movie on the big screen with refreshments provided. Contact the branch for each month's selection.

**Earth Day Celebration****Wednesday, Apr 22, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in crafts and activities that help our planet.

**De-stress Fest****Wednesday, May 20, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Feeling overwhelmed by the end of the school year? If so, take time for yourself and join us for a variety of relaxing activities that will definitely help you de-stress!

**End of School Pizza Party****Thursday, May 28, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Eat some pizza and hang out with your library friends as the school year comes to a close!

**PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050****4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319****Baby and Toddler Story Time****Thursdays, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 am-12 pm**

This program features books, bounces, songs, an art experience, and a short social playtime. Intended for little ones ages 2 years and under with a caregiver.

**Paws for Reading: Tails & Tales****Saturdays, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, 2-3 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

### **Preschool Playroom**

**Mondays, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11,  
11 am-12 pm**

Your little one will enjoy a variety of games, toys, activities and art experiences each month while making new friends and developing important social skills. Ages 1-4 preferred.

### **B.A.M. (Books and More)**

**Saturdays, Mar, 14, Apr 18,  
11 am- 12 pm**

Mar - Go Green for Saint Patrick's Day! Read any book with a green cover or the word "green" in the title. Wear green, make green crafts, and share your favorite green reads!  
Apr - Read and vote on which books are the best: dog or cat books.

### **Game Day: Spring Break Special Tuesday, Mar 24, 2-3 pm**

Spend an hour of fun playing Mousetrap, making a Domino run, or building your own Rube Goldberg machine.

### **Open Art Studio: Spring Break Special**

**Wednesday, Mar 25, 2-3 pm**  
Beat the spring break boredom! Put your creative hats on and use a little of this and a little of that from our craft closet to fashion a masterpiece.

### **Saturday Specials**

**Saturday, Apr 4, May 2, 1-2 pm**  
Apr 4-Sink your teeth into some fun food-related stories and try a few tasty treats! Snacks will be served. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch. Registration begins Mar 16.  
May 2-Make a May Day basket, dance around a Maypole, and visit our NatureConnect Area to see the first signs of spring!

### **Story Time: Stories and More Tuesdays, Apr 7, 14, 21, 28, 11 am- 12 pm**

**Tuesday, May 5, 6-7 pm**  
Join Ms. Elaine for stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, art and a little social playtime with friends! Intended for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

### **Get Ready for Kindergarten**

**Wednesday, Apr 8, 6-7:30 pm**  
Is your child ready for Kindergarten? Staff from area schools and preschool will present activities that kids can try out and discuss what skills children entering Kindergarten need to master.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays: School Age Fun**

**Wednesday, Apr 29, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Brain games, optical illusions, and more! Spend an evening tricking your eyes and brain. We will craft some fun illusions to test our senses and perspective.

### **Cupcakes and Crafts**

**Saturday, May 9, 11 am- 12 pm**  
Do you have a special lady in your life that you want to show your appreciation? Enjoy the morning together decorating a cupcake and making a craft. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 11.

### **Tea Time**

**Saturday, May 9, 2-3 pm**  
Learn to set the table for tea, taste flavors from around the world, and toast to friendship. For ages 8 and up. Register by phone, in person, or online beginning Apr 20.

**[RICHFIELD - 330-659-4343](http://www.akronlibrary.org)  
[3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286](http://www.akronlibrary.org)**

### **Preschool Game Day Wednesdays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 10:30-11:30 am**

Enjoy a morning of preschool-friendly board games. Please feel free to bring games from your home that your children would like to play with other children their own age.

### **Paws for Reading Saturdays, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, 11 am-12 pm**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

### **Home School Readers**

**Wednesdays, Mar 18,  
Apr 15, 1-3 pm  
Friday, May 15, 1:30-3:30 pm**  
Join us for an afternoon of reading fun. Different activities will be available at each session. Our May Home School Readers will take place off site at Regina Health Center, located at 5232 Broadview Rd, Richfield Ohio. We will perform some classic fairy tales for the residents. We will begin rehearsing at our April Home School Readers program.

**Story Time: Preschool  
Tuesdays, Mar 24, 31,  
Apr 14-May 19, 10:30-11:30 am**  
For ages 3-6. Preschoolers, bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

**Story Time: Little Folks  
Thursdays, Mar 26-May 2 1,  
10:30-11:30 am**  
For ages 6-35 months. Little folks, bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

**First Saturday Family Story Hour  
Saturdays, Apr 4, May 2,  
10:30-11 am**  
Join us the first Saturday of the month for a fun family-friendly story hour, followed by our Paws for Reading program.

**Multigenerational Story Time  
Tuesday, Apr 7,  
9:30-10:30 am**  
Join us for a unique multigenerational story time hosted by residents and staff of Regina Health Center located at 5232 Broadview Road, Richfield.

**Garden Planting  
Tuesday, May 26,  
10:30-11 am**  
Come ready to get dirty! We will plant our library garden, and youngsters will also plant something to take home.

**Carter-Pedigo Trail StoryWalk®**  
StoryWalk® is a unique literacy/fitness activity. As you walk along the trail you can read a story that has been posted along the way.  
Mar-Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball by John Coy;  
Apr-Brothers at Bat by Audrey Vernick;  
May-Reverse Student Poems

**SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE -  
330-643-4770  
1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312**

**After School Hangout  
Thursdays, Mar 5, Apr 2,  
5-6:30 pm**  
Hang out at the library for snacks, crafts, games, and fun. Be creative and leave with a work of your very own art.  
Mar-Watercolor Art;  
Apr-Mandala Madness

**Paws for Reading  
Saturdays, Mar 21, May 16,  
11 am-12 pm**  
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

**Story Time  
Tuesdays, Apr 7, 14, 21,  
10:30-11:30 am**  
A happy blend of stories, rhymes, finger plays, music, art, and a little social playtime with friends! Intended for preschoolers but all ages are welcome and celebrated.

**Preschool Play Time  
Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19,  
10:30-11:30 am**  
Your little one will enjoy a variety of games, toys, activities and art experiences while making new friends and developing important social skills. All are welcome and celebrated.

**I-Spy Family Challenge**  
Play a new I-Spy and find the hidden pictures each month for a prize.

**Try Our DIY**  
Try some coding, create an original anime mask, weave your own loom band, solve a puzzle, or challenge your friends to a game of Jenga. Our DIY boxes are always available!

**Suffrage Centennial:  
Bravery in Bustles Exhibit**  
Explore fashions from 100 years ago. Learn about life before women's suffrage with the Summit County Historical Society's Victorian Woman discovery trunk.

**Dr. Seuss's Birthday Fun**

**Monday, Mar 2, 10:30-11:30 am**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a special story time for ages 2 - 6 with a caregiver.

**Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, Mar 7, Apr 4,**

**May 2, 10:30-11:30 am**

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals, Gideon and Ace.

**Baby Time**

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, 18, 25, Apr**

**1, 8, 15, 29, May 6,**

**10:15-10:45 am**

Join Miss Kara for stories, music, rhymes, bounces, and lap sits for babies 6 - 24 months with a caregiver. Each session will conclude with baby playtime.

**Story Time Play Group**

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, 18, 25, Apr**

**1, 8, 15, 29, May 6, 11 am-12 pm**

Join Miss Kara for stories, flannel boards, puppets, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 2 - 5 and a caregiver. Each session concludes with a craft and playtime.

**After School Adventures**

**Thursdays, Mar 12, Apr 9,**

**May 7, 21, 4:30-5:30 pm**

An after school club for kids in 1st - 3rd grade. We will explore the different areas of STEAM, play games, and more! Registration required for each session.

**Countdown to Kindergarten**

**Tuesdays, Mar 17, Apr 28, May 19,**

**10:30-11:30 am**

Intended for ages 4 - 6 to practice skills needed for kindergarten in a fun-filled environment. Registration is required for each monthly session.

**Process Art**

**Wednesday, May 13,**

**10:30 am-12 pm**

Arrive dressed for a mess, and drop in any time between 10:30 and 12. Best for ages 2 - 6 years old.

**Programs are subject to change.**



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