December 2019-February 2020

If you need more detailed information concerning the following programs, please call the library of your choice. Registration is required 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

Reentry in Motion Series
Designed to provide assistance, educate and inform, the Reentry in Motion Series, showcases reentry and criminal justice related legislation, speakers, documentary films, and handouts.

Reentry in Motion: Abused Women
Thursday, January 9, 11 am-12 pm
From behind prison walls, Sin by Silence reveals the lives of extraordinary women who advocate for a future free from domestic violence.

Reentry in Motion: Live Full & Die Empty
Thursday, January 16, 11 am-12:30 pm
In the video Live Full & Die Empty, Les Brown will help you realize your dreams.

Reentry in Motion: The Trap
Thursday, January 23, 11 am -12 pm
The Trap investigates how prisons are recruiting grounds for human traffickers.

Reentry in Motion: Parole
Thursday, January 30, 11 am-12 pm
In Life on Parole, Frontline and the New York Times examine Connecticut’s efforts to rethink parole.

Reentry in Motion: Trafficked
Thursday, February 6, 11 am-12 pm
The film Trafficked in America shines a light on a case in which Guatemalan teens were forced to work against their will in Ohio.

Reentry in Motion: Fight Hate
Thursday, February 13, 11 am-12:30 pm
Discover one man’s journey to change the world in Fight Hate with Love.

Reentry in Motion: Manhood and Violence
Thursday, February 20, 11 am-12 pm
Manhood and Violence: Fatal Peril follows inmates in the Resolve to Stop Violence Program.

Reentry in Motion: True Justice
Thursday, February 27, 11 am-1 pm
True Justice: Bryan Stevenson’s Fight for Equality, follows Stevenson through his experiences as a capital defense attorney and advocate for community-based reform.

Modernize Your Resume
Wednesday, January 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.

Yours, Mine & Ours: Family Law Workshop for Blended Families
Thursday, February 20, 6-8 pm
Discover legal solutions for issues commonly faced by step-parents, step-children, and half-siblings. Register by phone, in person, or online.

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Black History Month: True Justice
Saturday, February 22, 2-4 pm
True Justice: Bryan Stevenson’s Fight for Equality follows Stevenson through his experiences as a capital defense attorney and advocate for community-based reform.

Business Research Essentials
Thursday, February 27, 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, and more.

CHILDREN’S LIBRARY
330-643-9050

Story Time: Baby Time
Wednesdays at 10:30 am
An active story time for children from birth to age 2 with an adult caregiver. We combine music, stories and play to engage our youngest learners.

Story Time: Preschool
Thursdays 10:30 am
Watch as books come to life through stories, music, and activities. For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

Sunday Story Time Sampler
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family
Sundays at 2 pm
A half-hour story time for preschool and primary children with an adult caregiver.

Messy Art
Age Group: Preschool
Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:30 am
Create your very own masterpiece using a variety of supplies and fun techniques. For ages 2 to 5 with an adult caregiver.

Movies@Main: Toy Story 4
Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm
All your favorite toys are back for a toy adventure of a lifetime!

Story Time: Polar Express
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family
Saturday, December 7, 11 am-12 pm
All aboard the Polar Express! Wear your favorite pajamas and relive the classic story on our story time train. Enjoy activities and decorate a cookie. Register in person or by calling 330-643-9050.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Saturday, December 21, 2-3:30 pm
We’ll have all the supplies you need to build a snowman (room temperature...or not) on this first day of winter!

Last Minute Gifts: A Make-It-Take-It Program
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Monday, December 23, 1:30-3:30 pm
Join us for this make-it-take-it craft program and make some last-minute gifts for your loved ones.

Winter Break Movie: Toy Story 4
Thursday, December 26, 1:30-3:30 pm
When a new toy called “Forky” joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy. Rated G.

Movies@Main: The Lion King
Thursday, December 26, 6:30 pm
The King has returned! After believing he is responsible for the death of his father, a young lion flees his kingdom.
Winter Break Movie: *The Lion King*
**Friday, December 27, 1:30-3:30 pm**
The live action version of the classic film. After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery. Rated PG.

**Builders’ Club**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Saturday, December 28, 2-3 pm**
Open play with LEGOs, Duplos, Citiblocs and other building materials. For children and parents.

**Family Play Day**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Monday, December 30, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Play together as a family with giant Jenga, old-fashioned Skittles, Four-in-a-Row, checkers, hop-scotch and board games.

**Noon Year’s Eve**

**Age Group:** Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Tuesday, December 31, 11 am-12:15 pm**
Ring in the new year early at our family-friendly party! There will be games, crafts, and snacks.

**Movie: Frozen Sing-a-long**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Thursday, January 2, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Sing along to a special edition of Disney’s Frozen and make a craft. Snacks will be provided. Costumes encouraged.

**Wii Just Dance**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween

**Friday, January 3, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Bring your friends and show off your dance moves!

**Story Time: The Magic of Sound**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family

**Saturday, January 4, 11 am-12 pm**
This program features Svetlana Morrison from The Quiet Mind. It will include fun movement for the little ones and the powerful sound of singing bowls.

**Music and Movement Mondays**

**Age Group:** Preschool

**Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, 10:30-11:30 am**
Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to shake your sillies out! For children ages 2 to 5 with their adult caregiver.

**Movie: Walk with Dinosaurs**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Monday, January 6, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Join us in the Children’s Library for a special presentation of BBC's Walking with Dinosaurs. Enjoy some popcorn as you watch.

**Play Time: Big Math Play Date**

**Age Group:** Toddler, Preschool

**Tuesday, January 14, 10:30-11:30 am**
Join us for a fun and social hour of physical activity and discovery, while the kids develop healthy minds and bodies. We’ll even sneak in some math concepts in ways that children love to learn!

**Tech Club**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween

**Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, 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.

**Interactive Comics**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween

**Friday, January 17, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Combine technology and art to make a comic strip come to life! For grades 3 to 6.

**Story Time: Ballet Excel’s Snow Queen**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Saturday, January 25, 11 am-12 pm**
Help your child practice their fine motor, large motor, and social skills. For ages 2 to 5 with an adult caregiver.

**Annual Family Reading Festival with Jim Gill**

**Age Group:** All Ages

**Saturday, February 1, 10 am-3 pm**
Family fun for all ages! Enjoy musician Jim Gill in concert, meet one of your favorite storybook characters, and encounter Outback Ray’s animal friends. Children get to choose a free book!

**Sign Language Story Time**

**Age Group:** Preschool

**Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11 am**
Learn simple signs you can use at home as we read stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. Great for visual learners. For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

**Play Time: Love Bugs**

**Age Group:** Toddler, Preschool

**Tuesday, February 11, 10:30-11:30 am**
Celebrate this month with your littlest Valentine. Create, play, love! Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play, STEAM experiences for ages 2 to 5 with a caregiver.

**Life-sized Candy Land**

**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family

**Friday, February 14, 15, 1:30-3:30 pm**
Candy Land comes to life as a giant game board that takes you on a colorful journey! Enjoy this drop-in program for families.

**Slime Society**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween

**Monday, February 17, 1:30-2:30 pm**
Get gooey and make some slime with us. For Grades K to 6.

**Coding with Ozobots**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween

**Saturday, February 22, 2-3 pm**
Design a trail for one of these tiny robots to follow, and code different ways for it to move along the path. For grades 3 to 6.

**Bonus Day Builders’ Club:**

**Shoebox Cities**

**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

**Saturday, February 29, 2-3 pm**
Ever wonder what goes into planning a city or a town? Find out by designing and building your own shoebox city to take home.

**CULTURE & AV**

**330-643-9015**

**Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-8 pm**
A friendly and always interesting group discussion of selected books, old and new, which usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Fortunato Film School: Citizen Kane**

**Saturday, December 7, 2-5 pm**
Film Scholar Joe Fortunato explores the depths of the Orson Welles classic, often considered the greatest film ever. Is it? Watch it with Joe and decide for yourself.

**Poetry Hour**

**Saturday, December 14, 3-4 pm**
Local poets are invited to read their original poetry.

**Needlework:**

**Yarn Lovers @ the Library**

**Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, 12-2 pm**
Join us at Stray Dog Cafe for an afternoon of knitting and crocheting. Feel free to bring your own lunch or purchase one from the cafe. New knitters and crocheters welcome.

**Movies@Main**

**Thursdays, 6:30 pm**
All films will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm, unless noted. Visit the Library’s website and check the flyers for updates.

- December 5: *Toy Story 4*
- December 12: *Lady on a Train*
- December 19: *Home Alone*
- December 26: *The Lion King*

**ELECTRONIC SERVICES**

**330-643-9145**

**TechZone Demonstrations**

Learn how to use some of the equipment available in TechZone, like Direct to Garment Printer, Laser Engraver, Vinyl Printer, and Silhouette Curio.

- Monday, December 2, 2 pm: Direct to Garment Printer
- Friday, December 6, 10:30 am: Vinyl Printer
- Tuesday, December 10, 2 pm: Laser Engraver
- Friday, December 13, 10:30 am: Direct to Garment Printer
- Monday, January 6, 6 pm: Laser Engraver
- Friday, January 10, 2 pm: Vinyl Printer
Akron Inventors Club: Invent something!
Thursday, December 12, January 9, February 13, 6-7:30 pm
This meeting will feature a speaker from the world of entrepreneurship or inventing.

Introduction to Patents and Patent Searching
Saturdays, December 14, January 11, February 15, 10:15 am-12 pm
Librarians will explain the process of getting a U.S. patent and show you how to do a preliminary patent search using the Patent & Trademark Office website.

Science Cafe: Nobel Science Saturdays, January 11, February 8, 10:30-11:30 am
Curious folks of all ages can enjoy short talks by a variety of local scientists, explaining some prize-winning scientific concepts in fun and understandable language.

Tai Chi with Nancy Gardner
Tuesdays, December 10, January 7, February 11, 11, 6:30-7:30 pm
Stay active during the winter season. Slow movements and mindful breathing make Tai Chi the perfect exercise for people of all ages and physical abilities. Register online, in person, or by phone.

Ask a Patent Attorney
Monday, February 3, 6-8 pm
Get answers to your intellectual property questions. Talk to a registered patent attorney for free! Register online, in person, or by phone.

MOBILE SERVICES
330-643-9055
Bringing the Library to you! Call for more information.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
330-643-9075

Introduction to Intellectual Property
Tuesdays, December 10, January 7, February 11, 6:30-7:30 pm
Learn the differences among the various types of intellectual property, and how to protect your creative work. Register online, in person, or by phone.

MOBILE SERVICES
330-643-9055

DNA Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Mondays, January 13, February 17, 6:15-7:45 pm
Explore topics in DNA and genetic genealogy. This group is 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.

YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE
330-643-9067

Teen Programs at Main Library

Girls Who Code
Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, 3:45-4:45 pm
Interested in learning to code cool projects and build your computer skills? Join our weekly Girls Who Code Club! All skill levels welcome. For grades 6-12. Call for more information.

Teen Advisory Board
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, 6-7:30 pm
Get volunteer hours for school by helping in the Main Library Teen Department. Call for more information.

Vision Board 2020
Saturday, January 4, 3-4 pm
Start your year off on a positive note by creating a vision board using magazines and poster board.

Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat Saturday, January 25, 3-4 pm
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Chinese lantern making, activities, games, and snacks in the 3rd-floor Teen Area.

Glow-in-the-Dark K-pop Party
Saturday, February 29, 3-4 pm
K-pop fans join us for dancing, singing, trivia, and snacks! Wear K-pop attire or dress up as your favorite anime character. The program will be held in Meeting Room 1.
**Book Club on the Run**

No meetings or deadlines; just great books! Perfect for people who are on the go but still love a good book recommendation! New book selections are released the second Monday of each month with an 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**

**The Making of It’s a Wonderful Life**

**Thursday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 pm**

The 1946 film classic *It’s a Wonderful Life* has become a holiday favorite. Carl Quatraro will present the story behind this enthralling movie that has captivated generations throughout the years.

**Love Letters from the Marine Wolf**

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

Author Michele Makros discusses her book based on letters her father, USAT Marine Wolf Michael Makros Jr, wrote to her mother during WWII, describing the human experience of a wartime ship at sea.

**Understanding Your Retirement Options**

**Thursday, February 13, 6-7:30 pm**

We’re living longer and health care costs are rising. Social Security benefits aren’t enough, and inflation reduces your purchasing power. Terry Meinen of Primerica explains your retirement options.

**The Kent State Shootings: 50 Years On**

**Tuesday, February 25, 6:30-8 pm**

Mindy Farmer, director of Kent State’s May 4th Visitors Center, discusses the tragic events of May 1970 and the events planned for the upcoming 50th anniversary of the shootings.

**FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

**Book Discussion: Inspiration Book Club**

**Wednesday, December 4, 5-7 pm**

The Inspiration Book Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at Firestone Park Community Center. Meet a great group of people and discuss popular contemporary novels, memoirs, and biographies.

**Needlework: Close-Knit Crochet Club**

**Mondays, December 9, 23, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, 6-7:30 pm**

Join us to learn knitting and looming techniques, and to spend a fun hour chatting. We will even try our hand at a non-needlework craft project.

**The Making of It’s a Wonderful Life**

**Thursday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Did you know this 1946 Christmas classic was a box-office disappointment? Hear the intriguing story of this beloved film, from the first idea to its rise as a holiday favorite.

**Color Me Calm: Adult Coloring**

**Mondays, December 23, January 27, February 24, 10-11 am**

Join us on the fourth Monday of each month for a relaxing morning with coloring and calming music at Firestone Park Community Center. Coloring pages, markers, pencils, and gel pens are provided.

**Computer Classes: Microsoft Word Series**

Free hands-on computer classes. Learn how to create/edit documents, format text and paragraphs, insert headers and footers, create PDFs, and more. Registration is required and begins Dec. 16.

- **Word 1:** Monday, Jan. 6, 2 pm
- **Word 2:** Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2 pm
- **Word 3:** Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2 pm
- **Word Practical Application:** Thursday, Jan. 9, 2 pm

**Have a Healthy New Year**

**Tuesday, January 14, 12-1 pm**

Want to learn about proper portion sizes, good food choices, and substitute ingredients to make recipes healthier? This is the presentation for you! Learn tips for successful weight loss.

**Personal Protection for Adults**

**Tuesday, February 11, 12-1 pm**

Don’t be a victim! Learn how to protect yourself using weapons of opportunity in your daily surroundings. Expect this hands-on approach to be eye-opening and eventful.

**GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

**Color It So: Adult Coloring**

**Tuesday, December 3, 12:30-2 pm**

Coloring fun for adults of all ages. Groups of three or more, please register in advance.
Silver Sneakers: Older Adult Fitness - Interval Training
Wednesday, January 15, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Improve your cardiovascular endurance and strength! Target age is 50+. Registration begins Dec. 13.

Silver Sneakers: Older Adult Fitness - Chair Yoga
Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Stretch and strengthen muscles while performing modified yoga vinyasas and movements. Target age is 50+. Registration begins Dec. 20.

Silver Sneakers: Older Adult Fitness - Movement
Wednesday, January 29, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
A cardiovascular endurance class performed seated or standing. Target age is 50+. Registration begins Dec. 27.

Great Hollywood Couples with Bill Brauning
Tuesday, February 11, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Explore the world of great Hollywood couples, on the Big Screen and on Television! Stars like Lucy and Desi, Rogers and Astaire, and Archie and Edith. Registration begins Jan. 10.

Computer Classes: Basic Computer and Internet Series
Free hands-on computer classes designed for anyone new to computers. Learn how to use the mouse, keyboard, Internet, Gmail, and Google Drive. Registration begins Feb. 3.
- Basic Computer Skills: Monday, Feb. 24, 1 pm
- Internet Basics: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1 pm
- Gmail Basics: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1 pm
- Google Drive Basics: Thursday, Feb. 27, 1 pm

Book Discussion: A Book Club to Go
No meetings, no deadlines, just some GREAT reads! Discussion questions, read-alike lists, and author information are included with each book.
- December: The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson
- January: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
- February: The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

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

The Making of It’s a Wonderful Life
Monday, December 2, 6:30-7:30 pm
Carl Quatraro, a local history speaker, will give an entertaining and informative presentation on the making of this holiday film classic.

Computer Classes: Microsoft Excel
Free hands-on computer classes. Learn about Microsoft’s spreadsheet program Excel. Registration begins Nov. 12.
- Excel 1: Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6 pm
- Excel 2: Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 pm
- Excel 3: Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:30 am
- Excel 4: Monday, Dec. 9, 6 pm
- Excel 5: Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 pm

Christmas Carol Bingo
Wednesday, December 4, 6-8 pm
Play Bingo to the tunes of assorted Christmas carols. Prizes will be awarded.

Chair Yoga with Colleen Hohl
Thursday, December 5, 12-1 pm
Improve your flexibility by participating in a chair yoga class. This gentle program is designed for seniors and individuals struggling with mobility. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Afternoon Book Discussion
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 1-2 pm
New members are always welcome.
- December: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- January: The Martian by Andy Weir
- February: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

Cookbook Club
Wednesday, December 11; Tuesday, January 28; Tuesday, February 25, 6:30-8 pm
Join us each month as we pick a theme and prepare dishes to share.

Classic Book Discussion
Tuesdays, December 17, January 21, February 18, 6:30-8 pm
Dessert and discussion for teens and adults.
- December: A Christmas Story by Jean Shepherd
- January: To be determined
- February: To be determined

Evening Book Discussion
Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 6-7 pm
New members are always welcome.

December: Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan
January: A holiday book of your choice
February: Cherokee America by Margaret Verble

Making Sense of Medicare
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
Everyone is unique -- and so are your Medicare needs. Sherpa Insurance of Green will guide you on your Medicare journey! Registration begins Dec. 2.

Author Tim Carroll: World War II Akron
Thursday, December 19, 6-8 pm
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Winter Puzzle Palooza
Tuesday, January 7, 2-3 pm
Stop in if you enjoy word searches, dot-to-dots, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, brain-teasers, and more.

Low Impact Movement
Monday, January 27, 12-1 pm
Lisa Kelleman-McClain from Build A Body Personal Training will provide tips and tricks to keep you moving. Registration begins Jan. 6.

Author Donald C. Miller: Power and Passion – An Epic Novel of the 1960s
Saturday, February 29, 11 am-12:30 pm
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**Wreath Making Workshop for Adults**  
Tuesday, December 17, 2-3:30 pm  
OR 6-7:30 pm  
Make a beautiful holiday wreath and celebrate the holidays with your community. Decorate it with flowers, ribbons, ornaments and more. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**Book Discussion Group**  
**Thursdays, December 19, January 23, February 27, 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.  
- December: *The Wives of Los Alamos* by TaraShea Nesbit  
- January: *The Glass Universe* by Dava Sobel  
- February: *Stars Over Sunset Boulevard* by Susan Meissner

**Valentine’s Day Wreaths for Adults**  
Saturday, January 25, 10:30 am-12 pm  
OR 2-3:30 pm  
Make a beaded wreath for or with a special loved one. No experience necessary. Registration begins Jan. 6.

**Computer Classes**  
Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and begins Jan. 6.  
- Help with Apple Devices: Monday, January 27, 2 pm  
- Internet Basics: Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2 pm  
- Gmail Basics: Thursday, Jan. 30, 2 pm  
- Google Drive Basics: Friday, Jan. 31, 2 pm

**Reduce Stress with Adult Coloring**  
Wednesday, January 29, 11 am-12 pm  
Spend some relaxing time coloring with our community. Choose from a large selection of coloring pages. Register by phone, in person, or online.

**The History of World War II**  
Monday, February 24, 6:30-7:30 pm  
This World War II program will thoroughly discuss U.S. involvement in World War II with over one hundred rare photos and political cartoons. Register by phone, in person, or online.

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**KENMORE – 330-745-6126**  
969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

**Book Discussion: The Bookworm Bunch**  
**Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 1-2 pm**  
Join us for a book discussion on the second Monday of the month!  
- December: *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin  
- January: *A Madness So Discreet* by Mindy McGinnis  
- February: *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks

**Career Preparation Day**  
**Saturday, January 4, 12-4 pm**  
Make a resolution to improve your career prospects. Get help with resumes, applications, interviews, and library resources. Bring a resume if you have one. Register to ensure one-on-one assistance.

**Medicare / Medicaid 101**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 11 am-12 pm**  
Join Glaser Retirement Strategies to explore the basics of Medicare/Medicaid. Learn how you can qualify for extra help and free prescriptions. Light refreshments included.

**Find Your Genes: Genealogy Workshop**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 6-7 pm**  
Learn how to use the library’s Ancestry database to explore your family history. Please register so we can reserve a laptop for you.

**Genealogy Consult**  
**Wednesdays, January 29, February 12, February 26, 6-7 pm**  
In these one-on-one consultations, delve deeper into your family history with the assistance of Cathryn Humes, genealogy specialist. Register early, as spots are limited to two people (or families).

**Experience the Underground Railroad**  
**Thursday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Join CVNP rangers and costumed characters to explore the dangerous realities, heartbreak, and hope of the Underground Railroad.

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

**Sistas Knit 2**  
**Thursdays, December 5 to February 27, 6:30-7:30 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, December 12, 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.

**Holiday Cookie Craft**  
**Age Group: Adults, Teens**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 6-7:30 pm**  
Decorate cookies with yummy icing and candies. The library will provide other craft materials and snacks for you to make a gift that anyone will enjoy. Registration begins Nov. 18.

**Women’s Circle: Make a Vision Board**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 6-7:30 pm**  
How do you visualize yourself in the new year? The circle will begin with a discussion followed by an activity. We’ll make a vision board to give us direction. Registration required.

**Start the New Year Right**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2-3:30 pm**  
Get organized! Make your own inspirational planner. Registration begins Dec. 2.

**Women’s Circle: The Power of Journaling**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 6-7:30 pm**  
The circle will begin with a 30-minute discussion followed by a fun activity. Arnita Williams, a certified yoga instructor, will discuss how journaling can make a difference with the outlook and outcomes of life. Registration begins Dec. 20.

**Women’s Circle: Make a Fleece Blanket**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 6-7:30 pm**  
The circle will begin with a 30-minute discussion followed by a fun activity. We will make fleece blankets that can be used to wrap around yourself to relax. Registration required.

**Celebrate Black History Month: Meet Thomas Dorsey**  
**Age Group: Adults, Teen, Family**  
**Saturday, February 15, 2-4 pm**  
Pastor Mary Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portray Pastor Marv Hodges from Bridging the Gap Ministries will portrays. Register to reserve a spot for yourself.

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**MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**  
144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

**Reader’s Choice Book Discussion**  
**Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 5, 6:30-8 pm**  
- December: *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan  
- January: *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backman  
- February: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

**Needlework: Warm Up Akron**  
**Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, 3:30-5 pm**  
Knit and crochet to help the needy. If you can make just one rectangle, you can help keep the needy in the Akron area warm. To date, this chapter has supplied over 10,000 afghans.

**Cookbook Club**  
**Thursday, December 12, January 30, February 27, 6-8 pm**  
Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or cooking techniques? Join fellow foodies to discuss our theme, enjoy food samples, and activities.  
- December: Cookies and Appetizers  
- January: Super Bowl Sunday  
- February: What’s in your freezer?

**Book Discussion: Past Times Book Club**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2-4 pm**  
Join us as we discuss *The Silence of the Girls* by Pat Barker.

**Rock & Roll Bingo**  
**Thursday, January 16, 12:30-2 pm and 6-8 pm**  
Unleash your inner rock star and join us for a fun night of music and prizes. Instead of numbers, spots will be filled with the names of classic rock music favorites. Registration begins Jan. 2.

**One-on-One Tablet and Library App Help Sessions**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2-5 pm and Thursday, January 23, 5-8 pm**  
Need help using your new tablet? Schedule a 30-minute appointment
DIY: Crafty Christmas
Tuesday, December 3, 6-8 pm
We're back for our 11th season of fun and affordable gift giving ideas. Create your own holiday gifts on virtually any budget. For teens (8th grade and up) and adults. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Crafter’s Corner: Craft and Scrapbook All Afternoon
Saturdays, December 7, January 4, February 1, 10 am-4 pm Join your fellow crafters for daylong fun. Bring your own supplies. Join us for an hour or the entire day. No experience necessary. All crafts welcome!

Book Discussion: Casual Reads
Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 2-3 pm For light fiction lovers. New members are always welcome!
- December 9: 12 Days of Christmas by Debbie Macomber
- January 13: Takedown Twenty by Janet Evanovich
- February 10: Map of the Heart by Susan Wiggs

Needlework: Stitch Clique
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 6-8 pm Grab your crocheting/knitting needles and yarn and stitch the evening away. Join us for crocheting/knitting tips, friendship, advice, and more. Refreshments will be served.

The Best Cartoons of World War II
Tuesday, December 10, 6:30-8 pm
The Best Cartoons of World War II features the years 1934-1945. The artwork and history behind each cartoon make for a fascinating history of the war. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Socrates Café
Wednesdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 6:30pm-8 pm
A regular gathering of adults engaging in great conversation, exploring current events, thoughtful ideas, and reasoned debates. For age 16 and over. No homework. No assigned reading.

Thursday Book Discussion: Coffee and Conversation
Thursdays, December 12, January 9, February 3, 2-3 pm
New members are always welcome at this monthly meeting!
- December 12: The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- January 9: Asymmetry by Lisa Halliday
- February 13: Educated by Tara Westover

Outsmart the Scammers
Wednesday, January 29, 6-8 pm
Fraud is on the rise and scammers’ tactics are becoming more complex. This presentation will provide the information you need to outsmart the scammers. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Medicare 101
Tuesday, February 4, 6-8 pm
Learn about Medicare Parts A and B, the prescription benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplemental insurance. Presented by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

Ohio’s Romantic Tragedies
Wednesday, February 5, 6:30-8 pm
Historian and performer Jim Kleefeld’s Ohio-centric stories of love from the 1920s to 50s have it all -- courtship, marriage, heartbreak, death, rekindling, and despair. Register by phone, in person, or online.

2020 Medicare Updates
Tuesday, February 11, 6-8 pm
Learn about recent Medicare plan changes and updates for the new year. Presented by the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Preparing Your Estate Plan
Thursday, February 20, 6-8 pm
Do you know where your assets will go when you die? Learn about the basics of estate planning, including the function of a will and different types of trusts. Register by phone, in person, or online.
Computer Classes: Basic Computer Skills Series
Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and begins Dec. 31. Learn how to use the mouse, keyboard, Windows 10, folders, the Internet and more.

- **Basic Computer Skills:** Monday, Jan. 13, 2 pm
- **Windows 10:** Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2 pm
- **Organizing File Folders:** Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2 pm
- **Internet Basics:** Thursday, Jan. 16, 2 pm

Computer Classes: Microsoft Word Series
Free hands-on computer classes. Registration is required and begins Dec. 31. Learn how to create/edit documents, format text and paragraphs, insert headers and footers, create PDFs, and more.

- **Word 1:** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2 pm
- **Word 2:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2 pm
- **Word 3:** Thursday, Jan. 23, 2 pm
- **Word Practical Application:** Friday, Jan. 24, 2 pm

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

Introduction to Yoga
Thursday, December 5, 6-7 pm
Learn basic postures, breath techniques, and yoga philosophy. No prior experience is necessary. A mat is helpful, but not required. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Holiday Cookie Exchange
Saturday, December 7, 2-3 pm
Let’s have a Holiday Cookie Exchange! Please bring two dozen cookies and copies of the recipe to share. Don’t forget to bring something to take cookies home in.

Adult Dungeons and Dragons: Northwest Adventurers Guild
Saturdays, December 7, January 18, February 8, 2-4 pm
Play Dungeons and Dragons at the Library! We welcome adventurers of all experience levels.

Book Buzz: Nonfiction Book Discussion
Mondays, December 9, 10 January 13, 14, February 10, 11
Discuss a nonfiction book!

- Dec. 9 at 11 am and Dec. 10 at 6 pm: *Say Nothing*
- Jan. 13 at 11 am and Jan. 14 at 6 pm: *The Radium Girls*
- Feb. 10 at 11 am and Feb. 11 at 6 pm: *Iced In*

**Adult Crafting: Perler Bead Ornaments**
Monday, December 9, 6-7:30 pm
Perler beads are a relaxing and easy craft. We will make holiday ornaments. Choose a design or create your own. We will iron them and add string. They make great gifts too! Registration begins Nov. 25.

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**Christmas Jars**
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 am-12 pm
Get into the holiday groove with the spirit of giving! Join us to make a Christmas Jar from the book by Jason Wright. Registration begins Nov. 27.

**Computer Classes: Basic Computer/Internet Series**
Free hands-on computer classes. Learn how to use the mouse, keyboard, folders, the Internet and Gmail. Registration is required and begins Nov. 25.
- **Basic Computer Skills:** Monday, Dec. 16, 10:30 am
- **Organizing File Folders:** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 10:30 am
- **Internet Basics:** Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10:30 am
- **Gmail Basics:** Thursday, Dec. 18, 10:30 am

**Book Discussion: Mystery Book Club**
Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 1-2 pm
Join us to discuss a good mystery!
- **December:** *Christmas Cake Murder* by Joanna Fluke
- **January:** *The Lighthouse* by P.D. James
- **February:** *Never Game* by Jeffery Deaver

**Movie Discussion: Keeping it Reel Movie Club**
Thursdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 6-7 pm
“A first watch and first meet later” club that discusses a movie we’ve watched on our own using Hoopla or Kanopy.
- **December:** *Cold Souls*
- **January:** *A Man Called Ove*
- **February:** *Bother’s Place* - *A Mississippi Story*

**Adult Crafting: Painted Mason Jars for Dog Treats**
Monday, January 6, 6-7:30 pm
These mason jars are a cute, fun way to store small dog treats. Paint them simply or with a flourish and just have fun! Registration begins Dec. 23.

**Renter’s Rights**
Thursday, January 9, 6-7 pm
Do you know your rights as a renter? The Fair Housing Contact Service will talk about repair issues, illegal entry, security deposits, notice requirements, lease terminations, evictions, and more.

**Adult Crafting: Paper Bag Books**
Friday, February 7, 12:30-2:30 pm
Adults are welcome to join us in making a paper bag scrapbook. If you would like to add pictures to your book, they must be smaller than 4” x 5”. Registration begins Jan. 23.

**Adult Crafting: Painted Wine Bottle Bank**
Monday, February 17, 6-7:30 pm
Do you want to take a vacation? Paint a wine bottle to use as a bank! Roll cash to put in until it’s full, then break it! This encourages you to wait and save. Registration opens Feb. 3.

**Book Discussion**
Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 5, 1-2 pm
Join us for a lively discussion and light refreshments.
- **December:** *Flygirls* by Keith O’Brien
- **January:** *Waiting for Eden* by Elliot Ackerman
- **February:** *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

**The Making of It’s a Wonderful Life**
Monday, December 9, 6-7 pm
Carl Quatraro will present the story behind the 1946 holiday classic *It’s a Wonderful Life*.

**Coloring Fun for Adults**
Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 11 am-12 pm
Join us for a relaxing morning of coloring, conversation, and refreshments.

**Cookbook Club**
Monday, January 13, 6-7 pm
Are you a cookbook enthusiast? Join us every other month as we explore a different cookbook, theme, or celebrity chef. Make and bring one recipe to share.

So I Want to Get Organized: How to De-Clutter
Monday, February 17, 6-7 pm
Lynne Poulton, a Certified Professional Organizer and Owner of Wholly Organized!, will share tips to jump-start your organizing journey. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Preparing Your Estate Plan
Monday, February 24, 6-7 pm
Adam Jones of Edward Jones Investments will discuss the essentials of estate planning. Register by phone, in person, or online.

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

**Akon Art Museum Art Library Launch Party**
Monday, December 9, 6-8 pm
Launch party with Akon Art Museum to allow Summit County residents to check out original artworks including paintings, drawings, prints, and photos by local, regional, and international artists.

**Recycle Holiday Craft**
Tuesday, December 10, 6-8 pm
Make a holiday ornament using recycled books. Light refreshments served. Registration begins Nov. 11.

**Holiday Open House**
Age Group: All Ages
Thursday, December 19, 3:30-5 pm
Celebrate the Holidays by enjoying treats and games with our community and the Odom Branch Library staff.

**Black History Month Read-a-thon**
February 1-29
Celebrate Black History Month by participating in our month-long Read-a-thon. Stop into the library for the read-a-thon prompts and further details.

**Black History Month: Author Jewell Jones**
Monday, February 10, 6-8 pm
Author Jewell Jones shares her book *African Americans Have Walked Here: Poems and Photographs of People, and Places of Black History.*
Book Club to Go
Monthly books selected with a take-a-long discussion sheet for a book club to go. Stop in for this month’s title!

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

Holiday Music Trivia
Tuesday, December 3, 6:30-7:30 pm List en to short snippets of a holiday song and name the song title and/or artist. Three rounds of trivia with 10 questions each. Highest score of each round wins a prize.

Puzzle Club
Thursdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, 6-7:30 pm Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.

Christmas Craft: Miniature Wooden Sleds
Monday, December 9, 6-7 pm Paint and decorate a small wooden sled for the holidays! Ages 16 and up preferred. Registration begins November 19.

Play Mahjong
Fridays, December 13, 27, January 10, 24, February 14, 28, 1-3 pm Mahjong is a fun game of skill and luck enjoyed by millions of enthusiasts around the world. All those interested in this fascinating game, both novice and seasoned players, are welcome.

Hobby Music: Lempner & Sarata Duo (Guitar and Sax)
Tuesday, December 17, 6-7 pm Sit back, relax, and enjoy the sounds of the holidays with live music performed swing style. Light refreshments provided by Friends of Portage Lakes Library.

Book Discussion: Mystery Book Club
Thursday, December 19, January 23, February 27, 6:30-7:30 pm Read one, read all, your choice! Books will be available at the branch about one month in advance.

成熟 Muscles with Lisa Kelleman- McClain
Register for the series by phone, in person, or online beginning December 17.
- January 8, 1:30 pm: Strength & Balance
- January 15, 1:30 pm: Movement & Cardio
- January 22, 1:30 pm: Strength & Balance
- January 29, 1:30 pm: Chair Yoga

A Different Kind of Book Club
Mondays, January 13, February 10, 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.

Saturday Morning Craft: Positive Thought Blocks
Saturday, January 25, 10:30 am-12 pm Cover four paper blocks with decorative letters to create positive affirmations to start the new year! Registration begins Jan. 7.

Get Out and Move: Wii Games for Adults
Monday, January 27, 11 am-12 pm Beat the winter blues by movin’ and groovin’ Play Wii games that get you up moving or race each other with speed cups. Registration begins Jan. 9.

Adulting 101: Money Smarts - A Roof Over Your Head
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30-7:30 pm Aimee Steele from USBank provides questions to ask when determining if you are ready to buy, and the benefits and pitfalls of renting versus owning a home. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

Money Smarts for Seniors: Financial Exploitation
Tuesday, February 4, 2-3 pm Financial scams come in all shapes and sizes: cyber fraud, mail fraud, even abuse from family members. Learn to recognize, react to, and report common financial scams.

Craft Sampler
Wednesday, February 5, 1-2 pm Create your own unique projects with a variety of different materials.

Money Smarts for Seniors: Protecting Your Identity
Tuesday, February 11, 2-3 pm Learning how to protect your identity begins with knowing what information a thief looks for and how they can use it. Aimee Steele from USBank discusses steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim.

Money Smarts for Seniors: Finance Recovery after a Disaster
Tuesday, February 18, 2-3 pm What should you do about cash, bills, and insurance claims in the wake of a natural disaster? Aimee Steele from USBank will provide preparation tips to help guide you after the storm passes.

Becoming a Volunteer Guardian
Saturday, February 22, 10:30-11:30 am Enjoy donuts, coffee, and conversation with Julie Falter as she explains what a Volunteer Adult Guardian does: their responsibilities, the requirements, and how much time is needed.

Saturday Craft: Cookie Cutter Art
Saturday, February 22, 2-3:30 pm Paint an abstract piece of art using only cookie cutters dipped in paint on your canvas. Registration begins Feb. 4.

Cookie Cutter Art for Adults
Monday, February 24, 11 am-12 pm Paint an abstract piece of art using only cookie cutters dipped in paint on your canvas. Registration begins February 6.

Money Smarts for Seniors: Account Ownership Transfers
Tuesday, February 25, 2-3 pm Avoid potential mistakes that can complicate things for your beneficiaries or your estate. Aimee Steele from USBank discusses strategies to consider. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Richfield Readers
Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 5, 2-3 pm Join our group for a lively discussion! Copies will be available at the service desk a month before each meeting.
- December - At Home: A Short History of Private Life by Bill Bryson
- January - Educated by Tara Westover
- February - Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

Family History First Thursdays
Thursdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, 6-8 pm Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Access to Ancestry.com is free at the Library.

Costa Rica: Central American Paradise
Monday, December 9, 6:30-8 pm Learn about this hidden gem. With coasts on both the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean and mountains in the middle, Costa Rica has something for everyone.

Richfield Crafters: Christmas Crafts
Thursday, December 12, 6-8 pm Registration begins Nov. 12.

Richfield Crafters: Winter Crafts
Thursday, January 9, 6-8 pm Registration begins Dec. 9.

Richfield Crafters: Pour Painting Art
Thursday, February 13, 6-8 pm Registration begins Jan. 13.
Richfield Friday Classic Movie Matinee
Thursdays, December 13, January 9, February 13, 2-5 pm Join us for a fun afternoon of popcorn and great flicks.
• December: Christmas in Connecticut
• January: Grumpy Old Men
• February: Serendipity

Computer Class: Help with Apple Devices
Monday, December 30, 2-3:30 pm Free hands-on computer classes. Learn about Settings, the App Store, the camera, and more. Bring a device and some questions of your own, too. Registration begins Dec. 9.

Computer Class: Help with Android Devices
Thursday, January 2, 2-3:30 pm Free hands-on computer classes. Learn about Settings, the Play Store, the camera, and more. Bring a device and some questions of your own, too. Registration begins Dec. 12.

Computer Class: Streaming TV Friday, January 3, 2-3:30 pm Learn about the free streaming TV options available with a library card. Registration begins Dec. 13.

Crowell-Hilaka Richfield Heritage Preserve
Monday, January 27, 6:30-8 pm Join local historian Lynn Richardson as she talks about the history of the Crowell-Hilaka preserve. The story of this 336-acre park starts with the Indian Wars of the early 1800’s. It moves on to Kirby’s whimsical inventions, Neals’ vast orchards, and the magical forests beloved by generations of Girl Scouts at Camps Julia Crowell and Hilaka. The most recent chapter of the story is its transition into a public park and its innovative melding of old & new.

The History of the Cleveland Indians and Chief Wahoo
Thursday, February 20, 6:30-8 pm Join local historian Carl Quattraro as he explains how the Indians got their name. He will tell how the Indian’s logo has changed throughout their history and origins of the name Chief Wahoo. Join us as the Tribe opens Spring Training in 2020!

Springfield-Lakemore – 330-643-4770 1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

Book Discussion Club
Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 5, 1-30-3 pm New members are always welcome.
• December: Pick a holiday book to share with the group.
• January: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
• February: The House Girl by Tara Conklin

Holiday Open House Saturday, December 7, 2-4 pm Celebrate the holidays with refreshments, entertainment, and a holiday craft. The performance begins at 3 pm.

Needle Arts for All Tuesdays, December 10, January 7, 21, February 11, 25, 3:30-5 pm Bring your work in progress, or complete a small crochet project each month while learning some basic stitches.
• December: Crochet Star Ornament
• January: Crochet Pendant
• February: Hearts, Hearts, Hearts

Let’s Paint: Watercolors Wednesdays, December 11, 18, 2-4 pm Relax and learn about the beauty of watercolors with this two-part class. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Art@ the Speed of Life Thursday, December 12, 6-7:30 pm Too busy to do art? Let us plan the project! Leona Bowser from Don Drumm Studio will guide you in creating a mosaic project. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Art@ the Speed of Life Thursday, January 9, 6-7:30 pm Too busy to do art? Let us plan the project! Ring in the New Year with a fun cork project. Registration begins Dec. 12.

Cooking Class
Age Group: Adults, Tween, Teen, Family

Saturday, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2-3:30 pm Chef Shawn Sweeney will teach us cooking skills that include how to create sauces from scratch. This series will build on your skills as you progress. Registration requested.

Let’s Paint: Watercolors Wednesdays, January 22, 29, 2-4 pm Relax and learn about the beauty of watercolors during this two-session class. Register online, in person, or by phone beginning December 11.

Friends of the Springfield-Lakemore Library Meeting Mondays, January 27, February 24, 4:30-5:30 pm Attend Friends of the Library meetings to find out about book sales, membership, and volunteer opportunities.

National Soup Month Recipe Exchange & Gift Card Drawing
Celebrate National Soup Month by submitting your favorite soup recipe in January! All submitted recipes will be kept in a binder for residents to view and make copies. One lucky winner will receive a $15 Giant Eagle gift card for soup ingredients.

Soup Sampling Thursday, January 30, 5:30-6:30 pm Sample local recipe submissions from the National Soup Month recipe exchange, listen to music, and color an Andy Warhol soup can. Registration begins Jan. 2.

Let’s Paint: Watercolors Wednesdays, February 12, 19, 2-4 pm Relax and learn about the beauty of watercolors during this two-part series. Registration begins Jan. 15.

Art@ the Speed of Life Thursday, February 13, 6-7:30 pm Too busy to do art? Let us plan the project. Dip, dab, and sprinkle your way to chocolate bliss making a variety of chocolate candies. Registration begins Jan. 9.

Reading on the Run
No meetings, no deadlines, just awesome reads!
• December: The Art of Crash Landing by Melissa DeCarlo
• January: Virgil Wander by Leif Enger
• February: The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick

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

Tallmadge Prime Timers Afternoon Movie
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 1-2:30 pm Join the Tallmadge Prime Timers group for popcorn and a movie. Movies vary from classics to new releases.
• December – Poms
• January – Breakthrough
• February – Five Feet Apart

Knit & Crochet Club
Thursdays, December 5, January 2, February 6, 3-4 pm Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends.

Book Discussion Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 2-3 pm Join our monthly discussion with friends and neighbors. New members are always welcome!
• December: Summers Hours at the Robbers’ Library by Sue Halpern
• January: The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick
• February: Munich by Robert Harris

Computer Mini-Clinics
Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 2-3 pm Need help with a computer question? Stop by for one-on-one computer help.

Vinyl Revival
Age Group: Adults, Teen
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, 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 suggestions for our next meeting.

Holiday Wrap Party
Age Group: Adults, Teens
Tuesday, December 17, 6-7:30 pm Wrap your gifts at the library. Paper and supplies available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free to bring your own as well.
FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Teen Holiday Party
Monday, December 2, 6-7 pm Join your friends for treats, games, and a few surprises as we celebrate the December holidays. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Teen Advisory Board
Mondays, December 16, January 27, February 17, 5-6 pm Help plan library programs, recommend materials, and decorate the teen area. These meetings can count as volunteer hours.

Super Bowl Party
Monday, January 27, 6-7 pm Enjoy party food and get ready for the big game. We’ll make pennants, game signs, and mugs. We’ll also make game predictions. Register by phone, in person, or online.

ACT Practice Test
Monday, February 17, 10:30 am-1:30 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.

K-Pop Celebration
Saturday, February 29, 1-2:30 pm Share your love for K-Pop with fellow fans. Dance the afternoon away with music, watch videos, make bias banners, and win prizes. Snacks provided. Register by phone, in person, or online.

BINGO at the Library!
Tuesday, February 25, 2-3 pm Join us for a fun game of bingo with cards, markers, and snacks provided. We’ll have prizes.

TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

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

Teen Crowd
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 pm Video games, arts & crafts, and exploratory activities to entertain, engage, educate, and just have fun!

Chess World with Rob Burns
Age Group: Teen, Family, Adults
Saturday, December 14, January 25, February 22, 10:30am-12 pm Chess boards provided. For all ages and expertise. Assistance is available for beginners.

Anime Afternoon
Saturdays, December 21, January 18, February 15, 2-4 pm Anime, crafts, and snacks.

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

Teen Writers Club
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, 6:30-8 pm We eat junk food and talk writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

DIY2Go Christmas Ornament
December 9-14 There’s always time for holiday crafting. Pick up a kit and get festive.

Super Bowl LIV Drawing
January 20-February 1 Pick which team you think will win the Super Bowl and you may win a prize! Winners will be drawn on February 3.

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

Holiday Photo Frames
Friday, December 13, 3-4 pm Looking for a great gift idea for parents, grandparents, or others? They’ll love your smiling face in a handmade frame.

Build and Use a Spectrometer
Wednesday, January 15, 6-7 pm Make a spectrometer to identify the gases found in tubes like fluorescent bulbs. The only materials used will be cardboard and a broken DVD (all supplied by the library). Register by phone, in person, or online.

DIY Temporary Tattoos
Friday, February 14, 3-4 pm Getting a tattoo in celebration of your crush on Valentine’s Day is a terrible idea. But a temporary tattoo? Significantly less so. Use transfer paper to create your very own temporary tattoo.

KENMORE – 330-745-6126
969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

Homework Help
Tuesday, December 3, 3-5 pm Need a little help with a tricky homework assignment? Kenmore Library staff have set this time aside to help students in grades 5-12 with English, math, and any other subject.
Make-It-Take-It Craft
Tuesday, December 3, 4-5:30 pm
Make a quick craft that you can take home for yourself or use as a gift.

Wii U Gaming
Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 4-6 pm
Test your gaming skills with friends. Open to grades 5 and up.

Dewey Human Rights Hunt
Tuesday, December 10, 4-5:30 pm
Celebrate Human Rights Day and learn about the Dewey Decimal System in our Dewey Treasure Hunt. Prizes and snacks provided.

Cupcake War
Tuesday, December 17, 4-5:30 pm
Test your creative ingenuity for bragging rights in cupcake decorating. Eating your creation is encouraged after the contest.

Favorite Book & App Share
Tuesday, January 7, 4-5:30 pm
Hang out with friends, drink hot chocolate, and discuss books you have been reading and phone apps that are popular.

Grilled Pastrami Day
Tuesday, January 14, 4-5:30 pm
It's National Pastrami Sandwich Day! Learn how to make a pastrami sandwich on a grill. All sandwiches are up for eats.

Improv Games
Tuesday, January 21, 4-5:30 pm
Have fun eating snacks and playing improvisational games.

Anime Art Afternoon
Tuesday, January 28, 4-5:30 pm
Learn about the latest library has to offer in anime and create your own anime drawings. Snacks will be provided.

Peace, Love & Pancakes
Tuesday, February 4, 4-5:30 pm
Pancakes as art? Create your own artful pancake to eat (while supplies last).

Art Café
Tuesday, February 11, 4-5:30 pm
Explore your creative side. Art supplies provided, as well as a snack.

Ramen Noodle Day
Tuesday, February 18, 4-5:30 pm
Learn about the history of Ramen Noodles. There will be many noodles to eat! Come join the fun.

Black Experience Movie/Book
Tuesday, February 25, 4-6:30 pm
In honor of Black History Month, we will talk about the book *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The movie will follow a brief book talk. Snacks provided.

Holiday Movie and Cookies
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Tuesday, December 3, 3:30-5:15 pm
Watch *The Nutcracker* and the Four Realms (PG) and enjoy some sweet holiday treats.

Ugly Sweater Party
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Tuesday, December 10, 3:30-5 pm
Celebrate the holidays with snacks, beverages, music, games, and crafts. Holiday sweaters encouraged.

Trivia Time
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Saturday, January 4, 2-4 pm
It's National Trivia Day! Put your knowledge to the test.

Penguin Party
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Tuesday, January 21, 3:30-5 pm
Watch the DisneyNature Penguins (G) and participate in some penguin-themed fun.

Hot Cocoa and Tea
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Friday, January 31, 3:30-5 pm
Enjoy hot beverages and chill out on the last day of January.

Heart String Art
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Tuesday, February 4, 3:30-5 pm
Get crafty and create heart string art.

NatureConnect Valentines
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Tuesday, February 11, 3:30-5 pm
Create Valentine's Day cards using objects found in nature.

No School Movie Matinee: *The Lion King*
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Monday, February 17, 2-4 pm
After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery. Rated PG.

Tortilla Chips and Coloring
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Monday, February 24, 3:30-5 pm
Today is National Tortilla Chip Day! Decorate tortilla chips and different kinds of dip while you color.

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

MOGLEADORE – 330-628-9228
144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

3D Books
Thursday, January 16, 4-6 pm
Bring your own story to life by illustrating it using red and blue markers! Build your own 3D glasses, too! For grades 3 to 12.

**After School Program: Love Mugs**
Thursday, February 13, 3-4 pm
Decorate a mug for your valentine. Available while supplies last. For grades 4 to 12.

**Writers’ Café**
Tuesday, December 3, 5-7 pm
Our branch is an ideal space for creative writers to network and work on projects. All experience levels welcome. Coffee and tea provided.

**After Hours: Holiday Hangout**
Friday, December 6, 6:30-8 pm
Hang out with your peers (grades 6-12) and watch holiday movies, eat snacks, and compete in an ugly sweater contest. Permission slips and registration are required.

**Random Fandom**
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen
Tuesday, January 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, January 21, February 18, 5-6:15 pm
An open-forum lead by the Teen Librarian where teens suggest and help with programs. For grades 6-12. Refreshments provided.

**Un-Valentine’s Day**
Tuesday, February 11, 5-6:15 pm
Not a fan of Valentine’s Day and all its cloying mushiness? Join us for fun activities like an anti-sweetheart contest, games, sarcastic letters, and more.

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Afterschool Program: Youth Gaming
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5), Teen, Teen
Wednesdays, December 4, 18, January 15, 29, February 12, 26, 3:30-4:30 pm Cheer on your friends and enjoy time spent with others while taking turns playing video games and board games with other students. Games are rated T or below.

Afterschool Program: Teen/Tween Hangout
Thursdays, December 5, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, 3:15-4:30 pm Join us after school to play games, work on homework, do a craft, read a book, or just hang out with your friends!

Recycle Holiday Week: Teen Craft Township, December 12, 3:15-4:30 pm Make recycled holiday decorations and crafts using found or kept materials.

Black History Month Read-a-thon February 1-29 Celebrate Black History Month by participating in our month-long Black History Month Teen Read-a-thon. Stop into the library for Read-a-thon prompts and further details.

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050
4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319
Teen Time Saturdays, December 7, January 18, February 15, 2-3 pm
• December: Marble Mug Craft - Register by phone, online, or in person.
• January: Play Wii, snack, and plan programs for the coming new year!

Fitzpatrick Lowry
• January - The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
• January – Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
• February – Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick

Retro Game Day
Age Group: Teen, Tween
Wednesday, January 15, 3:30-4:30 pm Enjoy classic video games from the past via a Raspberry Pi retro console.

Super (Nach) Bowl Party
Age Group: Teen, Tween
Thursday, January 30, 3-4 pm Enjoy classic video games from the past via a Raspberry Pi retro console.

Adulting 101: Money Smarts - Borrowing Basics
Age Group: Teen, Adults
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-7:30 pm Aimee Steele from USBank explains how credit works, types of credit that are available, types of loans, and if you are ready to apply for credit. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Adulting 101: Money Smarts - Paying for College and Cars
Age Group: Teen, Adults
Tuesday, January 21, 6:30-7:30 pm Aimee Steele from USBank will discuss secured and unsecured installment loans, factors lenders use to make decisions, questions to ask when buying a car, and various types of college loan programs.

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343
3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286
Gingerbread Character Guessing Game Contest
December 2 to January 4 Your favorite book (and YouTube) characters have been converted into Gingerbread men. Can you guess who they are? The winner receives a bag of gingerbread cookies.

Teen Program: Fandom Discussion
Saturday, December 7, 1:30-2 pm The fandom group gathers for its first meeting. The theme is All Things Harry Potter. Make an ornament, wear a costume, and bring HP items. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Teen Program: Harry Potter Ornament Craft
Saturday, December 7, 2-3 pm Make a Harry Potter ornament using discarded books. Quick and easy! Register by phone, in person, or online.

Teen Program: Fandom Discussion
Saturday, January 4, 1:30-3 pm Calling fans of Eleven, Mike, and even Dart the demodog. The theme is All Things Stranger Things. Plan to stay and make a Stranger Things craft. Feel free to bring or wear Stranger Things.

Teen Program: Fandom Discussion
Saturday, February 1, 1:30-3 pm You either love them or you don’t. This month’s Fandom Discussion is All Things YouTubers. Come prepared to justify your favorite.

Teen Program: Lotto Love Scratch Card
February 10 to 14 You can “scratch” a Valentine’s Day card off your list. Drop in to make this quick craft.

SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE – 330-643-4770
1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312
After School Hangout
Thursdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 5-6:30 pm Hang out at the library for snacks, crafts, games, and fun.

Teen Advisory Board
Thursdays, January 23, February 27, 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
Tallmadge Tribe Book Club
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen
A book club for the busy family. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books!
• December - The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
• January - Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
• February - Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick

After School Zen Zone
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, 3-4 pm A place for teens and tweens to share music, do homework or play games.

Retro Game Day
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Wednesday, January 15, 3:30-4:30 pm Enjoy classic video games from the past via a Raspberry Pi retro console.

Super (Nach) Bowl Party
Age Group: Tween, Teen
Thursday, January 30, 3-4 pm Who is your pick for the big game? Enjoy food and games in celebration of the upcoming Super Bowl!
Holiday Open House
Age Group: All Ages
Thursday, December 5, 5:30-7 pm
Enjoy crafts and treats as you listen to music. Each family will receive a FREE photo with Santa!

Sensory Story Time
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Saturday, December 7, 10:30-11:30 am
Story sharing for all ages with differing abilities, their siblings, caregivers, and typically developing peers.

Mix It Up Monday: Snowman Jar Light
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
Monday, December 9, 3:45-4:45 pm
Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a different STEAM activity each month. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Toddler Art Class
Age Group: Baby, Toddler
Friday, December 13, 12:15-1:15 pm OR Monday, December 16, 6-7 pm
Children through age 3 and a caregiver are invited to experience a time of art exploration. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Junior Chef
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
Monday, December 23, 3:45-4:45 pm
Children in grades K-5 are invited to mix up no bake treats. Registration requested. December 23: Santa & His Reindeer-YUM! Marshmallow Snowmen and more!

Story Time Play Group - Saturday
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Saturday, January 11, February 8, 10:30-11:30 am
All ages will enjoy songs and stories shared through books, flannel boards, and puppets. Crafts and playtime included.

Baby Time: Bounce, Rhyme, and Play
Age Group: Baby, Family
Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 10:15-11:15 am
Lap bounces, active rhymes, songs, books, and group playtime for children 6 months through age 2 with a caregiver. Siblings and friends are welcome, too!

Story Time Play Group - Wednesday
Age Group: Preschool
Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 10:30-11:30 am
 Ages 2 to 6 will enjoy songs and stories shared through books, flannel boards, and puppets. Crafts and playtime included.

Music and Move
Age Group: Baby, Toddler
Fridays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 12:15-1:15 pm
Move and groove with music, books, and learning activities for children through age 4 and their families. Includes group playtime and a simple craft.

Wired for Fun: Tech Petting Zoo
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Friday, January 17, 2-3 pm
Explore some of the library’s gadgets such as the green screen, button maker, Ozobots, Bloxels, and more. Bring a photo to put in your button or create your own picture with the green screen.

Paws for Reading
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Saturday, January 25, February 29, 11 am-12 pm
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

Art Explorers: Everyone is an artist!
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Tiny Tales Baby Time
Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, 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, January 6, 13, 27, 11:30 am-12:15 pm
Children ages 2 and 3 will enjoy stories, finger plays, action rhymes, music, and a craft with Miss Jessica.

Evening Story Time
Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-6:45 pm
Children ages birth to 6 and their adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun!

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1-1:45 pm
Children ages 2 to 5 with a caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, and fun!

STEM for Grades 2-5
Monday, January 13, 6-7 pm
Play with the library’s tech toys. Design an Ozobot racecourse, build with snap circuits, and more.

Ballet Excel Ohio: The Snow Queen
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Saturday, January 25, 11 am-12 pm
Ballet Excel Ohio, one of the oldest youth ballets in the country, will preview their upcoming performance of The Snow Queen. Hear the story, meet the cast, and learn a few ballet moves.

No Bake Desserts
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5)
Monday, February 10, 6-7 pm
Do you love dessert and helping in the kitchen? Make and eat some sweet treats! Register by phone, in person, or online.

Kids Create
 Saturdays, December 28, January 25, February 22
Pick up a Take-it Make-it craft while supplies last.

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

NatureConnect Discovery Center December and January Stop by our Discovery Center in the children’s section for self-guided, hands on activities related to winter.

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

**Evening Story Time**
**Age Group:** Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family
**Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, February 4, 6-7 pm** Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs with your little ones with Miss Sylvia.

**Story Time With Miss Sylvia**
**Age Group:** Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family
**Thursdays, December 5-February 27, 11 am-12 pm** Join Miss Sylvia for stories, flannel boards, songs, rhymes, and play time.

**Afterschool Fun Club**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween
**Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30-4 pm** Join us for after school fun! Each week we will have a different activity.

**Winter Open House**
**Age Group:** All Ages
**Saturday, December 7, 12-3 pm** Celebrate winter with snacks, crafts, story time, and a special performance.

**DIY Kinetic Sand**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
**Saturday, January 4, 1:30-2:45 pm** Join us for a fun afternoon of making kinetic sand to take home.

**NatureConnect: Dig Up a Dinosaur**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
**Saturday, January 18, 1:30-2:45 pm** Join us for an afternoon of dinosaur fun! Do you love dinosaurs? We will be learning all about dinosaurs, and then children will have the opportunity to dig up their own dinosaur to take home.

**Snow Slime**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
**Saturday, February 1, 1-2:45 pm** Learn about snow and then make your own snow slime! Enjoy the fun of the snow without the cold!

**Monthly Activities**
- **December: Build a Snowflake**
  - Use the supplies in the muffin tins on the Nature Connect table to make a unique snowflake. Show your snowflake to a staff member to claim a small prize.
- **January: Winter Scavenger Hunt**
  - Look around the children’s area to find several winter items. Complete the scavenger hunt to claim a prize.
- **February: Winter Poetry**
  - Look in the Nature Connect window and use the winter words on sticks plus any other words you need to create a winter poem. Bring it to the front desk for a small prize.

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

**Wax Paper Lanterns**
**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
**Monday, December 2, 6-7 pm** Light up the night with crayon shavings and wax paper to create the sides of your lantern. Cut and tape them together and place a light inside. For children ages 4 to 9. Registration requested.

**Story Time: Songs and Stories**
**Age Group:** Baby, Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family
**Wednesday, December 4, 6-7 pm** All of our stories have a song in them. We will sing some stories and dance to some songs followed by playtime. Story time is early learning fun for young children.

**Paws for Reading**
**Age Group:** Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
**Monday, December 9, January 13, February 10, 4-5 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Children of all ages are welcome.

**Junior Scientist: Coding Adventure**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
**Wednesday, January 15, 6-7:15 pm** Explore coding and computational thinking. Make coding bracelets, solve a gravity maze, program a Code-a-pillar, and play games. For ages 5 to 9. Registration begins Dec. 16.

**Tuesday Movie Matinee: The Lion King**
**Age Group:** School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
**Tuesday, January 21, 4-6 pm** Join us for an afternoon movie and snacks.

**Family Story Time: Dinosaurs**
**Age Group:** Baby, Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2)
**Wednesday, February 5, 6-7 pm** Cozy up for some dinosaur story adventures followed by playtime. Story time is early learning fun for young children.

**Cardboard Construction Challenge**
**Age Group:** Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
**Saturday, February 15, 1-2:30 pm** Design, build and create large cardboard structures using various shapes and tools. Your imagination is the limit! This is a family program for all ages. Registration begins Jan. 15.

**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.

**Holiday Stories & Cookies: The Snowball Effect**
**Age Group:** All Ages
**Saturday, December 7, 1-2:30 pm** Join Wandering Aesthetics for some holiday stories and improvisational play for all. From a red-nosed reindeer to a sensational snowman, watch as these characters jump right off the page.

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**Winter Scavenger Hunt – December 2: Search around the children's areas to find wintery items.**

**Exploring Ocean Layers – December 16: Learn about the different zones in the ocean by exploring the activity on the NatureConnect table.**

**Map Scavenger Hunt – January 6: Find the maps in the children's area and piece together the message.**

**Animal Tracks – January 21: Match up the animal to its footprints on the NatureConnect table.**

**Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt – February 3: Find the dinosaurs a round the children's area.**

**Fingerprint Science – February 17: Print your fingerprint to discover if you have arches, loops, or whorls.**

**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.)

**Popsicle Stick Picture Frame – December 7: Decorate a Popsicle stick picture frame to display your favorite picture.**

**Tangrams – January 4: Cut out your tangram shapes and use them to solve the puzzles and learn about spatial relationships.**

**Crayon Resist Art – February 1: Use a white crayon to draw on a white paper. Paint some watercolors and watch your art appear.**

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**Baby Time**
**Tuesdays, December 3, 10, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 10:15-11 am** Baby Time is for children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver. It features books, rhymes, and songs followed by playtime.

**Story Time: Toddler**
**Tuesdays, December 3, 10, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 11:30 am-12:15 pm** For ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Features books, music, and alphabet recognition followed by a craft.
Make your own Valentine’s Day Card

Saturdays, January 11, February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
Join Miss Jill for stories, flannel boards, puppets, rhymes, music, and movement. Geared for ages 2-5 with a caregiver and followed by a group playtime.

Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Pokemon Club

Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 6:30-7:30 pm
Join Svetla Morrison from the Quiet Mind for an hour of fun, creativity, and learning. Explore the magic of sound through interactive and educational activities, storytelling and a fun craft.

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

Chinese New Year Story Time

Thursday, January 2, 11 am-12:30 pm
Enjoy a family-friendly afternoon of stories, music and movement followed by a group playtime.

Age Group: Preschool, Family

LED Open Play

Thursday, January 2, 11 am-12:30 pm and Monday, February 17, 11 am-12:30 pm
Join us for a great time of LEGO brick building and fun during the holiday break. All materials provided.

Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)

STEAM Scene

Tuesday, January 28, 4:30-6:30 pm
For children ages 4-10. Children will playfully explore, with the support of teen volunteers, materials that inspire science, technology, engineering, art, and/or mathematics.

Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Movie Matinee

December 7, 10 am-3 pm
Celebrate the holidays at the library. Magic Bob will entertain with magic and balloon creations. Enjoy festive holiday decorations and some light refreshments!

Age Group: All Ages

DIY Christmas

Wednesday, December 11, 4-5 pm
Make some awesome ornaments to give as presents or put on your tree.

Age Group: Toddler, Preschool

Teddy Bear Story Time

Wednesday, December 18, 6-7 pm
Put your PJ’s on and bring your teddy bear for a Christmas story and holiday treats.

Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
MAPLE VALLEY - 330-864-5721
1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

Paws for Reading
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Monday, December 16, 6-7 pm
Join us for an evening of reading games, stories, snacks, and crafts!

Saturday, December 14, January 11, February 8, 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! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.

Holiday Reindeer Romp
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Monday, December 23, February 27, 4-5 pm
Join Sylvan Learning Center to create and explore with technology. Learn the basic concepts of design, programming, and coding.

• December: Bridge Building
• January: Paper Circuits
• February: Gravity Maze

Mug Cake Mayhem
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Friday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 pm
Join the baking fun and make a delicious microwave mug cake!

Family Movie Monday: The Angry Birds Movie 2
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family

Monday, January 27, 6-7:30 pm
Join us for a family-friendly movie, snacks, and drinks!

Un-Valentine’s Day Party
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family

Friday, February 14, 4-5 pm
Love stinks! Stop in to uncelebrate Valentine’s Day with us by decorating broken-heart cookies, listening to un-romantic music, and making anti-valentines for your friends.

Family Movie Monday: Abominable
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family

Monday, February 24, 6-7:30 pm
Join us for a family-friendly movie, snacks, and drinks!

Silly Saturday
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family

Saturday, February 29, 1-2 pm
Join Ms. Erica for a silly Saturday adventure! We will share silly stories, dance silly dances, and make silly creations. Bring your best silly face and prepare to get messy.

After School Homework Help
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-4:30 pm
Drop in anytime for free homework help! For grades K to 5.

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228
144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

Story Time
Age Group: Preschool, Family
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30-11:30 am
Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games, and crafts with our library friends.

Baby Time: Library Babies and Tots
Age Group: Baby, Toddler
December 12, 19, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 am
Join Miss Kim to hear stories, sing songs, dance and play with our library friends.

Lego Club
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family

Thursdays, December 12, January 9, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30-4:30 pm
Grades K to 5 will enjoy an afternoon of imaginative Lego creation! All supplies provided.

Holiday Lights Tour Storytime with Miss Kim
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool
Tuesday, December 17, 6-8 pm
Meet at the library for a short story at 6 pm. Promptly at 6:15 we will board a school bus for a short tour of the holiday lights throughout the Village. Registration required.

Crafteennoons
Age Group: School Age (Grades 3-5)
Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, 3:30-4:30 pm
Join Miss Kim for an afternoon of creating with friends. Register by phone, in person, or online.
• January: paint on canvas
• February: Valentine mosaic

Holiday Open House
Age Group: All Ages
Saturday, December 7, 1-4 pm
Join us for a family holiday open house. We’ll have a make-and-take craft, festive face painting, refreshments and a special musical performance by Rushwood Elementary students at 2 pm.

Family Night: Creating Together
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Mondays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 6-7 pm
We’ll get together each month for some great crafts.
• December - fingerprint ornaments
• January - flip drum
• February - button frame for your Valentine

After School Program
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
Wednesdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 4-4:45 pm
• December - paper mache box
• January - winter ski STEM challenge
• February - board games and hot cocoa

Messy Monday: Marble Art
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family
Mondays, December 30, January 27, February 24, 6-7 pm
Join us for some messy fun!
• December - bubble wrap mosaic
• January - blow painting
• February - marble art
Science Saturday: Experimental Play  
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2) School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family  
Saturday, January 11, 2:30-3:30 pm Join us for great hand-on STEAM fun and see what new toys have been added!

Paws for Reading  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2) School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Tuesdays, January 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, February 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, Noon-1:00 pm Bring your furry friend. We will read stories, practice your literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud.

Play Time: Parachute Play  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2) School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Thursdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, Noon-1:00 pm We will use music and movement to play parachute games. For ages 3 to 5.

Baby Time  
Family  
Thursdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, Noon-1:00 pm Baby Time features books, bounces, songs, and bubbles followed by a play time. For children under age 2.

Toddler and Preschool Story Time  
Family  
Thursdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, Noon-1:00 pm Toddler and Preschool Story Time features stories, rhymes, music, flannels, and bubbles followed by a play time. For children ages 2-5.

STEM: Build It!  
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Friday, January 24, 4-4:45 pm Whether you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423  
183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

Story Time: Stories and More  
Age Group: Preschool, Family  
Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 10:30-11:30 am Each program will include age-appropriate books and stories, songs, movement, rhymes, and fun experiences!

Story Time: Baby and Toddler  
Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Family  
Tuesdays, January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11:15 am Designed for little ones up to about age 3. We will read books, learn rhymes, sing songs, enjoy movement activities, and have bubbles.

Play Time: Preschool Playroom  
Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family  
Tuesdays, December 3-February 25, 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  
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, 28, February 11, 25, 3-4 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud with our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or choose one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dog’s human pals will read to you.

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

Christmas Jars and Story Time  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, Family  
Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 am-12 pm Get into the holiday groove with the spirit of giving. Join us for Christmas music and story time, followed by crafts inspired by the book Christmas Jars. Register by phone, in person, or online.

Star Wars: The Rise of the Crafts  
Age Group: All Ages  
Thursday, December 12, 4-5 pm Scrambling to find the best geeky gift for your loved ones? Search no further. Our branch is offering Star Wars crafts for your holiday enjoyment (while supplies last). Register by phone, in person, or online.

Winter Wonderland  
Age Group: All Ages  
Saturday, December 14, 12-3 pm Join us for a day filled with cookies, crafts, and music. Listen to the Firestone Madrigals perform at 1 pm, followed by the Miller South Piano Students’ performance at 2 pm.

Family Fit Class  
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2)  
Saturday, January 11, 11-11:45 am Designed for grades K-2.

Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family  
Saturday, January 25, 2-3:30 pm Families are welcome to learn about and celebrate the Chinese New Year with crafts, games, and more. Register by phone, in person, or online.

K-2 Book Club  
Age Group: K-2  
Mondays, January 27, February 1, 7, 11:00-11:30 am Read our monthly book together at home, then join us to talk, share snacks, and have fun! For parents/caregivers and their child in grades K-2.

Sensory Play Time  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool School Age (Grades K-2)  
Saturday, February 22, 1-2 pm A fun and messy playtime full of squishy, gooey, musical and smelly material of all kinds! Explore sensory bins, a ball pit, a “baking” center, and more. Dress for mess. Registration begins Jan. 25.

NORTON – 330-825-7800  

NatureConnect: Nature Investigators  
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2)  
Tuesday, December 3, January 7, February 4, 4:30-5:15 pm Curious about nature? Investigate the natural world using science smarts. For grades K to 2.

Family Program: Make a Date with the Library  
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Tuesdays, December 17, January 21, February 18, 6:30-7:30 pm Take your family on a library field trip for fun out of the box activities. Call ahead for the activity of the month.

Family Time: Realm of the Reptile Animal Show  
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2)|School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Monday, December 30, 2-3 pm All ages are welcome for a hands-on animal show featuring reptiles, turtles, and snakes. Presented by Marissa Dubina, B.A. (Biology).

Baby and Toddler Story Time  
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2) School Age (Grades 3-5), Family  
Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30-11:15 am Mother Goose rhymes, songs, and baby signs for ages 6 months to 2 years with a caregiver. Social time to follow.

Story Time: Stories and More!  
Age Group: Preschool, Family  
Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 am Polar Explorers seek out new stories and songs about winter and winter animals. For ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

Alphabet Capers  
December-February The alphabet just got weird, way weird. Can you figure it out? Solve weekly coded messages for fun or a prize.
Learning Beautiful December-February Explore logic and problem-solving puzzles with MIT Media Lab materials. Courtesy of the Friends of the Norton Branch Library.

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

Recycle Holiday Family Craft Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family
Saturday, December 14, 1-2 pm Using materials found or kept, we will make decorations, cards, or gifts for the holidays. Light refreshments provided.

Holiday Open House Age Group: All Ages Thursday, December 19, 3:30-5 pm Celebrate the Holidays by enjoying treats and games with our community and the Odom Branch Library staff.

Saturday Family Craft: Perler Bead Fun Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family
Saturday, January 11, 1-2 pm Perler beads are fun for the whole family! We have BIG ones now, for little fingers. Choose from patterns or do your own thing.

Saturday Family Craft: Decorate a Gift Box Age Group: Preschool, Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Family
Saturday, February 8, 1-2 pm Decorate a box using our craft supplies and your imagination. Enjoy light refreshments with the family and friends you bring. Registration begins Jan. 4.

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

Preschool Playroom Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family
Mondays, December 2, January 13, February 10, 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.

Story Time: Stories and More Age Group: Preschool, Family
Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 11 am-12 pm Join Ms. Elaine for stories, rhymes, music, and movement, art, and a little play!

B.A.M. (Books and More) Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5) Saturday, December 7, 11 am-12 pm Caldecott & Newbery Medal and Honor Books - Read your favorite award book and then nominate it. We will have a mock trial of the books we discuss. Spend a fun morning snacking and chatting.

Paws for Reading: Tails & Tales Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Saturday, December 14, January 11, February 8, 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.

Saturday Specials: Jingle Jam Dance Party! Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Saturday, December 14, 1-2 pm Rock the holidays at our Jingle Jam! Dance, enjoy refreshments, and grab a do-it-yourself craft kit to take home! All ages are welcome, no need to register. Stay for Paws for Reading at 2 pm.

Noon Year’s Eve Party Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family
Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 am-12:30 pm Bring the family and get ready to ring in the New Year! There will be snacking, crafting, and dancing as we countdown to noon.

Baby and Toddler Story Time Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Adults, Family
 Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 11 am-12 pm Enjoy books, bounces, songs, an art experience, and a short social playtime. Intended for age 2 and under with a caregiver.

Saturday, January 11, 1-2 pm Dress warm as we stomp outside in our NatureConnect area. We’ll move from station to station reading a story, then come inside for hot chocolate, cookies, and a craft.

B.A.M. (Books and More) Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween
Saturday, January 18, 11 am-12 pm Yoga, karate, or dancing -- what is your favorite way to exercise? Read any exercise book and share your favorite with us. We’ll work off some energy playing Wii Just Dance, too.

Game Day: Monopoly Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Tuesday, January 28, 6:30-7:30 pm Enjoy an evening of Monopoly fun! We’ll provide three different Monopoly games: Life-sized, Deal, and Portagelakes-opoly. Or bring one of your favorite versions and teach us how to play.

Story Time: Stories and More Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, Family
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 11 am-12 pm Join Ms. Elaine for stories, rhymes, finger plays, music, art and a little social playtime with friends! Intended for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

Saturday Specials: Build Those Blues Away Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family, Adults
Saturday, February 8, 1-2 pm Bored and cold? Try out a variety of building materials including Legos, Duplos, CitiBlocs and more. Stay afterward for Paws for Reading, and visit with one of our furry friends! All ages welcome.

B.A.M. (Books and More) Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween
Saturday, February 15, 11 am-12 pm Enjoy any book about chocolate or candy and be ready to share your favorite sweet reads as we snack on some yummy confection and play a game of Candyland.

Indoor Recess: No School Fun Day! Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Monday, February 17, 2-4 pm School may out for a holiday, but the library is the place to be! Join us for some indoor recess games and have a little fitness fun! All ages are welcome.

Bricks 4 Kidz: Build It Club Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Thursday, February 20, 6-7:30 pm Join us for building fun with Bricks 4 Kidz! Create with Duplos and LEGOs, and try other fun activities like fuse beads and more! All ages are welcome.

Game Days: Jumbo Card Games Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen, Family
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30-7:30 pm Play a variety of super-sized card games. We’ll provide the games, but feel free to bring one of your favorites and teach us how to play.

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

Story Time: Stories and More Age Group: Preschool
Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 10:30-11:30 am Ages 3-6. Preschoolers bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

Story Time: Little Folks Age Group: Baby, Toddler
Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 am Little folks, bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

First Saturday Family Story Hour Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), Family
Saturday, December 7, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11:30 am Bring your favorite caregiver and join us for a family-friendly story hour followed by our Paws for Reading program.

Story Time: Preschool Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11:30 am Bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and more.
Paws for Reading
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Saturday, December 7, 21, January 18, February 15, 11 am-12 pm
Children can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for your child to build reading fluency and read-aloud confidence.

Home School Readers
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5)
Wednesday, December 18, January 15, February 19, 1-3 pm
Join us for an afternoon of reading fun. Different activities will be available at each session.

Snowflake Festival
Age Group: All Ages
Saturday, January 25, 11 am-2 pm
Join the fun as we celebrate snow. Enjoy snacks, crafts, and more. Dress for the weather as many activities will be outside.

Preschool Game Day
Wednesday, February 5, 10:30-11:30 am
Enjoy a morning of preschool-friendly board games. Please feel free to bring games from home that your children like to play.

Yoga Fun
Age Group: Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween
Monday, February 17, 10:30-11:30 am
Calling all boys and girls ages 4-11! Join us for an hour of yoga fun followed by a healthy snack. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. We’ll have a small supply of yoga mats, too.

Paws for Reading
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Saturday, December 21, January 18, February 15 11 am-12 pm
Share a book with a certified therapy dog, practice your reading skills and make new friends, too. Build your reading skills and read-aloud confidence.

2020 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. Our community StoryWalk® is brought to you by Richfield Village Parks and Recreation, Richfield Village Service Department, Friends of the Richfield Branch Library, and the Richfield Branch Library. (The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.)

• January: Stranger in the Woods by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick
• February: Remarkably You by Pat Zietlow Miller
• March: Hoop Genius by John Coy

SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE – 330-643-4770
1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

Preschool Play Time
Age Group: Baby, Toddler, Preschool, Family
Tuesdays, December 3, 10, February 11, 18, 25, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages birth to 5 will enjoy a variety of games, toys, activities and art experiences each month while making new friends and developing important social skills. All are welcome and celebrated.

Holiday Open House
Age Group: All Ages
Saturday, December 7, 2-4 pm
Celebrate the holidays with refreshments, entertainment, and a holiday craft. The performance begins at 3 pm.

After School Hangout
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen
Thursdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 5-6:30 pm
Hang out at the library for snacks, crafts, games, and fun.

Paws for Reading
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Family

Saturday, December 21, January 18, February 15 11 am-12 pm
Share a book with a certified therapy dog, practice your reading skills and make new friends, too. Build your reading skills and read-aloud confidence.

Story Time: Stories and More!
Age Group: Preschool, Family
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30-11:30 am
A happy blend of stories, rhymes, songs, bubbles, and play. All are welcome and celebrated. Developmentally designed for ages birth-5.

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

Holiday Cookie Decorating
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, Family
Friday, December 13, 2:30-4 pm
Stop by and decorate a holiday cookie! All materials provided while supplies last.

Winter Crafts
Age Group: Toddler, Preschool, Family
Monday, December 16, 10:30-11:30 am
Stop by for a few winter-themed crafts.

Countdown to Kindergarten
Age Group: Preschool
Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, 10:30 am-12 pm
Ages 4 to 6 can practice skills needed for kindergarten in a fun-filled environment. Registration is required for each monthly session.

Wiggles and Giggles
Age Group: Baby, Preschool, Toddler
Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 11:30 am-12:15 pm
Join Miss Lisa from Build a Body Personal Training for a morning of movement. Suitable for up to age 5 with a caregiver.

Test Your Knowledge
Age Group: School Age (Grades K-2), School Age (Grades 3-5), Tween, Teen
Complete a monthly challenge for a chance to win a small prize.
• December: Holiday Trivia
• January: Dad Jokes
• February: Dr. Seuss

Programs are subject to change.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

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

BOOK SALE: Saturday, January 11, 10 am-3 pm

BOOK SALE: Saturday, February 22, 10 am-3 pm

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

FRIENDS PREVIEW: Friday, February 7, 3-5 pm

BOOK SALE: Saturday, February 8, 10 am-3 pm

LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN

Monday-Thursday: 12-6 pm
Friday & Saturday: 12-4 pm
Sunday: 1-4 pm

Akron-Summit County Public Library
www.akronlibrary.org