



# EVENTS

**March-May 2018**

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

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## MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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

### BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT 330-643-9020

**Reentry in Motion: Fight Hate**  
**Thursday, March 1, 11 am-1 pm**  
Room 1. As a young man, Michael Ta'Bon's ex-con father taught him about drugs and crime, and those lessons landed him in prison for 15 years. The film *Fight Hate with Love: One Man's Journey to Change the World*, will reveal how the years in prison left Michael with invisible scars and a commitment to community work, which cost him his family. Reentry resources and handouts provided. Audience discussion after the film.

**Reentry in Motion: Have You Been Convicted of a Felony?**  
**Thursday, March 15, 11 am-12 pm**  
Room 1. In this Reentry in Motion program, the film *Tough Questions, Straight Answers: Disclosing Your Criminal Record to an Employer*, will explain how to discuss one's record honestly. Reentry resources and handouts provided. Audience activity after the film.

**Reentry in Motion: Resumes and Cover Letters for Returning Citizens**  
**Thursday, March 29, 11 am-12 pm**  
Room 1. Focusing on the returning citizen experience, the film *Resumes, Cover Letters, and Portfolios for Ex-Offenders*, explains the "must-haves" and explores the "how-to's" of key job search tools. Reentry resources and handouts provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Success on the Outside**  
**Thursday, April 5, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Room 1. *Life After Prison: Success on the Outside*, features parolees who discuss their successes and failures, while parole officers provide insights into why not all returning citizens succeed. Reentry resources and handouts provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Prison's Revolving Door**  
**Thursday, April 19, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Room 1. It costs \$75,000 a year to incarcerate a nonviolent offender but only \$5,000 to help that individual live productively in freedom. The film *It's More Expensive to Do Nothing*, explores the troubling realities that lie behind the revolving door of prison, the complexities of reform, and the frequent disregard for programs that can help returning citizens succeed in society. Reentry resources and handouts provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Returning Home**  
**Thursday, May 3, 11 am-12:30 pm**  
Room 1. This Reentry in Motion program showcases *From Prison to Home*, a film which traces the experiences of four African American returning citizens, focusing on their challenges with employment, housing, addiction, and reconnecting with family, as well as their participation in the African American Program for parolees. Reentry resources and handouts provided.

**Reentry in Motion: Surviving On the Outside**  
**Thursday, May 17, 6:30-7:45 pm**  
Room 1. This program includes the video *In Your Hands: Life After Prison*, which highlights two case studies which show that the end of incarceration means not only a fresh start, but a new phase of hardship, hard-luck, and hard-won dignity. Reentry material available.

**Reentry in Motion: The Reason for Recidivism**  
**Thursday, May 31, 6:30-7:30 pm**  
Room 1. Reentry resources and handouts are provided in this

program, as well as the viewing of the documentary *Taking Personal Responsibility*, which explains the primary reason for relapse and recidivism. The film also introduces the concept of good relationships, examines pain and abuse from the past, and explains why many people aren't able to make relationships work.

**Business Etiquette for Small Businesses**  
**Sunday, March 11, 1:30-3 pm**  
Meeting Room 3. Learn skills that are useful in maintaining and growing your business. Catherine Holloway from Etiquette Consulting Services will cover the following topics: overview of Business Etiquette; Effective Self Introductions and Networking; Lunch Meetings; E Etiquette: Emails, Social Media and Mobile Phones; Conversation Skills; Overview of Dining Etiquette and Table Manners; Dining Do's and Don'ts.

**Business Etiquette 101-Information for Your Professional Career**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 6-7:30 pm**  
Meeting Room 3. Invest in yourself and learn skills that benefit you whether you are beginning your professional career or are looking to advance. Catherine Holloway from Etiquette Consulting Services will cover the following topics: overview of Business Etiquette; Effective Self Introductions and Networking; Lunch Meetings; E Etiquette: Emails, Social Media and Mobile Phones; Conversation Skills; Overview of Dining Etiquette and Table Manners; Dining Do's and Don'ts.

**Bangladesh Shadhinota Dibosh\* Celebration**  
**Sunday, March 25, 1:30-5 pm**  
Auditorium, Room 1, 2AB, 3. Bring the entire family to a colorful celebration of the 48<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Bangladesh. Enjoy traditional music, dance, poems, henna tattoos, face painting, literature, patriotic Bangla songs, and more. This program is presented in partnership with friends from the local Bangladeshi

Community. \*In Bangladesh, "Shadhinota Dibosh" means Independence Day.

**Business Research Essentials**  
**Saturdays, April 7, June 2, 10:15 am-12 pm**  
Computer Lab 2. Are you thinking of starting or expanding a business? Do you need information on writing a business plan or researching competitors and customers? Join us and learn how to utilize some of the Library's digital resources to find your answers. Register with Eventbrite or call the Business & Government Division.

**Financial Literacy**  
**Saturday, April 21, 11 am-12 pm**  
Meeting Room 2AB. Kathleen Seminatore, Investigator, Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, will discuss how to improve your credit score, lower your bills, set up a monthly budget, apply for PIPP and HEAP, avoid scams, and much more.

**Shred It**  
**Saturday, April 21, 11 am-12 pm**  
Use this free on-site paper shredding event to purge financial clutter and other documents and help deter identity theft. Outside Main Library on High Street. Limit: 10 copy paper size boxes or 10 kitchen size trash bags. Sponsored by Brouse McDowell, LPA.

**Helpful Assistance from EANDC**  
**Saturday, April 21, 1-2 pm**  
Meeting Room 2AB. Speaker Holly Calhoun from EANDC will speak about possible assistance available for housing, appliances, energy services and even some free things.

**Social Security Benefits**  
**Tuesday, April 24, 1-2 pm**  
Meeting Room 2AB. Robert Fenn II, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, will answer the following questions: What is the quickest way to file benefits? Can you work and still receive benefits? Do you have to file for Medicare? What age can you file? Can you file on a previous spouse's record?

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

330-643-9050

### Early Childhood Programs

#### A Time to Play

**Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am** Children learn through play, and we like to play in the Children's Library! Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play, STEAM experiences and materials will be available for young children and their caregivers. Explore, make friends, share stories, create and play with us.

**March 13: Let's Move:** Physical activity helps to develop healthy brains that are ready for learning. Join us for lots of gross motor, music, and movement at the library this month!

**April 10: Spring Fling:** Awaken the 5 senses as we explore the signs that spring has sprung. Engage in sensory, art, and hands-on science discoveries.

**May 8: Under Construction:** This building lab invites children to develop spatial reasoning and engineering skills through block play. Engage in architectural design, dress-up, books, tools, and assorted building materials to inspire your budding engineers.

#### Encore Time to Play

##### **Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 am**

An extra playtime to celebrate "national week of the young child."

#### Baby Time

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

#### Preschool Story Times

**Every Thursday, 10:30 am** Watch as books come to life through stories, music and activities. For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

#### Saturday Story Time Sampler

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

**March 3: Humpty Dumpty: Fairy Tale STEAM-**We know Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, but what if he had some help? Join us for a story time with a twist. We'll read all about his egg-cellent descent and then challenge participants to create a device to prevent an egg from breaking when dropped.

**March 17: It's not easy being GREEN-**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

with stories about all things green.

**April 7: Take Me Out to the Ballgame-**Listen to stories, as well as the crack of the bat, join in on the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch, help us sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and play an inning or two.

**April 21: Nature Stories for Earth Day-**Stories and activities about the wonders of nature.

**May 5: ¡Fiesta!** Celebrate the Latin culture with stories, songs, crafts and activities.

**May 19: Beautiful Butterflies-**Learn all about the butterfly life cycle with stories, games, crafts, and a sneak peek of our real-life caterpillars!

#### Paws for Reading

**Second Saturday of each month, March 10, April 14, May 12, 11 am** Share a book with a certified therapy dog.

#### Sunday Story Time Sampler

**Every Sunday, 2 pm** Closed April 1. A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

#### Toddler Art Explorers

**Mondays, April 9-30, 10:30 am** Get messy and experiment with a variety of materials in this artsy program! For children ages 12 months to 3 years old with a caregiver.

#### Week of the Young Child, April 16-21

**Monday, April 16, 10:30 am:**

Toddler Art Explorers

**Tuesday, April 17, 10:30 am:** A Time to Play

**Wednesday, April 18, 10:30 am:** Baby Time

**Thursday, April 19, 10:30 am:** Preschool Story Time

**Saturday, April 21, 11 am:** Nature Story Time

#### Family Events

##### Builders' Club

**Saturdays, March 31, May 26, 2 pm** Open play with Lego's, Duplo's and other building materials.

#### Service Animal Demonstration

**Wednesday, May 9, 4 pm**

Meet service dogs from Canine Companions for Independence and learn the different types of places where service dogs work and what these dogs do to help their partner. The dogs will demonstrate their skills.

#### School-Age Programs

**After-School STEAM for Grades K-6 Wednesdays, February through April (except April 11), 4-5 pm**

Join us as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. **February:** Valentine Science, Toy Physics, Candy Science and more. **March:** Explore Wind Energy, Clouds, Jelly Bean Science, and enjoy Pie Day (3/14). **April:** Slime Time, Water Fun and so much more!

#### Tween Tuesdays

**Third Tuesday of each month, 3:30 pm** Grades 4 to 6: Join us once a month to hang out, play, make and more!

**March 20-**Slime Science

**April 17-**Recycled Poetry

**May 15-**Ozobots

#### Spring Break Fun

**April 9-13, 2 pm** For Grades K-6.

**Monday, April 9: Art-**Get creative and let your inner artist shine through!

**Tuesday, April 10: Traveling Tech Lab-**Explore virtual reality, drive and code robots, play with makerspace toys, draw in 3D, and much more! For Grades 4 and up. Space is limited; registration requested.

**Wednesday, April 11: Story Stew-**Cooking Caravan presents partibus story, part mad-lib, part choose your own adventure, part recipe, this ridiculous journey teaches participants the essential elements of a story through the use of an enormous and ever-changing "book."

**Thursday, April 12: Titanic**

**Science-**Experiment with hands-on activities to learn more about the sinking of the Titanic.

#### 3D Printing Workshop

**Saturday, April 28, 2 pm** First Floor Computer Lab. Grades 4 and up will learn to use Tinkercad to create a design to print on our 3D printer. Space is limited; registration requested.

#### CULTURE & AV

330-643-9015

#### Thursday Movies@Main

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

**March 1, 6:30 pm-**Coco

**March 8, 6 pm-**Darkest Hour

**March 15, 6 pm-**Wonder

**March 22, 6 pm-**Thor Ragnarok

**March 29, 6:30 pm-**The Star

**April 5, 6 pm-**Murder on the Orient Express

#### Coloring with Culture & AV

**Wednesday, March 14, Noon-2 pm** Meeting Room 2AB. Color with us. Bring your own coloring book and supplies or choose from provided coloring pages, crayons and colored pencils. Coffee and cookies provided. Adults ages 18 and over. Call or email [cadv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadv@akronlibrary.org) for more information.

#### Yarn Lovers @ the Library

**Wednesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, 12-2 pm** Drop by for the entire two hours, or any time between 12-2 pm. Bring your own lunch, or purchase at the Café. You're welcome to bring a current project. Knitting and crochet instruction and assistance will be available when possible.

#### Akron Crossword Puzzle Tournament

**Saturday, March 24, 1-4 pm** Meeting Room 2AB. Door opens at Noon. Compete to complete in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Akron Crossword Puzzle Tournament! All levels of crossword enthusiasts are encouraged to participate. Adults ages 18 and over. Registration requested: email [cadv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadv@akronlibrary.org) or call.

#### First Wednesday Book Group

**Wednesdays, April 4, May 2, 6:30-8 pm** Meeting Room 1. Door opens at 6 pm. For more information on our lively group or the next title email [cadv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadv@akronlibrary.org) or call. Adults ages 18 and over. Copies of the discussion books are available at the Culture & AV desk.

#### Poetry Hour

**Saturdays, April 14, May 12, 3-4 pm** Meeting Room 1. Door opens at 2 pm. Calling local poets! You are invited to read your original poems. Poetry lovers are welcome to listen to our local poets. Coffee and cookies provided. Adults ages 18 and over. Poems read at Poetry Hour should not be overtly explicit in language or subject matter. Registration requested: email [cadv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadv@akronlibrary.org) or call.

#### LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN

330-643-9070

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

## MOBILE SERVICES

330-643-9055

Bringing the Library to you! Call for more information.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

330-643-9075

Please contact Science & Technology to reserve your spot in these programs:

### Science Café – The Importance of Pollinators in our Backyards

**Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am**

Join Research Associate Paige Reeher from the Ohio Bee Team for an informal discussion of Ohio pollinators. This program will meet in the Science & Technology Division on the Main Street level.

### Introduction to Intellectual Property

**Tuesdays, March 6, April 10,**

**May 8, 6:30-7:30 pm** Learn the differences among the various types of intellectual property, and how best to protect your creative work. Class meets in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street level.

### Professional Practice, Responsibility, and Pro Bono Opportunities

**Thursday, March 8, 2-3 pm**

Join us for a free presentation on scenarios of professional practice and responsibility for practitioners, followed by a discussion of the pro bono opportunities for IP practitioners presented by Alford Kindred, Outreach Regional Assistant Director for the Elijah J McCoy Midwest Regional United States Patent & Trademark Office. This program is geared toward Patent Attorneys and IP professionals and is eligible for 1 CLE through the USPTO. Class will meet in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street level.

### Introduction to Patents & Patent Searching

**Saturdays, March 10, April 14,**

**May 12, 10:15 am-Noon** Librarians from the Science & Technology Division will explain the process of getting a U.S. patent, and show you how to do a preliminary patent search using the United States Patent & Trademark Office website. Class will meet in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street level.

### A Day with the Stars! with Astrophysicist Kevin Manning

**Saturday, May 5, 11 am-2 pm**

**11 am-12 pm** Learn about telescopes and ask questions about space at our Science Café.

**12 -1 pm** Experience the immense capabilities of the International Space Station and the unearthly beauty of Mars through a virtual reality tour.

**1-2 pm** Learn about the on-going Mars mission, the discoveries made by the Curiosity Rover, and our continuing search for an “Earth” beyond our galaxy.

### Ask a Patent Attorney

**Monday May 7, 6-8 pm** Register

for a free one on one, 20-minute session with a registered patent attorney. Appointment times are limited and must be scheduled in advance. Registration begin Saturday, April 7 by contacting the Science & Technology Division.

No need to register for these programs:

### Akron Inventors Club

**Second Thursday of every**

**month, 6-7:30 pm** Inventors and entrepreneurs, the Akron Inventors Club is free and open to all with an interest in invention and innovation. Monthly meetings feature a variety of speakers and informational programs as well as a chance to network with like-minded innovators. The club meets in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street level. Check <https://www.meetup.com/Akron-Inventors-Club> for the monthly speaker.

### Lunchtime Bird Watching

**Every Thursday, 12:15 pm** Join us as we do a 10-minute weekly count of bird species found in Downtown Akron. We meet in the Library Park on the corners of Main and Mill streets.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

330-643-9030

Registration is requested for these free classes. For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330-643-9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). Visit our Website at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>.

### Discover Your Family History

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

**Saturday, March 10, 10:30**

**am-12:30 pm** United States Census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us as we learn more about using these valuable records for your family research. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor. Registration requested.

## Identifying Your Family

### Photographs

**Saturday, April 14, 10:30 am-**

**12:30 pm** A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. This workshop will also take a look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level. Registration requested.

### Kenneth Bravo presents “Locating and Using Your Ancestor’s Post-1906 Naturalization Records” and “The Nuts and Bolts of Jewish Genealogy”

**Saturday, May 5, 10:30 am-1 pm**

Main Library, Meeting Room 2AB. Registration requested.

### Using Historical Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research

**Saturday, May 12, 10:30 am-**

**12:30 pm** Historical newspapers should be a “primary” source for all genealogists. From births to obituaries, estate notices to news stories, newspapers can fill in important details and help to paint a fuller picture of our ancestors’ lives. This new class will take a look at accessing newspaper content through a variety of resources. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor. Registration requested.

## TECHZONE@MAIN

330-643-9145

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

## YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE

330-643-9067

### Teen Programs at Main Library

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

### \*ACT Practice Test

**Thursday, March 29, 9:30 am** In the Teen Programming Room . Take advantage of the day off school and get ahead! Join us for a practice test and a snack! Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test at the Main Library. You will have access to your scores within one week after the test. Please bring your own calculator, and be sure to register early, spaces are limited! Registration is required at least a week before each test. Please contact Sylvan Learning Center [fairlawn.oh@sylvanlearning.com](mailto:fairlawn.oh@sylvanlearning.com) or The Main Teen Area 330-643-9067 to register.

### \*Teen Advisory Board Meetings The second and fourth Tuesday of every month beginning Tuesday,

**March 13, 6:30 pm** In the Teen Programming Room. Whether you’re looking to get volunteer hours for school or just like to work on cool projects, eat and have fun, the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be! You’ll plan Teen programs and decorate the Teen Area. It looks great on a resume too.

### \*St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

**Saturday, March 10, 3 pm** In the Teen Programming Room. Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by making a DIY “Pot-O-Gold” filled with golden candy and a Celtic heart knot necklace or bracelet. We’ll have an Irish snack and maybe a little music.

### Youth Arts Showcase

**Saturday, April 28** Main Library Auditorium. You won’t believe your eyes! You won’t believe your ears! Enjoy performances and visual arts by musicians, dancers, singers, and artists in grades 4 through 12. Applications are due by March 10, 2018. Call the Teen Department for more information.

**\*Watercolor Fractal Painting**  
**Saturday, April 14, 3 pm** Paint mathematically! For artists, mathematicians, fans of zentangle, and everyone in between. Join us to create a fun and unique work of art featuring fractal patterns. Snacks will be included.

**\*Summer Fun**  
**Saturday, May 19, 3 pm** Join us as we prepare for summer with an afternoon of crafting! Enjoy snacks and lemonade, then make tie-dye t-shirts and decorate sunglasses. All materials are provided.

## BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### ADULT BRANCH PROGRAMS

**ELLET – 330-784-2019**

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

#### **Book Clubs**

Books are available in advance at the circulation desk.

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

**Third Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm**

**March 20** *The Second Mrs. Hockaday* by Susan Rivers

**April 17** *Women in the Castle*

by Jessica Shattuck

**May 15** *The Girls* by Emma Cline

#### **Book Club On The Run**

**New books on the second**

**Monday of the month.** No

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

**March 12** *Euphoria* by Lily King

**April 9** *Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante

**May 14** *Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman

#### **Early Bird Movie Matinee**

**Mondays, March 12, April 16, May**

**14, 10:30 am** Enjoy a fun family-

friendly movie on the big screen!

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

**Tuesday, March 6, 6 pm** Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE. The process involves removing the "whites" of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up "in relief." Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the images can be printed again and again. In

this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Registration begins for this program on Tuesday, February 20. Space for this program is limited, so please call or stop by the front desk to register.

#### **METRO Free Travel Program**

**Tuesday, March 27, 1:30 pm**

METRO will discuss their free travel program as well as other helpful information about METRO services.

#### **Chess Exhibition with National Champion Kristopher Meekins**

**Saturday, April 7, 11 am** This event will start with a lesson for beginners on the basics of chess and practical tips on how to gain an advantage on your opponent. Afterward, put your skills to the test and take part in a simultaneous exhibition against Kristopher Meekins, a National Chess Master who is ranked in the top 1% of the nation's players. Any winners will receive a free lesson with him at a later date.

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 pm** Listen to audio letters to friends and relatives, church services, old local radio broadcasts and Christmas morning celebrations as audio enthusiast Ray Carmen takes you on an hour-long tour of audio ephemera listening to excerpts from home-made records from the 1940s and 1950s!

#### **Jewell Jones Poetry Program**

**Tuesday, April 24, 1:30 pm** In recognition of National Poetry Month, Jewell Jones will be presenting a poetry recital. The presentation will be eclectic, sharing poetry that is whimsical, serious and historical. Some poems will be original works by Jewell as well as some works by a few of her favorite poets.

#### **Craft Night Out with Kathy Carmen**

**Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 pm** Could you use a craft night out? Create gift jars filled with pampering products and a no-sew rice heating pad just in time for Mother's Day gifting! All supplies provided. Registration begins for this program on Monday, April 23. Space is limited, so please call or stop by the front desk to register.

#### **Computer Training**

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

**Monday, April 2, 10:30 am:**

Basic Computer Skills

**Tuesday, April 3, 6 pm:** Windows 10

**Wednesday, April 4, 6 pm:**

File Management

**Thursday, April 5, 10:30 am:** Typing

**Monday, April 9, 10:30 am:** Internet 1

**Tuesday, April 10, 2 pm:** Internet 2

**Wednesday, April 11, 2 pm:** Email 1

**Thursday, April 12, 10:30 am:** Email 2

#### **Coffee & Coloring**

**Wednesdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 1 pm** Stop the world and embrace your inner child! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults, as well as coloring utensils and refreshments, will be provided.

#### **Memory Cafe: An Early Stage Dementia Program**

**Wednesdays, March 28,**

**April 25, May 30, 1 pm** Memory

Cafe offers a relaxing and comfortable way for people living in the early stages of memory loss to build a social network and connect with like individuals in their own community. Meaningful social and educational activities promote social interaction, companionship, and learning. The Memory Cafe is a collaboration between The Alzheimer's Association Greater East Ohio Area Chapter and the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Advance registration is requested. To register, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

#### **FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888**

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

#### **Adult Coloring**

**Thursdays, March 8, April 12,**

**May 10, 1 pm** Take a break from your busy day and visit the library to relax and de-stress. Coloring pages, colored pencils, and refreshments will be provided. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library.

#### **A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History**

**Thursday, March 15, 6:30 pm** The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters of all time hosts this fun and funny presentation for adults and teens. Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about such legends as Popeye, Bugs Bunny,

Homer Simpson, and Snoopy. The audience will enjoy cartoon trivia and learn about the historical significance of cartoon characters over the last 100 years. The author will also explain the criteria he used to rank the best of the best. The book will be available for purchase and a book signing will follow the presentation.

#### **Master-Inspired Art Workshop: Monet's Water Lilies**

**Thursday, April 5, 5:30 pm** Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelman is back for another interactive art program in which you will learn about Claude Monet and also create your own piece of art inspired by his works. You will gain insight into Monet's passion and techniques, enabling you to appreciate this artist's famous works even more. Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library.

#### **Cookbook Club**

**Thursday, May 3, 6 pm** Back by popular demand, the Cookbook Club returns! This time we'll be featuring the book *Cooking for Jeffrey* by Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa. We'll discuss the book and sample some of the recipes that you create. Space is limited, so call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register and reserve a copy of the book.

#### **Medicare 101**

**Thursday, May 17, 6 pm** Licensed insurance agent Sharon Honroth will help you better understand Medicare, what it covers, and what it does not. You will learn about Medicare Supplements, Advantage Plans, and Part D Prescription Plans.

#### **Anything Goes Book Discussion** Join us the second Monday of each month, 1 pm

**March 12:** *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff

**April 9:** *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

**May 14:** *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa

#### **Computer Training**

**Tuesday, May 15, 10:30 am** Excel 1

**Tuesday, May 15, 2 pm** Excel 2

**Thursday, May 17, 10:30 am** Excel 3

**Thursday, May 17, 2 pm** Excel 1-3

Practical Application

**Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 am** Excel 4

**Tuesday, May 22, 2pm** Excel 5

**Thursday, May 24, 10:30 am** Excel 6

**Thursday, May 24, 2 pm** Excel 4-6  
Practical Application

## **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

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

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

**March** *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

**April** *Little Fires Everywhere*

by Celeste Ng

**May** *Into the Water* by Paula Hawkins

### **Inspiration Book Club @ Firestone Park Community Center**

**Wednesday evenings, March 7,**

**April 4, May 2, 7 pm** Join friends

and neighbors at the Firestone Park Community Center for a monthly book club open to all in Firestone Park and surrounding neighborhoods. This book club reads a variety of genres, fiction and non-fiction, and will meet the first Wednesday of every month. Newcomers are always welcome.

### **Needle Crafting**

**Second and fourth Monday**

**evenings of the month, March**

**12, 26, April 9, 23, May 14, 6 pm**

Enjoy discussion and share knit and crochet projects.

### **Coloring Club**

**Thursday afternoons, March**

**8, April 12, May 10, 1 pm** Relax,

reduce stress, and leave feeling restored! Coloring books and supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials from home. This program is great for any skill level. Share in the fun!

### **Open Gaming @ Firestone Park Community Center**

**Wednesday afternoons, March**

**14, April 11, May 9, 12:30 pm** Join

friends and neighbors at the Firestone Park Community Center and enjoy games of all kinds. If you are looking to play cards or board games with someone this program is for you.

### **April is National Poetry Month**

Check out any two poetry books for a chance to win a gift card!

### **F.R.I.E.N.D.S The One with the**

#### **Trivia Night**

**Friday, March 23, 6:30 pm** Pivot

on over to A Walk in the Park Café, located across the street from the Firestone Park Branch Library, for a night of trivia. We'll be quizzing you on moo points, smelly cats, and all

sorts of fun facts about your favorite 90's sitcom, FRIENDS! Compete with other fans for a chance to win prizes! Could you BE any more excited? No food or beverage purchase necessary.

### **Mocktails & Masterpieces**

**Thursday, March 29, 2 pm**

Enjoy refreshing, non-alcoholic mocktails while painting your own masterpiece with friends.

All supplies are included! Space is limited; please register for this program by calling the branch.

### **Beaded Silverware**

**Tuesday, April 17, 6 pm** Create a

unique set of serving utensils using beads and wire. This would make a great addition to a dinner table or even a wonderful gift! Supplies will be provided by the library. Space is limited, please register for this program by calling the branch.

### **Painting Class @ Firestone Park Community Center**

**Wednesday, May 16, 12:30**

**pm** Create your own beautiful spring painting with friends at the Firestone Park Community Center.

All supplies are included! Space is limited, please register for this program by calling the branch.

### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

#### **Book Club to Go**

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

**March** *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff

**April** *The Ringmaster's Wife*

by Kristy Cambron

**May** *This Is Where I Leave You*

by Jonathan Tropper

#### **Workshops & Programs**

##### **Computer Training**

No registration is required; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted to each hands-on class. Class size is strictly limited to 15 participants. Tickets will be passed out ½ hour prior to each class time.

**Monday, March 5, 6-7:30 pm** –

Microsoft Word, Part 1

**Tuesday, March 6, 6-7:30 pm** –

Microsoft Word, Part 2

**Wednesday, March 7, 6-7:30 pm** –

Microsoft Word, Part 3

**Thursday, March 8, 6-7:30 pm** –

Microsoft Word, Part 4

### **Color It So**

**First Tuesday of each month,**

**March 6, April 3, May 1, 12:30 pm**

Join the craze that has grown-ups acting like kids again. Spend a relaxing time coloring with us. We'll provide coloring sheets designed specifically for adults, plus colored pencils, markers and crayons. Blank paper will be available to those who like to craft their own drawings. Large groups, please call ahead with number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.

### **Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance**

**Wednesdays, March 7-May 2,**

**11 am-Noon** Kim Mozzochi with the

Area Agency on Aging conducts this FREE exercise series, geared toward older adults (age 60+) wanting to improve strength, flexibility and muscle tone. The sessions meet one time per week for an 8-week period. (\*No class on April 18) This series may be cancelled due to low attendance. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

### **Puzzle Pizzazz Time**

**Second Thursday of each month,**

**March 8, April 12, May 10,**

**12:30-2 pm** Do you like solving puzzles? If you like word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, brain-teasers, logic puzzles, etc., then stop on in. We will have a variety of puzzles on hand, or feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served. Large groups, please call ahead with number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.

### **Wonders of Tea**

**Monday, March 12, 6:30 pm**

Explore the wonders of tea with Liksha Hoskins. Learn more about the benefits of tea and sample some different varieties of tea. Class size is limited to 30 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Please register in advance.

### **Songs and "Tails" from the Woods**

**Presented by Sam Sapp and**

**Sarah Matheny**

**Thursday, April 5, 12:30 pm**

Songs and "Tails" from the woods is a unique experience for young and old alike. Original songs by Sam are paired with interactive learning by Sarah to create a unique look at the denizens of the forest. A fun, educational experience for everyone. Space is limited, so please register in advance beginning Thursday, March 8.

### **Watercolor Tile Coasters**

**Tuesday, April 24, 12:30 or 6:30 pm**

Craft a unique coaster using Sharpies and alcohol to dress up your drab coffee table. Class size is limited to 25 adult participants for each session. Registration begins on Tuesday, March 27.

### **What's Cookin' – 5 Ingredient Dishes**

**Monday, May 14, 6:30 pm** Less is

more! Join Tonya and Nathan and try some flavorful and easy to prepare recipes using five ingredients. These recipes are sure to make weeknight dinners stress-free and delicious. Class size is limited to 25 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Registration begins on Monday, April 16.

### **Beginning Beekeeping**

**Tuesday, May 22, 6-7:30 pm** Have

you considered having a beehive and wondered what is involved? Gaughan Bee Dancin' will present information about local ordinances, beehive placement, installing a package of bees, feeding and conducting hive inspections. A beehive and tools used to care for the bees will be demonstrated. Q&A to follow. Please register in advance, beginning Tuesday, April 24.

### **GREEN– 330-896-9074**

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

#### **Gardening for Pollinators**

**Monday, March 5, 6:30 pm**

Presented by Denise Ellsworth from the Ohio State University Extension, Department of Entomology.

#### **INFOhio**

**Thursdays, March 8, April 5,**

**6:30 pm** Presented by Librarian

Wrenn Nicodemo from Green Local Schools. Ms. Nicodemo will discuss Ohio's pre-K-12 Digital Library.

#### **Spend an Afternoon in the Holy Land**

**Tuesday, March 20, 1 pm** Presented

by Karen Eckart. 1-2 pm: Travel to some of the important sites in the Old Testament including the Northernmost point of Israel - Ancient Dan and the Golan Heights, also Mt. Carmel, Tel Megiddo, the Spring of Herod, Beersheba, Beit She'an, and the Dead Sea Area. Then learn about the sites of Qumran and the magnificent building projects of Herod the Great. 2-2:30 pm: Coffee Break 2:30-3:30 pm: Visit sites mentioned in the New Testament including Caesarea Philippi, Caesarea Maritima, Galilee, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, the Jordan River, Bethlehem and finally, Christian sites in Jerusalem.

### Smart Money Choices

**Thursday, March 22, 6 pm** The 'Smart Money Choices' presentation, presented by Summit County Consumer Affairs, will educate its audience on how to develop a budget, budgeting styles, information on credit and debit cards, how to avoid debt traps, and information on credit reports and assistance programs. Each attendant will receive a folder with a monthly budget sheet, tips for saving, and a list of financial services.

### Depression/Suicide Awareness Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 pm

Presented by Daniel Bennett, Prevention Specialist, from Greenleaf Family Center. Mr. Bennett will discuss the identification of depression and suicidal thoughts; present a brief description of mental health; and provide tips and resources for finding treatment in the community.

### Rock 'n' Roll

**Saturday, April 7, 2 pm** Want to learn about the rich and exciting history of the music pioneers and other colorful personalities responsible for making Cleveland—truly—the rock 'n' roll capital of the world? Interested in hearing some fun behind-the-scenes stories? Then this program is for you! Deanna Adams, author of Rock 'n' Roll and the Cleveland Connection, as well as the photographic collection, Cleveland's Rock and Roll Roots will recount much of this city's ties to rock 'n' roll, beginning with the Moondog Coronation Ball, held at the Cleveland Arena on March 21, 1952. From there, she'll tell about the Cleveland record spinners that "got the rock rollin'," such as Alan Freed, Bill Randle, Casey Kasem and other notable deejays from radio stations such as WIXY-1260 and WMMS. Join the fun as you "experience" this musical history by hearing the recordings and watching videos of such diverse local artists as The O'Jays, the James Gang, The Raspberries, Eric Carmen, the Michael Stanley Band, Devo, Chrissie Hynde, and others. This hour presentation will easily answer the question, "Why is the Rock Hall in Cleveland?"

### Travel Agent in Your Pocket

**Monday, April 9, 6:30 pm** Whether you are traveling across the globe or exploring your own city, you can utilize digital apps to make your trip more convenient, informational and fun! Learn about apps that can easily translate languages and text for you even if you don't know a

single word in another language, easily create a jam-packed and informative itinerary that you can use without any internet access, find and book hotels, flights and events inexpensively and knowledgeably and much more. Take your trip with confidence knowing you practically have a travel agent in your pocket!

### Fun With The Pre-Fab Four: Micky, Mike, Peter and Davy of The Monkees

**Thursday, April 12, 6:30 pm** This fun and informative music program will be presented by Ray Carmen.

### Genealogy Workshop

**Saturday, April 21, 12 pm** Where did my ancestors live? What did they do in that town? Where are they buried? How many children did they have? This workshop will help you find answers to those questions and more! You will learn how to begin searching, websites available for research, how to document your research, and how to apply to a lineage society. Presented by Sharon Snowden, Genealogy Consultant, NSDAR

### Writing Workshop: More Than Just the Facts. Making Nonfiction Fun

**Saturday, May 12, 2-3:30 pm** Award-winning children's author, magazine editor, and science writer Conrad J. Storad provides his unique perspective on writing and presenting nonfiction material to students ages 5 to 12. The session is a beginner's guide for teachers, writers, and those who work with young writers and readers, both the enthusiastic and reluctant variety. The session offers tips for writers of all ages. It is NOT a session on how to get a book published. Attendees are requested to bring their own paper and writing utensils.

### Earring Craft

**Monday, May 21, 6:30 pm** This adult craft will be presented by Jenny Thewlis, from Beadini Boutique Designs. Please register in advance for this program.

### Hannibal Hamlin

**Saturday, May 19, 2 pm** Presented by Michael Kovacevich, American Civil War historian and reenactor. Mr. Kovacevich will discuss Abraham Lincoln's first Vice-President (1861-1865). During his career, he was a state representative, U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, and Vice-President.

### Book Discussions

#### Afternoon Book Discussion

##### Tuesdays, 1 pm

**March 13:** *The German Girl*

by Armando Lucas Correa

**April 10:** *A Man Called Ove*

by Fredrik Backman

**May 1:** *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a*

*Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

#### Evening Book Discussion

##### Wednesdays, 6 pm

**March 21:** *Radium Girls: The Dark*

*Story of America's Shining Women* by

Kate Moore

**April 18:** *Hell and High Water*

by Tanya Landman

**May 16:** *It's Always the Husband*

by Michele Campbell

#### Classic Book and Film Discussion

##### Dessert and Discussion for Teens and Adults

##### Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

**March 20:** *The Daughter of Time*

by Josephine Tey

**April 17:** *Little Women*

by Louisa May Alcott

**May 15:** *The Prime of Miss Jean*

*Brodie* by Muriel Spark

#### Cookbook Club

##### Wednesdays, March 14, April 11,

**May 9, 6:30 pm** Love reading

cookbooks and sampling recipes?

Then join us each month as we

pick a theme and prepare dishes

to share. Check out our library

display for each month's theme and

cookbooks, or use your own recipes.

Enjoy some good food, discussion

and fun.

#### HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

Please call or stop in to visit us at

the Highland Square Branch Library

to register for all adult programs.

#### Friends of the Highland Square

##### Branch Library Annual Brunch

**Saturday, April 7** Please register by

calling or visiting us at the Highland

Square Branch Library.

Membership in the Highland Square

Branch Library Friends of the Library

is not necessary to attend.

**10:30-11 am** Enjoy brunch and

socialize with our community.

**11 am- 12 pm** Our Friends of the

Library will introduce our guest

speaker, Eric Brothers, editor of

*When Giants Roamed The Sky: Karl*

*Arnstein And The Rise Of Airships*

*From Zeppelin To Goodyear.*

Following this presentation will be a

book signing.

### Grandmothers Sewing Series with Dolly Webb

#### Tuesdays, March 20, April 24,

**May 29, 6-7:45 pm** Dolly Webb is

returning to teach her sewing series.

Not so long ago in the "Sewing

Times World," ladies made little

sewing keepsakes for themselves

or to give as remembrances. Money

was tight, so these inexpensively

made treasures that held pins,

scissors, thread and other sewing

items were kept in a sewing basket.

Make these treasures for yourself

or as a gift. Beginners are welcome,

and all supplies are provided.

### Cookie Decorating Workshop

**Saturday, April 14, 11 am** Join us for

a fun afternoon and take home some

cookies in the process! Let Chef Sarah

show you some easy decorating

techniques, and decorate your own

cookies to enjoy! This program is

intended for adults. Please call or stop

in to visit us at the Highland Square

Branch Library to register.

### Don't Worry, Retire Happy!

**Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Please join us as we discuss

the seven steps to retirement

security. We will share practical

tips to reduce your worries about

retirement planning and give you

the confidence to retire happily ever

after. This workshop is presented

by Paul Bernier, a registered

representative of AXA Advisors, LLC.

### Marine Mania: Shells and Sea Life

**Saturday, April 28, 1 pm** This

program is for adults and families,

presented by Karen Eckart. Lovers

of the ocean, see a real shark jaw

and teeth. Bring your own shells

for identification. See a display of

shells from the Carolinas, Florida,

and the Gulf Shore, including 100

plus shells, egg cases, and some

loose shells attendees can handle.

Enjoy a slide show that talks about

the animals that create shells, along

with information about sharks, sea

stars, corals, crabs, and sea urchins.

Each person attending will get a

shark's tooth and a shell. Please call

or stop in to visit us at the Highland

Square Branch Library to register.

### Finance Series

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm** This

series is presented by Robert

Stark, Chief Relationship Officer of

Watchguard Capital.

**May 2.** The Dangers of Debt.

NASDAQ research recently found

that average American household

debt was \$139,500! When it comes

to building wealth and achieving life goals, high amounts of debt are the number-one way to spin your wheels and not make any headway toward achieving these goals. This class is designed to address the main types of debt people take on, identify which types of debt are the most destructive, provide information on how debt destroys wealth, and go through the paths you can take to immediately begin turning the corner on personal debt in your life.

**May 9.** Establishing a Budget. Every major business, organization, and charity in America keeps financial records that it uses to measure where it's at, and achieve its goals. It's impossible to know where you need to go financially if you don't know where you currently are, and a budget helps you understand that. Most people are amazed to learn that budgeting really isn't as hard as they think it is, nor does it take a great deal of time. In this class, we will talk about what a budget is and why it's important, go through the steps to build one, and how you can use it.

**May 16.** The Importance of Personal Savings. Going through life with little to no personal savings is like walking on the edge of a cliff; eventually you're going to fall. Falling in the financial world leads to personal debt, foreclosure, and bankruptcy. In this class, we will talk about the importance of personal savings, the different types of savings, and how we can establish our own. This class goes far beyond a mere call to save money, and gets into the details on how to accomplish this.

**An Afternoon with the Howers**  
**Monday, May 14, 6 pm** Welcome to 1871, when John Henry Hower moved his family from Doylestown to Akron and became one of Akron's fathers of industry. Hower House is an elegant 28-room second empire Italianate mansion filled with unique treasures and furniture collected by the Hower Family during the Victorian Era. Be introduced to the influence of the Hower family and Hower House Museum, explore the history of family members and their legacy in Akron, enjoy Victorian-style refreshments, and discover volunteer opportunities at the museum. This program is presented by Members of the Hower House Museum Guild.

**Navigating the Medicare Maze by Sharon Honroth**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 6:30-7:30 pm** Are you turning 65 or coming off a company plan? Just confused about the different parts of Medicare, what is covered, and what isn't? Don't navigate the Medicare maze alone! Sharon Honroth will explain Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplements, and Part D Prescription Plans at this educational seminar.

**Local Author Kate Birdsall presents mystery book *The Flats***  
**Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-7:30 pm** Kate Birdsall will share excerpts from her book and discuss her process of writing, followed by audience questions. Born in the heart of the Rust Belt and harboring a hesitant affinity for its grit, Birdsall is an existentialist who writes both short and long fiction, and plays a variety of loud instruments. She lives in Lansing, MI, with her partner and at least one too many four-legged creatures.

**Cooking 101: Tips for Home Cooks**  
**Wednesday, May 23, 11 am** Let Chef Sarah show you some easy tricks to make cooking and prepping meals easier! Learn new ideas, basic recipes, and simple skills to become a chef in your own kitchen!

**Book Discussion Group**  
**Thursdays, 6:45 pm** Join us to discuss a diverse selection of titles. New members are always welcome.  
**March 22** *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker  
**April 26** *Before I Go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson  
**May 24** *John Adams* by David McCullough

**KENMORE – 330-745-6126**  
969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314  
**Book Club to Go**  
Pick up new selections on the second Monday of each month. No meeting, no deadlines, just good books! Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information included with each book.  
**March 12** *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini  
**April 9** *A Madness so Discreet* by Mindy McGinnis  
**May 14** *Where the Light Falls* by Allison Pataki

**Kenmore Craft Club**  
**Mondays, March 12, May 21, 6 pm** Join us to make simple but lovely creations.

**Pysanky Eggs**  
**Saturday, March 3, 1 pm** Join Denise DiGeronimo to learn to make beautifully designed Ukrainian decorated eggs. Space is limited, so please call to register.

**Getting Started in Family History**  
**Monday, April 9, 6 pm** Join us for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research.

**Adult Wreath Series**  
**Saturday, May 12, 1 pm** Join Bea Richardson to make a beautiful grapevine wreath. Space is limited so please call to register.

**Computer Training**  
All classes are limited to the first 15 people; stop at the desk to receive your entry ticket.  
**Tuesday, March 27, 6 pm** Basic Computer Skills  
**Wednesday, March 28, 6 pm** Windows 10  
**Thursday, March 29, 6 pm** File Management  
**Saturday, March 31, 10:30 am** Typing

**MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**  
1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320  
**The Akron African United Front Book Discussion Group**  
**Every second and fourth Thursday, 6 pm** The Akron African United Front book discussion group offers you the opportunity to share your opinions on how history affects our world views in today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history. Discuss important heartfelt issues with your peers.

**Sistas Knit 2**  
**Every Thursday, 6:30 pm** Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross stitch and more. All crafters are welcome.

**Belly Dance Workshop**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2 pm** Belly dancing has a rich history within the Arabic culture. Join Professor Alia Almashni as she enriches the audience with the history of belly dancing. Participants will also get to perform the art. Scarves will be provided to each participant. Please call the branch to register.

**DIY Holiday Craft Programs**  
**First Wednesday of the Month.** Join us for a fun, simple and beautiful crafts that you will make yourself. The library provides all the materials. Please call the branch to sign up.  
**March 7:** Decorate your own tote bag  
**April 4:** Make your own candle  
**May 2:** Homemade bath salt and sugars

**Computer Training**  
Need to brush up on your computer skills? Join a skilled member from our Electronic Services department for some hands-on computer classes. Please call the branch for registration information.  
**Week of March 12, 10:30 am**  
**Monday-Excel 1**  
**Tuesday-Excel 2**  
**Wednesday-Excel 3**  
**Thursday-Excel 1-3 Practical Application**  
**Week of March 19, 6 pm**  
**Monday-Excel 1**  
**Tuesday-Excel 2**  
**Wednesday-Excel 3**  
**Thursday-Excel 1-3 Practical Application**

**Celebrate Women's History Month with Special Guest Jewell Jones**  
**Poetry Readings by Jewell Jones**  
**Saturday, March 17, 2 pm** Author Jewell Jones has been dazzling library customers for years with her tremendous knowledge of literature, history, travel, and poetry. She has proven to be an excellent speaker and one of our favorites. Join Jewell Jones for this special program in which she will read poetry from her books and personal collection and other well-known poets.

**Vacation Tips and Trips**  
If you are trying to plan your vacation for the summer, you don't want to miss these two programs. The presenters will share with you some of the travels they have made and how you can use technology to make vacation planning easier. Please call the branch to register.  
**Vacationing Vicariously via Jewell Jones Journals**  
**Saturday, April 14, 2 pm** What?! You were so busy that you didn't get away on vacation last year. Well, not to worry. You still have a chance to go on a "mini-trip" vicariously. Vacationing Vicariously via Jewell Jones Journals is a way for you to get away just by coming to the library. Jewell will read one of her vacation journals and share photos taken by her husband from one of their summer vacations.

### Travel Agent in Your Pocket

**Saturday, April 28, 2 pm** Whether you are traveling across the globe or exploring your own city, you can utilize digital apps to make your trip more convenient, informational and fun! Learn about apps that can easily translate languages and text without knowing a single word in another language, easily create a jam-packed and informative itinerary that you can use without any internet access, find and book hotels, flights and events inexpensively and knowledgeably and much more. Take your trip with confidence knowing you practically have a travel agent in your pocket!

### Your Questions Answered about Social Security and Medicare

**Wednesdays, April 25, May 30, 6:30 pm** Paul Bernier, Retirement Planning Specialist, from Bernier Financial Services will present two informative programs, Social Security and Medicare. If you have any questions about these programs, this is your opportunity to ask. Please call the branch to register.

**April 25**-Social Security: Your Questions Answered  
**May 30**-Medicare 101

### Let's Talk about It Book Discussion

**Saturday, May 5, 2 pm** (*High Performance Habits: How Extraordinary People Become that Way* by Brendon Burchard) We welcome you to a lively and engaging book discussion. The featured book will be *High Performance Habits* by Brendon Burchard. After extensive original research and a decade as the world's highest-paid performance coach, Brendon Burchard finally reveals the most effective habits for reaching long-term success. Based on one of the largest surveys ever conducted on high performers, it turns out that just six habits move the needle the most in helping you succeed. Adopt these six habits, and you win. Neglect them, and life is a never-ending struggle. (Amazon) Please call the branch to register.

### MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

### Antique Appraisal

**Thursday, March 15, 6 pm** Bring your favorite antique to the library and have it appraised by Jason Adams. Limit two items per person (no swords or firearms). For large items, you can bring a photograph. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register. Program size is limited so please call to register.

### Medicare 101

**Wednesday, April 18, 6 pm** Happy Birthday, You're Turning 65! Join Sharon Honroth as she guides you through the Medicare maze with emphasis on Medicare, Supplements, Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription plans. Please register for this program.

### The Beatles In Cleveland: The Notorious 1964 & 1966 Concerts

**Thursday, April 19, 6 pm** Relive the excitement of Beatlemania as John, Paul, George and Ringo visit Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles – and rock 'n' roll – history. Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. The evening's highlights will include rare films of The Beatles riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Cleveland Municipal Stadium in 1966. A splendid time is guaranteed for all! Books will be available for purchase and author signing at a special library discount price following the program.

### Daisy Burlap Wreath

**Thursday, May 17, 6 pm** Learn how to create a burlap wreath to decorate your home for the spring and summer seasons. All supplies are provided and space is limited. Please call to register.

### Puzzle Palooza and Tournament

**Thursday, May 24, 5-7:30 pm** Are you a puzzle master? Prove your skills and enter our puzzle tournament. Registered participants will compete against each other as individuals in small groups to see who is the fastest at completing a jigsaw puzzle. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. During the competition, there will also be a puzzle swap where anyone can bring a puzzle and trade it for another to keep. Word and number puzzles will be available in the room for people to enjoy throughout the evening. Registration begins April 2 and competitors will be asked to pick a time slot in which to compete. Please call or stop by the branch to register.

### Cookbook Club

**Thursdays, March 29, April 26, May 31, 6 pm** Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or cooking

techniques? Join fellow foodies for our Cookbook Club. You don't have to be a gourmet chef to participate. Each month we will get together to talk about a certain book, theme, or celebrity chef. There will be food samples or activities at every meeting. A selection of cookbooks will be available for members to borrow. Browse our collection, try out some of the recipes, and join the group to discuss your successes and mishaps. Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

**March 29:** Potatoes Galore

**April 26:** Chinese Cuisine

**May 31:** Microwave Meals

### Investment Perspectives

**Tuesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 6:30 pm** Financial advisor Vince Rosnack will be discussing timely market topics and potential solutions to help you stay on track. Registration is requested; please call to register.

### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**

**March 7:** *Hidden Figures*

by Margot Lee Shetterly

**April 4:** *The Stars are Fire*

by Anita Shreve

**May 2:** *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

### Past Times Book Club

**Wednesdays, 2 pm**

**March 21:** *Girl in Disguise*

by Greer Macallister

**May 16:** *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See

### Computer Training

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

**Monday, May 7, 6 pm:** Gmail 1

**Wednesday, May 9, 2 pm:** Gmail 2

**Wednesday, May 9, 6 pm:**

Google Drive 1

**Thursday, May 10, 2 pm:**

Google Drive 2

### Warm Up Akron

**Tuesdays, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, 3:30-5 pm** Knit and crochet to help the needy! If you can make just one 7" or 9" rectangle you can help keep the needy in the Akron area warm. To date, this chapter has supplied over 8,000 afghans.

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

### Adult Speaker and Demonstration Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs:

### Adults with Aging Parent Drivers

**Thursday, March 1, 7 pm** This one-hour presentation is designed for family members, caregivers and loved ones of senior drivers when they become concerned about a loved one's ability to drive safely as a result of the natural aging process. We will discuss many of the legal, ethical, and emotional challenges faced by a family or caregiver when considering a loved one's retirement from driving.

### Cleveland Radio Tales

**Thursday, March 15, 7 pm** Mike and Jan Olszewski tell stories of some of the most eccentric personalities in Cleveland radio history! These tales, mostly from the 1960s to 1990s, share on-air and off-air antics of radio hosts who performed in the nude, battled station owners (and sometimes brawled with each other), broke news stories, discovered new musical acts, and tried any stunt to draw listeners.

### Magic with The Alans

**Thursday, March 22, 7 pm** Jason and Stacy Alan bring their unique high energy show to Nordonia Hills, jam-packed from start to finish with powerful magic, hilarious audience interaction and memorable moments.

### College Funding Workshop

**Tuesdays, March 27, April 24, 6 pm** The cost of a college education has skyrocketed and, as a result, many parents feel completely overwhelmed, with little to no guidance on how they can minimize the cost of college. College Funding Educators of America was formed to provide comprehensive education to parents so that they can maximize financial aid and understand various college funding strategies that will help reduce their family's out-of-pocket expenses.

### Chardon Polka Band

**Thursday, March 29, 7 pm** The Chardon Polka Band adds a colorful twist and new life to the polka, playing both traditional pieces as well as popular covers of modern songs.

**How to Navigate the Medicare Maze**  
**Thursday, April 12, 7 pm** Receiving Medicare benefits but don't quite understand the system? This presentation guides you through the maze, answers your questions, and explains options regarding Medicare benefits.

#### Sea Shells

**Thursday, April 26, 6:30 pm**  
Karen Eckart presents a lively look at the fascinating world of sea shells: collecting, identifying, and more. All ages welcome. Bring your own shells for identification. Examples will be passed around, plus a treasure hunt for kids. Each person will get a shark's tooth, a shell, and handouts to take home.

#### The Wolf: Fact vs Myth

**Saturday, April 28, 2 pm** Learn about the family life of wolves and the importance they hold in the ecosystem. Myths vs. facts are covered that reveal the truth about these misunderstood animals. Ask questions in a Q&A session and meet an ambassador wolf.

#### Home Organizing

**Thursday, May 10, 7 pm** Feeling the urge to purge? Declutter your home and organize your life! NAPO (North Coast Ohio Professional Organizers) experts Jennifer Klingbeil and Saundra Wright share simple, effective tips to help you discover more time, more calm and less clutter!

#### Adult Participation Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs (unless noted):

#### Crafters' Corner

**Saturdays, March 3, April 7, May 5, 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!

#### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

**Mondays and Tuesdays, March 12-May 29, 10:30-11:30 am** Kim Mozzochi with the Area Agency on Aging conducts this FREE exercise series, geared toward older adults wanting to improve strength, flexibility and muscle tone. The sessions meet twice per week for a 12-week period. Registration is strongly encouraged, as space is limited. This series may be cancelled due to low attendance.

#### Stitch Clique

**Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 6-8 pm** Grab your crocheting/knitting needles and yarn and stitch the evening away. Join us for crocheting/knitting tips, friendship, advice and more. Refreshments will be served.

#### Socrates Café

**Wednesdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, 6:30 pm** A regular gathering of adults engaging in great conversation, exploring current events, thoughtful ideas, and reasoned debates. Take part, or just listen to the discussion! For all patrons 16 & over. No homework and no assigned reading.

#### Nordonia Hills Game Time

**Saturdays, March 17, April 21, May 19, 10 am-5 pm** Meet and join in with players of various games including chess, board and Euro games, role-playing games, mah-jongg, war games, and regular and trading card games. All ages welcome.

#### Wellness Yoga: Yoga Off the Mat

**Tuesdays, March 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, 6:30 pm** Learn soothing stretches that you can incorporate into your daily life in this gentle yoga series with Diane Bielecki, who graduated from the Cleveland Clinic School of Yoga. No mat is needed – stretches are done standing or in a chair. Please dress in comfortable clothing and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that class may begin on time. This class is limited to twenty participants, and registration is strongly suggested.

#### Earrings Class

**Wednesday, March 21, 6 pm** Looking for earrings to compliment that special outfit? In this class you will learn to use the proper tools and techniques to create a pair of earrings. Join us a few minutes early to pick out your beads. This class is limited to twenty participants, so registration is strongly suggested.

#### Writers Guild of Nordonia Hills

**Wednesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, 6:30 pm** Writers wanted! New writers and old hands welcome, fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Have your work critiqued and give feedback to others in a fun and friendly environment. Please bring a sample of your work to share.

#### Adult Coloring Night

**Tuesdays, March 27, April 24, May 29, 6 pm** Bring your own coloring book or choose from provided coloring pages and spend the evening relaxing and coloring with new friends. For adults and teens over the age of sixteen.

#### Retro-gaming Tournament

**Saturday, March 31, 1-4 pm**  
Compete to win prizes as you play your favorite classic games like Pac-Man and Mario Kart 64 with other game lovers, or just play for fun in a casual and friendly environment. Drop in for an hour or stay the whole time. All ages welcome and refreshments provided. Registration is suggested.

#### Paint Night

**Wednesdays, April 4, May 2, 6-8 pm**  
Paint your own masterpiece and discover your creativity! Each artist will have a finished painting to take home at the end of the night. Registration is limited to two spots per person. Both nights will feature the same painting, so registrations per person are limited to one night each. Sixteen and over, please. All supplies provided, and registration is strongly encouraged by calling 330-467-8595, or by stopping in the library.

#### Megagame: Night Falls

**Saturday, May 12, 1-4 pm** Under cover of darkness, vampires clash with the villagers who hunt them. Do you have the strength of will and negotiating savvy when night falls? This is an exciting new interactive mix of board game, role-playing, tactical thinking, and model UN. Join us and bring some friends. The more players, the better! Teams will be formed at the event. No prior experience necessary. This event will have snacks and prizes!

#### Book Discussions

**Thursday, March 8, 2 pm**  
*Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.  
**Monday, March 12, 2 pm** Monday Casual Reads. *The Inn at Rose Harbor* by Debbie Macomber.  
**Wednesday, March 28, 7 pm**  
Mystery Book Discussion Group. "Reader's Choice" of an Ian Rankin book.  
**Monday, April 9, 2 pm** Monday Casual Reads. *I Still Dream About You* by Fannie Flagg.  
**Thursday, April 12, 2 pm**  
*Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh.  
**Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm**  
Mystery Book Discussion Group. "Reader's Choice" of a G. K. Chesterton book.  
**Thursday, May 10, 2 pm** *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan.  
**Monday, May 14, 2 pm** Monday Casual Reads. *Still Life* by Louise Penny.  
**Wednesday, May 23, 7 pm**  
Mystery Book Discussion Group. *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman

#### NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

#### North Hill Needle Crafters

**Mondays, March 5-May 21, 10:15 am**  
If you love to knit, crochet, and help others, this is the group for you. Everything this group makes is donated to helping agencies in our community. Are you new to crafting? We will be glad to get you started. If you have supplies or yarn to donate, we will put them to good use!

#### Evening Book Discussion

**Mondays, 6:30 pm** Books will be available to check out at our service desk one month prior to the discussion. New members are always welcome!

**March 5:** *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

**April 2:** *A Long Way Home: A Memoir* by Saroo Brierley

**May 7:** *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

#### Gentle Yoga with Nia

**Mondays, March 12, 26, April 9, 23, May 7, 21, 6:30 pm** Be led in warm-up stretches and breathing exercises, move through yoga poses with the help of a chai, end sessions with nature sounds and music. Please bring a yoga mat or a beach towel and a water bottle. New members are always welcome!

#### Introduction to Meditation

**Mondays, March 19, April 16, 30, May 14, 6:30 pm** Too much stress in life? Want to spend a little quality time with yourself? Or just want to learn how meditation can work for you? This 4-week "Introduction to Meditation" course offers an opportunity to practice and discuss several popular forms of meditation. We begin with a basic breathing meditation and add other practices each week. No previous meditation experience is necessary and all practices are offered in a non-religious manner -- all faith traditions (or none at all) are welcome. The sessions will be led by members of the Center for Health, Happiness, and Chan, a local non-religious, non-profit organization.

#### Project Learn ESOL/GED Classes

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 1-April 5, April 24-May 31, 5:30-8 pm**  
These free, convenient, GED classes are designed for those for whom English is a second language. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Project Learn at 330-434-9461 to arrange for orientation and testing.

**NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081**

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

**NWA Friends of the Library Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 17, 6 pm** All current members and those interested in joining or knowing more about the NWA Friends of the Library are invited to attend this annual meeting.

**Author Visit: Irv Korman**

**Tuesday, March 13, 1 pm** Local author Irv Korman shares his fun stories and quotes from his latest work *Antuan was Hear: 30 Years of Kids' Quotes*. This new title is a result of student quotations and observations over a 30-year career as a speech and language therapist for Akron Public Schools. Mr. Korman is also author of three other books: *I Was Jerry Lewis' Bodyguard for 10 Minutes and Other Celebrity Encounters*, *I Was Jackie Mason's Chauffeur for 5 Minutes and More Celebrity Encounters*, and *Citytown Christmas Conundrum*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**Spring Art Series with Claire Marks Tuesdays, 6 pm** Please call to register for these programs.

**April 3:** Carve! Print! Repeat! Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE. The process involves removing the "whites" of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up "in relief." Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the image can be printed again and again. In this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Let's get printing!

**May 22:** Drawing 101 Drawing realistically from life is a skill that anyone can acquire once they've learned a few tricks! This class is an introduction to the fundamental ways artists translate what they see from the three-dimensional world onto a two-dimensional surface. We will do exercises which will challenge you to "see" like an artist and help to demystify the process of drawing the infinitely complex world.

**Qi Gong: Working with Your Life Force**

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

**Mystery Book Discussion Group****Third Wednesday, 1 pm**

**March 21:** *Acceptable Loss* by Anne Perry  
**April 18:** *The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair* by Joel Dicker  
**May 16:** *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

**Technology Training****Wednesdays, 1 pm**

**March 7:** Android Phone/Tablet-Demo Get a front row seat for a tour of the Android operating system. Learn about Settings, Play Store, the camera, and more. Bring some questions of your own, too.

**April 4:** Apple iPhone/iPad-Demo Get a front row seat for a tour of the Apple operating system. Learn about Settings, App Store, the camera, and more. Bring some questions of your own, too.

**May 2:** Google Drive-Demo In this class you will register for a Google account in order for you to begin using Google Drive. There will be a discussion about the different features of Google Drive and cloud storage. Having some knowledge of Internet Usage before taking this class is recommended.

**NORTON – 330-825-7800**

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

**Book Discussion**

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

**March 7:** *Destiny of the Republic* (NF) by Candice Millard

**April 4:** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

**May 2:** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Coloring Fun**

**Wednesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, 11 am** Join us for a morning of coloring, relaxation, conversation and snacks. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils, music and snacks are provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies or use ours.

**Carve! Print! Repeat! Relief Printmaking for Beginners**

**Thursday, March 8, 2-4 pm** Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE. The process involves removing the "whites" of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up "in relief." Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the images can be printed again and

again. In this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Space is limited. Please register beginning Friday, February 23.

**Beginning Beekeeping****Monday, March 12, 6-7:30 pm**

Information will be presented on what a beginning beekeeper needs to know their first year. Topics to be covered include learning about local ordinances, where to place the beehive, how to install a package of bees, feeding your bees and how to conduct a hive inspection.

**Irish Movie Matinee****Wednesday, March 14, 2 pm**

Get ready for St. Patty's Day with popcorn and the John Wayne classic *The Quiet Man*.

**Author Talk: Scott Longert**

**Monday, April 23, 6 pm** Meet author Scott Longert as he discusses his book *No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression*. Books from this fascinating author will be available for purchase and signing.

**Norton Branch Library 30th Anniversary**

**Tuesday, May 1** Stop by for snacks and reminisce as you check out our historical display celebrating our 30 years at our current site! Snacks provided by the Friends of the Norton Branch Library.

**Computer Training**

No registration is required; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. 15 tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to class.  
**Monday, April 23, 10:30 am**, Word 1  
**Tuesday, April 24, 10:30 am**, Word 2  
**Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 am**, Word 3

**Thursday, April 26, 10:30 am**, Word 4

**Monday, April 30, 6 pm**, PowerPoint 1

**Tuesday, May 1, 6 pm**, PowerPoint 2

**Wednesday, May 2, 6 pm**, PowerPoint 3

**Thursday, May 3, 2 pm**, Publisher

**Understanding the Medicare Maze**

**Thursday, May 3, 6 pm** Join licensed insurance agent Sharon Honrath of the KAZ Company as she guides you to a better understanding of the Medicare maze. Sharon will be explaining the difference between Medicare Supplements, Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Plans.

**Summer's Almost Here****Movie Matinee**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2 pm** Join us for popcorn and the classic comedy *The Great Outdoors*.

**Summer in the Garden with****Musical Group The Chants**

**Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 pm** The Chants are a guitar-based pop band that will treat you to their original songs as well as play covers of The Who, The Raspberries and The Style Council. Feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs to relax on the lawn. Light refreshments provided. And in case of rain, no worries, join us in the meeting room.

**ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726**

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

**Book Club to Go**

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

**March** *Young Jane Young*

by Gabrielle Zevin

**April** *The Art of Crash Landing*

by Melissa DeCarlo

**May** *The Wangs vs. the World*

by Jade Chang

**Don't Judge a Book by its Movie: Book to Film**

**Mondays, 5:30-7:30 pm** Join us the second Monday of each month to view a film and discuss the book it was based on to debate their similarities, differences, and merits. Read the book first or wait until after the movie, your choice!

**March 12** *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman / Film directed by Niki Caro

**April 9** *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio / Film directed by Stephen Chbosky

**May 14** *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks / Film directed by Lasse Hallstrom

**Get Crafty****Mondays, 6-7:30 pm**

**March 19** Spring Craft- Join us as we guide you through the steps of making a fun Spring craft. We'll provide the materials; you supply the fun in this social craft event.

**April 16** Painting Craft- Please join us for a fun-filled painting event. An artist will teach you step by step how to paint a fun themed painting. Please register in advance for this program. Spots are limited to 10 people.

**May 7** Mother's Day Craft- Hair and Makeup Artist, Toray Green, will

show how to make bath salts and other spa specialties to help you pamper your mom or yourself. All supplies provided. Make a DIY project alongside others who enjoy getting crafty at the library.

### **Social Security: How to Get the Most Out of Your Social Security Benefits Monday, March 5, 6-7 pm**

Retirement Planning Specialist Paul Bernier's presentation will help all who are in or nearing retirement and or interested in making informed decisions about the foundation of their retirement income plan.

### **De-Stress**

#### **Wednesdays, 2-3 pm**

**March 14** Coloring-Set aside an afternoon for adult coloring. Coloring materials provided or bring your own.

**April 11** African American Folktales-Listen as we read African American Folktales to not only entertain but inspire you.

**May 16** Doodling-Join us for a relaxing fun way to create beautiful images by drawing patterns.

### **Celebrate Diversity Month- Belly Dancing**

**Monday, April 2, 6-7:30 pm** Did you know belly dancing has origins in ancient Egypt? Have you ever wanted to try out belly dancing? Join us as Suzanne Irwin demonstrates the basics and runs through some simple routines. Please register in advance for this program. Spots are limited to 10 people.

### **Celebrate Earth Day**

**Friday, April 20, 1-2:30 pm** Join us as for a viewing of "Born in China" (2016, G) to celebrate Earth Day! Intended for all ages; snacks provided!

### **PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

### **Puzzled at the Library**

**Thursdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 6-7:30 pm** Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Join us each month as we work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.

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

**Fridays, March 2, April 6, 1-3 pm** Do you have interesting old photos we can share with the public? Bring your original photo or slide from the Portage Lakes area to be

scanned and digitally saved for our digital community archive, [www.summitmemory.org](http://www.summitmemory.org). Please register in advance for an appointment time.

### **A Different Kind of Book Club Mondays, March 5, April 9, May 14, 1:30 pm**

**NEW TIME!** Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Are you looking for your next book to read and would like a recommendation from others? No one has to read the same book. It's basically one big book report meeting and no books are off-limits. Classics, Self-Help, Biographies, Cozy Mysteries, Travel, Sci-Fi, anything goes!

### **Craft Sampler**

**Wednesdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 1 pm** We've got a little bit of this and a little bit of that... put your imagination to the test and see what take-home projects you can create with a wide variety of materials! Each month will feature a different theme to get you started. Please register in advance. All ages welcome.

### **Saturday Morning Craft Club**

**Wine Cork Grape Bundles-March 10, 10:30 am** Gluing wine corks together, create two unique bunches of grapes. Grape bundles can be used as package ornaments or decorative hangings. Class size is limited to 16 participants. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

**Linocut Printmaking-April 14, 10:30 am** Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world. The process involves removing the "whites" of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up "in relief." Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the image can be printed again and again. In this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. Presented by Akron artist Claire Marks.

Class size is limited to 12 participants. Please register in advance beginning Monday, March 19.

**Sedona Bracelet-May 12, 10:30 am** Need that last minute Mother's Day gift? Join jewelry instructor Jennie Thewlis from Beadini Boutique Designs as she leads us step by step to create a beautiful beaded bracelet. Class size is limited to 18 participants. Ages 16 and up preferred. Please register in advance beginning Monday, April 16.

### **Magazines 2018 – See What's New**

**Saturday, March 10, 2 pm** You may think print magazines are a thing of the past, but did you know we added more than 20 new titles to our branch collection this year? Browse these new additions and hear what makes them unique – you may discover a new favorite magazine to check out!

### **Beginning Beekeeping**

**Monday, March 5, 6 pm** Learn everything you need to know to succeed in your first year of beekeeping. Topics include learning your local ordinances, where to place the beehive, installation of bees, hive inspection and tools of the trade. Presented by Gaughan Bee Dancin, LLC. Please register in advance.

### **Know Before You Go! American's Boating Course**

**Mondays, March 19 – April 30, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm or 5:30 – 7:30 pm** Now offered at two different times! Upon completion and passing this course, you will be certified to operate a powerboat of 10hp or more in all 50 states. For those who were born on or after January 1, 1982, certification is required to operate a powerboat in Ohio. This free instruction is open to the public. For more information and registration contact Jan Holmes at 330-256-0267. Sponsored by the Akron Sail and Power Squadron and the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

### **Mystery Book Discussion**

**Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm** Bundle up with a cozy blanket and a warm cup of hot chocolate as we head to Michigan where our winter mysteries take place. Read one, read all, your choice! *Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton. *Ice Hunter* by Joseph Heywood. *Starvation Lake* by Bryan Gruley.

### **Mobile Maker from the TechZone@Main**

**Saturday, March 24, 1 pm** Join the Maker Movement! Learn about many new and exciting gadgets available in the TechZone@Main Library. Did you know you can use a 3D Printer, Button Maker, Embroidery Machine, Heat Press, Laser Engraver, and Vinyl Printer (just to name a few) for free or at a minimal charge? Join Brett Neff, Manager of Electronic Services, as he explains the different types of equipment available for use and

shares examples of just what these machines can do. A perfect place to create unique birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation gifts! All attendees can make a free button to take home. A family-friendly event!

### **A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History**

**Thursday, March 29, 2 pm** Spring Break Fun for the whole family! Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will set up cartoon character games for the youngsters and provide trivia questions for one and all. Copies of *A Celebration of Animation* will be available for purchase and author signings.

### **History of the Ohio & Erie Canal**

**Tuesday, April 10, 6 pm** Join historian Ronald Reid as we travel back in time to when there were over 150 canal boats in use per day. Learn how the canal ways shaped the history of Ohio and the important role they played in our area; view route maps and photographs of what life was like and enjoy a few old canal era songs. Find out how you can experience life on a canal boat first hand by riding the St. Helena III in Canal Fulton.

### **Mystery Book Discussion**

**Thursday, April 26, 6:30 pm** Apparently eating too much chocolate can be bad for your health! Quick, easy, fun reads this month. Read one, read all, your choice! *Death by Chocolate: A Savannah Reid Mystery* by G. A. McKeveitt. *Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake* by Sarah Graves. *Death is Like a Box of Chocolate* by Kathy Aarons.

### **Behind the Scenes with the Akron Symphony Wednesday, May 16, 6 pm**

Executive Director Paul Jarett will share the inner workings of the Akron Symphony Orchestra, and its commitment to meaningful community collaborations, and engage in an open dialogue as to how the Orchestra can contribute to the quality of life in Akron. Audience input and sharing of ideas is greatly encouraged. Attendees will receive a voucher for an upcoming concert. Please register in advance.

## Rogue's Hollow

**Monday, May 21, 6 pm** How much do you really know about our neighbors to the West? Mary Mertic from the Chippewa-Rogue's Hollow Historical Society will share photographs, mining history, folklore, preservation efforts at Chidester's Mill and more. Copies of *Rogue's Hollow History & Legends* will be available for purchase.

## Mystery Book Discussion

**Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm** Our nation's capital has always been a center for controversy and mysterious circumstances. Travel back in time as we feature three historical mysteries that take place in Washington, D.C. Read one, read all, your choice! *Beyond All Dreams* by Elizabeth Camden. *City of Lies* by Victoria Thompson. *Murder in the Lincoln White House* by C. M Gleason.

## Computer Training

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

**Tuesday, May 29, 2 pm** Word 1  
**Wednesday, May 30, 2 pm** Word 2  
**Thursday, May 31, 2 pm** Word 3  
**Friday, June 1, 2 pm** Word 4

## RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

### Speakers/Presenters

#### Elder Care Series March 2018

**Tuesdays, 6:30 pm** Lori Presser, Marketing Director of Regina Health Center, will host a series of programs covering all aspects of helping senior citizens plan for the future.

**March 6-Advance Care Planning - Courage in Conversation** - Learn the importance of making decisions regarding future medical care and discussing choices with family/loved ones. Take home an advance care planning guidebook with Ohio advance directives, including the living will and the power of attorney for healthcare form. Presented by Hospice of the Western Reserve.

**March 13-Understanding Dementia** - In this program we will discuss the types of dementia, prevalence of the disease, how to walk through diagnosis, and caregiving tips. Presented by Lori Presser, BSHA, CDP, CMP, ADC, CEAL.

**March 20-Leaving a Legacy: Matters of the Heart** - Unlike legal wills that transfer material possessions, an ethical will bequeaths personal values,

reflections, traditions, advice and memories to loved ones. Presented by Hospice of the Western Reserve.

#### March 27-Resources for Elder Care: A Panel of Older Adult Healthcare Experts -

Bring your questions for the older adult healthcare experts that can assist you to coordinate the pathway for quality care and services. We will offer: Regina Health Center Skilled Nursing and Rehab, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Home Instead Home Care, The Renaissance Assisted Living, The Koewler Elder Law Services, The Alzheimer's Association, and Funeral Services.

#### Movie Premier—Ro-Bob: The Flatulent Robot

**Saturday, March 24, 2 pm** Join Richfield filmmaker Logan "Bill" Fry for the premiere of his latest movie, Ro-Bob: The Flatulent Robot. Filmed locally with a cast of Richfield residents, Ro-Bob is Bill's unique take on early Sci-Fi films. Also on the card are two classic silent movies - Hall Roach's *Too Many Mamas* (1924) and the Georges Méliès's *Man with the Rubber Head* (1901)

#### Author's Presentation-D. M. Pulley

**Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 pm** Join celebrated mystery writer D.M. Pulley as she discusses her newest offering. Before becoming a full-time writer, D.M. Pulley worked as a Professional Engineer, rehabbing historic structures and conducting forensic investigations of building failures. Pulley's structural survey of a vacant building in Cleveland inspired her debut novel, *The Dead Key*, the winner of the 2014 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award. The disappearance of a family member formed the basis for her second historical mystery, *The Buried Book*. Pulley's latest novel, *The Unclaimed Victim*, delves into the dark history behind Cleveland's Torso Killer. She lives in northeast Ohio with her husband, her two children, and a dog named Hobo, and she is hard at work on her fourth book.

#### Family History

**First Thursdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 6 pm** Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library.

## Book Discussion

**First Wednesday, 2 pm** Join our group for a lively discussion of these titles. Extra copies of the book are available at the front desk.

**March 7: *Killers of the Flower Moon*** by David Grann

**April 4: *Flight of the Sparrow*** by Amy Belding Brown

**May 2: *The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead

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

Stop by the front desk and pick up this month's title. No Pressure – No Discussion. Just read, enjoy, and tell us how you liked it.

**March: *In a Dark, Dark Wood*** by Ruth Ware

**April: *Wolf on a String*** by Benjamin Black

**May: *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*** by Laurie R. King

## Friday Classic Movie Matinee Second Friday, 3 pm

**March 9:** Barefoot in the Park with Robert Redford and Jane Fonda

**April 13:** Touch of Evil with Orson Welles and Charlton Heston

**May 11:** The Great Race with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Natalie Wood

## Craft Program Series

**Second Thursdays, 6 pm** Join the Richfield Crafters for this month's unique craft program. There is limited space for these programs: please register at the front desk. Registration begins one month before the program date.

**March 8:** St. Patrick's Crafts

**April 12:** Spring Coasters

**May 10:** May Flowers Totes

## Seed Swap Saturday

**Saturday, April 28, 11 am-1 pm** A collaboration between the Library, Richfield Park and Recreation, Richfield Garden Club and Richfield Sustainability. Seek inspiration and encouragement to start your own garden, no matter in a plot, container, or pot. Taste samples of what you can grow.

## Family History First Thursdays

**March 1, April 5, May 3, 6 pm** Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library.

## Book Discussions:

**First Wednesday, 2 pm** Join our group for a lively discussion of these titles. Extra copies of the book are available at the front desk.

**March 7: *Killers of the Flower Moon*** by David Grann

**April 4: *Flight of the Sparrow*** by Amy Belding Brown

**May 2: *The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead

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

Stop by the front desk and pick up this month's title. No Pressure – No Discussion. Just read, enjoy, and tell us how you liked it.

**March: *In a Dark, Dark Wood*** by Ruth Ware

**April: *Wolf on a String*** by Benjamin Black

**May: *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*** by Laurie R. King

## Friday Classic Movie Matinee Second Friday, 3 pm

**March 9:** Barefoot in the Park with Robert Redford and Jane Fonda

**April 13:** Touch of Evil with Orson Welles and Charlton Heston

**May 11:** The Great Race with Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and Natalie Wood

## SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE – 330-643-4770

1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

### Needle Arts for All

**Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22, 3:30-5 pm** Do you love to knit, crochet, or enjoy other needle arts? Then this group is for you! Bring your work in progress and desire to share your knowledge with others. Curious Newbies are welcome as well! See what others are making and get help starting a project. Stash donations always welcome and put to good use.

### Color Me Happy

**Thursdays, March 22, April 26, May 24, 1 pm** Anyone can color! Adult coloring is all the rage and it's a great, fun way to combat stress, promote mindfulness and express your creativity. Join us to experience this relaxing pastime. Coloring pages, colored pencils and refreshments provided.

### Monthly Book Discussion Kick-Off Wednesday, March 7, 1:30 pm

This meeting will be devoted to discussing genres and titles of interest to participants and to scheduling future meetings.

### Art @ the Speed of Life

**Second Thursday of each month, March 8, April 12, May 10, 6 pm**  
Too busy to do art? Let us plan the project and you can come and enjoy. Join us for a variety of art and craft activities. We will explore the entire spectrum of activities from paper arts to fine arts and everything in between. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

### Technology Classes

If needed—Limited to 15 participants; tickets will be distributed outside the classroom 30 minutes prior to class start.

#### Google Drive I

**Monday, April 16, 6 pm** In this class you will sign-up for a Google account in order for you to begin using Google Drive. There will be a discussion about the different features of Google Drive and cloud storage. Having some knowledge of Internet Usage before taking this class is recommended.

### Mobile Maker from the TechZone@Main

**Tuesday, April 17, 6 pm** Join the Maker Movement! Learn about many new and exciting gadgets available in the TechZone@Main Library. Did you know you can use a 3D Printer, Button Maker, Embroidery Machine, Heat Press, Laser Engraver, and Vinyl Printer (just to name a few) for free or at a minimal charge? Join one of our Technology Trainers as they explain the different types of equipment available for use and share examples of just what these machines can do. A perfect place to create unique birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduation gifts! All attendees can make a free button to take home. A family-friendly event!

### Intro to LinkedIn

**Thursday, April 19, 6 pm** LinkedIn is the world's largest professional social network. It offers tools to help users find job openings, businesses to hire employees and promote their own, or simply network with other professionals. Your profile on LinkedIn acts as your online resumé, featuring your experience, skills, and recommendations from colleagues or supervisors. Since your existing connections can directly introduce you to others, you can quickly expand your professional network. This class will cover the free LinkedIn basic account.

### Streaming TV: Or How to Turn your "Dumb" TV into a Smart TV

**Saturday, April 21, 11 am** Cord cutting refers to canceling traditional cable subscriptions and opting for streaming options instead. Learn about what those streaming options are and how to cut the cord. Note: this is a demonstration and not a hands-on computer class.

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

#### Computer Mini-Clinics

**Tuesday evenings, March 6, April 3, May 1, 5 pm** Join us and we'll try to help you with your computer questions. Registration requested.

### Introduction to Yoga: Part 1: Posture Basics

**Thursday, March 8, 6:30 pm**

#### Introduction to Yoga: Part 2: Postures and Meditation

**Thursday, March 29, 6:30 pm** Join certified yoga instructor Matthew DeRubertis in this 2-part series on personal yoga practice of "Conscious Yoga."

### Hispanic Culinary Demonstration

**Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 pm** Explore the Hispanic culinary tradition by tasting the delicious fried plantain. You will learn how to make the plantain, and you will get the chance to taste it after we prepare it together.

### 50s, 60s, 70s Instrumental Music

**Tuesday, April 17, 6 pm** An examination of instrumental pop in the rock era, 1950 – 1980. A historical perspective on instrumental popular music from 1950 to 1980. We will focus on musical, cultural, and economic trends that created non-jazz, non-rock, instrumental music as a genre unto itself, and on the popular orchestras of the period.

### The Beatles in Cleveland

**Thursday, May 24, 6 pm** Relive the excitement of Beatlemania as John, Paul, George and Ringo visit Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles – and rock'n'roll – history. Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. The evening's highlights will include films of The Beatles riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Municipal Stadium in 1966. Books will be available for purchase and author signing at a special library discount price following the program.

### Book Discussions

**Monday, March 12, 2 pm**  
*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
**Monday, April 9, 2 pm** *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders  
**Monday, May 14, 2 pm** *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman

### Knit & Crochet Club

**Thursdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 3 pm**  
Do you love to knit or crochet? Want to learn? Join us for the sharing of ideas and instruction. Basic supplies provided to get you started.

### Vinyl Revival

**Tuesdays, March 13, 27, April 10, May 8, 22, 6 pm** Today's digital world has all of us searching for more. This could be the club for you. Take the time to enjoy full-length albums front to back, and share your thoughts with other vinyl addicts from the area. Bring an open mind and new suggestions for our next meeting. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Please register for this program by calling us at 330-633-4345.

## TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

### ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

#### Afterschool Crowd

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:45 pm** Grades 6-12, No programs when Akron Public Schools are closed. Gaming, crafts, books, music, and more.

### Hyre CLC Book Discussion Group

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

### Anime Afternoon

**Saturdays, March 17, April 21, May 19, 2 pm** Grades 6-12. Anime, crafts, and snacks.

### ADULTING 101: A Series for Teens and Adults, Ages 15-25

**Personal Safety**  
**Monday, April 30, 4 pm** Whether at a party, online, or in a dark parking lot, personal safety can be at risk. Learn strategies for staying safe in various situations, along with basic self-defense techniques. Self-defense portion of the class is sponsored by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes to participate. Registration requested.

### Networking, Interviewing and Job Searching

**Monday, May 14, 4 pm** Learn appropriate resources and techniques for networking both in person and online, best practices for the job interview and resume and cover letter techniques.

### FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333  
**Mondays, 6 pm** unless noted  
Grades 4-12. Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register.

### Teen Tech

**Monday, March 5, 6 pm** Explore with the library's tech toys. Check out Makey Makey, the kit that lets you turn ordinary objects into touch pads for your computer. You can even make a keyboard from bananas! We'll also have an MIP robot to command.

### In the Park: Building a Nest

**Saturday, March 24, 1-4 pm** Bird species around the world build an incredible variety of nests: tunnel, water, hanging, and more. Birds are master architects that inspire their human counterparts. In this workshop, we will first take a hike and look for examples of bird architecture. When we return to the field station, we will create artistic model nests with clay and natural materials. This program is co-hosted by Dr. Lara Roketenetz. Meet at the Martin Center for Field Studies and Environmental Education at 4240 Ira Road, Akron, 44333.

### Paint Like a Master

**Tuesday, April 3, 1 pm** Art teacher Carolina Martin returns to the library to guide participants in this painting workshop inspired by the colorful abstract work of Wassily Kandinsky. Everyone who attends will leave with a painting ready for framing. Please wear clothing suitable for painting. Space is limited.

### In the Park: Acrylic Pour Painting

**Saturday, May 12, 1-3 pm** Satellite images of earth are our inspiration for this painting program co-sponsored by Dr. Lara Roketenetz. Instead of brushes or sponges, we'll use gravity to move paint across the canvas. Picture lava flows, rivers, and wetlands. Meet at the Martin Center for Field Studies and Environmental Education at 4240 Ira Road, Akron, 44333.

**Teen Advisory Board Meetings**  
**Mondays, March 26, April 16, May 21, 5 pm** Grades 6 - 12. Whether you want to work on cool projects or just need volunteer hours for school, the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be. Help plan Fairlawn-Bath Teen programs and decorate the Teen area. It looks great on a resume, too.

**FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**  
1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301  
**InbeTWEEN Book Club**  
**Mondays, March 26, May 14, 3:30 pm** Grades 4 and up. Join us for book discussion and pizza! Books will be available at our front desk one month before meetings.  
**March 26** *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling  
**May 14** *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Young Writer's Workshop**  
**Thursday, April 19, 3:30 pm** Grades 4-8. Our certified teacher librarian will give simple writing strategies for young writers, and provide prompts for responses.

**Adulting 101: A Series for Teens and Adults, Ages 15-25**  
**Networking, Interviewing, and Job Searching-Monday, April 16, 6:30 pm** Learn appropriate resources and techniques for networking both in person and online, best practices for the job interview and resume and cover letter techniques. Registration requested.

**Personal Safety-Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm** Whether at a party, online, or in a dark parking lot, personal safety can be at risk. Learn strategies for staying safe in various situations, along with basic self-defense techniques. Self-defense portion of the class is sponsored by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes to participate. Registration requested.

**GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**  
60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305  
**Teen/Tween Advisory Board**  
**Third Tuesday of each month, March 20, April 17, May 15, 4:30-6 pm** Join our advisory board just for teens and tweens, ages 9-18. We will meet to brainstorm ideas and/or decorate the Teen/Tween Space. Make your voice heard! Refreshments will be served.

**Tween Scene**  
**Second Thursday of each month, 4 pm** For ages 9-13. Registration is requested for each date. Refreshments will be served.  
**Creatively Me Art Workshop**  
**March 8** Limited to 15 participants. Join Tara Colando from the University of Akron and explore the possibilities in origami. Learn to make anything from the classic swan to a more delicate flower. Enhance your experience by experimenting with different textures, colors, and sizes of paper.

**Lego City Building**  
**April 12** If you were to build your own city, what would it look like? Try your hand at building the perfect city using Lego Bricks and building plates.  
**Afterschool Matinee**  
**May 10** Take a load (or your bookbag) off your back, and relax as we watch a movie.

**YA Café**  
**Second Saturday of each month, 2 pm** For ages 14-18. Registration is requested for each date. Refreshments will be served.  
**Creatively Me Art Workshop**  
**March 10** Limited to 15 participants. Join Tara Colando from the University of Akron for an introduction into needle felting! We will create felted two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects with a variety of colored felt and other textile supplies.

**Jam Session**  
**April 14** Express your inner musician! We'll have karaoke open mic, as well as instruments available for exploration.  
**Make a Scene**  
**May 12** Places! Places! Find your spot in this one-day theatre workshop designed to hone your performance skills. Guided by Wandering Aesthetics' Performer Kyle Jozsa, students will work together to improvise and rehearse a scene from a popular play. They will craft characters, focus on the role of repetition in the rehearsal process, and tackle any challenges head on.

**GREEN – 330-896-9074**  
4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685  
**Sci-Fest for Grades 3-7**  
**Saturday, March 3, 11 am** Get in touch with your inner mad scientist and explore STEM activities with us.

**Teen Writers Club**  
**Tuesdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, 6:30 pm** We eat junk food and talk writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

**Rock Art for Earth Day**  
**April 16-21** Make our world a little more beautiful by creating a custom-decorated rock to hide, share or display.

**DIY2Go Star Wars: May the 4th Be with You**  
**May 4-5** Celebrate our favorite saga with games and crafts.

**DIY2Go Make Something for Mom**  
**May 7-12** Fun for you, gift for Mom.  
**Summer Reading Student Volunteer Orientation**  
**Tuesday, May 29, 7 pm** Interested in helping out at the library this summer? Start here!

**HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**  
807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303  
**DIY Lip Gloss**  
**Friday, March 16, 3-4 pm** Use coconut oil and Kool-Aid to create your own gloss that's both functional and delicious.

**<decode>HTML</decode>**  
**All through March** Match the Web code to its visual result and win fabulous prizes.

**Flower Pot Painting**  
**Friday, April 20, 3-4 pm** Get a jump on Earth Day weekend by personalizing a flower pot.

**Knot knowledge not for naught**  
**Friday, May 18, 3-4 pm** Learn the six knots that will get you out of any bind.

**Know Your Flowers**  
**All through May** While supplies last. Use a field guide to identify flowers.

**KENMORE – 330-745-6126**  
969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314  
All programs for grades 6-12.  
**Wii U Gaming**  
**Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 4 pm** Test your gaming skills with friends.

**Teen After School Game Club**  
**Tuesdays, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 8, 22, 3:30 pm** Hang out with friends and play games such as chess, checkers, Monopoly and many others.

**Teen Tuesday Programs at 4 pm**  
**Teen Chop Stick Olympics**  
**March 13** Have fun unwinding from school and play zany games with chop sticks. Never used chopsticks? Join us to find out how!

**Open Art**  
**March 27** Would you like to be creative and have an opportunity to show it? This is your chance!

**Candy Sushi Making**  
**April 10** We will be learning how to make candy mimic sushi through creative techniques. The first 15 students at the door will be accepted into the program.

**Project Runway Full Scale Edition!**  
**May 15** Compete for a prize! Participants will be divided into teams. A full scale model dress form will be issued to each team who will have a set amount of time to create a paper prom dress with a variety of products. Space is limited to the first 15 students at the door. This is a TIMED program so you must be on time in order to participate!

**Mini Canvas Art and Easel**  
**May 29** We will be painting fun Spring designs on mini canvases. A little easel will be provided to display your work at home. The first 20 students at the door can participate.

**MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**  
1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320  
**Tuesdays, 3:30 pm**  
**Tech Kits**  
**March 6** We'll explore the library's new Tech kits to celebrate Teen Tech Week.

**Akron Zoo**  
**March 13** The Akron Zoo will discuss animals you can find right here in our own backyard!

**Peep Science**  
**March 27** Get scientific with marshmallow Peeps.

**Xbox Game Day**  
**April 10** Chill out and play games on the Xbox with your friends!

**Earth Day Craft (NatureConnect)**  
**April 17** Decorate a fun flowerpot.

**Movie Matinee**  
**April 24** Justice League (PG-13)(120 MIN)

**VolunTeen Meeting**  
**May 8** Are you interested in being a volunteer at the library this summer? Join us at this informational meeting to find out more! For students going into grades 6-12 this fall.

### Drop in Fun

#### Hardware Jewelry

**May 14-19** Stop by the front desk to make a bracelet or necklace using washers.

### Practice ACT

**Saturday, April 7, 9:15 am** Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. Please plan on this program lasting at least three hours. Registration is required at least a week before each test.

### NatureConnect

Check out Lady Bug Land at the front desk in May and watch as the larvae turn into ladybugs and release them when they are ready!

### MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

#### Teen Lounge

**Tuesdays, March 6, 20, April 17, May 1, 2:30-3:30 pm** Stop in to spend time with your friends, enjoy snacks, try new activities, and play video games, in a place just for teens.

#### Get Started: A Crash Course in College Planning

**Wednesday, April 25, 6 pm** Planning for college can seem overwhelming and many high school students don't know where to begin. Paul Wells of Kent State University will discuss how to choose a college, college visits, comparing schools, choosing a major, how to apply for admission, and overcoming financial constraints and "sticker shock." We will talk openly about common fears students have when choosing a college. Parents are asked to attend with their teens. Registration requested.

### DIY Spa Treatments

**Thursday, May 10, 6 pm** Mothers and daughters, sisters and sisters, best buds and best buds - this day is for you. Register with the special woman in your life to create fun spa treatments you can use at home, just in time for Mother's Day. All supplies are provided. Registration requested.

### Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation

**Tuesday, May 15, 4 pm** Help the library out this summer by being a volunteer. All volunteers must have completed the 5th grade, be between the ages of 11 and 18, and must attend orientation to participate.

### NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

#### Teen Mini Makerspace

**Mondays, 6:30 pm** For students in grade 5 and up. We will get together and create using a different medium each time.

**March 26** – Try origami with candy wrappers. The best part is you get to eat the candy.

**April 23** – We will be weaving with nature.

**May 21** – Design your own book mark.

#### Cookies and Conversation

**Wednesdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, 3:30 pm** Talk about what's going on in your life, town, or the world. We'll discuss philosophy, current events, or whatever is on the group's mind. And don't forget we will have cookies! All ages welcome.

#### Teens Do Something

**Saturdays, March 24, April 28, May 19, 11 am-1 pm** Need volunteer hours? Join us one Saturday a month from 11 am until 1 pm; drop in any time. Some of the projects we will be doing are making library decorations, toys for Children's Hospital, and cleaning library books and shelves. Any questions please ask Miss Sue.

### NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

#### Pi Day Celebration

**Thursday, March 15, 3:30-4:30 pm** Celebrate March 14 (3.14) and build your own pie with special toppings and contribute to a Pi Day piece of art! Grades 4-12.

#### Star Wars Party

**Thursday, May 24, 3:30-4:30 pm** Celebrate the premiere of the first ever Star Wars party by building your own light saber and taking photos with life sized figures in our photo booth with your new prop. There will be snacks! Grades 4-12.

### NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

#### ACT Practice Test

**Saturday, May 12, 11 am-3 pm** Take a practice test under realistic testing conditions, get a feel for the endurance you'll need and receive score reports highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. Register for this free test through Princeton Review: <https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offers?id=400003&z=43221?exid=5f03cfac-df38-439e-8f9d-f5a795485f33>

### NORTON – 330-825-7800

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

#### Volunteer

**Tuesdays, March 6, April 10, May 8, 4 pm** Do you like to help others? Do you need to earn volunteer hours for graduation, church or another organization? Become a Volunteer! Any interested teen or tween can help us help others by participating in meaningful, short term projects at the Library that will benefit the greater community.

#### NatureConnect for Teens and Tweens

**Tuesdays, March 13, April 17, May 15, 4 pm** Join us as we explore and experience nature in a variety of interesting and engaging ways.

#### Tween STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics)

**Tuesdays, March 20, April 24, May 22, 4 pm** If you love tinkering and hanging out with your friends too, then this is the program for you! From robotics to science experiments, we'll spark your curiosity and show you learning is FUN!

#### Teen Open Mic @ the Library

**Thursdays, March 22, April 19, May 24, 6-7:30 pm** It's your time to shine at the Library! Recite a poem, short story, or song. Show off something you've been working on or share an old favorite. The registration sheet will be posted from Wednesday afternoon until Thursday 5:45 pm. First-come, first-served.

#### Star Wars Escape Room

**Saturday, March 3, 2 pm** Can you use the force to make it out in time? You will have a limited amount of time to defeat the Dark Side by solving a series of riddles, deciphering the clues, and finding the key to escape!

#### Life Size Monopoly

**Saturday, April 7, 2 pm** Spend your Saturday on Boardwalk! You become the hat, the car, or token of your choice, as you walk around our room-size playing "board." Roll giant dice and buy properties, land in Jail, do everything as in the regular game but at LIFE SIZE!

#### Free Comic Book Day

**Saturday, May 5, 1-4 pm** Bring the entire family and celebrate Free Comic Book Day with fun activities, popcorn and free comics. Join us in costume and you might win a prize!

### Summer Volunteer Orientation

**Tuesday, May 29 & Wednesday, May 30, 4 pm** Calling all teens 13 and up. Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity for the summer? Join us as a Mind, Body & Sole summer reading volunteer. Attendance at either meeting is mandatory if you wish to be considered a volunteer.

### ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

#### Afterschool Book Club

**Tuesdays, 3:30-5 pm** Join us afterschool to discuss the book for the month and enjoy a snack.  
**March 27** *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer  
**April 24** *Runaways: Pride and Joy* by Brian K. Vaughan  
**May 22** *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

#### Youth Gaming

**Tuesdays, March 13, April 17, May 15, 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 played are rated T or below.

#### Teen Life Hacks

**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm** Want to learn some useful life skills? Join us to get some hands-on practice learning skills you can use for the rest of your life.  
**March 6** Be Cyber Smart and Social  
**April 3** Stress Relief

#### Family Movie Madness

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 pm** Join us each Wednesday after school for a different family friendly movie. Stop in or call 330-434-8726 to see which movie we will be playing that week.

#### Teen Tech Week

**March 4- 10** Check the Teen Area each day this week for a new tech tidbit and the chance to win a prize.

#### Spring Break Harry Potter Marathon

**April 9-13** Each day we'll show a different film in the Harry Potter series at 1 pm. Be sure to check throughout the rest of the library this week for other Harry Potter activities!

### PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

#### T.G.I.F. Tweens Great Informal Fridays

**Last Friday of the month, 4:30 - 5:30 pm** Hang out snacking and chatting about your favorite reads. Books with each month's theme will be on display in the Children's

area. Check out one of the featured books and bring your favorite book to share. *Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.*  
**April 27** Joke Books: April is National Humor Month; celebrate as we laugh-out-loud with silly stories and hilarious jokes.

**May 25** Star Wars Books: Awaken the force within you, join us for out-of-this-world fun! Join us in costume or as you are as we talk all about Star Wars trivia. Test your knowledge for a chance to win a prize.

### Game Days

**Second Thursday of the month, March 8, April 12, May 10, 6 pm**

Spend an hour playing board and card games with new friends! We'll provide the games, but feel free to bring one of your favorites to teach us how to play. For grades K-8.

### Teen Time

**Last Tuesday of the month, 4:30-6 pm**

Grades 5 and up. Take a break from your busy schedule and chill out with Miss Kelly. *Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.*

**April 24** Earth Day Craft: Create a one-of-a-kind planter using recycled materials.

**May 22** Movie night: Emoji Movie (2017, PG) Spend the afternoon learning about the secret city of Textopolis where emojis live 😊

### Teen Scene

Each month check out the new do-it-to-go craft or contest in the Teen Area.

### VolunTeen Time

**Saturday, May 26, 10:30-11:30 am and 2-3 pm** Ages 12 and up. Looking for community service hours for school, church or Scouts? Help us get ready for our Summer Reading Program. Look for more dates to volunteer over the summer.

### RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

### Teen Tech Week

**March 5-9** Throw-back Tech Paper Crafts, Make and Take. Cut, fold and tape your own Arcade game, Game Boy, and other archaic technology.

### Shrinky-dink Emoji Pins

**Saturday, March 10, 11 am** Emoji's, candies, even Creepers. This is an 80's throwback craft with a modern twist. Supplies provided.

### Shakespeare Insult Generator: For Your Locker

**Saturday, April 14, 10 am-5 pm** Back by popular demand! Make and take the Shakespeare Insult Generator, Locker Edition.

### Seed Bomb Gifts

**Saturday, May 12, 11 am** Create a gift that is 100% recyclable and adds a bit of beauty wherever they land. Opt to leave some to beautify our NatureConnect Reading Garden. Supplies provided, though limited. Registration suggested.

### VolunTEEN Training

**Tuesday, May 29, 2 pm & 7 pm**  
**Wednesday, May 30, 11 am & 3 pm**  
**Thursday, May 31, 11 am & 3 pm**

Students ages 11-18 interested in volunteering at the library this summer must attend one of the ½ hour training sessions. Please call to register for a session: 330-659-4343. More training opportunities in June.

### SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE – 330-643-4770

1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

### TTHO ('Tween/Teen Hangout)

**Second and fourth Thursday of each month, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 3, 3:30 pm** Looking for a place to chill after school? Hang out at the library! We've got snacks, movies, games, and cool crafts at our house.

**March 8:** Coloring & Cookies

**March 22:** Stop Motion Animation with iPads

**April 12:** Games & Gummies

**April 26:** Blackout Poetry & Ransom Note Poetry

**May 3:** iPad Explore

### TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345

90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

### Tallmadge Tribe Book Club

A book club for the busy family. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Pick up new selections each month. Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information included with each book. Pick them up any time during the month listed.

**March:** *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

**April:** *To Kill a Mockingbird*

by Harper Lee

**May:** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

### After School Zen Zone

**Tuesdays, March 13, 27, April 10, May 8, 22, 3-5 pm**

If you are looking for a place to do homework, share music, play games, or get a cup of joe, stop by after school and see what is offered that day.

### Test Your Knowledge

For anyone who's ever pulled their hair out trying to figure out life's real questions. Stop by and try your hand at our monthly quiz game and win a prize.

**March-April:** A different kind of madness this March is coming to our library. Stop by and vote for your favorite Disney movie song in this no holds barred tournament style bracket challenge. Be sure to vote for your favorite to ensure it advances to the next round.

**May:** Which superhero is the odd one out. Can you spot the one that doesn't belong? If you think you have the knowledge to get a passing grade, you can win a prize.

## CHILDREN'S BRANCH PROGRAMS

### ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

Help your child develop skills needed to read and write by talking, reading, singing and playing with your child! We do all of these things in Baby, Toddler, and Story Times. Your children will be up dancing, shaking, and wiggling many times during each program. The second half of each session is free play time where children can explore together and caregivers can enjoy conversation with other grown-ups. We make learning fun!

### Baby Story Play Group

**Tuesdays, 10:05 am**

**Fridays, 12:05 pm**

**March 6-April 27** For ages 6-24 months and their caregiver. Stories, songs, bounces, rhymes, and activities geared for babies followed by group playtime.

### Toddler Story Play Group

**Tuesdays, March 6-April 24, 11 am**

For ages 2-3 years and their caregiver. Toddler appropriate books, songs, rhymes, and activities. Wiggly toddlers are welcome. Toddler time is followed by a simple craft and group playtime.

### Story Time Play Group

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am**

**Thursdays, 1 pm**

**Thursdays, 6:30 pm**, April 12 will be a special Slime Party for the whole family!

**March 7-April 26** For ages 2-6 years. Ms. Laurie will use books, flannel boards, puppets, props, and songs to engage children in

stories. Your children will be active participants in Story Time. Each session will conclude with a craft and playtime.

### Sensory Story Time

**Mondays, March 26, April 23,**

**May 21, 10:30-11:30 am** This program offers educational, literacy and social opportunities for all ages with differing abilities, their siblings, parents/caregivers and their typically developing peers through the use of story, music and movement to engage the participants. Sensory Story Time includes a schedule board, a consistent program plan and sensory opportunities; such as, crafts, building and play.

### Fun for Bigger Kids

#### Lego Club

**Mondays, March 26, April 23, 4-5 pm** For ages 4-14 years. Builders can join us on the fourth Monday of the month. We will provide the bricks and a challenge. Completed works will be displayed in the library.

#### Squishy Circuits

**Monday, March 12, 4-5 pm** For ages 5-12 years. "Use play dough to learn the basics of electrical circuits in a fun, hands-on way. Let your creations come to life as you light them up with LEDs, make noises with buzzers, and spin with the motor."

#### Mini Robot Challenge

**Monday, April 9, 4-5 pm** For ages 5-12. Learn about coding with Ozobots, mini robots that will follow your commands. We will have the robots to explore with and provide a challenge to be completed using the Ozobots.

#### Slime Party

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

Fun for the whole family! Make Spring Break more exciting with slime. Join us as we try out several different slime recipes.

#### Paws for Reading

**Saturdays, March 31, April 28, May 26, 12-1 pm** For all ages. No registration necessary. Snuggle up and read to a furry friend.

#### Kids Book Club To Go

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

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

#### **Tiny Tales Baby Time**

**Mondays, March 5-26, 10:15 am**  
Please register.

**Mondays, May 7-21, 10:15 am**

Registration begins Monday, April 23. Children ages 6-24 months with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Jessica for stories, rhymes, music, instruments, and playtime.

#### **Toddler Story Time**

**Mondays, March 5-26, 11:30 am**  
Please register.

**Mondays, May 7-21, 11:30 am**

Registration begins Monday, April 23. For children ages 2-3 ½ years-old with their favorite adult. We will enjoy stories, finger-plays, action rhymes, music, and a simple craft with Miss Jessica.

#### **Preschool Story Time**

**Wednesdays, March 7-28, 1 pm**  
Please register.

**Wednesdays, May 2-30, 1 pm**

Registration begins Monday, April 23. Children ages 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and more!

#### **Evening Story Time**

**Wednesdays, March 7-28, 6 pm**  
Please register.

**Wednesdays, May 2-30, 6 pm**

Registration begins Monday, April 23. Children ages 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

#### **In the Park:**

##### **Preschool Bird Watch and Hike**

**Monday, April 30, 10:30-11:30 am**

Registration begins Monday, April 2. Children ages 2-5 years-old with an adult caregiver will join Miss Jessica and Dr. Lara Roketenetz for a lovely spring hike as we look for and learn about Ohio birds. We'll have a craft after our short hiking adventure. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch for after the program. The event is located at the University of Akron Field Station in Bath Nature Preserve at 4240 Ira Rd. Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register.

#### **Music Together Summit**

**Tuesday, March 6, 10 am and 11 am**

Children ages 0-5 with their adult caregiver are welcome to join David Palomo of Music Together Summit to celebrate Sing with Your Child month. There will be singing, dancing, and fun!

#### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, March 3, 17, April 7, 21, May 5, 19, 10:30-11:30 am**

Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are welcome to come; the doggie's human pal can read to the child.

#### **NatureConnect Discovery Center**

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

#### **School-Age Programs**

##### **Lego Open Build**

**Saturdays, March 10, April 14, May 12, 10:30 -11:30 am** Bring your imagination and engineering skills. We will provide the Legos. For children in grades K-4.

##### **Kids Create**

**Saturdays, March 24, April 28, May 26** "Make-It Take-It" crafts. Available the fourth Saturday each month. Pick up a craft all day while supplies last.

##### **Grades 2-5**

Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register.

##### **Handmade Seeded Paper**

**Monday, March 19, 6 pm** Give old paper new life. First we'll turn scrap paper into pulp and then press it into new handmade paper, and finally embed it with flower seeds. The paper will sprout flower seedlings when planted and watered!

##### **Spring Break STEM**

**Thursday, April 5, 12:30 -2 pm** Would you like to make an electrical circuit out of playdough? Code without a computer? Then join us for an afternoon of science fun with squishy circuits, ozobots, and more!

##### **Paper Flowers**

**Monday, May 7, 6 pm** Learn how to make beautiful paper flowers. With step-by-step instructions, you'll create flowers so realistic that you might even fool a bee!

#### **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

#### **Family Programs**

##### **Story Time**

**Wednesdays, March 7-28, April 18-May 23, 11 am** Join us for stories, music, movement and fun! Each session will be followed by play time or a fun activity. Best for

kids ages 2 to 6, but all ages are welcome. Stop in and join the fun.

#### **Afterschool Adventures**

**Tuesdays, 4 pm** Grades K-5.

Registration requested.

**March 20** Kites

Design your very own kite and watch it fly.

**April 17** Art Lab

Create a one of a kind piece of art.

**May 15** Squishy Science

Get messy as we learn about polymers and make slime and other squishy science concoctions.

#### **Realm of the Reptile**

**Saturday, March 10, 11 am** Enjoy interacting with lizards, snakes and other reptiles in this educational hands on event. Fun for the whole family!

#### **Bricks 4 Kidz**

**Saturday, April 14, 11 am** Build, play and explore with Legos and more. Fun for all ages.

#### **PAWS for Reading**

**Saturdays, March 10, April 14, May 12, 12 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal. Bring a book from home or read one of ours. Not reading yet? Our dog's human pal will read to you. Children of all ages are welcome.

#### **School Age Programs**

##### **After School Fun Club**

**Wednesdays, 3 pm** Grades K-5.

**March 7** Apptastic Afternoon

**March 14** Legomania

**March 21** Bingo

**March 28** Snap Circuits

**April 4** Wii Gaming

**April 11** Spring Break, no Fun Club

**April 18** Apptastic Afternoon

**April 25** Board Games

**May 2** Puzzle-rific

**May 9** Snap Circuits

**May 16** Legomania

**May 23** Apptastic Afternoon

#### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

#### **Check-Out and Win @ the Goodyear Branch Library**

Visit the Goodyear Branch Library between March 1-May 31 and earn tickets for checking out items from our shelves. We will have one drawing each month. The contest is open to all ages. How the contest works: Checkout any 5 materials and receive 1 ticket. Checkout 6-10 items and receive 2 tickets. Checkout 11-15 items and receive 3 tickets. Checkout 16+ items and receive 5 tickets. Place

your ticket with name and phone number in the drawing box for a chance to win that month's prize.

#### **Children's and Family Programs Stories and Play**

**Thursdays, March 1-May 24, 10:15 am** Enjoy stories, movement, and song. Story time is early learning fun for young children to help develop the skills to succeed in school. Stay and play afterwards with toys and a chance for parents to chat. Play helps young children learn skills needed for reading and writing.

#### **Paws for Reading**

**Mondays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 4 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

#### **The Art of Print Making**

**Wednesday, March 14, 6 pm** Learn the simple art of monoprinting where each print is unique and different. First we roll on the paint, next create a design, and then print it on paper. Registration appreciated.

#### **Jr. Chef Day**

**Saturday, March 24, 2 pm** Put on your chef hat and apron. Today we are making hummus, mini pizza's and chocolate acorns. Registration appreciated.

#### **Children's Tea Party**

**Saturday, April 7, 2 pm** Join us for our annual children's tea party. Drink some hot tea in a real teacup that you can take home. Try it with lemon, sugar, or milk. Eat some cookies and test your knowledge with a round of trivia and make a craft to take home. Registration appreciated.

#### **Jr. Scientist**

**Wednesday, April 11, 6 pm** Grab your lab coat and safety glasses, today we are mixing up some gooey gunk and some funny putty. Registration appreciated.

#### **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

**Saturday, May 5, 2 pm** Celebrate all things wimpy with some wacky games and activities. Check out your wimpy knowledge for a chance to win a poster. Registration appreciated.

### How Does Our Garden Grow?

**Wednesday, May 23, 5 pm** Help us get the Goodyear garden started by planting some seeds. If the weather permits, we will also go outside and prepare the dirt in our reading garden. Registration appreciated.

### 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)

#### Newspaper Art

**March 3** Create a collage art piece with some old newspaper and just a few other supplies.

#### Toothpick Shapes

**April 7** Build shapes with toothpicks and dough. Count the number of sides and vertices then make some shapes of your own.

#### Bookworm Reading Pointer

**May 5** Create a cute little bookworm that you can use as a reading pointer.

### 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.

#### Find the Continents

**March 5** Find each of the seven continents in the children's area and label your maps.

#### Rock Science

**March 19** Look at our samples and practice identifying the three types of rock, sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic.

#### April Fool's Scavenger Hunt

**April 2** Find the answers to the jokes and riddles hidden in the children's area.

#### Color Changing Plants

**April 16** See how plants drink up water with this color changing experiment on the NatureConnect table.

#### Find Your Flower Garden

**April 30** Search around the children's area and find the flowers. Put them together to make a garden.

#### Worm Farm

**May 14** Observe the live worms living on the NatureConnect table.

### GREEN- 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

#### Story Times

##### Baby Time

**Tuesdays, March 13, May 1-May 22, 10:15 am** For babies 6-24 months and a caregiver. Babies will be introduced to hand rhymes,

songs, movement activities, books and socialization skills.

#### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays, March 13, May 1-May 22, 11:30 am** For ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm & movement activities, and crafts.

#### Family Story Time

**Thursdays, March 1-15, May 3-May 24, 10:30 am** For all ages. Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm & movement activities, and crafts.

#### Make Time for Play!

**Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 6:30 pm** Bring the kids in for some relaxing, unstructured play time. There will be a variety of supplies, a light box, big blocks, tubes, a glockenspiel and much more to explore!

#### Family Programs

##### Celebration of Education

**Saturday, February 24, 9 am-2 pm** Stop by Green High School and see Miss Cherri at the Library's table!

#### Paws for Reading

**Saturdays, March 17, April 7, May 19, 12 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud.

#### A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History

**Monday, March 12, 6:30 pm** The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters of all time hosts this fun and funny family presentation. Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will set up cartoon character games for the youngsters, provide cartoon trivia questions for one and all, and explain the criteria he used to rank the best of the best.

#### Kids Canvas Painting

**Saturday, March 17, 11 am** Learn to do a step-by-step painting on canvas with Miss Brandie. For children 7 and up. Please register in advance.

#### Bricks 4 Kidz

**Saturday April 7, 10:30 am** Join us for this engaging STEM-based program. This hands-on approach is designed to make learning fun by providing an extraordinary atmosphere for children to build unique creations, play games, and have loads of fun using LEGO® bricks.

#### Magazine Art

**Saturday, April 14, 11 am** Create a picture using a stencil, hot glue and old magazine pages. All ages welcome, please note again, that hot glue will be used. Register in advance for this program.

#### Week of the Young Child

**Thursday, April 19, 10:30 am** Join us in celebrating The Week of the Young Child with Music Together teacher, David Palomo. Mr. Palomo will once again lead us in an engaging, fun-filled musical exploration.

#### Very Hungry Caterpillar Story Time

**Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am** Enjoy books and crafts inspired by author Eric Carle. All ages are welcome.

#### Pokémon Club

**Mondays, March 19, April 16, May 14, 6:30 pm** Calling all Pokémon enthusiasts ages 6 and up! Join fellow Pokémon fanatics to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or to show off your collection. This is a child led program.

### HIGHLAND SQUARE - 330-376-2927

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

#### Story Time

**Tuesdays in April, 10:30 am** For children and their grown-ups. You are your child's first teacher. Discover songs, books and movement activities with your young learner that will help her to learn to read and better understand her world. Best of all, these experiences will bring fun and joy into your child's day! Miss Brooke looks forward to seeing you.

#### Baby & Me

**Mondays in April, 11 am** For babies and their grown-ups. You are your child's first teacher. Discover simple songs and exercises to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. Best of all, these experiences will bring fun and joy into your little one's day! Dress for possible messy play experiences.

#### Movers and Shakers

**Wednesdays in March, 10:30 am** For ages 0-5 years and their grown-ups. A music program for children and their adults to sing, dance, and play together! Presented by music educator Marissa Leonino Lange.

#### Acting Adventures: Super Heroes Around the World

**Mondays in April, 6-7 pm** Ages 5-8 years. Join us for this introduction to theatre class taught by Debora Totti. Your children will explore popular heroic characters from other countries through playful dramatic experiences, learn about facing and resolving conflicts, and gain confidence. Students may enroll for individual sessions or all four. Call to register.

#### Tullet's: Art Workshops for Children

**Tuesdays, March 6, April 10, May 1, 6-7:30 pm** Children should dress for mess and be ready to participate in collaborative art games led by Miss KT and inspired by artist and author Herve' Tullet. Still curious? Read Tullet's new book Art Workshops for Children.

#### Marine Mania: Shells and Sea Life

**Saturday, April 28, 1 pm** This program is for adults and families, presented by Karen Eckart. Lovers of the ocean, see a real shark jaw and teeth. Bring your own shells for identification. See a display of shells from the Carolinas, Florida, and the Gulf Shore, including 100-plus shells, egg cases, and some loose shells attendees can handle. Enjoy a slide show that talks about the animals that create shells, along with information about sharks, sea stars, corals, crabs, and sea urchins. Each person attending will get a shark's tooth and a shell. Please call or stop in to visit us at the Highland Square Branch Library to register.

#### Alcohol Ink Cards for Mother's Day

**Saturday, April 21, 10:30 am-12 pm** Presenter Maggie Veigl and her friends will help children and teens use alcohol inks to make a card for their mother or special person. Alcohol inks are non-toxic, have a strong smell, can be messy, and are super fun. The vibrant colors and happy accidents create interesting patterns.

#### APS School's Out Family Event: Story Stew

**Wednesday, April 11, 11 am** Cooking Caravan is back, and this time they are whipping up a Story Stew. Part rebus story, part mad lib,

part Choose your Own Adventure, part recipe, this ridiculous journey teaches participants the essential elements of a story through the use of an enormous and ever-changing "book." Recommended for children ages 5-12 and their families.

#### **Book Buddies**

**Saturdays, March 10, April 14, May 12, 10-11 am** Drop in with your child, and a teen will be here to read to him or her. Bring your child's favorite books or let your child choose from books we provide for you. Teens and tweens, let us know if you want to be a Book Buddies volunteer. Email: [kmockensturm@akronlibrary.org](mailto:kmockensturm@akronlibrary.org).

#### **KENMORE – 330-745-6126**

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

#### **Preschool Story Time**

**Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 29, 11 am** Preschool kids age 2-5 years will enjoy stories, rhymes, music, crafts and a variety of other activities. Caretakers should remain throughout the program.

#### **After School Programs**

For Grades K-5. Limited to the first 15 arrivals.

#### **Magical Science**

**Wednesdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 4 pm** We will turn science upside down with spectacular hands-on experiments and fun activities.

#### **Spring Fling**

**Monday, March 19, 4 pm** Welcome in spring by planting some flowers and vegetables to take home.

#### **Celebrate Earth Day**

**Monday, April 16, 4 pm** Explore Earth Day with astonishing experiments and discover how trash and chemicals affect our planet.

#### **Mum's the Word**

**Monday, May 7, 4 pm** Show Mom you're thinking of her this Mother's Day with beautiful cards and crafts that she will love

#### **Family Programs**

##### **Library Lego League**

**Wednesdays, March 14, April 18, May 9, 4 pm** Feeling creative? Stop in and build a masterpiece with other Lego lovers! All ages welcome; caretaker assistance is appreciated for younger designers. Legos and other building materials are provided.

#### **Family Movie**

**Wednesdays, March 21, April 11, May 16, May 30, 4 pm** Relax with a movie, popcorn and drinks. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night at the library.

#### **Game Night**

**Wednesdays, March 28, May 23, 4 pm** There's something for everyone at Family Game Night! We have board games, card games and toys for the tots. Games will be provided but you can bring in any of your family's favorites as well.

#### **Paws for Reading**

**Saturdays, March 17, April 21, May 19, 12:30 pm** Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are welcome to come. The doggie's human pal will read to the child.

#### **MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

#### **Pitter Patter Playgroup**

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

#### **Stories in Bloom: A Spring Story Time**

**Saturday, March 10, 2 pm** We will be sharing spring themed stories, crafts, music, and more! Geared for ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Younger children are welcome.

#### **School-Age Programs**

##### **Tech Time: Robotics, Engineering, and Coding**

**Thursdays, March 22, April 26, May 24, 4 pm** Grades K-6. Try something new afterschool with Sylvan Edge and the Maple Valley Branch Library! Children will have fun creating and animating robotic arms, engineering bridge super structures, and coding.

#### **Spring Break Boredom Busters**

**April 10-12, 2 pm** Grades K-6  
**Tuesday:** Board Games  
**Wednesday:** Movie  
**Thursday:** Legos

#### **Family Programs**

##### **Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt**

**March 5-9** Let's celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with an exciting search for our favorite book characters! Stop

at the desk anytime this week to pick up a game sheet. Complete the tasks to win a Seuss-tastic prize!

#### **PAWS for Reading**

**Saturdays, March 10, April 14, May 12, 2 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

#### **Family Movie Monday**

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

**March 19:** Wonder (PG)

**April 16:** Coco (PG)

**May 21:** Ferdinand (PG)

#### **Nature Connect**

##### **Rainbow Reflections**

**Tuesday, March 20, 3 pm** Stop in for an exciting afternoon of rainbow science! We will be using STEM concepts to learn about how sunlight diffracts and reflects to create rainbow designs.

#### **MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

#### **Library Babies and Tots**

**Thursdays, March 8-29, April 19-May 17, 10:30 am** Ages birth – 3 ½. Join Miss Kim for songs, stories and group playtime with our library friends.

#### **Story Time Programs**

**Tuesdays, March 6-27, April 17-May 15, 10:30 am** Ages 3 and up. Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games and crafts.

#### **Family Programs**

##### **Library Escape Room**

**Weekdays, April 2-5, 1-3:30 pm, 5-7:30 pm**

**Friday, April 6, 1-3:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 7, 2-4:30 pm**

Can you escape the library? Solve a series of puzzles in less than 40 minutes to free yourself from a "locked" room adventure! Parties should have 4-6 people, and children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. You must pre-register for this event. Please contact the library for available timeslots.

#### **Cooking Caravan**

**Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 pm**

Part rebus story, part madlib, part Choose your Own Adventure, part recipe, this ridiculous journey teaches participants the essential elements of a story through the use of an enormous and ever-changing "book." Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. All supplies are provided and space is limited. Please call to register.

#### **School Age Programs**

##### **Superhero Scavenger Hunt**

**March 1-31** 6 of your favorite superheroes are hiding in the library. Find them all and be entered to win a prize! The winner will be selected on April 1.

#### **Lego Club**

**Thursdays, March 15, April 19, May 3, 17\*, 3:30 pm** Join us for an afternoon of imaginative Lego creation. All supplies provided. \*On May 17, we'll be joined by a special guest, Snapology of Kent.

#### **NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595**

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

#### **NatureConnect**

Join us and see what we will have going on in our NatureConnect area this spring.

#### **Monthly Challenges**

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

#### **March-Animal Sound Word Search**

**April-Months of the year**

**May-Story Quilt**

#### **Family Time**

##### **Build it**

**Friday, April 13, 4 pm** Whether you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

#### **May the 4th Be with You**

**Friday, May 4, 4 pm** Celebrate May 4 with Star Wars crafts, activities, and treats.

#### **Messy Monday**

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

**March 19-Paper towel art**

**April 9-Decopage vases and paper flowers**

**May 7-Cotton ball throw painting**

### Science Saturday

**Saturday, April 14, 2:30 pm** Join us for great hands on STEAM fun! Children, school age and up, bring your moms, dads, and the whole family.

### Family Night

**Mondays, 6:30 pm** Join our program for families of all ages! We'll get together for some great crafts.

**March 12**-Spread the luck of the Irish. Make a Shamrock Wand.

**April 16**-We are going to make a parakeet puppet.

**May 14**-Create coffee filter flowers.

### Story Times

#### Baby Time

**Thursdays, April 5-May 3, 10:15 am** For children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver. Our programs feature bounces, songs, and stories.

#### Story Time

**Thursdays, April 5-May 3, 11:30 am** For children 2-5 years old, with two-year-olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Short stories, rhymes, and more!

### Parachute Play

**Thursday, May 10, 11 am** Toddler parachute play is for ages 2-5. We will use music and movement to play parachute games.

### School Age Programs

#### After School Club

**Wednesdays, 4 pm** For children in Kindergarten – 4th grade.

**March 21**-Jelly bean stem sculpture

**April 25**-Make a marble maze

**May 23**- Kandinsky circle art

### NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

#### Preschool Playgroup

**Tuesdays, 11:30-12:30 pm** Our little children need to play! During this free play session little ones can learn to play along-side, or with others. They will share language skills. Play with blocks, moveable toys, tools, dolls, and puzzles that enhance their problem solving skills and encourages their imaginations. The adults also get to visit with one another and make new friends.

#### Preschool Story Time

**Tuesdays, March 6-April 3, 10:30 am** This series of programs is for children ages 2 to 5. Adult caregivers are welcome and expected to join in the fun. We'll read books, sing and play music, listen to flannel board stories, learn rhymes, experiment with

puppets and finger plays, and play with toys as we make new friends and make something to take home.

### Paws for Reading

**Wednesdays, March 14, 28, April 25, May 9, 23, 3 pm** When Rocky visits, children have an opportunity to practice their literacy skills by reading aloud with him. Drop in to visit with him and his owner.

### Baby/Toddler Story Time

**Tuesdays, April 17-May 8, 10:30 am** Adult caregivers are invited to bring in our youngest patrons to enjoy books, rhymes, puppets, bubbles, and play time fun.

### Dye Hard Cooked Eggs

**Thursday, March 22, 3-4 pm**

Anyone in the family can stop in after school to try your hand at decorating eggs. Choose your favorite colors for several eggs to take home.

### NatureConnect-Look Forward to Summer

**Thursday, April 19, 3-4 pm** Stop in to plant some vegetable or flower seeds, for our outside garden or your garden at home.

### NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

#### Family Programs

Please call to register for these programs. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

#### Tai Chi Animals

**Saturday, March 10, 11 am** Geared to kids, this program includes a number of animal postures and movements led by Nancy Gardner, a certified instructor of Tai Chi and Qigong. Kids will stand strong like a horse, move quickly like a cat, be as playful as a monkey and as balanced as a crane.

### Spring Open House

**Saturday, April 14, 3 pm** Mix and mingle with library staff at this fun party.

### PAWS for Reading

**Thursdays, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17, 4 pm**

**Third Saturdays, March 17, April 21, May 19, 2 pm** Practice reading skills and build the reading confidence of beginning or struggling readers by reading to our Therapy Dogs International dog friends. Children of all ages are welcome.

### Sensory Story Time

**Third Saturdays, April 21, May 19, 10:30 am & 11:30 am** Join us for this adapted story time where children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a supportive environment with respect and appreciation for differences.

### NatureConnect

Drop by the children's area each month for a new nature-based activity!

### NORTON – 330-825-7800

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

#### Spring Story Times

**Thursdays, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12, 10:30-11:15 am**

For families with children ages 2-5. Spring is awakening in the NatureConnect garden! Celebrate spring thaw in the garden with stories and literacy activities.

#### Story Time Sprouts

**Thursdays, May 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11:15 am** What's growing out there? Join us for sensory experiences and tiny tales.

### School Age Programs, K-2 SMART MOVES Movement & Literacy Program

**Wednesdays, March 21-April 18, 4:15-5 pm** An arts movement education program promoting imagination, creativity, exploration, coordination, expression, and discovery. Class size limited. Registration is requested.

### NatureConnect

**Tuesdays, 4:15-5 pm**

**March 27:** Help us plan an edible garden for the NatureConnect garden  
**May 22:** Planting Time!

### Book Party

**Saturday, May 19, 11 am-12 pm** *4 Pups and a Worm* by Eric Seltzer is our all-time reader winner. Help us celebrate everything that makes this beginning reader story a winner.

### Kids STEAM Ahead

**Tuesday, April 24, 4-5 pm** For grades K-5. A joint program exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in fun, engaging ways.

### Family Programs

#### LEGO Saturdays

**March 24, April 21, 2-3 pm** Meet fellow builders and take on fun LEGO challenges

### Paws for Reading

**Wednesdays: March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 4-5 pm**

**Saturdays: March 24, April 28, 10:30-11:30 am** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages welcome. No registration is requested.

### ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

#### School Age Programs

#### Art and Craft Fun Thursdays

**Thursdays, 3:15 pm**

**March 1** Craft a cat toy to donate to the animal shelter One of a Kind Pets.

**March 8** Cheese Doodle Day plus doodling art activities.

**April 5** Painting, printing project.

**May 3** Bricks4Kidz will bring thousands of legos, duplos, and perler beads so you can create.

**May 10** Nature craft.

#### Food Fun Thursdays

Enjoy the food we make and play board games with your friends.

**March 15** Celebrate the Pancake

**April 19** Grilled Cheese Day

**May 17** Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

#### Learn to Sew Thursdays

Learn simple sewing techniques that will be useful your entire life.

**March 22** Sampler time using basic stitches: backstitch, hemming, running, overcast.

**April 26** Embroider to express yourself.

**May 24** Knot so easy: master different knots that you will use in your life. Make a rope tug toy to donate to animal shelter One of a Kind Pets.

#### After School Bored Room

**Mondays, 3:15-4:15 pm** Join us each Monday after school for a chance to get creative, play board games, and hang-out with your friends.

#### Family Program

All ages are welcome. Parents are encouraged to bring their family.

#### Plant Exchange and Tea

**Saturday, May 12, 1 pm** Join us for our 4th annual Plant Exchange and Tea. This is a great way to share your garden experiences, acquire new perennials, seedlings, or house plants. Bring plants to share with the community and go home with plants others have brought. Drink tea, eat cookies, maybe win a prize. Make some new friends. Tell your neighbors, bring a friend, children are definitely welcome.

## PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

### Family Programs

#### **Teen Tech Week Celebration**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2-3:30 pm** Play Minecraft and tinker with OzoBots to spice up spring break! All equipment provided. Grades 3 and up.

#### **A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History**

##### **Thursday, March 29, 2 pm**

Spring Break Fun for the whole family! Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets and talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will set up cartoon character games for the youngsters and provide trivia questions for one and all. Copies of *A Celebration of Animation* will be available for purchase and author signings.

#### **TGIF: Minecraft and Construction Book Discussion**

##### **Friday, March 30, 2-3:30 pm**

Chat about your favorite Minecraft Characters while building with Legos and other building supplies. Grades K-8.

#### **Puzzled at the Library**

##### **Thursdays, March 1, April 5, May 3, 6-7:30 pm**

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Join us each month as we work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.

#### **Build it Club**

##### **Thursdays, March 15, May 17, 6-7:30 pm**

Join us for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build, play, and explore with Legos. All ages welcome.

#### **Kids Crafts Club**

##### **Saturdays, March 3, April 7, 1 pm**

Create fun art projects with us. Finished with your masterpieces? Stay to visit and read to the dogs of Tails & Tales at 2 pm. All ages welcome.

#### **Tails & Tales**

##### **Saturdays, March 3, April 7, May 12, 2 pm**

Reading doesn't have to be "ruff"! Practice with a furry friend! Our paw-some therapy dogs love to have stories read to them and meet new friends. All ages welcome.

#### **Family Story Times**

##### **Tuesdays, March 6 – 27, 11 am**

Have story fun with Ms. Elaine! Includes stories, songs, finger-plays, art and lots of fun each week! All ages are welcome.

#### **Family Spring STEAM**

##### **Saturday, May 19, 1 pm**

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with fun games, easy experiments, and activities for all ages.

#### **NatureConnect**

Visit, explore, and enjoy our NatureConnect area. Be a Nature Detective by using our binoculars and observation notebooks to sketch and record your discoveries. Visit the table each month to check out the new do-it to go craft or contest!

#### **Baby/Toddler Programs**

##### **Preschool Playroom**

##### **Mondays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 11 am**

Free, open playtime! Play with your child and help your little one discover a whole new world through play! We provide a variety of activities and toys for preschoolers to explore and even create a little art. Intended for ages 1-4 with a caregiver.

##### **Baby & Me Time**

##### **Tuesdays, April 3 – 24, 11 am**

Stories, songs and finger-plays for those littlest learners! Recommended for babies and toddlers age 3 and under with a caregiver.

## **RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343**

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

### Toddler Programs

**Little Folks Story Time** ages 6-35 months

##### **Thursdays, April 5-May 17, 10:30-11:30 am**

Little folks, bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

### Preschool Programs

**Preschool Story Time** ages 3-6

##### **Tuesdays, April 3-May 15, 10:30-11:30 am**

Preschoolers bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

#### **Home School Readers**

##### **Wednesdays, March 14, April 11, May 9, 1-3 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of reading fun. Different activities will be available at each session. This is a new program and will evolve to meet the needs of our homeschooling community.

#### **First Saturday Afternoon Flicks**

##### **Saturday, March 3, 1-3 pm**

Join us for the movie *Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature* at the library. We'll provide popcorn and juice while you kick back and enjoy the flick.

#### **Monarch Butterfly program**

##### **Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm**

Celebrate spring! Join us for an evening of butterfly fun. Ellen Daniels will teach us about monarch butterflies and how to attract them. Plant some seeds to start your own butterfly friendly plants.

#### **Spring Break Fun**

##### **Yoga fun**

##### **Monday, March 26, 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. If you have access to a yoga mat or beach towel, please bring it. We will have a small supply of yoga mats available too.

#### **Kite Workshop**

##### **Wednesday, March 28, 11 am**

Join us for a morning of fun as we build our own kites. Bring your kite string so we can fly them.

#### **Rock Painting**

##### **Thursday, March 29, 11am**

Catch the rock painting bug. Have you found any of those fun painted rocks hiding all over the place? You too can join the fun. Arrive ready to have fun painting creative rocks that can be hidden, and tracked though a new child-friendly app called Rock Paint. We will have all the supplies needed to create your masterpieces.

#### **Celebrating 5 years of StoryWalk® On the Carter-Pedigo Trail**

Winner of the 2014 Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways, Best Trail Program Award. In celebration of our 5th year anniversary we have taken a look at past titles that have been on the trail and the library staff and community have voted for their favorite titles. On the first of each month, the winning titles will be back on the trail and we will have a once-a-month program based on the book currently on the trail. Also, please pick up your trail hiking form. Each month a new word will be put in the kiosk at the trail head. Record this word on your hiking sheet. Then come into the library at any time and receive a raffle ticket for every month that you hike. The more months you hike, the more chances to win our raffle baskets you will have. At the end of the year all participants will receive a prize for celebrating 5 years of StoryWalk® with

us. Hiking forms will be available at the Library, the Richfield Recreation Center, and in a box at the trail head.

#### **Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen- Marissa Moss**

##### **Saturday, March 17, 11 am**

This month will feature Miss Diane's pick, hike the trail and read the true story of how a girl, yes a young girl, was able to strike out the mighty Babe Ruth. Afterwards come back to the library for some baseball crafts and activities.

#### **StoryWalk® 5 Year Anniversary Celebration**

##### **Saturday, April 21, 10:30 am-2 pm**

Join us for a fun day of activities as we celebrate the 5-year anniversary of our StoryWalk®. Join us at the head of the Carter-Pedigo Trail for a group hike as we read the *Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, the story that started it all in 2013. After the hike come back to the library for refreshments, and watch the movie. On the trail in May will be poetry from our talented Revere students see schedule below.

**April 30-May 6** Hillcrest Elementary School

**May 7-13** Bath School

**May 14-20** Revere Middle School

**May 21-28** Revere High School

#### **Find Your Inner Poet**

**Saturday, May 19, 11 am** Hike the trail and take in the spring beauty, come back to the branch and create your own poetry on our magnetic boards or chalk the sidewalk.

## **SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE**

**– 330-643-4770**

1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

### **Story Time**

##### **Tuesday, March 13, 27, April 3, 17, 10:30 am**

Ages birth to 5 with a caregiver. A happy blend of stories, rhymes, songs, and play for you and your child to enjoy together. Lots of music and movement included. All are welcome and celebrated.

### **Family Programs**

#### **PAWS for Reading**

##### **Third Saturday of each month,**

##### **March 17, April 21, May 19, 11 am**

Share a book with a certified therapy dog, practice your reading skills and make new friends, too!

#### **I-Spy Family Challenge**

##### **First Saturday of each month,**

**March-May.** Stop by the library at any time for a new I-Spy challenge each month. Enter your completed I-Spy challenge to win a prize.

### **Pi Day: Give Pi A Try**

**Wednesday, March 14** Stop by at any time and contribute to our Pi in the skyline and make a funny Pi button, too.

### **Pirate Party**

**Saturday, March 10, 1-3 pm** Batten down the hatches, hunt for booty, create your own pirate garb and have a fathom of fun! Grab a mate and join us in your pirate gear. Aaargh!

### **Spring Break Programs**

**March 26-29, 2 pm** Looking for something to do over the break? Hang out at the library!

**March 26:** Minecraft & Gaming

**March 27:** Fun with STEAM

**March 28:** Candy Crafternoon

**March 29:** Movie Marathon

### **TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**

90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

#### **Family Programs**

**Author Visit: Andrea Legg**

**Thursday, March 15, 6 pm** Learn simple American Sign Language and enjoy a craft during this author visit featuring local author, Andrea Legg, whose book, *Flap Your Wings Little Robin*, was just released this spring. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing following the program.

#### **A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Characters in Television History Presented by Marty Gitlin**

**Thursday, April 12, 6 pm** The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters ever hosts this fun and funny family presentation. Marty Gitlin will show cartoon snippets that will make you laugh and talk about such legends as Bugs Bunny, Snoopy and SpongeBob Squarepants. The audience will enjoy cartoon trivia and the kids will play cartoon character games. Marty's book will be available to purchase and signing following the program.

#### **Bricks 4 Kidz**

**Saturday, May 5, 11 am** Calling all Master Builders for "Build It," a great time of LEGO® brick building and fun! Join Bricks 4 Kidz as we learn, we build, and we play with activities for the whole family. We'll have free building, speed challenges, crafts, motorized projects, board games, and more for you to enjoy! Open to all ages and ability levels.

### **School Age Programs**

#### **French Mini Courses**

**Wednesdays, March 7-28, 4 pm**

For grades K-3. Join Miss Jill to learn basic French greetings, rhymes and children's songs. We will also cover the alphabet, months, days of the week and numbers. At the end of each class, we will share a story that takes place in France. Each class will meet for 30 minutes.

#### **Preschool and Baby Programs**

##### **Preschool Story Times**

**Mondays, March 5-April 2,**

**10:30 am** For 2-5 year olds with a caregiver. Join us for books, flannel board stories, rhymes, music and a craft followed by group playtime.

##### **Baby & Me Time**

**Mondays, April 9, 16, May 7, 14,**

**10:30 am** Babies Love Books! For babies and toddlers, 6 months old to 24 months old with a caregiver. 20 minutes of rhymes, songs, bounces and stories followed by group playtime.

##### **St. Patrick's Day Story Time**

**Friday March 16, 4:30 pm** Ages 2-5. Share St. Patrick's Day stories, flannel boards stories, songs and a craft with Miss Jill.

##### **Take It and Make It**

**March-** Make a Straw Rocket Launcher

**April-** Make a Catapult

##### **For all Ages**

##### **NatureConnect: Winter into Spring**

Stop by the NatureConnect space anytime the library is open and see what's new. Test your observation skills, learn something new, and get creative with nature.

**March:** It's a buggy world! Observe some preserved insects and learn about the parts of an insect's body.

**April:** Butterflies are beautiful! Look for a butterfly activity in the NatureConnect area.

**May:** See how seeds sprout. We will have several types of seeds sprouting in clear jars. Examine them with a magnifying glass and tell us what you see. We will have a list of the parts of seed growth for you to check off.

##### **On Your Own**

Do these activities when you are in the library.

**March:** In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, we will have cat

in the hat hidden in the Children's area of the library. See how many you can find. Bring your sheet up to the front desk for a treat or prize.

##### **National Library Week**

**April 8-14**

This year is the 60th anniversary of National Library Week. Libraries Lead is the theme. Let us know why you love your library.

##### **May Flowers are Blooming**

Find the hidden flowers in the Children's area and turn in your sheet to the front desk for prize.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES**

### **FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888**

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

**Friends Preview-Friday, April 20,**  
3-5 pm

**Friends Preview-Saturday, April 21,**  
9-10 am

**Book Sale-Saturday, April 21,**  
10 am-3 pm

**Bag Sale-Monday, April 23, 10-3 pm**

### **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

**Friends Preview-Friday, March 16,**  
3:30-5:30 pm

**Book Sale-Saturday, March 17,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

**Friends Preview-Thursday, April 19,**  
6-8 pm

**Book Sale-Friday, April 20, 12-6 pm**

**Bag Sale-Saturday, April 21,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **GREEN – 330-896-9074**

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

**Book Sale-Saturday, April 28,**  
10 am-4 pm

### **HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

**Friends Preview-Friday, May 4, 3-5 pm**

**Book Sale-Saturday, May 5,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **KENMORE – 330-745-6126**

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

**Book Sale-Saturday, April 28,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

**Friends Preview-Saturday, May 19,**  
9 am-10 am

**Book Sale-Saturday, May 19,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

**Friends Preview-Friday, March 2,**  
3:30-5:30 pm

**Book Sale-Saturday, March 3,**  
10 am-2 pm

**Book Sale Leftovers For Educators-**  
Saturday, March 3, 2:30-4 pm

### **NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081**

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

**Friends Preview-Saturday, April 28,**  
9-10 am

**Book Sale-Saturday, April 28,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **NORTON – 330-825-7800**

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

**Friends Preview- Friday, April 27,**  
4:30-5:45 pm

**Book Sale- Saturday, April 28,**  
10 am-2 pm

### **PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

**Friends Preview-Friday, April 20,**  
3-5 pm

**Book Sale-Saturday, April 21,**  
10 am-3 pm

### **TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**

90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

**Friends Preview-Thursday, April 26,**  
4-8 pm

**Book Sale-Friday, April 27,**  
10 am-5 pm

**Bag Sale-Saturday, April 28,**  
9 am-3 pm

### **LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN**

Monday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm

Friday & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

Sunday: 1-4 pm

Programs are subject to change.



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