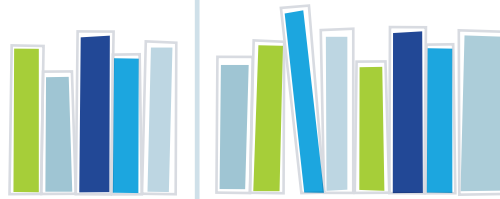


Library



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Jan. 1 & 15
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Insider



Cozy Winter READ

There's nothing better on a cold winter day than snuggling up with your favorite blanket and reading a great book. We invite you to settle in for our Cozy Winter Read program.

**READ 300 MINUTES
TO BE ENTERED TO WIN
A BASKET FULL OF COZY ESSENTIALS!**

JAN. 1-31

Just for signing up

Receive

comfy socks



a snowflake bag



MONDAY 10 am - 8 pm
TUESDAY 12 pm - 8 pm
WEDNESDAY 10 am - 6 pm
THURSDAY 10 am - 6 pm
FRIDAY 9 am - 5 pm
SATURDAY 9 am - 5 pm



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 CLERMONT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the Director



Happy New Year! We are so excited about what we have planned for you and your family in 2024.

Our popular Cozy Winter Read challenge is back and will last through January 31. Snuggle up with a warm drink and your favorite blanket to enjoy a good book. Record 300 minutes of time spent reading in the Beanstack app and you'll be entered to win the grand prize – a basket full of cold weather goodies. When you record additional minutes, your chances of winning improve. Just for signing up, you receive a cute little snowflake bag just the right size for two new bestsellers with a colorful pair of warm socks tucked inside to wear when reading on a cold winter afternoon.

For the creative writers out there, we are hosting our annual Short Story Contest. Entries will be accepted through January 31. Check our website for all the contest details.

In January, we will offer the first of our Senior Café gatherings. Check the article in this newsletter for times, dates, and places. Visit the Library with your friends to play fun games, enjoy some coffee and snacks, and participate in lively conversations. You may even meet some new friends. We hope you enjoy these times set aside especially for you.

February is Library Lovers Month. Visit the library to check out some books, magazines, movies, and audiobooks to enjoy your favorite pastime – reading. It's our favorite pastime, too. When you visit the library, we will give you a small prize in celebration of Library Lovers Month.

Wow! All this in the first two months of the year! Check our website for information about other exciting programs happening in January and February that include wreath-making, yoga, escape rooms, and a visit from author Bill Fowler, who bicycled across the country – just to name a few.

We hope to see you soon!

Christine Wick
Library Director

Senior Café



Share activities and conversations with old friends while making new ones. Library staff will have interesting games for you to play along with beverages and snacks. Over time, you and your friends may very well want to help plan new activities.

Wed. @ 10 am JAN. 10 FEB. 14 Amelia	Wed. @ 1:30 pm JAN. 24 FEB. 28 Goshen	Wed. @ 2 pm JAN. 10 FEB. 14 Williamsburg	Mon. @ 11 am JAN. 22 New Richmond
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"A big thank you for your participation and support of our team building event yesterday! The team really enjoyed the book hunt at your site. Skye, Jadrien, and Scott were absolutely wonderful and incredibly helpful. Thank you again!"

Shannon N.P.
(about the Williamsburg Branch)

THE MISSION OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS TO FOSTER LIFELONG LEARNING BY PROVIDING RESOURCES THAT INFORM, PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE, AND IDEAS THAT INSPIRE.

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BOARD MEETINGS

are typically conducted the third Monday of each month (or fourth if holiday) at the **Miami Township Branch** 6 PM

Upcoming:
January 22
February 26

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
5920 Buckwheat Road
Milford, Ohio 45150
(513) 732-2736



STORYTIMES

Stories, songs, & games designed to help your child get ready for school

AMELIA BRANCH
THURSDAYS, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 AM (All Ages)

BATAVIA BRANCH
THURSDAYS, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 AM (All Ages)

BETHEL BRANCH
THURSDAYS, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 AM (All Ages)

FELICITY BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 17, Feb. 21
10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)

GOSHEN BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
10:30 AM (All Ages)

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)
11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)

THURSDAYS; Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; JAN. 11, FEB. 8
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

NEW RICHMOND BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 3, 17, Feb. 7, 21
10:30 AM (All Ages)

OWENSVILLE BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
11 AM (Preschool)

UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)
11:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; Jan. 11, Feb. 1
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
10:30 AM (All Ages)



Enroll Children
ages 0 to 5

They will receive a **FREE BOOK** in the mail each month

Enroll Now!



Enroll online at ClermontLibrary.org/imagination-library

Play & Learn PROGRAM

Facilitators from **Best Point** lead children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers through a play experience designed to promote cognitive, language, and social-emotional development. We'll have fun singing songs, telling stories, creating art, playing, and enjoying a snack.

FRIDAYS

Jan. 5 at Union Township Branch
Jan. 19 at Union Township Branch

10:30 am – 12 pm

Space is limited. Visit ClermontLibrary.org to reserve a spot today!



COZY WINTER READ

The popular Cozy Winter Read challenge is back! The program runs January 1st through January 31st. Winter is a great season to spend time reading for the sheer joy of it. Don't forget to visit the library in person or online for that new bestseller you've been wanting to read.

Record 300 minutes of time spent reading in the Beanstack app, and you'll be entered to win the grand prize – a basket full of winter goodies. Your chances of winning increase as you read and enter more minutes.

For signing up, you will receive a cute little snowflake bag. Tucked inside the bag you will find a pair of warm fuzzy socks for those cozy winter reads! Bethel guests should pick up their prizes at another branch during renovations.



SPRING INTO READING

The readers have spoken! Due to the interest in Library reading programs (the recent Hallow-Read program had more than 3,000 participate) a new challenge is being added in the spring. The Library will host Spring into Reading during April. This reading challenge will follow the same guidelines as Hallow-Read and Cozy Winter Read – read and log 300 minutes in the Beanstack app to be entered to win a grand prize. Watch for more details in the next Library Insider.

2024 READING CHALLENGE LINE UP:

- Cozy Winter Read – January
- Spring into Reading – April
- Summer Reading – June and July
- Hallow-Read – October

February is for Library Lovers



We love books and our guests

at the Clermont County Public Library...

We also love fun facts. To celebrate, here are four fun facts about libraries:

- The most overdue library book in the world was the one that was returned after 122 years.
- A philanthropist named Andrew Carnegie donated \$60 million in the early 20th century to open more than 1,689 public libraries worldwide.
- The Library of Congress in the U.S. is the largest library in the world, with more than 168 million items.
- The most stolen book in the world is the "Guinness Book of World Records."
- Visit a Clermont County Public Library branch in February and receive a small prize to help us celebrate libraries!

Do you like to write SHORT STORIES?



Consider entering your story in the Library's annual **Short Story Contest**. It's open to original, unpublished short stories between 1,000 and 2,500 words that are suitable for a general audience. First-, second-, and third-place winners will be chosen in the Teen (ages 11-17) and Adult (18 and over) categories. For complete contest information, visit <https://clermontlibrary.org/announcing-libraries-short-story-contest/>.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY... *Unleash yours!*

Staff Picks for Adults



Hazards of Time Travel

by Joyce Carol Oates

FICTION

Dystopian time travel mixed with college life, which is perfect, really, as a combination.

Laurie H. – Miami Township Branch



Dune

by Frank Herbert

FICTION

As someone who rarely reads sci-fi, I have to say that *Dune* by Frank Herbert was a pleasant surprise. The audiobook is really well done.

Danielle Massett – Collection Services



A House With Good Bones

by T. Kingfisher

ADULT FICTION

I couldn't put this book down. It had turns at the end I did not see coming (though I tried to predict it). It read smoothly, the characters were tangible, and my love of the "slow burn" story line, when it comes to eerie plots, was satisfied.

Jax K. – Union Township Branch



Morning in this Broken World

by Katrina Kittle

HISTORICAL FICTION

A new novel set during the first lock down of COVID in 2020. I'm really invested in the characters; they're so vivid and well developed. It really feels like there is a point of view for everyone!

Lily Petrey – Goshen Branch



Blacktop Wasteland

by S.A. Cosby

ADULT FICTION

A contemporary thriller about a family man trying to stay on the straight and narrow, but after financial troubles strike, he'll do one last job to save his family. It may end up costing him more than it's worth. S.A. Cosby really knows how to write complex characters with their own unique sound.

Jadrien Douglas – Williamsburg Branch



Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America

by Audrey Clare Farley

NONFICTION

The subjects of the book are quadruplet sisters who begin their lives as Shirley Temple-esque child stars and end up suffering from the same mental illness later in life. I really appreciated how the author handled the story thoughtfully and with respect for what the women went through.

Cheyenne Riley – Bethel Branch



A Darker Shade of Magic

by V.E. Schwab

FANTASY

A perfect fantasy read, centering on a main character who has magic and the ability to travel through secret doorways that lead to four different versions of London. This is the first book in one of my all-time favorite series: *Shades of Magic*.

Morgan Malyn – Goshen Branch



Good Bad Girl

by Alice Feeney

FICTION

I really liked this twisty curvy story.

Jenni Longbrake – Union Township Branch



Library Programs

PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AS FOLLOWS:

P Preschool Ages 0-5	K Kids Ages 6-11	T Teens Ages 12-17	A Adults Ages 18+	E Everyone All Ages
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Registration required for all programs. Visit your local branch or clermontlibrary.org to register.

Amelia

LEGO CLUB **K**

Wednesday, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, 4:30 PM
Create with LEGO. Our popular LEGO Club allows kids to free build or complete a challenge. We provide all the LEGO bricks and a different challenge every month. All your kids need is their creativity!

YOGA FOR ALL LEVELS **A**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 PM
Use the new year to improve your health and well-being by increasing strength, balance, and flexibility. Because of the focus on breathing, yoga can decrease stress, lower blood pressure, and improve circulation. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels are welcome. Bring an exercise mat. Everyone will need to sign a physical release form to participate.

DISCOVER YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY **A**

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2 PM
Did you get a new device over the holidays or are you just curious about eBooks? Let us show you the possibilities. Learn about the Library's wide range of downloadables that include books, audiobooks, music, and magazines.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: SNOW SLIME **K**

Friday, Jan. 19, 11 AM
Explore chemistry and create fluffy, glittery slime that won't freeze your fingers to celebrate winter. We will use non-toxic and washable materials, but dress for a mess.

SNOW SLIME **K**

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:30 PM
Explore chemistry and create fluffy, glittery slime that won't freeze your fingers to celebrate winter. We will use non-toxic and washable materials, but dress for a mess.

SATURDAY PLAY DATE **P K**

Saturdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 10:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs, and playtime. We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

COLLEGE 101: THE MODERN COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS **T A**

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM
We will discuss competitive applications, open-access schools, tools used to apply, how it works, standardized test scores, the ACT/SAT, holistic review practices at major universities, what to include in an essay, College Credits Plus, AP credits, and strategies to get the attention of the school you want to attend.

AN OLD-FASHIONED VALENTINE'S DAY: QUILLED PAPER CARD **A**

Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30 PM
Learn about the traditions of Valentine's Day and make an old-fashioned valentine from quilled paper to give to one who is dear to you!

OHIO SNAKES **K**

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 PM
Learn what species roam Ohio, the adaptations that make snakes special, and how to identify the the venomous snakes in our area. Meet a live snake, do some snake art, and investigate these beautiful creatures.

Batavia

WRITERS GROUP **A**

Tuesday, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, 6 PM
Share your writing endeavors, generate ideas, hone your craft, and network with fellow writers.

WINTER WREATH **A**

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 3 PM
Create a winter wreath with ribbon and embellishments. All supplies are provided.

CODING WITH OZOBOTS: DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN? **K**

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2 PM
We'll help our robots navigate to pick up all the parts to build our snowman followed by free programming exploration.

TEAM PUZZLE CHALLENGE **K T A**

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 5:30 PM
Teams of up to six members will be given identical puzzles. Compete against the clock and other teams to see who will finish first. Winning teams will take home new puzzle prizes.

MEET LOCAL AUTHOR HILDA LINDNER KNEPP **A**

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM
Join us to talk with local author Hilda Lindner Knepp as she discusses writing and publishing *Horse of a Different Color*. The Writers' Group meeting will resume immediately following this author's visit.

OZOBOT CODING: POP STARS! **K**

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5 PM
Explore coding with Ozobots! In this program, you will learn how to code your robot to perform various functions and create an on-stage routine for your robot pop star!

CLERMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION AND MEETING **A**

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 PM
The Clermont County Historical Society meets every third Saturday of the month. There will be a program about local history followed by a half-hour business meeting. This event is free and open to the public.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB **T**

Thursday, Feb. 22, 4 PM
Join us for our first Tween Book Club meeting! We will discuss the book *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper. Contact us for a copy or check it out using the Libby app!

ESSENTIAL OILS 101 **A**

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 PM
Essential oils are used for a very wide range of emotional and physical wellness applications. Diffusing essential oils also can cleanse and purify the air of unwanted odors. Learn about essential oils and make your own mix for a room spray to take home.

Bethel

TEEN CAFÉ **T**

Wednesdays; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 3 PM
Teens can enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the library. Hang out with Natalea Locke, a prevention specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health.

WHO LOVES LEGO? **K T A**

Monday, Feb. 5-March 4, Branch hours
Bring us your personalized LEGO creation that fits in a 10-inch cube between Feb. 5 and Feb. 10. Library guests will vote on the creations Feb. 12 through Mar. 2 with prize winners announced Monday, Mar. 4. We will have three age groups: 10 and under, 11-15, and 16+, adults included!

DIY SNOW GLOBES AND CRAFTS **T**

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 4:30 PM
Celebrate winter by making your own snow globe. Also, enjoy hot chocolate and other winter crafts.

WINTER SNOWFLAKE ART **K**

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 PM
Make beautiful snowflake art and winter-themed crafts. Enjoy hot cocoa and snacks!

PARENT CAFÉ **A**

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 PM
Learn to strengthen communication with your child and address the difficult topic of substance misuse from a Prevention Specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS). This 10-session class meets every third Tuesday for 10 months, Feb. through Nov. Parents are welcome to bring their children, ages 6-11, for supervised activities in the children's area while parents attend class in the meeting room. Dinner from a local restaurant will be provided. Each month, one parent will win a \$25 gift certificate, and any parent who attends all 10 sessions will receive a prize in November. Prizes and dinner are sponsored by GCBHS. Registration is required for each session.

DIY TOTE BAGS **A**

Monday, Feb. 26, 2 PM and 6 PM
Make a custom tote bag using heat transfer vinyl. The Library will supply the bags, the vinyl, and all the equipment needed. You just need to bring your creativity. We will have our button makers on hand so you can add some flair to your new bag!

Felicity

TWEEN CAFÉ **K**

Mondays; Jan. 8, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, 3:30 PM
We will have activities and discussions after school as part of a team-building experience. Fifth- and sixth-grade students will develop leadership, communication, decision-making, and teamwork skills. A prevention specialist from the Clermont Recovery Center, a division of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, will lead the sessions.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: MYSTERIOUS MUSSELS **K**

Thursday, Jan. 11, 11 AM
Have you ever found shells in Ohio's rivers and lakes? Unlike the seashells you might find on the beach, these are mysterious freshwater mussels. Join the Clermont County Park District for fun activities as we explore these strange critters. You'll also get to make your own mussel and lure.

GREEN INVADERS: INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN CLERMONT COUNTY **A**

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6 PM
Learn about invasive plants like bush honeysuckle, lesser celandine, garlic mustard, and Calgary pear. You will learn how to identify the most prevalent invasive plants found in our region, what characteristics make them invasive, how they hurt our natural lands, and how to remove them.

3D PRINT A LITHOPHANE KEEPSAKE **A**

Monday, Jan. 29, 6 PM
Bring a photo or digital image and we'll help you make a memorable lithophane keepsake or gift. Learn the process to create a lithophane and how to make a simple night light.

GETTING READY FOR MEDICARE **A**

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM
7:30 PM
Medicare can be so confusing! Local independent insurance agent Tim McKeown will explain the process and answer your questions during this informative session.

3D PET TAGS **T A**

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 4 PM
Use Tinkercad to create your own dog bone or paw print pet tag. A Library staff member will help you with the design process and you can pick up your creation after the program once it's printed.

DIY CHOCOLATE BOMBS **T**

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3 PM
Who doesn't like to receive chocolate for Valentine's Day? We will show teens how to make their very own chocolate bombs. Teens will receive a Library mug of their own to enjoy making these fun hot chocolate treats at home.

Goshen

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: DARING DRAGONS **K**

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:30 PM
Join us for Appreciate a Dragon Day as we celebrate one of the most daring mythical creatures of all, the dragon! We'll read stories of adventure and make dragon-themed crafts, including a special dragon buddy bookmark to hold your place while you read! Please register all adults and youth who will attend.

SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

Wednesdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, 1:30 PM
Share activities and conversations with old friends while making new ones. Library staff will have interesting games to play plus offer beverages and snacks to enjoy. Over time, you and your friends may very well want to help plan new activities.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: BACKYARD MAPLE SYRUP **E**

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 PM
Learn when to collect, how to identify and tap the right tree, and the science behind the syrup. Then see the step-by-step process of how delicious maple syrup is made and taste a few types of homemade maple syrup. Please register as a family.

Miami Township

MAKE A VISION BOARD **A**

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1 PM
Set your intentions and goals for the year. Learn what vision boards are and make one for yourself. Supplies provided but feel free to bring any magazines, stickers, and other items that will inspire you.

CRAFTING CLUB **A**

Tuesday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 1:30 PM
Enjoy time with other crafty members of our community. Feel free to bring your current project to work on or learn new techniques.

WINTER SOWING **Saturday, Jan. 20,** 10 AM

Did you know that Jan. in Cincinnati is a perfect time to plant many perennial seeds? Empty milk jugs make great seed-starting greenhouses. Join Deb Garner, coordinator of Ohio State University Extension Clermont County Master Gardener Volunteers, to learn how.

CRAFT-A-PALOOZA **Saturday, Jan. 27,** 2 PM

We are cleaning out our craft closet for a Craft-a-Palooza. Bring your creative minds and use our supplies to create whatever you can think of using the plethora of odds and ends we have left from previous projects.

WATERCOLOR HEART VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS **Saturday, Feb. 3,** 1 PM

Get crafty and create three cards to give for Valentine's Day. We will use watercolor to make an abstract heart design. Other craft supplies will be on hand for embellishments.

BOTS AND MORE **Saturday, Feb. 17,** 1 PM

Have fun learning to code with Ozobots and other programmable gadgets. Solve challenges and puzzles with robots and much more.

INTRO TO 3D PRINTING **Saturday, Feb. 24,** 1 PM

Intro to 3D printing for beginners. Everyone will have the opportunity to download a design from Thingiverse and also to create something using Tinkercad.

New Richmond

LEGO CLUB **Thursday, Jan. 4, Feb. 1,** 4:30 PM

The Library will provide all the LEGO bricks and even some inspiration with a challenge if you choose to accept it!

MAKE A VISION BOARD **Monday, Jan. 8,** 11 AM

Vision boards are a collection of images or objects arranged in a way to help you express your goals or vision. Create a poster board that is unique and special to you. It will be a crafty and inspirational morning. For adults with developmental disabilities.

DECORATE A JOURNAL OR CREATE A VISION BOARD **Monday, Jan. 8,** 6 PM

Start the year off right with a new journal or vision board. Bring your creativity to

decorate your journal or vision board. All materials will be provided including examples.

BACKYARD MAPLE SYRUP **Tuesday, Jan. 9,** 6 PM

Learn when to collect, how to identify and tap the right tree, and the science behind the syrup. Then see the step-by-step process of how delicious maple syrup is made and taste a few types of homemade maple syrup. Please register as a family.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: WINTER SCIENCE FUN! **Thursday, Jan. 18,** 11 AM

Join us for winter science fun! We will learn what causes the winter season, why we put salt on the roads and sidewalks, what is frost and how it forms, and a few more winter surprises!

SENIOR CAFÉ **Monday, Jan. 22,** 11 AM

Share activities and conversations with old friends old and new. There will be games, beverages, and snacks to enjoy.

HISTORICAL DOLL TEA PARTY **Saturday, Feb. 10,** 1 PM

Enjoy a tea party featuring the Library's collection of historical dolls. Bring your own doll if you want. All tea materials will be provided. We will talk about each doll that is based on people from different periods of history.

MUSICAL MONDAY MORNINGS: JERSEY BOYS **Monday, Feb. 12,** 11 AM

We will be belting out songs from the 2005 musical *Jersey Boys*, a jukebox musical that dramatizes the formation, success, and eventual break-up of the 1960s rock 'n' roll group, The Four Seasons. We will sing: *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like a Man*, and *Working My Way Back to You*, just to name a few! As always, we will be joined by a live accompanist.

NAME THAT TUNE: LOVE SONGS **Tuesday, Feb. 13,** 6 PM

In honor of Valentine's Day and because everyone loves love and game shows ... It's time to play ... Name That Tune: Love Songs! Let's have some fun testing our music knowledge in as few seconds as possible. Prepare for laughter, singing, and prizes.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: CELEBRATING FIRST FAMILIES **Thursday, Feb. 22,** 11 AM

We always celebrate Presidents in

February – but First Families (First Ladies and President's children) have played a large role in the history of the United States, too. Join us as we learn about Martha Washington, Dolley Madison, Eleanor Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln's children, and two children of presidents who became president, too!

Owensville

BICYCLING AMERICA WITH BILL FOWLER **Thursday, Jan. 18,** 3 PM

Hear about Bill's solo ride across America for his sick grandson. Bill recounts the dangers, trials, tribulations, fatigue, and despondency he endured, along with the joy and exuberance only an exciting adventure can bring forth.

OHIO SNAKES **Tuesday, Jan. 30,** 6 PM

Meet a live snake. Learn what species roam Ohio, the adaptations that make snakes special, and how to identify the 3 venomous snakes in our area.

ESSENTIAL OILS 101 **Monday, Feb. 12,** 6 PM

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TEAM PUZZLE CHALLENGE **Tuesday, Feb. 27,** 5:30 PM

Teams of up to six members will be given identical puzzles. Compete against the clock and other teams to see who will finish first. Winning teams will take home new puzzle prizes.

Union Township

FIBER ARTS CLUB **Monday, Jan. 8, 22, Feb. 12, 26,** 6 PM

If you're a fan of knitting, crochet, needlepoint and more, this is the place for you. Bring your current project to work on. Chat with other crafters to share ideas, learn new skills, and grow in your art.

MEET THE OZOBOTS **Tuesday, Jan. 16, 23,** 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

This is a series program to learn simple coding with Ozobots. We will learn to use lines and colors to direct our robots and then create a paper community for them to explore. For ages 9-14.

CRAFTERDARK: COLLAGING FOR RELAXATION **Tuesday, Jan. 16,** 6 PM

Create a collage using magazines, maps, comic books, and more in a relaxing environment. Use our supplies or bring your own.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK BUDDIES DISCUSSION GROUP **Monday, Jan. 22,** 1:30 PM

Join us to discuss The January book is *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. This program is geared for readers between 8-12.

TAXES 101: THE BASICS **Tuesday, Jan. 23,** 6 PM

Learn the basics of preparing your taxes from a tax professional. There will be time at the end to get your questions answered.

TAXES 102: BEYOND THE BASICS **Tuesday, Jan. 30,** 6 PM

Get an in-depth look into more complex tax topics from a tax professional. There will be time at the end to get your questions answered.

UNITED WAY TAX PREPARATION SERVICE **Thursday, Feb. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22,****23, 29,** 10 AM

Staff from the United Way will be on site preparing taxes. Please schedule an appointment on the United Way's website <https://bit.ly/3QLshKe>.

UNITED WAY TAX PREPARATION WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK **Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27,** 4 PM

Park National Bank and the United Way will host a drop-off for tax preparation services. Guests will make appointments through the United Way website - <https://bit.ly/3QLshKe>.

DON'T WORRY, BEAD HAPPY! **Monday, Feb. 5,** 4:30 PM

Use Perler Beads to design popular characters from a variety of fandoms including Pokémon and Pacman.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: ICE3 CUBED **Thursday, Feb. 22,** 1:30 PM

Join us in some super cool ice activities. Learn about how polar bears stay insulated, find out how quickly ice melts in different conditions, and make ice cube art.

STEAM: ICE3 CUBED **Saturday, Feb. 24,** 10:30 AM

Join us in some super cool ice activities. Learn about how polar bears stay insulated, find out how quickly ice melts in different conditions, and make ice cube art.

Williamsburg

TEEN CAFÉ **Thursdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,** 3 PM

Enjoy games, challenges, crafts and other fun activities during our weekly after-school club led by Mallory Mahaffey, a prevention specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health.

WREATH 101 **Tuesday, Jan. 9,** 6 PM

Create a lovely wreath with us to adorn your home during the winter, spring, or to celebrate Valentine's day. All materials provided.

SENIOR CAFÉ **Wednesday, Jan. 10, Feb. 14,** 2 PM

Share activities and conversations with old friends old and new. There will be games, beverages, and snacks to enjoy.

ESCAPE THE EGYPTIAN TOMB **Tuesday, Jan. 16,** 4:30 PM

Work together with other kids to escape from an Egyptian tomb, make papyrus paper, and learn Egyptian history.

CLAY HEART ORNAMENTS **Monday, Feb. 5,** 4:30 PM

Make a clay heart ornament that you can take home to paint and give to that special someone in your life

SOLVING LIFE'S PROBLEMS WITH 3D PRINTING **Monday, Feb. 12,** 5 PM

Learn ways that you can make life a little easier through designing or improving objects with software like Tinkercad and our 3D printer. Please sign up for a free Tinkercad account prior to the program.

ALL ABOUT HERBAL TEAS **Tuesday, Feb. 20,** 2 PM and 6 PM

Stay warm during these cold winter months and smell, taste, and learn about various tea herbs. Create your own blend or follow a provided recipe. You'll have a brew-tiful time.

Off Site

CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC **Saturday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3,** 9 AM

Old Library Administration Office
326 Broadway Street, Batavia, OH 45103

The volunteer attorney and court personnel will be available to assist self-represented litigants with domestic relations matters. This event is set up

for drop-ins on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Kay Heile at 513-732-7323 or kheile@clermontcountyoohio.gov, or domestic court.org and click on resources. If the Clermont County Public Library building is closed, the Law Clinic will not be held or rescheduled for that month.

PURRFECT TALES: KIDS READ TO CATS **Saturdays; Jan. 13, Feb. 10,** 9 & 10 AM
[League for Animal Welfare](#)

4193 Taylor Road, Batavia, OH 45103

Brush up on your reading skills by teaming up with a cat friend who loves to hear stories. Participants ages 5-14 will be given a 30-minute session to visit and read to an adoptable cat. We will have books to read and check out. If you don't have a library card, you can sign up for one at the event. All kids must be accompanied by an adult during the session. There will be a 15-minute registration and orientation period before spending time with the cats. Be advised that cats are not hypoallergenic and may cause a reaction in those with allergies. Register as a parent/child pair.

ZOOM

ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME **Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27,** 7 PM

Enjoy an evening of stories, songs, rhymes, and fun. Use this meeting link to attend

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES



TAKE A TRIP WITHOUT LEAVING HOME. JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR A SERIES OF TRAVEL ADVENTURES. WE'LL EXPLORE INTERESTING DESTINATIONS WHILE SHARING STORIES AND TRAVEL TIPS. THE SERIES STARTS AT 6:30 PM MONDAY, JAN. 22. CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL DATES.

ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES **Monday, Jan. 22,** 6:30 PM

Lisa from the Goshen Branch took a week-long family trip to New York City and saw many iconic places such as Times Square, The New York Public Library, St. Patrick's

Cathedral, The High Line, Central Park, The Brooklyn Bridge, and five Broadway musicals. Lisa has many tips on how they made this trip as economical as possible and she would love to share them with you.

ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES A

Monday, Jan. 29, 6:30 PM

A family occasion brought Beth from the Amelia Branch back to Monterey Bay, California, where she lived as a young child. Explore giant redwoods in Santa Cruz, marine life in Monterey, and the famous shoreline of Carmel. See pictures of the famous Lone Cypress, Bixby Bridge, and maybe even Clint Eastwood.

ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES A

Monday, Feb. 5, 6:30 PM

Join LeeAnn from the Union Township Branch to view sights around Tokyo. Get tips for cheap and free experiences, as well as advice on prepping for your trip!

ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES A

Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30 PM

Join Emily from the Bethel and Williamsburg Branches as we make our way across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and snake through northern Wisconsin. We'll admire the beauty of Lake Superior at two National Lakeshores – Pictured Rocks and Apostle Islands – and explore gems of the Northwoods including lighthouses, shipwrecks, waterfalls, and roadside attractions.

ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES A

Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30 PM

Laurie from the Miami Township Branch spent two weeks studying French in Montpellier in March 2023, making side trips to Arles, Les Baux, La Grande-Motte, and other beautiful and historic places in Hérault, Gard, and Bouches du Rhône. Learn how the manifestations – protests against the government's pension reform bill – affected her trip.

TAX PREPARATION

The Library is working with the United Way Greater Cincinnati and Park National Bank to offer tax preparation services again this year at the Union Township Branch, 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Road. Appointments are available starting February 1. Make an appointment on the United Way website: uwgc.org/get-help/free-tax-prep-for-taxpayers.



AUTHOR VISITS



BILL FOWLER

Bicycling America

Thursday, Jan. 18, 3 PM

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Bill will talk about his 3,500-mile bicycle ride and authoring a book after retiring at age 66. His book offers an entertaining and inspirational story of a grandfather's solo bicycle ride across America for his sick grandson. **ADULT**



HILDA LINDNER KNEPP

Meet the Author

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6 PM

BATAVIA BRANCH

Meet local author Hilda Lindner Knepp, who writes as Halle Kenton. Hilda will discuss writing and publishing *Horse of a Different Color*. **ADULT**



A Reminder
THE BETHEL BRANCH IS CLOSED IN JANUARY FOR RENOVATION

The Library is expected to reopen by the end of January. The Bethel return bins and library lockers will remain accessible. Visit ClermontLibrary.org for online resources.

For all other resources, please use the Amelia Branch.

AMELIA BRANCH LIBRARY
58 Maple St.
Amelia, Ohio 45102
(513) 752-5580



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by Elle McNicoll

JF MCN 9780593649138



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by Jonah Winter

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Think Like A Goat: The Wildly Smart Ways Animals Communicate, Cooperate and Innovate
by Lisa Deresti Betik

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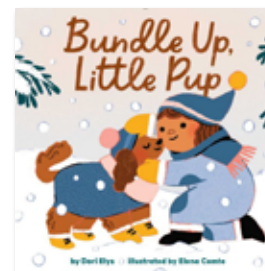
Bittersweet in the Hollow
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by Travis Jonker

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Library Happenings



Lots of fun going on at the Library!
Won't you join us?

Book Clubs

FOR ADULTS

From mysteries to classics, we have
the perfect book club for you

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays; Jan. 10, Feb. 14, 2 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *To America*
by Stephen Ambrose

FEBRUARY BOOK: *The Librarian of Burned Books*
by Brianna Labuskes

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays; Jan. 31, Feb. 28, 1 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six*
by Lisa Unger

FEBRUARY BOOK: *Just Another Missing Person*
by Gillian McAllister

BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB

Bethel

Monday, Feb. 5, 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY BOOK: *The Bullet that Missed*
by Richard Osman

CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB

Felicity

Tuesdays; Jan. 23, Feb. 27, 2 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows

FEBRUARY BOOK: *Under Currents*
by Nora Roberts

CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION

Goshen

Wednesdays; Jan. 10, Feb. 14, 1:30 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *The Reading List*
by Sara Nisha Adams

FEBRUARY BOOK: Any book (humor/fun/
lighthearted)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Miami Township

Thursdays; Jan. 4, Feb. 1, 1:30 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *Empire Falls*
by Richard Russo

FEBRUARY BOOK: *The House on Mango Street*
by Sandra Cisneros

BOOKENDS

New Richmond

Fridays; Jan. 19, Feb. 16, 11:30 AM

JANUARY BOOK: *The Trackers*
by Charles Frazier

FEBRUARY BOOK: *The Boys: A memoir of Hollywood and Family*
by Ron Howard and Clint Howard

SPINEBENDERS

New Richmond

Tuesdays; Jan. 23, Feb. 27, 7 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
by Shelby Van Pelt

FEBRUARY BOOK: *Black Cake*
by Charmaine Wilkerson

CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

Union Township

Mondays; Jan. 8, Feb. 5, 6 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *Lioness*
by Chris Bohjalian

FEBRUARY BOOK: *Lessons in Chemistry*
by Bonnie Garmus

SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Williamsburg

Tuesdays; Jan. 9, Feb. 13, 2 PM

JANUARY BOOK: *In Five Years*
by Rebecca Serle

FEBRUARY BOOK: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*
by Mark Sullivan

ONLINE MOVIE CLUB

Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, 6:30 PM

If you love movies, join us for a monthly online movie discussion group.

JANUARY MOVIE: *Cat Ballou and Rango*

FEBRUARY MOVIE: *The Seven Samurai and The Magnificent Seven*



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