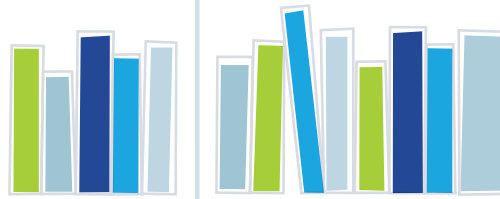


# Library



MAR/APR  
2024

# Insider



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(513) 732-2128

BETHEL  
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(513) 734-2619

FELICITY  
209 Prather Road, 45120  
(513) 876-4134

GOSHEN  
6678 State Route 132, 45122  
(513) 722-1221

MIAMI TOWNSHIP  
5920 Buckwheat Road, 45150  
(513) 248-0700

NEW RICHMOND  
103 River Valley Boulevard, 45157  
(513) 553-0570

OWENSVILLE  
2548 U.S. 50, 45160  
(513) 732-6084

UNION TOWNSHIP  
4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, 45245  
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ADMINISTRATION  
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LIBRARY HELPLINE  
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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



## SPRING *into* READING CHALLENGE APRIL 1-30

Celebrate spring by participating in the Library's new **Spring into Reading Challenge**, just in time for some great new bestsellers to hit the bookshelves. **Sign up at [ClermontLibrary.Beanstack.com](http://ClermontLibrary.Beanstack.com)** and pick up a small registration prize: a **flower grow kit** to attract pollinators. Finish the challenge by logging **300 minutes** no later than **April 30**, and you will automatically be entered in a drawing for a **grand prize!**

 CLERMONT COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# From the Director



It seems like this year is speeding by as quickly as 2023. We offered many new programs last year, and 2024 will be no different.

First, we know reading programs that allow you to keep track of the minutes spent reading are very popular with our guests. It's fun! I do it, too. To keep the fun going all year round, we are rolling out the Spring into Reading Challenge in April. Register at [ClermontLibrary.Beanstack.com](http://ClermontLibrary.Beanstack.com), log your minutes read, and stop by your local branch to pick up a registration prize starting April 1. When you've logged 300 minutes, you are automatically entered to win our grand prize. Happy Reading!

Clermont County is lucky enough to be in the path of the April 8 Total Solar Eclipse. We will be passing out free eclipse glasses March 23 at each branch. Watch our social media pages and website for more details. We will pass out glasses as long as our limited supply lasts. Register for one of our eight eclipse programs across the system. When you visit, stop by one of our displays and check out a book about the sun and moon and what makes an eclipse so special.

Do you or someone you know need help with tax preparations? United Way staff members can assist you at the Union Township Branch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays until April 12. To book an appointment, visit the United Way website at [UWGC-FreeTaxPrep.as.me/CCPLUniontownship](http://UWGC-FreeTaxPrep.as.me/CCPLUniontownship) or get in touch with UT branch staff.

If you like to craft, we have a new Crafting Club at the Miami Township Branch that meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Bring your own project or learn a new craft. Don't forget about the Fiber Arts Club that meets at the Union Township Branch at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month.

We have lots more planned, including visits from President Abe Lincoln, aka Kevin Wood, to discuss the life of our 16th president. Check our April schedule for location and time information.

As you can see, we have something for everyone. Visit our website and click on the event calendar for a full list of programs. I hope you enjoy the spring and plan to spend a little time at the Library.

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 MAR. 13 APR. 10	Wed. @ 11 am APR. 10	Mon. @ 1 pm MAR. 18 APR. 15	Tue. @ 2 pm MAR. 12 APR. 9	Wed. @ 1:30 pm MAR. 27 APR. 24	Mon. @ 11 am MAR. 18	Wed. @ 2 pm MAR. 13 APR. 10
Amelia	Batavia	Bethel	Felicity	Goshen	New Richmond	Williamsburg

"I love my local library! Typically, I request the books I want and pick them up when the reservation is filled. Today, when I picked up my reserved selection, my son and I browsed the YA fiction section and picked up a few more books."

– Stephanie R.

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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- Katie Bock
- Edwin Humphrey
- Judith Kocica
- Tricia Lyons
- Christine Wick, Director
- Leslie Jacobs, Assistant Director
- Melanie Smithey, Deputy Fiscal Officer

## BOARD MEETINGS

are typically conducted the third Monday of each month

Miami Township Branch  
6 PM

Upcoming:

March 18  
April 15

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, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- BATAVIA BRANCH**  
THURSDAYS, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:30 AM (Preschool)
- BETHEL BRANCH**  
THURSDAYS, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- FELICITY BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 20, Apr. 17  
10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)
- GOSHEN BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 10, 17, 24  
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)  
11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)
- THURSDAYS, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25**  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- THURSDAYS, Mar. 14, Apr. 11**  
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)
- NEW RICHMOND BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 20, Apr. 3, 17  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- OWENSVILLE BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24  
11 AM (Preschool)
- UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)  
11:30 AM (All Ages)
- THURSDAYS, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25**  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- THURSDAYS, Mar. 7, Apr. 4**  
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)
- WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:30 AM (All Ages)
- ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME**  
TUESDAYS, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
7 PM (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](http://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

- Mar. 1 at Bethel Branch
- Mar. 15 at Union Township Branch
- Apr. 5 at Amelia Branch
- Apr. 19 at Owensville Branch

10:30 am – 11:45 am

Space is limited. Visit [ClermontLibrary.org](http://ClermontLibrary.org) to reserve a spot today!



## HISTORY PROGRAMS: KEVIN WOOD AS LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln is one of our nation's most beloved and esteemed historical figures and his story is an inspiration to us today. Get up-close and personal while you learn how he rose from a humble background to the highest office in the land through self-study, hard work, ambition, and strong moral character. Kevin Wood portrays President Abraham Lincoln and will present programs covering three different topics in the following branches. Plan to attend and enjoy learning more about our 16th president.

**📅 APRIL 22, 1 PM @ AMELIA**

**📅 APRIL 22, 3 PM @ NEW RICHMOND**

**📅 APRIL 22, 6 PM @ WILLIAMSBURG**

**📅 APRIL 23, 3 PM @ OWENSVILLE**

**📅 APRIL 23, 6 PM @ UNION TOWNSHIP**

**SIGN UP NOW - CLERMONTLIBRARY.ORG**

## TAX PREPARATION

### Need some help with your taxes?

The Library is working with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati to offer tax preparation services again this year at the Union Township Branch, 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Road. Appointments are available Thursdays and Fridays March 1 through April 12 between 10 am and 3 pm. Make an appointment using the United Way website:

[uwgc.org/get-help/free-tax-prep/for-taxpayers](http://uwgc.org/get-help/free-tax-prep/for-taxpayers)



Don't worry about watching for new books by some of your favorite bestselling authors any more. Let the Library do it for you. The Favorite Authors Now (FAN) Club is the ultimate in convenience for avid readers. During the 12-month pilot program, the Library will place holds when new books are purchased by the Library. Simply choose your favorite authors listed on the registration form and choose regular or large print, if available. You will be notified as normal when your books are in. While we can't guarantee how near the top you'll be, we can guarantee you will always be on the lists. We pay attention to when new books are released, meaning you don't have to!



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## TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN • APRIL 8

# ECLIPSE

THE LIBRARY IS THE PLACE FOR ALL THINGS ECLIPSE!

### DIY SOLAR ECLIPSE NECKLACE

**March 19**, 2 pm & 6 pm  
Williamsburg Branch

### GET READY FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

**March 23**, 2 pm  
Amelia Branch

### LEARN ABOUT THE ECLIPSE

**March 25**, 6 pm  
Felicity Branch

### CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY: ECLIPSE

**March 26**, 6 pm  
Batavia Branch

### CATCH THE ECLIPSE - HELP NASA STUDY CLOUDS!

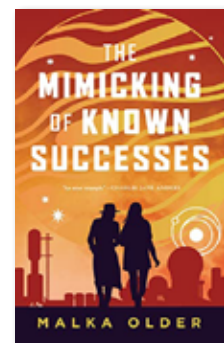
**April 8**, 1:30 - 4:45 pm  
Union Township Branch

### ECLIPSE OPEN HOUSES

**April 8**, 2 pm  
Williamsburg Branch & Bethel Branch

**THE LIBRARY WILL DISTRIBUTE FREE ECLIPSE GLASSES** starting at 9 am Saturday, March 23, in all branches. Each person may have up to four pairs of glasses. Glasses will be handed out as long as supplies last. If any are left by the end of March 23, glasses will be available again at 4 pm Tuesday, March 26, in the branches that still have a supply. They will be distributed while supplies last. Unfortunately, the Library cannot place holds on these items.

# Staff Picks for Adults



### The Mimicking of Known Successes

by Malka Older

FICTION

Female Sherlock Holmes on Jupiter. I love new sci-fi concepts, and this book hits that out of the park. Beyond just being an interesting new take on a mystery, it happens on floating cities in the atmosphere of Jupiter. I also adore any sci-fi/fantasy book where the worldbuilding is actually relevant to the plot.

*Vic Smith, Collection Services*



### The True Love Experiment

by Christina Lauren

FICTION

I really enjoyed The True Love Experiment by Christina Lauren. Besides loving the book cover, I thought it was cool how the nod to rom-com tropes in this rom-com. It can be read on its own, though I didn't even realize until halfway through that it was a companion-quel to The Soulmate Equation.

*Beth Lamrsh, Amelia Branch*



### Mister Magic

by Kiersten White

ADULT FICTION

I really loved Mister Magic by Kiersten White. It's technically horror, but it explores some really interesting elements of fantasy, 90s nostalgia, and the pressure of child stars.

*Cheyenne Riley, Bethel Branch*



### Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

ADULT FICTION

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is the best sentient octopus novel of 2023! No question!

*Laurie Henry, Miami Township Branch*



### The Secret Book of Flora Lea

by Patty Callahan Henry

ADULT FICTION

Here is one I enjoyed this year. Beautiful cover, beautiful book!

*Jeanne Tomlin, Collection Services*



### 1984 Julia

by Sandra Newman

NONFICTION

As a fan of 1984, I was so excited to read this feminist re-telling of the classic story. This version gives Julia's character so much depth, and adds to the original story in the best way. It was certainly my most anticipated book this year and it surpassed my expectations!

*Lauren Crist, Amelia Branch*



### The Night Watchmen

by Louise Erdrich

FANTASY

Our Constant Readers Book Club read The Night Watchmen by Louise Erdrich and I especially enjoyed it out of all the others I read with them.

*Brittany-Raye Smith  
Union Township Branch*



### A Prayer for the Crown-Shy

by Becky Chambers

FICTION

I cried reading the first book of this series, and while the second has a very different feel, it followed well. Sometimes I just want a quiet romp of a book that explores an interesting world and deep concepts; Becky Chambers is always my go-to in those moods.

*Vic Smith, Collection Services*



# Library Programs

PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AS FOLLOWS:

<b>P</b> Preschool Ages 0-5	<b>K</b> Kids Ages 6-11	<b>T</b> Teens Ages 12-17	<b>A</b> Adults Ages 18+	<b>E</b> Everyone All Ages
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Registration required for all programs. Visit your local branch or [clermontlibrary.org](http://clermontlibrary.org) to register.

## Amelia

### SATURDAY PLAY DATE **P K**

**Saturday, Mar. 9, Apr. 6,** 10:30 AM

Join us for stories, songs, and playtime. We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Wednesday, Mar. 13, Apr. 10,** 10 AM

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.

### LEGO CLUB **K**

**Wednesday, Mar. 13, Apr. 10,** 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. Kids just need their creativity!

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: LEPRECHAUN TRAPS **K**

**Friday, Mar. 15,** 11 AM

Learn about St. Patrick's Day and craft a trap for a tricky leprechaun.

### COLORS EVERYWHERE: ANOTHER LOOK AT LIGHT **A**

**Saturday, Mar. 16,** 2 PM

With the return of sunnier days and the approach of a solar eclipse, make a craft that will help unlock the mysteries of light and color.

### TEEN TERRARIUMS **T**

**Tuesday, Mar. 19,** 5:30 PM

To celebrate the spring equinox, teens will use provided materials to create their own terrariums while learning about the science and maintenance of a self-sustaining ecosystem.

### GET READY FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE **E**

**Saturday, Mar. 23,** 2 PM

The Great North American Solar Eclipse is coming up quickly! Join us to hear about the science behind a solar eclipse, learn how to view it safely, and make a pinhole projector for safely viewing the eclipse.

### EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA! **K**

**Monday, Mar. 25,** 5:30 PM

Enjoy an evening Easter storytime, egg-citing crafts, and egg hunt. The egg hunt will be outside, weather permitting. If it rains or is too muddy, the egg hunt will be moved inside the branch.

### THE COMEDY OF ERRORS **T A**

**Tuesday, Apr. 16,** 6:30 PM

*The Comedy of Errors* is Shakespeare's most slapstick comedy and is full of hilarious mishaps, toe-tapping music, and head-over-heels love. This performance runs 45 minutes and includes a post-show Q&A with the actors. Recommended for audience ages fourth-grade and up. Presented by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company.

### A VISIT WITH MR. LINCOLN **K**

**Monday, Apr. 22,** 1 PM

Abraham Lincoln is one of our nation's most beloved and esteemed historical figures and his story is an inspiration to us today. Get up-close and personal while you learn how he rose from a humble background to the highest office in the land through self-study, hard work, ambition, and strong moral character.

### AN AFTERNOON OF POETRY **A**

**Saturday, Apr. 27,** 2 PM

Celebrate National Poetry Month with local poets, who will read from their works. A Q&A session will follow.

### USED BOOK SALE **E**

**Tuesday, Apr. 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4,** Library hours

A variety of gently used items for adults and children will be available including books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

## Batavia

### WRITERS GROUP **A**

**Tuesday, Mar. 5, Apr. 2,** 6 PM

Share your writing endeavors, generate ideas, hone your craft, and network with fellow writers.

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: MORSE CODE **K**

**Thursday, Mar. 14,** 2 PM

Learn all about Morse code, decipher some coded messages, and create a Morse code bracelet or necklace! This program will require letter knowledge and reading.

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

**Saturday, Mar. 16, Apr. 20,** 1 PM

In March, surveyor Gary Nichols will discuss Harmony Hill and Gen. William Lytle's Land Office. Both the March and April meetings are free and open to the public.

### TEEN BROADWAY BASH **T**

**Monday, Mar. 18,** 6 PM

Seize the day and celebrate all things Broadway! We'll have Broadway trivia, photo ops, music, snacks, and more! You know you want to be in the room where it happens, so sign up today!

### MAKE A DECOUPAGE FLORAL VASE **A**

**Tuesday, Mar. 19,** 3 PM

Make a decoupage floral vase with floral napkins on mason jars. All supplies provided. Space is limited.

### CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY: ECLIPSE **K**

**Tuesday, Mar. 26,** 6 PM

Learn about solar eclipses and how to safely view our upcoming total eclipse of the sun from a representative from the Cincinnati Observatory.

### CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION **A**

**Saturday, Apr. 6,** 1 PM

Society members meet at the Batavia Branch Library and host educational programs on a variety of genealogy topics. These are open to the public. Learn more about the monthly topics on the Society's website: [ccgsoh.org](http://ccgsoh.org).

### PAPER FLOWER BOUQUETS **K**

**Tuesday, Apr. 9,** 6 PM

April showers got you down? Make a paper flower bouquet to brighten your day!

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Wednesday, Apr. 10,** 11 AM

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.

### TWEEN BOOK CLUB **T**

**Thursday, Apr. 25,** 4 PM

Join us for our Tween Book Club meeting! We will discuss the book *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman. Contact us for a copy today, or check it out using the Libby app!

## Bethel

### SUPER MARIO OPEN HOUSE **K**

**Tuesday, Mar. 5,** 4 PM

Drop in to enjoy Mario-themed activities including decorating a castle, making Yoshi Eggs and King Boo slime, and games. Bring your Switch to play with friends!

### TEEN CAFÉ **T**

**Wednesday, Mar. 6, 13, 20, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24,** 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.

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Monday, Mar. 18, Apr. 15,** 1 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.

### FANS OF LEGO **K T A**

**Monday, Mar. 18, Apr. 15,** 6:30 PM

LEGO fans of all ages are invited to build with LEGO the third Monday of each month. We will have a show-and-tell, building contests, and time to share useful tips and tricks. Each meeting attended will earn entries for a year-end drawing. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult or an older family member.

### PARENT CAFÉ **A**

**Tuesday, Mar. 19, Apr. 16,** 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. This 10-session class meets every third Tuesday for 10 months, February through November. 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 dinners are sponsored by GCBHS. Registration is required for each session. The April meeting topic is Being a Good Role Model.

### ECLIPSE OPEN HOUSE **E**

**Monday, Apr. 8,** 2 PM

Join us to view the solar eclipse. Before and after totality, participate in a variety of fun, sun-related activities. Build a pinhole viewer, make a sun-reactive bracelet, design a suncatcher, try our scavenger hunt, and more!

### DIY BOBA TEA **T**

**Tuesday, Apr. 9,** 3:30 PM

Enjoy fresh boba tea and learn how to make tapioca pearls at home! Learn about Taiwanese desserts, have the chance to sample jelly candy, and create your own tea mix.

### CAKE DECORATING **T A**

**Saturday, Apr. 27,** 2 PM

Join Lynnette Bohman from the Kakes & Karaoke Bakery for a cake decorating class. Hone your skills for all your spring and summer tasty creations. Everything will be provided for you to take home a small decorated cake.

## Felicity

### TWEEN CAFÉ **K**

**Monday, Mar. 4, 11, 18, Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,** 3 PM

We will meet after school for special activities and discussions as part of the 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 GCBHS will lead the sessions.

### LEFTOVER CRAFTS DAY! **T A**

**Saturday, Mar. 9,** 12 PM

Teens and adults are welcome to stop by to complete crafts from previous programs, including bookshelf dioramas, string art, and many more! No registration is required.

Drop in, make a craft, and enjoy! Crafts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Tuesday, Mar. 12, Apr. 9,** 2 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.

### 3D KEYCHAINS FOR KIDS **K T**

**Thursday, Mar. 14,** 3:30 PM

This is the perfect program to learn how to make a 3D keychain of your very own.

### LEARN ABOUT THE ECLIPSE **K T A**

**Monday, Mar. 25,** 6 PM

A total solar eclipse will cross North America April 8. Visit the Felicity Branch to learn what makes this eclipse so special and important eclipse safety information.

### OUT OF THIS WORLD OPEN HOUSE **K**

**Tuesday, Apr. 16,** 6 PM

The eclipse is now over. This is a great time to have some fun with stories, crafts, photo shoots, snacks, and songs all about space. Attendees also will get a chance to enter a drawing to win an out-of-this-world prize! This will be an open house where guests can enjoy the stations at their own pace.

### PAINT BY NUMBERS **A**

**Monday, Apr. 22,** 6 PM

Create your own piece of art easily when you paint by numbers. Each guest receives a wooden sign and paint. The numbers are purposely light so make sure to bring a pair of reading glasses if you need them!

## Goshen

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT: SPRINGTIME SOCIAL **K A**

**Tuesday, Mar. 12,** 6:30 PM

Join us for a night full of springtime fun! To celebrate National Craft Month, we'll have a variety of fun spring-inspired crafts, read stories, as well as enjoy light snacks and refreshments!

### TEEN BUILDERS: SUBLIMATION TUMBLERS **T**

**Tuesday, Mar. 26,** 6 PM

Teens! Join us for a night of crafting fun! We'll learn about the Cricut mug press and the process of sublimation! We'll then use what we've learned to make our very own sublimated tumblers, perfect for your favorite hot or cold drink!

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Wednesday, Mar. 27, Apr. 24,** 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.

#### **NAMI CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP**

**Wednesday, Mar. 27, Apr. 24,** 4 PM  
NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. You will gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others, and the groups are led by trained leaders who've been there. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Health. These support group meetings are open to the public.

#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT: APRIL SHOWERS**

**Tuesday, Apr. 23,** 6:30 PM  
Join us for a celebration of the outdoors! Not only is Earth Day in April, but it is also National Lawn and Garden Month! We'll read stories and craft our very own mini gardens to take home and grow!

#### **ALL ABOUT HERBAL TEAS**

**Tuesday, Apr. 30,** 6:30 PM  
Smell, taste, and learn about various tea herbs. Create your own blend or follow a provided recipe.

## Miami Township

#### **USED BOOK SALE**

**Thursday, Feb. 29,** 10 AM-5 PM, **Friday, Mar. 1,** 1-5 PM, **Mar. 2,** 10 AM-3 PM  
A variety of gently used items for adults and children will be available including books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

#### **LEARN TO PLAY NERTZ**

**Saturday, Mar. 9,** 1 PM  
You've never played solitaire like this before. Learn to play this fun and fast-paced group solitaire game. Knowledge of basic solitaire is helpful.

#### **NAMI CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP**

**Wednesday, Mar. 13, Apr. 10,** 4 PM  
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#### **GO FLY A KITE**

**Saturday, Mar. 16,** 1 PM  
Build a kite with paper sticks and string. Then watch it fly!

#### **GREEN INVADERS**

**Saturday, Mar. 16,** 1 PM  
Bush Honeysuckle, Lesser Celandine, Garlic Mustard, and Calgary Pear all have something in common. They are green invaders in Clermont County. Learn to identify the most prevalent invasive plants found in our region, what characteristics make them invasive, and how to remove them. How did they get here, and are they hurting our natural lands?

#### **CRAFTING CLUB**

**Tuesday, Mar. 19, Apr. 16,** 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.

#### **MAKE CLOTHESPIN DRAGONFLY WALL ART**

**Saturday, Apr. 6,** 1 PM  
Spring is almost here. Join us to make a dragonfly wall-art piece with clothespins that will brighten your home this spring.

#### **CELEBRATE NATION UNICORN DAY**

**Tuesday, Apr. 9,** 5:30 PM  
Celebrate your favorite mythical creature, the unicorn! Listen to stories and make a craft.

#### **POETRY READING AT THE LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, Apr. 16,** 6 PM  
Join us for Poetry Reading at the Library, a National Poetry Month celebration of saying aloud your poetry, floetry, lyrics, monologue, essay, short story, or raps/riffs/rhymes. Four local writers will be speaking. Part of the evening will be open mic for attendees to read their work, if desired.

## New Richmond

#### **CREATE YOUR OWN EASTER EGG WREATH!**

**Tuesday, Mar. 5,** 4 PM  
Let's welcome in spring by making an eye-catching, 10-inch wreath by using ribbon, paper Easter grass, and plastic eggs using Mod Podge to perfection with floral napkins. Let your creativity flow as you create a one-of-a-kind hanging piece.

#### **LEGO CLUB**

**Thursday, Mar. 7, Apr. 4,** 4:30 PM  
The Library will provide all the LEGO bricks and even some inspiration with a challenge – if you choose to accept it!

#### **HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT – SOLAR SCIENCE**

**Thursday, Mar. 14,** 11 AM  
Join us as we learn about our closest star – the Sun! We will learn about seasons, how the sun warms the Earth, what happens during an eclipse, and so much more! We

will make solar cookers for everyone to take home and if it is sunny, cook a treat!

#### **SENIOR CAFÉ**

**Monday, Mar. 18,** 11 AM  
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.

#### **SPRING BINGO**

**Thursday, Mar. 21,** 11 AM  
Adults with developmental disabilities are invited to join Gina in a fun-filled morning of SPRING BINGO! Get ready to yell BINGO and choose a prize!

#### **SOLAR SCIENCE!**

**Monday, Mar. 25,** 6 PM  
Join us as we learn about our closest star – the Sun! We will learn about seasons, what is an equinox, how the sun warms the Earth, what happens during an eclipse, and so much more! We will make solar cookers for everyone to take home!

#### **LET'S PUT ON A RADIO SHOW PART 3**

**Monday, Apr. 1,** 4 PM  
Our Radio Show fun continues with a third session of comedy classics. We will jump right into recording a classic funny radio script along the lines of Fibber McGee and Molly and the Burns and Allen Radio Show. Guests can choose to be an actor, do sound effects, or be an audience member. We will rehearse, record, listen, tweak, and record. Guests will have a chance to listen to their work and then we will switch it up and do it again. Don't worry if you missed the first two sessions, you can participate in the third session.

#### **MUSICAL MONDAY MORNINGS**

**Monday, Apr. 15,** 11 AM  
Join us every even numbered month of the year as we celebrate Broadway and music by singing with a live accompanist! We'll sing songs by Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, and other artists with catchy toe-tapping country tunes.

#### **TRASH TO TREASURE PROJECT DISPLAY AND PRESENTATION**

**Tuesday, Apr. 16,** 6 PM  
Are you looking for a chance to earn volunteer hours to meet or exceed the high school graduation requirement? Join to present and display a found object or trash-to-treasure project. Demonstrate ways of repurposing/upcycling items artistically or functionally. Students will present their projects, as well as fill in a rubric

requirement sheet. The programmer will sign the volunteer hour sheet for up to 10 hours of the students' volunteer hours.

#### **LINCOLN ON SLAVERY, EMANCIPATION, AND EQUALITY**

**Monday, Apr. 22,** 3 PM  
Presenter Kevin Wood portrays President Abraham Lincoln. As Lincoln, he will share his perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between races during his time.

#### **HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: EARTH DAY/CONSERVATION**

**Wednesday, Apr. 24,** 11 AM  
Let's celebrate Earth Day at this Homeschool Hangout! Learn how to save the planet, conservationism, and some of the little things children and families can do daily to make a difference!

## Owensville

#### **LEGO CHALLENGE: CATAPULTS**

**Saturday, Mar. 2,** 10:30 AM  
Ready, Aim, Fire! Work in a group to build a catapult and see who can hit the target.

#### **GREEN INVADERS**

**Tuesday, Mar. 12,** 4 PM  
Bush Honeysuckle, Lesser Celandine, Garlic Mustard, and Calgary Pear all have something in common: they are green invaders in Clermont County. Learn to identify the most prevalent invasive plants found in our region, what characteristics make them invasive, and how to remove them. We also will discuss how they got here and how they are hurting our natural lands.

#### **WATERSHEDS AND WATER CYCLES**

**Wednesday, Mar. 20,** 2 PM  
Join our Homeschool Hangout and learn about the water cycle and watersheds through crafts and experiments.

#### **TEEN CRAFT CLUB**

**Tuesday, Mar. 26,** 4 PM  
Bring your craft projects and friends to our new Teen Craft Club. Don't have a craft? We will provide them and snacks, too!

#### **SPRING TIME SLIME**

**Tuesday, Apr. 16,** 6 PM  
Join in the fun as we learn to make different kinds of slime with a spring twist.

#### **LINCOLN ON SLAVERY, EMANCIPATION, AND EQUALITY**

**Tuesday, Apr. 23,** 3 PM  
Mr. Lincoln shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the


relationship between the races during his time. Hear a brief summary of the history of slavery in North America, focusing especially on the great debates and compromises over slavery at the time of the formation of the United States and during the subsequent 80 years. You will hear Lincoln's political views on slavery and emancipation and how these gradually shifted over the years.

#### **WILDLIFE WONDERS OF THE WOODS**

**Wednesday, Apr. 24,** 2 PM  
Join members of Dragonfly Garden Wildlife Rescue and their ambassador animals as they talk about the amazing things that bats and opossums do for our forests.

#### **TEEN CRAFT CLUB**

**Saturday, Apr. 27,** 2:30 PM  
Bring your craft projects and friends to our new teen craft club. Don't have a craft? We will provide them and snacks, too!



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## Union Township

#### **UNITED WAY TAX PREPARATION SERVICE**

**Thursday and Friday, Mar. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, Apr. 4, 5, 11, 12,** 10 AM  
Staff from the United Way will be on site preparing taxes. Please schedule an appointment on the United Way's website: uwgc-freetaxprep.as.me/CCPLUniontownship.

#### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT: EXPLORING RAINBOWS**

**Monday, Mar. 4,** 6:30 PM  
What lies at the end of a rainbow? How do rainbows form? What are the best

conditions for a rainbow? We'll try and answer all these questions and more at our Family Fun Night: Exploring Rainbows! Join us in our exploration of what makes a rainbow while we make rainbow crafts!

#### **SENSORY STORYTIME**

**Saturday, Mar. 9,** 10:30 AM  
Join us for sensory storytime! In this interactive program, we will have stations dedicated to different senses including touch, sound, and sight!

#### **FIBER ARTS CLUB**

**Monday, Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22,** 6 PM  
If you're a fan of knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and more, this is the place for you. Bring your current project and chat with other crafters to share ideas, learn new skills, and grow in your art.

#### **HOMESCHOOL BOOK BUDDIES: STUNTBODY, IN THE MEANTIME**

**Monday, Mar. 18,** 1:30 PM  
Join us in our Homeschool Book Buddies discussion group! In this meeting, we will discuss the book *Stuntboy, In the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds

#### **CRAFTER DARK: ORIGAMI BOUQUETS**

**Monday, Mar. 18,** 6 PM  
Folding something beautiful: learn how to make a variety of origami flowers and make them into bouquets!

#### **HOLI CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, Mar. 23,** 2 PM  
Join the Library and the Cultural Centre of India for the celebration of Holi, an ancient festival of India that celebrates colors, love, the victory of good over evil, and the end of winter. A short presentation on the holiday will be followed by interactive Indian dancing and the throwing of bright-colored tissue paper in celebration of the coming of spring. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **TEENS: LEARN TO FACE PAINT**

**Tuesday, Mar. 26,** 4:30PM  
Learn how to face paint with Eva Wheeldon from Cincinnati Face Painters. We will learn the basics that you can use on yourself and others. Maybe this may lead to you starting your own business.

#### **CATCH THE ECLIPSE**

**Monday, Apr. 8,** 1:30 PM  
Watch the eclipse with us! We will track the progress of the eclipse and send the data we collect through The GLOBE Program for NASA scientists to study. We will use GLOBE Eclipse Library Kits and app to submit our data. The main event is about

3:10 p.m. We will start taking data earlier and also enjoy related activities and crafts.

### POET-TEA FOR TEENS **T**

**Monday, Apr. 15,** 6 PM  
Tea and Poetry.

Take a sip, write a stanza  
Come and join us, please :)

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: NEBULAS **K**

**Thursday, Apr. 18,** 1:30 PM

Explore the cosmos with us! In this program, we will find out what nebulas are, what they're made of, and we'll make examples of our own for you to take home!

### LEARN MORE ABOUT NEBULAS **K**

**Saturday, Apr. 20,** 10:30 AM

Explore the cosmos with us! In this program, we will find out what nebulas are, what they're made of, and we'll make examples of our own for you to take home!

### HAIKU AND SENRYU WRITING WORKSHOP **A**

**Saturday, Apr. 20,** 1 PM

Join Renee Branum of UC Clermont to learn the basics of writing Haiku and Senryu poems in celebration of National Poetry Month.

### LINCOLN AS STORYTELLER **A T**

**Tuesday, Apr. 23,** 6 PM

Join us as we welcome Kevin Wood in his presentation of Abe Lincoln's favorite stories and jokes. You'll get a good dose of both the nation's history and Mr. Lincoln's personal story. For ages 12 and up.

### USED BOOK SALE FOR TEACHERS **A**

**Saturday, Apr. 27,** 9 AM

Come shop for gently used books for your classrooms, learn about educator cards for educators in Clermont County, get information about teacher collections, a 3 for Me card for your classroom, and get an overview of the digital platforms. Discuss community partnership opportunities with Union Township's Youth Services team, too.

### USED BOOK SALE **E**

**Monday, Apr. 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3,** Library hours

A variety of gently used items for adults and children will be available including books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

## Williamsburg

### TEEN CUPCAKE WARS **T**

**Tuesday, Mar. 5,** 3 PM

Teens, do you think you have what it takes to decorate the best-looking cupcake? Join us for a fun cupcake decorating competition! All materials will be provided.

### TEEN CAFÉ **T**

**Thursday, Mar. 7, 14, 21,**  
**Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25,** 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.

### MEET A MINIATURE HORSE **E**

**Saturday, Mar. 9,** 2 PM

Join us and meet a miniature therapy horse from Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding and Horsemanship. Learn about what therapy horses can do for people, and have a chance to pet one as well!

### SENIOR CAFÉ **A**

**Wednesday, Mar. 13, Apr. 10,** 2 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.

### DIY SOLAR ECLIPSE NECKLACE **T A**

**Tuesday, March 19,** 2 PM & 6 PM

Get ready for the total solar eclipse by crafting your own jewelry. You will paint your own glow-in-the-dark necklace that shows the phases of the sun.

### ECLIPSE OPEN HOUSE **E**

**Monday, Apr. 8,** 2 PM

Join us to view the solar eclipse. Before and after totality, participate in a variety of fun sun-related activities. Build a pinhole viewer, make a sun-reactive bracelet, design a suncatcher, try our scavenger hunt, and more!

### SPRING CRAFT PARTY **A**

**Monday, Apr. 15,** 3 PM

Adults with developmental disabilities can drop in to an egg-citing spring fling party. Go from station to station and make some fabulous crafts while supplies last.

### LINCOLN AS STORYTELLER **E**

**Monday, Apr. 22,** 6 PM

Mr. Lincoln shares some of his favorite stories and jokes, and explains why he used these so often. You will get a good dose of both the nation's history and Mr. Lincoln's personal story.

## Off Site

### CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC **A**

**Saturday, Mar. 2, Apr. 6,** 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@clermontcountyohio.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 **K**

**Dates: Mar. 9, Apr. 13,** 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.

## Online

### ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES **A**

**Monday, Mar. 4,** 6:30 PM

Join Chris, the Library's Director, and her husband on their journey from Acadia National Park to Burlington, Vermont, with lots of interesting stops including Portland, Maine, and the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Sign up to get a Zoom link.

### ZOOM: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL SERIES **A**

**Monday, Mar. 11, 6:30 PM**

Emily from the Bethel and Williamsburg Branches visited Columbia River Gorge and traveled Oregon's coast from Astoria to Cape Perpetua. Explore state parks, view thundering waterfalls, admire Portland's gardens, visit Howard Hughes' infamous Spruce Goose, follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, peek into tidepools, meet a whale-spotting dog, and get up-close with sea lions, gems of the Northwoods including lighthouses, shipwrecks, waterfalls, and roadside attractions. Sign up to get a Zoom link.

# New for Kids & Teens



**The Bedtime Book**  
by Katy Hedley

TOD ALL 9781665929592



**Being Brave**  
by Cindy Jin

TOD JIN 9781665933391



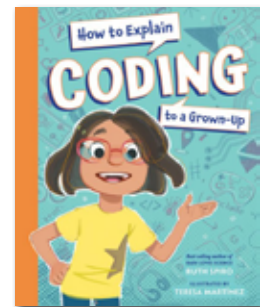
**Don't Trust Cats:  
Life Lessons from  
Chip the Dog**  
by Dev Petty

E PET 9780593706787



**Sister Spring** by James  
Christopher Carroll

E CAR 9781568463841



**How to Explain Coding  
to a Grown-up**  
by Ruth Spiro

J 177.7 DAV 9781805317401



**Miss Molly's School of  
Kindness**  
by Zanna Davidson

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**The brothers Hawthorne**  
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

YA BAR 9780316480772



**The Revenge Game**  
by Jordyn Taylor


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# Book Clubs

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## SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

**Batavia Branch**

**Wednesdays; Mar. 13, Apr. 10, 2 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester

**APRIL BOOK:** *Picture in the Sand* by Peter Blauner

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**Batavia Branch**

**Wednesdays; Mar. 27, Apr. 24, 1 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *An Honest Man* by Michael Koryta

**APRIL BOOK:** *Murphy's Law* by Rhys Bowen

## BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB

**Bethel Branch**

**Mondays; Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 6:30 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

**APRIL BOOK:** *The Grass is Always Greener over the Septic Tank* by Erma Bombeck

## CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB

**Felicity Branch**

**Tuesdays; Mar. 26, Apr. 23, 2 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Charbonnet

**APRIL BOOK:** *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

## CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION

**Goshen Branch**

**Wednesdays; Mar. 13, Apr. 10, 1:30 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

**APRIL BOOK:** Any Book (Fiction or Non-Fiction)

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

**Miami Township Branch**

**Thursdays; Mar. 7, Apr. 4, 1:30 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

**APRIL BOOK:** *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

## BOOKENDS

**New Richmond Branch**

**Fridays; Mar. 15, Apr. 19, 11:30 AM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton

**APRIL BOOK:** *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister

## SPINEBENDERS

**New Richmond Branch**

**Tuesdays; Mar. 26, Apr. 23, 7 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

**APRIL BOOK:** *The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man* by David Von Drehle

## CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

**Union Township Branch**

**Mondays; Mar. 4, Apr. 1, 6 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini

**APRIL BOOK:** *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann

## SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

**Williamsburg Branch**

**Tuesdays; Mar. 12, Apr. 9, 2 PM**

**MARCH BOOK:** *Death in a Budapest Butterfly* by Julia Buckley

**APRIL BOOK:** *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot



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Celebrate poetry in its many forms during National Poetry Month at the Library. Poetry is more than just poems. It's also foetry, lyrics, monologues, essays, short stories, or raps/riffs/rhymes. The Library is hosting four programs to celebrate:

### Poet-Tea for Teens

**APRIL 15, 6 PM @ UNION TOWNSHIP**

### Poetry Reading at the Library

**APRIL 16, 6 PM @ MIAMI TOWNSHIP**

### Haiku and Senryu Writing Workshop

**APRIL 20, 1 PM @ UNION TOWNSHIP**

### An Afternoon of Poetry

**APRIL 27, 2 PM @ AMELIA**



## Check out a Memory Kit

and share it with a loved one who may have some memory loss. Each kit contains resources that encourage sharing stories. Families will have fun using the material and may even hear some stories they have not heard before – stories that they will treasure. Kits contain a themed video, activity cards, fidget widget, busy bottle, and themed activity, all designed to help stimulate memories and get conversations started.

## ONLINE MOVIE CLUB **Tuesdays; Mar. 26, Apr. 23, 6:30 PM**

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

**MARCH MOVIE:** *Misery* (R, 1990) and *Dolores Claiborne* (R, 1995)

**APRIL MOVIE:** *Dr. Strangelove: or How I Stopped Worrying and Love the Bomb* (PG, 1964) and *Fail Safe* (1964)

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