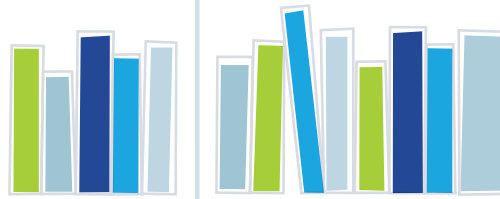


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HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Nov. 11 & 23
Dec. 23 & 25
Jan. 1

NOV/DEC
2023

Insider



AMELIA
58 Maple Street, 45102
(513) 752-5580

BATAVIA
180 South Third Street, 45103
(513) 732-2128

BETHEL
611 West Plane Street, 45106
(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
(513) 528-1744

WILLIAMSBURG
594 West Main Street, 45176
(513) 724-1070

ADMINISTRATION
(513) 732-2736

LIBRARY HELPLINE
(513) 735-7144

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

Tis the season ...for fun activities!

The Library has many cheerful programs to both get ready

for and to celebrate the holidays.



Food will be

collected.



Decor will be created. Halls will be

decked (for Holiday Open Houses).



Gifts will be crafted.



Holiday books will be shared. Puppets



will entertain.



Gingerbread Houses will be decorated.

Festive Attire will be worn (and embellished).



Packages

will be wrapped.



Sweets will be adorned (and consumed).

Joyful songs will be sung. And merriment will be had.



Join us!



 CLERMONT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the Director



It's the time of year holiday traditions are celebrated. I'm excited that our gingerbread programs are back for you to enjoy. It's one of my favorite seasonal traditions here at the Library. Another great tradition is giving back to our community, and we're doing that with our holiday food drive. Bring a non-perishable item when you visit us between November 13 and December 30. We will make sure it gets to those who need it with the help of Inter Parish Ministry.

Beginning December 23, the Bethel Branch will be closed for renovation. I would like to apologize ahead of time for the inconvenience to guests, but I think you will be very pleased with the results. Stay tuned for our big reveal.

Also, coming in January is our new Senior Café. This will be a time for seniors to gather with friends and meet new ones. We will have games for everyone to enjoy, like playing cards, Uno, Scrabble, Clue, Dominos, etc. We won't have any planned programs at first. We want seniors to tell us what they may want as a program or if they just want to meet and enjoy playing games and just talking to others. The Senior Café will take place monthly at the Amelia, Goshen, and Williamsburg Branch Libraries. Other branches will host a Senior Café once throughout the year so watch the calendar for dates and more information.

As we prepare to wrap up 2023, I want to thank you for supporting the Clermont County Public Library. I feel I can speak for the entire staff when I say it brings us great joy to offer services and programs for our entire community, and we love when you stop by. For that, I'm very thankful. We're working on even more great things for 2024. I hope you have a joyful season with those who are dear to you.

Christine Wick
Library Director

Senior Café for OLDER ADULTS



Share activities and conversations with old friends while making new ones starting in January 2024. Library staff will have interesting games to play along with beverages and snacks to enjoy. Over time, you and your new friends may very well want to plan

activities. Watch the Library's website and Facebook page for dates and times. The Senior Cafes will take place monthly at the Amelia, Goshen, and Williamsburg Branch Libraries, as well as every other month at New Richmond. Join us!

"...thank you for all the wonderful library programs that Clermont Library offers. I also wanted to point out how enthusiastic Chris and Ashley always are at the programs and how much that adds to the programs..."

- Caren U.

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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Edwin Humphrey
Judith Kocica
Tricia Lyons
Ernie Ramos
Christine Wick, *Director*
Leslie Jacobs, *Assistant Director*
Melanie Smithey, *Deputy Fiscal Officer*

BOARD MEETINGS

are typically conducted the third Monday of each month at the

Miami Township Library
6 PM

Upcoming:

November 20
December 18

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; Nov. 2, 9, 16
10:30 AM (All Ages)

BATAVIA BRANCH

THURSDAYS; Nov. 2, 9, 16
10:30 AM (All Ages)

BETHEL BRANCH

THURSDAYS; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14
10:30 AM (All Ages)

FELICITY BRANCH

THURSDAY, Nov. 16, 10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)
MONDAY, Dec. 11, 10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)

GOSHEN BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; Nov. 1, 8, 15
10:30 AM (All Ages)

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; NOV. 1, 8, 15
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)
11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)

THURSDAYS; Nov. 2, 9, 16
10:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAY; Nov. 16
11:30 AM (Baby)

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; Nov. 1, 8, 15
11 AM (All Ages)

UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; Nov. 1, 8, 15
10:30 AM (Toddler 18-36 months)
11:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; Nov. 2, 9, 16
10:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; Nov. 2, 16
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 months)

WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13
10:30 AM (All Ages)

ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME
TUESDAYS; NOV. 7, 14, 21, 28, DEC. 5, 12, 19
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

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

Nov. 3 at Union Township Branch

Nov. 17 at Bethel Branch

Dec. 1 at Owensville Branch

Dec. 15 at Union Township Branch

10:30 am – 12 pm

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



SCHOOL READINESS VIDEOS

We have great tips and ideas on how to get your child ready to attend school. Head over to the Library's YouTube channel to view the entire series.



COOKING MAGAZINES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Love cooking magazines but don't want to have tons of them around the house? You can find new holiday recipes or access your favorite magazines with Libby and the Ohio Digital Library. Find the link on the homepage of our website.

RECOMMENDS: READING SUGGESTIONS

Get email you actually want to read in your inbox. Tell us what kind of books you like to read and we'll send you an email twice a month with suggestions. Visit the homepage of our website to sign up.

BOOKS BY THE BANKS IS BACK



Visit with many local and national authors **Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 AM to 4 PM** at the **Duke Energy Convention Center**. Admission is free.

Don't miss this great opportunity to talk with authors about their books. For the current list of authors attending, visit: [Booksbythebanks.org/confirmed-authors](https://booksbythebanks.org/confirmed-authors). Kids will enjoy the activities in Kids' Corner. Visit the Clermont County Library at our table and pick up a small gift. Mark your calendar and get ready to enjoy a great day talking all about books!



TEENS AND ADULTS, GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

Submit your story between January 1–31. All stories must be between 1,000 and 2,500 words and must be suitable for a general audience. First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$150 gift card; second-place winners, a \$100 gift card; and third-place winners, a \$50 gift card. Winners must be able to visit a branch to pick up their prize. Winners from 2023 are not eligible to win in 2024.



Holiday FOOD DRIVE

NOV. 13 – DEC. 30

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Chicken, Chili or Beef Stew
- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli or Spaghetti with meat
- Spaghetti Sauce* with meat
- Pasta
- Diced Tomatoes
- Peanut Butter*
- Jams & Jellies*
- Canned Baked Beans, White Beans, & Kidney Beans
- Stuffing
- Instant Potatoes
- Shampoo

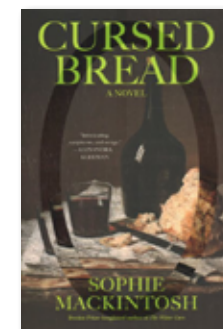
*plastic jars if possible

SHARE COMFORT & JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Drop off non-perishable food items at any of the 10 Clermont Library branches.

The Library is proud to work with Inter Parish Ministry to collect these items for distribution in Clermont County.

Staff Picks for Adults



Cursed Bread
by Sophie Mackintosh
FICTION

Elodie is a simple baker's wife in the post-war small French town of Pont-Saint-Esprit in the year 1951. A mysterious ambassador moves into town, bringing his fascinating wife. As Elodie's relationship with both of them escalates, the town is thrust into chaos. Great read for anyone who likes historical fiction with a thriller twist!

Lauren C. – Amelia Branch



Summer Reading
by Jenn McKinlay
FICTION

The main character is dyslexic, but she doesn't let that get in the way of following her dreams of becoming a chef. The best part is that Jenn McKinlay had the book printed in a dyslexic-friendly font making the book accessible to more people. I love when authors not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk when it comes to representation.

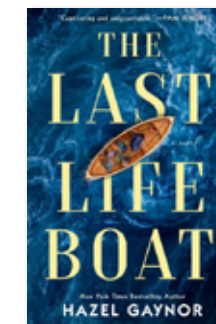
Katie K. – Williamsburg Branch



Skillet Love
by Anne Byrn
NONFICTION

One of my new favorite cookbooks! I love that all the recipes are clearly one dish, simple, and are great year round.

Jax K. – Union Township Branch



The Last Life Boat
by Hazel Gaynor
HISTORICAL FICTION

I loved how the author beautifully articulates the rollercoaster of emotions felt by each character, the character development, and the way she encapsulated the environments of each person and what they are experiencing in that moment. I didn't want it to end.

Jody C. – New Richmond Branch



Faceless
by Kathryn Lasky
JUVENILE HISTORICAL FICTION

Two teen sisters are spies during WWII. They're "faceless" because they have the ability to blend in with a crowd and become forgettable. The two sisters are very close until the older one gets plastic surgery and starts spying for the Nazis. A really good read!

Skye G. – Williamsburg Branch



The Weaver's Idea Book
by Jane Patrick
NONFICTION

I think it's the best rigid-heddle weaving reference we own. I ended up buying my own copy.

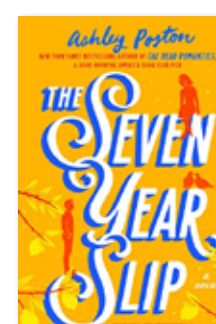
Laurie H. – Miami Township Branch



Prom Mom
by Laura Lippman
ADULT FICTION

I'm not a fast reader, but I flew through this one. This book read, to me, like a cross between Fannie Flagg and Anne Tyler dipped in noir. Lots of moral ambiguities make this a great book club selection.

Chris W. – Library Administration



The Seven Year Slip
by Ashley Poston
FICTION

A perfect mix of light contemporary fantasy and romance.

Morgan M. – Goshen 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.

Off Site

CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC **A**

Saturdays, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 9 AM-12 PM
Old Library Administration Office
326 Broadway Street, Batavia, OH 45103
A 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 domesticcourt.org and click on resources. If the Clermont County Public Library Administration Building is closed, the Law Clinic will not be held or rescheduled for that month.

PURRFECT TALES: KIDS READ TO CATS **K**

Saturdays; Nov. 4, 9, 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.

Amelia

SATURDAY PLAY DATE **K**

Saturdays; Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 10:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs, and playtime.

We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

FALL FLORAL CENTERPIECE **A T**

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6 PM
Learn how to paint a Mason jar to use as a festive vase. Discover tips and tricks for arranging silk flowers in a jar to complete your DIY centerpiece.

LEGO CLUB **K**

Wednesdays; Nov. 8, Dec. 6, 4:30 PM
Create with LEGO – our popular LEGO Club program 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!

ESSENTIAL OILS BRACELET **A**

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 PM
Learn about essential oils and how they are used. Participants will make a diffuser bracelet they can wear every day.

CHESS CLUB **A**

Wednesdays; Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 3:30 PM
Looking for a challenge, a workout for your mind? Don't know how to play chess? We'll teach you.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: THANKSGIVING MARBLE RUN **K**

Friday, Nov. 17, 11 AM
Create a maze that will help your turkey (marble) escape.

DINOVEMBER: DINOMITE PARTY **K**

Monday, Nov. 20, 5 PM
Celebrate dinosaurs with fun stories, crafts, and games.

UGLY SWEATER DIY **T**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5 PM
Bring your own sweater and use our supplies to create an ugly masterpiece. Registration is required.

GIFT WRAPPING TIPS AND TECHNIQUES **A**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5 PM
Does gift wrapping mystify you? Spend a few minutes at our Winter Open House, and we'll show you how to do it. We'll be teaching two techniques: one that's practical and can be done quickly, and a decorative one that will be sure to wow.

BACKYARD MAPLE SYRUP **A**

Monday, Dec. 11, 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.

Batavia

CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NAVIGATING FAMILY SEARCH AND HOW TO GET RESOURCES **A**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1 PM
Presenter Pam Peterson will teach you how to access and use the resources available at FamilySearch.org.

STEAM: BALLOON TURKEY RACES **K**

Monday, Nov. 6, 6 PM
Join us for an evening of physics fun as we create our own balloon turkeys and have some fast-paced turkey zip-line races.

WRITERS GROUP **A**

Tuesdays; Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 6 PM
Share your writing endeavors, generate ideas, hone your craft, and network with fellow writers.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLONIAL CHILD **K**

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2 PM
Learn what your life would have been like in Colonial America. We will discuss clothing, food, and daily activities. We will even enjoy some colonial games.

UPCYCLED BOOK HEDGEHOGS **T**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 PM
Have fun while you upcycle. You'll create an adorable hedgehog from an old book.

BACKYARD BIRDS **A**

Thursday, Nov. 30, 3 PM
Get acquainted with many of Ohio's common backyard birds. Learn how to attract them to your yard, basic identification skills, and how to better understand bird behaviors you might see.

CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SHOW AND TELL/HOLIDAY PARTY **A**

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1 PM

A CHRISTMAS CLASSICS OPEN HOUSE **E**

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 PM
Join Rudolph, Frosty, and all of the Misfit Toys as we celebrate the holidays together. Enjoy photo ops, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING **E**

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5 and 6:30 PM
Decorate a personalized gingerbread house for the holidays. Bring a canned food item that will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution throughout Clermont County during the holidays.

Bethel

TEEN CAFÉ **T**

Wednesdays: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 3 PM
Teens can enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the library.

ESCAPE THE '80S **A T**

Monday, Nov. 13, 3:30 PM, 5 PM, 6:30 PM
Find clues and solve a series of puzzles to escape from a 1980s time warp. If you have a large party, make sure you sign up together.

GEOLOGY ROCKS! **K**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 PM
Learn about Earth science with fun experiments and interactive activities.

DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 AM
Stop by while you're enjoying Bethel's Down Home Christmas event for crafts, candy, and a fun scavenger hunt.

Felicity

TWEEN CAFÉ **K**

Mondays; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 3:30 PM

We will have after-school 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.

CLEOPATRA'S SPA **A**

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6 PM
Discover how to create skincare products found in ancient times while learning about Cleopatra and her world.

ART A TO Z: G IS FOR GAUGUIN **K**

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 3:30 PM
Meet French Post-Impressionist artist Paul Gauguin, known for his vibrant use of color and artistic freedom. Kids 6-11 will be introduced to Gauguin in a brief lesson, then will participate in a hands-on experience. We will learn, experiment and, most importantly, have fun.

3D PRINTING: HOLIDAY COOKIE CUTTERS **A T**

Monday, Nov. 13, 6 PM
Be extra creative with your holiday baking this year and learn how to 3D print your own cookie cutters. Participants will create a cookie cutter, and submit the file to be printed.

DIY GNOME **T**

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 3:30 PM
Gnomes are everywhere. Learn how to make your very own Gnome friend using a sock and a few craft materials.

LEGO CLUB **K**

Thursday, Nov. 30, 3:30 PM
Kids ages 6-11 can take on our monthly building challenge or enjoy free building on their own or with friends.

DIY HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS **A T**

Monday, Dec. 4, 6 PM
Learn a brief history of holiday decorating and the origins of ornaments on trees. Make



If you haven't experienced the fun of decorating a gingerbread house for the holidays at the Library, mark your calendar. This is a great family activity.

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT. SIGN UPS REQUIRED.

TUESDAY NOV. 28 5 PM or 6:15 PM OWENSVILLE BRANCH	MONDAY DEC. 4 2:30 PM or 5:30 PM WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH	TUESDAY DEC. 5 5-7 PM Drop In AMELIA BRANCH	SATURDAY DEC. 9 10 AM, 11:30 AM or 1 PM UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH	SATURDAY DEC. 9 10 AM or 2 PM GOSHEN BRANCH
TUESDAY DEC. 12 5 PM or 6:30 PM BATAVIA BRANCH	SATURDAY DEC. 16 10 AM, 11 AM or 12 PM MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH	TUESDAY DEC. 19 4 PM or 6 PM NEW RICHMOND BRANCH	TUESDAY DEC. 19 5:30 PM or 7 PM FELICITY BRANCH	

Holiday FOOD DRIVE Please bring a canned food item that will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution throughout Clermont County.

Holiday OPEN HOUSES

Gather the family & join the festivities

Tuesday	Nov. 28	5-7 PM	OWENSVILLE BRANCH
Friday	Dec. 1	6-9 PM	WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH
Saturday	Dec. 2	9 AM - 5 PM	BETHEL BRANCH
Saturday	Dec. 2	1- 4:30 PM	NEW RICHMOND BRANCH
Tuesday	Dec. 5	5-7 PM	AMELIA BRANCH
Tuesday	Dec. 5	6-8 PM	MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH
Tuesday	Dec. 12	5:30-7 PM	BATAVIA BRANCH

two different types of holiday ornaments – round baubles decorated with glitter and geometric paper ornaments. Supplies will be provided. Be sure to wear clothing you won't mind getting messy.

ART A TO Z: H IS FOR HENRI (MATISSE) **K**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 3:30 PM
French visual artist Henri Matisse was best known for his use of color and original style. Kids 6-11 will be introduced to Matisse in a brief lesson, then will participate in a hands-on experience. We will learn, experiment and, most importantly, have fun.

DIY HOLIDAY HOUSE **E**

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 5:30, 7 PM.
Bring the family in for some holiday fun! We will provide small, individual, pre-made gingerbread houses so everyone can decorate one of their own. All supplies will be provided. Just bring your creativity and holiday spirit!

Goshen

AUTHOR VISIT: JEANETTE JACKSON **A**

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1:30 PM
Local author Jeanette Jackson will discuss her debut novel *Hunting Wildflowers*. Jeanette collaborated with her Great-Aunt Marvel Ferguson who lived in Goshen. Their story brings that time period to life while focusing on the modern-day struggles of a younger woman, and the wisdom of the aging aunt. Books will be available for purchase, and there will be a book signing at the end of the evening.

CROCHET CLASS **A T**

Mondays; Nov. 6, 20, 27, 6 PM
Learn how to crochet or brush up on your skills. Bring a crochet hook and skein of yarn.

THANKFUL FOR FOOD **E**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 PM
Celebrate everything we are thankful for this year. Bring the family and enjoy soup and rolls. We also will have fall crafts for you to make. Bring a non-perishable food

item to share with our local food pantry.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING CLASS **T**

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6 PM
Learn the art of holiday cookie decorating with presenter Crystal Smith-Colburn.

SNOWMAN GIFT JAR **A**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 PM
Make a three-tier snowman gift jar filled with marshmallows, cocoa, and peppermints to give to a special someone for the holidays.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES **K**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 AM, 2 PM
Families will create a gingerbread house together. One registration per family, space is limited to 30 families per session. Please bring a canned food item that will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution.

Miami Township

DANCES OF INDIA **E**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 PM
Music, dance, action, drama, and glamor all come together in Bollywood movies and dance numbers. Dancers dressed in colorful costumes, intricate jewelry and theatrical makeup will entertain you with breathtaking footwork and ancient storytelling techniques. You will experience a magical moment with this spectacular showcase of artistic expression, energy, and beauty.

A TIME OF GRATITUDE **K**

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 PM
Hear stories about gratitude. We also will have a fall-themed craft for you to make.

CRAFTING CLUB **A**

Tuesdays; Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 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 from library staff members.

OHIO SNAKES **A**

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 PM
Meet a live snake. Learn what species roam Ohio, the adaptations that make snakes special, and how to identify the three venomous snakes in our area.

DIY GNOME ORNAMENTS **A**

Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 AM
Create cute gnome holiday ornaments for your tree or as gift toppers. Each guest can make three ornaments.

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your tree or as gift toppers. Each guest can make three ornaments.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 PM
Hang out with Mrs. Claus while you enjoy holiday crafts, trivia, cookies, and more. The Hands Up! Puppet Troupe will perform their holiday show.

USED BOOK SALE **A**

Dec. 7, 1-5 PM, Dec. 8, 1-5 PM, Dec. 9, 1-3 PM

A variety of gently used items for adults and children will be available.

THE BERLIN AIRLIFT AND THE CANDY BOMBER **A T**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 AM
Russia blockaded all transportation avenues except air to Berlin's western zone 75 years ago, and the citizens were desperate. In response, the U.S. and England began an 18-month drop of fuel and food supplies. UC OLLI instructor Deb Price will discuss this herculean Cold War effort and the USAF pilot who dropped candy to German children. For ages 12+.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES **K**

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM
Make a fun gingerbread house. You bring your creativity; we'll supply your building supplies.

New Richmond

LEGO CLUB **K**

Thursdays; Nov. 2, Dec. 7, 4:30 PM
Have fun with LEGO bricks. We will provide the bricks and some inspiration. Bigger blocks will be provided for younger siblings to enjoy the fun as well.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: GRATITUDE ATTITUDE BRACELETS **K**

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11 AM
Create a beaded bracelet as we share stories and talk about what it means to be grateful, thankful, and kind.

GRATITUDE ATTITUDE BRACELETS **K**

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1960S TRIVIA COFFEE SHOP WITH DONUTS **A**

Monday, Nov. 13, 11 AM
Enjoy coffee and donuts as you test your knowledge of all things from the 1960s. From the music to the history, from fashion to the slang, we'll have a groovy time.

GNOMEMBER! **T**

Thursday, Nov. 16, 4:30 PM
Paint gnome rocks and create a plush gnome ornament or shelf sitter. All materials will be provided.

MUSICAL MONDAY MORNINGS: DISNEY **A**

Monday, Nov. 20, 11 AM
We will celebrate songs from the wonderful world of Disney including: *You've Got a Friend in Me* from *Toy Story*, *Part of Your World* from *The Little Mermaid*, *The Bare Necessities* from *Jungle Book*, and *A Spoonful of Sugar* from *Mary Poppins* among others. As always, we will have a live accompanist.

HOLIDAY WRAPPING **E**

Dec. 1-22, during branch hours
Have gifts that need wrapping? Stop by during December to wrap your holiday gifts. Choose from a variety of holiday wrapping paper and bows as you become your very own elf in Santa's Workshop of holiday wrapping fun.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1 PM
Stop by to kick off the holidays during the New Richmond Village Christmas festivities. Enjoy cookies, crafts, stories, and carols. The Hands Up! Puppet Troupe will perform at 3 PM.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CAROLS FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES **A**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 4 PM
Make festive Christmas ornaments, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy a holiday treat. This program is for our adult guests with developmental disabilities.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: WINTER ANIMALS **K**

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 AM
What do animals do in the winter? How do animals survive the cold, ice, and snow? Come to the New Richmond Branch to learn the answer to these and other questions.

MAKE GOAT MILK LOTION WITH LU LU'S SUDS **A**

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5 PM
Judy Foster from Lu Lu's Suds will teach you how to make all-natural homemade goat milk body butter. You will leave this program with caramel-pumpkin-scented body butter that is perfect for a holiday gift or a special treat just for you.

MUSICAL MONDAY MORNINGS: 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG **A**

Monday, Dec. 18, 11 AM
It's sure to be a Winter Wonderland as we make things very merry and bright

by singing all of the holiday favorites, from *Frosty the Snowman* to *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*. Come ring in the holidays with a good, old-fashioned sing-a-long!

GINGERBREAD HOUSES **K**

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 4 PM, 6 PM
A holiday favorite! Create a gingerbread house in time for the holidays. All supplies provided. Bring a canned food item that will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution throughout Clermont County during this season for giving.

Owensville

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5 PM
Celebrate the holiday season at the Library. Enjoy refreshments and watch The Hands Up! Puppet Troup perform their holiday show at 5:30 PM.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES **E**

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5 PM, 6:15 PM
Create a gingerbread house for the holidays. All materials provided. Registration required.

BACKYARD MAPLE SYRUP PRESENTED BY THE CLERMONT COUNTY PARK DISTRICT **K**

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 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.

CERAMIC CHRISTMAS BOOT VASE **A**

Monday, Dec. 11, 5 PM
Enjoy the festive season while decorating Santa's boot for a ceramic centerpiece. All supplies provided.

Union Township

FIBER ARTS CLUB **A**

Mondays; Nov. 13, 27, Dec. 11, 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: GNOME-VEMBER **K**

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 PM
There's no place like gnome and gnomebody loves gnomes as much as the Library. Join us for a family fun night filled with gnome crafts and activities. Make a gnome to take home.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK BUDDIES DISCUSSION GROUP **K**

Monday, Nov. 13, 1:30 PM
Join us for a discussion of *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg. This program is geared for readers between 8-12.

WHAT IS AI? **A**

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 3 PM
Professor Suguna Chundur from UC Clermont will show you the basics of AI and some of its uses. There will be a hands-on activity, so bring your device to participate.

CRAFTERDARK: BUTTON TREE **A**

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 PM
Take a canvas, add some paint and autumn-colored buttons to create a work of art. Parents are welcome to register their teens to create with them.

USED BOOK SALE **E**

Nov. 27-Dec. 2, during branch hours
A variety of gently-used items for adults and children will be available including books, audio-books, movies, and music.

BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE **E**

Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM
Gather as a family and build a gingerbread house you can display in your home during the holidays. Each family will receive a pre-constructed house and accoutrements to personalize it. One registration per family, please. Bring a canned food item that will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution throughout Clermont County during the holidays.

3D PRINTED SNOWFLAKES **T K**

Tuesday, Dec. 12
Teens – 4 PM
Kids – 6:30 PM
Learn to use Tinkercad to create 3D snowflake ornaments. We will print your projects for you to pick up at a later date.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 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 got here, how they hurt our natural lands, and how to remove them.

WINTER HOT CHOCOLATE BOMBS **A**

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1 PM
Learn how to make a hot chocolate bomb

using melting chocolate, coco powder, marshmallows, and sprinkles. A perfect treat for yourself or to give as a gift.

Williamsburg

TEEN CAFÉ **T**

Thursdays; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 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.

INSTANT POT CHEESECAKES **A**

Monday, Nov. 6, 6 PM
Learn to make delicious cheesecakes just in time for the holidays. No need to fire up the oven; it's easier than ever using the Instant Pot. We will share and prepare a recipe during this informative program.

3D PRINTED ORIGAMI ORNAMENTS **K**

Monday, Nov. 20, 3 PM, 6 PM
Create cute 3D printed origami ornaments just in time for the holidays. Register for a

Tinkercad account prior to the event.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

Friday, Dec. 1, 6 PM
Visit with a balloon artist, watch a roaming magician perform tricks, or use a small printing press from the Cincinnati Type and Print Museum. Check out our playroom – a great place for kids to warm up and parents to relax.

HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD HOUSES **E**

Monday, Dec. 4, 2:30 PM, 5:30 PM
Decorate a gingerbread house for the holidays. Bring a canned food item, which will be donated to Inter Parish Ministry for distribution throughout Clermont County during the holidays.

3D PRINTED ORNAMENTS **A T**

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1:30 PM, 3 PM
Learn about 3D printed ornaments and how the library can help you can create unique ornaments for your family and friends. Everyone attending will have the chance to create their own custom snowflake ornament.

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MONDAY, NOV. 27
6 PM

OWENSVILLE
TUESDAY, NOV. 28
6 PM

AMELIA
THURSDAY, NOV. 30
10:30 AM

NEW RICHMOND
SATURDAY, DEC. 2
3 PM

MIAMI TOWNSHIP
TUESDAY, DEC. 5
6:30 PM

New for Kids & Teens



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!
by Mo Willems

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How to Catch Santa Claus
by Alice Walstead

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by Chambræe Griffith

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by Ingela P. Arrhenius

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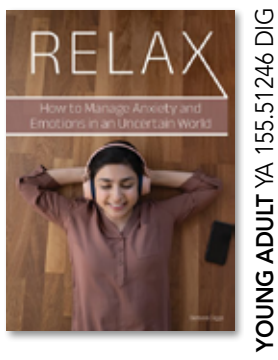
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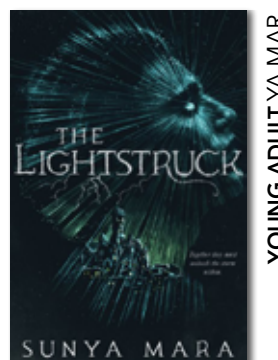
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Book Clubs

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SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays; Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 2 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Fame*

by Ron Howard and Clinton Howard

DECEMBER BOOK: *Four Winds*

by Kristin Hannah

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays; Nov. 29, Dec. 27, 1 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *One by One*

by Ruth Ware

DECEMBER BOOK: *Nine Lives*

by Peter Swanson

BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB

Bethel

Mondays; Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *Queen City Gothic: Cincinnati's Most Infamous Murder*

Mysteries by J.T. Townsend

DECEMBER BOOK: *Magpie Murders*

by Anthony Horowitz

CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB

Felicity

Tuesdays; Nov. 28, Dec. 19, 2 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *Still Life*

by Louise Penny

DECEMBER BOOK: *The Snow Child*

by Eowyn Ivey

CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION

Goshen

Wednesdays; Nov. 8, Dec. 13, 1:30 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *The Orphan's Tale*

by Pam Jenoff

DECEMBER BOOK: *Christmas Pearl*

by Dorothea Benton Frank

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Miami Township

Thursdays; Nov. 2, Dec. 7, 1:30 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All*

by Laura Ruby

DECEMBER BOOK: *All Good People Here*

by Ashley Flowers

BOOKENDS

New Richmond

Fridays; Nov. 17, Dec. 15, 11:30 AM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *Before the Fall*

by Noah Hawley

DECEMBER BOOK: *A Christmas in the Alps*

by Melody Carlson

SPINEBENDERS

New Richmond

Tuesdays; Nov. 28, Dec. 26, 7 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *Switchboard Soldiers*

by Jennifer Chiaverini

DECEMBER BOOK: *One Thousand White Women*

by Jim Fergus

CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

Union Township

Mondays; Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 6 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *The Vanishing Half*

by Britt Bennett

DECEMBER BOOK: *Of Mice and Men*

by John Steinbeck

SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Williamsburg

Tuesdays; Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 2 PM

NOVEMBER BOOK: *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*

by Amy Meyerson

DECEMBER BOOK: *The Bonesetter's Daughter*

by Amy Tan

ONLINE MOVIE CLUB

Tuesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 26, 6:30 PM

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

NOVEMBER MOVIE: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

DECEMBER MOVIE: *The Endless*



THE BETHEL BRANCH WILL CLOSE DEC. 23 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.

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