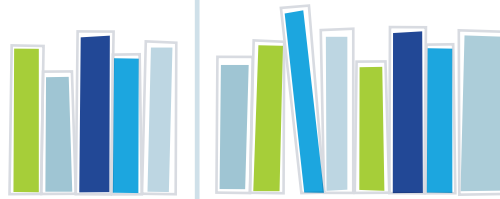


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HOLIDAY CLOSURES
May 27
June 19

MAY/JUN
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Insider



SUMMER Reading



JUN 1 - JUL 31

ALL AGES visit weekly



- 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

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CLERMONT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the Director



I'm thrilled to announce the return of our annual Summer Reading Challenge: The Adventure Begins at Your Library!

This exciting program, running from June 1 to July 31, is designed to be an engaging and enriching experience for readers of all ages. We've planned a variety of programs and activities throughout the summer to celebrate reading and keep your mind active.

Many of you may be familiar with the concept of "summer slide." This refers to the tendency for students to lose some of the academic progress they made during the school year. Fortunately, the library can play a crucial role in combating summer slide.

Research indicates that independent reading for enjoyment is one of the most effective ways for children to maintain and even improve their reading skills over the summer. By selecting books they find captivating, children actively engage with language, building upon their comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills. With just 4-6 books read over the summer, children can experience a significant boost in reading achievement.

Beyond academic benefits, summer reading fosters a love for storytelling, ignites a child's imagination, and promotes social-emotional development. It cultivates a lifelong love of learning, a value the Clermont County Public Library passionately champions.

This June, as we celebrate National Audiobook Month, don't hesitate to explore our extensive collection of audiobooks in various formats. From eAudiobooks readily available on Hoopla and Libby to traditional CDs and Playaways, you can add to your summer reading log in a convenient and fun way.

Our dedicated library staff members are eager to assist you in finding the perfect summer reading adventure. Whether you need assistance navigating our collection or want recommendations on age-appropriate materials, we're here to be your trusted resource.

Christine Wick
Library Director

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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- Leslie Jacobs, *Assistant Director*
- Melanie Smithey, *Fiscal Officer*

BOARD MEETINGS

are typically conducted the third Monday of each month
Miami Township Branch
6 PM

Upcoming:
May 20
June 17

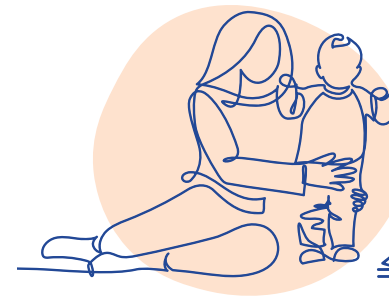
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Senior Cafe

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.



Wednesday @ 10 am	Wednesday @ 11 am	Monday @ 1 pm	Tuesday @ 2 pm	Wednesday @ 1:30 pm	Friday @ 11 am	Monday @ 11 am	Wednesday @ 2 pm
MAY 8 JUNE 12	MAY 8 JUNE 12	MAY 20	MAY 14	MAY 22 JUNE 26	MAY 3 JUNE 7	MAY 20	MAY 8 JUNE 12
Amelia	Batavia	Bethel	Felicity	Goshen	Miami Township	New Richmond	Williamsburg



STORYTIMES

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

AMELIA BRANCH
THURSDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 AM (All Ages)

BATAVIA BRANCH
THURSDAYS, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 AM (Preschool)

BETHEL BRANCH
THURSDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 AM (All Ages)

FELICITY BRANCH
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)

GOSHEN BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, June 5, 12, 26
10:30 AM (All Ages)

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 5, 12, 26
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)
11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)

THURSDAYS, June 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30 AM (All Ages)
THURSDAY, June 13
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

NEW RICHMOND BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, June 12, 26
10:30 AM (All Ages)

OWENSVILLE BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 5, 12, 26
11 AM (Preschool)

UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, June 5, 12, 26
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)
11:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS, June 6, 13, 27
10:30 AM (All Ages)
THURSDAYS, June 6
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH
WEDNESDAYS, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 26
10:30 AM (All Ages)

ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME
TUESDAYS, JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25
7 PM (All Ages)



GET YOUR CHILD SCHOOL READY – IT'S FUN AND EASY

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, free way to start your child down the path of success. This program is open to any child who has not started kindergarten. It might seem like a lot to read 1,000 books, but if you read just one book a day to your child, you'll meet this goal in three years. Your child receives a special reward every time you read 100 books together. Extra bonus, any book you read to your child also counts for the Summer Reading program.

For more info, visit the Kids tab at ClermontLibrary.org or stop by your favorite branch.

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

- May 3** at Williamsburg Branch
- May 17** at Bethel Branch
- June 7** at Union Township Branch
- June 21** at Sycamore Park in Batavia

10:30 am – 11:45 am

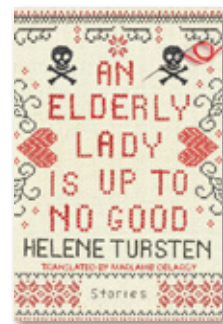
Space is limited. Visit ClermontLibrary.org to reserve a spot today!

Staff Picks



I read *Secrets of the Octopus* by Sy Montgomery. The whole thing is so interesting and it is a fast read!

Kasey Richey,
Felicity Branch



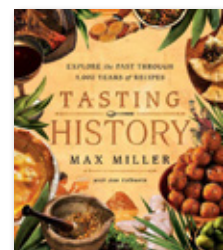
An Elderly Lady Is Up to No Good by Helene Tursten is a funny, Swedish murder mystery filled with short stories revolving around 88-year-old Maud. I loved Maud so much that I ordered the second book.

Sadie Benfield,
Bethel Branch



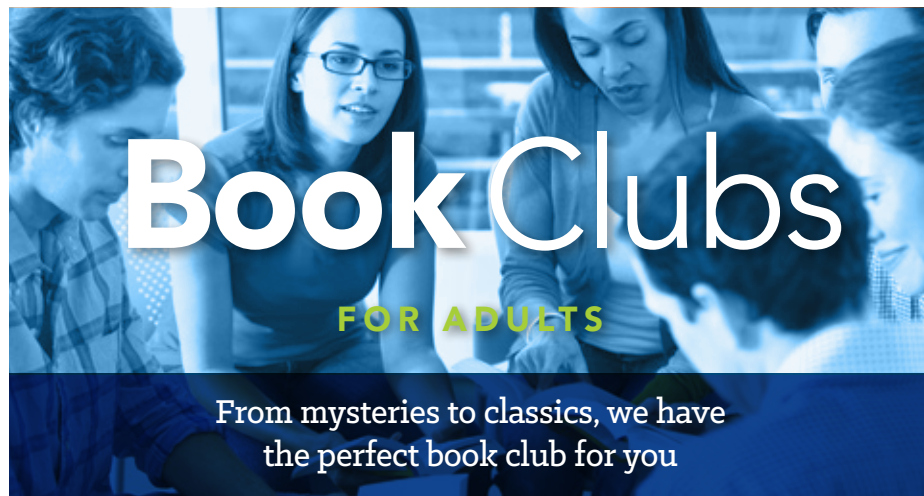
I just finished *One of the Good Guys* by Araminta Hall. A psychological thriller about gender, power, and how both are captured in our contemporary media environment. It was unexpected and twisty from its first page to its last.

Jenni Longbrake,
Union Township Branch



I absolutely adore ancient history and I enjoyed looking at the recipes for all the different civilizations in *Tasting History: Explore the Past Through 4,000 Years of Recipes* by Max Miller with Ann Volkwein.

Ashley Lemaster,
Williamsburg and Bethel Branches



Book Clubs

FOR ADULTS

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 2 PM

MAY BOOK: *The Watchmaker's Daughter* by Larry Loftis

JUNE BOOK: *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Batavia

Wednesdays, May 29, June 26, 1 PM

MAY BOOK: *Cop Town* by Karin Slaughter

JUNE BOOK: *Basket Case* by Carl Hiaasen

BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB

Bethel

Mondays, May 6, June 3, 6:30 PM

MAY BOOK: *The Last Bookshop in London* by Madeline Martin

JUNE BOOK: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB

Felicity

Tuesdays, May 28, June 25, 2 PM

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

JUNE BOOK: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple

CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION

Goshen

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 1:30 PM

MAY BOOK: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

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

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Miami Township

Thursdays, May 2, June 6, 1:30 PM

MAY BOOK: *The Librarianist* by Patrick deWitt

JUNE BOOK: *Southernmost* by Silas House

BOOKENDS

New Richmond

Fridays, May 17, June 21, 11:30 AM

MAY BOOK: *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann

JUNE BOOK: *The Red Lotus* by Chris Bohjalian

SPINEBENDERS

New Richmond

Tuesdays, May 28, June 25, 7 PM

MAY BOOK: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

JUNE BOOK: *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry

CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

Union Township

Mondays, May 6, June 3, 6 PM

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

JUNE BOOK: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Williamsburg

Tuesdays, May 14, June 11, 2 PM

MAY BOOK: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

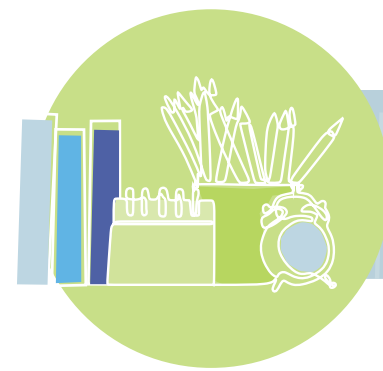
JUNE BOOK: *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton

ONLINE MOVIE CLUB Tuesdays, May 28, June 25, 6:30 PM

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

MAY MOVIE: *Thirty Two Short Films About Glenn Gould (1993)*

JUNE MOVIE: *Yellow Submarine (G, 1968)*



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

Registration required for all programs. Visit your local branch or clermontlibrary.org to register.

Amelia

USED BOOK SALE **E**

Apr. 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, Library hours
A variety of gently used items for adults and children will be available including books, audio-books, movies, and music.

LEGO CLUB **K**

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 4:30 PM
Create with LEGO. Our popular LEGO Club program allows kids to build freestyle or complete a challenge. We provide all the LEGO bricks and a different challenge every month.

SENIOR CAFE **A**

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 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.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: ICE CREAM SCIENCE **P K T**

Thursday, May 9, 11 AM
Learn about changing matter while making a delicious snack!

SATURDAY PLAY DATE **P**

Saturdays, May 18, June 15, 10:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs, and playtime. We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF **E**

Tuesday, June 4, 5 PM
Jump into a world of adventure as we launch our Summer Reading program with fun-filled activities for all ages. Enjoy crafts, scavenger hunts, delicious walking S'mores, and more as we celebrate the joy of reading together.

ADVENTURES IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS **A**

Monday, June 10, 6:30 PM

With the arrival of summer, learn how to best enjoy the great outdoors with tips and tricks for hiking and outdoor safety. This program will be presented by the Clermont County Park District.

DIY TUMBLERS FOR TEENS **T**

Tuesday, June 18, 6 PM
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.

SMART SNACKING FOR KIDS **K**

Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 PM
Learn how to make snacks at home using nutritious foods. We will make homemade pizza and graham cracker banana cake. Everyone will receive a recipe and a sample of strawberry yogurt bark, pudding pops, and frozen fruit to try.

STARS AND STRIPES PLAQUE **T A**

Wednesday, June 26, 2 PM
Create a 4th of July plaque to welcome your family and friends. All supplies will be provided.

Batavia

PLANT EXCHANGE **A**

Month of May, Library hours
Find something new for your garden! Stop by during the month of May for our first-ever plant exchange. Take a plant, leave a plant. What a great opportunity to get free plants for your garden.

CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION **A**

Saturdays, May 4, June 1, 1 PM
The Clermont County Genealogical Society hosts educational programs on a variety of genealogy topics. These meetings are open to the public. Learn more about the monthly topics on the Society's website: ccgsoh.org.

PERCY JACKSON PARTY **T**

Monday, May 6, 5:30 PM
Join us as we party like Olympians! We'll have snacks, crafts, trivia, photo ops, and more!

WRITERS GROUP **A**

Tuesdays, May 7, June 4, 6 PM
Share your writing endeavors, generate ideas, hone your craft, and network with fellow writers.

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DECORATIVE BOOK FOLDING **A**

Monday, May 13, 3 PM
Learn the skill of book folding while creating a beautiful work of art. No library books will be harmed during this program. All supplies are provided.

MONKEY MEET-AND-GREET WITH CURIOUS GEORGE **E**

Tuesday, May 14, 6 PM
Get ready for your Summer Reading adventures! We'll have a meet-and-greet with Curious George along with a scavenger hunt, crafts, snacks, and more!

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

Saturday, May 18, 1 PM
The Clermont County Historical Society will meet at Abby's Farm, 1278 Ohio 222, just outside Felicity, to see the renovations made to an historical home. There will be a half-hour business meeting. This event is free and open to the public.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF **E**

Tuesday, June 4, 5 PM

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

Saturday, June 15, 1 PM

The Clermont County Historical Society meets at the Batavia branch every third Saturday of the month. This month the guest speaker will be Ralph Adams followed by a half-hour business meeting. This event is free and open to the public.

BARKS AND BOOKS **K**

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 PM

Izzy the therapy dog is looking for some young friends to read to her! Sign up for a 10-minute reading time today! We'll have books on hand, or you can choose your own. Please be advised that, while well-groomed, Izzy is not hypoallergenic and may cause a reaction in those with allergies.

DECORATIVE PHOTO FRAME **A**

Thursday, June 27, 1 PM

Join us and make amazing wall art using an inexpensive picture frame, a decoupage background, and colorful vinyl. This wall decor idea is perfect for any room.

BUILD A RECYCLED BOAT STEM CHALLENGE **K**

Friday, June 28, 10:30 AM

Build your very own boat using recyclable objects and then see if it will float!

Bethel

TEEN CAFE **T**

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 3 PM

Teens can enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities. Hang out with Natalea Locke, a prevention specialist from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health.

STAR WARS PARTY! **K**

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate all things Star Wars with cool activities and crafts! Create your own droid, make a lightsaber for the light (or dark!) side, test your skills in our Jedi training games, and more! Costumes encouraged.

LITHOPHANE PHOTO CUBES **T A**

Saturday, May 11, 1 PM and 3 PM

Let us show you how to capture your memories in a 3D printed lithophane photo cube. You bring the photos and we'll supply the rest! Photos with high contrast work best. Digital photos are preferred but not necessary. We can scan physical photos.

PLAY AND LEARN **P**

Friday, May 17, 10:30 AM

Facilitators from Best Point lead young children 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. Registration is required.

SENIOR CAFE **A**

Monday, May 20, 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. Over time, you and your friends may very well want to help plan new activities. Inter Parish Ministry will offer a pop-up food pantry during the program.

FANS OF LEGO **K T A**

Mondays, May 20, June 17, 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 for your custom creations, building contests, as well as time to share useful tips and tricks. Each meeting will provide opportunities to earn multiple entries for a year-end drawing. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult or an older family member.

PARENT CAFE **A**

Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, 6:30 PM

Learn to strengthen communication with your child and address the difficult topic of substance misuse from a Prevention Specialist from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services. This 10-session class meets every third Tuesday for 10 months, 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. Prizes and dinner are sponsored by GCBHS. Registration is required for each session.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF **E**

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HOMEMADE ICE CREAM IN A BAG **K**

Tuesday, June 11, 2 PM

What better way to cool off on a hot day than with homemade ice cream? Kids can practice their kitchen skills with this delicious activity that requires a handful of ingredients. We'll have some fun with ice cream trivia and even learn some science including that ice cream is a combination of solid ice crystals, liquid milk fat, and air bubbles.

WILD CANIDS OF NORTH AMERICA **K T A**

Saturday, June 22, 2 PM

Join the Ohio Canid Center for a presentation about all the wild canids you see in North America. From wolves to coyotes and foxes, all species are covered. Meet an Ohio Canid Center animal ambassador, too.

I SURVIVED: EXPLORING NATURAL DISASTERS **K**

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 PM

Learn about the natural disasters that inspired the hit book series through hands-on activities and experiments! Create a raft that could survive the sinking of the Titanic, learn about the science of volcanoes by creating your own erupting replica of Pompeii, and make a LEGO structure that could withstand the San Francisco earthquake.

DISCOVER ARCHAEOLOGY **T A**

Saturday, June 29, 1 PM

Join us for a talk about the captivating world of archaeology! Archaeologists from the Archaeological Research Institute will guide you through the fascinating realm of unearthing humanity and ancient secrets. Discover how archaeology is not just about dusty artifacts, but a scientific discipline that unlocks a treasure trove of knowledge about our ancestors and their lives.

Felicity

TWEEN CAFÉ **K**

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20, 3:30 PM

Join us 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.

GRADUATION GRUB **T**

Tuesday, May 7, 2:30 PM

Teens will get the opportunity to sample and make foods and treats that will be crowd pleasers. With graduations right around the corner, these recipes are sure to be a hit!

SENIOR CAFE **A**

Tuesday, May 14, 2 PM

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LITHOPHANE FOR KIDS **K**

Wednesday, June 5, 3 PM

Bring a photo or digital image and we'll help you make a memorable 3D lithophane keepsake or gift. We'll show you the process to create a lithophane and how to make a simple night light.

COMPOSTING: THE ULTIMATE RECYCLING **T A**

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 PM

Learn about composting from a Clermont County Extension Service Master Gardener. Explore different techniques and methods of backyard composting.

Goshen

PLANT EXCHANGE **E**

Month of May, Library hours

Bring a plant and exchange it with another to help build your garden. There is always a variety displayed in the main library area to choose from!

USED BOOK SALE **E**

Thursdays, May 2, 3, 4, Library hours

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

SENIOR CAFE **A**

Wednesdays, May 22, June 26, 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 **A**

Wednesdays, May 22, June 26, 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.

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MEET A MINIATURE THERAPY HORSE **E**

Wednesday, June 5, 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! This program will take place outside the branch.

TEEN BUILDERS: MICROWAVABLE MUG PIZZA **T**

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 PM

Teens! Join us for a delicious treat! We'll learn how to make a pizza from scratch using simple ingredients, a mug, and everyone's favorite kitchen tool, the microwave!

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY DAY—NATURE

THROUGH THE LENS OF JAMES MUNDY **A**

Saturday, June 15, 2 PM

Founder of Nature's Ark Photography, James Mundy and his wife Carol have more than 65 years of combined experience in natural history education, urban wildlife issues, natural areas reclamation and management. Carol will present some of Jim's favorite photographs from across the U.S. and some beautiful nature experiences from right here in Ohio.

EXPLORER'S CLUB: BUG HUNT **K**

Wednesday, June 26, 2 PM

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon scavenger hunt through the library! We'll go on an adventure searching for different bugs and

creepy crawlers before having a snack and doing a fun bug-themed craft!

Miami Township

SENIOR CAFE **A**

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CLUB Z ACT PREP WORKSHOP **T**

Saturday, May 11, 10 AM

Get ready to take the ACT. This program will offer an in-depth online diagnostic test for the ACT, targeted instruction from an expert ACT tutor, and interactive lessons with immediate test feedback.

QUILT LAWNS: WELCOME NATURE INTO YOUR YARD **A**

Tuesday, May 14, 6 PM

Join Dr. Ryan McEwan from the University of Dayton to learn about the Quilt Lawn: a biodiverse, never sprayed, selectively mown lawn where turf grass is interspersed with naturally occurring, short-statured, flowering plants. Maintaining perfect monocultures of lawn grass costs a tremendous amount of time and money and causes environmental damage. Quilt lawns are a more ecologically peaceful way that can be more attractive than simple turf.

CRAFTING CLUB **A**

Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, 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.

USED BOOK SALE **E**

Thursday, May 30, 1-5 PM

Friday, May 31, 1-5 PM

Saturday, June 1, 10 AM-3 PM

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

Socializing is one of the best parts of the Library's Senior Cafes. These guests enjoyed a nice chat during the first Senior Cafe at the Bethel Branch.



audiobooks, movies, and music.

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DRAWING GAME SHOW WITH STEVE HARPSTER **K**

Tuesday, June 11, 2 PM

This is a game show where the cartoon characters are the contestants! Cartoons are randomly picked using a Plinko board. Then artists learn how to draw each funny cartoon contestant step by step. Next, spin the prize wheel to see what amazing prizes each character wins and draw them with the character!

FOSTER CARE INFO SESSION **A**

Tuesday, June 18, 6 PM

With the urgent demand for foster families in Ohio, learn how you can help these children in need. Licensing professionals from the National Youth Advocate Program will introduce you to the basics of foster care, provide instructions for getting licensed, and outline the benefits of being a foster caregiver.

BEACH SIGN WALL ART **A**

Tuesday, June 18, 6 PM

Celebrate summer and create a fun beach-themed sign for your wall or porch decor.

MORGAN'S RAID AROUND CINCINNATI **T A**

Saturday, June 22, 1:30 PM

In July 1863, near the end of the battles at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan led a daring raid into the North. Author David Mowery will discuss Morgan's Raid as it passed through three Union-held states. Morgan's special forces operation represented the pinnacle of his strategic and tactical skills and the best of his division's raiding capabilities.

CAMP CLERMONT **K**

Tuesday, June 25, 2 PM

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New Richmond

LONG SHADOWS OF THE CIVIL WAR A VISIT WITH AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS **A**

Wednesday, May 1, 11 AM

Join us for a visit from author Christopher Phillips, a University Distinguished Professor in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, as he discusses his book *The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border*.

LEGO CLUB **K**

Thursdays, May 2, June 6, 4:30 PM

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

LET'S MAKE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/CRAFTS THIS PROGRAM IS FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES **A**

Wednesday, May 8, 11 AM

Make a special card and craft for your mother(s) and/or the important women in your life. You can make a card for your mom or any woman who has had a positive impact on your life! This program is for adults with developmental disabilities.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: SLIME SCIENCE

Wednesday, May 15, 11 AM

Join us for a Homeschool Hangout all about Slime Science! We will make a fluffy slime, and learn about chemical reactions, polymers, and more! Have fun making your own batch of slime and take recipes for your own experiments at home. All materials will be provided.

LET'S MAKE A VISION BOARD: SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR SOUL **A**

Thursday, May 16, 11 AM

We are almost halfway through the year, time to take stock of our resolutions and set our sights on the upcoming months. Vision boards are a wonderful way to do that. 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.

SENIOR CAFE **A**

Monday, May 20, 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.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF **E**

Tuesday, June 4, 5 PM

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BOARD GAME BUNCH KICK-OFF PARTY! **K**

Wednesday, June 5, 4 PM

Join our Board Game Bunch Kick-Off Party and monthly Board Game Bunch challenges! Meet some new players and try some different games! Play our games, eat our snacks, and maybe take home a prize!

SUMMER PLAY-READING SERIES THREE-PART SERIES **A**

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, 6 PM

Join Gina for a three-part play-reading series this summer. Read, stage, and perform a one-act play. Part One of the summer fun begins Tuesday, June 11, when guests will read through several one-act plays and decide which they want to perform. Part Two is Tuesday, July 9, when the play will be cast, staged, and rehearsed. Part Three will be a most exciting evening with a final dress rehearsal August 13, when family and friends can watch the staged reading/performance. No prior acting experience is required. Check to make sure you are available for all three dates. If you miss the first two sessions, you are welcome to join the audience.

CAMP CLERMONT **K**

Thursday, June 13, 3 PM

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MUSICAL MONDAY MORNINGS: SENSATIONAL SUMMER SONGS! **A**

Monday, June 17, 11 AM

Let's welcome in the warm weather by singing summer songs! Songs might include *Vacation* by the Go-Gos, *Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini* by Brian Hyland, *Surfin' USA* by the Beach Boys, *Summer Nights* from *Grease*, and *Walking on Sunshine* by Katrina and the Waves, just to name a few. Have some fun as we sing our way into summer. As always, we will be singing with a live accompanist!

Owensville

MAKE YOUR OWN GOAT MILK SOAP **A**

Wednesday, May 8, 3 PM

Learn the chemistry of soap making from Regina Bauscher of Honey Sweetie Acres, a company that creates artisan goat milk skin care, and nature-based products. She also will demonstrate the process. Samples of soap will be available for everyone to take home.

SENSORY PLAYSHOP **P**

Mondays, May 13, June 10, 24, 10:30 AM

Read a story or make a craft, and play with games and toys in an open-ended play environment.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: ALL ABOUT EYES **K**

Wednesday, May 22, 2 PM

Eye see you! Learn about eyes through a variety of activities! How do cats see in the dark? Why do opossums have pink eye shine? How can we even see and are you color blind? We'll find out!

TEEN CRAFT CLUB **T**

Saturdays, May 25, June 22, 2:30 PM

Bring your craft projects and friends to our Teen Craft Club. Don't have a craft? We will provide them and snacks, too!

DECORATIVE PHOTO FRAME **A**

Monday, June 3, 10:30 AM

With summertime upon us, we find ourselves energized to get crafting. Join us and make amazing wall art using an inexpensive picture frame, a decoupage background, and colorful vinyl. This wall decor idea is perfect for any room.

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT **E**

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 PM

Join us for a night of fun enjoying board games, tabletop games, and puzzles. Families can drop in anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM.

LEGO CHALLENGE: BRIDGES **K**

Saturday, June 22, 10:30 AM

Work as a team to build a bridge with LEGO bricks. Whatever bridge can hold the most weight wins!

TEEN GAMING TOURNAMENT: KART RACING **T**

Thursday, June 27, 3 PM

Have a snack and compete in a bracket-style competition to become the greatest kart racer in this tournament!

VISIT THE LIBRARY'S

SUMMER Kid's Club at Eastgate Mall

Each 1.5 hour session starts with a themed storytime followed by fun activities

DINOSAUR ART
Monday, June 3, 10:30 AM
Activities: watercolor dinosaurs, draw dinosaurs, make collage dinosaurs

CANDY SCIENCE
Monday, June 10, 10:30 AM
Activities: guess how many colors in a Skittles packet, rainbow Skittles, discover which chocolate bars float

THE CHEMISTRY OF LAVA LAMPS
Monday, June 17, 10:30 AM
Activities: make paper float with balloons, make a lava lamp, make elephant toothpaste

RAINBOWS
Monday, June 24, 10:30 AM
Activities: ice cube painting, Kool-Aid rainbow experiment

USED BOOK SALE FOR TEACHERS **A**

April 27, 12-3 PM

Shop for gently used books for your classroom, learn about educator cards, teacher collections, and 3 for Me cards. Sign up for the email newsletter and get an overview of the digital platforms and library app. Spend quality time with Union Township's youth services team to discuss community partnership opportunities.

USED BOOK SALE **E**

April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, Library hours

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

PRESERVING PHOTOS & VIDEOS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS **A**

Saturday, May 11, 2 PM

In this digital age, our photos, VHS tapes, slides, and negatives may soon become inaccessible. Join Tabitha O'Connor to learn how to make these resources easily shareable for your family to enjoy and for these memories to be passed on to future generations. This workshop will make the task less overwhelming and more rewarding.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: LET'S GO FLY A KITE! **E**

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM

Let's go fly a kite! Join us for a Family Fun Night all about kites! We will read about kites and learn about what make kites fly while your family decorates your own kite to take home!

THE BIGGEST BIG HAIR BOOK OF METAL TRIVIA **A**

Saturday, May 18, 12 PM

Visit with the authors of *The Biggest Big Hair Book of Metal Trivia*. They will discuss the book, its contents, and the process of writing and publishing.

MAY FLOWERS, TEA SHOWERS **K**

Saturday, May 18, 1:30 PM

Join us for teatime and flowers! We'll sip tea, snack on cookies, and decorate flower crowns fit for the most gorgeous May gardens.

FIBER ARTS CLUB **A**

Mondays, May 20, June 24, 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.

CRAFTERDARK: MACRAME SCENT JAR **A**

Tuesday, May 21, 6 PM

Create a macrame hanging pot holder you can use as an air freshener.

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PLAY AND LEARN **P**

Friday, June 7, 10:30 AM

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ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY.

Sign up for Summer Reading and receive a brand new book as a Registration Prize!

Visit the Library every week to receive a ticket for **Prize Drawings** to take place Aug. 1. These drawing prize options include:

- Mini Drone
- Robot Kit
- Teen Board Games
- Squishmallow Kit
- Lunar Telescope
- Art Kit
- Science & Slime Kit
- \$50 Amazon Gift Card



For more Summer Reading information: <https://bit.ly/summerreadingchallenge24>

Or scan with a mobile phone:



Library programs require registration clermontlibrary.org

Space is limited. Please be courteous and cancel if you can't come so folks on the waiting list have a chance.

Night Out at the Park

Join the Clermont County Park District and the Library for an evening in the park! The Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe will kick off each evening with stories. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to eat during the performances. After, a park naturalist will lead programs based on the evening's theme.

Wilderness Skills
Tuesday, June 11
6:30 pm
Shor Park

Let's Go Creakin'
Tuesday, July 9
6:30 pm
Kathryn Stagger-Marr Community Park

Bug Hunt
Tuesday, July 30
6:30 pm
Chilo Lock 34 Park

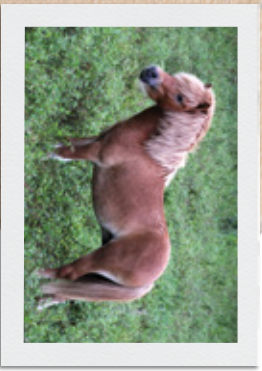
Here are a few SUMMER LIBRARY ADVENTURES you won't want to miss:

Summer Reading Kickoff • Tuesday, June 4 • 5 pm • Held at all Branches

Join us for an exciting Summer Reading Kickoff event! Jump into a world of adventure as we launch our Summer Reading program with fun-filled activities for all ages. Enjoy crafts, scavenger hunts, delicious walking S'mores, and more as we celebrate the joy of reading together.

Meet a Miniature Therapy Horse

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



- Goshen**
Wednesday, June 5
2 pm
- New Richmond**
Thursday, July 18
1:30 pm
- Union Township**
Thursday, July 11
1:30 pm
- Fellicity**
Saturday, July 27
2 pm
- Amelia**
Tuesday, July 30
5:30 pm

Camp Clermont

Join us at Camp Clermont for an hour of fun! We'll be crafting solar stoves for delicious S'mores, sharing captivating campfire stories, and singing along to classic camp songs. This program will be held at every branch of the Clermont County Public Library, so mark your calendars and don't miss out on the adventure!

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| New Richmond
Thursday, Jun. 13
3 pm | Miami Township
Tuesday, Jun. 25
2 pm | Batavia
Tuesday, Jul. 9
6:30 pm | Williamsburg
Friday, Jul. 26
2 pm | Goshen
Wednesday, Aug. 21
2 pm |
| Union Township
Tuesday, Jun. 18
1:30 pm | Fellicity
Tuesday, Jul. 2
2 pm | Amelia
Wednesday, Jul. 17
3 pm | Owensville
Friday, Aug. 2
2 pm | Bethel
Monday, Aug. 26
6:30 pm |

SEARCH & FIND on the Gameboard

- Find the following animals:
- Squirrel Deer Fox Rabbit Turtle Frog
- How many birds can you find? _____
- Do you know what a fledgling is? _____
If not, go look it up and come back!
- How many fledglings can you find? _____
- What 3 forms of transportation do you see the birds using to arrive at the campsite? (Silly birds!)



Wild Canids of North America – Wolves, Coyotes, & Foxes

Join the Ohio Canid Center for a presentation about all the wild canids you'll see in North America. From wolves to coyotes and foxes, all species are covered. Meet an Ohio Canid Center animal ambassador, too.

Bethel Saturday, June 22 2 pm	Union Township Friday, July 12 11:30 am	Goshen Friday, July 26 11:30 am
Owensville Friday, July 12 2 pm	Miami Township Friday, July 26 2 pm	

CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC A

Saturdays, May 4, June 1, 9 AM

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; domesticcourt.org, click on resources. If the Library's Administration Building is closed, the Clinic will not be held or rescheduled that month.

PURRFECT TALES: KIDS READ TO CATS P K T

Saturdays, May 11, June 8, 10 AM

League for Animal Welfare

4193 Taylor Road, Batavia

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 available 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. Please only register for one session per parent/child pair.

PLAY AND LEARN P

Sycamore Park

Friday, June 21, 10:30 AM

Facilitators from Best Point lead young children 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. Registration is required. Sycamore Park is at 4082 Ohio 132, Batavia.

BILLIONS OF BUBBLES AT THE PARK! K

Veterans Memorial Park - Union Township

Tuesday, June 25, 1:30 PM

Bubbles here, bubbles there, bubbles everywhere! Come play with bubbles while we learn what bubbles are made of and how we can make our own! Veterans Park is at 906 Clough Pike; Shelter A.

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 ZIPLINE RACES K

Monday, May 20, 4 PM

Do you like LEGO bricks? How about challenging yourself and your friends? Join us to build LEGO vehicles and then race them on ziplines! You may bring your own LEGO bricks, or use ours. Will your vehicle be fast enough?

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YOUNG AUTHORS CLUB K

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, 11 AM

Write your own book! In this five-week series, kids will learn about writing, editing, and illustrating as they create their own books. Kids are encouraged to work on their books at home between sessions. During the final session, we'll reveal our books at a reception for family and friends. Completed books will be added to the Library's collection for one year and then be returned to the children.

ESCAPE THE SPHINX T A

Monday, June 10, 2, 3:30, 5, 6:30 PM

The Sphinx is depressed after her riddle was solved and is taking it out on you! She has issued several new riddles and questions to figure out before you have one angry cat-lady on your hands. Can you escape the Greek Sphinx? Or will it be a cat-astrophe? This is an interactive adventure game where players find clues and use their wits to solve a series of puzzles in order to escape. Each of our four time slots will hold 10 people. If you have a large party, make sure to sign up together. This escape room is intended for tweens, teens, and adults, but families are welcome.

Off Site

SENSORY STORYTIME P K

Saturday, June 15, 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!

CAMP CLERMONT K

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SEED BOMBS FOR THE LESS ORGANIZED GARDENER A

Saturday, June 22, 2 PM

Are you tired of your garden looking too perfect? Do you want it to feel more natural? Seed bomb it with DIY seed balls!

LEARN ABOUT THE BASICS OF 3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS A

Friday, June 28, 3 PM

Come and learn about how 3D printing works and experiment with some online resources used to create prints.

Williamsburg

TEEN CAFE T

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 3 PM

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

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PERFUME OF THE ANCIENTS T A

Tuesday, May 7, 2:30 and 6 PM

Learn a little about the history of fragrances and create your own perfumed oil in the way of the ancients. You will either complete your fragrance during the event or you can take your kit home to complete after the scents have steeped in the traditional way.

SENIOR CAFE A

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 2 PM

SUMMER Reading

JUN 7 - JUL 31

ALL AGES visit weekly



Color a box for every 20 minutes you read or listen to a book. Bring your completed sheet to the Library to receive a Completion Prize & entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.



Visit the Library each week this summer to get your check-in stamp, check out more books, & receive an entry ticket for exciting **PRIZE DRAWINGS!** Come see the fun prize choices on display at your local branch.

GET A WEEKLY CHECK-IN STAMP							
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8