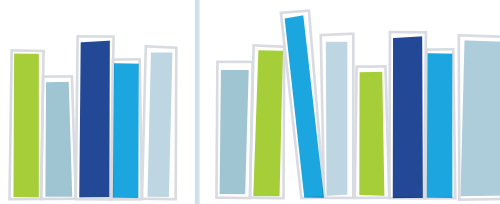


# Library



## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Nov. 11  
Nov. 28  
Dec. 24  
Dec. 25

NOV/DEC  
2024

# Insider



Join us this holiday season. Here are some of the many festivities at the Library. Find more inside!

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

CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER  
presents:  
**Cincinnati's Winter Holiday Traditions**



If you enjoy reminiscing about the holidays, come along with us to celebrate the many joyful times and faces of the winter holiday season. You can't see the holiday spirit, but it's there in the many traditions of Cincinnati.

TEENS & ADULTS

MIAMI TOWNSHIP  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
1 PM

GOSHEN  
Tuesday, **DEC 10**  
6:30 PM



**Holiday Open Houses**

AMELIA  
Tuesday, **DEC 10**  
5-7 pm

BETHEL  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
1-4 pm

FELICITY  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
12-4 pm

MIAMI TOWNSHIP  
Tuesday, **DEC 3**  
6-8 pm

NEW RICHMOND  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
1-4 pm

WILLIAMSBURG  
Friday, **DEC 6**  
6-9 pm




**Gingerbread Activities**



AMELIA  
Tuesday, **DEC 10**  
5 pm

BETHEL  
Tuesday, **DEC 10**  
4 pm, 5:15 pm, 7 pm

FELICITY  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
12 pm

GOSHEN  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
10 am, 2 pm

MIAMI TOWNSHIP  
Tuesday, **DEC 3**  
6 pm

NEW RICHMOND  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
1-4 pm

OWENSVILLE  
Tuesday, **DEC 17**  
5 pm, 7 pm

UNION TOWNSHIP  
Saturday, **DEC 7**  
10 am, 11:30 pm, 1:30 pm

WILLIAMSBURG  
Tuesday, **DEC 17**  
4 pm, 5:15 pm, 7 pm



CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER  
presents:  
**Holiday Trains**

Explore the history behind the fabulous trains on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center Holiday Junction exhibit.

ADULTS

BATAVIA  
Monday, **DEC 9**  
2 PM





**CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# From the Director



As we enter the holiday season and reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for our communities who support the Clermont County Public Library.

Each year, the Library hosts a giving program. This year, we will collect school supplies between November 25 and December 31. These items will be donated to United Way to be distributed to children in need.

I also would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent survey. We will use your answers to write our new strategic goals and direct the future of the Library.

As we look forward to 2025, there is much to be excited about! The Cozy Winter Read challenge will return January 1. Visit your local branch to sign up and receive a pair of fuzzy socks in a Library mug! Throughout January, read and log 300 minutes and be entered to win a grand prize.

2025 marks the Clermont County Library's 70th anniversary. To celebrate, we are introducing a community goal called We Love to Read. Our goal is to read and log 12 million minutes as a community in 2025! Visit your local branch or our website, [clermontlibrary.org](http://clermontlibrary.org), for more information.

I would love for you to make the Library a part of your holiday season. Gather your friends and family and visit your local branch to enjoy festive programs like decorating gingerbread houses or learning about Cincinnati's holiday traditions presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center.

I hope you have a joyful holiday season with your loved ones.

Christine Wick  
Library Director

# 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.



WED 10 AM	WED 11 AM	MON 1 PM	FRI 1 PM	MON 11 AM	SAT 10 AM	WED 2 PM
NOV 13 DEC 11	NOV 13 DEC 11	NOV 18 DEC 16	NOV 1 DEC 6	NOV 18	NOV 30	NOV 13 DEC 11
Amelia	Batavia	Bethel	Miami Twp	New Richmond	Union Twp	Williamsburg

November - December

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.

- Jennifer Doss, *President*
- Ernie Ramos, *Vice President*
- Mary Jo Waite, *Secretary*
- Katie Bock
- Edwin Humphrey
- Judith Kocica
- Tricia Lyons
- Christine Wick, *Director*
- Leslie Jacobs, *Assistant Director*
- Melanie Smithey, *Fiscal Officer*

## BOARD MEETINGS

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

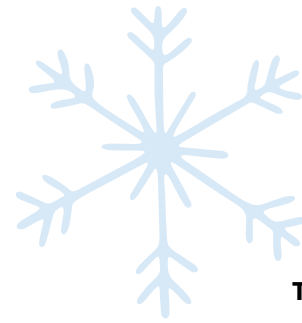
Upcoming:  
**November 18  
December 16**

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



# STORYTIMES

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



**AMELIA BRANCH**  
THURSDAYS; NOV 7, 14, 21  
10:30 AM (All Ages)

**BATAVIA BRANCH**  
THURSDAYS; NOV 7, 14, 21  
10:30 AM (Preschool)

**BETHEL BRANCH**  
THURSDAYS; NOV 7, 14, 21 DEC 5, 12  
10:30 AM (All Ages)

**FELICITY BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 20, DEC 18  
10 AM and 1:30 PM (All Ages)

**GOSHEN BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 6, 13, 20  
10:30 AM (All Ages)

**MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 6, 13, 20  
10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)  
11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)

THURSDAYS; NOV 7, 14, 21  
10:30 AM (All Ages)  
THURSDAY; NOV 14  
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

**OWENSVILLE BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 6, 13, 20  
11 AM (Preschool)

**UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 6, 13, 20  
10:30 AM (Toddler 18-36 mo.)  
11:30 AM (All Ages)

THURSDAYS; NOV 7, 14, 21  
10:30 AM (All Ages)  
THURSDAY; NOV 7  
11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

**WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH**  
WEDNESDAYS; NOV 6, 13, 20, DEC 4, 11, 18  
10:30 AM (All Ages)

**ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME**  
TUESDAYS; NOV 5, 12, 19, 26, DEC 3, 10, 17  
7 PM (All Ages)

## 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 1** at Bethel Branch  
**NOV 15** at Union Twp Branch  
**DEC 6** at Amelia Branch  
**DEC 20** at Union Twp Branch

10:30 am – 12 pm

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



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)



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

are needed throughout the academic year

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THE LIBRARY IS PARTNERING WITH UNITED WAY TO COLLECT NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES. UNITED WAY WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM ACROSS THE COUNTY AS PART OF THEIR BACKPACKS FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM. DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT ANY OF THE TEN CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES.

**WISH LIST:** #2 yellow pencils • notebook paper • pocket folders • gluesticks • facial tissues • highlighters • sticky notes • closable plastic bags • composition notebooks

**NOV. 25 – DEC. 31**

After the holiday hubbub, relax & join us for a

# Cozy Winter READ



sign up • win • enjoy

**JAN. 1-31**

# Volunteers needed

United Way of Greater Cincinnati (UWGC) and the Clermont County Public Library collaborated to provide free tax preparation during the 2024 tax filing season.



## United Way needs volunteers to help prepare tax returns during the 2025 season.

The organization believes all families deserve economic well-being, and Free Tax Prep volunteers directly support individuals and families in that effort. Free Tax Prep services start at the end of January and continue through April.

### Not a tax expert? No problem!

There are volunteer roles for all interests, and UWGC provides training and ongoing support. Individuals can volunteer on their own or as part of a group adopting a tax site.

Learn more about UWGC's Free Tax Prep initiative by visiting [uwgc.org/get-help/free-tax-prep/free-tax-prep-volunteer](http://uwgc.org/get-help/free-tax-prep/free-tax-prep-volunteer).

### If you are:

- personable and friendly
- comfortable working with a diverse group of clients
- willing to ask questions
- willing to learn and use tax preparation and tax facilitation software
- willing to learn new skills
- willing to adhere to high ethical standards

*Please consider volunteering!*



Join us for an interactive evening featuring stories based on the art form of opera. Cincinnati Opera teaching artists will read a storybook, sing, and/or play recordings of operatic selections, and lead participants in a related craft.

## OPERA STORYBOOK HOUR

*a visit from*



CINCINNATI OPERA

**TUESDAY, NOV. 12  
5:30 PM  
AMELIA BRANCH**

**KIDS** sign up now!

# Staff Picks for Adults



### **How to Age Disgracefully**

by Clare Pooley

**FICTION**

This book is hilarious. I highly recommend it!

Donna – Batavia Branch



### **Miss Morgan's Book Brigade**

by Janet Skeslien Charles

**FICTION**

Jessie Carson leaves her job at the New York Public Library to join the American Committee for Devastated France during WWI. She brings books and stories to children amidst the devastation of war. Based on the true story.

Kim – Owensville Branch



### **Death at the Sign of the Rook**

by Kate Atkinson

**FICTION**

It's one of those mysteries where the private life of the detective is as interesting as the crimes. It's best if you read her Jackson Brodie books in order.

Laurie – Felicity Branch



### **The Book of Cold Cases**

by Simone St. James

**FICTION**

I am currently listening to the e-audio of The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James. I never want to stop listening! It has me wanting more.

Jody – New Richmond Branch



### **Half a Soul**

by Olivia Atwater

**FICTION**

If you are a fan of Grimm's fairytales and also enjoyed Bridgerton, this is the book for you. It's the first in a trilogy.

Ashley – Williamsburg Branch



### **The Village Library Demon-Hunting Society**

by CM Waggoner

**FICTION**

Jessica Fletcher meets Buffy the Vampire Slayer in this cozy mystery. A small-town librarian with a knack for solving murders realizes something supernatural is afoot. A quirky, fast-paced, fun read.

Laura – Community Engagement



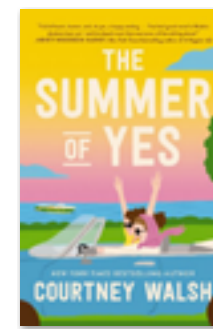
### **The Reappearance of Rachel Price**

by Holly Jackson

**FICTION**

It has some great twists and turns!

Jenni – Union Township Branch



### **The Summer of Yes**

by Courtney Walsh

**FICTION**

It is a fun end-of-season read that encourages you to say "yes" to things, even if they may take you out of your comfort zone.

Katie – Williamsburg Branch



# 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

### USED BOOK SALE **E**

**Saturday, Nov. 2,** 9 AM

**Monday, Nov. 4,** 10 AM

**Tuesday, Nov. 5,** 12 PM

A variety of gently used items for adults and kids will be available including books, audiobooks, movies, and music. Our fall sale will feature multiple copies of children's chapter books.

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT **K**

**Friday, Nov. 8,** 11 AM

Let's learn about the animals that enjoy the nightlife! We rarely see them, but Clermont County is full of nocturnal critters like bats, owls, flying squirrels, and minks that only come out at night. Through activities, science demonstrations, and investigation, we'll learn about the cool adaptations that allow them to master the darkness.

### RUTH LYONS **A**

**Saturday, Nov. 9,** 2 PM



Ruth Lyons was a TV pioneer, a consummate entertainer whose 50-50 Club brought her into the homes of millions. Learn about her life and legacy in this fascinating

program. Presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center.

### OPERA STORYBOOK HOUR: A VISIT FROM THE CINCINNATI OPERA **K**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12,** 5:30 PM

It's story time with the Cincinnati Opera! Join us for an interactive evening featuring stories based on the art form of opera. Cincinnati Opera teaching artists will read an opera storybook, sing, and/or play recordings of operatic selections, and lead participants in a related craft.

### LEGO CLUB **K**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, Dec. 11,** 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!

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

**Saturday, Nov. 16, Dec 7,** 10:30 AM  
Join us for stories, songs, and playtime. We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

### DIY TOTE BAGS **T A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 6 PM  
Make a gift for a loved one, or a treat for yourself! The Library will supply the bags, the vinyl, and all the equipment needed, you only have to bring your creativity.

### CHESS CLUB **T A**

**Wednesday, Nov. 20, Dec. 18,** 3:30 PM  
Looking for a challenge, a workout for your mind? Join our Chess Club. Feel free to drop in at any point during our monthly meetings. Don't know how to play chess? We'll teach you. Join us for a casual, stress-free time playing the King of Games. Ages 16 and up.

### KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY AND LEARN **P**

**Friday, Dec. 6,** 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.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10,** 5 PM  
Get into the holiday spirit with our annual Holiday Open House! There will be many merry-making activities to enjoy. Bring

your whole family to decorate a foam gingerbread house, bring a sweater to adorn at our DIY Ugly Sweater station, create an ornament, complete a scavenger hunt, enjoy refreshments, and more. Join us anytime between 5-7 pm.

## Batavia

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

**Saturday, Nov. 2, Dec. 7,** 1 PM  
The Clermont County Genealogical Society meets at the Batavia Branch Library and 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](http://ccgsoh.org).

### MAKE YOUR OWN GOAT MILK SOAP **A**

**Monday, Nov. 4,** 4 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.

### LIZARDS AND SNAKES AND TURTLES, OH MY! **K**

**Monday, Nov. 4,** 6 PM  
Join us in learning about reptiles and amphibians with a representative from the Greater Cincinnati Herpetological Society. There will be time at the end of the program to see several of the animals up close and even touch a few!

### WRITERS GROUP **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, Dec 3,** 6 PM  
Share your writing endeavors, generate ideas, hone your craft, and network with fellow writers.

### SECOND ANNUAL BALLOON TURKEY RACES **K**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12,** 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.

### HOLIDAY WREATHS **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 2 PM  
Make a one-of-a-kind grapevine wreath using our selection of ornaments, embellishments, and ribbon.

### FESTIVE POTATOES! **T**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 6 PM  
Teens! Get in the holiday spirit and create your very own festive potato! Will you have a Tater Turkey, a Santa Spud, or maybe a Potato on a Perch of your very own? The evening will end with our Tater Gallery and votes for the best potatoes. Sign up now for your chance to win a Golden Potato!

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: RECYCLED BOOK CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS **K**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4,** 2 PM  
Join us for an afternoon of creating holiday decorations using pages from a book!

### HOLIDAY TRAINS **A**

**Monday, Dec. 9,** 2 PM  
Explore the history behind the fabulous trains on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center Holiday Junction exhibit. Program presented by Cincinnati Museum Center and Cincinnati Heritage Programs.

## Bethel

### KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY AND LEARN **P**

**Friday, Nov. 1,** 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.

### OWL PALS **K**

**Monday, Nov. 4,** 4:30 PM  
Visit the library for a hootin' good time and meet a real owl! An educator from Raptor Inc. will be at the library to read a storybook and introduce the audience to an owl ambassador. Afterward, guests can make an owl-some craft to take home!

### TEEN CAFE **T**

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18,** 3 PM  
Teens! Enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the library. Teen

Café is facilitated by a prevention specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.



**T A**

**Saturday, Nov. 9,** 2 PM  
See the Woellert Travelling Candy Museum and learn about Cincinnati's history of candy making. Dann Woellert, author of "Cincinnati Candy: A Sweet History" will talk about how for more than a century, Cincinnati's candy industry satisfied our national sweet tooth.

### NATIVE PEOPLE OF THE PAST AND PRESENT **K**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12,** 4 PM  
Join us at the library for a special celebration of Native American Heritage Month! Kids will embark on a journey to discover famous Native American figures, both past and present. Dive into the rich history and culture while creating your very own piece of art inspired by Navajo sand paintings.

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

**Monday, Nov. 18, Dec. 16,** 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.

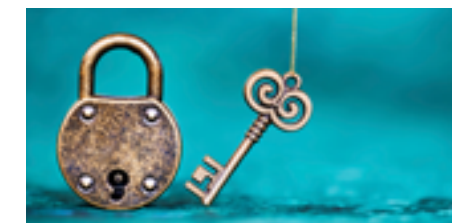
### PARENT CAFE **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 6:30 PM  
Learn to strengthen communication with your child and address the difficult topic of substance misuse from a prevention specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS). This 10-session class meets every third Tuesday for 10 months, February through November 2024. Parents are welcome to bring their children, ages 6-11, along for supervised activities in the children's area while parents attend class in the meeting room. Please register the number of children attending. 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 November meeting topic is Assertiveness.

### AN INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING **T A**

**Saturday, Nov. 23,** 10 AM  
Join us at the Bethel Branch to hear from Gary Keuffer, coordinator of education for the Brown County Beekeepers Association. In this program, he will cover the equipment, tools, and procedures required to get started in beekeeping.



### D&D ESCAPE ROOM **T A**

**Monday, Nov. 25, 26,** 3 & 5 PM  
Roll for investigation! The villainous beholder Gr'agar has terrorized this land for far too long. The key to finally defeating him lies hidden in his own lair, but his home is a maze of puzzles and secrets. Can you decode Gr'agar's ramblings and find the artifact you need? There's not much time before he returns from pillaging, and you don't want to be caught trespassing.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD **E**

**Saturday, Dec. 7,** 1 PM  
Visit the library for some festive fun during this open house! Explore how different cultures across the world celebrate the holiday season with a variety of crafts and activities. From Washington D.C. to Scandinavia, guests will embark on a creative global journey right here in the library! Enjoy sweet treats, participate in a guess-the-amount contest, and join a scavenger hunt to uncover hidden holiday treasures.

### GINGERBREAD PARTY **E**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10,** 4, 5:15 & 7 PM  
Join us for gingerbread-themed fun with stories, crafts and games. Everyone will receive a foam gingerbread house kit to assemble during the program.

## PERFUME OF THE ANCIENTS **A**

**Saturday, Dec. 14,** 1 & 3 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 it after the scents have steeped in the traditional way.

## Felicity

### MEDICARE 101 **A**

**Saturday, Nov. 2,** 12 PM

Medicare can be so confusing! Let Tim McKeown, a local Medicare expert, explain the process and answer your questions during this informative session.

### TWEEN CAFE **T**

**Monday, Nov. 4, 18, 25**

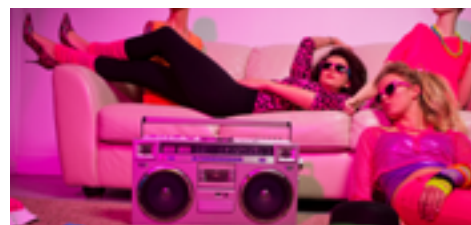
**Dec. 2, 9, 16,** 3:30 PM

We will have an after-school Tween Cafe 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.

### 3D PRINTING Q&A **K T**

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

Learn how to search for 3D files to have printed and learn the easy way to submit your requests. Why doesn't the print look the way I imagined? How do I know if it is a good item to print? Staff will answer these and any other questions guests may have.



### ESCAPE THE 80S **T A**

**Monday, Nov. 18,** 6 & 7 PM

Funny, you didn't see virtual reality entertainment advertised in the library calendar. It sounded fun so you decided to try the 1980s-decade adventure. As soon as you were "in," there was a glitch. Turns out you were the unwitting test subject for a startup VR company and the demo went terribly wrong. Now you're stuck in a 1980s time warp! Luckily the game has some fail-safes, so if you can find the keys needed to access the Golden

Cassette Tape and win the game, you can escape! Radical! If you fail, you'll have to live through the mullets, Aquanet, and shoulder pads. Grab your friends and family and totally sign up today!

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

**Saturday, Dec. 7,** 12 PM

Be sure to stop in and warm up at the library! We will provide a scavenger hunt, hot chocolate, crafts for the kids, and foam gingerbread houses for you to make and decorate. While supplies last.

## Goshen

### DIY BOOK PAGE TREE **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5,** 6:30 PM

Embrace upcycling as we make decorative trees using book pages. Perfect for holiday decor and you can add your own flair!

### THANKFUL FOR FOOD **E**

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

Join us for a night of gratitude! We'll enjoy soup and rolls, learn how to make our own butter, and work on a fun fall craft! Non-perishable food donations are welcome for our local food pantry!

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

**Monday, Nov. 18, Dec. 9,** 6 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.

### TEEN BUILDERS: DIAMOND PAINTING PARTY **T**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 6 PM

Teens! Join us as we take on a popular crafting trend: diamond painting! We'll enjoy a sweet treat and work on diamond painting a coaster, perfect for using with a warm drink during cozy season.

### HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD HOUSES **E**

**Saturday, Dec. 7,** 10 AM & 2 PM

Families! Join us to decorate a foam gingerbread house! We are having two sessions: 10 am and 2 pm with 30 families in each. Each family can decorate one gingerbread house.

### CINCINNATI'S WINTER HOLIDAY TRADITIONS **A**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10,** 6:30 PM

If you enjoy reminiscing about the holidays, come along with us to celebrate the many joyful times and faces of the winter holiday season. You can't see the holiday spirit, but it's there in the many traditions of Cincinnati during this festive season. Presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center.

## Miami Township



**Saturday, Nov. 9,** 1 PM

Children and parents will be given a lesson in sourdough bread making by local baker and sourdough expert Amber Arman of Bunker Hill Bakery. Bring a bowl and we will supply the rest. Space is limited to 12 pairs of 2. Groups larger than 2 will receive 1 set of materials.

### OHIO NIGHT STALKERS BIGFOOT PRESENTATION **K T A**

**Saturday, Nov. 16,** 2 PM

Ohio Night Stalker founders Michael Miller and Mike Feltner will talk about their experiences with Sasquatch.

### CRAFTING CLUB **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, Dec. 17,** 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**

**Nov. 21, 22,** 1 PM

**Nov. 23,** 10 AM

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

### CREATE A 3D SNOWFLAKE **T**

**Saturday, Nov. 23,** 2 PM

You will be guided through the basics of 3D design utilizing the online software Tinkercad to make your own unique snowflake.

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

**Monday, Nov. 25, Dec. 23,** 6 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.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE **E**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3,** 6 PM

Celebrate the holiday season at the Library. We'll have snacks, crafts, and holiday trivia for adults. Register to create a festive foam gingerbread house!

### CINCINNATI'S WINTER HOLIDAY TRADITIONS **T A**

**Saturday, Dec. 7,** 1 PM

If you enjoy reminiscing about the holidays, join us to celebrate the many joyful times and faces of the winter holiday season. The holiday spirit is here in the many traditions of Cincinnati during this festive season. Presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center.

### SHARPIE ART WINTER WOOD COASTERS **A**

**Saturday, Dec. 14,** 11 AM

Create wood coasters with winter designs using stencils and Sharpies. Perfect for gift giving.

## New Richmond

### LEGO CLUB **K**

**Thursday, Nov. 7, Dec. 5,** 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 – LEARN ABOUT SPICES **K**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13,** 11 AM

What is a spice and where do they come from? Why were spice routes so important? What made spices so expensive? Come to the library to explore the world of spice. We will have some to smell and taste, and even paint with!

### BURTONESQUE SELF-PORTRAITS **T**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 5 PM

Create a Tim Burton-style self-portrait. We will watch a tutorial and learn some techniques for creating Burtonesque portraits. Materials will be provided.

### BOOKSHELF DIORAMA **A**

**Wednesday, Nov. 20,** 4 PM

Make your bookcase cozy with a diorama! Join us to make a miniature room for your bookshelf. All materials will be provided.

### CELEBRATE FIBONACCI DAY! **E**

**Saturday, Nov. 23,** 1 PM

Join us as we figure out the Fibonacci Sequence in math and discover its importance in nature! You will see the natural world in a whole new light. A basic knowledge of addition is all that is required to understand this natural and mathematical phenomenon!

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & GINGERBREAD **E**

**Saturday, Dec. 7,** 1 PM

Join us for a holiday celebration! Join Forget Me Not Historical Dance company from 1-2 pm for a glimpse of a historic holiday ball and then enjoy a magic show by Jason Jacobs from 3-4 pm. We will have holiday crafts to make, including foam gingerbread houses to decorate, snacks, and hot chocolate.

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

**Monday, Dec. 9,** 11:30 AM

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, join us for some holiday crafts and caroling sing-alongs. There will be a sweet treat, too!

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: CANDY SCIENCE **K**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11,** 11 AM

Experiment with common candy for some surprisingly sweet reactions in a series of hands-on activities. This program is for third- to fifth-grade students.

### STORYTIME TEA & CRAFT WITH MRS. CLAU **P K**

**Saturday, Dec. 14,** 2 PM

Come to the Library to have tea, treats, and make a holiday craft with Mrs. Claus! All supplies will be provided.

## Owensville

### GETTING STARTED WITH LIBBY **A**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13,** 4 PM

Are you interested in adding eBooks to your reading list? Learn about the digital materials the library offers. Bring your device, and a library staff member will help you get started reading or listening to digital content using the Libby app.

### FAMILY PUZZLE CHALLENGE **E**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19,** 6 PM

Families compete to put together a puzzle while enjoying snacks provided by the library. Be the first to finish and your team wins!

### HOLIDAY BUTTON TREE CANVAS ART **A**

**Monday, Dec. 2,** 4 PM

Create a holiday button tree canvas. Participants will paint or stencil a tree on their canvas and embellish it with buttons to make a one-of-a-kind piece of art!

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING **E**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17,** 5 PM

Enjoy decorating holiday gingerbread houses. Everyone will receive a foam gingerbread house kit to assemble with plenty of extras to make it your own.

## Union Township



### LIBRARICON 2024 **E**

**Friday, Nov. 1,** 6 PM

A celebration dedicated to fandoms of all kinds, including Pokémon, Star Wars, One Piece, Percy Jackson, and many more.

### SHAPING LEGACY: TURNING YOUR STORY INTO A ZINE **A**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26,** 2 PM

Participants aged 60+ will create a multi-page comic (maga)zine-style booklet with a cover based on a personal legacy story that's had a long-lasting impact on your life throughout six sessions taught by Artist-in-Residence Carol Tyler.

### MAKE A NATIVE BEE HOUSE **A**

**Saturday, Nov. 9,** 2 PM

There are hundreds of species of native bees. We'll learn about their importance as pollinators and then make a native bee house to help invite them into our pollinator gardens. We'll also hear about the new garden club that starts next year!

### IN OUR OWN VOICE FOR SENIORS **A**

**Thursday, Nov. 14,** 11 AM

NAMI's In Our Own Voice for Seniors presentation changes attitudes, assumptions, and stereotypes about people with mental health conditions. The presentations combine a video along with two NAMI-trained presenters who talk about their mental health journey. It provides a personal perspective of mental illness, as presenters with lived experience talk openly about what it's like to live with a mental health condition. Our presenters humanize the misunderstood, highly stigmatized topic of mental illness by showing that it's possible – and common – to live well with a mental health condition.

### KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY AND LEARN

**Friday, Nov. 15 & Dec. 20, 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.

### CRAFTERDARK: BOOK WREATH

**Monday, Nov. 18, 6 PM**  
Create a festive winter wreath with pages from old books to give them new life.

### 3D PRINT YOUR OWN COOKIE CUTTERS!

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 PM**  
Together, we will walk through the process of designing a cookie cutter using the 3D printer software. We will print your design as soon as we can after the program!

### FIBER ARTS CLUB

**Monday, Nov. 25 & Dec. 23, 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 while chatting with other crafters to share ideas, learn new skills, and grow your art.

### PRESENT WRAP-UP PARTY

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 4 PM**  
Do you have to wrap a present that's just the weirdest shape but you don't have any bags? Learn how to make your own gift bags out of wrapping paper that you can design and customize. We'll use our leftover paper and ribbon to wrap and decorate any gifts you bring so you can get them ready without the recipient catching you.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 10, 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM**  
Join us this holiday season for foam gingerbread house decorating! With 3 different time slots, pick the time that works best for you and sign up as a family! Each family will receive one gingerbread house with a variety of colorful decorations! While you work on your beautiful creations, we will have hot chocolate and candy canes to snack on.

### UPCYCLED PAPER ORNAMENTS

**Monday, Dec. 9, 6 PM**  
We will make paper ornaments from upcycled materials. One project will require you to bring a copy of a photograph that can be trimmed into a 2-inch circle. Everything else will be provided!

### BOMBS AWAY: MAKING HOT CHOCOLATE BOMBS

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM**  
Create your own tasty hot chocolate bombs. Perfect for holiday gift giving or to enjoy on your own. All supplies will be provided.

## Williamsburg

### TEEN STORYTIME

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3 PM**  
Teens, do you miss being a kid? Storytime is not just for the little ones! In this storytime for teens, we'll read a short story, color, make a craft, and have a snack. Bring on the nostalgia!

### TEEN CAFE

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21,  
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 3 PM**  
Teens! Enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the library. Teen Café is facilitated by a prevention specialist with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.

### FELTED ACORNS

**Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6 PM**  
Make a set of three acorns created during a process called wet felting, as well as a few other seasonal crafts. Fall in love with these adorable autumn decorations. You may need to take your acorns home to dry before you glue on their caps.

### OUT OF THIS WORLD CRAFTS

**Monday, Nov. 18, 4:30 PM**  
Join us for a space-themed crafting session that will be out of this world! We'll be making galaxies in bottles, oobleck slime, and glow-in-the-dark constellations. You may even learn a little about nebulae while you're at it!

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, Dec. 6, 6 PM**  
Stop in during Williamsburg's Christmas Walk for lots of holiday fun! At 7 p.m. Crystal Clear Science will present "The Science of Snow and Ice" with lots of "cool" experiments. Throughout the evening, enjoy crafts, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments. Don't forget to check out our playroom – a great place for kids to warm up and parents to relax!

### D&D 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

**Monday, Dec. 9, 6 PM**  
Join us to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the most popular role-playing games. We'll discuss the history of the

game, the multiple ways it can be played, and explore some of the upcoming releases and changes.

### GINGERBREAD PARTY

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4, 5:15 & 7 PM**  
Join us for gingerbread-themed fun with stories, crafts, and games. Everyone will receive a foam gingerbread house kit to assemble during the program.

## Off Site

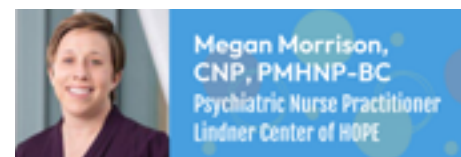
### CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC

**Saturday, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, 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.

### PURRFECT TALES: KIDS READ TO CATS

**Saturday, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 9 & 10 AM**  
League for Animal Welfare  
4193 Taylor Rd., 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 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.

## Online



### IS MY CHILD STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH?

**Tuesday, Nov. 12, 19, 6:30 PM**  
Join us for a discussion about children and their mental health, presented by Megan Morrison, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with the Lindner Center of HOPE.

# New for Kids & Teens



JF SMI 9780736985857

*The Found Boys*  
by S. D. Smith



J NON 9780744099027

*How to Build Lego Robots*  
by Jessica Farrell



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*The Animal Body Book*  
by Jess French



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*Duck, Duck, Goose!*  
by John Hare



YA BAR 9780316481014

*The Grandest Game*  
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



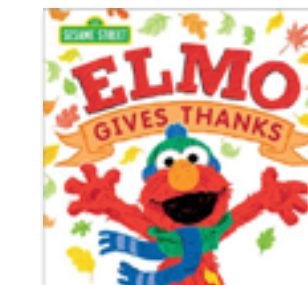
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*The Very Lonely Firefly's  
Nighttime Friends: A  
Touch-and-Feel Book*  
by Eric Carle



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*Manners: A Growing-Up  
Book* by Robin Rose



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*Elmo Gives Thanks*  
by Erin Guendelsberger

# Seniors getting connected



Working in partnership with Clermont Senior Services, the Library recently helped many seniors set up new tablets with email addresses, the Library's app, and Libby. They helped these individuals learn how to borrow books using their tablets and how to increase the type size for easier reading.

Watch for other Library programs that teach digital skills, or schedule an appointment with Library staff to assist you one-on-one. Call your local branch or go to [CLERMONTLIBRARY.ORG/SERVICES/BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN](http://CLERMONTLIBRARY.ORG/SERVICES/BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN)

*One senior was especially thankful for the Library's technical help because she had not been able to read for several years – and having assistance making the type larger allows her to enjoy reading again!*

# Book Clubs

FOR ADULTS

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

## 2ND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

**Batavia**

**Wednesdays; Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 2 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *The Great Halifax Explosion* by John U. Bacon

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *The Other Eden*  
by Paul Harding

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**Batavia**

**Wednesdays; Nov. 27, Dec. 18, 1 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *The Girl Who Survived*  
by Lisa Jackson

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *Speak of the Devil*  
by Rose Wilding

## BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB

**Bethel**

**Tuesday, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 6:30 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II* by Robert Matzen

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Maria Benedict

## CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB

**Felicity**

**Tuesdays; Nov. 26, Dec. 17, 2 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyes

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *Winter Street*  
by Elin Hilderbrand

## CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION

**Goshen**

**Wednesdays; Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 1:30 PM**

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

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *The Christmas Promise*  
by Richard Paul Evans

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

**Miami Township**

**Thursdays; Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 1:30 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *Great Expectations*  
by Charles Dickens

## BOOKENDS

**New Richmond**

**Fridays; Nov. 15, Dec. 20, 11:30 AM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *The Christmas Pearl*  
by Dorothea Benton Frank

## SPINEBENDERS

**New Richmond**

**Tuesdays; Nov. 26, Dec. 17, 7 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *Memphis*  
by Tara M. Stringfellow

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn

## CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

**Union Township**

**Mondays; Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 6 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *West with Giraffes*  
by Lynda Rutledge

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

## SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

**Williamsburg**

**Tuesdays; Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 2 PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK:** *Pride and Prejudice*  
by Jane Austen

**DECEMBER BOOK:** *Eligible*  
by Curtis Sittenfeld

## ONLINE MOVIE CLUB

**Tuesdays, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 6:30 PM**

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

**NOVEMBER MOVIE:** *The Guilt Trip* (PG-13, 2012)

**DECEMBER MOVIE:** *First Reformed* (R, 2018)



## 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, 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 2024 are not eligible to win in 2025. Visit [clermontlibrary.org](http://clermontlibrary.org) for more information.



# Books by the Banks

Visit with more than 100 local, regional, and national authors from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, November 16, at the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library's Main Branch, 800 Vine St.

Don't miss this great opportunity to talk with authors about their books. Admission is free. For the current list of authors attending, visit [booksbythebanks.org/confirmed-authors/](http://booksbythebanks.org/confirmed-authors/). Kids' Corner will offer a full day of fun with arts & crafts, storytimes, and more. Visit the Clermont County Public Library table to see what's new. Mark your calendar and get ready to enjoy a day talking about books!