

# From the Director

Summer is finally here, and I'm thrilled to usher in the season with a full lineup of engaging and informative programs, materials, and services at the Clermont County Public Library!

Our Summer Reading Challenge returns this year with a new theme: Color Our World! Starting June 1, it's the perfect way to dive into a summer of reading, creativity, and community. Sign up at your local branch to receive a special registration prize. Read and log 600 minutes, and you'll earn weekly entries for a chance to win a prize. Not only will you be participating in a fun challenge, but every minute you read also contributes to our year-long Community Reading Goal: We Love to Read. Our goal for 2025 is to read and log 8 million minutes, and the Summer Reading Challenge is a perfect way for you to help us reach that goal.

But the Summer Reading Challenge isn't just fun; it is also an effective way to prevent students from losing some of the academic progress they made throughout the year. By participating in Summer Reading, children can build upon their comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills. Not only will they be



better prepared for next school year, but their summer will be more creative, fun, and colorful!

At the Library, we are dedicated to continually improving the guest experience. I am excited to announce the Library is now offering free digital access to Cincinnati.com Enquirer and USA Today with your library card. This means you can enjoy premium content from these news sources anytime, anywhere, on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Visit clermontlibrary.org for more information.

Additionally, I'm happy to introduce an updated website, a new event calendar. and streamlined room booking software. These user-friendly tools are designed to offer easier access and improve our customer service, ensuring an overall better experience for you. Our friendly branch staff will be available to assist with any questions as you explore the new system.

Visit your local branch to kick off the summer with us by reading, creating, and exploring new possibilities. I can't wait to see you at one of our local branches! Christine Wick

Library Director



Share activities and conversations with friends. Check the Library's event calendar for the activities planned at each cafe. While there, enjoy some great snacks.





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# **BOARD MEETINGS**

are typically conducted the third Monday of each month Miami Township Branch 6 PM Upcoming: May 19 June 16

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**AMELIA BRANCH THURSDAYS, JUN 5, 12, 26** 10:30 AM (All Ages)

**BATAVIA BRANCH** THURSDAYS, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, JUN 5, 12, 26 10:30 AM (All Ages)

**BETHEL BRANCH** THURSDAYS, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, JUN 5, 12, 26 10:30 AM (All Ages)

> FELICITY BRANCH WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 10 AM & 1:30 PM (All Ages)

**GOSHEN BRANCH** 

WEDNESDAYS: JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM (All Ages)

MIAMI TOWNSHIP BRANCH WEDNESDAYS: JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.)

11:30 AM (Preschool 3-6 yrs.)

**THURSDAYS;** JUN 5, 12, 26 10:30 AM (All Ages)

**THURSDAY: JUN 12** 11:30 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

**NEW RICHMOND BRANCH** WEDNESDAYS; JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM (All Ages)

**OWENSVILLE BRANCH** 

WEDNESDAYS; JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 11 AM (Preschool)

#### **UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH**

WEDNESDAYS; JUN 4, 11, 25

10:30 AM (Toddlers 18-36 mo.) 11:30 AM (All Ages)

**THURSDAYS;** JUN 5, 12, 26 10:30 AM (All Ages)

**THURSDAYS: JUN 5** 

10 AM (Babies 0-18 mo.)

#### WILLIAMSBURG BRANCH

WEDNESDAYS; MAY 7, 14, 21, 28, JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM (All Ages)

> **ZOOM BEDTIME STORYTIME** TUESDAYS; JUN 3, 10, 17, 24 7 PM (All Ages)



help your child get ready for school



### **Enroll Children** ages 0 to 5





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

MAY 2 at Bethel Branch MAY 16 at Bethel Branch

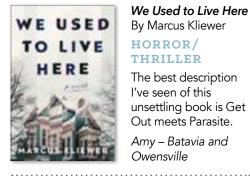
JUNE 6 at Sycamore Park

JUNE 20 at Veterans Park (in Union Township)

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

10:30 am – 12 pm

# **Staff** Picks



#### We Used to Live Here By Marcus Kliewer HORROR/ THRILLER

The best description I've seen of this unsettling book is Get Out meets Parasite. Amy – Batavia and Owensville

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# SUSANN CLARKE PIRANES

RUTH GALLOWAY SERIES a diase course maves ELLY

#### Starter Villain By John Scalzi

**SCIENCE FICTION** A middle-aged

substitute teacher down on his luck, inherits a long-lost uncle's business. Of course, his Uncle was a supervillain and the cat he rescued has been spying on him.

Laura – Amelia Piranesi

#### By Susanna Clarke FANTASY

My friends and I read this for our February book club, and it is definitely a new favorite for me. I highly

recommend it! Morgan – Goshen

#### Ruth Galloway **Mysteries** By Elly Griffiths

MYSTERY I love, love, love the Ruth Gallowav Mysteries series!

The first book is The Crossing Places, and it roped me right in. We even have the first three titles as one digital loan!

Chantelle -New Richmond



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

#### SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB Batavia

Wednesdays, MAY 14, JUN 11, 2 PM MAY BOOK: The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier JUNE BOOK: By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult

#### **MYSTERY BOOK CLUB** Batavia

Wednesdays, MAY 28, JUN 25, 2 PM MAY BOOK: Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon JUNE BOOK: The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

#### **BOOKS & BEYOND BOOK CLUB** Bethel

Mondays, MAY 5, JUN 2, 6:30 PM MAY BOOK: The Salt Path by Raynor Winn JUNE BOOK: A Rip Through Time by Kelley Armstrong

#### CARDINAL READERS BOOK CLUB Felicity

Tuesdays, MAY 27, JUN 24, 2 PM MAY BOOK: The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin JUNE BOOK: Skinny Dip by Carl Hiaasen

#### CHECK IT OUT BOOK DISCUSSION Goshen

Wednesdays, MAY 14, JUN 11, 1:30 PM **MAY BOOK:** Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt JUNE BOOK: Any fiction or non-fiction

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION Miami Township

Thursdays, MAY 1, JUN 5, 1:30 PM MAY BOOK: All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely JUNE BOOK: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

### BOOKENDS

#### New Richmond

Fridays, MAY 16, JUN 20, 11:30 AM MAY BOOK: River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile by Candice Millard JUNE BOOK: The Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell

#### **SPINEBENDERS New Richmond**

### Tuesdays, MAY 27, JUN 24, 7 PM

MAY BOOK: Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson JUNE BOOK: Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld

#### CONSTANT READERS BOOK CLUB

### **Union Township**

Mondays, MAY 5, JUN 2, 6 PM MAY BOOK: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki JUNE BOOK: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune by Anderson Cooper

#### SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB Williamsburg

Tuesdays, MAY 13, JUN 10, 2 PM **MAY BOOK:** Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus JUNE BOOK: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

#### ONLINE MOVIE CLUB Tuesdays, MAY 27, JUN 24, 6:30 PM

If you love movies, join us for a monthly online movie discussion group. MAY MOVIE: Intolerable Cruelty (PG-13, 2003) JUNE MOVIE: Presumed Innocent (R, 1990)



## Amelia

### USED BOOK SALE 🕒

MAY 5, 6, 7, 8, Library hours A variety of gently used items will be available for adults and children including books and movies. Proceeds benefit Library programming.

#### SATURDAY PLAY DATE 🕑 🔇

Saturday, MAY 10, JUN 14, 10:30 AM Join us for stories, songs, and playtime. We'll provide activities, toys, and a chance to meet new friends.

#### LEGO CLUB 🔇

Wednesday, MAY 14, JUN 11, 4:30 PM Create with LEGO – our popular LEGO Club allows kids to free build or complete a challenge. We provide all the LEGO bricks and a different challenge every month. All your kids need is their creativity!

#### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: ICE CREAM SCIENCE 🔇 🕡

#### Friday, MAY 16, 11 AM

Let's make ice cream and explore science at the same time. Learn about changing matter while creating a delicious snack!

#### CHESS CLUB 🙆

Wednesday, MAY 21, JUN 18, 3:30 PM Looking for a challenge? 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.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF (3)

Tuesday, JUN 3, 5 PM

Dive into creativity with DIY tattoos and dazzling suncatchers, then explore the Library with our scavenger hunts for all ages. It's the perfect way to start your summer with fun and imagination!

#### KNOT AGAIN! 🙆

Monday, JUN 9, 6:30 PM Learn how to make a bracelet or bookmark using basic decorative knots.



# ESCAPE THE ART GALLERY 🕕

Thursday, JUN 26, 3 PM Help us search for clues by solving puzzles and cracking codes. Work together to find the culprit and earn a reward.

GRIFFITHS

### CAMP CLERMONT (3)

#### Tuesday, JUN 10, 6 PM

Join us to Color our World with fun! We'll work together to create a large art piece for the Library. Plus, visit art stations to craft colorful artworks. Bring your creativity and dress to get messy!

#### DIY DRINK BOMBS (A)

Tuesday, JUN 24, 6 PM

Learn how to make drink bombs that will foam and fizz in your beverage of choice!



## **PLANT EXCHANGES**

Find something new for your garden! Stop by these branches offering plant exchanges during Library hours. Take a plant, leave a plant.

BATAVIA BRANCH - month of May

BETHEL BRANCH - May 3 until July 12

**GOSHEN BRANCH** - month of May

**NEW RICHMOND BRANCH - month of May** 

**UNION TOWNSHIP BRANCH - month of May** 

Please label all plants

## **Batavia**

#### PLANT EXCHANGE 🙆

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#### **CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL** SOCIETY PROGRAM

#### Saturday, MAY 3, JUN 7, 1 PM

Meet in person at the Library, or join us online. Society members will be emailed an invitation and instructions one week prior to the event. If you do not receive an email and would like to attend, please contact us by the day before the meeting at info@ccqsoh. org or call (513) 723-3423.

### WRITERS GROUP

#### Tuesday, MAY 6, JUN 10, 6 PM

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

#### NATIVE PLANTINGS

#### Wednesday, MAY 7, 4 PM

Learn tips and tricks for adding native plants, the benefits for both you and your land, and receive our best plant suggestions! Presented by the Clermont County Park District.

#### DIY TUMBLERS FOR TEENS/TWEENS 🕕

Monday, MAY 12, 6 PM

Teens, create a custom tumbler using our heat press and cutting machine!

### **OZOBOT ADVENTURES WITH** THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR (S)

Tuesday, MAY 13, 6 PM Learn coding using the world's cutest mini robot! We'll program our Ozobots to help the Very Hungry Caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly!

CLERMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 🙆 Saturday, MAY 17, JUN 21, 1 PM Join the Clermont County Historical Society

for monthly presentations on a variety of local topics, followed by their business meetings. In May, members will tour the historic Winter's Homestead in Mt. Olive. Contact the Society for more information.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF ()

#### Tuesday, JUN 3, 5 PM

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#### MASON JAR MONOGRAMMED VASE 🙆

#### Monday, JUN 9, 2 PM

Decorate and personalize a Mason jar vase.

#### GEOLOGY ROCKS! 🔇

Monday, JUN 16, 6 PM Meet the expert! Learn about rocks and

minerals with a representative



Everyone will be able to see and touch several samples and ask questions about geology!

### HISTORICAL JEWELRY: GREECE 🔕

#### Tuesday, JUN 17, 6 PM Learn about life and iewelry in ancient times and create your own necklace inspired by ancient Greece.

#### ART OF MUSIC 🔇

Wednesday, JUN 25, 3:30 PM Join us as we learn what makes sound and how we turn that sound into the Art of Music. You will even make some musical instruments to take home.

### Bethel

#### BETHEL GARDEN CLUB 🕕 🔕

Saturday, MAY 3, JUN 21, 10 AM Clermont Master Gardener volunteers will present Getting Your Garden Going and discuss site selection, soil preparation, and plant varieties for your vegetable garden. Bring an extra plant or two and help start Bethel's Summer Plant Swap!

#### BETHEL PLANT SWAP ()

MAY - JUL 12, Library hours Find something new for your garden! Feel free to bring in some of your extra plants and take a few home in exchange.

#### REVENGE OF THE SIXTH (3)

Tuesday, MAY 6, 6:30 PM Celebrate all things Star Wars! Play games, including pin the light saber on Yoda,

and make crafts like your own Wookiee companion. You can even put your galactic knowledge to the test with a trivia contest!

#### TEEN CAFE 🕕

#### Wednesday, MAY 7, 14, 21, 3 PM

Teens, enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the Library. Facilitated by a prevention specialist from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.

#### DIAMOND ART COASTERS 🕕

#### Thursday, MAY 8, 3 PM

Visit the Library for a relaxing afternoon of crafting and create your own diamond art coaster!

#### D&D AT THE LIBRARY 🙆

Monday, MAY 12, 6 PM

It's D&D night at the Library! New to the game or a veteran player? Join the party. We'll use the new 2024 rules. Regular gaming sessions take place in May, with new adventurers always welcome.

#### ANIME CLUB 🕕

Tuesday, MAY 13, 3 PM

Discover your next favorite anime at our teen Anime Club! Enjoy crafts, games, and exciting anime screenings. Teens are required to have a signed Anime Club Parental Release Form to attend.

#### TEEN CRAFT TIME 🕕

#### Thursday, MAY 15, 3 PM

Visit the Library after school and create beautiful masterpieces! Each session will have different crafts to choose from so each time is a new experience!

#### FANS OF LEGO 🔇 🕕 🙆

Monday, MAY 19, JUN 16, 6:30 PM LEGO fans of all ages, join us for an evening of LEGO fun. We will have a showand-tell for custom creations, building contests, and useful tips and tricks. Each meeting provides fun opportunities to earn entries for a monthly prize drawing of a mini set. Children under 10 must be with an adult or older family member.



FIBER ARTS CLUB 🙆

Tuesday, MAY 20, JUN 17, 6 PM If you're a fan of knitting, crocheting, sewing, guilting, needlework, weaving, or any other fiber craft, this is the place for

you. Bring your current project and join us for a casual meet-up to work on projects, show off your recent work, swap ideas, and socialize with other crafters.



#### RAINBOW ANIMAL PORTRAITS 🕕 🙆

#### Tuesday, JUN 3, 6 PM

Join Chris Millea of Blue Coop Art as we paint rainbow animal portraits! Capture the essence of your favorite animal in bright, cheerful colors on an 8x10 canvas with acrylic paint. No art experience necessary! Sign up and submit a digital pet photo to the branch by May 24 for a personalized canvas. Or there will be a variety of wildlife canvases to select from.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF (3)

#### Thursday, JUN 5, 2 PM

Dive into creativity with DIY tattoos and dazzling suncatchers, then explore the Library with our scavenger hunts for all ages. It's the perfect way to start your summer with fun and imagination!

#### BALLOON ANIMALS 101

#### Wednesday, JUN 18, 2 PM

Visit the Library and learn all about balloon animals! Professional twisters from Gia's Balloon Buddies will dazzle us with amazing creations and then teach guests how to make their own balloon masterpieces!

### Felicity

#### TWEEN CAFE 🕕 Monday, MAY 5, 12, 19, 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 Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, leads the sessions.

### A GUIDE TO RESEARCHING YOUR CLERMONT COUNTY FAMILY HISTORY 🙆

#### Tuesday, MAY 27, 6 PM Learn where to find Clermont County vital

records, court documents, written histories, maps, newspapers, and cemeteries. We will cover how to do the research both online and in person.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF & CAMP CLERMONT () Wednesday, JUN 4, 11 AM

Join us to Color Our World with fun! We'll work together to create a large art piece for the Library. There will be fun arts and crafts stations and a scavenger hunt. The Cincinnati Art Museum CAM Cruiser will be on-site to provide even more engaging experiences. It's the perfect way to start your summer with fun and imagination!

Bring your creativity and dress to get messy!

#### CONVERT YOUR VHS TAPE TO DVD 🙆

#### Monday, JUN 23, 10 AM - 7 PM

Sign up for a one-hour session to learn how to use our VHS conversion kit and turn one of your VHS tapes into a DVD. After attending this session, you can make an appointment to convert more tapes. Bring your tape; we'll supply the DVD.

### Goshen

#### GOSHEN LIBRARY ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE (3)

Month of MAY, Library hours Find something new for your garden! Stop by during the month of May for our annual plant exchange. Take a plant, leave a plant.

## FEELIN' FROGGY FIBER ARTS 🔕

Monday, MAY 5, JUN 2, 6 PM Join this cozy group for knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and all-around fiber art enthusiasts! All skill levels are warmly welcome. Each meeting is a chance to share projects, learn new techniques, and connect with fellow fiber art enthusiasts.

### NAMI CONNECTION RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, MAY 12, JUN 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.

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Thursday, MAY 15, 10:30 AM



## in one hour. TFFN BUILDERS: CO7Y COLORING 🕕 Tuesday, JUN 17, 6 PM

Join us for a night of cozy crafting. We'll learn about the newest social media craft trend: alcohol marker coloring. We'll practice different techniques, such as adding highlights, shadows, and defining light sources, all guaranteed to make your coloring pages pop! Light snacks provided.

#### EXPLORER'S CLUB: CREATE YOUR OWN GRAPHIC NOVEL 🔇

Wednesday, JUN 18, 2 PM Join us for an afternoon of creativity! We'll learn about graphic novels and comic books and create one of our own! Light snacks and refreshments provided.

### EXPLORER'S CLUB: BALLOON SMASH PAINTING (

## Wednesday, JUN 25, 2 PM

provided.

## **Miami Township**

## OZOBOT EXPLORERS (3

Saturday, MAY 3, 1 PM Children aged 8-12 will explore maps and code an Ozobot to traverse the atlas according to each person's planned route. Register participating children only.

## PREDATOR VS PREY 🔇 🛈 🙆

Tuesday, MAY 13, 6 PM

#### THE HISTORY AND CONTROVERSY OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE 🛈 🙆

Tuesday, JUN 10, 6:30 PM Discover the reason behind the Nobel committee's choices and why several selections have been controversial. Hold on to your monocle as we cover 123 years

We'll learn about the art of paint pouring and how to use balloons to create beautiful works of art. Light snacks

#### What makes a coyote or owl a good hunter? How do rabbits and mice avoid being caught? Meet live Ohio animals, examine biofacts, and learn about the features that help them survive. Presented by the Clermont County Park District.



DANCE AND MOVEMENT WITH DANCE ETC. 🕑

This free, 30-minute class will get kids moving, laughing, and learning in a fun and supportive environment. Designed for children ages 1 to 5, the class combines 15 minutes of dynamic dance with 15 minutes of energetic tumbling.



#### CLERMONT CHAMBER 2025 SUMMER TAILGATE Friday, MAY 16, 11:30 AM

Join us for the Clermont Chamber Summer Tailgate, a series of free monthly meet ups designed to bring together the Clermont County community! Whether you're a local business owner, employee, or resident, this is the perfect opportunity to mix and mingle in a relaxed, friendly environment. Registration is required through the Clermont Chamber website: business. clermontchamber.com/eventcalendar/ details/2025-summer-tailgate.

#### 3D WITH THE FORCE 🕕

#### Saturday, MAY 17, 2 PM

Using Tinkercad, create a Star Warsinspired object for 3D printing. Register participating teens only.

#### CRAFTING CLUB

#### Tuesday, MAY 20, JUN 17, 1:30 PM Enjoy time with other crafty members of our community. Bring a current project to work on or learn techniques from other members.

#### CLAY POT TOADSTOOLS

Saturday, MAY 31, 11 AM Create a clay pot toadstool. Perfect decor for your garden, flowerbed, or porch.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF ()

#### Tuesday, JUN 3, 5 PM

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#### ART IN THE AFTERNOON: HENRI MATISSE 🔇

#### Tuesday, JUN 10, 2 PM

Join us for Art in the Afternoon, where we'll explore the colorful and creative world of Henri Matisse! This hands-on art program invites kids to dive into Matisse's iconic style, learning about his use of bold colors, patterns, and cut-outs. Let's have fun, get messy, and make art like Matisse!

#### OZO COASTERS (3

#### Saturday, JUN 14, 1 PM

Children aged 8-12 will plot a course and code their Ozobot to follow it while performing specific tricks as it coasts along. Sign up children attending only.

#### ADULT STORY TIME 🔕

Wednesday, JUN 18, 2 PM Reading aloud has benefits for listeners of all ages: it stimulates brain activity, provides socialization, increases vocabulary, and activates imagination. Relax, listen, and connect with fellow book lovers. Join us for an engaging experience!

#### ADULT CRAFT-A-PALOOZA 🙆

Saturday, JUN 21, 11 AM Help us use leftover craft supplies from past adult programs. Create whatever you liko

### COOL CRITTERS AT THE LIBRARY ()

#### Wednesday, JUN 25, 3 PM

Get up close and personal with amazing animals. Through this interactive program, learn about the creatures, their habitats, and what it takes to care for them. All Ages.

### New Richmond

### NR LEGO CLUB 🔇

#### Thursday, MAY 1, JUN 5, 4:30 PM

Make LEGO creations for an hour with us! We will provide all the LEGO bricks and even some inspiration with a challenge if you choose to accept it.

### PLANT EXCHANGE 🕒

Month of MAY, Library hours Visit the Library to take and/or leave plants, seeds, or plant starts! Check out what is available throughout May!



#### APPALACHIAN OPEN HOUSE (3) Saturday, MAY 10, 10 AM

Join us at our Open House as we welcome the Appalachian Festival to New Richmond! We will have traditional Appalachian crafts, games, and entertainment throughout the day. The Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe will tell stories at 10:30 a.m. Randy Barger, the Appalachian Bluegrass Man, will play and sing in the afternoon!

#### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: COLOR THEORY IN ART (3)

Thursday, MAY 15, 11 AM

Join us as we learn about colors and color theory. Learn how colors can evoke emotions and how artists use colors to make us feel happy or sad. This will be a great introduction to our Summer Reading theme of Color Our World!

#### LET'S PLAY WITH ART PRESCHOOL PARTY! 🕑 Saturday, MAY 17, 10:30 AM

Join us as we read stories about being creative and playing with art. Then we will create our own masterpieces! Wear clothes that you can get messy.

#### GENEALOGY: BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS 🙆 Monday, MAY 19, 6 PM

This presentation by the Clermont County Genealogical Society will explore birth and death records and the information on them. We'll also talk about possible alternatives to use when these are missing.

### GLOBAL GIRLHOOD 🔇

#### Saturday, MAY 24, 10:30 AM

Join Girl Scout Troop 4321 for an inspiring

#### ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: VINCENT VAN GOGH! 🔇 🕕 Monday, JUN 2, 2 PM

Create art with us in the style of Vincent van Gogh! We will learn about the artist's life, look at some of his artwork, and talk about what makes it unique. Then we will make our own art in a similar style!

### SUMMER READING KICKOFF (3)

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#### INCLUSIVE & INTERACTIVE ART & ACTIVITIES 🛆 Tuesday, JUN 3, 1 PM

Help us create a collaborative mural and bulletin board for the Library. We also will have individual art crafts to take with you or make here in the Library! This program is designed to be inclusive for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.



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### **ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:** HELEN FRANKENTHALER! 🔇 🕕

#### Monday, JUN 16, 2 PM

We will learn about the artist's life, look at some of her artwork, and talk about what makes it unique. Then we will make our own art in a similar style!

#### CAMP CLERMONT (3

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#### ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: CLAUDE MONET! 🔇 🕕

#### Monday, JUN 30, 2 PM

Create art with us in the style of Claude Monet! We will learn about the artist's life. look at some of his artwork, and talk about what makes it unique. Then we will make our own art in a similar style!

### **Owensville**

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#### WATER SQUIRTER PAINTING 🔇 🕕

Friday, JUN 20, 3:30 PM Let's make a beautiful work of art using the chaotic water squirter!

#### ANCIENT ART 🔇

Monday, JUN 30, 4 PM Together, we'll journey back in time to when the first artwork was created. We'll learn what humans made art of and what materials they used. Then, we will travel

into our own caves and make our own

### **Union Township**

#### MAY PLANT EXCHANGE 🕕 🙆

cave paint and cave art!

Month of May, Library hours Bring seeds, plants, or cuttings to trade at our May Plant Exchange. Talk to other gardeners, check out some great gardening books, and sign up for our monthly Dig It! Garden Club.



#### DANCE AND MOVEMENT WITH DANCE ETC. (2)

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#### DIG IT! GARDEN CLUB 🙆

Saturday, MAY 10, JUN 14, 2 PM Learn and share gardening ideas and

techniques with a new topic each month. All levels of experience are welcome.

SUMMER READING BOOK SALE! MAY 12-17, Library hours

some pre-loved books.

SENSORY PLAYTIME 🕑

Saturday, MAY 17, 10:30 AM Join us for sensory playtime! In this interactive program, we will have stations dedicated to different senses including touch, sound, and sight. Play with rice, sand, water, and more.



## FIBER ARTS 🙆

If you're a fan of knitting, crochet, needlepoint, and more, then bring your current project to work on with fellow fiber crafters. Chat, share ideas, learn new skills, and grow in your art.

#### DIY BOOK BOXES 🔕 Tuesday, MAY 20, 6 PM

Create your own decorative box out of old recycled books.

### SUMMER READING KICKOFF ()

Tuesday, JUN 3, 5 PM Dive into creativity with DIY tattoos and dazzling suncatchers, then explore the Library with our scavenger hunts for all ages. It's the perfect way to start your summer with fun and imagination!

### WINE CORK COASTERS

Tuesday, JUN 10, 6 PM Do you have a bunch of old wine corks sitting around at home? Learn how to make coasters out of them!

### BOOK AND AUTHOR TRIVIA FUN! 🔕

Monday, JUN 16, 6:30 PM Test your knowledge of all things books and authors. There will be questions throughout about the printed word and all genres. Celebrate your book worminess with other book lovers!

### SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS: MAKE MORE SHRUBS 🙆

Tuesday, JUN 17, 6 PM Early summer is the perfect time in



event celebrating global cultures and the strength of girls around the world. The troop will share captivating stories, lead a hands-on craft session, and offer a delicious snack as they explore the challenges girls face and the creative ways they overcome them.

Get ready for summer reading by visiting the Union Township Branch and picking up

#### Monday, MAY 19, JUN 23, 6 PM

Cincinnati to start new plants from many shrubs and trees by taking softwood cuttings. Learn about this technique and take home a worksheet and some freshly potted cuttings. All materials provided.

### SWITCH UP YOUR SUMMER 🔇 🕕

#### Wednesday, JUN 18, 1:30 PM

Visit the Library and play Nintendo Switch games with us! Smash your way through the tourney or rev your way to first place. Snacks and drinks provided.

#### CAMP CLERMONT (3)

#### Tuesday, JUN 24, 6:30 PM

Join us to Color our World with fun! We'll work together to create a large art piece for the Library. Plus, visit art stations to craft colorful artworks. Bring your creativity and dress to get messy!

## Williamsburg

#### TEEN CAFÉ 🚺

#### Thursday, MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 3 PM

Teens, enjoy games, challenges, crafts, and other fun activities at the Library. Teen Café is facilitated by a prevention specialist from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.

#### CONSTELLATION EMBROIDERY 🕕 🛆

### Monday, MAY 12, 2 PM, 6 PM

Join us to hear a few star stories rooted in myth and craft your own embroidered constellation. This beginner's embroidery will be sew much fun! Make sure to bring your reading glasses as we will be threading needles.

#### DOG MAN PARTY! 🔇

#### Tuesday, MAY 20, 4 PM



Join us for a celebration of the Dog Man movie! You'll have a barktacular time playing bingo and making crafts. Design your very own robot companion. Plus, put your sniffing skills to the test in a game that will challenge your canine senses.

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF (3)

#### Tuesday, JUN 3, 2 PM

Dive into creativity with DIY tattoos and dazzling suncatchers, then explore the Library with our scavenger hunts for all ages. It's the perfect way to start your summer with fun and imagination!

# MY STORIES FROM THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT (2)

#### Wednesday, JUN 4, 2 PM

Join us and hear about many of the amazing true events that transpired with veterans during their times in the service. You also will learn about the overall process that goes into making our original content DVD product for the Library of Congress and the Library collection.

#### CLAY WITH YOUR EMOTIONS 🔇

#### Wednesday, JUN 18, 3:30 PM

Discover how art, stories, and emotions go hand in hand! Join us to make a clay craft that portrays our emotions, and listen to stories about feelings and emotions.

### **Off Site**

# CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC COURT LAW CLINIC (2)

#### Saturday, MAY 3, JUN 7, 9 AM

The volunteer attorney and court personnel will be available to assist self-represented litigants with domestic relations matters. This event is set up for drop-ins on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information contact: Kay Heile at 513-732-7323, or kheile@clermontcountyohio. gov, or domesticcourt.org, and click on resources. If the Library Administration Building is closed, the Law Clinic will not take place or be rescheduled for that month.

#### PURRFECT TALES (S 1) Saturday, MAY 10, JUN 14 9 AM, 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. Children 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 pair.

NIGHT OUT AT THE PARK: LET'S GO CREEKIN' ③ Tuesday, MAY 27, 6:30 PM Sycamore Park 4082 State Route 132, Batavia, Ohio 45103 Join the Clermont County Park District and the Library for an evening in the park! The Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe will kick off the evening with stories. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to eat during the performance. After, join naturalists in a hands-on creek exploration and meet a turtle! Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. In case of severe weather, registered participants will be contacted about an alternative indoor program to be held at the Union Township Branch.

#### STORYTIME AT STONELICK STATE PARK () Friday, MAY 30, 11 AM

Join us for Storytime at Stonelick State Park with crafts, games, and activities!

#### STORYTIME AT EAST FORK STATE PARK 🕒

Friday, MAY 30, 1:30 PM Join us for Storytime at East Fork State Park with crafts, games, and activities!

#### NIGHT OUT AT THE PARK: Nocturnal creatures (3)

Tuesday, JUN 24, 6:30 PM Chilo Lock 34 Park & River Museum 521 County Park Road, Chilo, Ohio 45112

Join the Clermont County Park District and the Library for an evening in the park! The Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe will kick off the evening with stories. Guests are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to eat during the performance. After, naturalists will guide us through activities to learn about moths, fireflies, bats, and other nighttime creatures. There will be an optional self-guided hike and an opportunity to eat s'mores around a campfire. In case of severe weather, registered participants will be contacted about an alternative indoor program to be held inside Chilo Lock 34 Park & River

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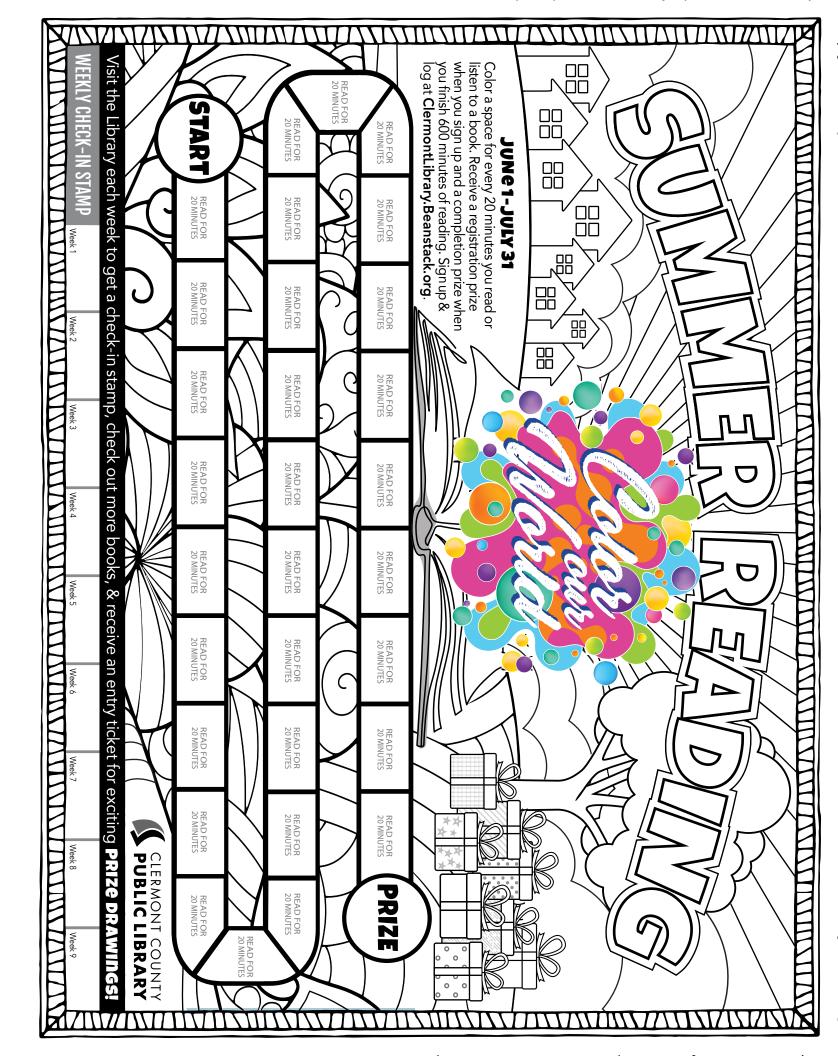
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