



EVENTS

December 2018 – February 2019

If you need more detailed information concerning the following programs, please call the library of your choice. Pre-registration is requested for most programs and workshops.

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MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

MAIN LIBRARY 330-643-9000
60 S. High St., Akron, 44326

BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT 330-643-9020

Drop-in Resume Review Clinic
Thursday, January 17, 5-8 pm
Human Resources Professionals will be available to review your resume and provide feedback. Meeting Room 2AB.

Business Research Essentials
Thursday, February 7, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Join us and learn how to utilize some of the Library's digital and print resources to find answers when doing basic business research or writing a business plan. Computer Lab 1.

Tax Preparation Appointments
Saturday, February 9, 16, 10:30 am-2:30 pm The Financial Empowerment Center (a United Way agency) will offer free tax preparation by appointment. Please bring social security card/s, photo I.D., and any W2s, 1099s etc. that may be needed. Starting January 21, call to make an appointment.

Black History Month: Who Inspired You? Local Leaders Share their Recipe for Success
Saturday, February 9, 2-4 pm Local leaders will share their recipe for success by answering the following questions: Who inspired you? What barriers did you overcome? What goals did

you achieve? What advice do you have for the youth of today? At the conclusion of the program, speakers will network with the audience and answer questions. Auditorium.

Black History Month: Author Talk – We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel
Saturday, February 16, 2-5 pm Join us for an interactive presentation and discussion of *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel*. Dr. Bernard E. Powers, Jr., Professor Emeritus of History at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, will discuss the June 2015 murder of nine members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston and also the origins and nature of the AME denomination. Without this understanding, we cannot fully grasp the meaning of what happened and why “Mother Emanuel” was the killer’s target. Auditorium.

Reentry in Motion
Designed to provide assistance, educate, and inform, the Reentry in Motion Series showcases reentry and criminal justice related legislation, speakers, documentary films, and handouts.

Reentry in Motion: Fight Hate
Thursday, December 6, 11 am-1 pm As a young man, Michael Ta’Bon’s ex-con father taught him about drugs and crime, and those lessons landed him in prison for 15 years. During his incarceration, Michael promised himself that he would one day start a movement to prevent young African American people from getting caught in the cycle of violence he found himself in. The film *Fight Hate with Love: One Man’s Journey to Change the World*, will reveal how the years in prison left Michael with invisible scars. Audience discussion after the film. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Manhood and Violence
Tuesday, December 11, 11 am-12:30 pm Examining reentry and the issue of male violence as it relates to the male role belief system, the film *Manhood and Violence: Fatal Peril*, focuses on nine men who have either re-offended or violated the terms and conditions of their probation or parole. The men have all been court-mandated to participate in an intensive four-month violence prevention project where the re-arrest rate for violent offenses by the program’s participants dropped by 80 percent! Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Making Changes
Tuesday, December 18, 11 am-12 pm *Release and Beyond: Lifestyle Changes*, is a film which reveals what returning citizens should expect on the day of release and the actions they can take to increase their chances of making a successful transition. Encourages individuals to evaluate their behavior and persevere in spite of rejections. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Returning Home
Tuesday, January 15, 11 am-12:30 pm The film *From Prison to Home*, traces the experiences of four returning citizens, focusing on their challenges with employment, housing, addiction, and reconnecting with family, as well as their participation in a program for parolees. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Emotional Intelligence
Tuesday, January 29, 11 am-12:45 pm The workplace can be very challenging to navigate, requiring restored citizens to use their emotional intelligence to avoid pitfalls and office-related conflicts. This reentry program showcases the film *Emotional Intelligence*, which reveals the secrets of staying calm and in control in every situation. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Fired from the Job!
Tuesday, February 5, 11 am-12 pm The reasons employers give for firing employees are numerous, but there are several that consistently rank as the most common. The video *You’re Fired! Ten Ways to Lose Your Job and How to Avoid Them*, discusses those reasons, outlining specific actions and behaviors that often lead to job termination. Tips on avoiding problems are provided. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Why hope?
Tuesday, February 19, 11 am-12 pm How can inmates and returning citizens keep hope alive when they seem to face a hopeless situation? The hard-hitting program, *Why Bother? Finding the Will to Go On*, helps returning individuals constructively answer the question, “Why bother? Why try? Why hope? Why change? Its message is very clear: Life is worth living when you have hopes and dreams to pursue. Meeting Room 1.

Reentry in Motion: Surviving On the Outside
Thursday, February 26, 11 am-12:15 pm This program includes the video *In Your Hands: Life After Prison*, which highlights two case studies which show that the end of incarceration means not only a fresh start, but a new phase of hardship, hard-luck, and hard-won dignity. Features both a female and male returning citizens trying to survive on the outside as they face issues of race, poverty, and substance abuse. Meeting Room 1.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

330-643-9050

Early Childhood Programs

Play Time

Second Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 10:30-11:30 am Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play, STEAM experiences and materials will be available for young children and their caregivers.

December 11: Big Play Date-Join us for a fun and social hour of physical activity and discovery, while the kids develop healthy minds and bodies.

January 8: The Snowy Day-Delight in snowy activities inspired by the Ezra Jack Keats magical story, "The Snowy Day."

February 12: Funny Valentine-Celebrate this month with your littlest Valentines. Card making, dramatic play, and sensory experiences.

Baby Time

Every Wednesday, 10:30 am An active story time for children from birth to 2 years old with an adult caregiver. We combine music, story and play to engage our youngest learners.

Story Time: Preschool

Every Thursday, 10:30 am Watch as books come to life through stories, music and activities. For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

Toddler Art Explorers

Mondays, December 3-17, 10:30 am Get messy and experiment with a variety of materials in this artsy program! For children ages 18 months to 4 years old with a caregiver.

Play Time:

The Young and the Restless Mondays in January (except January 21), 10:30 am Calling all movers! With cabin fever upon us, bring your little ones in to get their wiggles out during interactive free play. For ages 2 to 5 years and their caregiver.

Music and Movement Mondays Mondays in February, 10:30 am

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to shake your sillies out! For children ages 2 to 5 years and their caregiver.

Paws for Reading

Second Saturday of each month, December 8, January 12, February 9, 11 am Share a book with a certified therapy dog. Not reading yet? Our human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud.

Story Time: Primary

Every Sunday, 2-2:30 pm

A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

Story Time: It's a Wrap: Stories About Gift Giving

Saturday, December 1, 11 am

Preschool-Grade 2. Join in on stories and songs about gifts and gift-giving, then make your own gift wrap and cards.

Saturday Story Time Sampler

First and third Saturdays,

December 15, January 5, 19,

February 16, 11 am Story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

December 15: Polar Express-All Aboard the Polar Express! Wear your favorite pajamas and relive the classic story on our story time train. Decorate a cookie while sipping some cocoa. Space is limited; registration requested. Story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver. Please register for Polar Express.

January 5: Hawaiian Beach Party-Aloha Akron! Join us for a luau at the library. We'll share stories, songs on the ukulele, crafts, and a Hawaiian snack. Stay for an explosion of fun.

January 19: Tiny Town Transportation-Rev your engines and race on in for a wheelie fun time!

February 16: Ballet Excel Presents Peter Pan-A lively, interactive presentation of Peter Pan with dancing, storytelling and music.

Family Programs

STEAM: Builders' Club

Saturdays, December 22,

January 26, 2 pm Open play with Lego's, Duplo's, CitiBlocs and other building materials.

Winter Break Family Film Matinees

December 26-28, 1 pm

Wednesday, December 26:

Paddington 2

Thursday, December 27:

Incredibles 2

Friday, December 28: Hotel

Transylvania 3

Noon Year's Eve

Monday, December 31, 11 am

Ring in the new year with stories, crafts, a snack, and of course, a countdown to noon! All ages welcome.

Annual Family Reading Festival

Saturday, February 2, 10 am-3 pm

Our 11th Annual Family Reading Festival, once again headlined by Jim Gill. Watch for more exciting details.

School Age Programs

Coding Club

Thursdays, December 20,

January 17, February 21, 6:30 pm

Grades 2- 6. Learn how to write code, design games, and more!

Art Workshop

Saturday, December 29, 2 pm

Grades K-6. Make your own works of art using different styles, techniques and materials.

Winter Break Fun: Donut Wars

Wednesday, January 2, 2 pm

Grades 3 to 6: It's donut vs. donut in this tasty library competition! Decorate a donut for a chance to win a sweet prize. Space is limited; registration requested.

Winter Break Fun: Needlework

Thursday, January 3, 2 pm

All things yarn: learn basic crochet, knitting, weaving, string art, yarn dolls and more!

Winter Break Fun: Nature Film

and Popcorn

Friday, January 4, 2 pm

Join us in the Children's Library for the movie, Born in China: Disney's true life adventure that follows the stories of three animal families in China and popcorn!

Winter Break Fun: Wii Sports

Monday, January 7, 2-3:30 pm

Compete with your friends on our Wii gaming system.

Winter Break Fun: Robo-Rama

Friday, January 18, 2 pm

Explore different kinds of robots and make one of your own to keep.

Slime Society

Tuesdays in February, 4 pm

Grades 3 to 6: Get goopy and try a different slime recipe each week with us.

STEAM: Minecraft Creative Build-Off

Monday, February 18, 2 pm

Grades 3 to 6: Put your building skills to the test for a chance to win prizes! Space is limited; registration requested.

Illusion Factory Presents

"Sojourner Speaks, a

One-Woman Play"

Saturday, February 23, 2 pm

The legend herself comes to life in this one woman show about the life and times of Sojourner Truth! Join us as we celebrate the woman who is a pillar of activism and who spoke right here in Akron, Ohio at the Women's Convention on May 29, 1851. Children age 8 and up, Families, Teens, and Adults welcome.

CULTURE & AV

330-643-9015

Thursday Movies@Main

All films will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium. Visit the Library's website for updates.

December 6:

Mission Impossible-Fallout, 6 pm

December 13:

Mary Poppins, 6:30 pm

December 20: Dead Men Tell

and Terror by Night, 6:30 pm

December 27:

The Incredibles II, 6:30 pm

Poetry Hour

Saturday, December 8, 3-4 pm

Local poets are invited to read their original poetry. Poems read at Poetry Hour should not be overtly explicit in language or subject matter. Poetry lovers are welcome to listen to our local poets.

Yarn Lovers @ the Library

Wednesdays, December 19,

January 16, February 20, 12-2 pm

Stray dog Café. Drop by for the entire two hours, or any time between 12-2 pm. Bring your own lunch, or purchase at the Café. You're welcome to bring a current project. Knitting and crochet instruction and assistance will be available when possible.

LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN

330-643-9070

Located on the second floor, behind the security desk and conveniently located by the parking deck entrance. Owned and operated by Friends of the Main Library, LSAM offers gently used books at exceptionally low prices and unique gifts to support ASCPL. Volunteer opportunities are available. All volunteers get free parking and 25% off store products.

MOBILE SERVICES

330-643-9055

Bringing the Library to you! Call for more information.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

330-643-9075

Lunchtime Bird Watching

Thursdays, 12:15-12:25 pm Join our weekly count of bird species found in Downtown Akron! The group meets in the Library Park on the corner of Main and Mill Streets.

Science Café

Saturdays, December 1, January 12, 10:30-11:30 am Science Café is an informal discussion with a scientist. Geared for adults, but curious kids are welcome. Bring your coffee cup and your curiosity to these casual meetups. Contact us for reading material suggested, but not required, by the guest scientist. The Café will meet in the Science & Technology Division on the first floor of Main Library. Contact Science & Technology at to reserve your spot.

December 1: Presented by Ray Stewart, the board secretary for the Ohio Wetlands Association. This Science Café is all about vernal pools, seasonal wetlands that normally appear in wooded areas and fill with a variety of life forms in late winter through spring. Many organisms only live in, or are dependent on, vernal pools to complete their life cycles. Vernal pools are rich in hidden wonders waiting to be discovered!

January 12: Join Dr. Margo Erme, former Summit County Medical Director and communicable disease epidemiologist, to examine how diseases like influenza spread, how vaccinations may help, and what can happen if a virus takes hold of a population such as happened with the influenza pandemic in 1918.

Introduction to Intellectual Property

Tuesdays, December 11, January 15, February 12, 6:30-7:30 pm Learn the differences among the various types of intellectual property, and how best to protect your creative work. December class meets in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level of Main Library, January and February classes meet in the Science & Technology Division on the First Floor of Main Library.

Akron Inventors' Club

Thursdays, December 13, January 10, February 14, 6-7:30 pm

The Akron Inventors' Club is free and open to all with an interest in invention and innovation. Monthly meetings feature a variety of speakers and informational programs as well as a chance to network with like-minded innovators. The club meets in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street Level of Main Library. Visit our website, www.akroninventorsclub.org, for information on monthly speakers.

Introduction to Patents and Patent Searching

Saturdays, December 15, January 19, February 16, 10:15am-Noon Learn how to receive a U.S. patent and do a preliminary patent search using the United States Patent & Trademark Office website. December class meets in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level of Main Library, January and February classes meet in the Science & Technology Division on the First Floor of Main Library.

Stay Alive with Britt Ahart: Survivalist from The History Channel's Alone

Saturday, January 12, 1-2:30 pm Britt Ahart, a survivalist from The History Channel's TV show Alone will speak about his experience braving the wilderness of Mongolia and Patagonia, and his participation on the show. Mr. Ahart was a contestant on Seasons 3 and 5. He used his skills to survive alone while living off the land and trying to outlast his fellow competitors. His presentation will include a question and answer session. This event will be held in Meeting Room 2 at the Main Library. Contact the Science & Technology Division to register.

Ask a Patent Attorney

Monday, February 4, 6-8 pm Get free legal answers to Intellectual Property related questions. Registration is a must! Register for a free one on one 20-minute session with a registered patent attorney. Appointment times are limited and must be scheduled in advance. Contact the Science & Technology Division to register starting January 5.

Tai Chi with Nancy Gardner

Mondays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:30-1:15 pm

Stay active during the cold season and spend your lunch time at Main Library with the smooth, relaxing movements of Tai Chi. Meet in front of the Athena Sculpture on the first floor in the Science & Technology Division for this free Tai Chi session with local favorite, Nancy Gardner.

A Garden Affair and Home Expo

Saturday, February 23, 10 am-1 pm

Escape from the cold as we offer information and inspiration to get you looking forward to Spring. Start planning for the new gardening and home selling season. Featured speaker is Mary Beth Breckenridge, "Preparing Your Home for Sale." Other exhibitors will be here, too. This event will be in the Main Library Auditorium and Atrium, contact the Science & Technology Division to register.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

330-643-9030

Using Ancestry in Genealogy Research

Saturday December 1, 10:30 am-12:30 pm With over 10,000 databases and billions of images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource-and it's available to you for free within any ASCPL location. This class will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. A brief overview of Heritage Quest, which is similar to Ancestry Library Edition, is also included. This class meets in Computer Lab 1, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

TECHZONE@MAIN

330-643-9145

Maker Mondays

Mondays, 6 pm TechZone@Main. Akron-Summit County Public Library's makerspace, has all kinds of equipment to help fulfill your creative dreams as an artist, entrepreneur, or small business owner. Join us for a quick demonstration on how to use some of our equipment. Registration requested. Call or email esdiv@akronlibrary.org to register.

December 10: Vinyl Printer-Learn how to use our vinyl printer to print vinyl banners, stickers, window clings, heat transfer materials and more.

December 17: Laser Engraver-Etch patterns, text, logo or pictures onto a variety of materials with our free Epilog Laser Engraver.

January 28: Media Transfer-Digitize VHS, Super 8, 8 mm, negatives, vinyl LPs, or cassettes for free at our Media Transfer Station.

February 4: Vinyl Printer-Learn how to use our vinyl printer to print vinyl banners, stickers, window clings, heat transfer materials and more.

February 11: Silhouette Curio-Color, etch, and/or cut out on various materials on our free Silhouette Curio - it's a crafter's dream!

February 18: Green Screen Room-Add a custom background to your picture or video by learning how to use our free green screen room.

February 25: Laser Engraver-Etch patterns, text, logo or pictures onto a variety of materials with our free Epilog Laser Engraver.

Update Your Headshot

Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am Need an updated headshot for your website, LinkedIn account, or other social media profile pic? Pack a flash drive and head to TechZone's Green Screen room and take advantage of our professional camera and lights to capture the perfect headshot.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens ages 11-18. Please call the Teen Department or email ysodiv@akronlibrary.org to register for programs or with any questions.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month beginning Tuesday, December 11. No meeting on December 25. Need volunteer hours for school? Help the library improve services to teens. Whether you're looking to get volunteer hours or you just like to work on cool projects, eat and have fun, the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be! You'll plan Teen programs and decorate the Teen Area. It looks great on a resume too.

Girls Who Code
Every Wednesday, 3:45 pm
Are you interested in learning to code cool projects to help your community? Join us at the library for our weekly Girls Who Code Club!

Green Screen Holiday Photos
Saturday, December 8, 3 pm Get a holiday picture taken on a green screen! Props provided. Enjoy snacks and watch holiday classics while you wait. You will receive a digital file by email to share. Printed copies will be limited to one per shot if there is high attendance. Do not wear green or you'll disappear!

Teen Beach Party
Saturday, January 19, 3 pm Join us in the Teen Area for fun beach activities. We'll make sand candles, fresh lemonade, and some beach crafts, plus play a beach game or two.

Chocolate Festival
Saturday, February 9, 3 pm Enjoy some chocolate trivia, chocolate contests and loads of chocolate fun.

Snowflake Studio
December 1-31 Stop by the Teen Department and help us decorate the entire area with snowflakes! Fold them, cut them out, add your name if you like and put them up. We'll supply the patterns and paper.

How Many Kisses?
February 1-28 Stop by the teen desk and guess how many chocolate kisses are in the jar for a chance to keep the jar. The winner will be announced on March 1.

BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

ADULT BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019
2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

Christmas with the Beatles
Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm
Beatles fan Ray Carmen will spread Christmas cheer Beatles-style, with holiday music and videos from the Fab Four!

Fluid Art: Acrylic Pour Painting
Saturday, December 8, 1 pm
Acrylic fluid art, also called pour painting, flow painting, and dirty pours, is a painting technique that creates some truly awesome pieces of art. Please register as space and supplies are limited.

Hot Cup of Tea
Wednesday, January 16, 1:30 pm
Learn about some of the health benefits of tea, a bit of its history and how tea is made. Try your hand at creating your own tea blend from everyday household items and enjoy a Hot Cup of Tea!

Rally 'Round Cleveland: The Story of the 1974 Franchise-Saving Cleveland Indians
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 pm
Author Jim Clark, radio broadcaster of the Akron Rubber Ducks for 26 years, will talk about his book on the Cleveland Indians. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

The Lighter Side of Outsider Music
Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm
Many outsider musicians actually make really good music. Then there's these folks! Hear music that is always sincere, almost always charming, sometimes poignant, and often downright hilarious.

Rabid Readers Book Discussion
Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 1:30 pm
Discuss a different book on the third Tuesday each month. Contact branch for current month's title.

Early Bird Movie Matinee
Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 10:15 am A fun family friendly movie on the big screen with refreshments provided. Contact branch for information on current movie selection.

Ellet Needlecrafters
Mondays, December 3, 17, January 7, February 4, 18, 3:30 pm
Join the group for good conversation as you work on your personal needlecraft projects. No instruction is provided.

Book Club on the Run
Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11 Perfect for people who are on the go but still love a good book recommendation! New book selection released the second Monday of each month with author bio and other information. New titles for the month will be released on the dates below.

December 10: *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter
January 14: *The Orphan's Tale* by Pam Jenoff
February 11: *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

Memory Café: An Early Stage Dementia Program
Wednesdays, December 19, January 30, February 27, 1:30 pm
Memory Cafe offers a relaxing and comfortable way for people living in the early stages of memory loss to build a social network and connect with like individuals in their own community. Meaningful social and educational activities promote social interaction, companionship, and learning. The Memory Cafe is a collaboration between The Alzheimer's Association Greater East Ohio Area Chapter and the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Advance registration is requested. To register, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

Coloring Anytime
Coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Stop in any time and color! New coloring pages will be set out each month for you to color at your leisure.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

Irv Korman-Author Talk & Book Signing
Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm
Author Irv Korman visits the library to talk about and sign copies of his new children's book *The Legend of Hanukkah Harry*. This charming book tells the origin story of Hanukkah Harry, who brings toys to all the children who don't celebrate Christmas.

Anything Goes Book Discussion
Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 1 pm Join us the second Monday of each month at 1 pm.

Antique Appraisals with Jason Adams
Thursday, December 13, 6 pm
Antique and jewelry expert Jason Adams is back to discuss and appraise your collectibles. Limit two items per person. No swords or firearms. Please stop by the library or call to register. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library.

Understanding Social Security
Thursday, January 24, 6 pm
When should you start collecting Social Security? And other things to consider: Longevity, spousal benefits, continuing to work, and understanding how your benefits may be taxed. Terry Meinen from Primerica will address these concerns and answer all your questions.

Understanding Your Retirement Accounts
Thursday, February 21, 6 pm We're living longer, so retirement lasts longer. Health care costs continue to rise. Social security benefits are not enough, and inflation reduces your purchasing power. How will you pay for your retirement? Terry Meinen from Primerica will explain your options in planning for this important period of your life.

Mason Jar Craft
Thursday, January 10, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Friends of Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library. Join Carolina Martin and learn how to create Mason Jar Cookies. Please register for this program.

Valentine Hearts
Thursday, February 7, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by the Friends of Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library. Join Carolina Martin as we create yummy chocolate hearts. Please register for this program.

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126
1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

Holiday Trivia Night

Tuesday, December 18, 6:30-8 pm

Join us for a fun night of Holiday Trivia at A Walk in the Park Café, 1491 Aster Ave, Akron, OH 44301. Categories include Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer Trivia, What's That Overly Verbose Christmas Song Title, It's A Wonderful Life Trivia and more! Enjoy free refreshments and win fabulous prizes! Register your team of 4-8, or be assigned to a team at the door.

Author Visit-Coach Dru Joyce II

Saturday, January 12, 1 pm

Dr. Joyce II, basketball coach at St. Vincent St. Mary's High School and mentor to Akron native LeBron James, visits Firestone Park Library as part of our Be Kind Stick Together Open House. Coach Dru is the Values in Action Foundation's 2019 Close-Caputo Educator of Humanity Award honoree. He will read from his book *Beyond Championships* and give a talk about how teamwork and competitive sports can build important social and emotional skills, and inspire a culture of respect amongst children and teens. Copies of *Beyond Championships* will be for sale at the event, and coach Dru will sign copies and pose for photographs with fans.

Author Visit-Denise Dufala

Saturday, January 12, 2 pm

The Emmy-award-winning news anchor who spent 30 years at CBS Cleveland visits as part of our Be Kind Stick Together Open House. Denise Dufala is the Values in Action Foundation and Be Kind Stick Together National Program Ambassador. She will read from her new children's book *Bomba the Brave* and discuss her life and career. *Bomba the Brave* will be available for sale at the event, and Ms. Dufala will sign copies and pose for autographs with fans.

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522
60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

Check-Out and Win @ the Goodyear Branch Library

December 1-31: Visit the Goodyear Branch Library between December 1-31, and earn tickets for checking out items from our shelves. The contest is open to all ages. The winner will be contacted by January 5. How the contest works: Checkout any 5 materials and receive 1 ticket. Checkout 6-10 items and receive 2 tickets. Checkout 11-15 items and receive 3 tickets. Checkout 16+ items and receive 5 tickets. Place your ticket with name and phone number in the drawing box for a chance to win our raffle basket.

Book Discussion: A Book Club to Go!

New books are available the first week of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just some GREAT reads! Discussion questions, read-alike lists, and author information are included with each book.

December: *Then Came the Evening* by Brian Hart

January: *The Heart*

by Maylis de Kerangal

February: *Flight of Dreams* by Ariel Lawhon

Workshops and Programs

Color It So

First Tuesday of each month, December 4, January 8, February 5, 12:30-2 pm Join the craze that has grown-ups acting like kids again. Spend a relaxing time coloring with us. We'll provide coloring sheets designed specifically for adults, plus colored pencils, markers and crayons. Blank paper will be available to those who like to craft their own drawings. Large groups, please register in advance with the number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.

Festive Holiday Sign

Tuesday, December 4, 6-7:30 pm Design and paint your own holiday sign to add to your holiday décor. Join Kimmy Henderson of Makikisart in the creation of your own work of art. Choose the design, colors and words to make your sign original. Class size is limited to 20 adult participants. Please register.

Adult Recess

Second Monday of each month, December 10, January 14, February 11, 12:30-2 pm Escape your responsibilities—work, bills,

groceries—to play and goof around like you did as a kid. Each month we will have something different – building playsets, messy fun, board games, retro games, video games, etc. Large groups, please register in advance with the number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.

Puzzle Pizzazz Time

Second Thursday of each month, December 13, January 10, February 14, 12:30-2 pm If you like word searches, dot-to-dots, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, brain-teasers, etc., then stop on in. We will have a variety of puzzles on hand, or feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served. Large groups, please register in advance with the number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.

What's Cookin' – Soups, Stew & Such

Tuesday, January 15, 6-7:30 pm What better way to celebrate National Soup Month! January is the perfect time to cook up a hearty pot of soup or stew. Join us in celebrating one of our favorite courses – soup (& stew)! We've got some great recipes for ladling up goodness. Class size is limited to 25 adult participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, December 18.

Feeling the Urge to Purge?

– Let's Get Organized

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 pm Are you tired of looking at all the clutter surrounding you? Than this is the program for you! Did you know January is GO Month? (Get Organized!) Join Professional Organizer, Saundra Wright of Organized Wright, LLC for this presentation. Saundra will answer your organizing questions along with sharing some of her favorite tips and products to help you reclaim your living spaces. Registration begins on Monday, December 31.

Valentine Card Workshop

Thursday, February 7, 12:30-2 pm Create your own special small valentine cards for family and friends. We will have cards, paper, stickers, ribbon, glue and more. Your imagination is the limit! Class size is limited to 35 adult participants. Registration begins on Thursday, January 10.

GREEN– 330-896-9074
4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

A Vintage 60's Christmas

Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm

Vintage 60's Christmas TV and songs presented by Bill Brauning. Remember those great Christmas Specials on TV in the 1960's like Andy Williams or Jack Benny, or those rockin' Christmas songs by The Beach Boys or Chuck Berry? A Vintage 60's Christmas will take you back to those youthful and carefree days where Christmas was to be remembered with fond memories.

Computer Training

All classes will be held at 2 pm.

Tuesday, December 4: Mail Merge

Wednesday, December 5: Curio 1

Thursday, December 6: Curio 2

Christmas with the Beatles

Monday, December 10, 6:30 pm

Join Beatles fan Ray Carmen for an hour of Christmas fun Beatles-style, with holiday music and videos from the Fab Four!

Cookbook Club

Wednesdays, December 12, January 9, February 13, 6:30 pm

Join us each month as we pick a theme and prepare dishes to share. Check out our library display for each month's theme and cookbooks, or use your own recipes. Enjoy some delicious dishes, discussion and fun.

Choose Your Destination:

A Financial Wellness Seminar for Women

Thursday, December 20, 6:30 pm

Presented by Rob Moser, Financial Consultant from AXA Advisors, LLC. This general financial strategies seminar is designed to empower women to excel in managing their finances. It discusses issues specific to women's personal and financial concerns for each stage of life.

Pyrography:

Decorative Wood Burning

Monday, January 14, 6:30 pm

Demonstration and presentation given by woodworking expert, Chuck Poley. According to merriam-webster.com, pyrography is "the art or process of producing designs or pictures (as on wood or leather) by burning or scorching with hot instruments."

Open M: What do they do for the community?

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 pm
Presentation by Bob Titus, learn about the three main branches of OPEN M, which includes the Free Clinic, the Food Pantry (how to enroll in each), and the Job Readiness program (the Community Works Connection). The Community Works Connection (CWC) includes which topics the five-day workshop covers, the wrap-around services provided by our Case Managers, and the different Core Employers we've built established relationships with.

Planning Your Great Escape: Retirement

Thursday, January 17, 6:30 pm
Presented by Rob Moser, Financial Consultant from AXA Advisors, LLC. With increased market volatility, economic uncertainty, longer lifetimes and rising household expenses, achieving a great retirement seems harder all the time. This seminar realistically discusses the challenges ahead and provides strategies that attendees can start implementing right away.

Rock 'n Roll Bingo

Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 pm
Like Bingo? Want to try Bingo with music? Instead of your card having numbers, it has titles of songs. Hear rock 'n roll from 5 different decades, sing-along, enjoy and have light refreshments with us and perhaps yell "Bingo" for a prize. All ages welcome.

Making Sense of Medicare

Wednesdays, January 30, February 27, 6:30 pm
Presented by Ed Nowlan and Don Ebner from Sherpa Insurance of Green. Do you understand your Medicare choices? When are Enrollment Periods? How do I Fill the Gaps In Medicare? Everyone is unique—and so are your Medicare plans. This educational only workshop will help guide you on your Medicare journey!

Card Making with Kelly Brady from Creative Memories

Thursday, February 7, 6:30 pm
Create a holiday card, with materials provided by Creative Memories. Registration begins January 28.

Family Love Letter: Estate Planning

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm
Presented by Rob Moser, Financial Consultant from AXA Advisors, LLC. This seminar provides a basic

overview of the Family Love Letter and its contents. The Family Love Letter seminar helps emphasize the importance of estate planning strategies if sudden incapacitation or death should occur.

Book Discussions

Afternoon Book Discussion

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 1 pm
Monthly discussion of books by group.
December 11: Holiday book of your choice

January 8: Biography of your choice
February 12: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders

Classic Book Discussion

Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 6:30 pm
Dessert and discussion for Teens and Adults
December 18: *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote
January 15: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
February 19: *R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots)* by Karel Capek

Evening Book Discussion

Wednesdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 6 pm
Join us the third Wednesday of the month to discuss the titles below.
December 19: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
January 16: *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman
February 20: *Educated* by Tara Westover

HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927 **807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303**

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 1, 12-5 pm
12-1 pm: Holiday Treats—Celebrate the Holidays with our community by enjoying these treats, provided by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library.

12-2 pm: Music presented by The King Strings—Enjoy seasonal harp music presented by The King Strings. Listen to this gentle seasonal music with our community. This presentation is provided by the Friends of the Highland Square Branch Library.
2-3:30 pm: Wreath Making Workshop—Make a beautiful holiday wreath and celebrate the Holidays with our community. Decorate it with flowers, ribbons, ornaments and more. All supplies are provided. This program is for adults only. Registration is requested.

Grandmother's Sewing Series

Tuesday, December 4, 6-7:30 pm
Not so long ago in the "Sewing Times World," ladies made little sewing keepsakes for themselves or to give as remembrances. Money was tight, so these inexpensively made treasures that held pins, scissors, thread and other sewing items were kept in a sewing basket. Make these treasures for yourself or as a gift. All supplies are provided. Registration is requested.

Drawn to Fashion

Saturday, December 8, 1-4 pm
We will use watercolor and ink, and some other mediums to create fashion drawings to adorn your walls. Fashion Drawing Night is for beginners and novices of fashion illustration. No experience required. Learn to draw your fashion dreams from Rubber City Prints Instructor Tamara Cullen. A fashion design and illustration professor at Kent State University's Fashion School, Tamara Cullen practices what she teaches! A bridal designer, and fashion illustrator, who once worked for Vera Wang, Tamara keeps her skills sharp and customers happy with costumes, custom bridal work, bridal illustrations, fashion illustrations, paintings and more. Registration is requested.

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, December 20, January 24, February 28, 6:45 pm
Meetings are usually the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss a diverse selection of fiction and non-fiction. New members are always welcome.
December 20: *The Last Policeman* by Ben Winters
January 24: *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson
February 28: *Falling from Horses* by Molly Gloss

Valentine's Day Wreath Program

Saturday, January 26, 1:30-3:30 pm
Decorate a seasonal wreath with paint, beads, ribbons, and more. Make a beaded Valentine's wreath for or with a special loved one. No experience necessary. Registration is requested.

Energize Your Day

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 pm
This program incorporates movements from Tai Chi, Qigong and Yoga, self-massage, breathing practices and energy

exercises. Most of these take less than a minute to do and when practiced daily, produce profound, long-lasting results! Presented by Nancy Gardener, a state-licensed massage therapist, Polarity Therapy practitioner and certified instructor of Tai Chi and Qigong. Registration is requested.

Reduce Stress with Adult Coloring

Wednesday, February 20, 11 am
Spend some relaxing time coloring with our community. Choose from a large selection of coloring pages. Listen to relaxing music and color with friends, family, or our community. All supplies are provided. Registration is requested.

Computer Training

All classes will be held at 2-3:30 pm.
No registration is required; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. 15 tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to class start. For more information, please call.
Monday, January 28: Excel 1
Tuesday, January 29: Excel 2
Wednesday, January 30: Excel 3
Thursday, January 31: Excel 1-3 practical application
Tuesday, February 5: Excel 4
Wednesday, February 6: Excel 5
Thursday, February 7: Excel 6
Friday, February 8: Excel 4-6 practical application

KENMORE – 330-745-6126

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 1, 10 am-3 pm
Join us for balloons, candy, a holiday performance, temporary holiday face tattoos and Santa.

Book Club to Go

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11: Pick up a copy of the featured book, short biography of author and read alike book list.

Santa Wreath

Saturday, December 15, 1 pm
Make a Santa Wreath with Cynthia Taylor. Call to register; space is limited.

All About Tarot

Tuesday, January 15, 6 pm
William Richardson will discuss Tarot, it's history, meaning and how it works then give each participant a short reading. Call to register; space is limited.

My Big Fat Greek Valentine

Tuesday, February 12, 4 pm

Join us for Greek food and music topped off with a showing of the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG).

Mosaics with Lorena Bowser

Saturday, February 16, 1 pm Join Leona Bowser from Don Drumm Studio to create a beautiful mosaic. Call to register; space is limited.

MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

Sistas Knit 2

Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 pm Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross stitch and more.

The Akron African United Front Book Discussion Group

Second and fourth Thursdays, December 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 14, 28, 6 pm

The Akron African United Front book discussion offers you the opportunity to share your opinions on how history affects our world views in today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history.

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

How to Spot and Stop a Scam

Wednesday, December 19, 6 pm

The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs will teach consumers how to properly spot a con artist, provide tips on how to avoid identity theft and information on how to better protect themselves. The presentation also consists of material regarding the steps to take if your identity is ever stolen and gas station pump and ATM security measures.

Smart Money Choices

Thursday, January 3, 6 pm The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs will give a short seminar educating consumers on different budgeting styles, accessing credit score/report information, credit/debit card information, ways to prevent identity theft and tips to spotting and stopping a financial scam.

Valentine's Scrap Fabric Wreath

Thursday, January 24, 6 pm Learn how to create a lovely heart-shaped wreath with leftover pieces of fabric and ribbon to hang up before Valentine's Day.

Essential Oils 101

Thursday, February 21, 6 pm Join Melissa Coy Jones as she explains the many uses of essential oils, from aromatherapy to beauty to health and wellness.

Cookbook Club

Thursdays, December 13,

January 31, February 28, 6 pm

You don't have to be a gourmet chef to participate. Each month we will get together to talk about a certain book, theme, or a celebrity chef. There will be food samples or activities at every meeting. A selection of cookbooks will be available for members to borrow. Browse our collection, try out some of the recipes, and join the group to discuss your successes and mishaps. **December 13:** Desserts and Dips **January 31:** Retro/Lost Recipes **February 28:** Amish Style Cooking

Investment Perspectives

Tuesdays, January 15, February 19,

6:30 pm Financial advisor Vince Rosnack will be discussing timely market topics and potential solutions to help you stay on track. Registration is requested; please call.

Reader's Choice Book Discussion

Wednesdays, December 5,

January 9, February 6, 6:30 pm

December 5: *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict **January 9:** *Christmas Stories From Ohio* by Dorothy Dodge Robbins **February 6:** *Summer Hours at the Robbers' Library* by Sue Halpern

Past Times Book Club

Wednesday, January 16, 2 pm

January 16: *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown

Warm Up Akron

Tuesdays, December 11,

January 8, 22, February 12, 26,

3:30-5 pm Knit and crochet to help the needy! If you can make just one 7" or 9" rectangle you can help keep the needy in the Akron area warm. To date, this chapter has supplied over 8,000 afghans.

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

Adult Speaker and Demonstration Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs:

The Magic of the Balalaika

Thursday, December 6, 7 pm

Virtuoso Oleg Kruglyakov performs a fascinating, fun, conversational-style program of live Russian music, performing on balalaika and singing with backing tracks.

Discover Jazz with Curtis Taylor

Thursday, December 20, 7 pm

Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Curtis Taylor will discuss jazz music, the trumpet, and perform live as part of a jazz duo. Questions and audience participation is encouraged.

Avoiding Big Mistakes When Saving for Retirement

Tuesday, January 15, 6 pm

Learn how to avoid big mistakes when saving for retirement – topics covered include inflation, asset allocation, taxation, and healthcare costs. This program will help you identify what you have, what you need, and how to get there for retirement planning.

5 Questions to Ask Before You Retire

Tuesday, January 22, 6 pm

Learn about key challenges facing retirees, picturing your retirement, and building a plan of action.

Medicare 101

Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm

Sarah Florimonte, a Community Liaison for the Ohio Department of Insurance's OSHIIP division, will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance. *Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program representatives are trained by the state, and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies, or agents.*

2019 Medicare Updates and Overview

Wednesday, February 27, 6 pm

The Ohio Department of Insurance's OSHIIP division will provide an overview of Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplement insurance. Whether you

are new or currently on Medicare, attendees can learn more about recent Medicare plan changes and updates for the new year. *Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program representatives are trained by the state, and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies, or agents.*

Adult Participation Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs (unless noted):

Crafters' Corner

Saturdays, December 1, January 5,

February 2, 10 am-4 pm Join your fellow crafters for daylong fun.

Bring your own supplies. Join us for an hour or the entire day. No experience necessary – all crafts welcome!

DIY: Crafty Christmas

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm

We're back for our tenth season of fun and cheap gift giving ideas. Learn to create your own affordable holiday gifts on virtually any budget. For teens (8th grade and up) and adults. *Class size is limited to 20 participants, so registration is requested.*

Casual Reads

Mondays, December 10, January

14, February 11, 2 pm

December 10: *Winter Street*

by Elin Hilderbrand

January 14: *The Guest Cottage*

by Nancy Thayer

February 11: *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flag

Stitch Clique

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8,

February 12, 6-8 pm Grab your

crocheting/knitting needles and yarn and stitch the evening away. Join us for crocheting/knitting tips, friendship, advice and more. Refreshments will be served.

Socrates Café

Wednesdays, December 12,

January 9, February 13, 6:30 pm

A regular gathering of adults engaging in great conversation, exploring current events, thoughtful ideas, and reasoned debates. Join us and take part, or just listen to the discussion! For all patrons 16 & over.

Coffee and Conversation
Thursdays, December 13, January 10, February 14, 2 pm
December 13: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
January 10: *Carnegie's Maid: A Novel* by Marie Benedict
February 14: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford

Nordonia Hills Game Time
Saturdays, December 15, January 19, February 16, 10 am–5 pm
Meet and join in with players of various games including chess, board and Euro games, role-playing games, mah-jongg, war games, and regular and trading card games. All ages welcome.

Writers Guild of Nordonia Hills
Wednesdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 6:30 pm
Writers wanted! New writers and old hands welcome, fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Have your work critiqued and give feedback to others in a fun and friendly environment. Please bring a sample of your work to share.

Mystery Book Discussion
Wednesdays, December 26, January 23, February 27, 7 pm
December 26: "Reader's Choice" of a Linda Castillo mystery
January 23: *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart
February 27: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

Adult Coloring Night
Tuesdays, January 29, February 26, 6 pm
Bring your own coloring book or choose from provided coloring pages and spend the evening relaxing and coloring with new friends. For adults and teens over the age of sixteen.

Wellness Yoga: Yoga Off the Mat
Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30 pm
Learn soothing stretches that you can incorporate into your daily life in this gentle yoga series with Diane Bielecki, who graduated from the Cleveland Clinic School of Yoga. No mat is needed – stretches are done standing or in a chair. Please dress in comfortable clothing and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that class may begin on time. This class is limited to twenty participants, and registration is requested.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423
183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

North Hill Needle Crafters
Mondays, 10:15 am If you love to knit, crochet, and help others, this is the group for you. Everything this group makes is donated to helping agencies in our community. Are you new to crafting? We will be glad to get you started. If you have supplies to donate, we will put them to good use.

Book Discussion
Mondays, 6:30 pm Books will be available to check out one month before the discussion. New members always welcomed!
January 7: *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton.
February 4: *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger

Gentle Yoga with Nia
Mondays, December 10, January 7, 28, February 18, 6:30 pm Be led in warm-up and breathing exercises, move through yoga poses with the help of a chair, end sessions with nature sounds and music. Please bring a yoga mat or a beach towel and a water bottle. New members welcome!

Introduction to Meditation
Mondays, December 17, January 14, February 11, 25, 6:30 pm This 4-week meditation course offers an opportunity to practice and discuss several popular forms of meditation. We begin with basic breathing meditation and add other practices each week. No previous meditation experience is necessary and all practices are offered in a non-religious manner – all faith traditions, or none at all, are welcome. The sessions will be led by members of the Center for Health, Happiness, and Chan, a local, non-religious, non-profit organization.

Project Learn ESOL/GED Classes
Tuesdays & Thursdays, December 4-13, January 15-February 28, 5:30-8 pm
These free, convenient GED classes are designed for those for whom English is a second language. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Project Learn at 330-434-9461 to arrange for testing and orientation.

Project Learn Citizenship Classes
Wednesday & Fridays, December 5-January 11, Tuesdays & Fridays, January 22-February 22, 12-2:30 pm
These free, convenient, Citizenship classes are being offered to assist refugees and immigrants as they work

towards American citizenship. If you or someone you know would like to attend these classes, please contact Project Learn at 330-434-9461.

Computer Training
All classes will be held at 2 pm.
Tuesday, January 22: Basic Computer Skills
Wednesday, January 23: Windows 10
Thursday, January 24: File Management
Friday, January 25: Typing

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081
1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

Holiday Cooking-
Candy Cane S'mores
Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 pm
Create a lovely holiday treat for yourself or give as a gift.

Dog Treats
Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 pm
Join in the fun as we make simple and yummy dog treats for that special pooch in your life.

Chocolate Hearts
Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm
Create chocolate hearts for someone special, or enjoy them for yourself.

Legal Series - Sponsored by the Akron Bar Association
Thursdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 6:30 pm
December 6: In this presentation, Attorney Fannin will provide a summary of the legal issues you need to understand to protect yourself, whether you are a renter or a property owner. This program is sponsored by the Akron Bar Association.
January 3: Attorney Brian Smith will discuss the procedures involved in Domestic Relations court and the options available when the need arises in your family. Divorce or dissolution, child custody, child support, and other issues that are often interrelated can present complex questions that require sound legal advice to answer.
February 7: Attorney Tsarnas will explain the different types of bankruptcy and how the law can help you get out of debt and back on a solid financial footing. Filing for bankruptcy can be a difficult choice to make but often is the only option when debts outweigh income and assets.

Computer Training
Wednesday, January 2, 10:30 am: Basic Computer Skills
Wednesday, January 2, 6 pm: Windows 10
Friday, January 4, 2 pm: Organizing File Folders
Monday, January 7, 10:30 am: MS Word 1
Monday, January 7, 6 pm: MS Word 2
Wednesday, January 9, 10:30 am: MS Word 3
Wednesday, January 9, 6 pm: MS Word 4

Mystery Book Discussion
Third Wednesdays, 1 pm
December 19: *Twelve Dogs of Christmas* by David Rosenfelt
January 16: *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke
February 20: *Deadfall* by Linda Fairstein

Book Buzz – Non-Fiction Book Discussion
Second Tuesday, 6 pm At The Nervous Dog Coffee Bar.
December 11: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott
January 8: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
February 12: *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown

NORTON – 330-825-7800
3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

Book Discussion for Adults
First Wednesdays, 1-2 pm Join us for good books, conversation and light refreshments.
December 5: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
January 2: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann
February 6: *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

Coloring Fun for Adults
Wednesdays, December 12, January 16, February 20, 11 am
Join us for a morning of coloring, relaxation, conversation and snacks. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils, music and snacks are provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies or use ours.

Easy Lariat Necklace with Jennie Thewlis
Thursday, December 6, 2-4 pm
Join Jennie Thewlis of Beadtini Boutique Design as she teaches you how to make lariats. Each attendee will make their own to take home. Space is limited. Please register.

Patron Appreciation Week

December 10-15: Stop in and see what treats we have in store for you to enjoy as we celebrate you, the patron!

Smart Money with Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs

Tuesday, January 8, 6-7 pm The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs will be educating consumers on different budgeting styles, showing you how to access your credit score/report information, discussing credit/debit card information, offering you ways to prevent identity theft and giving you tips for spotting and stopping a financial scam. Monthly and weekly budgeting sheets and tips on how to build and sustain a good credit score will be provided.

Introduction to Wood Carving

Monday, January 14, 6:30 pm Join local wood carver Tim Crawford as he demonstrates the basics of wood carving and teaches you about the tools and craft. Tim will also have resources available to point you to local clubs, should you be interested in taking up this wonderful hobby.

Watercolor 101

Wednesdays, January 23, 30, 1-3 pm In this two-part workshop, students will learn the basics of watercolor painting. Instructor Claire Marks will discuss materials, history, and some basic techniques that will get you started with this versatile medium. Space is limited. Please register beginning January 2.

Couponing Savvy Shopper Class

Monday, February 4, 6 pm Joe "The Coupon Guy" Daugirdas will be here showing you how to save money! You've seen him on TV and heard him on the radio, now you can learn from him in person as he shows you how to save on groceries, gas, toiletries, and more.

History of the Victorian Valentine

Friday, February 15, 2 pm Join us for this fascinating talk by Summit County Historical Society's Janet McCaulley. The handmade Victorian Valentine, a romantic token of love, reached its Golden Age during the reign of Queen Victoria. Discover the "hidden secrets" of verse, learn about Penny Dreadful and view a vintage collection of Valentines.

Author Visit with Jonathan Knight

Monday, February 25, 6 pm Celebrate the movie's 30th anniversary with author Jonathan Knight! He will

be talking about his book *The Making of Major League* and filling you in on behind-the-scenes stories. Knight had the chance to discuss the movie with many of those involved, including Charlie Sheen. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing.

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726
600VernonOdomBlvd,Akron,OH44307

Book Club to Go

Monthly books selected with a take along discussion sheet for a book club to go.

December: *Love in Lowercase*

by Francesc Miralles

January: *Next Year in Havana*

by Chanel Cleeton

February: *The Underground Railroad*
by Colson Whitehead

Wreath Program

Monday, December 3, 6 pm Create a holiday wreath for your home.

Holiday Patron Appreciation Week

December 17-22: Stop by as we thank and acknowledge our patrons with treats and giveaways all week long.

Writer's Workshop

Monday, January 28, 6 pm Join writer Ava "Blu" Wilson author of *Crunky McBunky* as she guides you through a writing workshop to develop your skills followed by Q&A with the author.

Valentine's Day Belly Dancing

Saturday, February 9, 2 pm Join instructor Suzanne Irwin as she guides you through a fun belly dancing workout for Valentine's Day fun.

African-American Author Read-In

Monday, February 18, 10 am-8 pm Join us during our open hours for our African-American Read-In! Choose from our large selection of books written by African American authors and illustrators. Check out a stack or just enjoy some books while in the Library.

Computer Training

All classes will be held at 10:30 am.

Tuesday, February 26: Microsoft Word: Part 1

Wednesday, February 27:

Microsoft Word: Part 2

Thursday, February 28:

Microsoft Word: Part 3

Friday, March 1:

Microsoft Word: Part 4

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050
4261ManchesterRd.,Akron,44319

Craft Sampler

Wednesdays, December 5, January 9, February 6, 1 pm

Create your own unique projects with a variety of different materials each month. We've got a little bit of this and a little bit of that... put your imagination to the test and see what take-home projects you can create with a wide variety of materials! Please register in advance.

Play MahJong

Thursdays, December 6, January 10, February 7, 1-3 pm

Saturdays, December 22, January 26, February 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

All those interested in playing this game, both novice and seasoned players, are welcome. MahJong is a fun game of skill and luck enjoyed by millions of enthusiasts around the world. If you have your own game set, feel free to bring it.

Puzzled at the Library

Thursdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 6-7:30 pm

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Join us each month as we work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.

A Different Kind of Book Club

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 1:30 pm

Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Bring your latest book recommendation to share with the group. Are you looking for your next book to read and would like a recommendation from others? No one has to read the same book. It's basically one big book report meeting and no books are off-limits. Classics, Self-Help, Biographies, Cozy Mysteries, Travel, Sci-Fi, anything goes!

Stitch Clique

Wednesdays, December 12, January 16, February 13, 4-6 pm

Do you love to knit or crochet or enjoy other fiber arts? Bring your work in progress and desire to share your knowledge with others. See what others are making and get help starting a project. Curious newbies are welcome as well!

Saturday Morning Craft

Saturdays, December 8, January 19, February 16, 10:30 am

December 8: Watercolor Birch Trees-

Using tape, watercolor paint and salt create a winter wonderland painting. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

January 19: Wine Glass Button

Art-On canvas draw a wine or martini glass, outline it with bling, then fill with buttons to create a fun piece of art. Please register in advance beginning January 2. Ages 16 and up preferred.

February 16: Birds on a Wire-

Create a mixed-media wall hanging using recycled book pages, cardstock and twine. Presented by guest Artist Dianne Schall. Please register in advance beginning January 28. Ages 16 and up preferred.

Mystery Book Discussion

Thursdays, December 20, January 24, February 28, 6:30 pm

December 20: Enjoy one of these holiday reads: *Secret Gift* by Ted Gup or *Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak. Read one, read all, your choice. Book titles are available to pick up at branch.

January 24: Taking place in Quebec, Switzerland and the Catskills, which winter destination will you choose? *Storm Murders* by John Farrow, *Swiss Vendetta* by Tracee De Hahn, *An Unwanted Guest* by Shari Lapena. Read one, read all, your choice. Book titles will be available to pick up at the branch beginning December 20.

February 28: Grab your passport as we travel to the land down under to enjoy three Australian mysteries. *Crimson Lake* by Candice Fox, *Crucifixion Creek* by Barry Maitland, *Dark Lake* by Sarah Bailey. Read one, read all, your choice. Book titles will be available to pick up at branch beginning January 24.

A Mystery Experience at Bryce Canyon

Thursday, December 27, 2-4 pm

We've received a mysterious package in the mail with a compelling mystery inside. Part story, part game, all interactive – join us for an afternoon of fun. Working in teams, put your deduction skills to the test to solve this New Year's Eve murder in Bryce Canyon. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

Friends of the Portage Lakes Library Annual Meeting and Sponsored Program

Monday, January 14, 5:30 pm The Friends of Portage Lakes Library will hold their annual election of officers and a brief meeting at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and asked to bring hors d'oeuvres to share. A historical presentation will follow. Program title to be announced.

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343
3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Crafting with Technology Series Silhouette Curio Device- Make a Card Part 1

Tuesday, December 11, 6 pm
Join us at this hands-on workshop and learn how to design your own one-of-a-kind holiday card. There is limited space for this program. Call or register at the front desk.

Silhouette Curio Device- Make a Card Part 2

Wednesday, December 12, 6 pm
Join us at this hands-on workshop and learn how to create the holiday card designed in part 1 of our class! Color, etch and/or cut it out using this extremely versatile machine. There is limited space for this program. Call or register at the front desk.

Gorillas in the Mist

Monday, December 17, 6:30 pm
In March of 1999, treks through the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest of Uganda to see rare mountain gorillas were exclusive forays that began in a tranquil agricultural valley. That calm was shattered when eight tourists, including an American couple, were hacked or bludgeoned to death in the forest by a band of rebels who were said to be remnants of ethnic Hutu militias that carried out mass killings in Rwanda in 1994. This is the story of the first American tourists to go to Bwindi after the massacre. Led by gorilla researcher Craig Cholle, who worked with Dian Fossey in Rwanda, and two local guides, eight adventurous travelers made the journey of a lifetime. Presented by Mike Daly.

An Introduction to Yoga- An Ancient Way of Life

Saturday, February 9, 2 pm We'll discuss the health benefits of yoga and meditation to understand why and how these techniques work. Discover how yoga can help you step into living a fuller life with less stress and more joy! Presented by Tara Ferris, Certified Yoga Instructor.

Richfield Local History-A Wise Woman of Richfield

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm
Eunice Merton (1894-1971) wrote enchantingly beautiful descriptions of ordinary surroundings, based on her observations in the Cuyahoga Valley and on her Richfield farm. She became nationally known for her uncanny ability to predict the severity of upcoming seasons. This talk will be mainly excerpts of Merton's own writings on nature and gardening, tied together with bits of biographical information. Presented by Lynn Richardson, Historian for Friends of Crowell Hilaka.

Participation Programs

Richfield Book Discussion

First Wednesday, 2 pm Join our group for a lively discussion of these titles. Extra copies of the book will be available at the front desk a month before our meeting.
December 5: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance
January 2: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan
February 6: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Richfield Mysteries-An On-Your-Own Book Club

Stop by the front desk and pick up this month's title. No Pressure – No Discussion. Just read, enjoy, and tell us how you liked it. Extra copies of the book will be available at the front desk the last week of the previous month.
December: *The Altogether Unexpected Disappearance of Atticus Craftsman* by Mamen Sanchez
January: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens
February: *Evil Under the Sun* by Agatha Christie

Family History First Thursdays First Thursdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 6 pm

Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Use the Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library. This program is open to anyone interested in finding their roots.

Richfield Crafters

Second Thursday, 6 pm Join the Richfield Crafters for this month's unique craft program. There is limited space for these programs: please call or register at the front desk. Registration begins one

month before the program date.

December 13: Bird Caroler

Christmas Crafts

January 10: Winter Crafts

February 14: February Crafts

Richfield Friday Classic Movie Matinee

Second Friday, 2 pm Join us for a fun afternoon of popcorn and great flicks.

December 14: The Adventures of Robin Hood with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland

January 11: Doctor Zhivago with Omar Sharif and Julie Christie

February 8: The Great Escape with Steve McQueen and James Garner

SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE –
330-643-4770
1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312

Book Club

First Wednesday of each month, 1:30 pm Books are available at the Circulation desk.

December 5: Read a holiday book and share with the group

January 2: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L Stedman

February 6: *The Velveteen Daughter* by Laurel Huber

Reading on the Run

Grab a book and go! New books are available the first week of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just awesome reads! Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information are included with each book.

December: *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen

January: *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman

February: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

Coloring Anytime

Stop the world and embrace your inner child! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. New coloring pages will be set out each month for you to color at your leisure.

Needle Arts for All

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26, 3:30 pm No meeting on December 25. Do you love to knit, crochet, or enjoy other needle arts? Then this group is for you! Bring your work in progress and desire to share your knowledge with others. Curious

newbies are welcome as well! See what others are making and get help starting a project. Stash donations always welcome and put to good use.

Art @ the Speed of Life Second Thursday of the month, December 13, February 14, 6 pm

Join us for a variety of art and craft activities. Class size is limited. Ages 16 and up preferred. Registration requested.

December 13: Tart tin ornaments

January: No Class

February 14: Sweetheart Angel Shrine

Creative Space @ the Library Third and fourth Wednesday of the month, December 19, 26, January 16, 23, February 20, 27,

2 pm Join us for a friendly gathering of artists, crafters and hobbyists. Bring your craft or hobby to the library to work on and share your passion with others or participate in a guided learning experience from our artist/volunteer-in-residence. Wendy Uhl will guide you through some basic watercolor techniques that will build your skills. Watercolor paper and watercolor sets provided.

Blast from the Past Movie Matinee

**First Tuesday of the month,
December 4, February 5, 1:30 pm**

December 4: White Christmas with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney

January 1: No Movie

February 5: Send Me No Flowers with Rock Hudson, Doris Day and Tony Randall

Apple Know-How

Tuesday, January 15, 6 pm
Whether you received a new Apple device over the holidays or just need a little help enjoying the Apple technology you already have, this is the program for you! Learn how to make the most of your Apple devices. Feel free to bring your devices for one-on-one help.

Happy Anniversary!

Saturday, February 16, 2-4 pm
Celebrate Springfield-Lakemore's One-Year Anniversary at our open house! Enjoy refreshments, activities and a craft.

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345
[90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278](#)

Knit & Crochet Club

Thursdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 3 pm Do you love to knit or crochet? Want to learn? Join us for the sharing of ideas and instruction. Basic supplies provided to get you started.

Book Discussion

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 2 pm Join our monthly book discussion to learn about new titles.

December 10 *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown

January 14 *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley

February 11 *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

Computer Mini-Clinics

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 5 pm Join us and we'll help you with your computer questions. Please register for this program by calling us at 330-633-4345.

Play a Christmas Carol on a Keyboard

Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 pm Impress your friends this holiday season by learning to play the popular song *Joy to the World* on keyboard. You're welcome to bring your own keyboard, or for those who do not have one, we will provide you with paper ones to practice with. No prior knowledge of how to read music or playing the keyboard is required. Please register for this program by calling.

Life in My Next Chapter

Tuesday, January 15, 6 pm For seniors and those approaching a "New Life Chapter." Join us to learn more about what the future holds for you. This program combines creative visualization, journaling and reflection with intent to help the "form" of attendees' next chapters emerge through guided activities. Taught by Lauren Burnett, from Center For Inner Quality.

Business Research Essentials

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 pm Thinking of expanding a business? Do you need information on writing a business plan or researching competitors and customers? Join us and learn how to utilize some of the Library's digital resources to find your answers.

Computer Training

All classes will be held at 2 pm. No registration is required, however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. 15 tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to class start.

Monday, February 11: MS Excel, Part 1

Tuesday, February 12: MS Excel, Part 2

Wednesday, February 13: MS Excel, Part 3

Thursday, February 14: MS Excel, Practical Application 1-3

Monday, February 18: MS Excel, Part 4

Tuesday, February 19: MS Excel, Part 5

Wednesday, February 20: MS Excel, Part 6

Thursday, February 21: MS Excel, Practical Application

The Emancipation Proclamation

Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm Join us to learn more on President Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. It is hard for us today to understand how politically dangerous the Emancipation Proclamation was for Abraham Lincoln. Join Paul Goebbel for a first-person account of these events.

TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019
[2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312](#)

Teen Crowd

Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:45 pm Video games, arts and crafts, and exploratory activities to entertain, engage, educate and just have fun! When Akron Public Schools are in session.

Middle School Book Discussion Group

Meetings held once a month during lunch period. Students should contact Hyre CLC librarian Barb Nicholson for a pass to attend.

Anime Afternoon

Saturdays, December 15, January 19, February 16, 2 pm Anime, crafts, and snacks.

Teen Book Society

Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19, 6 pm Bring the books you love and enjoy snacks and activities along with our book discussion.

Kids Book Club to Go

Grab a copy of the monthly selection to read at home with family and friends. Answer the discussion questions provided, try the suggested activities and complete the reading or writing activity.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
[3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333](#)

Paint Like a Master-Painting Class with Carolina Martin

Monday, December 10, 6 pm Paint your own modern masterpiece inspired by Yayoi Kusama, the top selling female artist in the world whose work was exhibited this fall at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Space is limited for this workshop. Please register. Please wear clothing suitable for painting.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board

Mondays, December 17, January 28, February 18, 5 pm Help plan Fairlawn-Bath Library programs, recommend library materials, and decorate the teen area. Hourly meetings count as volunteer hours.

Tech Toy Box

Monday, January 14, 6 pm Create a colorful course for an Ozobot, build a working electrical circuit using Snap Circuits, or try your hand at coding.

Chocolate Creations

Monday, February 11, 6 pm Use candy molds to create delicious fun chocolate candies to eat and share. Please register.

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126
[1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301](#)

Be Kind Stick Together Open House

Saturday, January 12, 12-4 pm Join the Firestone Park Branch in partnership with Project Love for a day-long open house featuring the Be Kind® STICK TOGETHER® program, a fun way to combat bullying and negative behaviors. As part of this special program, Dru Joyce II, Basketball Coach at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and mentor to Akron's own LeBron James, will read from his book *Beyond Championships* and give a talk about the importance of teamwork at 1 pm, and Denise Dufala will read from her children's book *Bomba the Brave* and talk about her life and career at 2 pm.

Teen Book Club

Fridays, 5-6 pm Love teen books but not sure what to read next? Join

our book club! Each month we will read and discuss one teen book. We meet monthly at the Firestone Park Branch to discuss the books while enjoying light refreshments. We will have extra copies of the book at the branch, so be sure to stop in and ask for the latest book!

December 28 *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus

January 25 *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

February 22 *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522
[60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305](#)

Teen Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of each month, December 18, January 15, February 19, 5-6 pm Join our advisory board just for teens and tweens, ages 12-18. We will meet to brainstorm ideas and/or decorate the Teen/Tween Space. Make your voice heard! Refreshments will be served.

Monday Movie Madness

Fourth Monday of each month, 3:30-5 pm No movie on December 24. For school ages. Join us each month as we view a short movie and munch on snacks.

January 28: Teen Titans Go to the Movies (PG) (92 minutes)

February 25: Despicable Me 3 (PG) (90 minutes)

Teen Time

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm For ages 13-18. Fine Arts; gaming; college/jobs/careers. You name it, we've got it (well, not everything, but still a lot of stuff)! Grab a friend and join us for weekly fun & games...and a little bit of seriousness, too.

December 11: Open Mic Music & Poetry

January 8: Job Search & Interviewing

January 22: Junk Art Creations
February 12: Fashion on a Budget
February 26: Video Gaming

Tween Scene

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm For ages 9-12. Do you like to create artwork? Dance? Sing? How about hang out and compete in video games? Card games? Board Games? Science experiments? Drop in each week and satisfy your interests in these and many other activities.

December 13: Music Lounge

January 10: Reading Club
January 24: Indoor, Outdoor Games
February 14: Reading Club
February 28: Video Gaming

GREEN – 330-896-9074
[4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685](#)

Teen Writers Club

Tuesdays, December 4, January 22, February 5, 6:30 pm We eat junk food and talk writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

DIY2Go

December 10-15: Christmas Tree Scratch-Off Ornaments: Pick up a craft kit this week for Christmas creativity that fits your schedule.
February 4-9: One Smart Cookie Treat Bag: Pick up a craft kit this week to make a sweet snack for yourself or someone else.

Candy Canes and Canvas

Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am Learn to do a step-by-step painting on canvas with Miss Brandie. For children 7 and up. Please register.

Super Bowl 53 Prediction

Prize Drawing

January 21-February 2 Pick which team you think will win in the AFC/NFC final face-off. The game will be played February 3 and winners will be drawn from correct entries the following day.

HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927
[807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303](#)

Fridays, 3-4 pm

December 21: Holiday Photo

Frames-Looking for a great gift idea for parents, grandparents, or others? They'll love your smiling face in a handmade frame. Use paint, glitter, and other materials to decorate a small wood photo frame. Then use a printer to produce a photo to include in it.

February 8: DIY Tattoos-Use transfer paper to create your very own temporary tattoo. Participants will create a design on a small square of paper. Those squares are placed into a grid and run through a laser printer, which transfers the designs to tattoo transfer paper. The resulting temporary tattoos last a few days at most.

Holiday Gift Boxes

December: Be it for holidays, or just general containment needs, everybody can use a cool box. Explore a variety of cool shapes and designs to make your own. Use a craft station to build a variety of small, folding boxes from a collection of templates all month long.

Magnetic Bookmarks

February: Step up your game with a magnetic bookmark. All month long, use duct tape and strip magnets to create a book mark that clamps onto a page and won't easily fall out.

KENMORE – 330-745-6126
[969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314](#)

Tuesdays, 4 pm

December 11: Mini Bulletin Board Creations-Create a bulletin board for your room or locker. Space limited to first 12 students.

December 18: Great T-Shirt Re-Make-Bring your own T-Shirt to redesign into a new fashion piece!
January 8: Chili & Chill Teen Voice Day-Have a warm bowl of chili after school while we discuss what you would like to see happen for Teens at the library.

January 15: Slime Day-Create some ooey goopy slime to take home! Space is limited to first 12 students at the door.

January 22: Manga/Anime Art Day-What is popular or new in Manga and Anime? Join us to find out!

January 29 Movie and Chill-Movie will be announced on the whiteboard a week in advance. Have a snack after school and enjoy a movie!

February 5 Taco Tuesday Lounge-What could be more fun after school than to eat tacos and visit with friends?

February 19 S'mores Galore, Books, Apps & More-We are making S'mores on the grill and sharing our favorite reads, movies and apps.

February 26 Trash It Art-What do darts and paint have in common? Join us to find out!

Wii Gaming

Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 4 pm

Hang out in the community room and have some gaming fun with your friends!

MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721
[1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320](#)

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm

December 11: Holiday Music Bingo-Guess the holiday songs and you could be a winner!

December 18: NatureConnect Pinecone Crafts-Make holiday crafts using pinecones.

January 22: Super Bowl Party-Play Madden with your friends! Registration is requested for this program. Space is limited.

January 29: Puzzle Day-Today is National Puzzle Day! There will be all kinds of puzzles for you to try.

February 5: Heart DIY Project-Make a heart do-it-yourself project out of Perler Beads.

February 26: Monopoly Madness-Do not pass go! Play all types of Monopoly games.

Outback Ray

Thursday, January 10, 3:30 pm

Join us as Outback Ray discusses amazing animals and see some incredible creatures up close!

Volunteer Day

Saturday, January 12, 11 am-2 pm

Volunteer to help spruce up the library. Snacks and beverages available for participants.

Practice ACT

Saturday, February 16, 9 am Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. Please plan on this program lasting at least three hours. Registration is requested at least a week in advance.

Drop in Fun

December 3-8: Big Cat Week-It's Big Cat Week! Check out our different activities at the front desk to celebrate our feline friends.

February 11-16: Fairy Tale Fest-Celebrate fairy tales this week! Stop by the front desk for your chance at happily ever after.

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

[144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260](#)

Teen Lounge

Tuesdays, December 4, 18,

January 15, February 5, 19, 2:30-3:30 pm Stop in to spend time with your friends, enjoy snacks, try new activities, and play video games, in a place that's just for teens.

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595
[9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067](#)

Teens Do Something

Saturdays, December 8, January 12, February 9, 11 am Some of the projects we'll be doing are make library decorations, shelves and make toys for Akron Children's Hospital. Any questions please ask Miss Sue.

Let's Eat!

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, February 5, 3:30 pm We will get together and create something delicious.

December 11: We're making sausage and cheese spaghetti dinner.

January 8: We're whipping up a Cheddar Quiche.

February 5: Try out a microwave chocolate mug cake.

Cookies and Conversation

Wednesdays, December 12,

January 9, February 13, 3:30 pm

Meet to talk about what's going on in your life, town or the world. We'll discuss philosophy, current events or whatever is on the groups mind. And don't forget we'll have cookies! All ages welcome.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, December 29, 10 am

Sylvan Learning Center is conducting a free practice ACT exam to prepare you for the real test. Please bring your own calculator, and be sure to register by December 15, spaces are limited.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

[183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310](#)

Take Home Ornaments

December 12-21 Stop in any time between December 12 and December 21 and pick up a package that will walk you through creating an ornament! While supplies last, school aged children.

Customized Snow Globes

Thursday, December 20, 3 pm

Create a personalized snow globe! Pick a figurine and glue it inside of a mason jar. We will then fill it with water and glitter and glue the lid shut. Grades 4-12.

Virtual Escape Room, Part 2

Thursday, January 24, 3 pm Use the clues and work together to piece together the information that will unlock each floor of this virtual escape room. Grades 4-12.

Chocolate Fest

Thursday, February 14, 3 pm

Create chocolate suckers, play chocolate trivia, and eat chocolatey treats as we celebrate this sweet holiday. Special prize for the first two teens who are able to share the history of St. Valentine. Grades 4-12.

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081
1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, January 12, 11 am-3 pm

Take a practice test under realistic testing conditions, get a feel for the endurance you'll need and receive score reports highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. Register for this free test through Princeton Review: <https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/413760>

Manga Drawing Workshop

Tuesday, January 15, 5 pm

6th-12 graders. Learn how to draw manga with professional artist Mellissa Redman in this free workshop.

Teen Anime Movie Night

Tuesday, January 22, 6 pm

Complete a craft and meet other anime enthusiasts. Then, watch the anime movie Tokyo Godfathers. Snacks provided and cosplay welcome.

Random Fandom

Tuesday, February 12, 5 pm

Grades 4-12. Join us for a geek-friendly program series that features your favorite fandom in pop culture (movies, books, gaming, and TV shows). Check the teen display area for clues to each month's theme.

NORTON – 330-825-7800

3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

Make-It-Yourself-Monday

Drop by the teen area every Monday in December and work on a fun, fabulous craft at your own pace. Or stop by for supplies and make your masterpiece at home.

December 3: Holiday Oreo Pops

December 10: DIY Holiday Cards

December 17: Easy Ornaments

December 31: New Year, New You Calendar

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, December 11, January 29,

February 26, 4 pm Help the Library promote reading, plan programs and have fun. Earn volunteer hours and help make your Library the place to be!

LEGO Mindstorms

Mondays, December 17, January 7,

February 4, 4 pm Build, program, and command your own robot with our Lego Mindstorm kit. Make them walk, talk, and move. The only limit is your imagination.

Interactive *Star Wars-The Last Jedi*

Friday, January 4, 2 pm Join us for an interactive movie where audience participation is required! What's better than watching *Star Wars*? Watching *Star Wars* while you shout, sing and snack along with it.

NatureConnect for Teens and Tweens

Tuesdays, January 15,

February 12, 4 pm Explore and experience nature in a variety of interesting and engaging ways.

Will It Waffle?

Friday, February 1, 4 pm Discover

what wild things you can make on a waffle iron. Using waffle irons and simple recipes we will answer the question: Will it waffle?

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

Tween Creative Space

Wednesdays, 3:15 pm Join us to play board games, video games, work on a creative project, or just hangout.

Teen Trivia

Tuesday, January 8, 3:30 pm

Teens and Tweens are invited to compete against each other in a kooky technology based trivia game. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or Chromebook to join in and play.

Audiobook Club

Tuesdays, December 11, January 29,

February 26, 3:30 pm Join us and listen to an audiobook selected by you while relaxing and enjoying a snack.

Holiday Open House Event

Tuesday, December 18, 3:30 pm

Join us and sample different sweet treats, make a candy craft, and watch *The Nutcracker* during this event. Please see Ms. Aurora with any questions.

Teen Advisory Group

Tuesdays, January 15, February 12,

3:30 pm Teen Advisory group will meet to discuss plans for upcoming library programs and have a little fun.

Dollar Store Teen Cooking

Tuesdays, January 22, February

19, 3:30 pm Join us in January and February to learn some new cooking techniques to take your meals from ho-hum to nom nom! Please register by calling or by visiting the branch. Please see Ms. Aurora with any questions or allergy concerns.

January 22- Ramen Noodles

February 19- Mug Cakes

Teen Fandom Button Making

Tuesday, February 5, 3:30 pm

Teens show your love for your favorite fandom by making a button for your bag or jacket. Bring your own 1-inch circle image or use one of ours.

Teen String Art Craft

Thursday, February 14, 5 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day by constructing string art in the shape of a heart. Please register in advance by calling or by visiting the branch.

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

Teen Time

Tuesdays, December 11, January 29,

February 26, 4:30-6 pm Grades 5 and up. Take a break from your busy schedule and chill out with Miss Kelly. *Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.*

December 11: Holiday Crafting 101 - Need a quick gift for that hard to buy for person? Create a homemade gift for that special someone.

January 29: Wii Gaming Day - Work off your winter blues as we play Wii. Play the library's games or bring your own games to play. All Wii games must be T rated or lower.

February 26: Taco Tuesday - Who doesn't love tacos? Tacos, toppings, trivia and talk, come ready to eat and have some fun! Registration is recommended for this event.

B.A.M. (Books and More)

Winter Break Special

Fridays, December 28, 2 pm Which

was better, the book or the movie?

Snacks will be served at programs.

Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch. Chat

about some books that have been made into movies. We'll watch movie trailers, snack on popcorn, vote on the best book-to-movie adaptation and have a good time!

B.A.M. (Books and More)

Fridays, January 18, February 15,

4:30-5:30 pm Spend an afternoon with friends as we snack and chat about our favorite reads! Books with each month's theme will be on display in the Children's area to browse and check-out.

January 18: Hobby Books- Celebrate National Hobby Month with us. Share some of your favorite hobbies and explore new ones!

February 15: Pet Books-Dog, cat, fish, rabbit or rock? Celebrate Responsible Pet Owners' Month and share some of your own pet stories.

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Gaming in the Library

December 1-29: Take a free spin.

Use the gumball machine dispenser for your "Would You Rather?" prompt. Post your prompt and answer on the board. Feel free to add to others.

Practice ACT Test with

the College Review

Saturday, January 5, 19, 11 am

Take a free practice ACT provided by the College Review. They will score it and report the test back to you. Please register for which date works best for you by calling.

Girls Who Code

Thursdays, January 31-February 28,

4-5 pm Girls will read and discuss the book: *Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World* and then complete a themed challenge project. Everything needed is supplied. Registration requested, class size is limited.

Love Note dispenser

February 1-16: Take a free spin

using our gumball machine to dispense an origami love note.

Where's Waldo?

Flashback February

February 1-28: Grab a "Hunt for

Waldo" scavenger game board. There will be many decoys. Hint: The ten types of Waldo's are only hiding in the Teen Area.

SPRINGFIELD-LAKEMORE –
330-643-4770
[1500 Canton Rd., Akron, 44312](#)

Try our DIY

December-February Try some rock art, make a duct tape creation, weave your own loom band, blackout a poem, or challenge your friends to a game of Jenga.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, December 27, January 24, February 28, 6:30-8 pm

Try new things, talk about your interests and be creative. Better yet you get credit for volunteer hours. Registration begins December 1.

Manga & Anime Club

Mondays, December 31, January 28, February 25, 4-5 pm

Read Manga, watch anime and explore all things Otaku. Japanese food, culture, and art are all explored in this club and cosplay is encouraged.

Watercolor Art

Saturday, January 5, 12, 2 pm

This two-part watercolor art series will teach you the basic techniques of watercolor and build on those techniques to create your own work of art. Registration begins December 1.

Practice ACT Exam

Saturday, February 9, 10:30-2 pm

Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. This practice test will last three hours. Registration begins December 1.

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345

[90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278](#)

Holiday Wrap Party

Tuesday, December 4, 6 pm Have some gifts you're looking to wrap, or want to get out of the house? Stop by the library and wrap your gifts. We will have some paper and supplies on a first come first serve basis. Feel free to bring your own as well

Vinyl Revival

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 19, 6 pm

Take the time to enjoy full-length albums front to back, and share your thoughts with other vinyl addicts from the area.

After School Zen Zone

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, 22, February 26, 3 pm

A place to share music, do homework, or play games.

Tallmadge Tribe Book Club

A book club for the busy family. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Pick up new selections each month. Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information included with each book. Pick them up any time during the month listed.

December: *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

January: *Vampire Academy* by Richelle Mead

February: *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

Test Your Knowledge

Complete the monthly challenges for a chance to win a small prize. Monthly challenges are located in the entrance area all that month.

December: You don't deserve any presents if you can't answer this simple holiday movie quiz...that is not true you do deserve them.

January: Fashion logo quiz, are you able to recognize them?

February: Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

College Planning Workshop

Thursday, January 24, 6 pm

Join us for this college planning workshop as new students might be gearing up for school.

Super (Nacho) Bowl Party

Thursday, January 31, 3:30 pm

Stop by and enjoy food and games in celebration of the upcoming game.

CHILDREN'S BRANCH PROGRAMS

ELLET – 330-784-2019

[2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312](#)

Help your child develop skills needed to read and write by talking, reading, singing and playing with your child! We do all of these things in Baby, Toddler, and Story Times. Your children will be up dancing, shaking, and wiggling many times during each program. The second half of each session is free play time where children can explore together and caregivers can enjoy conversation with other grown-ups. We make learning fun!

Baby Story Playgroup

Tuesdays, January 15-February 19, 10:05 am

Fridays, January 18-February 22, 12:05 pm Stories, rhymes, bounces, and songs for babies up to 24 months with a caregiver followed by group play. Babies through age 24 months and their caregiver will bond through age appropriate stories, songs, bounces, rhymes, and activities. Story time is followed by group play where caregivers can relax and play with their child while making new friends.

Toddler Story Playgroup

Tuesdays, January 15-February 19, 11 am

Books, songs, and a simple craft for toddlers age 2-3 with a caregiver followed by group play. Toddlers ages 2-3 are welcomed to this story time geared for young children. Stories are paired with songs and movement activities to keep active kids engaged. Wigglers are welcome. Story time is followed by a simple craft and group play where caregivers can relax and play with their child while making new friends.

Preschool Story Playgroup

Thursdays, January 17-February 21, 1 pm and 6:30 pm

Stories shared through books, flannel boards and puppets. Action songs, crafts and playtime are included. For ages 2-6 and their siblings. Ms. Laurie will use books, flannel boards, puppets, props and songs to engage children in stories. Your children will be active participants in Story Times. Each session will conclude with a craft and playtime.

Sensory Story Time

Saturdays, December 8, January 26, February 23, 10:30-11:30 am

Books, flannel boards and songs. This program offers educational, literacy and social opportunities for all ages with differing abilities, their siblings, parents/caregivers and their typically developing peers through the use of story, music and movement. Sensory Story Time includes a schedule board, a consistent program plan and sensory opportunities; such as crafts, building and play.

Tots Play

Second Mondays, January 14, February 11, 6-7:30 pm

Learn through play at the library. Children learn best through play. Make new friends at the library as your young

children explore educational toys and activities. Each session will include a simple craft and activities that will help your child develop skills that will prepare them for a lifetime of learning.

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 6, 5:30-7 pm

Enjoy cookies, music, crafts and a free photo with Santa! Fun for the whole family! No registration necessary. Numbers for Santa will be given out 10 minutes before the program starts, but will be available until 7 pm. 1 photo per family, please.

Monday Family Madness

Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm

Families are invited to explore art, science, and engineering at the library. **January 28**-Bubble Fun! Bubble art, science with bubbles, and play with bubble wrap. **February 25**-Paint to music and make your own version of Pablo Picasso's Dance of Youth.

No School Fun Day-Lego Club

Fridays, January 18, February 15, 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Use library Legos to complete the given challenge.

Paws for Reading

Fourth Saturdays, January 26, February 23, 12-1 pm

For all ages. Snuggle up and read to a furry friend! Therapy dogs will be here to listen to young and old read to them. For those who need practice reading to someone who will not judge, but will be very happy for the cuddles, and for those who just love dogs and reading.

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

[3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333](#)

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, December 1, 15; January 5, 19; February 2, 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our certified doggie pals. Reading to a certified therapy dog is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence in a criticism free environment. Children not yet reading are welcome to come.

Kids Create: Take-it and Make-it

Saturdays, December 22, January 26, February 23

Pick up a craft all day while supplies last.

Pre-K Story Time

Wednesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 1 pm Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

Evening Story Time

Wednesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6 pm Children age 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

Tiny Tales Baby Time

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28, 10:15 am Children ages 6-24 months with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Jessica for stories, rhymes, music, instruments and playtime.

Toddler Story time

Mondays, January 7, 14, 28, 11:30 am Children ages 2-3 ½ years old with an adult caregiver. Enjoy stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, music, and a craft with Miss Jessica.

Pre-K Yoga with Lisa Meranti

Wednesdays, January 30, February 6, 1 pm Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Lisa Meranti of OneTreeLove Yoga for stretching, practicing mindfulness and fun. Yoga mats will be provided. Space is limited. Registration will begin Monday, January 14. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library.

Grades 2-5

Fleece Scarf Design

Monday, December 3, 6 pm Pick a color, cut your scarf and cut fringe and Voila you'll have a new scarf. Please call to register for this program.

Clean the Closet Crafts

Monday, January 7, 6 pm Our New Year's resolution is to clean the craft closet and we need your help. We have left over canvases, bags, paints, and more for you to turn into fabulous arts and crafts.

Chinese New Year

Monday, February 4, 6 pm We'll share dumplings, try out paper cutting and more as we celebrate the New Year. Please call register for this program.

FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126
1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

Story Time: Family

Wednesdays, December 5-February 13, 6-7 pm Story time includes stories, rhymes, songs, and play time. Story time is for children and their caregivers. We will read books, sing songs, and rhyme for 30 minutes, and then do 30 minutes of play time.

Story Time: Babies and Toddlers

Thursdays, December 6-February 14, 11 am-12 pm Story time includes stories, rhymes, songs, and play time. Story time is for babies and toddlers and their caregiver. There will be 30 minutes of songs, stories, rhymes, and finger plays, followed by a 30-minute play time.

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 8, 12-2 pm Enjoy snacks, crafts, and performances at the Firestone Park Branch! Stop by to enjoy our holiday open house. This family friendly event will include snacks, hot chocolate, crafts, games, prizes, and live performances.

Noon Year's Eve

Monday, December 31, 10:30-Noon There will be games, crafts, snacks, and a countdown to ring in the new year. Bring your little ones to celebrate the new year early!

Snow Day at Firestone Park

Saturday, January 12, 12-2 pm Enjoy snow without having to go outside with snow-themed crafts and snacks for the whole family! We will play in the snow without the cold! We will also make our own snow, snow-people, eat snow-themed snacks, and make snowflakes to decorate the library!

Snow Painting

Saturday, February 16, 11 am-12:30 pm We will use Kool-Aid to paint the snow outside the Firestone Park Branch. Join us for a fun afternoon of "painting" the snow, using Kool-Aid in various bottles. Be sure to dress accordingly for the weather. If there is no snow to paint, we will head back inside for an afternoon of games and fun in the community room.

Nature Connect

Check out our Nature Connect window by the front desk! There is a sensory bin, nature-themed coloring pages, and other activities to bring you closer to nature such as scavenger hunts, crafts, and games.

GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522
60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

Songs, Crafts and Cookies

Monday, December 10, 6-7:30 pm It's cold outside, but not in here, so gather around for cocoa, cookies, craft and cheer! The Miller South School for Visual and Performing Arts Show Choir will delight you with their dance and songs. You can also create a festive hands-on craft and enjoy some treats.

Holiday Matinee

Wednesday, December 12, Noon or 3:30 pm All ages welcome! Refreshments will be served! Large groups, please register in advance with the number of attendees, so we can ensure seating accommodations.
Elf (PG) (95 minutes)

Children and Family Programs

Story Time: Stories and Play
Thursdays, December 6-20, January 17-February 28, 10:15 am Enjoy stories, movement, and songs for young children. Stay and play afterwards with toys and a chance for parents to chat. Story time is early learning fun for young children to help develop the skills to succeed in school. Play helps young children learn skills needed for reading and writing.

Story Time: Family Story Time

Mondays, December 3, January 14, February 11, 6 pm Join us for some stories, songs, and rhymes along with a short activity on a different theme each month. This program is for young children. Story time is early learning fun for young children to help develop the skills to succeed in school. Each month we will focus on a new theme with stories, rhymes, and flannel board activities. Afterwards we will have a creative art or science experience to enrich learning.
December: Cookies, Cakes and Pies
January: Penguins and Polar Bears
February: Teeth!

Paws for Reading

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 4 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

Pointillism Art for Kids

Wednesday, December 12, 6 pm Create a unique art piece by using cotton swabs to make dots and lines on your paper. Dots, dots, dots! By making lots of dots, you can create a pattern or connect the dots to make a colorful work of art! Designed for children ages 4-11. Registration is appreciated.

STEAM: Jr. Scientist

Wednesday, January 16, 6 pm Today we are going to explore electrical circuits. From squishy circuits to paper circuits, we will use different materials to light up some lights! This program is for ages 6-10. Put on a lab coat and safety glasses. Pick up your clipboard and become a Jr. Scientist. Registration is appreciated.

Valentine Card Workshop

Monday, February 4, 6 pm Create your own special small valentine cards for family and friends. We will have cards, paper, stickers, ribbon, glue, and more. Your imagination is the limit! This is a family program for all ages. Registration is appreciated.

Take it and Make it Saturdays

Stop in the library on the first Saturday of the month, pickup one of our simple kid's activity kits, make it here or take it home with you for a fun family activity! (While supplies last.)
December 1: Winter Art Collage- Create a quiet winter scene of birch trees with paper, marker, and paint.
January 5: Roll It, Count It, Write It- Use this fun Math kit to add up your numbers.
February 2: Kindness Cards- Spread kindness by doing something nice for another or write a note to cheer someone up.

On Your Own

Participate in these activities on your own at the library. They will each be available for two weeks. Bring them to the desk for a small reward.

December 3: Outer Space

Scavenger Hunt-Search around the children's areas to find things that are out of this world.

December 17: Flower and Leaf

Sun Catchers-Check out the NatureConnect table for some colorful sun catchers and hold them up to the light.

January 7: Shapes Scavenger Hunt

Find all the shapes in the children's area. Can you name them all?

January 22: Winter Sensory Bin

Explore the look, feel, and smell of nature in this winter collection on the NatureConnect table.

February 4: Aquarium Scavenger

Hunt-Find the underwater creatures around the children's area and add them to your aquarium.

February 18: Walking Rainbow

Check out this experiment in capillary action and color mixing on the NatureConnect table.

GREEN- 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

Story Times

Baby Time

Tuesdays, January 15-February 12, 10:15 am Baby Time is for children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver. It features books, rhymes, and songs followed by play time.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, January 15-February 12, 11:30 am Toddler Time is for children ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Toddler Time features books, music, and alphabet recognition followed by a craft.

Family Story Time

Thursdays, January 17-February 14, 10:30 am Family Story Time features books, music, rhythm and movement activities, crafts and play.

Family Programs

Green Branch Library's

Open House

Monday, December 10, 10 am-8 pm Enjoy crafts, snacks and make a holiday card. Browse our collection or make a DIY craft daily while enjoying coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a snack. Sign a card for a serviceman or shut-in.

Make Time for Play

Second Tuesday of the month, December 11, January 8,

February 12, 6:30 pm Time to unwind. Bring the kids in for some free play time

We have blocks, cloths, cardboard walls, a light box, duct tape, tunnels, tubes and more to explore and create with.

Pokemon Club

Mondays, December 17, January 7, February 11, 6:30 pm

Calling all Pokemon enthusiasts ages 6 and up. Join fellow Pokemon fanatics to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or to show off your collection. This is a child led program.

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, January 12, February 2,

12 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud.

World Day of Snowman Craft

Friday, January 18, 12-6 pm

Decorate a snowman, using a pack of mini-donuts! All supplies provided.

Mechanical Engineering: Catapult

Saturday, January 19, 10:30 am

Join us for another day of hands on fun and building inspiration with Engineering for Kids. Mechanical Engineering: Catapult will provide a basic knowledge of how and why catapults were created. Students will build a simple catapult to power their projectile and explore the mechanics of catapults in order to increase precision and accuracy. Children in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Registration begins December 29.

Sweets for the Sweet

Saturday, February 2, 11 am We'll

be making cards and decorating cookies at our festive Valentine's Day party.

Pirate and Princess Story Time

Saturday, February 23, 10:30 am

Arrive dressed as a pirate or princess and enjoy stories, crafts, and a treat. All ages are welcome.

HIGHLAND SQUARE - 330-376-2927

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

Yummy Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 1,

11 am-Noon Design and build your own delicious gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Children will also learn problem-solving strategies while working with the edible materials. Registration is requested, and we will accommodate drop-ins while supplies last. Patrons with food allergy questions are asked to contact the library.

Baby & Me

Mondays, December 3, 10, 17;

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 am

You are your child's first teacher. Discover simple songs and exercises to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. Best of all, these experiences will bring fun and joy into your little one's day! Dress for possible messy play experiences. Families are welcome to bring packed lunches to eat in the meeting room after the play time.

Picasso's Art Studio and Book Club

Tuesdays, December 18, January 15,

February 19, 6:30-7:30 pm Art

studio meets children's book club. Art supplies will be available for an unstructured art studio. Different awesome books will be highlighted each month. Participants do not have to read the awesome books to play at the art studio.

Treasure Box Instruments

Wednesday, January 23,

11 am-Noon Drop-in and select

from various beads and other similar small treasures to create a shaker instrument.

Friendship Story Time

Wednesday, February 27,

10:30-11:30 am A special story

time event that uses a skit, book, music, and art to celebrate popular storybook friendships. Elephant & Piggie, Frog & Toad, Christopher Robin and Winnie the Pooh.

Friendship is a common theme in many popular children's books. Miss KT will celebrate story-book friendships by creating a special time for children and their adults to spend together. Best of all, the event will put joy into the child's and adult's day, strengthening their important relationship.

KENMORE - 330-745-6126

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

Preschool Story Time

Every Tuesday, 12 pm Preschool children age 2 to 5 years will enjoy stories, music, crafts, building blocks and toys. Adult caretakers are welcome to stay and join in the fun.

Do-It-Yourself

Wednesday, December 5, 4 pm

A day full of fun activities and assorted crafts to make and take!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

Wednesday, December 12, 4 pm

Channel your inner Greg Heffley as we deal with school, friends, and pesky older brothers! We will draw cartoon characters, start a diary, and eat some cheese!

Story Time and

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Wednesday, December 19, 6 pm

Enjoy an evening at the library with a Christmas story and hot chocolate! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bears. After the story, your teddy bears can spend the night at the library! Be sure to check out our social media pages and see what your bears were up to overnight!

What to Do on a Snowy Day?

Wednesday, January 9, 4 pm

Ever wonder how to get rid of those snowy day blues? How about making your own snow? We'll have fun activities, crafts and wintery snacks.

Game Night

Wednesdays, January 16,

February 20, 4 pm We have board

games, cards, playdoh and toys. Or, bring in your favorite game from home!

Would You Survive? The Titanic

and Pompeii

Wednesdays, January 23, 30, 4 pm

Explore two of history's great tragedies, as depicted in the I Survived series. We will investigate the circumstances leading up to these events and try some scientific experiments relating to these disasters. **January 23:** I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic **January 30:** I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii

Origami on the Go!

Wednesday, February 6, 4 pm

Join us for some fun origami crafts! Learn how to make animals, finger puzzles, and paper airplanes. See whose airplane flies the farthest!

All You Need Is Love

Wednesday, February 13, 4 pm

Set your heart afire at our Valentine's Day party! Make a heart-felt valentine for mom and enjoy a heart-y snack.

Family Movie Night

Wednesday, February 27, 4 pm

Relax with a family-friendly movie, popcorn and drinks! Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon out.

MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721

[1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320](#)

PAWS for Reading

Saturdays, January 12, February 9, 2 pm

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, January 17-February 28, 12 pm

Join Miss Erica for stories, music, and more!

Elephant and Piggie Pajama Party

Saturday, January 26, 2 pm

Wear your pajamas while reading your favorite Mo Willems stories, and enjoy Elephant and Piggie themed games, crafts, and snacks!

School-Age Programs

After School Homework Help

Mondays & Wednesdays, 3-5 pm

Free homework help for students in grades K-5. You'll find everything you need to get your homework done here! Stuck on a math question? We have someone to help you. Can't find a ruler? We have school supplies. Need to type a paper? We have computers.

STEM Club with

Sylvan Learning Center

Thursdays, December 13,

January 24, February 28, 4 pm

Grades K-5. Children will have fun creating and animating robots, while also learning the basic concepts of design, programming, and coding. Join Sylvan Learning Center & Maple Valley Branch Library as we find our EDGE with STEM@Sylvan. This program offers an exciting chance to learn hands on robotics while using Lego® WeDo Software.

Winter Break Warm Ups

January 2-3, 1:30 pm

Warm up with some Winter Break fun!

January 2: Movie and Popcorn

January 3: Board Games

No School Today Movie Matinee

Friday, January 18, 1:30 pm

Kick back and relax on your day off from school while watching a family friendly movie!

Chocolate Olympics

Saturday, February 23, 2 pm

Grades K-5. On your mark, get set, eat chocolate! Join us for challenges, games, and trivia featuring everyone's favorite sweet treat.

Family Programs

Bricks 4 Kidz

Saturday, December 15, 2 pm

Monday, February 11, 6 pm

Grades K-5. Join us for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build, play, and explore with Legos and other fun activities.

Holiday Movies and Hot Cocoa

Monday, December 17, 6 pm

Enjoy delicious hot cocoa and cookies, while we watch some of our favorite holiday movie classics!

Family Movie Monday

Mondays, January 28, February 18, 6 pm

Join us for a family friendly movie, snacks, and drinks!

January 28: Smallfoot (PG)

February 18: A-X-L (PGP)

Nature Connect

Frozen Fizzy Melting Castles

Friday, February 1, 3:30 pm

Grades K-5. Make melting castles using baking soda science with Ms. Erica!

MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

[144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260](#)

Holiday Lights Tour Story Time

with Miss Kim

Monday, December 17, 6-8 pm

We will meet at the library for a short story at 6 pm. Promptly at 6:15 we will board a Mogadore School bus provided by the Mogadore school system for a short tour of the holiday lights throughout the Mogadore Village. We will return to the library for a craft and hot cocoa. Due to the bus seating limitations reservations are requested and can be made by calling to reserve your spot.

Family Game Day

Wednesday, January 2, 1-3 pm

Join us over the holiday break for all kinds of games. We'll have Life-Size Checkers and Memory, and classic board and card games, perfect for the whole family.

Story Time with Miss Kim

Tuesdays, January 15-February 26,

10:30-11:30 am Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games and crafts with our library friends.

Library Babies and Tots

Thursdays, January 17-February 28,

10:30-11:30 am Join Miss Kim for songs, stories, dancing and group playtime with our library friends.

School Age Programs

Lego Club

Thursdays, December 6, 20,

January 17, February 7, 21, 3:30-

4:30 pm Join us for an afternoon of imaginative Lego creation. All supplies provided.

Maker Day

Wednesdays, January 30,

February 27, 3:30-4:30 pm

Ever played a keyboard made of bananas? Program squishy circuits? Have robots battle each other? Teach Ozobots to run through Mazes? Try all these and more at our monthly MakerSpace!

NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

[9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067](#)

Monthly Challenges

Complete the monthly challenges for a chance to win a small prize. Monthly challenges are located in the children's area all that month.

December: Name all of Santa's reindeer

January: Snowbird drawing

February: Valentine's Day Word Search

Parachute Play

Thursday, December 20, 11 am

Toddler parachute play is for ages 2-5. We will use music and movement to play parachute games.

Baby Time

Thursdays, December 27-January 24,

10:15 am Baby Time is for children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver.

Story Time

Thursdays, December 27-January 24,

11:30 am Story Time for children ages 2- 5 with two-year-olds accompanied by a parent, or caregiver.

School Age Programs

Family Night

Mondays, December 10, January 7,

February 11, 6 pm We'll get

together for some great crafts.

December 10: Make a beautiful ornament.

January 6: Make your own snow and create a snow scene.

February 11: Create animal shaped valentine cards.

After School Club

Wednesdays, December 12,

January 9, February 13, 4 pm

Join us after school for some fun activities.

December 12: Popcicle stick Christmas trees

January 9: Penguin water bottle craft

February 13: Bean Bag ball

Messy Monday

Mondays, December 17, January 14,

February 18, 6 pm Join us for some

messy fun. Remember to wear some old clothes, you may get messy.

December 17: Fingerprint Christmas tree and wreath cards

January 14: Create with clay and then paint your creation

February 18: Transfer Tissue Art

Winter Break Fun

December 26, December 28,

January 2, 3 pm Got the stay at

home blues? Join us for some winter break fun.

December 26: Snowman craft

December 28: Shaving Cream

January 2: Flubber

Science Saturday

Saturday, January 12, 2:30 pm

Join us for great hands on STEAM fun see what new "toys" have been added!

Build it!

Friday, February 15, 4 pm Whether

you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423
183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

Preschool Playgroup

Tuesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Make new friends playing with age appropriate toys, puzzles and other children. Adult caregivers get to visit with each other also.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, December 4, 10:30 am
Children and their adult caregivers have fun with books, toys, puppets, music and friends. Take the next steps in getting ready to go to school.

Paws for Reading

Tuesdays, December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26, 3 pm
Grades K-2. When Rocky comes children have an opportunity to improve their reading skills by reading aloud with him.

Baby/Toddler Time

Tuesdays, January 8-29, 10:30 am
Little ones and their adults will enjoy books, rhymes, songs, and movement with other early literacy activities.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, February 12-26, 10:30 am
Children and their adult caregivers will read books, learn rhymes, act out favorite children's stories, play with puppets and music, take turns, share space and toys with others. Take the next steps in getting ready to go to school.

NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081
1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

Christmas Movie Day

-The Polar Express
Saturday, December 1, 2 pm
Enjoy a classic family Christmas movie in the library! Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies will be provided.

PAWS for Reading

Thursdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 4 pm
Saturdays, January 19, February 9, 2 pm
All grades welcome to practice reading skills and build reading confidence of beginning or struggling readers by reading to our Therapy Dogs International dog friends.

Baby/Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays, January 15-February 26, 10:30 am
For children 0 to 3 years-old with their favorite adult. Action rhymes, music, books, and other activities chosen with you and your child in mind.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, January 17-February 28, 10:30 am
For children 3 to 5 years-old with their favorite adult. Action rhymes, music, books, and other activities chosen with you and your child in mind.

Boogie Woogie Books

Wednesdays, January 23, February 27, 10:30 am
For children ages 5 and under with a caregiver. Shake, jiggle, and jive in this fun musical program!

Lego Club

Mondays, January 28, February 25, 6:30 pm
Grades K-5. Get out of the cold and into the library for winter Lego Club! LEGOS will be provided. No registration is necessary.

Valentine's Day Candy Architects

Saturday, February 9, 11 am
Grades K-2. Has anyone ever told you not to play with your food? In this fun library program, we will play, design and build with candy and sweets provided by the library. Registration requested.

School-Age Programs

How to Train Your Dragon Party
Saturday, February 16, 2 pm
Grades 2-6. In honor of How to Train Your Dragon 3, catch and train your very own dragon, while learning how to be the very best tamer through activities and crafts. Please call or stop by the branch to register.

Family Programs

NatureConnect
Observe and learn about winter weather, including air pressure, cloud formation, and snowflakes throughout January and February. Complete this passive program and win a small prize for participation.

NORTON – 330-825-7800
3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

On Your Own Scavenger Hunt

Take on fun scavenger hunts located throughout the Children's Resource Area. Turn in your completed game sheet at the front desk for a prize!

Play Time: Pitter Patter

Play Group
Mondays, December 3-February 25, 10:30-11:30 am
Relax and visit with other parents and caregivers while your children enjoy indoor social play with new friends. Toys provided.

A Visit from Santa Claus

Thursday, December 6, 10:30 am
Miss Mary will open story time with a classic Christmas tale and Jolly St. Nick will arrive (11 am) to listen to your children's wishes.

We Love Birds

Thursday, December 20, 10:30-11:30 am
Learn about winter birds and what and how they like to eat. Together we can make healthy treats for our feathered friends.

Paws for Reading

Saturday, December 22, 10:30-11:30 am
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours. Children of all ages welcome.

No School Fun Days with Green Screen Technology

Thursday, December 27, 6-7 pm
Celebrate the coming new year using Green Screen technology. Receive fun photos to frame, share or to create an imaginary tale.

No School Fun Days with NorioKids

Saturday, December 29, 2-4 pm
Children, ages 4-11, are invited to learn how to design and build a clubhouse from interlocking cardboard materials developed by NorioKids of Canton, OH. Supplies are limited, so advance registration is requested.

No School Fun Days

Parachute Time
Thursday, January 3, 10:30-11:30 am
We need big hands to hold and guide the chute and little hands to grasp and explore beautiful colors and motion of the library parachute.

Baby & Me Story Time

Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11:30 am
For babies, early walkers and their caregivers. Learn and enjoy Mother Goose rhymes and songs and flannel board stories. Stay for play and social time open for the group. Toys provided by the library.

LEGO Builders

Fridays, January 18, February 15, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-2. Expand your LEGO play ideas with fellow LEGO builders by taking on a library challenge or showing us what cool things you build with LEGO bricks. Lego bricks and mats provided.

Snowy Pals Story Time

Thursdays, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11:30 am
Ages 2-5. Warm up with cozy tales and hands on math and science fun.

ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726
600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

Cookie Cutter Bird Seed Cakes Craft

Saturday, December 15, 1:30 pm
Families are invited to make a decorative bird seed cake using natural materials that you will shape using cookie cutters.

Bricks4Kidz LEGO Program

Thursdays, December 20, January 10, 3-4:30 pm
Saturday, February 23, 11 am-12:30 pm
Build and play at a variety of LEGO stations in our community room. Join Sharon from Bricks4Kidz brings fun activities such as catapults, paper crimping machine, perler beads and building challenges for kids of any age.

No School Movie Day

Monday, January 7, 1:30 pm:
Show Dogs-Join us on this no school day for the movie Show Dogs. 92 min, PG.
Friday, January 18, 1:30 pm: A Wrinkle in Time-Join us for the Disney movie A Wrinkle in Time. 109 min, PG.

Story Time Play Group

Thursdays, January 17-February 21, 10:30 am
In this Story Time/Play Time Ms. Bobbie will use books, flannel boards, music and movement to engage children with stories. Ages 2-6 with their caregivers are welcome. Each session will end with exploration in play or a craft activity.

PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 1, 11 am-2 pm

Join us for a fun filled day of entertainment, crafts and take home a souvenir photo bookmark. **11 am-1 pm** Put on a smile and take home a free holiday photo strip from Great Grins Photo Booth. Back by popular demand.

11 am-2 pm Family Crafts, Holiday Cheer and Chocolate covered pretzel (preschool-middle school).

Preschool Playroom

Mondays, December 10, January 14,

February 11, 11 am Social play time intended for ages 1-4 with a caregiver. Help your little ones learn about their world and develop social skills through play! We provide a variety of toys and activities as well as some simple art projects.

Baby and Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, January 3-24, 11 am

Baby Time features books, bounces, songs, and fun followed by a short play time. Intended for ages 24 months and under with a caregiver.

Family Programs

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, January 8-February 26,

11 am Includes stories, songs, finger-plays, art and lots of fun each week! All ages are welcome.

Game Days

Tuesdays, January 8, February 12,

6 pm For grades K-8. Bored? Learn a new game and make some new friends. Spend an hour of fun playing a variety of board and card games. We'll provide the games, but feel free to bring one of your favorites to teach us how to play.

Beach Party

Saturday, January 12, 1 pm All

ages welcome. Get out of the cold and celebrate a bit of summer as we heat up the fun with sand art crafts and beach-ball chair volleyball. Flip Flops and shorts are optional.

Tails & Tales

Saturdays, January 12, February 2,

2 pm All ages welcome. Reading doesn't have to be "ruff"! Practice with a furry friend! Our paw-some therapy dogs love to have stories read to them and meet new friends.

Build it Club

Thursday, January 17, 6-7:30 pm

Join us for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build,

play, and explore with Legos. All ages welcome.

STEAM Special:

Groundhog's Day Celebration

Saturday, February 2, 1 pm Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math we will explore shadows and light with fun games, easy experiments, and activities for all ages.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Tuesday, February 5, 4:30 pm

Bring the family and learn a little Zhezhi – the art of Chinese paper folding. *Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.* Mrs. Saffian will teach us to fold a few creations as we munch on a fortune cookie or two.

NatureConnect

Visit our NatureConnect table each month to discover the new do-it to go craft or contest!

December: Snowflake Scavenger Hunt

- Stop by our NatureConnect table and pick up a Snowflake Scavenger Hunt. Return the finished worksheet to the circulation desk for a sticker.

January: Shells, Sand and Sea

- Test your knowledge on all things aquatic. Take the quiz for a chance to win a prize. Check out the special Aquatic Traveling Trunk display provided by ODNR Division of Wildlife too.

February: DIY2Go Bird Seed Craft

- Show some love to the birds this month by picking up a craft bag to take home. With the supplies in the bag, make a homemade bird feeder for your backyard feathery friends. You're welcome to send pictures of your project to portagelakes@akronlibrary.org and we will display your masterpiece photos!

RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, December 1,

January 5, 19, February 2, 16,

10:30-11:30 am Build read aloud confidence and read to a furry friend. Children can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Children not yet reading are also welcome to come; stories will be read to the children by our doggie pals' humans.

Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 15, 11 am

Join us for a morning of sweet and tasty fun. Fun for the whole family. Join us for these exciting

programs, families and kids of all ages welcome.

Home School Readers

Wednesdays, December 19,

January 16, February 20, 1-3 pm

Grades K-5. Join us for an afternoon of reading fun. Different activities will be available at each session.

Crafting Fun

Thursday, January 3, 11 am

Grades K-5. We are cleaning out the craft room so there will be random craft kits available to make at the library and take home, or take from the library to make at home.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, January 15-February 26,

10:30-11:30 am Preschoolers bring

your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

Little Folks Story Time

Thursdays, January 17-February 28,

10:30-11:30 am Little folks, bring

your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

Snowflake Festival

Saturday, January 26,

11 am- 2 pm Join the fun as we

celebrate snow. Enjoy snacks, crafts, and more. Please dress for the weather as many activities will be held outside. Join us for these exciting programs, families and kids of all ages welcome.

Yoga Fun

Monday, February 18,

10:30-11:30 am Calling all boys and

girls join us for an hour of yoga fun, followed by a healthy snack. If you have access to a yoga mat or beach towel, please bring it. We will have a small supply of yoga mats available too.

StoryWalk®

StoryWalk® is a unique literacy/fitness activity. As you walk along the trail you can read a story that has been posted along the way.

December: The Mitten

by Alvin Tresselt

January: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

February: Everything You Need for a Treehouse by Carter Higgins

I-Spy Family Challenge

December-February Play a

new I-Spy and find the hidden pictures each month for a prize. Stop by the library for a new I-Spy challenge each month. Turn in your completed I-Spy challenge to win a prize.

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 1, 2-4 pm

Celebrate the holidays at the Springfield-Lakemore Branch Library. Enjoy a special performance of the holiday classic How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss. Stay for a warm cup of hot cocoa and decorate a cookie.

Preschool Play Time

Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 10:30 am

An open play opportunity to meet and make new friends, a chance for parents to chat, and for children to play imaginatively with new toys each week from the UDS Toy Library.

After School Hangout

First and Third Thursdays, 3:30-

4:30 pm No meeting December 20. Looking for a place to chill after school? Hang out at the library! We've got snacks, movies, games, and cool crafts at our house.

December 6: Beading: We'll use Perler beads and traditional beads to create a holiday ornament.

January 3: Shrink Plastic: Try a shrink plastic craft or use our crafting supplies to create your own crafting experience.

January 17: Body Art: You are the canvas as we explore Henna, face painting and the culture of India.

February 7: Chocolate Party: Learn how to make your own truffles, hand-dipped chocolate creations, and several chocolate decorating techniques.

February 21: Toaster Oven Love: Do you love your toaster oven? You will after you try these recipes and become a toaster oven chef.

Builder's Club

Second Wednesday of each month, December 12, January 9,

February 13, 4-5 pm We provide the blocks, Legos, and other building supplies. You supply the imagination.

PAWS for Reading
Third Saturday of each month,
December 15, January 19,
February 16, 11 am Share a book with a certified therapy dog, practice your reading skills, and make new friends, too. All ages are welcome and celebrated. This is a great way to build your reading skills and read-aloud confidence.

Read with A Cop
Fourth Saturday of each month,
December 22, January 26,
February 23, 10 am Meet and get to know an officer from the Lakemore Police Department. Stay for a snack while the officer reads you a story. Here's your chance to meet one of Lakemore's many community helpers.

Story Time
Tuesdays, January 8-February 26,
10:30 am Story Time includes stories, rhymes, songs, bubbles and play. A happy blend of stories, rhymes, songs, and play for you and your child to enjoy together. Lots of music and movement included. All are welcome and celebrated.

TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345
[90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278](http://90CommunityRd.,Tallmadge,44278)

On Your Own
Monthly challenges are located in the children's area all that month.
December: Elf Scavenger Hunt
January: Find the Snowflakes
February: Guess how many candy hearts are in the jar and you will win All the candy and the jar,

Take it and Make it
December: Make an ornament for your tree.
February: Make a necklace for someone you love.

NatureConnect
December, January, February:
Stop by the NatureConnect space anytime the library is open and see what's new.

Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 1, 12:30-2 pm
Enjoy listening to festive music while socializing and making a holiday craft. Cookies and beverages will be served. Be sure to bring the kids in for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus from 12:30-1:30 pm.

Paws for Reading
Saturday, December 1, January 5,
February 2, 10:30 am Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Gideon. You can either bring a book from home or read one of ours. Not reading yet? Gideon's human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literary skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

STEM for Grades 2-5
Thursdays, December 6, January 3,
February 7, 6 pm Robotics, coding, engineering – challenge yourself and learn something new while playing with cool materials. Presented by Sylvan Edge. Is your student ready to fall in love with STEM this winter? Your Tallmadge Branch Library and Sylvan of Fairlawn are excited to announce that the STEM@Sylvan Building Experiences is taking place this winter. Your child will have an exciting chance to learn hands on robotics, math, engineering, and science. Be sure to register by calling. Participation is limited to 20 students.
December 6: Beat those winter blues and join us for an Hour of Code, a worldwide grassroots movement to demystify coding and introduce the basics of computer science.
January 3: Create wonder this winter with your student as we get silly with science experiments and learn all about chemical reactions.
February 7: Fall in love with Robotics as Sylvan takes us on an adventure programming and designing robots. Your student will explore the science behind gears and motion.

Story Time Play Group
Wednesdays, January 2-30, 10:30 am
For children 2-6 years old. Join Miss Jill for books, flannel boards, puppets, stories, rhymes and songs. Each session will conclude with a group play time.

Bricks 4 Kidz
Thursday, January 3, 11 am Join Bricks 4 Kidz as we learn, build and play with activities for the whole family. We'll have free building, speed challenges, crafts, motorized projects, board games and more for you to enjoy! Open to all ages and ability levels.

Baby Beats
Tuesdays, February 5-26, 10:30 am
Baby Beats is a fun interactive program for babies and toddlers from 2-24 months with a caregiver. Music helps children develop cognitive skills, promote language development as well as increase body awareness and large motor skills. Shaker eggs, scarves, bells, drums and tambourines will enable babies to explore music at their own pace in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Each session will be followed by a group play time.

Valentine's Day Story Time
Thursday, February 14, 4:30 pm
Join Miss Jill for books, flannel boards, puppets, stories, rhymes and songs about love and friendship along with a craft. Geared towards ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome.

Lego Open Build
Monday, February 18, 11 am Bring your imagination and engineering skills. We will provide the Legos and other building materials. Geared for children ages 4-10 years old.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888
[3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333](http://3101SmithRd.,Akron,44333)

Book Sale- Saturday, January 12, 10 am-3 pm

Book Sale- Saturday, February 23, 10 am-3 pm

HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927
[807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303](http://807W.MarketSt.,Akron,44303)

Friends Preview-Friday, February 1, 3-5 pm

Book Sale- Saturday, February 2, 10 am-3 pm

MAIN LIBRARY 330-643-9000
[60 S. High St., Akron, 44326](http://60S.HighSt.,Akron,44326)

Monday-Thursday: 12-6 pm

Friday & Saturday: 12-4 pm

Sunday: 1-4 pm

Programs are subject to change.

