



ShelfLife

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Mission Statement

The Akron-Summit County Public Library provides resources for learning and leisure, information services, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages that support, improve, and enrich individual, family and community life.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

We welcome public attendance. Please call 330-643-9108 for more information and to verify locations and times prior to attending.

Thursday, December 13, 2018 - 4 pm
Main Library
60 S. High St, Akron 44326

Thursday, January 31, 2019 - 4 pm
Main Library
60 S. High St., Akron 44326

Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 4 pm
Main Library
60 S. High St., Akron 44326

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Our Library certified first sensory-inclusive system in the USA

The Akron-Summit County Public Library recently became the first library system in the country to be designated as a sensory-inclusive space for those on the autism spectrum and those with dementia, PTSD, and other related conditions. Visiting the library is now a better experience for all of its customers, including those with sensory-processing needs, thanks to a new collaborative project with KultureCity.



Celebrating the October launch of this important partnership were speakers Pam Hickson-Stevenson, Library Director; Barb White, Deputy Director and Library liaison for project; Amy Belles, KultureCity team member; Lawrence L. Williams, Vietnam vet and two-time Purple Heart recipient; Tonya Gardella, Goodyear Branch Library Manager; and over 60 community members. The Library and KultureCity announced the following new resources now available at all 19 Library locations:

Sensory Bags with noise-cancelling headphones, fidgets, and other resources are available at our Main Library Security and Children's Library desks, and at all circulation desks in our Branch Libraries.

Weighted lap pads are also available at those locations. (Sensory Bags and weighted lap pads are for use while visiting the Library. We'll ask to hold your library card or other form of ID while you are using these resources.)

Quiet Zones are available for those who need a moment to regroup.

Social Stories for all Akron-Summit County Public Library locations are available through the KultureCity app: <https://www.kulturecity.org/sensory-inclusive-app/>.

Inclusion is one of our Library's core values, and almost 400 library staff were trained as part of this new initiative, ensuring a welcoming environment for all.



Amy and Jeff Belles with their son, Carson



Lawrence L. Williams



Barb White

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

Saturday, January 12, 2019

1 – 2:30 pm

Main Library Meeting Room 2



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. 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. Contact the Science & Technology Division to register at 330-643-9075.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture

Sunday, January 20, 2019

2 pm

Main Library Auditorium



Carl Westmoreland, Senior Historian National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati

Sponsored by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



**Saturday,
February 16, 2019**

2-5 pm

**Main Library
Auditorium**

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 Charleston's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and also the origins and nature of the AME denomination.

Books will be available for purchase from the Friends of Main Library.



The Illusion Factory presents Sojourner Speaks A one-woman show by Josy Jones

Saturday,

February 23, 2019

2 pm





**Main Library
Auditorium**

The legend herself comes to life in this one-woman show about the life and times of Sojourner Truth! You don't want to miss this special theatrical event! Join us as we celebrate the woman who is a pillar of activism and who spoke right here in Akron at the Women's Convention on May 29, 1851.

Honor a Loved One with a Gift That Keeps on Giving

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Library Closings

- Monday, December 24**
– Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, December 25**
– Christmas Day
- Monday, December 31**
– Closing at 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 1**
– New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 21**
– Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Branch Hours

- Monday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Friday: 12 pm - 6 pm**
- Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm**
- Springfield-Lakemore Branch Hours:**
<http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/springfield-lakemore>

Sunday: CLOSED

Main Library Hours

- Monday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Tuesday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Wednesday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm**
- Friday: 10 am - 6 pm**
- Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm**
- Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm**

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