

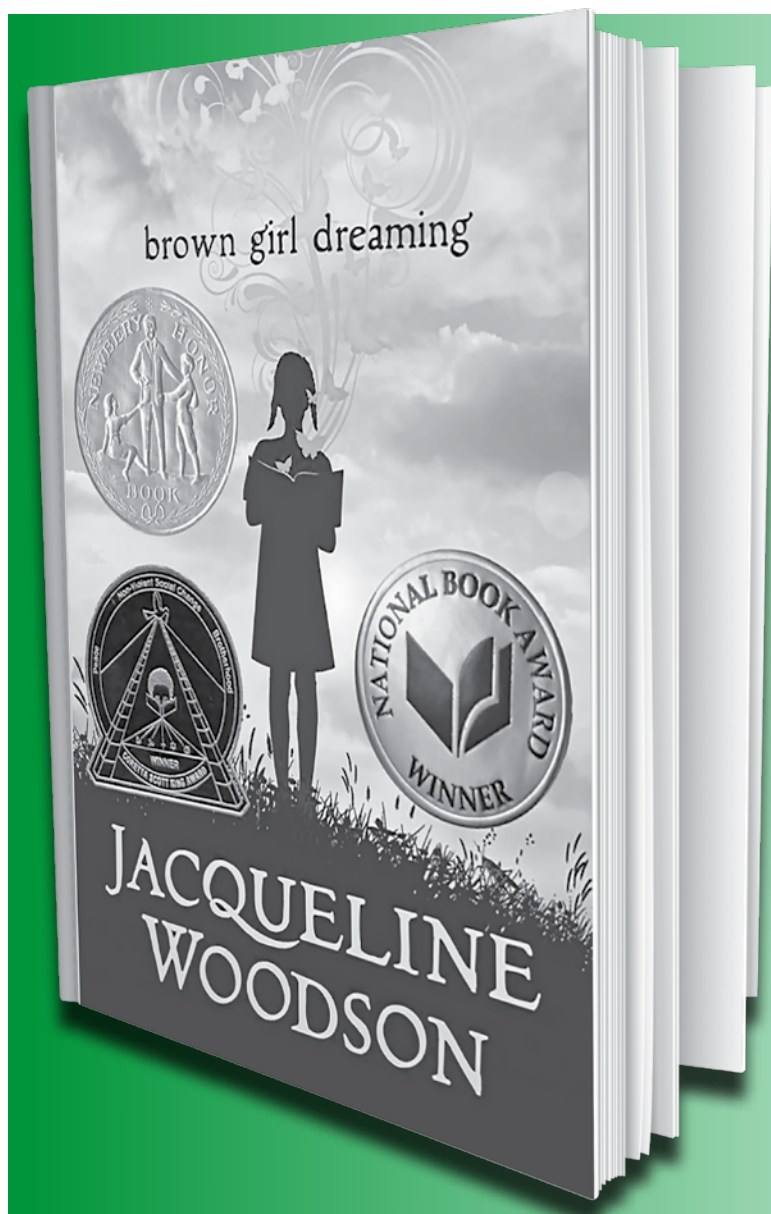


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A New Library for University Heights



By Nancy Levin,
Director

As I write this column in July 2016, the plans for the renovation of the University Heights branch are almost complete: the architectural plans are nearly final, the budget is set, and our timeline is rolling out before us, including a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, August 28, and a closing date of Tuesday September 6 (all branches are closed September 5 for Labor Day).

The University Heights branch first opened in 1954, and since then has grown to become our second most heavily used branch, surpassed only by the Lee Road branch in Cleveland Heights. For the past 60 years, this much-loved building has been home to not just books, music, newspapers, magazines, and movies, but has evolved to meet the needs of its community with storytimes; programs for seniors, school kids, and teens; a popular film series; access to computers and the Internet; meeting rooms for local businesses and organizations; and terrific staff who help customers with everything from procuring tax forms, to looking up important phone numbers, to finding the latest book by that favorite author.

This small, yet mighty, branch has paid its dues, and is ready for improvements and expansions that will help the University Heights staff serve its community even better than before. The new building,

which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017, will feature more meeting rooms, quiet study rooms and a large and welcoming children's area. Natural light will stream into the branch from larger glass walls in the north east corner of the building. The main entrance will be on the south wall with ADA accessibility and there will be restrooms on both floors for the building.

Heights Libraries has hired Lakewood-based Regency Construction Services to serve as the construction manager for the project. Regency will work closely with the Library and the architect, CBLH Design. During construction, Regency and its subcontractors will handle construction and manage field operations at the site, while focusing on quality, safety, keeping the project on schedule, and budget compliance.

University Heights branch staff will continue to work for the library system at the three other branches, as well as provide outreach services with Heights Libraries' newest addition: a Book Mobile.

The Book Mobile, which the Library purchased in June, will make predetermined, scheduled stops in the city of University Heights during the renovation period, providing city residents with a small, yet popular, selection of books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks.

For updates on the renovation project, check our website, www.heightslibrary.org. And don't forget that we have three other branches to serve you during the University Heights renovation: Coventry Village, Lee Road, and Noble Neighborhood.



FRIENDS FIRST FRIDAY BOOK SALES

September 2, October 7, and November 4, 9:15 a.m.–8:45 p.m. at the Harvey and Friends Bookshop at the Lee Road branch.

Fill a bag with All Books (except Special Books, Sets, and books in the Glass Case) from the store for **\$4**. A bag of VHS tapes is 50 cents. **Please bring your own bags, if possible.**

Find out more about the Friends, including how they support Heights Libraries, at <http://friendsofheightslibrary.onefireplace.com>.



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• **Friday, November 11, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.**

• **Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

• **Sunday, November 13, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.**
Clearance bag sale. Fill a bag with what
remains for \$5.

Save the date for this super Mega Sale
on the first floor at Lee Road.

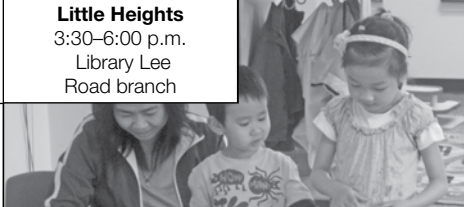




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Family Connections' programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build their confidence as parents, and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Although we know parenting can be hard, we also believe it can be fun! Play is the best way for kids to learn, grow, and develop all of the important early skills. Play is also a great way for parents to enjoy their kids!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Little Heights 9 a.m.–Noon Library Lee Road branch	Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School	Baby & Me Drop-In 9:30–11:30 a.m. Coventry School	Drop-In 9:30–11:30 a.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School
Large Muscle Room 10 a.m.–Noon Coventry School	Lunch Bunch Drop-In Noon–1:30 p.m. Coventry School	Lunch Bunch Drop-In Noon–1:30 p.m. Coventry School	Little Heights 3:30–6:00 p.m. Library Lee Road branch	
Drop-In 3:30–5:30 p.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 3–5 p.m. Coventry School	Large Muscle Room 3–5 p.m. Coventry School		

All locations closed Sept 5, Labor Day and Nov 24, Thanksgiving.

Little Heights: Our Family Literacy Playroom at the Library

Enjoy our playroom while building important school readiness skills. Our carefully chosen materials give parents the perfect chance to help their child learn to count, sort, match, and become a confident learner. **Free**

Drop-In Play Sessions at Coventry School: Have fun with other families in our playroom filled with fun and interesting toys and play equipment. Run, jump, slide, and spin in our Large Muscle Room! **Small Fee: Pay to drop-in or purchase a pass.**

Baby and Me: The first year of parenthood is filled with many experiences ranging from joy to fear, from delight to frustration. This informal program encourages parents to get acquainted, share challenges and milestones, find support, and gain information from each other and staff. **Small Fee: Pay to drop-in or purchase a pass.**

ABC's of Kindergarten: Is your child ready for Kindergarten? Join Family Connections for a fun-filled parent & child program designed to help prepare your child for Kindergarten. Each week will focus on a different readiness skill including alphabet, rhyming, math and reading. 4 Sessions will be held consecutive Wednesday evenings in July (4/6, 4/16, 4/20, 4/27) from 6:30–8 p.m. and will be held in the Little Heights space. Call Family Connections at (216) 321-0079 to reserve your space. Free.

Birthday Parties:

Looking for a fun and convenient place to hold a birthday party for your young child? Family Connections is the perfect place to entertain children birth–5. Check out the fees, party options and catering menu at familyconnections1.org. Or call (216) 921-2023 for more details.

Passes:

Passes are available online or at our Coventry location. The 1 year pass (\$180) or 3 month pass (\$75) gives you access to all of our drop-in programs at our Coventry location as well as our Shaker location. Many opportunities to play every week! 3 month Baby & Me passes (\$50) are also available. Check out our schedule at familyconnections1.org.

Now kids 18 and under can experience Reading Freedom with the new Three for Me card.

- No parent or guardian signature needed
- No overdue fines
- Check out up to three books at a time

Three for Me!

Kids and teens can stop by any Heights Libraries branch and ask for the Three for Me card.

Three for Me Means Reading Freedom!



The University Heights branch will be closed until fall of 2017. Please visit our other three branches for programs for children!

Storytimes and Programs for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

VBaby Bonanza

Tues, Sept 6–Nov 29, 10 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 7–Nov 30, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry
Bring your babies and blankets in for books, bopping, and bouncing at this year-round lap-sit program. Baby Bonanza is for babies who are not yet walking.

Baby Stay and Play

Tues, Sept 6–Nov 29, 10:30 a.m. at Lee
After Baby Bonanza, stick around and trade parenting secrets while your kids interact with puzzles, puppets, and toys in this drop-in, open program.

Waddlers

Thurs, Oct 6–Nov 10, 10 a.m. at Lee
Join us as we sing songs, read stories, do a few rhymes, and engage in some well-deserved playtime. Shaking, jumping, and wiggling are strongly recommended. For toddlers who are walking–24 months.

Toddling Time: A UH Storytime at Lee

Fri, Sept 2–Nov 18, 10 a.m. at Lee
Stories, songs, rhymes, and surprises for families with children ages 1–3. Typically held at our University Heights branch, this storytime has moved to Lee Road while the University Heights branch is closed for renovation.

Story Stop

Mon, Sept 12–Nov 28, 10 a.m. at Lee
Mon, Sept 12–Oct 17, and Oct 31–Nov 28, 11 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 2–Nov 18, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Hear stories, sing songs, do a little dancing too! Bring the entire family to enjoy books, music, and activities during our weekly reading adventure. For preschoolers of all ages.

Young and the Restless

Tues, Sept 6–Nov 29, 11 a.m. at Lee
The same great experience you get from our Story Stop programs, now designed specifically for toddlers. This reading extravaganza will help teach early literacy through books, songs, music, and more. For toddlers ages 2–3 1/2.

Stay and Play

Tues, Sept 6–Nov 29, 11:30 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 7–Nov 30, 11 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 2–Nov 18, 10:30 a.m. at Lee
Children can make friends and adults can trade secrets at this drop-in, open play program with books, puppets, puzzles, and toys. Come early for storytime and make a morning of it!

Explorastory

Wed, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Thurs, Sept 1–Nov 17, 11 a.m. at Lee
Fri, Sept 2–Nov 18, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Join us for stories, rhymes, play, and exploration. We will engage our hearts, hands, and minds in activities that connect us to one another, our community, and the world. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia educational philosophy. For preschoolers ages 2–5.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom

Mon, Sept 12–Nov 28, 9 a.m. at Lee
Thurs, Sept 1–Nov 17, 3:30 p.m. at Lee
Get inspired and let your imagination lead you in literacy-based play activities designed for families with children up to age 5. Presented jointly by Heights Libraries and Family Connections.

Kids in Harmony

Wed, Oct 19–Nov 23, 11 a.m. at Lee
Hear the music, feel the beat! At Kids in Harmony, storytime becomes all about listening to music and creating it with our bodies and instruments. For preschoolers ages 2–5.

Creative Crafty Kids

Wed, Sept 7–Oct 12, 11 a.m. at Lee
Do you have a creative kid? A crafty kid? A kid who just likes to make a mess? Join us as we create fun and intriguing projects fit for the littlest crafters. For preschoolers ages 3–6.

Sing and Swing – Music Together

Fri, Sept 9, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together class – an early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults that love them. **Registration begins Aug 26.**



Symphony Storytime with The Cleveland Orchestra
Mon, Oct 24, 11 a.m. at Lee

Books and music come to life at this special storytime! A guest musician from The Cleveland Orchestra will play along as the storyteller reads aloud. Afterward we'll have a Q&A about the featured instrument. For preschoolers of all ages. **Registration begins Oct 10.**

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☺ LAF: Creating with Clay: Fall Leaves Tues, Sept 6, 4:30 p.m.

Join Cleveland Clayworks for an introduction to hand-building ceramics and have fun creating an autumn-inspired clay piece! Grades 2–6. **Registration begins August 23.**

☺ LAF: Wii Wednesday

Wed, Sept 7–Nov 23, 4 p.m.

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for Wii and other games! Grades K–8.

☺ LAF: Green Thumb Gardening

Mon, Sept 12 & 19, 4 p.m.

Bring your green thumbs to the Coventry Collaborative Garden on Mons to help us tend and watch the garden grow. Each week will bring an exciting new learning adventure!

Make and Take Art: Art Around the World

Thurs, 4 p.m.

Together we will create art that helps us learn about different times and cultures from around the world! Grades K–5. **Registration begins Sept 8.**

Sept 22: Ancient Greek Pottery

Oct 20: Aboriginal Dot Painting

Nov 17: Masai Necklaces

Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow

Mon, Sept 26, 4 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to composting and check out our brand new compost system built with a grant awarded by the Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners! **Registration begins Sept 12.**

A Celebration of Dreams

Tues, Sept 27, Oct 25, & Nov 29, 4 p.m.

Join us in celebration of the moving memoir, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Bring the whole family for conversation, creative writing, crafts, and other activities. Reading part or all of the book before a program is suggested. Attend one or all three events! Part of our On the Same Page community read program. **Registration begins Sept 13.**

Go To Bed, Sleepyhead

Mon, Oct 10, 4 p.m.

Get your hands dirty and help us put the Coventry Collaborative Garden to bed for the season! With an introduction to composting. **Registration begins Sept 26.**

☺ LAF means Library ☺
Afterschool Fun for kids!

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Movie Madness September and October, All Day

This past spring we asked kids to vote on their favorite picture book of all time. This fall we're asking them to vote for their favorite movie. From *Toy Story 3* to *Shrek*, *Frozen* to *Labyrinth*, help us find the most popular kids movie of all! The winning movie will be shown at a special screening in December.

☺ LAF: Wii Game Day

Tues, Sept 6–Nov 29, 3:30 p.m. at Lee

Looking for something to do after school? Every Tuesday we offer a variety of Wii games, board games, and Legos!

☺ LAF: Up-Cyclers

Wed, 3:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Up-Cyclers! Each quarter we'll focus on one everyday household item and how to turn it into something cool and useful again. This fall: baby food jars!

Sept 7: Mini Gardens

Oct 5: Spooky Lanterns

Nov 2: Snow Globes

Homeschool Network

Wed, Sept 7, Oct 5, & Nov 2, 1 p.m.

Are you a homeschooling family? If so, then come to The Homeschool Network, a place where area homeschoolers and their children can meet and have fun, share ideas and resources, and network.

No Brushes Allowed

Sat, Sept 10, 11 a.m.

Unlock the Picasso in your little one! We will create the next great work of art using all kinds of materials (except brushes). Prepare to get paint on your clothes. For ages 3–6. **Registration begins Aug 27.**

☺ LAF: Poetry and Art

Wed, Sept 14, 3:30 p.m.

Share your words and tell your story. We'll make art and write poems that will be featured in our Art Gallery. For grades 3–8. This is part of the On the Same Page series.

Reading & Rescues

Sat, Sept 17, 11 a.m. at Lee

Looking for a new best friend? Looking for a new favorite book? The library and the Cleveland APL are partnering up to bring you both! Come for a day of pet stories, pet crafts, pet games, and pets looking for a home of their own.

Family Fun Night: Elephant and Piggie Party Tues, Sept 20, 6:30 p.m.

Come party down with Elephant, Piggie, the Pigeon, and all your other Mo Willem favorites! Featuring dancing, fun crafts, activities, photo ops, and more for children of all ages. **Registration is required and opens on Sept 6.**

☺ LAF: Zentangle for Kids!

Wed, Sept 21, 3:30 p.m.

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structure patterns. This program will cover the basics of this drawing technique. **Registration begins Sept 7.**

Homework Help and Reading Buddies

Thurs, Oct 6–Nov 17, 4 p.m.

Need help with your homework or a class project? Want help with reading, or a buddy to read a book with you? We can help, just drop on in! Grades K–5.

☺ LAF: Yoga

Wed, Oct 19 & Nov 30, 4 p.m.

Certified Yoga instructor Jessica Markowitz will lead children in grades K–5 through a fun and encouraging yoga class. Exercises may include basic poses, games, partner work, and relaxation. **Registration is required and begins Oct 5 and Nov 16.**

Family Fun Night: Monster Mash

Fri, Oct 21, 5:30 p.m.

Calling all families! Drop by during the Lee Road Candy Crawl for refreshments, candy, music, dancing, and fun activities. Wear a costume and win raffle tickets to try and score a prize.

☺ LAF: Spider Web Painting

Wed, Oct 26, 3:30 p.m.

Kids will use a marble and paint to create awesome spider web designs. For grades K–3.



Cleveland
Metroparks

Owl-tober

Thurs, Oct 27, 7 p.m.

Join a Cleveland Metroparks naturalist to learn all about owls and see one up close! We'll learn about these "wise" creatures and make owl crafts and learn fun facts. It will be a HOOT! **Registration begins Oct 13.**

☺ LAF: Latino Heritage Month

Wed, Sept 28, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Latino Americans and their contributions to our country. Listen to great music, make crafts, and learn some Spanish phrases.

☺ LAF: Crazy Catapults

Wed, Nov 9, 3:30 p.m.

Design your own catapults from everyday items such as spoons, Popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and pencils. For grades 2–5. **Registration begins Oct 26.**

☺ LAF: Sew a Felt Creature

Wed, Nov 16, 3:30 p.m.

Learn basic sewing skills to stitch a small felt creature. For grades 3–5. **Registration required, and begins on Nov 2.**



Books and Barks

Wed, Sept 7–28,

6:30 p.m. at Lee

Mon, Oct 3–31,

6:30 p.m. at Noble

Dr. Barkley, a gentle

yellow lab, is a

certified service

animal who would love to listen to your child read a story. Parents can sign up their children in grades K–5 for a 15-minute appointment with Dr. Barkley. **Call (216) 932-3600 to register for Lee beginning Aug 24 and (216) 291-5665 for Noble beginning Sept 19. Limit one reading slot per day.**

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☺ LAF: This Is Me

Fri, Sept 2–Sept 30, 3:30 p.m.

As part of our On the Same Page community read program, children grades K–5 will have a chance for self-expression through a project available at the children's desk each week. Activities will lead up to a finale art project, a "This is Me" poster on Friday, September 30. Look forward to a month of self-discovery and creativity!

☺ LAF: Green Thumb Gardening

Wed, Sept 7–28, 3:30 p.m.

A time to explore and get dirty in the Noble Community Garden. We will be planting, weeding, watering, picking, and having loads of family fun! In case of bad weather an indoor activity will be provided.


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How do I get my child ready to read?



No child is too young for books. In fact, studies have shown that the earlier a child is exposed to books and reading, the better they will perform in school and in life.

That's why Heights Libraries offers so many free, fun, and easy ways to make books and reading part of your child's life.

In addition to storytimes and programs (p. 5), we offer plenty of resources:

Play Areas to Help Little Ones Learn while They Have Fun

Our Coventry, Lee Road, and Noble branches have play areas for families with children ages 0-6 specially designed to stimulate young brains.

Cozy Spaces for Quality One-on-One Time

If you can't make it to storytime, don't worry. All of our branches have children's areas with cozy seating. Pick out a few books and have a seat with your little one for some one-on-one storytime

Take Home Books, Audiobooks, CDs, and Puzzles

All you need is a library card to take home books, music, and even puzzles to encourage creative play. Don't have a card? It's easy to get one. Stop in at any branch with a photo ID and a piece of mail with your current address to get a card instantly. It's that simple. Come see us!



☺ LAF: Kids Cafe Afterschool Snack

Tues, Sept 13–Nov 22, 3:30 p.m.

Thurs, Sept 15–Nov 17, 3:30 p.m.

Youth between the ages of 0–18 can stop in for a free, nutritious snack courtesy of the Cleveland Foodbank. No snack service on days the CHUH school district is closed.

☺ LAF: Tinker Lab

Fri, Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov, 18, 4 p.m.

Calling all future scientists, engineers, and inventors —join us for hands-on learning and fun! Kids, grades K–5, will attempt exciting experiments using the scientific process. **Registration begins Sept 2.**

Tech Tuesdays

Tues, Sept 20, Oct 11 & Nov 22, 7 p.m.

Once a month kids grades 2–5 will try fun technology activities including creating a video game, making a blog, and more. **Registration begins Sept 6.**

☺ LAF: Girl Power Powwow

Mon, Oct 3–Nov 28, 3:30 p.m.

A safe space to discuss what it's like to be a girl right now. Talk about what's going on in the world, our feelings, and express positive ideas to improve girlhood. The first hour will be for girls grades K–5, the following hour will be for teens, grades 6–12.

☺ LAF: Noble Wii Wednesday

Wed, Oct 5–26, 3:30 p.m.

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for Wii and other games!

☺ LAF: CRAFTernoons

Wed, Nov 2–30, 3:30 p.m.

Release your inner artist. Children of all ages are invited to join us for an afternoon of painting, creating, arting, and fun!



September Is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Heights Libraries and other Cuyahoga County libraries are celebrating National Library Card Sign Up month (September 1–30) with the **Card for Every Kid** campaign! **A Card for Every Kid** aims to put a library card into the hands of every child under 18 in Cuyahoga County.

You can celebrate in two ways:

1. Get your child a new library card. It's easy: just stop in at one of our branches!
2. If your child already has a card but has fines, bring your child to your library to have those fines forgiven. Fine forgiveness is a one-time benefit of the campaign.

Visit us starting September 1, and help us make sure every kid in Cuyahoga County has a library card.

A Card for Every Kid is part of The ConnectED Library Challenge, a way for communities throughout the country to create or strengthen partnerships so that every child enrolled in school can receive a library card. The initiative calls upon library directors to work with their mayors, school leaders, and school librarians, to provide wider access to the learning resources and books of America's libraries.

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COVENTRY

Duck Tape Creations

Tues, Sept 13, 4 p.m.

We've got Duck Tape in cool colors and patterns and instructions to make useful items from wallets and purses to messenger bags and jewelry! Participants are encouraged to get creative and make whatever they can imagine.

Bad Art Day

Tues, Oct 11, 4 p.m.

Re-purpose bad art from thrift shops by painting over the original design. Improve the design by adding dinosaurs and Godzilla monsters, start from scratch by painting over everything in a solid color, or do something completely different!

Spy School

Tues, Nov 8, 4 p.m.

Learn how to be a spy by following clues, deciphering coded messages, and catching the bad guys. Participants will receive a certificate of completion making them a Certified Spy-In-Training.

LEE

Teen Afternoon Spot

Sep 1–November 30, 3–6 p.m.

Play video games, participate in tabletop gaming, watch anime, and more! Every weekday afternoon from 3–6 p.m. the teen room is reserved for teens in middle school and high school, so stop on by and see what we have going on. No registration required.

Teen Fan-dahmonium

Tues Sep 6–Nov 29, 3 p.m.

The "Let the Teens Run the Library Club!" Whether you love anime, Minecraft, comics, video games, Legos, fanfiction, Tumblr, movies, or even plain old books, this is the club for you! Come hang out, share your passions, and meet up with other teens like you. Activities vary from week to week and are teen chosen and directed. See you there true believers!



ACT Tips and Tricks with the Princeton Review

Wed, Sept 21, 6 p.m.

Learn everything there is to know about the exam. Meet a Princeton Review expert who will go over test content, walk you through some sample questions and show you score-raising strategies to use on test day. Open to teens in grades 9–12. Registration begins Sept. 7.

ACT Practice Test with the Princeton Review

Sun, Sept 25, 12:30 p.m.

Prepare for the ACT in a real testing environment with a free full length practice exam. Participants will receive a full score report with a detailed breakdown of each section. Provided by The Princeton Review. Open to teens in grades 9–12. Registration begins Sept. 11.

Teen Listening Party

Tues, Sept 13, 3:30 p.m.

Come help us out with our strategic planning process and voice your opinion on the local community and the future of library services for teens like you. Free pizza will be provided! Registration opens on Tuesday, August 30.

Community Reads/Family Reads: *Ga/* by Ruthie Bolton

Thurs, Oct 6, 7 p.m.

Heights Community Congress invites adults and parents, along with high school students (related or not!) to participate in a book overview, small group discussion, and an opportunity to use your creative talents. Registration is appreciated (216-321-6775), walk-ins welcome.



NOBLE

Afterschool Zone

Mon–Fri, Sept 1–Nov 29, 3:30 p.m.

Drop by every weekday afternoon from 3:30–5:30 to hang out with your friends, play games and have fun! Grades 5–12.

Girl Power Powwow

Mon, Oct 3–Nov 28, 4:30 p.m.

A safe space to discuss what it's like to be a girl right now. Talk about what's going on in the world, our feelings, and express positive ideas to improve girlhood.


Freestyle Wednesday

Wed, Oct 5–Nov 23, 4 p.m.

Hang out and watch freestyle battles—both classic hip hop and modern rap. These wordsmiths will inspire you to pen your own rhymes.

All Heights Libraries Branches will be closed Friday, Sept 23, for Staff Development Day.





18th Annual TEEN POETRY SLAM

Wed, Nov 16, 6 p.m. at Lee

Are you a talented young poet? Celebrate the poetry of Jacqueline Woodson's *Brown Girl Dreaming*, and share your story through verse. There will be prizes and free pizza on the night of the Slam, and workshops will be offered prior to the event. Please contact the library for further details. This program is offered in conjunction with Lake Erie Ink and Cleveland Heights High School. Only those who wish to perform have to sign up, but all are welcome to listen. Registration begins November 2.

COVENTRY

Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Sat, Sept 3–Nov 26, 10 a.m.

Wed, Sept 7–Nov 23, 12 p.m.

Mon, Sept 12–Nov 28, 2 p.m.

Join instructor Ruth Butler as she teaches the 24 short form of Tai Chi and the Eight Best Movements for Health from Qi Gong practice. Tai Chi and Qi Gong are gentle forms of exercise to bring about a total union of mind, body, and spirit and are ideal for any age.



Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Wed, 7 p.m.

Northeast Ohio is home to a multitude of local authors who cover topics as varied as local history, cooking, mysteries, crime, memoirs, and more. Come see who's talking this fall. Presented in partnership with Mac's Backs and Appletree Books.

Sept 7: Les Roberts, acclaimed author reads from and discusses his newest Milan Jacovich mystery, *Speaking of Murder*, another Cleveland whodunit, as seen through the eyes of our favorite private eye.

Oct 5: Lance Parkin, author of *AHistory: An Unauthorised History of the Doctor WHO Universe*, WHONIVERSE, and many other commentaries and summaries of Doctor Who, will discuss his work.

Nov 2: D.M. Pulley, author of *The Dead Key*, winner of the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award, and *The Buried Book* (August 16, 2016) shares her writing experiences.

Step Out of Time

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Explore alternate healing practices and spirituality.

Sept 8: Nutrition for the Central Nervous System

Wendy Komac, Founder and CEO of Luna Living, imparts the fundamentals of quality nutrition that are key to a high functioning central nervous system and optimal brain health.

Oct 13: An Evening Meditation

Dr. Jinny Tavee, neurologist with the Cleveland Clinic, guides a sitting and walking meditation that promotes physical and mental health and wellness. Inspired

by her mother, a Buddhist monk, Jinny has practiced and taught meditation for many years. Copies of her book, *The Last Day of Suffering: Five Steps to Health and Happiness*, will be available.

Nov 10: Reiki: Energy Healing

Mary Kay Denning, Usui Reiki master, illuminates your unique inner path to understanding energy based healing through Reiki.

Save the Last Dance Book Talk

Tues, Sept 13, 7 p.m.

Local authors Eric Joseph and Eva Ungar Grudin read from their novel, *Save the Last Dance*. This story, told through email correspondence, explores the universal themes of mortality, aging, and rediscovering a long lost love. No registration required. Book signing to follow.

An Open Dialogue with Samia

Thurs, Sept 15, 6:30 p.m.

Local author Samia reads from her poignant debut novel *When I grow up I Want to be a Prostitute: Stories of Broken Promises and Shattered Dreams*. MeLisa Samia Collins is the founder of AS I AM Girls Club and has over 20 years of experience in the social services field and as a community volunteer.

Exploring the Heart of Dying Through Courageous Conversation

Tues, Sept 20, Oct 11 & Nov 8, 7 p.m.

Adaire Pettry, End of Life Doula, leads an exploration of the natural stages of dying and ways to support a natural death.

Caregiver Boot Camp

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Sept 22: Finding the Resources You Need

Valerie Reed, senior services liaison with University Hospitals, shares a wide range of local resources for caregiving and caregivers. **Registration begins Sept 8.**

Oct 27: Financial Strategies for Caregivers

Michael Floreth, MA, Financial Empowerment Coach with ESOP Cleveland (Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People) discusses basic approaches to financial safeguards and effective tools for caregivers and those they are caring for. **Registration begins Oct 13.**

Nov 17: Managing Caregiver Stress (and Guilt!)

Cynthia Davenport, M.Ed., Education and Outreach Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association, presents a holistic approach for recognizing and addressing the mental and physical health of caregivers. Co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Area Chapter. **Registration begins Nov 3.**

Deaf Gathering

Mon, Sept 26, Oct 24 & Nov 28, 6:30 p.m.

Are you deaf or hard-of-hearing? Are you interested in learning more about deaf culture? Come gather for a social hour at the Coventry Village branch. An interpreter will be provided.

Deaf Culture Film Night

Mon, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

Deaf and hearing audiences alike will learn something new during this film series. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ukulele Jam

Tues, Sept 27, Oct 25, & Nov 29, 7 p.m.

Bring your ukulele for an evening of strumming, singing, and generally having a good time! All levels welcome, listeners welcome. Music provided.

Cycle Through Time 100

Sun, Oct 2, 1 p.m.

Gain a historical slant on our library with a lecture and bicycle tour. This collaboration between Heights Libraries, the Heights Bike Coalition, and Cleveland Heights Historical Society begins with a 30-minute presentation followed by a bike ride to the Noble and Lee Road branches. **Rain date Oct. 9.**

Face to Face with Africa - A Journey with the Shalands

Thurs, Oct 20, 7 p.m.

Join travel writer Irene and photographer Alex as they describe their adventures in Africa. Irene will also share her passionate quest to preserve the Jewish heritage, as presented in her book, *The Dao of Being Jewish and Other Stories*. Book signing to follow.



On the Same Page Kick Off Event *Romeo Is Bleeding* at Cedar Lee Theatre
Mon, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

A 2015 documentary about poet Donte Clark tells of how Clark transcends the violence in his hometown by writing poetry about his experiences. Using his voice to inspire those around him, he and

the like-minded youth of the city of Richmond, California, mount an urban adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. The documentary illustrates the intense power of poetry.

LEE

Employment Series

Thurs, 11 a.m.

Looking for a job? Let our tech trainers help you with these job search skills sessions. Attend one or all three.

Sept 1: Resume Workshop

Transform your resume into a powerful tool that will get you interviews! This workshop will help you make a powerful, eye catching, polished resume and cover letter using Microsoft Word. If you have an existing resume or cover letter please bring it to class. **Registration begins Aug 18.**

Sept 8: Jobs Online

Learn the basics of searching for jobs online using the popular job search website Indeed. Indeed is a job search engine that allows you to search for jobs, post your resume, and apply for jobs efficiently. If you have a resume, please bring it on a flash drive. **Registration begins Aug 25.**

Sept 15: Interview Workshop

This class will have you work on preparing for an interview. This will include managing stress during the job seeking process and helpful hints to have a good interview. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, Sept 13 & 27, Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 & 22, 6:30 p.m.

Come and learn how to knit or work on a project. Experienced knitters and newcomers are welcome as well as children with parents. Please bring your own needles and yarn. Some practice yarn will be provided and there will be an instructor to help you get started.

Short Story Reading Club

Wed, 7 p.m.

Each month before the Original Voices Book Club, we'll read a selected short story aloud. You're invited to join in the reading or are welcome to simply listen.

Sept 14: "A Matter of Principle" by Charles W. Chesnutt

Oct 12: "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson

Nov 9: "Girl" and "Blackness" by Jamaica Kincaid

Original Voices Book Club OTSP

Wed, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 14: *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
The community's choice for On the Same Page, this autobiography unfolds through a series of poignant poems. Born in Ohio, and growing up in both the South and the North during the turbulent Civil Rights Era, Woodson captures her devotion to family and the joy of finding her writer's voice. Part of our On the Same Page community read project.

Oct 12: *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

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Psychologically potent, unsettling, and macabre, Shirley Jackson's last novel is filled with mystery and suspense. This darkly humorous and haunting portrait of the bizarre Blackwood family has been selected in honor of the centennial of the birth of this master of mid-century American horror.

Nov 9: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates and *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine

OTSP

Winners of the NAACP Image Award, and a National Book Award Winner in Nonfiction (*Between the World and Me*) and a National Book Award Finalist in Poetry (*Citizen*), these two critically acclaimed books are both powerful, important, and timely reads on race and racism in 21st century America.

Lee Road Movie Nights

OTSP

Fri, 6:30 p.m.

Sept 16: *For Colored Girls*

Tyler Perry's adaptation of Ntozake Shange's acclaimed work focuses on seven women, living in the same apartment building, each dealing with their own personal crisis. All-star cast includes Kerry Washington, Anika Noni Rose, Janet Jackson, and Thandie Newton. 2010, 2 hrs 14 min.

Nov 18: *A Raisin in the Sun*

1950's Chicago: The Younger family is trying to pull itself out of poverty. Lorraine Hansberry's play is brought to life by the original Broadway cast. With Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee. 1961, 2 hrs 8 min.

Cleveland Orchestra Music Study Group

Tues, Sept 20–Nov 29, 9 a.m.

With Dr. Rose Breckenridge. Explore the Orchestra's concert of the week through informal lectures and listening. Pick up a brochure at the library. To register (fee required) call the Orchestra: (216) 231-7355.

Third Tuesday Book Club

Tues, 7 p.m.

Join our lively monthly book club. We will be reading great books, both modern and classic, and partaking in engaging discussions. We will be meeting at the Tavern Company, 2260 Lee Road.

OTSP

Sept 20: Set in rural Mississippi on the Gulf of Mexico, Jesmyn Ward's novel *Salvage the Bones* depicts an African American family in the days leading up to Hurricane Katrina.

OTSP

Oct 18: Two plays by Lorraine Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*, covering a few weeks in the life of an African-American family in Chicago in the 1950s as they inherit \$10,000 and how this affects their lives, and *To Be Young, Gifted and Black*, an adaptation of Hansberry's life based on her writings.

Nov 15: An international best seller, *The Dinner* by Herman Koch is a darkly suspenseful tale of two families meeting in a restaurant to make the hardest decision of their lives.

Art Study Group: Centennial Tour at the Cleveland Museum of Art

100

Wed, Sept 28, 7 p.m.

Take a tour through 1916 at the CMA—who was who, who was not yet who, what was hot, what was just getting warmed up, and what people in Cleveland were seeing when they visited their new museum in its first year. **Registration begins Sept 14.**

Arts for Wellness:

Felted Bead Necklace (2-Part Workshop)

Sat, Oct 1 & 8, 10 a.m.

For those affected by cancer. Wool is a unique material that binds to itself in a technique called felting. In Part 1 we'll create felt beads using a wet felting technique. In Part 2 we'll string the beads to form a necklace. **Registration begins Aug 1 through University Hospitals at (216) 844-1211.**

The World on One Sheet of Paper: The Art and History of Cartography

Mon, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

Maps depict city streets, topography, ancient trade routes, political affiliations, the constellations, and more—including the place where "here be dragons." This image-rich presentation makes us all explorers, and guides you through beautifully rendered illustrations of the real and imagined.



Community Reads/Family Reads: *Gal* by Ruthie Bolton

OTSP

Thurs, Oct 6, 7 p.m.

Heights Community Congress invites adults and parents, along with high school students (related or not!) to participate in a book overview, small group discussion, and an opportunity to use your creative talents. **Registration is appreciated (216-321-6775), walk-ins welcome.**

Indigenous Peoples Read-In

Sun, Oct 9, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the voices of Indigenous Peoples. You're encouraged to bring a short selection from a Native American or other indigenous writer to share, or to simply be part of the audience. Co-sponsored by the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries. **Registration recommended for readers and opens Sept 25.**

Shaker Lakes Freeway Fight

Thurs, Oct 20, 7 p.m.

In 1966, plans were underway to build two freeways that would have drastically changed our community. Kay Carlson, executive director of the Shaker Lakes

DOBAMA THEATRE

Great Librarians I Have Known: A Reader's Theatre featuring WCPN's Dee Perry

100

Mon, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

Dobama Theatre celebrates Heights Libraries' Centennial with this sweeping saga of the movers and shakers behind the tablets, scrolls, and books. From ancient Alexandria to the present day U.S., we'll uncover tales of the quiet heroes who uphold civilization, champion literature, and defend free speech.

Dobama Script Discussion: *The Octoroon* by Dion Boucicault

OTSP

Thurs, Nov 3, 7 p.m.

This tale of lovers divided by race was the most successful melodrama in mid-19th century America. Check out the script, then join us to talk about its current relevance, learn about the theater world of the 1860s, and get insight into Dobama's staging of the modern adaptation *An Octoroon* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins.

Nature Center, will explore the tireless efforts of the "ladies in tennis shoes" and many others who helped save Shaker Parklands and found the Nature Center.

Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers Presents *Look Back in Wonder*

OTSP

Sun, Oct 30, 2 p.m.

Come along with us on a journey of memory and inspiration as the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers presents powerful personal narratives of African American women from the past 100 years. **This program is for all ages.**

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NOBLE

ABLE ESOL Classes

Tues, Wed, & Thurs, Sept 1–Nov 30, 9 a.m.

English lessons for non-English speakers held weekly. Register through the ABLE ESOL website to attend, at <http://www.tri-c.edu/able-ged-esol/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages.html>.

Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thurs, Sept 1 & 15, Oct 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your current project, or, if a beginner, a ball of knitting worsted yarn and size 8 or 9 knitting needles.

Craft Club

Thurs, 7 p.m.

A monthly adult craft club for all skill levels.

Sept 8: Mason Jar Cover Art—Create a mason jar masterpiece in the style of the cover of *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Part of the On the Same Page community read project.

Oct 13: Book Birdhouses—Craft a decorative bird house entirely out of books.

Nov 10: Crafty Bookmarks—Make a variety of bookmarks out of felt, paper, ribbons, and more.

Citizenship Class

Sun, Sept 11–Oct 23, 1 p.m.

ASIA Services in Action will offer weekly citizenship classes for individuals interested in obtaining U.S. citizenship. Registration is suggested, though walk-ins are welcome. **Please register by calling ASIA Services in Action (216) 881-0330.**

Noble Library and its Neighbors

Mon, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

When the library opened in 1937, it was part of a well-established neighborhood of churches, shops, and public buildings. Marian Morton will discuss the past and present of the library and these neighbors as Heights Community Congress helps the Library celebrate its centennial.

Coloring Outside the Lines

Mon, Sept 19, Oct 17, & Nov 28, 7 p.m.

Relax, enjoy some music, and have fun with other adults at this monthly stress-relieving coloring club. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Noble Great Books Discussion

100

Tues, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss some of history's most important literary works. For more information and selected texts, please visit noblegreatbooks.org.

Oct 4: *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy

Oct 18: *Meno* by Plato

Nov 1: Selections from *The Canterbury Tales* (*General Prologue*, *The Knight's Tale*, *The Miller's Prologue and Tale*, and *The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale*) by Geoffrey Chaucer

Nov 15: *La Corona*, *the Holy Sonnets*, and *Meditation 17* from *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* by John Donne

The University Heights branch will be closed until fall of 2017. Please visit our other three branches for adult programs!

Computer Classes

Registration begins two weeks before the class date and is required for all computer classes. Classes that have part 1, 2, or 3 are available for registration two weeks before the first class. Call (216) 932-3600 or visit events.heightslibrary.org/computer-classes/ to register. All classes take place at Lee Road except where noted.

Ask a Tech Trainer

Computer questions answered, problems fixed, eBooks explained, tablets tamed. All your technology related fear calmed with our expert help. A Technology Trainer will be available to help you in the lobby. This is a drop-in service; no registration required.

Tues, Sept 13, Oct 11 & Nov 8 @ **Coventry** 2 p.m.
Tues, Sept 20, Oct 18 & Nov 15 @ **Noble** 2 p.m.
Wed, Sept 14 & Sat, Oct 15 @ **Lee** 11 a.m.

Individual Computer Tutorial

Need help with a Microsoft product like Word, Excel, or Windows? Don't understand the Internet? Having trouble with your iPad or Galaxy? Wish you could have some one-to-one expert advice from one of our Tech Trainers? Now you can. **Registration requested.**

Sat, Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., & 12 p.m.

Wed, Sept 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26, Nov 9 & 30, 2 p.m., 3 p.m., & 4 p.m.

Computer Basics

Windows Basics Part 1

Thurs, Sept 1, 7 p.m.; Tues, Nov 8, 11 a.m.

Windows Basics Part 2

Thurs, Sept 8, 7 p.m.; Tues, Nov 15, 11 a.m.

Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse

Tues, Sept 6, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 13, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2 - Introduction to Computers

Tues, Sept 13, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 20, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3 - Using the Internet

Tues, Sept 20, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Oct 27, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4 - Internet Access

Tues, Sept 27, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 3, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5 - Web Searching

Tues, Oct 4, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 10, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6 - Internet Safety Basics

Tues, Oct 11, 11 a.m.; Thurs, Nov 17, 7 p.m.

Computer Troubleshooting

Thurs, Sept 15, 7 p.m.; Tues, Nov 22, 11 a.m.

Free Tech Education Resources

Thurs, Sept 22, 11 a.m.; Tues, Nov 22, 7 p.m.

Touch Typing Part 1

Thurs, Sept 22, 7 p.m.; Tues, Oct 18, 11 a.m.

Touch Typing Part 2

Thurs, Sept 29, 7 p.m.; Tues, Oct 25, 11 a.m.

Touch Typing Part 3

Thurs, Oct 6, 7 p.m.; Tues, Nov 1, 11 a.m.

iPad for Beginners

Tues, Nov 29, 11 a.m.

The Internet

Facebook Part 1

Fri, Sept 2, 11 a.m.

Facebook Part 2

Fri, Sept 9, 11 a.m.

Facebook Part 3

Fri, Sept 16, 11 a.m.

Facebook Business Pages

Sat, Sept 17, 11 a.m.

Lynda.com Information Session

Wed, Sept 7 & Oct 5, 11 a.m.
Tues, Nov 29, 7 p.m.
No registration required.

Working with Digital Images

Wed, Sept 21, 11 a.m.

eBay

Wed, Sept 28, 11 a.m.; Wed., Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

eBooks for Apple, Android and Nook

Fri, Sept 30, 11 a.m.

Craigslist

Sat, Oct 1, 11 a.m.

eBooks for Kindle

Fri, Oct 7, 11 a.m.

Skype

Fri, Oct 14, 11 a.m.

Twitter

Fri, Oct 21, 11 a.m.

Linkedin

Fri, Oct 28, 11 a.m.

Pinterest

Sat, Oct 29, 11 a.m.

Digital Magazines and Movies from the Library

Fri, Nov 4, 11 a.m.

Internet Safety and Security

Fri, Nov 11, 11 a.m.

Google Chrome

Sat, Nov 12, 11 a.m.

Dropbox

Fri, Nov 18, 11 a.m.

Web Development

Weebly Part 1

Mon, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 2

Mon, Sept 19, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 3

Mon, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

Weebly Part 4

Mon, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 1

Mon, Oct 10, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 2

Mon, Oct 17, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 3

Mon, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 4

Mon, Oct 31, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 1

Mon, Nov 7, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 2

Mon, Nov 14, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 3

Mon, Nov 21, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 4

Mon, Nov 28, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Excel

Excel Part 1

Tues, Sept 6, 7 p.m.; Wed, Oct 12, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 2

Tues, Sept 13, 7 p.m.; Wed, Oct 19, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 3

Tues, Sept 20, 7 p.m.; Wed, Oct 26, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 4 - Simple Budgets

Tues, Sept 27, 7 p.m.; Wed, Nov 2, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 5 - Charts and Graphs

Tues, Oct 4, 7 p.m.; Wed, Nov 9, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 6 - Formulas

Tues, Oct 11, 7 p.m.; Wed, Nov 16, 11 a.m.

Excel Part 7 - Pivot Tables

Tues, Oct 18, 7 p.m.; Wed., Nov 30, 11 a.m.

Microsoft Powerpoint

PowerPoint Part 1

Tues, Oct 25, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 2

Tues, Nov 1, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 3

Tues, Nov 8, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoint Presentations

Tues, Nov 15, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Publisher

Publisher Part 1

Wed, Nov 2, 7 p.m.

Publisher Part 2

Wed, Nov 9, 7 p.m.

Publisher Part 3

Wed, Nov 16, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Word

Word Part 1

Wed, Sept 7, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Sept 29, 11 a.m.

Word Part 2

Wed, Sept 14, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 6, 11 a.m.

Word Part 3

Wed, Sept 21, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 13, 11 a.m.

Word Part 4 - Graphics

Wed, Sept 28, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 20, 11 a.m.

Word Part 5 - Tables

Wed, Oct 5, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Oct 27, 11 a.m.

Word Part 6 - Labels

Wed, Oct 12, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Nov 3, 11 a.m.

Word Part 7 - Mail Merge Part 1

Wed, Oct 19, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Nov 10, 11 a.m.

Word Part 8 - Mail Merge Part 2

Wed, Oct 26, 7 p.m.; Thurs, Nov 17, 11 a.m.



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Volunteer for the Library

What kinds of things can Library volunteers do?

- Serve hungry children at the after-school snack program
- Lend a hand at special children's programs
- Grow flowers and vegetables in library gardens
- Scan photos for our digital archives
- Pass out free books from the Book Bike at community events
- Help with office work



How do I volunteer?

Fill out the volunteer application, which can be found at www.heightslibrary.org/volunteer-opportunities, or call Julia Murphy at (216) 932-3600, ext. 1250.

Volunteers under 18 need a parent or guardian signature. Volunteers over 18 will be asked to submit to a background check.



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Visit blog.heightslibrary.org to find staff picks for adult, teen, or children's materials, or search by topics like "Cooking," "Sci-Fi," "Mystery," "Movies," and more.

Looking for a more personal approach? You can send us an email at matchmakers@heightslibrary.org, tell us all about what you like, and what you're looking for, and we'll send you a personalized list of suggested books or movies.



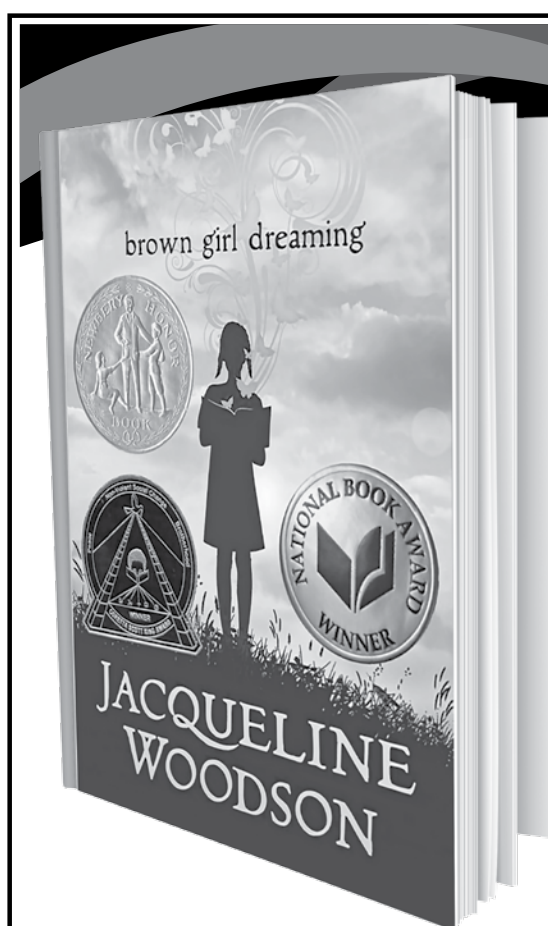
On the Same Page Community Read

On the Same Page revitalizes the role of reading in people's lives by making it a community event.

This year's selection is *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. *Brown Girl Dreaming* was the 2014 National Book Award Winner and also a recipient of the Coretta Scott King Award, a Newbery Honor Award, the NAACP Image Award and the Sibert Honor Award. In vivid poems, Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

Brown Girl Dreaming was chosen because its poetic format can be understood and enjoyed by a wide range of ages.

Look for related programming for all ages, including a poetry-related show in the library's Lee Road branch gallery in October.



Look for  for programs.

Home Delivery

Can't get to us? We can deliver.

The Library at Home Program offers home delivery of library materials to Cleveland Heights-University Heights residents who are unable to come into the library due to age, illness, or disability. Materials are delivered in a reusable pouch with return postage included.

There is also regular delivery of materials to senior housing facilities and programming can be provided for senior clubs, senior centers, and other organizations.



Please call (216) 932-3600, ext. 1383 to inquire about these services, or email outreach@heightslibrary.org.

Heights Libraries Annual Report 2015

Dear Cleveland Heights-University Heights Community,

The passage of the Heights Libraries operating levy in fall 2014 put us in a perfect position to hit the ground running in 2015. Over the course of the year, we put the funds you entrusted us with to use improving access and services to the over 58,000 residents of our two cities, and planning for a brighter future for our four-branch library system.

What exactly do we mean, though, when we talk about “improving access and services”? We have four buildings open seven days a week with free books, music, movies, classes, programs, and meeting rooms. We have a website with electronic resources like ebooks, streaming movies, and databases. What more can we offer?

The reality is that, while the buildings, resources, and staff are ready and available for all, some people in our community can still face barriers that make it hard for them to access our resources.

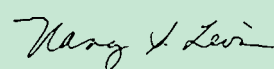
That’s why much of 2015 was focused on finding new ways to reach people, and expanding the reach of those services we already offer. You will find details on pp. 22–23, but a snapshot is below:

- We expanded early literacy services with the creation of a new early literacy play-and-learn area at our Coventry Village branch and the redesign of the Lee Road children’s area to include an early literacy play area. With these two new areas, parents and caregivers have greater access to crucial early learning resources.
- The only branch without an early literacy area is our University Heights branch, but that won’t be the case for long. In 2015, we began planning a major renovation for this heavily used, out of date building, the second busiest branch in our system—only Lee Road sees more activity. The redesign will allow staff to serve customers better in a more accessible building.
- We created new kinds of library cards that make it easier for everyone to get a book or access electronic resources, no matter their age or possible limitations.
- We expanded our outreach services to reach more people who have trouble getting to our branches, especially the elderly, by hiring outreach staff for each branch location and getting out into our community more.

- We joined forces with the nonprofit ASIA Services in Action to improve services for refugees at our Noble Neighborhood branch.
- We took computer classes into the community with our Mobile Technology Classroom.
- We reinstated year-round Sunday hours at the Coventry, Noble, and University Heights branches.

The year 2015 also found us making preparations for our 2016 Centennial Celebration. As we looked back over 100 years of service to our community, we felt deep pride at what our system has achieved, and also felt truly inspired to continue, and improve, that service for the next 100 years.

As 2015 drew to a close, we found ourselves poised for another century of innovative services and access to all.



Nancy Levin
Director, Heights Libraries

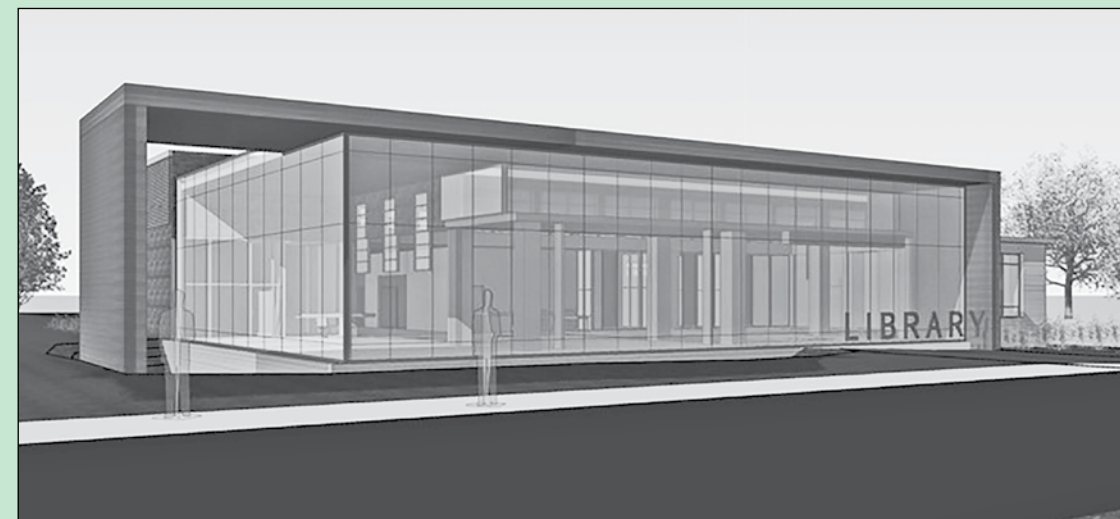


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Highlights 2015



Five-Star Rating from *Library Journal*

For the seventh year in a row, Heights Libraries received the highest possible rating in *Library Journal's* 2015 Index of Public Library Service. The five-star rating is given to the top U.S. libraries each year and we ranked sixth out of 31 mid-size libraries that were rated. *Library Journal* is a trade journal that reports news about the library world, emphasizing public libraries, and has a nation-wide circulation of 100,000.

Libraries are categorized by yearly expenditure and rated on four criteria: circulation, visits, program

attendance, and Internet terminal use (public computers). Heights Libraries circulation came in at 31 per capita in our service area, meaning that roughly 31 items were circulated for every resident in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights service area. Visits per capita averaged 18.5 (down from 19.5 for 2014), program attendance averaged 1.3 (up from 1.1 in 2014), and public computer use held steady from 2014 at 5 per capita.

Reinstatement of Eliminated Hours at All Branches

Thanks to the passage of the levy in 2014, we were able to reinstate Sunday hours at the Coventry, Noble, and University Heights branches. Sunday hours at the three branches were eliminated in 2009, when Ohio's Public Library Fund was drastically cut by the state government. To cover the additional hours at the branches, we hired four full-time Youth Services Associates, in anticipation that the customer traffic on Sundays would include high numbers of families and children. We were also able to reinstate Friday hours at the Coventry branch, which were cut in January 2014.

Expansion of Early Literacy Services

The creation and opening of the "Shire" children's area at the Coventry Village branch resulted in record attendance at children's programs and circulation of children's materials. Heights Libraries received a \$4,000 grant from the Hershey Foundation in 2014 that was used for the development of the Shire, the opening of which marked the first time the Coventry branch has had an enclosed, designated space for small children. The area features play kitchens, doll houses, colorful and comfy reading chairs, alphabet-focused toys, and kid-sized book displays, all designed to encourage young children to engage in the five fundamental activities that build early literacy and get kids ready for Kindergarten: singing, reading, writing, talking, and playing.

The Lee Road branch also focused on early literacy, with the dedication in December of a new, expanded play area in memory of Heights resident Professor Grace Brody. Dr. Brody's 2014 donation to Heights Libraries was used to plan enhancements for the space, which, like the Shire, include resources that enhance early literacy. Brody, who died in March 2014 at the age of 98, made Heights Libraries one of two recipients of the remainder of her estate, valued at approximately \$1 million. (The Cleveland Public Library is the other recipient).

Highlights 2015



Expanded Library Card Options

This past year saw the creation of new library cards to expand access to our services and collections. We extended our children's Three for Me card to teens, allowing them to get a library card that gives them access to books without a parent's signature, which is often a barrier for some children and teens in our community. We also created a temporary card for temporary residents, such as traveling students and people visiting the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospitals. And we created an online-only card, the eMedia card, which allows new customers convenient access to our online resources without having to leave their home. This card allows customers who cannot come in to our buildings, for whatever reason, access to eBooks, music, movies, and databases.

University Heights Branch Renovation Planning

In 2015, the Heights Libraries Board decided on the direction, scope, and vision for the 2016 renovation of its University Heights branch. Many of the features of the new design schematic are a direct result of public meetings that Heights Libraries held in the winter of 2014, where residents were invited to share their hopes for the future of the University Heights branch. Top priorities culled from those meetings included more parking spaces, a rear door off the parking lot, a fully-functioning elevator, first floor bathrooms, and designated areas for children and teens. The Cleveland-based architecture firm CBLH Design, Inc. was hired, and preliminary designs were presented and approved by the board.

Expanded Adult Outreach

Adult Outreach services continued to expand in 2015 with the promotion of a librarian to lead our efforts. Cedarwood Plaza Nursing Home became the sixth facility serviced by our program. Two off-site book discussion groups, at Huntington Green apartments, and Cedar Center apartments, were added to the ongoing discussion group at the Cleveland Heights Senior Center. The Mobile Technology Classroom visited the Cleveland Heights Senior Center, Musicians Towers, Judson Park, and both city halls, serving 214 people with basic computer classes.

Centennial Planning

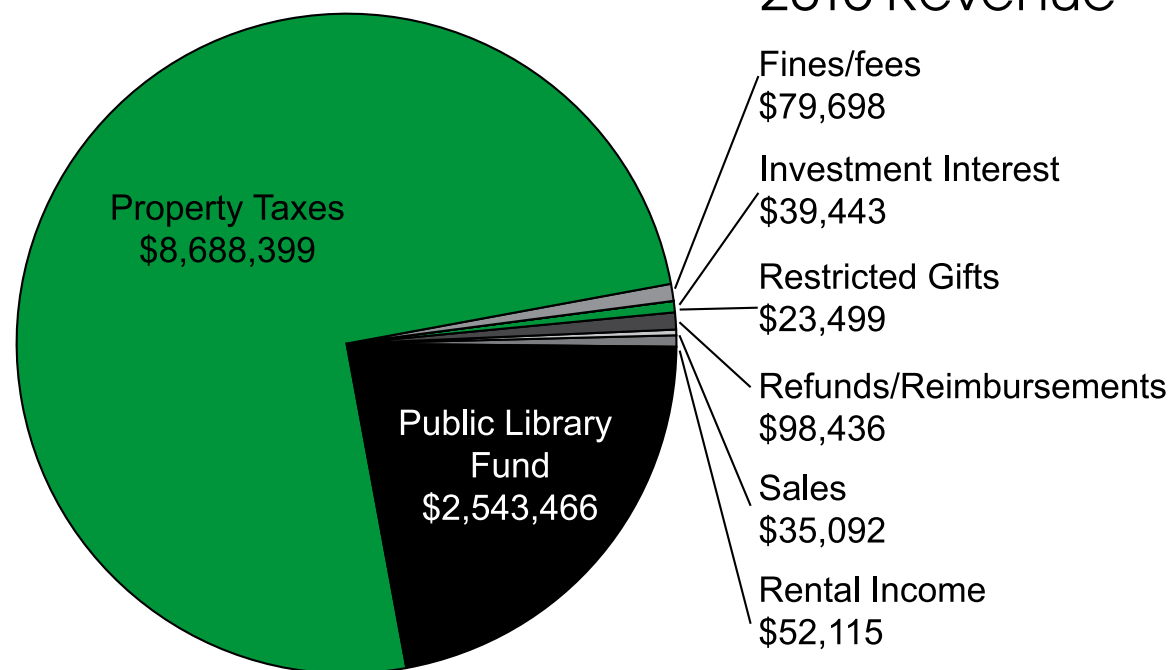
In preparation for the Library's centennial in 2016, we promoted Adult Services Librarian Amia Wheatley to the position of Local History Librarian. Wheatley has a concentration in archives management, and her first project was to oversee the gathering and archiving of Heights Libraries historical documents. We also began planning for the centennial celebrations of the library in 2016, including gathering items for a time capsule.

Expanded Services to Refugees

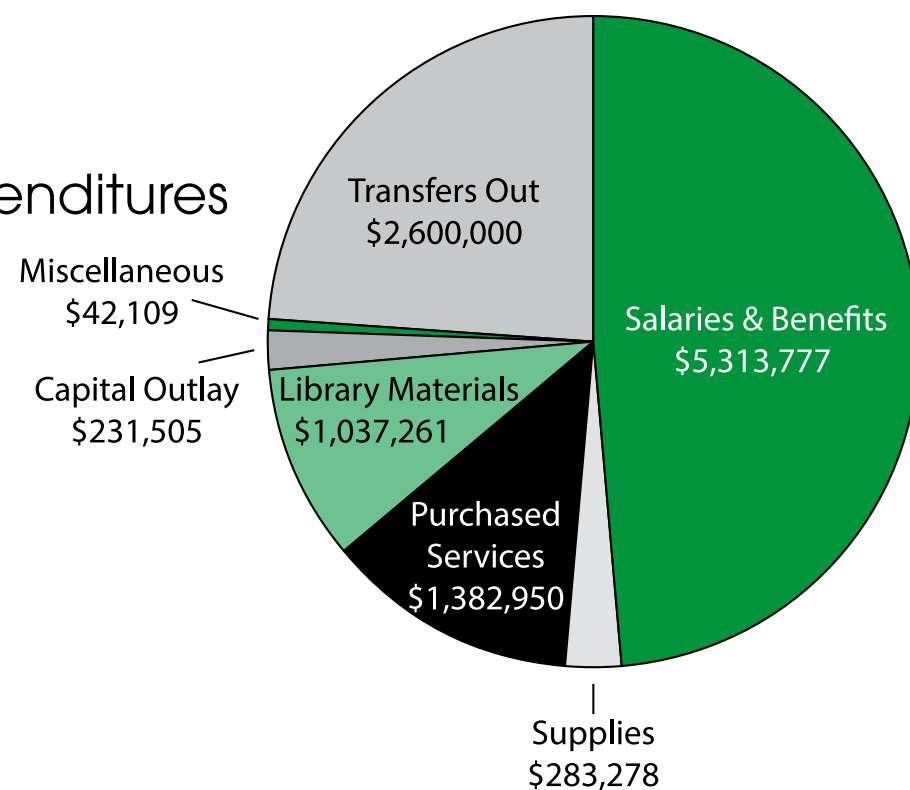
ASIA Services in Action joined in the refugee-focused Welcome Hub partnership at the Noble branch.

Financials

2015 Revenue



2015 Expenditures



The 2015 Numbers



12,116
Number of Hours all 4
Branches Were Open



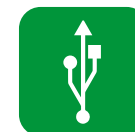
995,182
Visitors



1,648,816
Items Circulated



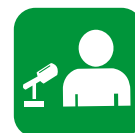
1,249
Youth Summer Reading
238 teens and 1,011 kids



100,944
Electronic
downloadable film, music,
audio books, ebooks,
magazines



79
Staff Visits to
Elementary Schools



6,421
Library Programs
with a total of 70,766 attendance



112
Staff Visits to
Day Cares



548,704
Reference Transactions
phone and in-person



1,882
Book Bike Interactions



277,893
Computer Usage



360
Volunteer Hours:
performed by 25 volunteers



1,693
Meeting Room Uses

Friends of the Heights Libraries



Volunteers

Volunteer hours: 4,932

Volunteers: 92

Membership

394 active FRIENDS members

- Individual 213
- Family 60
- Couple 19
- Patron 34
- Ind. Lifetime 69

Activities and Sponsorships

- Two Mega Book Sales
- First Friday Book Sales each month
- Teacher's Sale
- African-American Read In
- Indigenous Peoples Read In
- Cleveland International Film Festival
- Library School Scholarships
- My Favorite Poem Project
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee
- Heights Community Congress Home Tour
- Two New Resident Welcome Events
- Annual Meeting
- Heights High Flea Market
- Lee Road Candy Crawl
- Members Night at Dobama Theatre

Financials for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Total income was \$45,670. Book sales earned \$32,885, or approximately 90% of total earned income of \$36,215. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and Friends events provided the other 10%. Our contributed income total of \$9,455 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled \$36,094 in FY 2014-15. Donations to the library and library related entities of \$26,509 were allocated as followed:

- Director's Discretionary Fund \$1,500
- General library programming \$10,000
- Special programs \$3,000
- Coventry Early Literacy Computers \$2,649
- Noble Neighborhood Branch Bench \$2,350
- Library Levy Committee \$2,000
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee entry \$500
- Scholarship award for library science student \$3,750
- Harvey & Friends Lee Road Mural \$460
- Staff Appreciation Day \$300

Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries



The assets of the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL) grew 9.29 percent in 2015, and 36 percent since FFHL was founded in 2012, with seed money from the Friends of Heights Libraries.

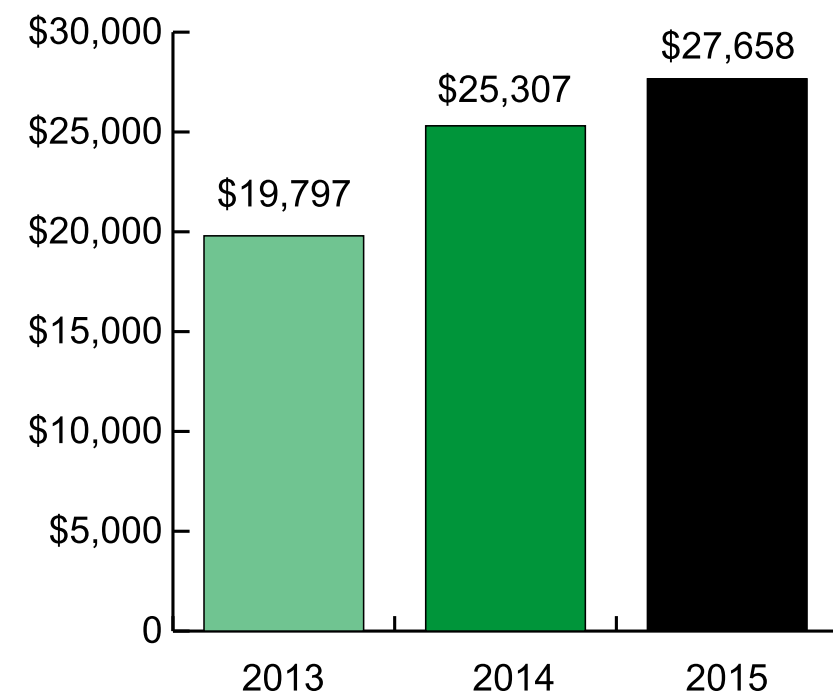
The Board of Directors grew to nine members, including officers of the Friends of Heights Libraries, Library Trustees, and the Director of the Library as ex officio members. Renewal of Director's terms and recruitment continue as ongoing goals.

The main fundraising activity in 2015 was the **100 for 100 campaign**, which engaged the public in celebration of the Libraries' 100th birthday. For a contribution of \$100 participants were able to place a

message of dedication in the time capsule to be buried at the Coventry Branch. **FFHL raised a total of \$4,335 through the campaign.**

The purpose of the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries is to create an endowment to support the library. Legacy gifts, planned gifts and contributions on behalf of happy occasions are encouraged. Funds may be contributed directly through their online portal or by sending a check to the FFHL c/o Heights Libraries, 2345 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights Ohio 44118. For more information call: (216) 932-3600 x 1240.

Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries Assets



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Director

Nancy Levin

Closings

Mon, September 5, Labor Day
Fri, September 23, Staff Day
Thurs & Fri, November 24 & 25,
Thanksgiving Holiday



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Heights Library Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m. Lee Road branch
Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21

FRIENDS of the Library

Board Meetings

Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road branch
September 8, October 13, November 10

Lee Road

2345 Lee Rd.
(216) 932-3600
Weekdays, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sat, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Coventry Village

1925 Coventry Rd.
(216) 321-3400 Voice
(216) 321-0739 TTY
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Noble Neighborhood

2800 Noble Rd.
(216) 291-5665
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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