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Coventry Village | Lee Road | Noble Neighborhood | University Heights
Help us celebrate! Mark your calendars so you don’t miss the grand re-opening of our beautifully renovated University Heights branch.

Tour the space, bring your little ones to play in the new Children’s area, enjoy refreshments courtesy of Whole Foods, and more.
Heights Libraries   Program Guide

• Thursday, November 30, 5–9 p.m.
  Special Preview. $10 per person; FRIENDS members free
• Friday, December 1, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
• Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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  Special Preview. $10 per person; FRIENDS members free
• Friday, December 1, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
• Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.–5:30 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.
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!

**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.

All locations closed Sept 4, Labor Day and Nov 23 & 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.

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**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!**

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

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

*Heights Libraries | For Children*
Storytimes and Programs for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Not sure which storytime is right for your little one? Look for age guidance in BOLD.

Baby Bonanza

Tues, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 6–Nov 29, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry & Noble

Bring your babies and blankets in for books, bopping, and bouncing at our year round lap–sit program. This is the perfect program for children too young to enjoy Story Stop, but not too young to have fun. For babies who are not yet walking.

Baby Stay and Play

Tues, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

After Baby Bonanza ends, stick around and trade parenting secrets while your kids interact with puzzles, puppets, and toys in this drop–in, open program. For babies who are not yet walking.

Waddlers

Thurs, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10 a.m. at Lee

Too old for Baby Bonanza, but also too active for other storytimes? 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 in this weekly storytime. For toddlers who are walking to 24 months.

Toddling Time

Friday, Sept 1–Sept 29, 10 a.m. at Lee

Stories, songs, rhymes, and other surprises for families with children ages 1–3. Toddling Time at Lee will continue through September. Please stay tuned for more info on when we’ll restart our UH storytimes!

Story Stop

Mon, Sept 11–Nov 27, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. at Lee
Wed, June 7–Aug 30, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 1–Nov 17, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Sat, Sept 6–Nov 29, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

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.

Special Flute Story Stop

Sat, Sept 30, 10 a.m. at Lee

We know it can be hard to come in during the week for storytime, so we have added a special Saturday Story Stop just for you. As a special treat, this one will feature a flutist. Story Stop is for preschoolers of all ages.

Young and the Restless

Tues, Sept 5–Nov 28, 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 5–Nov 28, 11:30 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 6 –Nov 29, 11 a.m. at Coventry

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! For preschoolers of all ages.

Family Art

Fri, Sept 1–Nov 17 at Noble

Every Friday after storytime we will have a small art project for small hands to tackle. For ages 2–5.

Explorastory

Wed, Sept 6–Nov 29, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Thur, Sept 7–Nov 30, 11 a.m. at Lee
Fri, Sept 1–Nov 17, 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 ages 2–5 years old.

Chinese Storytime

Fri, Sep 1–Nov 17, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry

Join us for a special Chinese Storytime. Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in the Chinese language.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom

Mon, Sept 4–Nov 27, 9 a.m. at Lee
Thurs, Sept 7–Nov 30, 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.

STEM Storytime

Wed, Sept 13, Oct 18, & Nov 15, 4 p.m. at Coventry

STEM is fun for all ages! Join us for a lively afternoon storytime, followed by a simple science–themed activity that relates to the story. Ages 3–6.

Toddling Time will continue at Lee Road through the end of September. Please stay tuned for information on the return of storytimes and other programs at our renovated branch in University Heights!
Pajama Party Storytime
Thurs, Sept 7, 7 p.m. at Noble
Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffy to hear bedtime stories, sing songs, and dance out all the wiggles at this evening storytime. Families with preschoolers of all ages are welcome. Registration begins August 24.

Camp Out Storytime
Thurs, Oct 12, 7 p.m. at Noble
Families with preschoolers of all ages are invited to camp out around the library “bonfire” for this special evening storytime. Books, music, rhymes, and fun will be shared! Registration begins September 28.

Sing and Swing–Music Together
Friday, Oct 20, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together classes. Music Together is a music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults that love them! Registration begins October 6.

Starry Night Storytime
Thurs, Nov 9, 7 p.m. at Noble
Families with preschoolers of all ages are invited to explore the night sky at this special evening storytime. Books, music, rhymes, and fun will be shared! Registration begins October 26.

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Make and Take Art
Tue, 4 p.m.
Sept 5: Jackson Pollock
Join us as we learn a little bit about the life of Jackson Pollock, a modern artist who was known for his “action painting.” Afterward, we will make paintings inspired by his work and unique style. Registration begins August 22.

Oct 3: Civil Rights Pop Art
As part of our On the Same Page program, we will be exploring the power of art and photography during the Civil Rights Movement. Join us as we discuss Civil Rights history, look at photographs from the era, and create colorful Pop Art inspired pieces using different images. Grades 2–6. Registration begins September 19.

Civil Rights Storytime
Fri, Sept 15, 4:30 p.m.
Coordinated with the On the Same Page book, March: Book Three. We’ll read picture books together about diversity and equality, as well as a biography about the life of a civil rights leader. Culminating in a craft celebrating all of our diversity. For ages 2–8.

Baby Care
Sat, Oct 7, 11 a.m. at Lee
Learn how to read baby’s cues and soothe baby with rituals and songs. During baby’s active state we will share how to engage baby in playful, brain building activities.

Safe Sleep
Sat, Oct 14, 11 a.m. at Lee
Hear about the most recent research on how to keep baby safe while sleeping soundly.

Postpartum Health for Mom and Baby
Sat, Oct 21, 11 a.m. at Lee
After baby is born there are two people to care for, baby and mom. Learn ways to incorporate self-care rituals into your daily routine. Also, come hear best ways to feed baby and how to prepare nutritious snacks for busy families.

Babies Need Boxes

Babies Need Boxes–Ohio is an organization that equips families with the tangible resources required for a successful transition to parenthood. Their mission is to provide families with safe sleep education, a safe sleep environment, newborn care essentials to promote self-sufficiency, and interactive items to foster positive parent–child interaction. For more information, please visit www.babiesneedboxes.org.

To obtain a “baby box,” which is a safe sleep space for infants up to 6 months of age that comes filled with a variety of essential childcare products, a participant must attend all three sessions of Baby Box University at the Lee Road branch.
Creating with Clay: Leaf Trays
Tue, Oct 24, 4:30 p.m.

Life–Size Candyland
Thu, Nov 2, 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate International Games Week with Candyland like you’ve never played it before! First, we will make our board and game pieces together. Then we will take turns playing the game. Costumes are highly encouraged! Registration begins October 19.

Turkey Hunt
Mon & Tue, Nov 21 &22, All Day
It’s Turkey Season at the library! Join us open hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving for a Turkey Hunt. Find all five turkeys and earn a treat! Don’t forget to come back the next day for another chance.

Meet Author
Megan Whalen Turner
Tues, Oct 17, 7 p.m. at Dobama Theater
Meet bestselling and award–winning author Megan Whalen Turner, known for her five novels set in the world of the Queen’s Thief. According to the Boston Globe, her latest, Thick As Thieves, “shows her again playing with narrative perspective, mixing history with fantasy to brilliant effect.” She has been awarded a Newbery Honor and a Horn Book–Boston Globe Honor and won the LA Times Book Prize for Young Adult Literature. Autographed copies of Thick As Thieves will be available for purchase. Registration opens October 3.

On the Same Page:
Contact Your Congress Person
Sun–Sat, Sept 1–Nov 30, All Day
Interested in, or passionate about, an issue? Have a concern you want to voice? Just curious about politics? Throughout the fall, in both the Children’s and Teen Rooms, stations will be set up to allow you to partake in the democratic process and write your congressperson. Let your voice be heard! Grades K–12.

Reading and Rescues
Sat, Sept 2, 1 p.m.
Looking for a new best friend? How about a great new book? The library and City Dogs are partnering up to bring you both! Come for an afternoon of stories, crafts, and dogs looking for a home of their own.

Homework Helpers
Tue, Sept 5–Nov 28, 4 p.m.
Thu, Sept 7–Nov 30, 4 p.m.
Need help with your homework or a class project? Want some quiet time to read by yourself or with a friend? We’re here for you—just drop on in. Grades K–5.

PageTurners:
A Homeschooling Book Discussion
Wed, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1,. 12:30 p.m.
Loved it? Hated it? Can’t wait to talk about it! Please join us for a monthly book discussion on the first Wednesday of each month for children ages 9 and up. The first book we will discuss is Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman. Then we’ll decide as a group what to read next. Registration begins October 19.

LAF: Mystery LAF
Wed, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, 3:30 p.m.
We might have a craft, we might play a game, we might break the laws of space and time. Who knows what we’ll accomplish? You will when you show up for our Mystery LAF.

LAF: Clay Creations
Wed, Sept 13, 3:30 p.m.
Go kawaii or just get wacky with your own clay creations.

LAF: Sharpie Tie–Dye Tile Coasters
Wed, Sept 20, 3:30 p.m.
See how sharpies and rubbing alcohol combine to make tie–dye tile coasters! Registration begins September 6th.

LAF: DIY Crystal Geodes
Wed, Sept 27, 3:30 p.m.
Make your own crystal geodes. Please note by registering for 1st session, you register for both. Registration begins September 13.

LAF: DIY Crystal Geodes
Thu, Sept 28, 3:30 p.m.
Make your own crystal geodes. You must sign up for 1st session to attend this program. Registration begins September 13.

Coding Club for Kids
Mon, Oct 9 & Nov 13, 7 p.m.
Kids in grades 1–5, bring your favorite adult for a fun hour of puzzles and games designed to teach the fundamentals of coding. A new experience every month. Registration begins September 25.

LAF: Beading Bonanza
Wed, Oct 11, 3:30 p.m.
Make beautiful beaded jewelry for yourself, or to give as a gift. Registration begins September 27th.
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✿ LAF: Autumn Sun–Catchers
Wed, Oct 18, 3:30 p.m.
Kids can create fun tissue paper sun–catchers in fall shapes and colors.

Fables and Fairy Tales Puppet Show
Wed, Oct 18, 7 p.m.
Join us as we tell some of your favorite classic tales!

✿ LAF: Whodunit Scavenger Hunt
Wed, Oct 25, 3:30 p.m.
Come solve the mystery at the library.

✿ LAF: Grossology
Wed, Nov 8, 3:30 p.m.
Come prepared to get your hands dirty and look at things that make you go “Ewwww!”

✿ LAF: Learn Decoupage
Wed, Nov 15, 3:30 p.m.
Learn the art of decoupage; covering 3–D objects with paper collage. Registration begins November 1.

✿ LAF: Fun Fusion Beads
Wed, Nov 29, 3:30 p.m.
Make your own colorful and unique creations with Fun Fusion Beads!

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✿ LAF: Kids Cafe Meal Program
Tue, Sept 5–Nov 21, 3:30 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 7–Nov 23, 3:30 p.m.
Youth between the ages of 0–18 can stop in for a free, nutritious meal courtesy of the Cleveland Foodbank. No meal service on days CHUH school district is closed.

✿ LAF: Green Thumb Gardening
Wed, Sept 6 –27, 3:30 p.m.
Drop in Wednesday afternoons to explore and get dirty in the Noble Community Garden. We will be planting, weeding, watering, picking, and having loads of family fun! In the case of bad weather there will be an indoor activity provided.

Family Book Club
Sat, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, 2 p.m.
Families with children of all ages are invited to listen to and share their favorite stories to read together. Library staff will highlight new books with a focus on diversity. Join us for a social hour of literacy!

✿ LAF: Animaniacs (Anime/Manga) Club
Wed, Oct 4–25, 3:30 p.m.
Dive into the world of Japanese animation and storytelling every Wednesday after school. Kids in grades K–5 will be able to view episodes, read manga, and create their own comics or drawings in the Japanese style. Super fans and newbies welcome!

Week of Wonder
Mon–Fri, Nov 13–17, All Day
We are celebrating the release of the movie Wonder, based on R.J. Palacio’s fabulous children’s book of the same name with a special week of wonder. Each day we will have a fun activity drawn from the book for kids in grades K–5. Remember to “Choose Kind.”

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NatureTracks: Backyard Neighbors
Thu, Oct 19, 6:30 p.m.
Stop by Purvis Park and climb aboard the NatureTracks bus! The Metro Parks’ giant mobile classroom will be visiting to teach kids in grades K–5 all about the animals living right outside their window. Registration required for class, but the bus will be open to all from 7:15–8 pm.

Beauty in the Beasts
Sat, Oct 28–Nov 25, 3 p.m.
In this fun five–week art workshop, artist Manjula Chandirasekaran will teach kids how to create dragons, unicorns, and other mythical creatures and beasts from their own imagination. Supplies provided. For ages 6–11. Registration begins October 14.

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.

Ask a librarian!
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Tween Tuesday
Tue, 4 p.m.
For ages 11–14.

Sept 12: Tye Dye
Learn the technique of tie-dye at this fun, and messy, event. You bring the fabric (we recommend 100% cotton and pre-washed items such as t-shirts, sheets, pillow cases, etc.) and we bring the rest! Make sure to wear clothing you don’t mind getting dirty.

Oct 10: Make a Terrarium
Add a little green in your life with a terrarium. Succulents can grow in small glass bowls or jars with very little maintenance. Personalize yours with pretty glass beads, moss, figurines, or anything else you like. We provide the materials, you provide the imagination.

Nov 14: Button Making
Use our button maker to make whatever kinds of buttons you want. Print your own designs or choose from ours, and see how simple it is to make your own buttons.

Coventry House of Horror
Mon, Sept 18, Oct 16, & Nov 20, 4 p.m.
Looking for chills and thrills? We have them at the Coventry Branch Library. Join us the third Monday of the month for a spook-tacular book club! We’ll read Auxier’s The Night Gardener in September, Kenneth Oppel’s The Nest in October, and Neal Gaiman’s Coraline in November. Order your book today! Ages 11-15.

Lee

Teen Afternoon Spot
Mon–Fri, Sept 1–Nov 30, 3 p.m.
Play video games, participate in tabletop gaming, watch anime, and more! Every weekday from 3–5:30 p.m. the teen room is reserved for teens in middle school and high school only, so stop on in and see what we have going on.

Teen Library Council Interest Meeting
Wed, Sept 6, 4 p.m.
We at Heights Libraries are interested in fostering the formation of a Teen Library Council. However, we need help from you! Come share your thoughts and ideas with us, and bring a friend (or 2, or more!) We’ll have snacks and drinks available for all participants.

Teen Coding Club
Tue, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, 3:30 p.m.
Interested in learning more about coding and computer programming? Come to this monthly meet up for activities and practice. Grade 6-12. Registration begins September 5.

March: Book Three Discussion for Teens
Wed, Sept 27, 6:30 p.m.
As part of our On the Same Page community read, the library will offer a discussion for teens ages 13 through 18 on the graphic novel March: Book Three, by U.S. Congressman John Lewis. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Why Do People Ban Books?
Sat, Sept 30, 2 p.m.
Meet up in the teen room for discussion, read from sections of some of your favorite banned books, and make your own protest sign defending your right to read! Snacks and drinks available.

13th
Fri, Oct 13, 6 p.m.
The library will screen the documentary 13th for high school students. Ava DuVernay’s film argues Jim Crow, the war on drugs, and the prison-industrial complex are forms of slavery. It contains graphic depictions of real violence. There will be a discussion, along with snacks.
Know Your Rights: What To Do If Stopped By the Police
Thurs, Oct 26, 7 p.m.
Knowing your basic civil liberties is a crucial part of ensuring our constitutional protections as free American residents. Emma Keeshin, legal assistant at the ACLU of Ohio, will facilitate a discussion for adults and teens on the dos and don'ts of interacting with law enforcement officials.

Noble
Craft to School
Wed, Sept 13 & 27, 4 p.m.
Spend an afternoon jazzing up your supplies and creating locker decorations for your (hopefully already) awesome school year!

Mike Berry: Speech & Dialogue
Fri, October 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, 4:30 p.m.
Mike has been both a rapper and author in Cleveland. He is a passionate filmmaker, a mental health advocate, and a powerful motivational speaker. Join us for one of his inspiring visits to the teen room.

Easy Essentials
Wed, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 4 p.m.
Relax and learn about the many benefits of using essential oils. We will mix products that can help with our physical and mental health and be used in a more natural beauty and cleaning routine.

Hoop and Holler
Sat, Oct 14, 2 p.m.
Tue, Oct 24, 4 p.m.
Hooping is great fun and exercise and will probably improve your moves on the dance floor. Jessica Vorobel will teach a class on the art of hooping and what it can do for your overall wellness. The class will be outside if weather permits. Registration begins September 29.

On the Same Page
This fall, Heights Libraries once again brings together local organizations for On the Same Page, an initiative designed to foster community-wide and personal connections through literature. This year we’ll be using March: Book Three by Congressman and civil rights icon John Lewis as a starting point for discussions and education about race and civil rights in America. Look for related programs with the OTSP symbol.

STEM Programs for Girls
These programs were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Girl Engineer’s Club
Tue, Sept 5 & 19, 6:30 p.m. at Lee
Tue, Oct 3, 17, & 31, 6:30 p.m. at Noble
Come make, connect, and discover with our Girl Engineers Club. Girl Engineers brings science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to girls ages 12 to 16. Collaborate with college students majoring in STEAM related fields to learn about everything from robotics to coding!

HER Ideas in Motion
Tue, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, 6:30 p.m. at Lee
Students learn the creative game-making process from theory to project completion to create their own web-based video game (RPG). Using Scratch, students design and create their own game that they can share with friends. Registration begins August 27.

Girl Engineers
Tue, Nov 7, 6:30 p.m. at Lee
A special event to thank all of the participants, volunteers and their families for joining us.

Afterschool Zone
Fri, Sept 1–Nov 30, 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.
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Tai Chi and Qigong
Sat, Sept 2–Nov 25, 10 a.m.
Mon, Sept 11–Nov 27, 2 p.m.
Tues, Sept 5–Nov 28, 2 p.m.
Wed, Sept 6–Nov 29, 12 p.m.
Instructor Ruth Butler (and Matt Wernet on Tuesdays) teaches the 24 short form of Tai Chi and the Eight Best Movements for Health from Qigong practice. Tai Chi and Qigong are gentle forms of exercise to bring about a total union of mind, body, and spirit and are ideal for any age.

Green Thumb Gardening Cleanup and Composting Family Event
Mon, Sept 11, 4 p.m.
Come help us clean up our collaborative garden! While you are here, stop by to learn all about composting and make a delicious “dirty” treat. For Families.

Exploring the Heart of Dying Through Courageous Conversation
Tue, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, 7 p.m.
Adaire Petrichor, end of life doula, leads an exploration of the natural stages of dying and ways to support a natural death.

Step Out of Time
Thu, 7 p.m.
Learn about alternative forms of health and healing.

Sept 14: Tarot for Self-Exploration
The Tarot’s ancient archetypal symbolism is a powerful tool for self-discovery and spiritual growth. Teacher Olga Paz, tarot and reiki master, guides an evening of reading Tarot spreads for beginners and more experienced readers.

Oct 12: Singing Bowls Concert with Kathleen Calby
Discover new dimensions of sound energy, release your mind’s chatter, and relax deeply. Kathleen will play a combination of her gem crystal bowls plus ancient Himalayan bowls in this adventure of sound.

Nov 9: Songs that Touch the Heart and Mind
Dietz Ziechmann explores the spiritual dimensions of two iconic songs: Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” and Naomi Shemer’s “Jerusalem of Gold.”

Scan Your Family History
Wed, Sept 20, 2 p.m.
Do you have old family photos and small documents you would like to digitize? Learn how to use scanners to save your family history and scan some of your own photos. Please bring a flash drive to save your photos, a limited number will be available for sale. Registration begins Sept 6.

Coventry Conversations with Mayor Cheryl Stephens
Thu, Sept 21, 7 p.m.
Join your neighbors for an informative discussion with Mayor Cheryl Stephens. This will be an opportunity to hear about City initiatives and to discuss some of the community’s challenges and aspirations.

Caregiver Cafe
Fri, Sept 22 & Oct 27 1 p.m.
Join facilitator Adaire Petrichor for coffee, snacks, and conversation in a supportive group of caregivers.

Ukulele Jam
Tue, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28, 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.

Beatlemania: The Cleveland Concerts
Thu, Sept 28, 7 p.m.
Relive the excitement of The Beatles’ early concerts at Cleveland Public Auditorium and Municipal Stadium. Dave Schwensen, author of The Beatles in Cleveland: Memories, Facts & Photos about the Notorious 1964 & 1966 Concerts, will take you behind the scenes with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert footage, and never-before published photos and memorabilia. Book signing to follow.

Coventry Seed Library
Ongoing, All Day
Seed saving is an important practice for preserving biological diversity and ecological resilience. Stop by the Coventry Village Branch to browse the selection of seeds we have available for planting. In partnership with the Cleveland Seed Bank.
Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Wed, 7 p.m.

Celebrating our wealth of outstanding local authors, this series is presented in partnership with Mac's Backs Books.

Oct 4: Claire McMillan discusses her new novel The Necklace, the enthralling story of a mysterious family heirloom and the family secrets connected to it. Book signing to follow.

Nov 1: J. Mark Souther, Professor of History at Cleveland State University, discusses his new book Believing in Cleveland: Managing Decline in “The Best Location in the Nation,” an investigation of civic leaders’ current and past efforts to defeat Cleveland’s perceived civic malaise. Book signing to follow.

Thu, Nov 16, 7 p.m.: Local author Kathy Ewing discusses her memoir, Missing: Coming to Terms with a Borderline Mother. Published in 2016 by Red Giant Books, Missing is a mixture of understanding and compassion, careful research and clear, concise prose. Book signing to follow.

Coventry Concert Night

Mon, Oct 9 & Nov 13, 7:30 p.m.

Settle back to enjoy a wonderful concert showcasing the talent of Cleveland Institute of Music students and graduates. Performances vary each month; check back close to concert times for the upcoming selections and performers.

On the Same Page Movie Night:

Freedom Summer

Tue, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the 2014 documentary Freedom Summer, a look back at the summer of 1964, when more than 700 student activists took segregated Mississippi by storm, registering voters, creating freedom schools and establishing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Programs for Our Deaf/Hard of Hearing Customers

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Sat, Sept 2–Oct 7, 1 p.m.

Learn the basics in communicating in American Sign Language. Refresh and build upon your skills in the use of American Sign Language. Registration begins August 19.

Intermediate American Sign Language

Sat, Sept 2–Oct 7, 2:30 p.m.

Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. Registration begins August 19.

Deaf Gathering

Mon, Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 27, 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. An interpreter will be provided.

Deaf Culture Film Night

Mon Nov 6, 7:00 p.m.

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

Lee Road Knitting Nights

Tue, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 14 & 28, 7 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, you’re invited to enjoy the sound of the written word as we read a short story selection aloud.

Sept 13: “The Marchers” by Henry Dumas and “Where Is the Voice Coming From?” by Eudora Welty

Oct 11: “Yesterday’s Witch” and “The Book” by Gahan Wilson

Nov 8: “Mr. Sherlock Holmes” (Chapter 1 of A Study in Scarlet) by Arthur Conan Doyle
Original Voices Book Club
Wed, 7:30 p.m.

 Sept 13: *Meridian* by Alice Walker
Dubbed Walker’s “meditation on the modern civil rights movement,” and dedicated in part to civil rights hero John Lewis, the novel is a compellingly rendered psychological portrait of Meridian Hill, a woman whose life is changed by her embrace of social activism and the fight for racial justice.

Oct 11: *A Canticle for Leibowitz* by Walter M. Miller, Jr.
Preserving the “Memorabilia” (paper documents useless in an illiterate society), monks keep alive the knowledge needed to survive in a post-nuclear world. This Hugo Award winner, called “angry and eloquent” by the *New York Times*, is a centuries-spanning view of the interplay of science and faith.

Nov 8: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle
“The game is afoot!” As the first group of short stories featuring the world’s greatest consulting detective, this collection offers some of the best-known tales and immerses us in the murders and mayhem of Victorian London. Follow in the tracks of Holmes and Watson (and meet Irene Adler as well!).

On the Same Page Book Discussion: *March: Book Three* by John Lewis
Mon, Sept 18, 7 p.m.
Kirkus Reviews called the graphic novel’s third installment a “frank and stirring account” by a “living icon of the civil rights movement.” This winner of the National Book Award recounts Congressman Lewis’ experiences amid the tumultuous events that helped to bring about 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Learning Circle: New Rules of Work
Tue, Sept 19–Oct 24, 7 p.m.
Join a study group for learners who want to complete an online course together, in person, at the library. Learn how to remain competitive and adapt to a constantly changing work world. This is a six-week course. Registration begins Sept 5.

Cleveland Orchestra Music Study Group
Tue, Sept 19–Nov 28, 10 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 at (216) 231-7355. Please note: Nov 7 & 14 will be held at the Beachwood Public Library due to scheduling conflicts.

Third Tuesday Book Club
Tue, 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, 2299 Lee Road.

 Sept 19: Yaa Gyasi’s debut novel *Homegoing* is the story of two half-sisters whose separate journeys illustrate the history of Africans in Ghana and the United States.

Oct 17: Cristina Henríquez’s *The Book of Unknown Americans* intertwines the story of two teens with that of other “unknown Americans,” Latin American immigrants who settled in a small Delaware town to create a new life.

Nov 21: *They Can’t Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and a New Era in America’s Racial Justice Movement*, recounts journalist Wesley Lowery’s visits to six cities to cover shootings during 2014 and 2015.

ESL Conversation Club
Wed, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, 7 p.m.
Conversation club for non-native English speakers.

Arts for Wellness

These two-part workshops are for those affected by cancer. Advance registration is required by calling University Hospitals Art Therapy Department at 216-286-6854.

The Poem Is a Bridge
Sat, Sept 16 & 23, 10 a.m.
Poet Bonné de Blas will lead participants in learning how to construct creative poetry using the bridge theme as a metaphor for self-reflection and expression.

Clay Containers: Gifts YOU Bring
Sat, Oct 14 & 28, 10 a.m.
Art therapists Nancy Roy and Barbara DiScenna will help participants create textured containers with the gifts they bring to the world tucked inside.
Tech Talk  
**Thu, 7 p.m.**  
**Sep 21: Staying Safe Online**  
Every day, we share information on the Internet. There are others online who want to do us harm by accessing the personal information we share. But don’t panic! This lecture discusses the ways you can stay safe online. **Registration begins Sept 7.**

**Oct 19: Social Media Bootcamp**  
Facebook and Twitter and Instagram, oh my! How are these sites different? Which one(s) should you be using? This lecture includes an overview of social media and some popular social media sites. No prior experience with social media required! **Registration begins Oct 5.**

**Public Forum:**  
**Race and Infant Mortality in Northeast Ohio**  
**Wed, Sept 27, 4 p.m.**  
Why are black babies dying more than other races, and what can be done about it? This public forum examines the causes and possible solutions of this issue. Moderated by: Brie Zeltner, The Plain Dealer. In partnership with the Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com, the League of Women Voters, and CWRU’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program.

**Lee Road Movie Night: Loving**  
**Fri, Sept 29, 6:30 p.m.**  
The story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple whose arrest for interracial marriage in 1960s Virginia led to a legal battle that would end at the U.S. Supreme Court. Stars Ruth Negga and Joel Edgerton. 2016. 2 hours 3 min.

**Selma to Montgomery:**  
**What Does It Take to March?**  
**Fri, Oct 20, 7 p.m.**  
This immersive experience, a role play and discussion led by Compass Consulting, takes a close look at what it took for dedicated people to stand up to injustice and racism, often at great personal cost. What would you be willing to do to effect change? **RSVP at heightscongress.org starting Oct 6.**

**Sparked by Science:**  
**A Pecha Kucha Presentation**  
**Thu, Nov 9, 7 p.m.**  
We all know that Cleveland Heights is home to the arts, but many scientists also dwell in this area. Join us for a fun look (20 slides at 20 seconds each!) at the many ways science plays a role in the daily life of the geeks, nerds, and wonks among us. **RSVP at heightscongress.org starting Oct 26.**
Making a Mess with Paper
Wed, Oct 18, 7 p.m.
What exactly is a paper engineer—and how do they do what they do? Keith Allen, paper engineer and professional greeting card artist, lets us into his creative process and the secrets of working with paper. He’ll share his insights on the wonders and challenges of bringing a pop-up book to life.

Indigenous Peoples Read-In
Sun, Oct 22, 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 22.

😊 Know Your Rights: What to Do If Stopped by the Police
Thu, Oct 26, 7 p.m.
Knowing your basic civil liberties is a crucial part of ensuring our constitutional protections as free American residents. Emma Keeshin, legal assistant at the ACLU of Ohio, will facilitate a discussion for adults and teens on the do’s and don’ts of interacting with law enforcement officials.

Art Study Group: Works Re-Seen and Re-Imagined
Wed, Nov 1, 7 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art
To celebrate the 5th anniversary of these popular tours at the CMA, we’ll look both backwards and forwards, put a fresh gloss on some previously viewed pieces, and seek works of significance that we’ve not previously noticed. Registration opens Oct 18.

Letters to Sherlock Holmes: A Readers’ Theatre
Mon, Nov 6, 7 p.m.
The return of this popular, original, and free Dobama event focuses on the folks who seek help from the “greatest detective who never lived,” while unraveling the mystery of those who have continued to act as his personal secretary, replying over the last 80 years. Registration opens Oct 10.

Scan Your Family History
Fri, Nov 10, 11 a.m.
Do you have old family photos and small documents you would like to digitize? Learn how to use scanners to save your family history and scan some of your own photos. Please bring a flash drive to save your photos, a limited number will be available for sale. Registration begins Oct 27.

Job Search Essentials
Resume Workshop
Sat, Sept 9, 10 a.m.
Wed, Nov 1, 7 p.m.
Transform your resume into a powerful tool that will get you interviews! This workshop will help you create or update a powerful and 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 26 and Oct 18.

Searching for Jobs Online
Sat, Sept 16, 10 a.m.
Wed, Nov 8, 7 p.m.
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 Sept 2 and Oct 25.

Interview Workshop
Sat, Sept 23, 10 a.m.
Wed, Nov 15, 7 p.m.
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 9 and Nov 1.

LinkedIn
Sat, Sept 30, 10 a.m.
Wed, Nov 29, 7 p.m.
Learn about the social and business networking website LinkedIn. This class covers how to get established as a member, as well as hints and tips for using the site for career development. Must have an active email account to register on LinkedIn. Registration begins Sept 16 and Nov 15.

Noble Needles Knitting Circle
Thu, Sept 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16, 6:30 p.m.
Come and knit with the Noble Knitters. Bring a current project to work on, or, bring a ball of worsted yarn and size 8 or 9 needles to learn.
On the Same Page Movie Night:

John Lewis: Get In the Way
Thurs, Sept 14, 7 p.m.
Follow the journey of civil rights hero, congressman, and human rights champion, John Lewis in this 2017 documentary film. Discussion to follow. 1 hour.

Coloring Outside the Lines
Mon, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, 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.

Services for New Citizens

Welcome Hub
Sat, Sept 2–Nov 25, 3 p.m.
The Welcome Hub provides education, resources, information and community space to local refugees and immigrants. Programs are structured to address the needs of the community and are focused on ESL instruction.

Citizenship Class
Sun, Sept 3–Nov 26, 1:30 p.m.
Asia Services in Action offers weekly citizenship classes for individuals interested in obtaining U.S. citizenship. Register by calling Asia Services in Action (216) 881-0330.

ABLE ESOL Classes
Tue, Sept 5–Nov 28, 9 a.m.
Wed, Sept 6–Nov 29, 9 a.m.
Thurs, Sept 7–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 or call (216) 371-7138.

English Language Class
Tue, Sept 5–Nov 28, 6 p.m.
Informal ESL class will be offered to those learning English as a second language.

Nepali Language Class
Sun, Sept 24–Nov 26, 1 p.m.
Nepali language class for Nepali children and families.

Scan Your Family History
Wed, Sept 27, 2 p.m.
Do you have old family photos and small documents you would like to digitize? Learn how to use scanners to save your family history and scan some of your own photos. Please bring a flash drive to save your photos, a limited number will be available for sale. Registration begins Sept 13.

Noble Great Books Discussion
Tue, 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 3: Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Oct 17: Meditations by Marcus Aurelius
Nov 7: The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli
Nov 21: Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe

An Evening with Marie Satterwhite
Thu, Oct 26, 7 p.m.
Author Marie Satterwhite will discuss her urban romance, Dreams, which is full of passion, mystery and suspense. A book signing will follow.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

On the Same Page Movie Night:
The Long Walk Home
Thurs, Nov 16, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a screening of The Long Walk Home (1990), starring Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek. This movie chronicles the experiences of two women, black and white, in 1955 Montgomery Alabama, who must decide what they are going to do in response to the famous bus boycott lead by Martin Luther King, Jr. 1 hour, 37 mins.

Scan Your Family History
Mon, Nov 27, 2 p.m.
Do you have old family photos and small documents you would like to digitize? Learn how to use scanners to save your family history and scan some of your own photos. Please bring a flash drive to save your photos, a limited number will be available for sale. Registration begins Sept 13.

Senior Happenings
Thursdays in October when Library opens, 2 p.m.
Weekly lecture series sponsored by the City of University Heights. Call (216) 321-4700 for details. Free and open to residents of all communities.
Discover Your Family’s Past
Preserve your family photos for the future.

Learn about genealogy, scanning, and more—register at www.heightslibrary.org.

Genealogy Online
Wed, Sept 6 & 13 at 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 14 at 10 p.m.
Fri, Nov 3 at 11 a.m.
Mon, Nov 13 at 2 p.m.

Scan Your Family History
Wed, Sept 20 & 27 at 2 p.m.
Fri, Nov 10 at 11 a.m.
Mon, Nov 27 at 2 p.m.

Working with Digital Images
Wed, Oct 4 & 11 at 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 21 at 10 a.m.
Fri, Nov 17 at 11 a.m.

FRIENDS FIRST FRIDAY BOOK SALES
September 1, October 6, and November 3, 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.
Computer Classes

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

Coventry

**FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD**

Wed, Sep 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15, 11 a.m.

Learn about all the free resources that come with your Heights Library card, including online learning, eBooks, and digital audiobooks, videos, and magazines! Drop-in service; no registration required.

**CLASSES**

*Genealogy Online*

Wed, Sep 6, 2 p.m.

*Working with Digital Images*

Wed, Oct 4, 2 p.m.

*Facebook: Q & A*

Wed, Oct 18, 2 p.m.

*Facebook: Posts & Photos*

Wed, Nov 1, 2 p.m.

*Facebook: Security & Privacy*

Wed, Nov 15, 2 p.m.

University Heights

**FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD**

Mon, Nov 13 & 27, 4 p.m.

**CLASSES**

*Genealogy Online*

Mon, Nov 13, 2 p.m.

Lee

**ASK A TECH TRAINER**

Tue, Sep 26, 11 a.m.; Sat, Nov 18, 10 a.m.

Computer questions answered, problems fixed, eBooks explained, tablets tamed. All your technology related fear calmed with our expert help. This is a drop-in service. A technology trainer will be available to help.

**FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD**

Held in the lobby. Drop-in service; no registration required.

*eBooks*

Wed, Sep 6, 2 p.m.

*lynda.com*

Wed, Sep 20 & Nov 1, 2 p.m.

*Hoopla*

Wed, Oct 4, 2 p.m.

*Zinio*

Wed, Oct 18, 2 p.m.

Genealogy Online

Wed, Nov 15, 2 p.m.

Hoopla

Mon, Nov 20, 7 p.m.

Noble

**FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD**

Wed, Sep 13 & 27, Oct 11 & 25, Nov 8 & 29, 11 a.m.

**CLASSES**

*Genealogy Online*

Wed, Sep 13, 2 p.m.

*Working with Digital Images*

Wed, Oct 11, 2 p.m.

*Facebook Q & A*

Wed, Oct 25, 2 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse*

Wed, Sep 6, 7 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 2 - Introduction to Computers*

Wed, Sep 13, 7 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 3 - Using the Internet*

Wed, Sep 20, 7 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 4 - Internet Access*

Wed, Sep 27, 7 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 5 - Web Searching*

Wed, Oct 4, 7 p.m.

*Computer Basics Part 6 - Internet Safety Basics*

Wed, Oct 11, 7 p.m.

*Windows Basics Part 1*

Thu, Sep 7, 7 p.m.

*Windows Basics Part 2*

Thu, Sep 14, 7 p.m.

*Windows 10*

Tue, Oct 3, 11 a.m.; Thu, Nov 30, 7 p.m.

*Computer Troubleshooting*

Wed, Oct 18, 7 p.m.

*Tech Terms & Vocabulary*

Wed, Oct 25, 7 p.m.
THE INTERNET
Living in the Cloud
Sat, Oct 7, 10 a.m.
Scan Your Family History
Fri, Nov 10, 11 a.m.
Genealogy Online
Sat, Oct 14, 10 a.m.; Fri, Nov 3, 11 a.m.
Working with Digital Images
Sat, Oct 21, 10 a.m.; Friday, Nov 17, 11 a.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA
I’m Not on Facebook
Fri, Sep 1, 11 a.m.
Facebook: Q & A
Fri, Sep 8, 11 a.m.; Tue, Nov 28, 11 a.m.
Facebook: Posts & Photos
Fri, Sep 22, 11 a.m.
Facebook: Security & Privacy
Fri, Sep 29, 11 a.m.
Facebook: Business Pages
Fri, Oct 6, 11 a.m.
Social Media Q & A
Fri, Oct 13, 11 a.m.
Twitter Q & A
Fri, Oct 20, 11 a.m.
Pinterest Q & A
Fri, Oct 27, 11 a.m.

CREATING WEBSITES
Coding Basics: Four-Part Series
Mon, Sep 11, 18, & 25, Oct 2, 7 p.m.
WordPress: A Four-Part Series
Mon, Oct 16, 23, & 30, Nov 6, 7 p.m.; Thu, Nov 2, 9, 16, & 30, 11 a.m.
Weebly: A Four-Part Series
Mon, Nov 27; Dec 4, 11, & 18, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT EXCEL
Excel Part 1
Thu, Sep 28, 7 p.m.; Tue, Oct 10, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 2
Thu, Oct 5, 7 p.m.; Tue, Oct 17, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 3
Thu, Oct 12, 7 p.m.; Tue, Oct 24, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 4 - Simple Budgets
Thu, Oct 26, 7 p.m.; Tue, Oct 31, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 5 - Charts and Graphs
Thu, Nov 2, 7 p.m.; Tue, Nov 7, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 6 - Formulas
Tue, Sep 5, 7 p.m.; Thu, Nov 9, 7 p.m.; Tue, Nov 14, 11 a.m.
Excel Part 7 - Pivot Tables
Tue, Sep 12, 7 p.m.; Thu, Nov 16, 7 p.m.; Tue, Nov 21, 11 a.m.

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT
PowerPoint Part 1
Thu, Sep 7, 11 a.m.
PowerPoint Part 2
Thu, Sep 14, 11 a.m.
PowerPoint Part 3
Thu, Sep 21, 11 a.m.
Creating Effective PowerPoints
Thu, Sep 28, 11 a.m.

MICROSOFT WORD
Series extends into December.
Word Part 1
Tue, Oct 31, 7 p.m.
Word Part 2
Tue, Nov 7, 7 p.m.
Word Part 3
Tue, Nov 14, 7 p.m.
Word Part 4 - Graphics
Tue, Nov 21, 7 p.m.
Word Part 5 - Tables
Tue, Nov 28, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT OFFICE ESSENTIALS
Excel: The Essentials
Tue, Sep 5, 11 a.m.; Thu, Oct 12, 11 a.m.; Sat, Nov 4, 10 a.m.
PowerPoint: The Essentials
Tue, Sep 12, 11 a.m.; Thu, Oct 19, 11 a.m.; Sat, Nov 11, 10 a.m.
Publisher: The Essentials
Tue, Sep 19, 11 a.m.; Thu, Oct 26, 11 a.m.
Word: The Essentials
Thu, Oct 5, 11 a.m.; Sat, Oct 28, 10 a.m.
Join us as the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries celebrates the work of those who have opened doors and opened minds through literacy in the Heights.

The FFHL will recognize their outstanding contributions to our community by naming them to the new FFHL Honor Roll at an awards ceremony on Sunday, November 5.

**Details to be announced.**

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**Comedian CJ JONES**

**MONDAY • OCT 30 • 7 PM**

At the Civic Conference and Events Center, 3130 Mayfield Rd.

Internationally acclaimed Deaf entertainer CJ Jones will bring his one-man comedy show to the Cleveland Heights Civic Conference Center in a special free appearance sponsored by Heights Libraries.

CJ is a cultural treasure and role model for Deaf communities. For more than 35 years, he has spread the message, to students and adults alike, that being Deaf doesn’t make you odd, it makes you unique. His artistry has influenced many current Deaf actors, comedians and hosts. CJ most recently appeared as the character “Joseph” in the film Baby Driver.

Registration is required for this free event at www.heightslibrary.org.
Dear Cleveland Heights–University Heights Community,

In 1916, Heights Libraries had one employee, Librarian Helen Keeler, and a little fewer than two thousand books. The fledging library didn’t have a building yet, so was located in the high school. One hundred years later, the Cleveland Heights–University Heights Public Library has roughly 160 employees in four buildings, and its collection has grown to more than 418,000 items, including books, CDs, DVDs, eBooks, eReaders, and digital music and movies.

What a difference a century makes.

As we celebrated our first 100 years of service in 2016, we took stock of how our system has evolved to meet the needs of our growing, ever-changing community. From tiny library branches inside public school buildings with limited hours, to the four growing sites we have today that are open seven days a week, Heights Libraries’ history chronicles an organization determined to improve the lives of its customers.

Branches were established in school buildings throughout the community during the 20s, and our first book mobile hit the road; permanent library buildings were constructed in the 20s and 30s; children’s services were expanded in the 40s; the residents of University Heights got their own building in the 50s; Sunday hours and expanded reference services were added in the 60s; public computers were installed in the 70s; the catalog was automated in the 80s, and tied to the CLEVNET consortium to provide access to millions more items; building sites were renovated in the 90s, including adding a parking lot to the University Heights branch; a new teen room at Lee and more teen services were added in the 2000s, as were the HKIC building and computer lab. More renovations and improvements took place in the 2000s at Lee, Noble, and Coventry, along with new services like the Book Bike, community gardens, and a mobile computer classroom.

Our second century is already off to a strong start.

This 2016 annual report details not only our achievements in 2016, but also the new programs and services our staff has implemented as we continue to anticipate, and meet, the evolving needs of our customers: special library cards for educators, language classes for immigrants and refugees, and new tech offerings for all ages are just a few.

We also broke ground on a renovation for University Heights that will bring that mid-20th-century building into this new century.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our first 100 years. We look forward to serving our community for at least 100 more.

Nancy Levin
Director, Heights Libraries

Ron Holland
President, Heights Libraries

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The biggest event of the year was the Centennial Celebration, which drew about 475 people to the Coventry Branch on May 1. This gathering in recognition of the Library’s first 100 years of service to the community featured a host of fine speakers (in particular local author Mary Doria Russell), a charming time capsule, photos and videos of highlights from the Library’s history, elegant music, and stirring poetry (from Heights Libraries’ own Ben Gulyas and new Cleveland Heights Poet Laureate Chris Howie).

A time capsule ceremony, a presentation of prizes to centennial poster competition winners, a centennial cake, and high school choral music performance rounded out the celebration. Among the attendees were three generations of Heights Libraries directors, former board members, and retired custodial staff.

Our centennial was the theme for the annual summer reading program and also inspired the creation of a new local history collection. The library concluded its centennial celebration in October with an original Reader’s Theatre production, Great Librarians I Have Known, by Jonathan Wilhelm, Dobama Theatre’s associate managing director.

On Sunday, August 28, the Cleveland Heights–University Heights Public Library System broke ground to signal the start of the renovation of the University Heights Branch. Among the ceremony’s attendees were Heights Libraries board and staff members, University Heights Mayor Susan Infeld, and library customers. The new building will feature a back door off the parking lot; designated areas for children, teens, and adults; bathrooms on both floors; study rooms; and a modern elevator.

For the eighth year in a row, the Cleveland Heights–University Heights Public Library System received five stars—the highest possible rating—in Library Journal’s annual Index of Public Library Service. Heights Libraries has earned five stars in eight out of the nine years that Library Journal has published its ratings, beginning in 2008. Library Journal, a trade journal that reports news about the library world, emphasizing public libraries, and has a circulation of 100,000. The publication categorizes libraries by yearly expenditure and rates them on five criteria: circulation, visits, program attendance, Internet terminal use (public computers), and, new this year, eCirc (eMedia, such as eBooks).

Local History Librarian Amia Wheatley created the Local History Section at the Lee Road Branch with both reference and circulating materials. She began digitizing and rehousing Library archives beginning with 23 boxes of newspaper clippings, articles, letters, and photographs that were uploaded to the Ohio Memory website.

In partnership with Asian Services in Action (ASIA) and volunteers from the community, the Noble Neighborhood Branch stepped up services to the refugee community, adding citizenship classes, Nepali
language classes, mental health training, and ABLE ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes in addition to the ongoing Welcome Hub, a drop-in program for refugees and immigrants.

Youth Services at Lee Road added another early literacy play space option for families who visit our library system. Both the new furniture and the “ABC under Construction” mural (original art by children’s author Denise Fleming) were installed in the literacy play space in June. The space is designed to inspire children and their caregivers to engage in imaginative play together while building essential early literacy skills. Staff rotates games, manipulatives, puzzles, and other items to keep the space fresh and exciting for children.

Youth Services Librarian Jessica Robinson and former Special Projects Manager Beth Hatch won a Library Services and Technology (LSTA) to create a sound recording studio in the teen room at the Lee Road Branch. The LSTA funds, $1,000, will be combined with a generous grant from the Friends for $5,000 to purchase equipment for sound editing and recording. The program will partner with Lake Erie Ink to teach local teens the full spectrum of sound recording in a 12-week course.

The Library’s new zine collection was unveiled in April. The zines, made by artists from all over the country, were donated by customers and the collection is being maintained by Adult Services Associate Kate Atherton.

To better serve teachers, we introduced Educator Cards in July. Educator Cards allow teachers of daycares, preschools, and K–12 schools to check out children’s materials for twice as long as regular cards. Parents who home school are also eligible for the card. Thus far, 33 teachers have signed up for Educator Cards. We also unveiled an online form for teachers wanting to reserve materials to supplement their classroom units.

**New Technology Classes and Services**

The Training Department added the following new computer classes in 2016: Video Calling for PCs and Mobile Devices, Internet Safety and Security, WordPress, Coding Made Easy, and Free Online Tech Educational Resources.

The department also added the following new services and programs in 2016: Ask a Tech Trainer, a monthly drop-in service designed to reach out to customers not currently attending our computer classes or tutorials; free access to Lynda.com, an online learning service that provides engaging, top-quality individual instructional videos, taught by experts in the areas of business, software, technology, and creative skills; the Certificate of Completion program, which provides customer with a certificate to prove they completed all of the Microsoft Office and Computer Basics classes.

**Strategic Plan Research**

Throughout most of 2016, the entire library staff engaged the community in surveys and interviews to find out what their own goals and aspirations are. We compiled and analyzed the community responses, and looked for commonalities. Our research will inform our 2017–2018 strategic plan.
Financials

2016 Revenue

- Property Taxes $8,612,290
- Public Library Fund $2,500,357
- Rental Income $55,581
- Restricted Gifts $69,757
- Fines/fees $58,145
- Sales $43,236
- Investment Interest $105,514
- Friends Support $25,628
- Refunds/Reimbursements $23,135
- Miscellaneous $20,840

2016 Expenditures

- Transfers Out $3,532,500
- Salaries & Benefits $5,395,371
- Purchased Services $1,414,769
- Supplies $276,968
- Library Materials $1,133,623
- Capital Outlay $157,552
- Miscellaneous $43,387
The 2016 Numbers *

- **11,153** Number of Hours all 4 Branches Were Open
- **867,110** Visitors
- **1,481,886** Items Circulated
- **1,307** Youth Summer Reading
  333 teens and 974 kids
- **106,205** Electronic Media
  downloadable film, music, audio books, ebooks, magazines
- **97** Staff Visits to Elementary Schools
- **5,711** Library Programs
  with a total of 67,662 attendance
- **132** Staff Visits to Day Cares
- **495,560** Reference Transactions
  phone and in–person
- **1,158** Book Bike Interactions
- **253,853** Computer Usage
- **394** Volunteer Hours:
  performed by 25 volunteers
- **1,705** Meeting Room Uses
- **1,168** Items Delivered:
  to 51 home–bound individuals

*Some numbers are lower than 2015 due to the closing of the University Heights branch for renovation.*
Total income was $60,571. Book sales earned $43,849, or approximately 90 percent of total earned income. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and Friends events provided the other 10 percent. Our contributed income total of $12,329 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled $49,490 in FY 2015-16. Donations to the library and library related entities of $35,628 were allocated as follows:

- Director's Discretionary Fund, $1,500.00
- Early Literacy Program, $2000
- Lee Road Youth Services, $2000
- Library Levy Committee $2,000.00
- Centennial Speaker, $1000
- Local Oral History, $400
- Coventry Benches, $1000
- Teen Ambassador Internship, $3000
- Welcome Hub at Noble, $3000
- Noble After School Program, $200
- Lee Road Maker Space, $578
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee entry $500
- Scholarship award for library science student. $4,500

Activities and Sponsorships

- Mega Book Sales in May and November
- First Friday Book Sales each month
- African-American Read In in February
- Cleveland International Film Festival in March
- My Favorite Poem Project in April
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee in April
- Participated in Library Legislation Day in Columbus
- Funded Speaker for Library Centennial Celebration at Coventry Library
- Provided for Teen Ambassador Internships
- Summer Book Sales at the Branches
- Teacher’s Sale in August
- Heights Community Congress Home Tour Refreshment Stop in September
- Indigenous Peoples Read In in October
- The Lee Road Harvey and FRIENDS Mural
- FRIENDS Members can attend Dobama dress rehearsals for free
- Scholarships for Library Science Students
- Welcome Hub at Noble
- New Benches at Coventry Library
- Harvey and FRIENDS Book Vouchers provided to Adult summer reading program
- Book Donations to: Edwins Culinary Institute, Little Free Libraries, Metro Health, Lorain County Correctional Institute, Sisters of Charity, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Juvenile Detention Center

Financials for Fiscal Year 2015–16
The assets of the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL) grew 19 percent in 2016, and 329% percent since FFHL was founded in 2012, with seed money from the Friends of Heights Libraries.

The main fundraising during 2016 came from individuals, trusts and corporations amounting to $5,667.

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.

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Closings
Mon, September 4
Labor Day
Thurs & Fri, November 23 & 24,
Thanksgiving

Civic Engagement
Heights Library Board Meetings
Mon, 6:30 p.m. Lee Road branch
September 25, October 16, November 20

FRIENDS of the Library
Board Meetings
Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road branch
September 14, October 12, November 9

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.

The University Heights branch will open in October. Stay tuned for an exact date, and don't miss the Grand Opening on Sunday, November 12.