**On the Same Page**

**The Refugee Experience**

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Numbers can tell a story. We are now witnessing the highest level of global displacement of people on record. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), worldwide, 30 people are forcibly displaced every minute as a result of war, conflict, or persecution. There are currently 10 million stateless people who have been denied access to education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement. Nearly 25.4 million people around the world are refugees, of which 53 percent are school-aged children under the age of 18.

Then there are the headlines: Refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia risking life and limb to cross the Mediterranean into the relative safety of Europe; South American children being separated from their families at the southern U.S. border; Rohingya girls facing “prison-like” conditions in refugee camps in South Asia.

In the face of these disheartening realities, the United States has been a global leader in refugee resettlement since 1970. The USA for UNHCR operates in more than 130 countries worldwide, delivering supplies, food, water, and medical assistance to individuals displaced by crisis, as well as providing resettlement support, education, and much more. Over three million refugees have resettled in the U.S. since 1975. As the UNHCR states, “Refugees and their families have woven themselves into the fabric of American society. They are our neighbors, our friends and our colleagues. They are teachers, business owners, and contribute positively to communities across the country.”

According to the Refugee Services Collaborative of Greater Cleveland, Northeast Ohio has received more than 2,500 refugees since 2008. Approximately 500-700 refugees arrive in Cleveland each year from areas of conflict across the world. According to the organization’s website, “Most current refugees are arriving from Bhutan, Burma, Iraq, and Somalia…[and] face many barriers upon arrival: unfamiliar language, customs, systems, technology, food, climate, etc.”

For these and many more reasons, we chose to explore the refugee experience for the 2018 edition of our On the Same Page community read. The program series will focus on a variety of books and movies for different ages, each telling a different refugee’s story. From war-torn areas of the Middle East and Africa to Asia and South America, we will explore the reality and humanity of being displaced as we present the fourth year of On the Same Page.

For more information on refugee services in Greater Cleveland please visit: http://rsccleveland.org/. For more information on what is happening globally please visit: http://www.unhcr.org.
SUNSET BABY
by Dominique Morisseau
September 7 - 30, 2018

JOHN
by Annie Baker
Featuring Dorothy Silver
October 19 - November 11, 2018

ELLA ENCHANTED: THE MUSICAL
adapted by Karen Zacarias,
music by Deborah Wicks La Puma
November 30 - December 30, 2018

REVOLT. SHE SAID.
REVOLT AGAIN.
by Alice Birch
January 25 - February 17, 2019

THE NETHER
by Jennifer Haley
March 8 - 31, 2019

THIS
by Melissa James Gibson
April 26 - May 26, 2019

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FRIENDS Fall Mega Sale

- Thursday, November 29, 5–9 p.m.
  Special Preview. $10 per person; FRIENDS members free
- Friday, November 30, 9:15 a.m.–8:45 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2, 1 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
  Clearance bag sale. Fill a bag with what remains for $4.

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 Monday, September 3 for Labor Day, and November 22 & 23 for 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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**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 Means Reading Freedom!**

Kids and teens can stop by any Heights Libraries branch and ask for the Three for Me card.
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 4–Nov 27, 10 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 9:30 a.m. at Noble & University Heights
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 children birth through walking.

Baby Stay and Play
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 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 children birth through walking.

Baby Sensory Play Group
Sat, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, 10 a.m. at University Heights
Drop in for this monthly program dedicated to letting babies explore their world and skills through creative sensory play. For babies birth through walking.

Waddlers
Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 29, 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 in this weekly storyline. For toddlers who are walking to 24 months.

Toddling Time
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10 a.m. at University Heights
Stories, songs, rhymes, and other surprises. For children ages 1–3.

Young and the Restless
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 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.

Story Stop
Mon, Sept 10–Nov 26, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10:00 a.m. at University Heights
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 14–Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Sat, Sept 1–Nov 24, 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.

Stay and Play
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 11:30 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10:30 at University Heights
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 11 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. at University Heights
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 storyline and make a morning of it! For preschoolers of all ages.

Family Art
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 11 a.m. at Noble
Join us every week after Story Stop for a small art project designed for small hands. Families with preschoolers of all ages welcome.

Explorastory
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Thur, Sept 6–Nov 29, 11 a.m. at Lee
Join us for stories, rhymes, crafts, 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 Emelia educational philosophy. For ages 2–5 years old.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom
Mon, Sept 10–Nov 26, 9 a.m. at Lee
Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 29, 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.

Petite Pollocks: Art for Little Ones
Fri, Sept 14, 11 a.m. at University Heights
Encourage your little one’s creativity with finger painting, paper crafts, and more. For children up to age 5.

Pajama Time
Mon, 7 p.m. at Noble
Families with preschoolers of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas, bring their favorite stuffies, and join us for tales focused on different topics each month. Registration begins two weeks before each event. ☎ Sept 17: Refugee Experience–Stories about the refugee experience
Oct 22: Spooky Stories—Chills and laughs with child-friendly spooky stories
Nov 12: Foodie Families—Books, music, and rhymes all about food.
**Sing and Swing**  
Fri, Sept 7, 10:30 am at Noble  
Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together class. Music Together is a music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults that love them! **Registration begins August 31.**

**Storytime at Whole Foods Market**  
Tues, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, 11 a.m. at 13998 Cedar Rd, University Heights  
Join us at Whole Foods Market at Cedar Center South for stories, songs, rhymes, and more! Bring the entire family to enjoy books, music, and fun. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

**Chinese Storytime**  
Fri, Sept 7–Nov 30, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry  
Join us for a special Chinese Storytime. Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in the Chinese language.

**Story Lab**  
Fri, 11 a.m. at Lee  
Bring your little one and prepare to move full STEAM ahead, as we read stories and explore activities that grow your mind.  
**Sept 14:** Colors  
**Oct 12:** The Five Senses  
**Nov 9:** Space

**Refugee Storytime**  
Tues, Oct 23, 6:30 p.m. at University Heights  
**Tues, Nov 6, 4:30 p.m. at Coventry**  
Join us as we explore the refugee experience through books, songs, and rhymes.

**Preschool Dance Party**  
Tues, Oct 23, 4:30 p.m. at Coventry  
Crafts, music and fun will make your sides jingle, your lips smile wide and those little feet start a-tapping. Wear your best dance outfit and get moving with us.

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**Mad Science STEM Night**  
Mon, Sept 10, Oct 1, Nov 5, 5:30 p.m.  
Curious about how the world around you works? Want to learn how to design and build cool contraptions? Join us as we harness our inner mad scientists and make science fun!

**Coventry Collaborative Garden**  
Tues, 4:30 p.m.  
**Sept 11:** Make a Nature Journal  
Join us in the Coventry Collaborative Garden (weather permitting), where we will collect sticks, leaves and flowers and use sun-sensitive paper to build and decorate one-of-a-kind nature journals.

**Sept 25:** Pickling  
Join us as we learn some easy pickling recipes! Supplies will be provided, and may even come from our garden. **Registration begins Sept 11.**

**Oct 9:** No Cook Cooking  
Use fresh vegetables and herbs to make an easy pesto sauce and salsa right here at the library! Supplies will be provided, and may even come from our garden. **Registration begins Sept 25.**

**Coventry Creates**  
Thurs, 5 p.m.  
Bursting with creativity? We provide the theme and supplies, and you have one hour to show us your best work.  
**Sept 13:** Painting  
**Oct 11:** Make Your Own Stamps  
**Nov 8:** Origami 101

**Movie in the Shire: Wreck It Ralph**  
Mon, Nov 12, 4:30 p.m.  
Join us for a movie and popcorn in the Coventry Shire. We will be watching *Wreck It Ralph.*

**LEE**

**Homework Helpers**  
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 4 p.m.  
Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 29, 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!

**LAF: Q-Tip and Sponge Painting**  
Wed, Sept 5, 3:30 p.m.  
Use Q-tips and sponge stamps to create paintings inspired by different cultures.

**Peter Potamus Birthday Party**  
Tues, Sept 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Come celebrate Peter Potamus, our Lee Road Children’s Room mascot, on his 50th birthday! We’ll have fun crafts, hippo-themed activities, and, of course, a birthday cake.  
**LAF: Rock Painting**  
Wed, Sept 12, 3:30 p.m.  
Get creative and join us as we paint rocks.

**Talk like a Pirate Day**  
Wed, Sept 19, 2:30 p.m.  
Bring yer best Pirate talk, yer imagination, and set ye ships’ course to the library for International Talk like a Pirate Day. Be prepared for silly shenanigans on the shores of Lee Road. **Registration begins Sept 5.**
Meet the Author
Sun, 2 p.m.

Sept 23: Thrity Umrigar
Join bestselling author Thrity Umrigar as she describes the writing process for her very first children's book, *When I Carried You in My Belly*. Thrity will read from her book and take questions from the audience, followed by a book signing. **Registration begins Sept 9.**

Oct 14: Cynthia Wylie
Meet children's author Cynthia Wylie and hear her read from her new book *Bloomers Island: The Great Garden Party* and learn about the joys of gardening, healthy eating, and caring for the environment. **Registration begins Sept 30.**

Nov 4: Cory & Laureen Tilson and Alex Rodgers
Hear Cory and Laureen Tilson and Illustrator Alex Rodgers read from their first published children's book, *The Pasta Family*, and make pasta bracelets and character sketches. **Registration begins Oct 21.**

LAF: Creature Feature
Wed, Sept 26, 3:30 p.m.
Join us as we welcome some scaly pals from the Metroparks for a fun, interactive animal program featuring a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

LAF: Just Dance Off
Wed, Oct 3, 3:30 p.m.
Show off your dance moves as we play Just Dance.

LAF: Craft like an Egyptian
Wed, Oct 10, 3:30 p.m.
Come dig up a great time as we create Ancient Egyptian-themed crafts!

Learning about LEGOos
Thurs, Oct 11, 6:30 p.m.
LEGO fans of all ages can learn about the latest LEGO trends and techniques from local LEGO builder Mike Romeo (creator of the haunted LEGO castle found every October at the Lee Road branch), then dig in to our LEGO supplies and make their own, inspired creations. **Registration begins Sept 20.**

LAF: Make Your Own Maracas
Wed, Oct 17, 3:30 p.m.
Make your own maracas (a percussion instrument originally from South America) in this fun program. **Registration begins Oct 3.**

LAF: Mystery LAF
Wed, Oct 24, 3:30 p.m.
We might have a craft, we might play a game. You won’t know until you arrive at a Mystery LAF.

LAF: Fall Scavenger Hunt
Wed, Oct 31, 3:30 p.m.
Find all the harvest images hidden in the children's room and decode the secret message.

LAF: Mystery LAF
Wed, Nov 7, 3:30 p.m.
We might have a craft, we might play a game. You won’t know until you arrive at a Mystery LAF.

LAF: Salt Painting
Wed, Nov 14, 3:30 p.m.
Join us as we make process oriented art with paint, salt and glue.

Tech for Kids: code.org
Mon, Nov 19, 7 p.m.
**Kids in grades 1–5**, bring your favorite adult as we explore computer coding. Ever wonder how a video game is created? Join us as we use our computer lab and explore code.org! **Registration begins Nov 5th.**

LAF: Cricut It Out!
Wed, Nov 28, 3:30 p.m.
Come create custom cool stuff with the Cricut maker. Kids can create stickers, cut outs or signs in their own custom design.

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LAF: Pop Up Program
Mon, Sept 3–Nov 26, 3:30 p.m.
You never know what will be happening in the children's room! **Kids in grades K–5** can check in every Monday after school for a fun surprise project, craft, game, or activity.

Kids Cafe After-School Meal
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 3:30 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 29, 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 5–26, 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.
**Heights Libraries For Children**

**LAF: After School Coding Club**
Fri, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 30, 3:30 p.m.
Stop in after school for an hour of puzzles and games! **Kids in grades K–5** will learn about coding and have fun too. **Registration begins Sept 14.**

**LAF: Animaniacs (Anime/Manga) Club**
Wed, Oct 3–31, 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!

**LAF: Readers’ Tea Party**
Mon, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, 4 p.m.
Have you just finished a book and need to tell EVERYONE about it? Or maybe you just can’t find the right book to read next. Pull up a chair at our tea party. We’ll be talking books in style with tea and crumpets. Join us won’t you? BYO tea cup! **For readers ages 8–12.**

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS**

**Let’s Play FIFA**
Sat, Sept 1, 10 a.m.
Get warmed up for the On the Same Page community soccer game (see p. 2) with some virtual soccer. Stop in and test your skills.

**LAF: Kids Engineering Club**
Wed, Nov 7–28, 3:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday after school kids, in **grades K–5** will combine science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to learn about everything from robotics to coding. Come make, connect, and discover!

**LAF: Bookmark Design Contest**
Tues, Oct 16, 4 p.m.
Create your own bookmark! We’ll have lots of art supplies for you to make your own bookmarks. The best part? We’ll display your creations and let people vote—the winning pieces will be batch printed to be handed out at the library.

**COVENTRY**

**A Taste of Nepal**
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can help! A teen staff member will review your writing and offer suggestions for editing and improvement. Email us at teen@heightslibrary.org or stop by the Lee Road Teen Room to schedule an appointment. In-person appointments must be made at least two business days in advance. You can also email your writing directly to us for basic editing; please allow two business days for a response.

**Teen Spot: Wii Mondays**
*Mon, Sept 3–Nov 26, 3 p.m.*
Get your game on every Monday from 3–5:30 p.m. in the Lee Road Teen Room.

**Teen Spot**
*Tues–Fri, Sept 4–Nov 30, 3 p.m.*
Join us in the Teen Room every weekday after school to watch movies, participate in fun activities, or just hang out with friends!

**Soups of the World**
*Thurs, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, 4 p.m.*
Come celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of our vibrant community by sampling delicious soups from different, awesome culinary traditions.

**All American Boys Teen Writing Contest Workshop**
*Wed, Sept 12, 3:30 p.m.*
Want to enter the *All American Boys* writing contest, but not sure where to start? Have an idea but could use some help refining it? Lake Erie Ink will be in the Teen Room to provide a workshop for teens interested in submitting a piece for consideration. Make your work the best it can be!

**Stone Art for Teens**
*Thurs, Sept 13, 4 p.m.*
What can you create from a pile of stones? At this program, part of our On the Same Page series, teens will be creating art inspired by the book *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Journey* by Margaret Ruurs and Nizar Ali Badr.

**Teen Library Council**
*Thurs, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, 3:30 p.m.*
Are you a teen interested in making a difference in your community? Start right here at your library by sharing thoughts and ideas about how to make our community better. Teens who want to participate in TLC must turn in a completed application by Sat, Sept. 8, 2018. For ages 13–18.

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**Decoupage Lantern DIY**
*Thurs, Oct 11, 4 p.m.*
Do you need a little more light in your life? Come create a DIY decoupage lantern to brighten up your room.

**Make a Zine**
*Wed, Oct 17, 7 p.m.*
Using collage supplies, pen and ink, and photocopier, create ten copies of an original zine, a handmade, personally written-and-designed pamphlet. Distribute your art work and thoughts inexpensively! Illustrator and zine maker Kate Atherton offers prompts and hands-on guidance. *Registration begins Oct 3.*
Sports Party
Thurs, Oct 25, 4 p.m.
Fall is the best time to be a sports fan. Basketball has just begun, football is in full swing, and the baseball playoffs are here. Join us for a celebration of all things sports; featuring fun activities, a sports film, and game day snacks. It’ll be a slam dunk of fun!

Teen Chopped Challenge
Thurs, Nov 8, 3:30 p.m.
Love cooking shows? Compete in the Teen Chopped Challenge! Create an appetizer and dessert using mystery basket ingredients, and get judged on presentation, taste, and creativity. May the best chef win!

Voice from the Heights II with Heights Community Congress
Mon, Nov 12, 7 p.m.
Many in our community have fought for social justice and embraced the gifts of diversity. Filming live in front of a studio audience, this video project, in partnership with Heights High, explores and documents these stories, reenergizing and refocusing the continued work of fairness for all.

Shrinky Dink Creations
Thurs, Nov 29, 4 p.m.
Join us in the Teen Room to create a necklace, keychain, or other creation out of shrink plastic.

Afterschool Zone
Mon–Fri, Sept 3–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 6–12.

Creation Station
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 4 p.m.
Let your creativity out after school. We will do a different project each week using fun materials.

Yoga
Wed, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, 4 p.m.
Kanela Booker is a yoga instructor whose message focuses on personal empowerment and self-worth. All teens are welcome to try this mindful exercise. Please wear comfortable clothes, practice safely, and listen to your body.

DIY Afterschool Snacks
Wed, Sept 26, 4 p.m.
Learn about science and nutrition with Chef Marie! Teens will put together snacks they can easily replicate at home, and we will have a tasting party together.

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Black Panther Screening
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Hang out with your friends and watch Black Panther. Wakanda Forever!

Friday Mystery Spot
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Banned Book Slam
Thurs, Sept 27, 4 p.m.
Celebrate your first amendment right at this anti-censorship celebration. Choose your favorite banned book and share a passage with the audience. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Author and Illustrator Fan Mailing
Wed, Oct 3, 3:30 p.m.
Write a heartfelt letter to your favorite author or illustrator. Send a drawing of your favorite character. Ship them a pair of your lightly worn lucky socks! Okay, that is going too far, but we are happy to help send the letters and pictures. Library staff will provide envelopes, stamps and paper.

Taste of Nepal
Mon, Oct 8, 4 p.m.
Learn about our Nepali neighbors by listening to Nepalese music, playing bagh chal, and sampling some of their delicious cuisine. This is an OTSP program.

Survival Mode: Refugee Video Games
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Play a variety of video games about the experiences of refugees. Works of interactive fiction provide a unique way for creators to tell the stories of refugees.
COVENTRY

Seed Library at Coventry
Through Sept 21
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.

Tai Chi and Qigong
Sat, Sept 1–Nov 24, 10 a.m.
Mon, Sept 10–Nov 26, 2 p.m.
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 2 p.m.
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 28, 12 p.m.
Ruth Butler (Matt Wernet on Tuesdays) teaches the 24 short form of tai chi and the eight best movements for health from qigong practice.

Meditation Tuesday
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 6 p.m.
The physical and mental benefits of meditation are significant and well documented. Christine Valadon will present a weekly heartfulness meditation, a simple, effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart and practiced in over 120 countries around the world.

End of Life Assistance
Exploring the Heart of Dying Through Courageous Conversation
Tues, Sept 11, Nov 13, 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.

Tech Talks
Social Media, Privacy & You
Mon, Sept 10, 4 p.m.
Social media has become invaluable, but information posted on these websites is visible to others and can be used for nefarious purposes. This lecture will talk about protecting your social media information from three threats: hackers, other users, and companies. Registration begins August 27.

Siri, Alexa, and Virtual Assistants
Mon, Oct 8, 4 p.m.
Google, Amazon, Apple, Samsung, and Microsoft all have different virtual assistants—voice activated computer programs that can help you complete tasks. In this class, we will discuss the different virtual assistants, what they can do, and potential privacy concerns. Registration begins Sept 24.

Cutting the Cord
Mon, Nov 5, 4 p.m.
Lots of people are “cutting the cord”—getting rid of cable in favor of Internet-based ways to watch their favorite shows. Learn about streaming services (like Netflix & Hulu), connecting these services to your TV (like Roku, Apple TV & Fire stick), and more! Registration begins Oct 22.

Cedar-Coventry Author Series
Wed, Sept 5, 7 p.m.
Authors Christopher Johnston (Shattering Silences: Strategies to Prevent Sexual Assault, Heal Survivors, and Bring Assailants to Justice) and Terri Witek (The Rape Kit) share their knowledge and understanding of the intersection between the personal experience of sexual violation and the responses of our societal systems. The authors’ books will be available for purchase and signing.

Tues, Oct 9, 7 p.m.
Author Susan Petrone reads from her new novel, The Super Ladies, the entertaining adventures of three middles-aged Cleveland women who find themselves becoming superheroes. Book signing to follow.

Wed, Nov 7, 7 p.m.
On the Same Page

THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE

This fall, Heights Libraries presents the fourth year of On the Same Page, an initiative designed to foster community-wide conversation and personal connections through a shared reading experience. This year’s selection of titles focuses on the harrowing experiences of refugees worldwide, from fleeing a country of origin to resettlement in a foreign land. In partnership with local organizations, Heights Libraries invites you to join the dialogue as we learn, reflect, and come together to support those who may be far from home, far from safe.

Please note that registration may be required for some programs and events. To register, or for more information, please call (216) 932-3600, visit one of our four branches, or go to heightslibrary.org.

Step Out of Time
Thurs, 7 p.m.
Sept 13: To Be Determined
Please check at the Coventry branch for speaker and topic.

Oct 11: Meditation Evening
Experience the peace and joy of heartfulness meditation with leader Christine Valadon.

Nov 8: Meditation Evening
Try two different types of guided meditation in a small, supportive group.

Quintessential Jack: The Art of Jack Nicholson on Screen
Tues, Sept 18, 7 p.m.
Local Author Scott Edwards discusses his book, Quintessential Jack: The Art of Jack Nicholson on Screen. This critical study examines the actor’s film roles, screenwriting and directorial efforts through personal interviews with stars such as Shirley Knight, Joe Turkel, and the Monkees.

Cleveland Institute of Music Concert Night
Mon, Oct 8, Nov 12, 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a concert showcasing the talent of CIM students and graduates. Performances vary each month; check back close to concert times for the upcoming selections and performers, or sign up with any Coventry staff person for e-mail notification.

Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language
Sat, Sept 22–Oct 27, 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 Sept 8.

Intermediate American Sign Language
Sat, Sept 22–Oct 27, 2:30 p.m.
Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. Registration begins Sept 8.

Deaf Culture Film Night
Mon, Oct 1, 7 p.m.
Deaf and hearing audiences alike will learn something new during this film series. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Selected Titles

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
The Displaced by Viet Thanh Nguyen
Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman’s Quest to Make a Difference by Warren St. John
My Beautiful Birds by Suzanne Del Rizzo
Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family’s Journey by Margriet Ruurs
Cultural Encounters Film Series

Tues, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a handpicked selection of foreign films. All movies have subtitles.

Sept 4: The Teacher (Slovak and Czech Republics, 2016, 103 min.)
Sept 18: Hotel Salvation (India, 2016, 100 min.)
Oct 16: In Syria (Belgium, France, Lebanon, 2017, 86 min.)
Nov 20: Bye, Bye, Germany (Germany, 2018, 102 min.)

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Little Bytes: Get Your Child Coding
Mon, Oct 8, 7 p.m.
Want to get your child or teen interested in the STEM field of coding? Learn about the toys, apps, and books that can help get your child a jump start in this growing field. Registration begins Sept 24.

Why Coding?
Mon, Oct 15, 7 p.m.
An Introduction to Coding and available resources. Interested in learning coding or considering a career change? This lecture introduces the importance of coding and gives suggestions on where to start. Registration begins Oct 1.

Job Search Essentials

Resume Workshop
Wed, Sept 5, 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 6, 11 a.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 two weeks before the program.

Searching for Jobs Online
Wed, Sept 12, 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 13, 11 a.m.
More and more companies require job applications to be submitted online. Learn the basics of finding and applying for jobs online. Registration begins two weeks before the program.

Interview Workshop
Wed, Sept 19, 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 20, 11 a.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 two weeks before the program.

LinkedIn
Wed, Sept 26, 2 p.m.
Sat, Oct 27, 11 a.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 two weeks before the program.

Deaf Entertainer

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED DEAF ENTERTAINER JOHN MAUCERE WILL PRESENT A LIVE STAGE PERFORMANCE AT THE CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 13263 CEDAR RD. IN A SPECIAL FREE APPEARANCE SPONSORED BY HEIGHTS LIBRARIES. REGISTRATION BEGINS AUG 15.
Heights Libraries For Adults

Tech Talks, continued

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Troubleshooting Mobile Devices
Wed, Nov 28, 7 p.m.
When working a new (or old) device, you may encounter some errors, glitches, and quirks. This class offers tips on dealing with some of the more common problems with smartphones, tablets, and other gadgets.
Registration begins Nov 14.

Lee Road Knitting Night
Tues, Sept 11 & 25, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 13 & 27, 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 12: “The Walls Are Cold” and “A Mink of One’s Own” by Truman Capote
Oct 10: “The Supertoys Trilogy” by Brian Aldiss
Nov 14: “The Door” by E.B. White and “Before the Law” by Franz Kafka

Original Voices Book Club
Wed, 7:30 p.m.
Sept 12: Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
This controversial, yet highly relevant, companion of To Kill a Mockingbird recounts the overt and covert racial tensions of small town Southern America during the 1950s, and the internal anguish of a grown daughter coming to terms with a searing revision of her idolized father.

Oct 10: Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Third Tuesday Book Club
Tues, 7 p.m. at the Tavern Company, 2299 Lee Road
Join our lively monthly book club. We will be reading great books, both modern and classic, and partaking in engaging discussions.

Sept 18: 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner, The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, mixes realism with allegory in this pre-Civil War story of the violence of slavery and the dramatic escape from it.

Oct 16: Hugo-award-winning author Connie Willis’ lighthearted novel about communication and connection, Crosstalk.

Nov 20: The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen, a collection of stories about people displaced from wartime Saigon and resettling in California.
This special series looks at the science and art behind specimen preservation practices like taxidermy and plant pressing and how they inform ongoing research and the development of museum collections. Presented in partnership with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Harold T. Clark Library at the CMNH.

The Innards and Outs of Taxidermy
Thurs, Sept 20, 7 p.m.
Learn how taxidermy was done in its infancy, to how it has advanced to today’s scientific and wildly artistic standards, including how this historic art is finding new avenues in the 21st century. Presented by Maria Burke, Exhibits and Design Manager for the CMNH.

Dead Birds Tell Many Tales: Ornithology at the Museum
Thurs, Oct 4, 7 p.m.
Museum specimens continue to be an important source of information for biology, and new technologies are revolutionizing how we study bird specimens to learn about subjects like migration and bird color. Presented by Dr. Andy Jones, Director of Science and Curator of Ornithology for the CMNH.

How to Prepare a Bird Specimen
Thurs, Oct 25, 7 p.m. at CMNH
Why do we preserve birds and how is a specimen prepared? Join us for a peek into how a deceased songbird receives eternal life in the CMNH’s collections through the work of museum staff and volunteers. Presented by Courtney Brennan, Ornithology Collection Manager. Registration begins Oct 11.

Natural History Make and Take: Plant Pressing
Sat, Nov 10, 2 p.m. at CMNH
Pressing botanical specimens is one of the most historic forms of preservation for scientific purposes. Join us for a tour of the CMNH Botany Collection from Collections Manager Trish Fox, and learn how to press and preserve a botanical specimen of your very own. Registration begins Oct 27.

Book Discussion of Still Life: Adventures in Taxidermy by Melissa Milgrom
Wed, Nov 28, 7 p.m.
Journalist Milgrom ventures into the workshops and world championships of taxidermy, meeting a number of devoted practitioners and revealing a passionate culture of explorers, scientists, and artisans all committed to creating the illusion of life through preserving animal remains for future study.

Cleveland Orchestra Music Study Group
Tues, Sept 25–Nov 27, 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.

Art Study Group: The Art of Exile and Refuge
Wed, Sept 26, 7 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art
Turning our minds from summer travel by choice, we’ll examine the flight from home of the escapee, the exile, the fugitive: the refugee. Artists have often been such travelers, and art has sometimes offered the sanctuary, asylum, or haven that they (or we) seek. Registration begins Sept 12.

Lee Road Movie Night
Fri, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 28: To Kill a Mockingbird
In celebration of Banned Books Week, watch this classic film adaptation of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning, and frequently banned, novel. Gregory Peck stars as lawyer Atticus Finch. 1962. 2 hours 10 minutes.

Oct 26: The Good Lie
A group of Sudanese refugees are given the chance to resettle in America. They encounter an employment agency counselor (Reese Witherspoon) in Kansas City who will change all of their lives. 2014. 1 hour 50 minutes.

Resources for Job Seekers: Resume Toolkit
Sun, Sept 30, 2pm
Stop in to the Lee Road lobby to learn about the Resume Toolkit and other resources for job seekers. Held in the Lee Road Lobby. Drop-in Service: no registration required.

Queue-ration: How to Manage Personal Collections like a Pro
Mon, Oct 1, 7 p.m.
In her program Jennifer Soeurs Chevraux will share insider tips to help you care for and carry forward your personal collections and family heirlooms to build a lasting legacy for generations to come. Presented in partnership with the Cleveland Heights Historical Society.

A Day of Asian Books:
An Octavofest Keynote Event
Sat, Oct 6
Part 1, 11 a.m.
Jim Canary, Tibetan scholar and book conservator at the Lilly Rare Books Library of Indiana University, presents an illustrated talk on the history of books in Asia, the challenges of conserving ancient documents, and modern efforts to preserve and revitalize the traditions of book and papermaking.
Part 2, 2 p.m.
Jim Canary continues his program by demonstrating printing techniques with 100-year-old carved woodblocks. Audience members can see and handle samples of handmade Tibetan paper and copies of books in various styles, then participate by trying out the techniques themselves with hands-on guidance.

Indigenous Peoples Read-In
Sun, Oct 7, 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 begins Sept 7.

Learning about LEGOs
Thurs, Oct 11, 6:30 p.m.
LEGO fans of all ages can learn about the latest LEGO trends and techniques from local LEGO builder Mike Romeo (creator of the haunted LEGO castle found every October at the Lee Road branch), then dig in to our LEGO supplies and make their own, inspired creations. Registration begins Sept 20.

Maintenance/Efficiency
Thurs, Oct 11, 7 p.m.
All houses need continual maintenance to keep them looking their best. Margaret Lann, of the Cleveland Restoration Society, will take a top to bottom approach at typical old house maintenance issues. The session will outline ways to spot problems before they become headaches and provides useful information on ways to make your older home more energy efficient without breaking the bank.

Make a Zine: An Octavofest Event
Wed, Oct 17, 7 p.m.
Using collage supplies, pen and ink, and photocopier, create ten copies of an original zine, a handmade, personally written-and-designed pamphlet. Distribute your art work and thoughts inexpensively! Illustrator and zine maker Kate Atherton offers prompts and hands-on guidance. Registration begins Oct 3.

Writing Your Family History
Tues, Oct 23–Nov 13, 6:30 p.m.
Your family is rich in story, and you may have heirlooms, memorable tales, or boxes of keepsakes. Learn techniques for writing your family history with the goal of publishing it or preserving it. Workshop presented by Lee Chilcote of Literary Cleveland. For full details and to register please contact Literary Cleveland at www.litcleveland.org/classes1 or by calling (216) 532-3875.

Emergency Preparedness
Wed, Oct 24, 7 p.m.
Wed, Nov 7, 2 p.m.
Do you know what to do before an emergency strikes? How do you keep safe during a power outage or a flood? This class will help you prepare for common NE Ohio emergencies. Registration begins two weeks before the program.

Putting Emergency Preparedness into Action
Wed, Oct 31, 7 p.m.
Wed, Nov 14, 2 p.m.
We will talk about how to take the lessons learned in the Emergency Preparedness class and put them into action during an actual emergency and how to get involved in emergency preparedness in your community.

On the Same Page Book Discussion of The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives
Thurs, Nov 1, 7 p.m.
In this essay collection edited by Viet Thanh Nguyen, 17 refugee writers from across the globe—among them MacArthur Genius grant recipients, National Book Award finalists, filmmakers, lawyers, and professors—share their thoughts and experiences on what it means to be forced to leave home and to find a place of refuge.

Voices from the Heights II with Heights Community Congress
Mon, Nov 12, 7 p.m.
Many in our community have fought for social justice and embraced the gifts of diversity. Filming live in front of a studio audience, this video project, in partnership with Heights High, explores and documents these stories, reenergizing and refocusing the continued work of fairness for all.

The Refugee Experience: Panel Discussion
Thurs, Nov 15, 7 p.m.
Please join us for a panel discussion lead by representatives from local refugee service organizations Building Hope in the City, Us Together, and Bhutanese Community of Greater Cleveland. Panel members will delve into the refugee experience from fleeing to resettlement, followed by a Q&A session.

Noble Needles Knitting Circle
Thurs, Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m.
Come and knit with the Noble Knitters the first and third Thurs of every month. Bring a current project to work on, or, bring a ball of worsted weight yarn and size 8 or 9 needles to learn.
Senior Financial Empowerment Workshops
Fri, 1 p.m.
Concerned about finances in your senior years? Come attend two financial literacy programs for the elderly from Empowering and Strengthening Ohio’s People to learn skills that will help you manage your money as you age. Registration begins two weeks before event. Sept 14: Financial Exploitation Sept. 28: Estate Planning

Book Discussion: City of Thorns
Thurs, Sept 20, 7 p.m.
In northern Kenya, amongst deserts where only thorn bushes grow, exists a camp which is home to 200,000 refugees: Dadaab. One of the largest refugee camps in the world, City of Thorns offers us a visceral, unflinching look inside Dadaab as the author profiles nine of its residents. Registration begins Sept 6.

Noble Great Books Discussion
Tues, 7:30 p.m.
Our vibrant, long-running community-based book discussion focusing on history’s most important literary works. For more information and selected texts, please visit noblegreatbooks.org.

Oct 2: The Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu
Oct 16: The History of the Peloponnesian War (Book I: Chapters I–V, and Book II: Chapter VI) by Thucydides
Nov 20: The Consolation of Philosophy by Boethius

Ohio Hauntings: Stories from Haunted Ohio Places with Jim Kleefeld
Thurs, Oct 11, 7 p.m.
Jim Kleefeld, author of Ohio Spirits, will share stories and legends taken from real, carefully researched accounts of ghostly investigations and haunted happenings. He will also showcase some of his personal collection of ghostly artifacts to try to initiate contact with spirits. Registration begins Sept 27.

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Randolph Neighborhood—History & Architecture
Monday, Nov 5, 7 p.m.
Speaker: Ursuline College Historic Preservation Students
Learn about the architecture and neighborhood history of Cleveland Heights’ Randolph neighborhood bounded by Woodview, Randolph, Quilliams and Noble roads. Presented in conjunction with the Cleveland Heights City Planning Department.

Refugees of Shangri La: Film Viewing and Discussion
Thurs, Nov 8, 7 p.m.
It is well known that many Bhutanese refugees have been resettled in Cleveland Heights over the past decade. But many do not know their story about how they came to live here. We will watch a documentary depicting the Bhutanese refugee experience and host a discussion with some local refugees. Registration begins Oct 25.

Tech Talk: Cutting the Cord
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Services for Immigrants and Refugees

Citizenship Class
Sun, Sept 2–Nov 25, 1 p.m.
Asian Services in Action offers weekly citizenship classes for individuals interested in obtaining U.S. Citizenship. Registration is suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. To register, please call Asian Services in Action at (216) 881-0330.

Nepali Language Class For Children
Sun, Sept 2–Nov 25, 1 p.m.

Welcome Hub
Mon, Sept 3–Nov 26, 6:30 p.m.
The Welcome Hub provides ESL instruction and resources, information, and community space to non-native English speakers. Programs are structured to address the needs of the group.

Tuesday Night ESL Class
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 27, 6:30 p.m.

ASPIRE ESOL Classes with Tri-C
Tues, Sept 4–Nov 28, 9 a.m.
Wed, Sept 5–Nov 29, 9 a.m.
Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 3, 9 a.m.
English lessons for non-English speakers provided by Cuyahoga Community College. Registration requested through the ASPIRE website at: http://www.tri-c.edu/aspire/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages.html.
Wild Documentaries

Mon, 7 p.m.

Sept 3: *Oceans* (G, 2009, 84 min) This nature documentary examines underwater life-forms across the globe.

Oct 1: *Bears* (G, 2014, 77 min) A mother bear raises her two cubs in the Alaskan wilderness.

Nov 5: *Born in China* (G, 2016, 76) Journey into the wilds of China and follow the stories of three animal families.

Senior Happenings

Thurs, Sept 6–Nov 27, 2 p.m.

Senior Happenings weekly lecture series, sponsored by the City of University Heights. Call 321-4700 for details. Free and open to residents of all communities.

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Sat, 10 a.m.

We’ve got all your favorite cartoons from the 80s, 90s, and early 2000s along with a sugary cereal bar for optimal nostalgia. Just bring your own blankets, cereal bowl and inner 10-year-old. Children welcome with adult.

Sept 8: 80s

Oct 13: 90s

Nov 10: early 2000s

Classic Dystopia Film Series

Tues, 6:30 p.m.

Settle in and relax with us while you watch some of your favorite movie classics.

Sept 11: *Fahrenheit 451*—In an oppressive future, a fireman whose duty is to destroy all books begins to question his task. (NR, 1966, 105 min)

Oct 9: *Soylent Green*—In a world ravaged by the greenhouse effect and overpopulation, an NYPD detective investigates the murder of a big company CEO. (PG, 1973, 97 min)

Nov 13: *1984*—In a totalitarian future society, Winston Smith, whose daily work is re-writing history, tries to rebel by falling in love. (R, 1984, 113 min)

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Benefits Check Ups

Tues, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, 1 p.m.

DSAS staff will be on hand to assist you with the web-based Benefits Check Up questionnaire. Once your questionnaire is complete, you’ll receive a customized report listing federal, state, and Cuyahoga County benefits for which you may qualify. Call (216) 420-6753 to register for an appointment.

The Usual Suspects Mystery Book Club

Tues, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, 7 p.m.

Join your fellow mystery readers to discuss tales of murder, malice, and mayhem at this monthly book group.

Survival Mode: Refugee Video Games

Thurs, Oct 11, 6:30 p.m.

Play a variety of video games about the experiences of refugees. Works of interactive fiction provide a way for creators to tell the stories of refugees. An example of this genre is the autobiographical JPRG (Japanese role playing games) adventure Path Out, which recreates the journey of a young Syrian artist that escaped the war.

Open Classic PC Gaming

Sat, Nov 3, 1 p.m.

Play some classic PC games from the 80s and 90s. Introduce the next generation to these timeless games, or just relive the good old days of gaming. Just a warning, while all ages are welcome with appropriate caregivers, not all games may be suitable for everybody.

International Games Week: Sun Game Day

Sun, Nov 4, 1:30 p.m.

Looking for a place to hang out and have fun with your friends or family? Read, learn, and play during International Games Day. Come play a range of games for everybody, from board, to card, to video. All ages are welcome, with appropriate caregivers.

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.

Honor Roll Dinner

5 p.m., Sunday Nov 11, 2018

John Carroll University Dolan Center

For more information and tickets go to https://heightslibrary.org/fund-for-the-future-of-heights-libraries/

Funds raised are for capital projects, including the Coventry PEACE Park.
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.

Heights Libraries

Computer Classes

Noble

Word In a Nutshell
Thurs, Sept 20, 2 p.m.

Excel in a Nutshell
Thurs, Oct 4, 2 p.m.

PowerPoint in a Nutshell
Thurs, Oct 18, 2 p.m.

Tablet & Smartphone Q & A
Thurs, Nov 1, 2 p.m.

University Heights

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Thurs, Oct 25, 3 p.m.

PowerPoint in a Nutshell
Thurs, Nov 8, 3 p.m.

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COMPUTER BASICS/THE INTERNET

Computer Basics Part 1- Using the Mouse
Wed, Sept 5, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2- Introduction to Computers
Wed, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3- Using the Internet
Wed, Sept 19, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4- Internet Access
Wed, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5- Web Searching
Wed, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6- Internet Safety Basics
Wed, Oct 10, 7 p.m.

Living in the Cloud
Sat, Sept 15, 11 a.m.; Mon, Nov 26, 7 p.m.

Using the Internet
Wed, Nov 7, 7 p.m.

How to Remember Your Password
Wed, Nov 14, 7 p.m.

Tablet & Smartphone Q & A
Sat, Nov 17, 11 a.m.

Social Media Q & A
Wed, Nov 28, 2 p.m.

Troubleshooting Mobile Devices
Wed, Nov 28, 7 p.m.

CREATING WEBSITES

Coding Basics Part 1
Mon, Oct 22, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 2
Mon, Oct 29, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 3
Mon, Nov 5, 7 p.m.

Coding Basics Part 4
Mon, Nov 12, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 1
Wed, Oct 23, 7 p.m.; Fri, Oct 26, 11 a.m.

WordPress Part 2
Wed, Oct 30, 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 2, 11 a.m.

WordPress Part 3
Wed, Nov 6, 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 9, 11 a.m.

WordPress Part 4
Tues, Nov 13, 7 p.m.; Fri, Nov 16, 11 a.m.

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel Part 1
Tues, Sept 4, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 2
Tues, Sept 11, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 3
Tues, Sept 18, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 4- Simple Budgets
Tues, Sept 25, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 5- Charts and Graphs
Tues, Oct 2, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 6- Formulas
Tues, Oct 9, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 7- Pivot Tables
Tues, Oct 16, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

PowerPoint Part 1
Mon, Sept 10, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 2
Mon, Sept 17, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 3
Mon, Sept 24, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoint Presentations
Mon, Oct 1, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT WORD

Word Part 1
Thurs, Sept 6, 7 p.m.; Wed, Oct 3, 2 p.m.

Word Part 2
Thurs, Sept 13, 7 p.m.; Wed, Oct 10, 2 p.m.
Learn the Language of the Web

Learn the languages that create websites in this six-part class. Learners are expected to view material outside of class. In class, ask questions and build a website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript coding languages. Email address required. Registration for series begins August 24.

FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Lynda.com
Sun, Sept 16, 2 p.m.; Sun, Oct 7, 2 p.m.; Sat, Nov 10, 2 p.m.

Genealogy Online
Sat, Sept 29, 2 p.m.

Digital Magazines and Movies
Sun, Nov 4, 2 p.m.

eBooks
Sun, Oct 21, 2 p.m.; Sun, Nov 18, 2 p.m.

In the Lee Road lobby.
No registration required.

For more information on getting started with coding, check out the Tech Talks:

**Little Bytes: Get Your Child Coding**
Mon, Oct 8, 7 p.m.

**Why Coding?**
Mon, Oct 15, 7 p.m.
Dear Cleveland Heights–University Heights Community,

The year 2017 was a watershed at Heights Libraries. We completed the total renovation of the University Heights branch with a grand opening celebration in November. The Board of Library Trustees voted to remove overdue fines from most of our materials. And we once again received a five-star rating from Library Journal, the highest rating possible.

The progress we are most proud of, however, is a bit more subtle, a little less splashy: significant and specific progress on our strategic plan.

In 2016, Library staff reached out to ask what their hopes were for the community. After evaluating and analyzing the answers, staff found most fell into one of four focus areas: 1) Foster diversity, equity, and inclusion; 2) seek opportunities to promote an environment of safety and security for the community; 3) provide opportunities to positively impact community members’ growth and personal development; 4) be proactive in facilitating communication and be a bridge builder for community concerns.

This strategic plan, drawn from the hopes of our community members, represents our promise to serve your needs. Throughout 2017, Library staff members kept that promise by setting and reaching work goals that directly aligned with these four areas. Here are just a few:

For the first focus area, staff were able to reach a new group of customers and expand services to non-traditional settings by providing basic computer classes for the clients at Magnolia Clubhouse, a facility that helps the mentally ill learn life skills. For the second, the Library improved lighting around all of our buildings and held a variety of programs that addressed personal safety. For the third, library staff created new technology skills classes and began loaning laptops. And for the fourth, the Library co-sponsored public forums on pressing topics like infant mortality and immigration.

For a full list of our 2017 accomplishments, you can find our full CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) on our website, heightslibrary.org. For a snapshot, see the following pages, including the Annual Reports of our partners, FRIENDS of Heights Libraries and the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries.
University Heights Branch Renovation and Reopening

On Sunday, August 28, 2016, the Library broke ground at the University Heights branch to signal the start of a year-long, complete renovation of the 60-year-old building. On Thursday, October 12, 2017, the building reopened on time and within its budget of $5.6 million. The size of the building has nearly doubled, from roughly 11,000 square feet to 18,200 square feet across two floors, which provides space for rest rooms on both floors, a full elevator, staff offices and work rooms, study rooms, and four meeting rooms. Outside, there is a new door in the back of the building directly off the parking lot. In addition, the building has completely separate areas for adults, teens, and children, with the teen and children’s areas in the basement and the adult collections on the first floor.

Elimination of Overdue Fines

Heights Libraries joined many other public libraries across the country in eliminating overdue fines on the majority of items in our collections. Since our children’s materials were already fine free and seniors qualify for fine forgiveness, it seemed only reasonable to go “all the way.” There is no evidence that overdue fines improve the timeliness of material returns and the rise of digital collections makes fine charges obsolete. We wish to have materials returned so that others may have access to them and this model is more persuasive than fines. This initiative will also eliminate staff time spent in tracking and processing fine payments and fees paid to a collection agency.

Five-Star Rating from Library Journal for the Ninth Straight Year

For the ninth 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 nine out of the ten 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).

Nellie the Bookmobile Serves University Heights during the Renovation

The Library purchased a 1995 bookmobile to serve the University Heights community while the branch was closed for renovation. The bookmobile, named “Nellie” through an online poll, provided library service to 1,345 people at 173 stops during eight months of service. It also was featured in the annual City of University Heights Touch a Truck program that summer. A notable day during Nellie’s year of service was Tuesday, May 23, when the bookmobile stopped at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church during their monthly community meal and food pantry. Sixty-four people came on the bookmobile and many signed up for library cards. This became a regular Tuesday stop.

New Technology Classes and Services

The Library Science and Technology Act funding that the Library received through the State Library of Ohio allowed the creation of the Teen Digital Media Lab, which contains state-of-the-art recording and music production equipment. An inaugural group of twelve Cleveland Heights and University Heights students participated in the Music MakerSpace program, designed and taught by staff in partnership with local arts nonprofit Lake Erie Ink. The Teen Digital Media Lab was deemed an “exemplary program” by the State Library of Ohio.
Highlights 2017

The continuing education department replaced scheduled tutorials with Reserve a Tech Expert, which allows customers to schedule 30-minute technology help sessions with the Library’s tech trainers. Between May and December 2017, this program helped 309 customers, up from 121 with the old format.

Youth Services staff were granted Library Services and Technology Act Funds through the State Library of Ohio for the Girl Engineers program. An average of 18 girls per session attended nine sessions, focusing on STEM activities such as coding and robotics. They partnered with women scientists from Case Western University and the nonprofit HER Ideas in Motion for the training.

The circulation department began loaning wireless hotspots, which give customers access to the internet from wherever they are. This service assists students who don’t have wifi at home or travelers who wish keep working while on the road.

Programming Highlights

The Coventry Branch has a unique 25-year tradition of offering special services to the Deaf community. They held a number of events to celebrate Deaf History Month in 2017 including a discussion about “William ‘Dummy’ Hoy: Deaf Baseball Hero” and a screening of the movie Deaf President Now, about a student protest at Gallaudet University, that played to a packed house. The Library also welcomed deaf entertainer and comedian CJ Jones to the Mayfield Civic Conference Center. The event that attracted over 600 people.

The Noble Neighborhood branch focused heavily on outreach in 2017. Deposit collections were added to two local barbershops. In addition, the branch staff supported activities at the Heights Middle School and the Noble and Oxford elementary schools, including those specifically for refugee children. Staff also serve on the Community Care Team and the Community in Schools Task Force, and attend the Noble Neighbors’ monthly meetings. Noble received a Future Heights grant to offer driving instruction for five refugees through Heights Driving School. The expectation is that these five drivers will teach other drivers and pass along the skill. Noble continues to serve refugees through its weekly Welcome Hub program.
Financials

2017 Revenue

Property Taxes $8,469,490

Public Library Fund $2,510,442

Rental Income $55,581

Refunds/Reimbursements $44,454

Fines/fees $70,382

Sales $39,588

Investment Interest $145,149

Friends Support $31,463

Restricted Gifts $8,084

Miscellaneous $13,330

2017 Expenditures

Capital Outlay $385,202

Library Materials $1,138,021

Purchased Services $1,460,604

Supplies $275,882

Salaries & Benefits $5,657,344

Miscellaneous $44,033

Transfers Out $600,000
### The 2017 Numbers *

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*Some numbers are lower than normal due to the closing of the University Heights branch for renovation. It reopened in November 2017.*
Friends of the Heights Libraries 2016–2017

Volunteers
Volunteer hours: 5,220
Volunteers: 118

Activities and Sponsorships
- Mega Book Sales in May and December
- First Friday Book Sales each month
- African-American Read-In in February
- Cleveland International Film Festival in March
- My Favorite Poem Project in April
- Heights Art Haiku Death Match
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee in April
- Teacher’s Book Sale in August
- Heights Community Congress Home Tour Refreshment Stop in September
- Indigenous Peoples Read-In in October
- FRIENDS Members can attend Dobama Theatre dress rehearsals for free
- Scholarships for Library Science Students
- Citizenship Classes at the Noble Branch
- Welcome Hub at Noble Branch
- Teen Digital Lab at the Lee Road Branch
- Bike Fix-it Station
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program
- Children’s Author Visit – Eric Litwin
- Harvey and FRIENDS Book Vouchers provided to Adult summer reading program
- Library Staff Rewards & Recognition
- Library Staff National Travel/conference support for professional development
- Staff Wellness Incentive Program
- Book Donations to: Edwins Culinary Institute, Little Free Libraries, Metro Health, Lorain County Correctional Institute, Sisters of Charity, Juvenile Detention Center, the Cleveland Women’s Homeless Shelter, and many others.

Volunteers Membership
- 377 active FRIENDS members
- Individual 208
- Family 53
- Couple 20
- Patron 28
- Ind. Lifetime 68

Financials for Fiscal Year 2016–17

Total Income was $56,371. Earned income was $46,430, with book sales accounting for $42,502 or approximately 91.5 percent. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and FRIENDS events provided the other 8.5 percent. Our contributed income total of $9941 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled $55,972 in FY 2016-17. Donations to the library and library related entities of $44,103 were allocated as follows:

- Director’s Discretionary Fund, $1500
- Library Staff Support, Development & Recognition, $4500
- General Library programming $15,000
- Library Levy Committee, $2000
- Children’s Author Visit, $1700
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, $2705
- Citizenship Classes Noble Branch, $3000
- Welcome Hub at Noble, $3000
- Teen Digital Lab, $5000
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee, $500
- Scholarship Awards for Library Science Students, $3750
- Bike Fix-It Station, $1198
- Heights Arts Haiku Death Match, $250
As the year neared its end, we said farewell with our deepest thanks to three board members who served long and well, Rob Fischer, Matthew Ginn and Rachel Nelson. We look forward to making contributions to the library in coming years as our assets grow. We continue to invest in the Cleveland Foundation. We welcome inquiries into estate planning and gifts.

In 2017 the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries held two fund raising/ friend raising events. One was a book launch party with our good friend and internationally recognized author Thrity Umrigar. The other was the inauguration of our annual award ceremony which we call the Honor Roll. Two people are recognized at the event.

The honor is a “lifetime achievement” award, recognizing those who have made a sustained, outstanding contribution to the Cleveland Heights/University Heights community by promoting literacy or by educating through literacy. Patterned after the Heights Libraries’ mission of “Opening Doors, Opening Minds.” A Door Opener is someone who provides access to education, literature, and opportunity through literacy. A Mind Opener is someone who stimulates the minds of community members through literature and thoughtful discussion, or connections with though provoking ideas or individuals.

The 2017 inaugural recipients were retired teacher and long-time Friends of the Heights Libraries volunteer, John Jarvey, and dedicated teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages, Marilyn McLaughlin. They were nominated through an open, community-wide process.

The Board of Directors of the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries
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Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries
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Closings
Mon, Sept 3, Labor Day
Thurs & Fri, Nov 22 & 23, Thanksgiving

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Heights Library Board Meetings
Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 17 at Coventry, Oct 15 at Noble
Nov 19 at University Heights

FRIENDS of the Library
Board Meetings
Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road Branch
Sept 13, Thurs, Oct 11, Thurs, Nov 8

Red Cross Blood Drive
12 p.m. Lee Road Branch
Thurs, Sept 6; Mon, Oct 8; Wed, Nov 21

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.

University Heights
13866 Cedar Rd.
(216) 321-4700
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.