In My Day

An Oral History Project in the Heights

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Local History Librarian

Through May 2019, Heights Libraries is inviting community members to celebrate the rich and diverse history of the Heights community by sharing their memories through the In My Day oral history project. In My Day was inspired by our Centennial Celebration in 2016, and also by past publications in our community such as the book In My Day: Cleveland Heights edited by Suzanne Ringler Jones and Heights Community Congress.

Interviews are conducted using the SimplyTold storytelling app. A collaborative tool created by Cleveland-based tech start-up Digital Mosaic, SimplyTold allows users to both record interviews on their phones and upload them to Digital Mosaic’s website to share. True to its name, the app is user-friendly, easy to install, and free of charge.

This project will help us reach outside of our library’s walls by utilizing the SimplyTold app to collect stories so that anyone can record their story anytime and anywhere they want as long as they have an internet connection and the guest login. This means more stories, more inclusion, and a better representation of our community than has ever been captured before.

Look on pages 16–17 of this issue of Check Us Out for detailed information about how to get involved by either signing up to be interviewed, or using the app to record their own friends and family members.

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Heights Libraries   For Children

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!

Small Fee: Pay to drop-in or purchase a pass.

Library Playdate
Fri, Dec 7–Dec 22, 9:30 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.

Explorastory
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Thu, Dec 6–Feb 28, 11 a.m. at Lee
Thurs, Dec 6–Feb 28, 2 p.m. at Coventry
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 Emilia educational philosophy. For ages 2–5 years old.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom
Mon, Dec 3–Feb 25, 9 a.m. at Lee
Thu, Dec 6–Feb 28, 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.

Loose Parts Play
Nurture your child’s creativity, fine-motor skills, and problem-solving abilities with loose parts play! We will provide new and enticing sensory materials for your child to manipulate, reimagine, and explore. For children ages 0–5.

Fireside Storytime
Thurs, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7, 7 p.m. at Coventry
Come enjoy a cozy winter-themed storytime. We’ll sit around the fire, sing some wintery songs, and finish with a cup of hot cocoa.

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, Dec 4–Feb 26, 10 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Dec 7–Feb 22, 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, Dec 4–Feb 26, 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.

Waddlers
Thurs, Dec 6–Feb 28, 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 storytime. For toddlers who are walking to 24 months. welcome!

Toddling Time
Fri, Dec 7–Feb 22, 10 a.m. at University Heights
Stories, songs, rhymes, and other surprises. For children ages 1–3.

Young and the Restless
Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 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, Dec 3–Feb 25, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. at Lee
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 10:00 a.m. at University Heights
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry
Fri, Dec 7–Feb 22, 10:30 a.m. at Noble
Sat, Dec 1–Feb 16, 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, Dec 4–Feb 28, 11:30 a.m. at Lee
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Passes: Passes are available online or at our Coventry location. The 1 year pass ($175) or 3 month pass ($80) 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.
Pajama Storytime
Mon, 6 p.m. at Noble
Families with preschoolers of all ages are invited to cozy up at the library for a special evening storytime. Books, music, rhymes and silliness will be shared! Registration begins two weeks before each event.
Dec 18: Winter Wonderland
Jan 14: Glow in the Dark
Feb 25: Dr. Seuss

Sing and Swing
Fri, Dec 14, 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 November 30.

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.
Dec 14: Fairy Tales
Jan 11: Winter
Feb 8: ABCs & 123s

Bedtime Story Club
Mon, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, 7 p.m. at University Heights
It’s almost time for bed, but first share a few last stories with us at UH. For all ages.

Winter Wonderland Family Storytime
Thurs, Dec 20, 7 p.m. at University Heights
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DOBAMA THEATRE

LAF: Fractured Fairy Tale Party!
Wed, Dec 19, 3:30 p.m.
Cinderella had a basket of treats to take to Grandma? No, she is the one with the really long hair! No, she lived in the woods with seven... oh never mind! We will play mix ’n’ match with our favorite fairy tales. Inspired by Dobama Theater’s production of Ella Enchanted. See p. 3 for details!

LAF: Geometric Art
Wed, Dec 5, 3:30 p.m.
Rearrange shapes to create a unique piece of geometric art in this process-oriented program.

LAF: Tie-Dye Tile Coasters
Wed, Dec 12, 3:30 p.m.
See how sharpies and rubbing alcohol combine to make tie-dye tile coasters!

LAF: Erupting Sand Foam Dough
Wed, Jan 9, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for some wacky science fun as we create erupting sand foam dough with basic household ingredients. Registration begins Dec 26.

LAF: Mystery LAF
Wed, Jan 16, 3:30 p.m.
We might have a craft, we might play a game. You won’t know until you arrive to a Mystery LAF.

LAF: Toothpick Construction
Wed, Jan 23, 3:30 p.m.
What can you build with toothpicks and mini marshmallows? Come to our program to find out!

LAF: Hot Cocoa Party
Wed, Jan 30, 3:30 p.m.
The weather outside is frightful. Join us for a cup of cocoa along with some cozy crafts. Registration begins Jan 16.

LAF: Make a Mini Parachute!
Wed, Feb 6, 3:30 p.m.
Make a pipe cleaner person with its own little parachute. Toss it up and watch it float back to the ground!

African and Caribbean Folktales Puppet Show
Fri, Feb 12, 7 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate Black History month with tales from Africa and the Caribbean.

LAF: Create-a-Card
Wed, Feb 13, 3:30 p.m.
Show your love by creating fancy pop-up cards for a friend or family member.

LAF: 60 Seconds or Less
Wed, Feb 20, 3:30 p.m.
Are you in it to win it? Join us and see if you can complete a variety of challenges in 60 seconds or less!

LAF: Glow-in-the-Dark Playdough
Wed, Feb 27, 3:30 p.m.
What’s better than regular playdough? Playdough that glows in the dark, of course! Join us this Wednesday and learn how to make your own.

NOBLE

LAF: Pop Up Program
Mon, Dec 3–Feb 25, 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 Mon after school for a fun surprise project, craft, game, or activity.

Kids Cafe After-School Meal
Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 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: Adventures in Printmaking
Fri, Dec 28–Feb 28, 3:30 p.m.
Kids in grades K–5 will explore the printmaking process and create unique works of art using non-traditional materials, such as bubble wrap, rubber bands, and LEGOs! Registration begins Nov 23.

University Heights

LAF: DIY Wrapping Paper
Tues, Dec 4, 4 p.m.
You’ve got the perfect gift for that special someone, but do you have the perfect wrapping paper? If not, come in and create your own! We’ll have all the arts and crafts supplies you need to make the most creative and unique wrapping paper for the holiday season.

Girl Engineers Club
Wed, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, 4 p.m.
Come make, connect, and discover with our Girl Engineers Club at University Heights Library. Girl Engineers brings science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) to girls ages 8 to 12. Prepare to be inspired and empowered about engineering concepts with hands on learning.

Culinary Creators
Thurs, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, 6 p.m.
Are you an aspiring chef or budding baker? Whether it’s your dream job or you just want to learn kitchen basics, this monthly program will allow you to experiment in the kitchen while making main dishes and desserts. And here’s the best part—you get to taste test! For ages 7 to 13. Registration begins Nov 29.

LAF: Readers’ Tea Party
Mon, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, 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 10-14.

Mug Making
Thurs, Jan 17, 6:30 p.m.
The weather outside is frightful, but with your very own cocoa mug the long winter nights will be so delightful. Sign up to decorate your own mug with sharpies and warm up with some cookies and coco. Registration begins Jan 3rd.

Puzzle Challenge
Sat, Jan 19, 2 p.m.
Calling all puzzlers! Compete as an individual or with a team in a puzzle challenge. You’ll complete a circuit of different puzzles in a variety of styles and for a variety of ages. Come with family and friends to put your puzzling brain to the test.

Mad Scientist Afternoon
Sun, Jan 27, 2 p.m.
Come explore science with wacky and fun experiments for children. Kids will have an opportunity to do hands-on experiments while learning about the science behind them.

Family Fort Night
Fri, Feb 8, 5:30 p.m.
If you’ve ever daydreamed about getting locked in the library after hours here’s your chance! Bring your own pillows, blankets, sheets and anything else you need to build the perfect fort to read in. For families with children ages 2-8. Registration required.

Reading & Rescues
Sun, Feb 17, 1 p.m.
Looking for a new best friend? How about a great new book? The library and City Dogs are partnering up again to bring you both! Come for an afternoon of stories, crafts, and dogs looking for a home of their own.
Teen Gaming Spot
Mon, Dec 3–Feb 25, 3 p.m.
Join us every Mon in the Teen Spot to take a turn on the PS4 or Wii U.

Teen Spot
Tues-Fri, Dec 4–Feb 28, 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!

Ramen Bar
Thurs, Dec 13, 3:30 p.m.
Do you LOVE ramen noodles? You’re not the only one! Come learn about the history of ramen, the different kinds of ramen, and take a stab at creating your own ramen masterpiece. Yes, you’ll be eating ramen too! Registration begins Nov 29.

Teen Library Council
Thurs, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21, 3:30 p.m.
Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Teen Library Council is a place where teens can share their thoughts and ideas on how to make our community a better place. Applications for the Spring TLC sessions must be turned in by Thurs Jan 10.

Teen Tea Party
Thurs, Jan 10, 3:30 p.m.
The winter chill starting to get to you? Or perhaps you are just feeling extra fancy? Stop by after school for a warm spot o’ tea and snacks. #PinkiesUp

DIY Afterschool Snacks
Wed, Feb 11-15, 4 p.m.
Learn about science and nutrition with Chef Marie! Participants will put together snacks they can easily replicate at home, and we will have a tasting party together. Registration begins Feb 13.

DIY Bandana Art
Thurs, Feb 7, 3:30 p.m.
Create a wearable masterpiece at this fun and artsy program.

Book Cafe
Thurs, Feb 14, 3:30 p.m.
Is there a book you just LOVE? Tell us all about it! At this program, teens will share their favorite books with one another while enjoying snacks.

Teen Mystery Program
Thurs, Feb 28, 3:30 p.m.
What’s happening in the Teen Room? You’ll have to stop by to find out!

Noble
Noble teen programs are for grades 6–12.

Afterschool Zone
Mon, Dec 3–Feb 28, 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!

Tai Chi
Thurs, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, 4 p.m.
Test out Tai Chi in the teen room. The instructor will give us an introduction to the Yang style form, designed for health and meditation. Wear loose and comfortable clothing. Registration begins two weeks before each event.

Relax and Revive
Fri, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 22, 4 p.m.
Feeling stressed out or tired this winter? Learn simple skills that you can use throughout your day to calm down your mind and body.

Dumpl Cake Class
Thurs, Jan 24, 4 p.m.
Learn how easy and fun it is to make a dump cake and take home some yummy recipes to bake. We’ll have a tasting party too! Registration begins Jan 10.

Cute Cards
Mon-Fri, Feb 11-15, 4 p.m.
Hang out and make cards during the week of Valentine’s Day. There will be supplies and inspiration, so you can send sweet messages to your loved ones.
Heights Libraries   For Adults

COVENTRY

Tai Chi and Qigong  Saturday, Dec 1–Feb 23, 10 a.m.
Mon, Dec 3–Feb 25, 2 p.m.
Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 2 p.m.
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 12 p.m.
Ruth Butler (Matt Wernet on Tues) 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.

Meditation Tuesday
Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 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.

Cleveland Institute of Music: Coventry Concert Night
Mon, Dec 10, Feb 11, 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.

Step Out of Time
Thurs, 7 p.m.
Dec 13: Tarot for Self-Exploration with Olga Paz
The tarot’s ancient symbolism is a powerful tool for self-discovery and spiritual growth. Olga Paz, tarot and reiki master, guides an evening of reading Tarot spreads for beginners and more experienced readers.

Jan 10: Metta Meditation with Erica Steinweg
Metta meditation is a wonderful (and practical) way to acknowledge our fears and meet them with kindness. The presentation includes some gentle yoga to help open the body and heart-center as well as a guided practice. Steinweg is a writer, poet, meditator, and registered yoga teacher.

Feb 14: Meditation Evening
Experience the energy of meditation with a small group. This meditation with a brief, guided relaxation to begin is appropriate for new and more experienced meditators. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if you prefer to sit on the floor.

Stork Storytime
Mon, Feb 18, 6:30 p.m.
New and expecting parents, please join us for an informational session about how to start your child’s life with early literacy skills. We will talk about how to create a literacy routine with your infant, and what resources there are for you at the library and in the community.

Ukulele Jam!
Tues, Jan 29, Feb 26, 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.

End of Life Assistance
Exploring the Heart of Dying Through Courageous Conversation
Tues, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, 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.

Caregiver Circle
Fri, Jan 25, Feb 22, 1 p.m.
Share your experiences and wisdom around adult caregiving in a supportive group setting. Facilitator and End-of-Life Doula Adaire Petrichor will provide access to caregiver resources and information.

Coventry Conversations
Thurs, 7 p.m.
Jan 17: Let’s Talk About Suicide
Suicide is a leading cause of death among people 15 to 34 and a major public health issue in our country. Recovery Resources trainer Ashley Hartman will discuss current research on the topic and how it is applied to programs in our community.

Jan 24: Suicide, Part II: A Tale of Two Mothers
Join film director Stephen J. Davis for a screening of his film, A Tale of Two Mothers. This documentary shares the stories of two mothers from different backgrounds who each have lost a child to suicide.

Feb 21: Recycling Confusion?
With recycling in the news over the last year, you may be questioning how to recycle correctly. Kathy Rocco, recycling educator from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, will explain recent changes, what can be recycled now, and how to stay connected to the latest recycling news.

Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Deaf Gathering
Mon, Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, 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, Jan 7, 7 p.m.
Deaf and hearing audiences alike will learn something new during this film series. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Original Voices Book Club
Wed, Dec 18, 7 p.m.
Join film director Stephon J. Davis for a screening of his film, An Open Book: Coming of Age in the Heartland. Based on the New York Times Bestselling novel by Michael Dirda, called “a superb literary essayist,” has penned an engaging memoir of growing up a bookish nerd in the nation’s capital and there will be an instructor to help you get started.

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Lee Road Knitting Night
Tues, Dec 11, 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.

Cleveland Orchestra Music Study Group
Tues, Jan 8–Feb 26, 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.

Lee Road Movie Night: Welcome to Collinwood
Fri, Jan 18, 7 p.m.
Before the Avengers, Cleveland’s Russo brothers wrote and directed this caper about five misfits trying to pull off the greatest heist ever. Stars William H. Macy, Isaiah Washington, George Clooney and Patricia Clarkson. Filmed in Cleveland. 2002. 1 hour 26 minutes.

Job Search Essentials
Resume Workshop
Fri, Jan 11, 2 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 Dec 28.

Jan 9: A gathering of essays and reviews by Michael Dirda
Feb 13: “Crying for Her Man” by Ann Allen Shockley

Arts for Wellness - Safe Place Pillowcase
Saturday, Dec 15, 10 a.m.
Using fabric markers and crayons, participants will design a pillowcase to help them feel safe and tranquil before going to bed and first thing in the morning. Choose from a list of affirmations or bring your own favorite calming words or phrases. For those affected by cancer. Register by calling Barbara at 216-844-1211.

Third Tuesday Book Club
Tues, Dec 18, 7 p.m.
Third Tuesday Book Club 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 Co. 2299 Lee Rd.

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Before the Avengers, Cleveland’s Russo brothers wrote and directed this caper about five misfits trying to pull off the greatest heist ever. Stars William H. Macy, Isaiah Washington, George Clooney and Patricia Clarkson. Filmed in Cleveland. 2002. 1 hour 26 minutes.

Job Search Essentials
Resume Workshop
Fri, Jan 11, 2 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 Dec 28.

Jan 9: A gathering of essays and reviews by Michael Dirda
Feb 13: “Crying for Her Man” by Ann Allen Shockley

Arts for Wellness - Safe Place Pillowcase
Saturday, Dec 15, 10 a.m.
Using fabric markers and crayons, participants will design a pillowcase to help them feel safe and tranquil before going to bed and first thing in the morning. Choose from a list of affirmations or bring your own favorite calming words or phrases. For those affected by cancer. Register by calling Barbara at 216-844-1211.
Wealth of Nations
please visit noblegreatbooks.org. We’ll discuss The literary works. For more information and selected texts, discussion focusing on history’s most important
Our vibrant, long-running community-based book
Tues, Dec 4, 7:30 p.m.
Noble Great Books Discussion
Wed, Dec 6 & 20, Jan 3 & 17, Feb 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.
Noble Needles Knitting Circle
Thurs, Dec 6 & 20, Jan 3 & 17, Feb 7 & 21, 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 yarn and size 8 or 9 needles to learn.
The River’s Burning Again?! A Cleveland Trivia Night
Tues, Jan 15, 7 p.m.
Back by popular demand, come out to Christopher’s Pub at 1318 Warrensville Center Rd. to compete in another trivia contest! Whether you are coming with friends or going it alone, come see how much you know about your hometown in this Cleveland-themed trivia night. Registration begins Dec. 18, 2018.
Celebrating Black History with Shari Hunter Thurs, Feb 21, 6 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with a performance from Shari Hunter. Registration begins Jan. 24.
Services for Immigrants and Refugees
Citizenship Class Sun, Dec 2–Feb 24, 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, Dec 2–Feb 24, 1 p.m.
Nepali language class for Nepali/Bhutanese children and their families. Classes will usually take breaks matching when CH-UH schools take breaks.
Welcome Hub Mon, Dec 3–Feb 25, 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.
ESL Class Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 6:30 p.m.
An informal ESL class offered to those learning English as a second language.
ASPIRE ESOL Classes (Tri-C) Tues, Dec 4–Feb 26, 9 a.m.
Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 9 a.m.
Thurs, Dec 6–Feb 28, 9 a.m.
English lessons for non-English speakers. Provided through Tri-C. Registration requested through the ASPIRE website at: http://www.tri-c.edu/aspire/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages.html
Health and Wellness Training with ASIA Inc. Wed, Dec 5–Feb 27, 9 a.m.
Sarasawati Gurung from ASIA Inc. will host a number of training sessions on various topics, including: healthy relationship training, mental health awareness, and knitting/sewing.
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
Impactful Documentaries Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Documentaries about people, events, or creations that had an impact on their fields.
Dec 3: Won’t You Be My Neighbor? (PG-13, 2018, 94 min) This documentary paints a portrait of the life and work of children’s entertainer Fred Rogers, star of Mister Roger’s Neighborhood.
Jan 7: The Pixar Story (NR, 2007, 88 min) A look at the history of Pixar Animation Studios, the company that makes CGI features such as the Toy Story films.
Great Directors Film Series Tues, 6 p.m.
Join us to view works of the directing masters.
Dec 11: Hitchcock Dial M for Murder (PG, 1954, 105 min) Hitchcock’s suspense thriller about a former tennis pro who plots to kill his wife, but the plan goes awry and he’s forced to cover his tracks.
Jan 8: Kubrick Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (PG, 1964, 95 min) A fanatical U.S. general launches a nuclear attack on Russia during the Cold War, but the President and his advisors are shocked to learn that the Russians have technology to destroy the world in the event of an attack on them.
Feb 12: Capra Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (NR, 1939, 129 min) Best Picture nominee about a wide-eyed patriotic bumpkin who’s appointed to the Senate by corrupt politicians, chief among them and unbeknownst to him is a senior senator whom he idolized.
Senior Happenings
Thurs, Dec 6–Feb 28, 2 p.m.
Senior Happenings weekly lecture series, sponsored by the City of University Heights. Call 216-321-4700 for details. Free and open to residents of all communities.
Classic PC Gaming Sat, Dec 29, 1 p.m.
Come, hang out with us, and 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.
Emerging Technology Lab Thurs, Jan 17, 7 p.m.
Curious about the latest tech trends? Come check out the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System’s traveling emerging tech lab! A technology expert will be available to tell you all about the latest in cool technology and you can try everything out.
The Usual Suspects Mystery Book Club Tues, Jan 22, Feb 26, 7 p.m.
Join your fellow mystery readers to discuss tales of murder, malice and mayhem at this monthly book group.
Superintendent Community Chats Fri, Jan 25, 12 p.m.
Cleveland Heights-University Heights Superintendent Dr. Todd Dixon will chat with community members about the schools.
Super Smash Bros. Tournament Saturday, Jan 26, 7 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to become the Super Smash Bros. Champion? Bring your friends and test your skills on SSB for Wii U and the new Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. This is an all-ages event, but children must have proper supervision. Registration begins Jan 12.

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For Adults
In My Day

An Oral History Project in the Heights

Everyone has a story to tell, and every story is important to share with others. The In My Day Oral History project at Heights Libraries is a simple, free way to preserve those stories while adding to the tapestry of our community’s rich and varied history.

You can participate in three ways:

1. Sign up for a recording session with our local history librarian, Jessica Robinson, at (216) 932-3600 Ext. 1248.
2. Come to one of our special, themed recording programs (see below). Each recording session is a half hour long, and cookies and cocoa will be provided to all who register.
3. Record a story yourself with the SimplyTold app (see p.17)

History Comes Home for the Holidays

Have you ever had friends and family over for dinner and then heard a hilarious or heartfelt story that you simply couldn’t wait to share? Now you can use the SimplyTold app to record and preserve those stories as part of our In My Day oral history project.

Your Guide to the SimplyTold App and the In My Day Oral History Project

Do you want to learn more about how to use the SimplyTold app? Come to this session to get started recording today! We recommend that you bring a smart device to this session such as an iPhone, iPad, or Android phone/tablet. Drop-ins welcome, no registration required!

How to record using the SimplyTold app:

1. First download the SimplyTold app on your smart device (iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone). You must have access to wifi to use this app, and your phone must be turned to shoot in landscape mode.
2. Login with the following information:
   - Username: heightsguest
   - Password: HeightsGuest
3. Give the app permission to access your microphone. (You may need to reopen the app after this step.)
4. Select the option for “Instant Story.”
5. Push the red button to start recording, and push it again when you want to stop recording.
6. Click either “retake” to reshoot the video if you don’t like, or click “use video” to send it to our library team for approval contingent on compliance with our community standards.
7. Give your video a title, and make sure that the title includes your name so that we can match up your release form with your video. Videos that do not include a full name in the title may not be published if we cannot determine the identity of the owner.
8. Go to our local history site http://www.heightslibrary.org/local-history/ to sign a release form.

“In My Day: Heights Oral History Project Winter Watch and Discussion Sessions

Which In My Day video is your favorite? Come to our watch party and talk about which videos truly left a lasting impression on you and why. This is also a great time to give us feedback on how our project is going. Cookies and cocoa provided to all who register.

Wed, Dec 5 from 10–12 a.m. at Lee Road
Fri, Jan 25 from 12–2 p.m. at Lee Road

In My Day: Heights Oral History Project Winter Recording Sessions

All winter long we will be recording and sharing the stories of local residents on a variety of topics related to Heights history. Please contact local history librarian, Jessica Robinson, at (216) 932-3600 Ext. 1248 with any further questions. Registration required.

Holiday Traditions, Activities, and Personal Stories
Thurs, Dec 13 from 9–11 a.m.
Snowstorms and Winter Weather
Wed, Jan 16 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Love Stories: In My Day Oral History Recording Session
Wed, Feb 13, 6 p.m. at Lee

“Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can’t remember who we are or why we’re here.”
—Sue Monk Kidd
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**
- Tech Talk: Digital Collections from the Library
  Mon, Dec 10, 4 p.m.
- Tech Talk: Staying Safe Online
  Mon, Jan 14, 4 p.m.
- Tablet & Smartphone Q&A
  Mon, Feb 11, 4 p.m.

**Lee Road**
- ** COMPUTER BASICS**
  - Computer Basics Part 1
    Using the Mouse
    Wed, Jan 9, 2 p.m.
  - Computer Basics Part 2
    Introduction to Computers
    Wed, Jan 16, 2 p.m.
  - Computer Basics Part 3
    Using the Internet
    Wed, Jan 23, 2 p.m.
  - Computer Basics Part 4
    Internet Access
    Wed, Jan 30, 2 p.m.
  - Computer Basics Part 5
    Web Searching
    Wed, Feb 6, 2 p.m.
  - Computer Basics Part 6
    Internet Safety Basics
    Wed, Feb 13, 2 p.m.
- **WINDOWS**
  - Windows 10
    Sat, Dec 1, 11 a.m.; Wed, Dec 19, 2 p.m.; Sat, Feb 23, 2 p.m.
  - Windows Basics Part 1
    Wed, Dec 5, 7 p.m.; Wed, Feb 20, 2 p.m.
  - Windows Basics Part 2
    Wed, Dec 12, 7 p.m.; Wed, Feb 27, 2 p.m.
- **TECH TALKS**
  - Digital Photos Q & A
    Fri, Dec 7, 11 a.m.; Sat, Jan 26, 2 p.m.
  - Digital Collections from the Library
    Fri, Dec 14, 11 a.m.; Sat, Feb 9, 2 p.m.
  - Cutting the Cord
    Thurs, Jan 17, 7 p.m.

**Noble**
- Tech Talk: Digital Collections from the Library
  Thurs, Dec 13, 2 p.m.
- Using the Internet
  Thurs, Jan 17, 2 p.m.
- What is the Cloud?
  Thurs, Jan 31, 2 p.m.
- Tech Talk: Siri, Alexa, and Virtual Assistants
  Thurs, Feb 14, 2 p.m.
- Tech Talk: Social Media, Privacy & You
  Thurs, Feb 28, 2 p.m.

**University Heights**
- Tech Talk: Digital Collections from the Library
  Thurs, Dec 6, 3:30 p.m.
- Tech Talk: Social Media, Privacy & You
  Thurs, Jan 10, 3:30 p.m.
- Tech Talk: Siri, Alexa, and Virtual Assistants
  Thurs, Jan 24, 3:30 p.m.
- Using the Internet
  Thurs, Feb 7, 3:30 p.m.
- What is the Cloud?
  Thurs, Feb 21, 3:30 p.m.

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**DEC 9 & SAT, JAN 5**
- eBooks
**DEC 2 & JAN 27**
- Digital Magazines & Movies
**FEB 10**
- Lynda.com

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Mon & Tues, Dec 24 & 25, Christmas Holiday
Tues, Jan 1, New Year’s Day
Mon, Jan 21, MLK Day

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
Heights Library Board Meetings
Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 18

FRIENDS of the Library
Board Meetings
Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road branch
Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14

Red Cross Blood Drive
12 p.m. Lee Road Branch
Mon, Dec 10 & Feb 11

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2345 Lee Rd.
(216) 932-3600
Weekdays, 9 a.m.—9 p.m.
Sat, 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
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1925 Coventry Rd.
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1 p.m.—9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
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Sun, 1 p.m.—5 p.m.

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(216) 291-5665
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1 p.m.—9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.—5 p.m.

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