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Library helps kids transition back to school

With this year's summer reading program over, Heights Libraries is ready to support children and families with what can be a challenging back-to-school transition.

The first few weeks of school can be difficult for kids as they adjust to new classmates, teachers, and expectations in the classroom. On top of that, "one challenge that schools face is seeing children return from summer break with weaker academic skills," said Sam Lapides, Heights Libraries Youth Services Manager. This widely documented phenomenon is called "summer learning loss" or "summer slide".

"That's where the library steps in. Once the school year starts, we're ready to help kids get back on track," Lapides said. "We offer staff- and volunteer-run drop-in homework help programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, in addition to a wide variety of fun activities during the week to promote and encourage a love of reading."

In addition to offering free programs, the Library will be encouraging kids and their family

members to sign up for library cards. Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card, and Heights Libraries is no exception.

"As far as school supplies go, a library card is perhaps the most important," said Lapides. "Lots of kids are expected to have computers and internet access at home for homework, but many don't. A library grants that access, with online resources like encyclopedias and other informational tools."

Kids can also check out books for research and book reports, and have a place to do their homework after school.

Getting a library card is simple: come in to any branch with a photo ID and proof of residency in Ohio. Kids under 18 need a parent or guardian signature for a full-service card, but can get a Three for Me card on their own. See heightslibrary.org for details.



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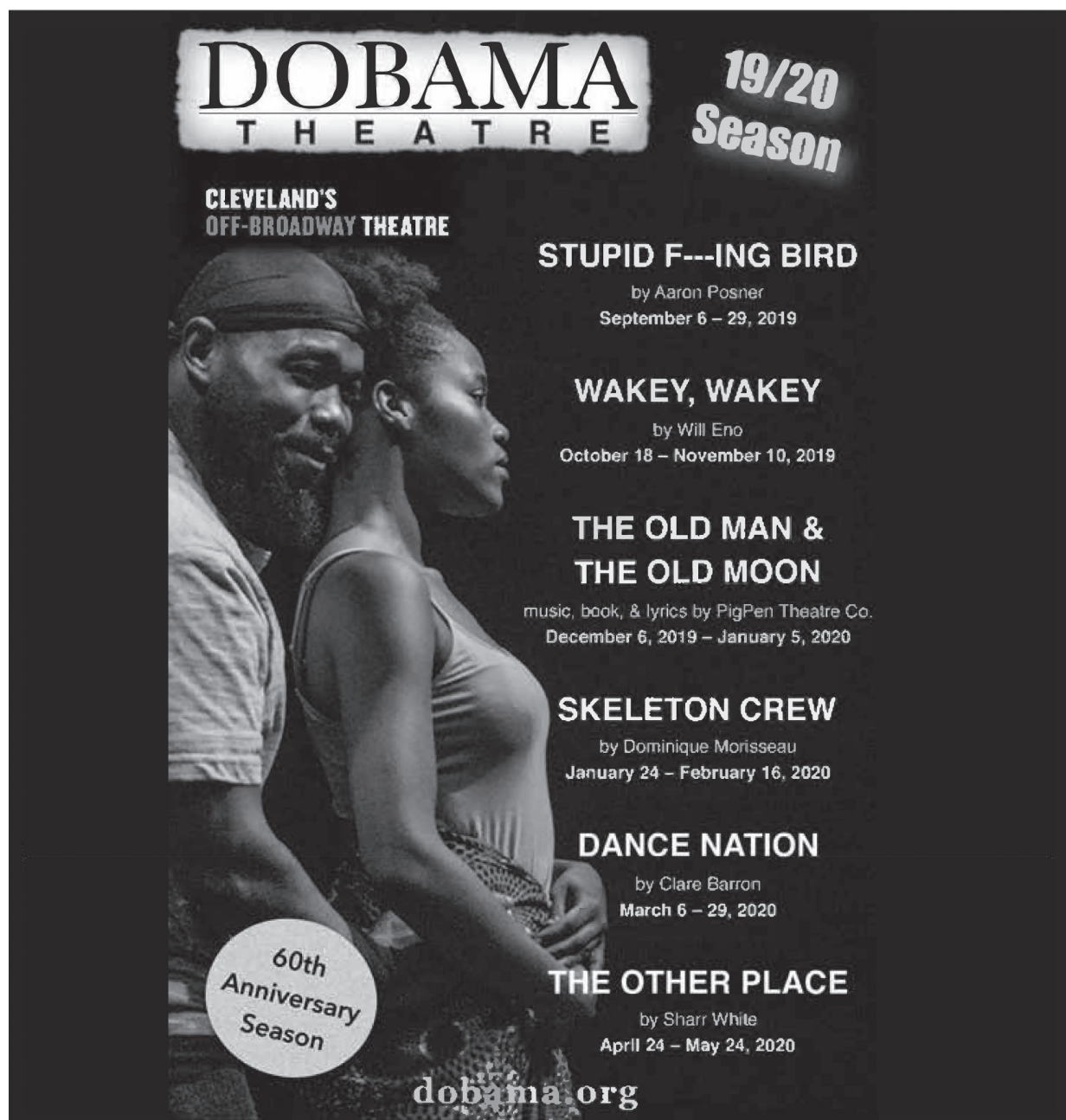
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Family Connections' programs are designed to offer parents a variety of opportunities to enhance their parenting experience, build their confidence as parents, and provide resources for them to become the parents they strive to be. Although we know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

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

All locations closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28 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.**

Birthday Parties:

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

Passes:

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

FRIENDS First Friday Book Sales

SEPT 6, OCT 4, NOV 1
9:15 AM–8:45 PM

At the Harvey and Friends Bookshop on the 2nd floor of the Lee Road branch.

Fill a bag with books, CDs, DVDs and audio books for **\$5** (excludes specially priced books, and sets). **Feel free to bring your own grocery-sized bags.** Over-sized bags will be charged a premium price.



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 3–Nov 26, 10 a.m. at Lee

Wed, Sept 4–Nov 27, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry

Fri, Sept 6–Nov 22, 11 a.m. at 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.**

Waddlers

Thurs, Sept 5–Nov 21, 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.**

Toddling Time

Fri, Sept 6–Nov 22, 10 a.m. at University Heights

Stories, songs, rhymes, and other surprises. **For children ages 1–3.**

Young and the Restless

Tues, Sept 3–Nov 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, Sept 9–Nov 25, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. at Lee

Wed, Sept 4–Nov 27, 10:00 a.m. at University Heights

Wed, Sept 5–Nov 27, 10:30 a.m. Coventry

Fri, Sept 6–Nov 22, 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Sat, Sept 7–Nov 30, 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 after for open play with books, puppets, puzzles and toys.**

Drag Queen Storytime

Sat, Oct 19, 10:30 a.m.

This storytime is gonna be a drag. Literally! Cleveland's own drag queen, Sascha Macias, will be hosting this storytime dedicated to being the best version of you! Bring your favorite dress ups and join us. The dress code is whatever you want!

Fables and Folk Tales Puppet Show

Sat, Nov 2, 10:30 a.m.

Wed, Nov 6, 7 p.m.

Watch a three-part puppet show based on the classic folk tales "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," "A Dog and His Bone," and "The Three Little Pigs."

Explorastory

Fri, Sept 6–Nov 22, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Wed, Sept 4–Nov 27, 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Thurs, Sept 5–Nov 21, 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 Emilia educational philosophy. **For ages 2–5 years old.**

Special Explorastory: Dinovember

Thurs, Nov 7, 11 a.m.

Join us for a Dinosaur-themed storytime! Feel free to wear dinosaur costumes, pajamas, or clothes.

Little Heights: A Literacy Playroom

Mon, Sept 9–Nov 25, 9 a.m. at Lee

Thurs, Sept 5–Nov 21, 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.



Storytime at Whole Foods Market

Tues, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, 11 a.m. at 13998 Cedar Rd, University Heights

Hear stories, sing songs, do a little dancing too! Bring the family to enjoy books, music, and activities during our monthly storytimes at Whole Foods. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Storytime at Imaginary Worlds

Mon, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, 2 p.m. at 13446 Cedar Rd, Cleveland Hts

Enjoy a story, sing songs, and dance with us during this monthly storytime at Imaginary Worlds comic book shop! **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Preschool Pop-In

Fri, 11 a.m. at Lee

Fun activities designed to suit preschool hands! **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Sept 13: Science Fun

Hands on science experiments.

Oct 11: Fall Crafts

Get creative with some fall seasonal crafting.

Nov 8: Superhero 101

Learn all you need to know to be the best superhero your city needs!

Storytimes, continued

Sing and Swing

Fri, Sept 20, 10:30 am at Noble

Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together classes. Music Together is a music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and the adults that love them! **Registration begins May 24.**

Pajama Storytime

Mon, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, 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 fun will be shared!

Registration begins two weeks before each event.

Spooky Storytime at Walter Stinson Community Park

Tues, Oct 3 at 6 p.m. at 2339 Fenwick Rd, University Heights

The days are getting shorter but we don't have to be afraid of the dark! Join us for an outside story time at Walter Stinson Community Park that will include spooky stories, silly songs and more! Look for us at the gazebo, weather permitting. It will be a spooky good time!

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Bubble Extravaganza

Tues, Sep 3, 4:30 p.m.

There is something magical about bubbles. Help us make and pop bubbles of all sizes! This event will be outdoors. A backup location in the library will be available in the event of extreme weather.

Eric Carle Party

Tues, Sep 10, 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate one of our favorite authors, Eric Carle, at the library with tasty treats, creative crafts, and great games. **Registration begins August 21.**

Lego Block Party!

Tues, Sep 24, 4:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon building the Lego creations of your dreams! Master Builders to Newbies are all welcome!

Fall Science Experiments

Tues, Oct 8, 4:30 p.m.

Come experiment with your favorite fall things! We will make apple volcanoes, pumpkin slime, and more! **Registration begins Sept 24.**

Life Size Hungry Hungry Hippos

Thurs, Oct 10, 4:30 p.m.

Catch food (plastic balls) while your team rolls you across the room! Life Sized Hungry Hungry Hippos challenges your strength, tenacity, and coordination.

Most importantly it is as hilarious to observe as it is fun to compete in.

Escape the Room: The Haunted Mansion

Mon, Oct 21, 5 p.m.

Can you solve the puzzles and escape the haunted mansion before time is up? Test your skills as you work with a team to try to beat the clock. **Registration begins Oct 7.**

Glow in the Dark Party

Mon, Nov 4, 6 p.m.

The night time is the right time! Celebrate the end of daylight savings and an extra hour of night time with a glow in the dark party. Try out glow in the dark bowling, tic tac toe and other games. **Registration begins Oct 21.**

Scavenger Hunt

Tues, Nov 12, 4 p.m.

Explore our library with a fresh perspective as you unearth clues and win prizes in a scavenger hunt!

LEE

Kids Cafe After-School Snack

Tues, Sep 3–Nov 26, 3:30 p.m.

Thurs, Sep 5–Nov 21, 3:30 p.m.

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

Homework Helpers

Tues, Sep 3–Nov 19, 4 p.m.

Thurs, Sep 5–Nov 21, 4 p.m.

Need help with your homework or a class project? Want some quiet time to read? We're here for you, just drop on in! **Grades K–5.**

In-Between Space

Fri, Sep 6–Nov 22, 4 p.m.

Wind down from the school week with games, contests, movies, and video games! Exclusively for pre-teens who have hit double digits.

STEAMondays

Mon, Sep 9 & 23, Oct 14 & 28, Nov 11 & 25 3:30 p.m.

Join us for games that show how circuits work and what coding can create!

Paws and Read

Mon, Sep 16 & 30, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18, 4 p.m.

Take a break and read a book to a four-legged friend! Trained therapy dog Emma will be here twice a month to listen to readers of all skill levels practice out loud.

LAF: Library Afterschool Fun at Lee Wed, 3:30 p.m.

Sep 4: Pinwheels

It's getting windy outside! Time to make and decorate your own spinning pinwheel!

Sep 11: Mystery LAF

We might have a craft, we might play a game, we might break the laws of space and time...who knows what we'll accomplish? Find out when you show up for our "mystery LAFs!"

Sep 18: Just Dance Off

Show off your dance moves as we play Just Dance!

Sep 25: Fun Fusion Beads

Make your own colorful and unique creations with Fun Fusion Beads!

Oct 2: International Snacks

Go around the world with easy and fun recipes that are sure to take your taste buds on a trip!

Oct 16: Cuddly Sock Cat

Make your own cuddly stuffed cat from a sock and some simple supplies!

Oct 23: Giant Battleship

Use all your brains and all your skill to hear your opponent say, "You've sunk my battleship," in this ginormous version of the board game.

Oct 30: DIY Stress Balls

School got you stressed out? We have just the thing: make your own colorful, squishy stress ball! Registration begins Oct. 16.

Nov 6: Craft Stick Art

Create airplanes, superheroes, and ballerinas using craft sticks.

Nov 13: Dinovember: Dino Detectives

Calling all junior paleontologists: we need your help to identify fossils! Join the team from the Southern Alberta Dinosaur Project to uncover clues from the Mesozoic Era. Discover what is preserved in a fossil and learn how it made Canada home over 75 million years ago. **Registration begins Oct 30.**

Nov 20: Chose Your Own Adventure

Where you start and end is all up to you. Come on an adventure throughout the children's room and make choices to see how the story goes.

Stop In Saturdays

Sat, 2 p.m.

Sep 21: Lego Party

See what you can create with Legos!

Oct 19: Fall Crafts

Make fun crafts that are seasonal and spiffy!

Nov 16: Choose Your Own Adventure

Where you start and end is all up to you! Come on an adventure throughout the children's room and choose how the story goes.

Tech for Kids: Sphero Bots Workshops

Fri, Oct 18, 1:30 p.m.

Tues, Nov 5, 1:30 p.m.

Wed, Nov 27, 10 a.m.

Kids in grades 1 – 5, bring your favorite adult as we explore Computer Coding. Ever wonder how to make a robot move? Join us as we use our computer lab and work with Sphero bots! This is a three-hour work shop with a break in the middle. **All participants must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins 2 weeks before each class.**

Alice in Wonderland Party

Sun, Nov 10, 2 p.m.

Celebrate the anniversary of Alice's Adventure in Wonderland with a Mad Hatter tea party! Join us for tea, sweets, crafts, and games! Silly hats encouraged! **Registration begins Oct. 27.**

Dinovember: Dino-Night!

Mon, Nov 11, 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate your favorite extinct reptiles for an evening of dinosaur fun! We'll hear dino-stories, make dino-crafts, and have a dinosaur stomping good time. Feel free to dress in a dinosaur costume if you like!

NOBLE

Noble Bookworms Book Club

September, October, November

Calling all beginning readers! **Kids in preschool-2nd grade** can join the Noble Bookworms this fall to practice and strengthen their reading skills. At the start of each month library staff will provide new reading recommendations and activities to try out on your own or together as a family. Work on the fun throughout each month and check back in for more.

Kids Cafe After-School Meal

Tues, Sep 3–Nov 26, 3:30 p.m.

Thurs, Sep 5–Nov 21, 3:30 p.m.

Mon, Oct 7–Nov 25, 3:30 p.m.

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

Green Thumb Gardening

Wed, Sep 4–25, 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.

Slime Time

Tues, Sep 17, 5 p.m.

Kids in grades K–5 will make their own slime to take home. Colorful, smelly, awesome add-ins will be available and time to play provided. Join the slime craze! **Registration begins Sep 3.**

Forensic Files

Tues, Oct 15, 5 p.m.

Kids in grades K–5 will practice forensic science skills such as comparing fingerprints, handwriting analysis, and powder testing as they help solve a mystery at the library. **Registration begins Oct 1.**

Hands-On Healthy Snacks

Tues, Nov 12, 5 p.m.

Kids in grades K–5 are invited to prepare and sample easy no-heat snacks at the library. Staff will share healthy, tasty snacks simple enough for kids to make on their own. Come see what we're cooking up! **Registration begins Oct 29.**

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BTS Mania

Mon, Sep 9 & Oct 14, 6 p.m.

Do you know BTS? Are you interested in meeting other army members? Then join us for two evenings full of all things BTS! Come and enjoy music, videos and activities centered around this South Korean sensation! **For fans 8 and up.**

Family Karaoke Night

Mon, Sep 23, 6 p.m.

Warm up those vocal chords and get ready to sing your heart out! At Family Karaoke, everyone's a singer. Join us for snack, songs and silliness. **All ages welcome.**

S.T.E.A.M Mystery Challenge

Fri, Oct 11 & Nov 8, 4 p.m.

Calling all future scientists and engineers - join us for hands-on learning and fun with our S.T.E.A.M mystery challenge! Children will work in teams or alone to complete a secret challenge using the materials provided. **Registration begins Oct 1.**

Get Organized

Mon, Sep 16, 6 p.m.

Tues, Oct 15 & Nov 12, 6 p.m.

Are you ready for the start of the school year? Come to the library to get inspired and organized. In this

monthly series we will create vision boards to set goals, create a reusable calendar to stay organized, and make cork boards to post pictures and inspirations.

Trashion Fashion Challenge

Mon, Oct 7, 5 p.m.

Attention all future designers! Come show off your creativity at University Heights Library's Trashion Show. We challenge participants to come up with their best runway-ready looks, using only unconventional materials. You'll have 90mins to design your garment before you hit the runway. Grab a friend and get ready to make it work! **For ages 8 and up. Registration begins Sept. 23**

Culinary Creators

Thurs, Sept 12, Oct 10 & Nov 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 8 and up. Registration begins Sept. 2.**

Fairy Storytime

Mon, Nov 11, 7 p.m.

Do you believe in fairies? If so, join us for a fairytastic story followed by a craft that will make any fairy lover's day. **For ages 5 and up. Registration is required and spaces are limited.**

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TWii Time

Thurs, Sep 5 & 19, Oct 3, 17, 31, Nov 7 & 21, 5 p.m.
Join us the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month for snacks and games on the Wii or Nintendo Switch

Homeschool Geo Group

Wed, Sep 11 & 25, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 6 & 20 1:30 p.m.
Teen homeschoolers will research and learn about cultures from around the world in peer groups and present their discoveries to other registrants in the program. **Ages 13 and up. A single registration for all sessions begins Aug 19.**

Ultimate Cup Flipping

Thurs, Sep 12 4:30 p.m.
The best games are easy to explain and hard to master. Such is the case with Ultimate Cup Flipping. You start with a floor half-full of right-side up plastic cups and half-full of upside down cups. One team attempts to flip over right-side up cups while the other attempts to flip all upside down cups.

LEE

Teen programs at the Lee Road branch are for ages 13–18 unless otherwise noted.

Teen Spot

Mon–Fri, Sept 3–Nov 27, 3 p.m.
Join us in the teen room to watch movies, participate in fun activities, or just hang out.

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs, Sep 5 & 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, 3:30 p.m.
We are searching for young, inspiring voices to join our teen advisory board. If you are passionate about social justice, volunteering, or just want a safe place to share your perspective, Heights Library's TAB is for you. Let us support you in making your community a better place in your eyes.

Video Game Mondays

Mon, Sep 9–Mon, Nov 25, 3:30 p.m.
Get your game on every Monday in the teen room after school on our PS4 or WiiU.

Felt Pennants

Thurs, Sep 19, 3:30 p.m.
Show your support for your favorite team, your hometown, or anything you like by creating an awesome pennant.

Teen Cuisine

Mon, Sep 23, 3:30 p.m.
Tues, Oct 1, 8, 22, 29, 3:30 p.m.
Mon, Nov 4, 3:30 p.m.

Do you love to cook? Teen Cuisine helps teens become self-sufficient in the kitchen while building healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Each workshop session includes activities about nutrition, food safety, and more. **Registration begins Sep 10.**

Pixel Bead Art

Thurs, Sep 26, 3:30 p.m.
Come to the Lee Road Teen Room after school for a fun afternoon of creating your own Pixel Bead creations.

Cupcake Decorating

Thurs, Oct 3, 3:30 p.m.
It's Quilliam the Hedgehog's birthday! Come decorate a cupcake to celebrate!

Decoupage Boxes

Thurs, Oct 17, 3:30 p.m.
Use decoupage techniques to decorate a box that can store all your favorite trinkets.

Connect 4 Tournament

Thurs, Oct 24, 3:30 p.m.
Come test your skills on the grid against your peers in the Lee Road Teen Room in a best 2 out of 3 elimination tournament. All participants get snacks, top finishers will win cool prizes.

Sugar Skull Decorating

Thurs, Oct 31, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the Mexican holiday Día de Muertos while you decorate your own sugar skull.

Teen Tea Party

Thurs, Nov 14, 3:30 p.m.
The fall chill starting to get to you? Or perhaps you are just feeling extra fancy? Come to the Lee Road Teen Room after school for a warm spot o' tea and snacks. #PinkiesUp.

Vision Boards

Thurs, Nov 21, 3:30 p.m.
Need some inspiration? Come create a vision board to help all your dreams come true.

NOBLE

Noble teen programs are for grades 6–12.

Afterschool Zone

Mon–Fri, Sep 2–Nov 27, 3:30 p.m.
Drop by every weekday afternoon from 3:30–5:30 p.m. to hang out with your friends, play games and have fun!

Game On

Thurs, Sep 5–Nov 21, 4 p.m.

Take a turn on the PS4, play a board game, or challenge your friends to a round of charades. The possibilities are endless!

Tai Chi

Tues, Sep 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, 5 p.m.

Our instructor will give us an introduction to the Yang style form of this exercise. The movements are designed for health and meditation. Please wear loose and comfortable clothing and listen to your body. Each class is 30 minutes.

View & Chat

Wed, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, 4 p.m.

Add some visual beauty to your afterschool hangout! Art, architecture, and other cool images from around the world will be shown on the projector. Find something that inspires you!

DIY Days

Wed, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, 4 p.m.

Flex your creativity with a different project each month, and go home with something great to gift or to keep for yourself.

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Nailed It!

Sat, Sept 7, 1 p.m.

Calling all amateur bakers: now's your chance to show us your decorating skills. Inspired by the hit Netflix

show Nailed It, kids are invited to try their hand at decorating beautiful cupcakes and cake pops. Can you recreate a Pinterest-worthy confection before time runs out? **For ages 12 and up. Registration begins Aug 26.**

Dungeons & Dragons League

Sun, Sep 8 & 22, Oct 6 & 20, Nov 3 & 17, 1 p.m.

If you're a fan of fantasy then this is the program for you! With Dungeons & Dragons you can become a character in your very own adventure. We'll be working with Critical Hit Games to introduce you to this exciting new world. No experience is necessary! **For ages 12–17**

Zombie Barbie Makeover

Thurs, Oct 17, 4 p.m.

Zombify your old dolls with paint, glue, scissors, and more. It's time to give Barbie the ultimate make-under. Six feet to be exact! BYO Barbie or use some of our old ones. **Ages 13 and up.**

Dollar Store Drag

Thurs, Oct 24, 6 p.m.

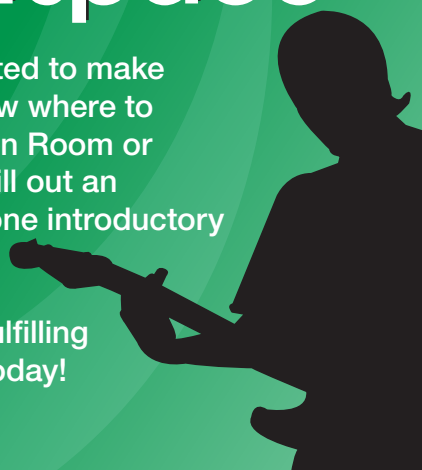
Find your drag persona on a budget! Drag Queen Sascha Macias and Drag King Rowan Pappenhagen will be your guides to the other side. Makeup will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Open to all genders. **Registration begins Oct 10. For ages 13 and up.**



Teen Music Makerspace

At the
Lee Road
Branch

Have you always wanted to make music but did not know where to start? Come to the Teen Room or go to our website and fill out an application for one-on-one introductory lessons in music-making technology like the MPC and Garage Band. Start fulfilling your musical aspirations today! **For ages 13–18.**



Fandom!

This fall, we're all about the books, movies, and cultural phenomena that have inspired the deep devotion of legions of followers. From family favorites to cult classics, look to the **F** to find programs celebrating the fanatic in all of us.



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Tai Chi and Qigong

Mon, Sept 9–Nov 25, 2 p.m.

Tues, Sept 3–Nov 26, 2 p.m.

Wed, Sept 4–Nov 27, 12 p.m.

Sat, Sept 7–Nov 30, 10 a.m.

Learn 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, Sept 3–Nov 26, 6 p.m.

The physical and mental benefits of meditation are significant and well documented. Christine Valadon presents a weekly Heartfulness Meditation, a simple, effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart and practiced in over 120 countries around the world.

Exploring the Heart of Dying Through Courageous Conversation Facilitated by Adaire Petrichor, end-of-life doula

Tues, 7 p.m.

Sept 10: Advance Planning

A local attorney will discuss health care and end-of-life planning in Ohio. Blank documents will be available.

Oct 8: Green Burial Option

Join us for an informative session on green burials, a natural alternative to conventional internment. Panelists will discuss the history, tradition and procedure that has been practiced for thousands of years and spans the diversity of religious beliefs.

Nov 12: Demystifying Hospice

Professionals help navigate hospice, a medical specialty often mistaken and misunderstood. Bring your questions and concerns.

Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Wed, 7 p.m.

Sept 11: Mary Doria Russell

Bestselling author Mary Doria Russell reads from her newest book, *The Women of Copper Country*, an historical novel about America's Joan of Arc - Annie Clements - the courageous woman who started a rebellion by

leading a strike against the largest copper mining company in the world.

Oct 16: John Grabowski

John Grabowski, Professor and Historian, discusses the newest edition of *Cleveland A to Z*, a richly illustrated celebration of Cleveland of history and culture. Photos by Lauren Pacini.

Nov 6: Jill Grunenwald

Jill Grunenwald, author and professional book nerd, presents her latest book, *Reading behind the Bars: A Memoir of Literature, Law, and Life as a Prison Librarian*, a powerful story taking Grunenwald out of her comfort zone, finding inner strength and discovering the importance of books and information for all.

Step Out of Time

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Sept 12: Zen Meditation

Aaron Arnold, Zen teacher, will lead a series of short meditations, including breathing techniques, sitting meditation, and walking meditation. Experience the joy of meditation.

Oct 10: Ketogenic Lifestyle

Dr. Laura Mourino of Options Naturopathic Clinic discusses metabolic inflexibility, the root of chronic disease, an introduction to true healing.

Nov 14: Develop Your Spiritual Intuition

Spiritual intuitive Kathy Pickett helps you identify your sensitivity to spiritual experiences, discover your intuitive abilities and believe in your own spiritual power.

For the Love of Dog

Sun, Sept 22, 2 p.m.

Local author James Freedman discusses his book *I Let the Dogs Out*, a photo appreciation capturing the unique personalities of an array of shelter dogs. Cleveland APL staff will share information about shelter adoption and bring some rescued canine friends for you to meet. Book signing to follow.

Ukulele Jam

Tues, Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 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.



Dack Virnig's DEAF BOY'S LIFE

MON • OCT 7 • 7 PM

Nationally popular, high-energy Deaf entertainer and storyteller Dack Virnig brings his stage show to Cleveland Heights. Dack performs for crowds using American Sign Language to tell wonderful stories that entertain and engage audiences of all ages.

Location TBA.



Cleveland Institute of Music Coventry Concert Night

Mon, Oct 14, Nov 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.

Author Talk: Lauren Pacini

Tues, Nov 19, 7 p.m.

Meet local author Lauren Pacini and hear the story behind his latest book, *Honoring Their Memory: Levi T. Scofield, Cleveland's Monumental Architect and Sculptor*. This event is sponsored by the Cleveland Heights Historical Society. Books will be available for purchase.

Programs for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing



Deaf Gathering

Mon, Sept 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, 6:30 p.m.

Open social hour for Deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing people. Are you Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing? Are you interested in learning more about Deaf Culture? Come gather for a social hour at the Coventry Village Library! An interpreter will be provided.

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Sat, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 1:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of communicating in American Sign Language.

Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Sat, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 2:30 p.m.

Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers.

Deaf Culture Film Night

Mon, Nov 4, 7 p.m.

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

LEE

Local History Programs

Living in the Heights at Lee Road

Tues, Sept 3, Oct 1, and Nov 5, 6:30 p.m.

Living in the Heights is a monthly podcast that features interviews with local groups and individuals who have stories to share about our local community that are of historical interest. **Registration is mandatory! Register by contacting Jessica at localhistory@heightslibrary.org.**

Cluster Genealogy with Dr. Deborah A. Abbott

Tues, Sept 24, 6 p.m.

Cluster genealogy is a research technique used to learn more about an ancestor by examining records left by the ancestors cluster, consisting of extended family, friends, and neighbors. Learn how cluster genealogy can help break genealogical brick walls when all else fails. **Registration begins Sept 10.**

Planning Your Rehab Project

Tues, Oct 15, 7 p.m.

Are you planning a rehab project at your home? This program will teach you how to plan for the project, how to choose the right contractor for the job, and what to look for when reviewing bids. Presented by the Cleveland Restoration Society.

Treasures in the Cuyahoga County Archives at Lee Road

Tues, Oct 29, 7 p.m.

Judith Cetina, Cuyahoga County archivist, will identify the records in the holdings of the Cuyahoga County Archives that will assist in documenting the history of a home, or other significant structures, in the City of Cleveland Heights. Her presentation will also illustrate how the history of a home is integral to understanding the story of one's family.

This Much Is True: Nonfiction Book Discussion

Mon, 7 p.m.

Sept 9: *The Mueller Report*

Oct 7: *Chernobyl: The History of a Nuclear Catastrophe* by Serhii Plokh

Nov 4: *48 Laws of Power* by Robert Greene

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, Sept 10 & 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 12 & 26, 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.

Original Voices Book 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 11: A selection of poems, stories, and essays from Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

Oct 9: "The Happy Valley" by Daphne Du Maurier

Nov 13: "The Sense of Smell" by Richard Adams

Original Voices Book Club

Wed, 7:30 p.m.

Sept 11: *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

The book that inspired the long-awaited blockbuster TV show. The anti-Christ raised in a typical British middle class home. The Four Horsemen (well, one is a woman) on motorcycles. An angel and a demon working together to subvert the End Times. Who thought the Apocalypse could be this much fun?

Oct 9: *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

This widely revered modern Gothic, continuously in print for over 80 years, is the author's masterpiece and is steeped in jealousy and dark secrets. An eerie and disturbing tale in which the haunting presence of the deceased first wife lets us know that there is no happily ever after at Manderley.

Nov 13: *Watership Down* by Richard Adams

Originally told to his daughters to keep them occupied on a long car ride, Adams' novel is the epic tale of a colony of exiled rabbits braving perils on a risky journey to seek out a new homeland. This worldwide bestseller has been adapted for film, TV, radio, theater, and even a role-playing game.

Cleveland Orchestra Music Study Group

Tues, Sept 17-Nov 26, 10 a.m.

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

Coventry PEACE Park CLEAN UP DAY

SAT • SEPT 28
9 AM-1 PM



Join your fellow PEACE Park fans and tidy up the park before winter comes!

Rake leaves, spread mulch, pull weeds, plant bulbs, and pick up trash while you meet fellow park enthusiasts and enjoy a lunch, courtesy of Coventry restaurants.

Third Tuesday Book Club

Tues, 7 p.m.

Join our lively monthly book club! We will be reading great books, both modern and classic, and partaking in engaging discussions. We will be meeting at the Tavern Co. 2299 Lee Rd.

Sept 17: 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction, *Less* by Sean Greer explores the life of a novelist with humor and poignancy.

Oct 15: Gail Godwin's haunting contemporary novel, *Grief Cottage*, is a ghost story that takes place on a small island in South Carolina.

Nov 19: No discussion. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lee Road Movie Night

Fri, 6:30 p.m.

Sept 27: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* Martin Freeman stars as Arthur Dent, the hapless hero of Douglas Adams's 1979 novel. Follow Arthur and friend Ford Prefect on their odyssey through the universe. (2005. 1 hour 49 minutes)

Oct 25: *Juliet, Naked*

Annie & Duncan are in love. Duncan's obsessed with musician Tucker Crowe. What happens when the musician comes between the super fan and his girlfriend? Based on Nick Hornby's book. Stars Rose Byrne, Ethan Hawke, Chris O'Dowd. (2018. 1 hr 37 min.)

Indigenous Peoples Read-In

Sun, Oct 13, 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 only, and opens Sept 13.**

Mental Health First Aid

Mon, Oct 14 & Tues, Oct 15, 9 a.m.

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. **Registration for this two-day training begins Sept 30.**

Ready, Set, Bank! Online Banking Safety and Security

Fri, Nov 1, 11 a.m.

This class will discuss the safety benefits of banking generally, and online security practices. Come learn about the security practices of banks, and get answers to questions regarding security when banking online. **Registration begins Oct 18.**

The Art Study Group at the Cleveland Museum of Art: Fan or fanatic, attentive or obsessed?

Wed, Nov 6, 7 p.m.

Can an artist – or a fan – become “obsessed” by an idea, a style, or an ideology? How do popularity, celebrity, and artistic merit intersect? We'll look at works by artists who have inspired special levels of “fandom” and some who have themselves shown signs of obsession. **Registration opens Oct. 23.**



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**



MOBILE PANTRY

**Now at the Lee
Road Branch**

5–7 pm, Last Monday of each Month

FREE fresh produce pick up at the Lee Road Branch for families and individuals in need. Must be 18 years or older. Please bring a photo ID and shopping bags. First come, first served. Rain or shine. For questions contact Special Projects Manager, Maggie Kinney, at 216-932-3600 x 1290.

**Free Fresh
PRODUCE**

Job Search Essentials

Using Google to Get a New Job Tues, 7 p.m.

Sept 10: Part 1-Job Search Plan
Create a plan for your job search with Google Sheets. **Registration begins August 27.**

Sept 17: Part 2-Search for Jobs
Perform an internet search for jobs to apply for and track jobs in the Job Search Plan. **Registration begins August 27.**

Sept 24: Part 3-Craft Your Resume
Use a Google Docs template to craft a resume. **Registration begins August 27.**

Oct 1: Part 4-Practice Interviewing Techniques
Prepare for an interview and practice answering questions. **Registration begins Aug 27.**

Resume Workshop

Wed, Nov 6, 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 October 23.**

Searching for Jobs Online

Wed, Nov 13, 2 p.m.

More and more companies require job applications to be submitted online. Learn the basics of finding and applying for jobs online. **Registration begins October 30.**

Interview Workshop

Wed, Nov 20, 2 p.m.

This class will have you work on preparing for an interview. This will include managing stress during the job seeking process and helpful hints to have a good interview. **Registration begins November 6.**

Gratitude Necklaces and Jars - Arts for Wellness

Mon, Nov 18, 6 p.m.

Using mini apothecary bottles, makers will fill vessels with colorful sand to represent attributes of the recipient. Finished vessels will be made into jewelry to give to others, and a stand-alone jar will be created for oneself. **Registration is required at (216) 844-1211.**

NOBLE

Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thurs, Sept 5 & 19, Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.

Come and knit with the Noble knitters the first and third Thursday 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.

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 1: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Oct 15: *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (Introduction, Book 1, & Book 2: Chapter 1, paragraphs 1-5) by John Locke

Nov 19: *The Iliad* by Homer

Ohio Spirits with Jim Kleefeld

Thurs, Oct 17, 7 p.m.

Jim Kleefeld returns with another ghostly program! In Ohio Spirits, hear about dead spirits who stayed behind and the artifacts in which they inhabit. With stories and artifacts from across Ohio, come hear about the boy in the box, the man in the photo, and other stories. **Registration begins Oct. 3.**

The Green Noble Discussion Group

Sun, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, 3 p.m.

Come join the Green Noble Discussion Group as we discuss books and articles about various topics on gardening, environmental issues, community building, and other Green initiatives going on in the Noble Neighborhood. Topics to be discussed TBD. All are welcome to attend.

Neighborhood Revitalization: Videos and Conversations

Mon, Sept 16, Nov 11, 7 p.m.

Join the Noble Neighbors for a series of video discussions. We will watch videos about topics like urban farming and building/streetscape transformation and discuss what could possibly be done in our own community. **All are welcome to attend.**

📺 Trivia Night: "For the Fans" Edition

Tues, Sept 17, 7 p.m.

Come out to Christopher's Pub to compete in a trivia contest! Whether you are coming with a friend or going it alone, show your pride in your favorite teams, games, shows, books, and more. Questions will feature range from topics including sports, TV shows, and geek culture. **Registration begins Sept 3.**

Programs for New Americans

Citizenship Class

Sun, Sept 8–Nov 24, 1:30 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.

Health and Wellness Training with ASIA Inc.

Wed, Sept 4–Nov 27, 9 a.m.

A women's support group hosted by Saraswati Gurung of ASIA Inc. Topics of discussion for the group include maintaining healthy relationships, mental health awareness, and sewing.

Nepali Language Class

Sun, Sept 4–Nov 27, 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.

Tuesday ESL Class

Tues, Sept 3–Nov 26, 6:30 p.m.

An informal ESL class offered to those learning English as a second language.

Welcome Hub

Mon, Sept 9–Nov 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.



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Senior Happenings

Thurs, Sept 5 - Nov 21, 2 p.m.

Senior Happenings weekly lecture series is sponsored by the City of University Heights. Call 216-321-4700 for details. Free and open to residents of all communities.

Movies for Sports Fans

Mon, 6:30 p.m.

Who doesn't love an underdog story?

Sept 9: *42* (2013, 128 min, PG-13) *42* tells the story of two men, "the great Jackie Robinson and legendary Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey" whose brave stand against prejudice forever changed the world by changing the game of baseball.

Oct 7: *Miracle* (2004, 135 min, PG) Winning tale of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team led by coach Herb Brooks.

Nov 4: *Hoosiers* (1986, 114 min, PG) A disgraced basketball coach leads a small Indiana high-school on an improbable title run.

Movies for Fans of Musicals

Tues, 6:30 p.m.

Do you have a song in your heart?

Sept 10: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (1967, 138 minutes, G) A small town girl turned flapper heads to the big city in search of fun, excitement, and a husband during the roaring 1920s.

Oct 8: *Little Shop of Horrors* (1986, 88 min, PG-13) A quiet, shy flower-shop employee finds an extraordinary plant with unusual appetites.

Nov 12: *Hairspray* (2007, 117 min, PG) Based on John Waters' original cult classic 1988 musical-comedy film. *Hairspray* tells the story of zaftig high school "hair hopper" Tracy Turnblad as she graduates from outsider to celebrity trendsetter.

Beyond Binaries Discussion Group

Sat, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, 10:30 a.m.

Discuss and explore gender identities outside the traditional gender binary while providing support and insight to each other. The group is open to anyone 18+ (including, but not limited to: genderqueer, queer, gender non-conforming, non-binary gender, bigender, agender, transgender, etc.).

Open Mic Night

Mon, Sept 16, 7 p.m.

Is there a performer in you? This is your chance to shine! Participants can showcase their talents (anything goes) in a fun and supportive environment. Amateurs and beginners are welcome. Material must be appropriate for the library. **Registration begins Sept. 2.**

The Usual Suspects Mystery Book Club

Tues, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, 7 p.m.

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

Yoga for Beginners

Thurs, Sept 26–Oct 17, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your yoga mat and get ready to learn some basic yoga poses with an instructor from Bottoms Up! Yoga. This is a four-week yoga program that will build upon your skills at each session. **Registration begins Sept 12. For adults 18+.**

Gaming at UH

Sun, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for some fun games at the library! These are all ages events, with proper supervision.

Sept 29: Sunday Game Day

Oct 27: Arcade Day

Nov 24: Let's Go, Pokémon!

Calligraphy Workshop

Sat, Sept 14, Sept 21, Oct 5 1 p.m.

Jim Williams of The Western Reserve Calligraphers presents a 3-part Calligraphy Workshop on Saturdays Sept 14, Sept, 21, Oct 5. All calligraphy supplies provided. Attendance at all sessions is required.

Harry Potter Fan Fiction Night

Mon, Oct 21, 7:00 pm

Potterheads unite and join us for an open mic night centered on Harry Potter fan fiction. Don your robes and read to us your favorite piece, or bring your own (Just make sure to keep it library appropriate.). Costumes are encouraged. **Registration is required and will open October 7.**

Heartsaver CPR AED Training City of University Heights program

Thurs, Oct 24, 5:30 p.m.

The City of University Heights Fire Dept. offers a CPR/AED training class, presented by University Hospitals. **Register at the University Hospitals website <https://www.uhems.org>**

Living in the Heights

Your History in Your Words Oral History Podcast

Living in the Heights is a monthly podcast that features interviews with local groups and individuals who have stories to share about our local community that are of historical interest. We will also bring you up to date on what's new at the library in terms of local history programs and our Ohio Memory archive. Some tips and tricks on great local history resources will also be shared, all of them free to use with your library card!

Listen on our website at heightslibrary.org, or download episodes with Google Play or iTunes.

Would you like to be part of our podcast?



Sign up for an interview by contacting Jessica via email at localhistory@heightslibrary.org or by phone at (216) 932-3600 Ext. 1248.



COMPUTER CLASSES

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

Coventry

Tech Talk: Cutting the Cord

Mon, Sept 9, 7 p.m.

Tech Talk: Digital Photos Q&A

Mon, Oct 21, 7 p.m.

Tech Talk: Staying Safe Online

Mon, Nov 18, 7 p.m.

Noble

Computer Basics Part 1: Using the Mouse

Thurs, Sept 5, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2: Introduction to Computers

Thurs, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3: Using the Internet

Thurs, Sept 19, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4: Internet Access

Thurs, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5: Web Searching

Thurs, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6: Internet Safety Basics

Thurs, Oct 10, 7 p.m.

University Heights

Computer Basics Part 1: Using the Mouse

Thurs, Oct 17, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2: Introduction to Computers

Thurs, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3: Using the Internet

Thurs, Oct 31, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4: Internet Access

Thurs, Nov 7, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5: Web Searching

Thurs, Nov 14, 7 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6: Internet Safety Basics

Thurs, Nov 21, 7 p.m.

Lee

COMPUTER BASICS

Computer Basics Part 1: Using the Mouse

Wed, Sept 4, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2: Introduction to Computers

Thurs, Sept 11, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3: Using the Internet

Wed, Sept 18, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4: Internet Access

Wed, Sept 25, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5: Web Searching

Wed, Oct 2, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6: Internet Safety Basics

Wed, Oct 9, 2 p.m.

Windows Basics Part 1

Wed, Oct 16, 2 p.m.

Windows Basics Part 2

Wed, Oct 23, 2 p.m.

Tablet & Smartphone Q & A

Wed, Oct 30, 2 p.m.

TECH TALKS

Why Coding?

Fri, Sept 6, 11 a.m.

Mon, Oct 14, 7 p.m.

How to Build a Website

Sat, Sept 14, 11 a.m.

Cutting the Cord

Sat, Sept 28, 11 a.m.

Wed, Nov 20, 7 p.m.

Sat, Nov 23, 11 a.m.

Smart Tech Buying

Sat, Oct 5, 11 a.m.

Fri, Nov 15, 11 a.m.

How to Spot Fake News

Mon, Oct 7, 7 p.m.

Sat, Nov 9, 11 a.m.

Fri, Nov 22, 11 a.m.

Keeping up with Tech Trends

Sat, Oct 19, 11 a.m.

Fri, Nov 8, 11 a.m.

GOOGLE

Google Q & A

Wed, Oct 23, 7 p.m.

Google Drive Part 1

Wed, Oct 30, 7 p.m.

Google Drive Part 2

Wed, Nov 6, 7 p.m.

Google Drive Part 3

Wed, Nov 13, 7 p.m.

CREATING WEBSITES

WordPress Part 1

Mon, Sept 9, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 2

Mon, Sept 16, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 3

Mon, Sept 23, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 4

Mon, Sept 30, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 1

Fri, Sept 13, 11 a.m.

Mon, Oct 21, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 2

Fri, Sept 20, 11 a.m.

Mon, Oct 28, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 3

Fri, Sept 27, 11 a.m.

Mon, Nov 4, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 4

Fri, Oct 11, 11 a.m.

Mon, Nov 11, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 5

Fri, October 18, 11 a.m.

Mon, Nov 18, 7 p.m.

Learn the Language of the Web Part 6

Fri, October 25, 11 a.m.

Mon, Nov 25, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel Part 1

Tues, Oct 15, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 2

Tues, Oct 22, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 3

Tues, Oct 29, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 4: Simple Budgets

Tues, Nov 5, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 5: Charts & Graphics

Tues, Nov 12, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 6: Formulas

Tues, Nov 19, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 7: Pivot Tables

Tues, Nov 26, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

Creating Effective PowerPoints Part 1

Thurs, Sept 5, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoints Part 2

Thurs, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoints Part 3

Thurs, Sept 19, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoints Part 4

Thurs, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

MICROSOFT WORD

Word Part 1

Wed, Sept 4, 7 p.m.

Word Part 2

Wed, Sept 11, 7 p.m.

Word Part 3

Wed, Sept 18, 7 p.m.

Word Part 4: Graphics


Wed, Sept 25, 7 p.m.

Word Part 5: Tables

Wed, Oct 2, 7 p.m.

Word Part 6: Labels

Wed, Oct 9, 7 p.m.



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FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Digital Collections from the Library

Sun, Sept 15, 2 p.m.
 Sun, Oct 6, 2 p.m.
 Sun, Oct 20, 2 p.m.
 Sun, Nov 10, 2 p.m.
 Sun, Nov 24, 2 p.m.

New Digital Collections Here for You 24/7!

Heights Libraries offers a large collection of digital media, including books, magazines, comics, music, movies, and television shows.

Visit heightslibraries.org/digital-collection and start exploring!







Why Do We Publish Our Financials?



For the past 25 years, Heights Libraries has published a Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR), going above and beyond what most libraries do to report their financial position to both the state and the community. For the accuracy and thoroughness of this report, we regularly earn an award from the Government Financial Office Association, and we take out an ad in the Plain Dealer to make sure people know that this report is available in print and online for anyone to read.

In recent years, we have also placed a brief annual report, with some of the highlights of the past year along with our revenue and expenses, in the fall issue of our Check Us Out program guide, which is mailed to every residence in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights community (and starts on page 21).

Why do we make this effort? Why do we get our financials and our annual report into as many hands as possible? Trust.

We want each of you to know how your tax dollars are spent. Building maintenance and repairs, expanding our collections, and paying our staff are all crucial to our operations. But we also want each of you to see how we strive to meet the needs of every member of our community: the young family with a newborn, the refugee looking for help, the unemployed who need an affordable way to learn new skills, the child looking for help with homework, the homebound adult who can't get to our buildings, and, of course, the many people looking for entertainment, information, and inspiration from our programs, books, movies, and music.

Our annual report is also a way for us to celebrate the significant financial support we receive from our hard-working, dedicated volunteer groups, the Friends of the Heights Libraries and the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL). These groups both raise money for Heights Libraries, with one designated for immediate use (Friends) and one for long-term planning (FFHL). Their reports can be found on pp. 26-27.

Have questions about anything you see in this report, or our full CAFR report? Don't hesitate to ask.

FFHL's 2019 Honor Roll Awards Dinner

**Join us to celebrate
champions of literacy in our community.**

**Sunday, November 10th
5:30-8:30 pm
Dino's at Acacia
26899 Cedar Road
Single seats: \$75
Tables and other
options available**

**For tickets, please go to:
<https://2019ffhldinner>**



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Heights Libraries Annual Report 2018

Dear Cleveland Heights–University Heights Community,

In 2018, Heights Libraries truly embodied its new slogan, “Here for you, wherever you are.” More than a place to check out books and movies, Heights Libraries has evolved since its founding to continually adapt to the changing needs of the people it serves, and to keep removing barriers to our services and resources. We meet our community members where they are, and help them get where they want to be.

How did we do that this year? For a full list of our 2018 accomplishments, you can find our full CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) on our website, heightslibrary.org. For a snapshot, see the following pages, and a few highlights, below:

- We implemented a fine-free policy, which has not only saved the Library money but has also improved people’s access to our collections by removing monetary barriers.
- We started processing passport applications, which quite literally helps people get places they either need to be or want to be.
- We expanded our services to new Americans, especially refugee women.
- We more than doubled our outreach visits to children and vulnerable adults, reaching over 13,000 people.
- We expanded our job-readiness training, with options for classroom and online learning to accommodate customer’s different learning needs.
- We ensured that the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Campus would remain a public park, open to all, by acquiring the property from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District.

We are delighted to be here for you, wherever, and whoever, you are.



Nancy Levin
Director, Heights Libraries



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Highlights 2018

Coventry PEACE Campus

On March 31, 2018, Heights Libraries acquired a six-acre property from the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. The property is comprised of the former Coventry Elementary school, which houses the Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Campus (People Enhancing a Child's Environment), a playground and large green space known as Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Park.

The Board of Library Trustees gave the following reasons for acquiring this property:

- Maintain existing parking for the Library
- Maintain the green space as a public park
- Work with existing stakeholders to maintain and improve the playground
- Keep the property from being vacant by supporting the current tenants in their mission to become financially independent within two years
- The ownership of the property supports the Library's strategic plan to benefit the community



After obtaining the property from the School District, Heights Libraries signed leases with the following P.E.A.C.E. Campus tenants: Artful, Ensemble Theater, Family Connections, Lake Erie Ink, Urban Oak School, Sherri Skedel, and Reaching Heights/Future Heights. These tenants were renting from the School District before the property changed hands. New two year leases were signed with the understanding that the tenants would fundraise and organize themselves to take over operations of the structure by 2020. The land itself will remain in Library domain.

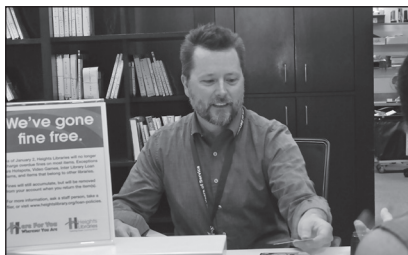
By December 31, 2018, Heights Libraries received \$94,000 in revenue from the tenants and spent \$200,057 on expenses including \$44,587.69 on repairs to the parking lot and the P.E.A.C.E. Park. The terms of lease require the tenants to repay Heights Libraries for any advances in operating costs. With this transaction, Heights Libraries has successfully facilitated communication among the City of Cleveland Heights, the School District, Coventry P.E.A.C.E. Campus tenants, park, and the Library itself.

Financial Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Fine Elimination

The Library 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." The image of a public library teaching responsibility to patrons through fines is out of date and destructive to our customer service approach.



We wished to achieve three things by eliminating fines:

- Improved access to our collections for all people.
- Increased circulation of our materials.
- Eliminate outdated rules and establish best practices.

Nearly all overdue fines have been eliminated with the exception of hotspots, videogames, and overdue fines for late interlibrary loan materials which belong to other libraries.

Fine elimination resulted in the value of materials returned nearly doubling from \$94,369 to \$185,955 from 2017 to 2018, and fines collected decreased by \$24,847.

Highlights 2018

Job Readiness and Economic Development

Heights Libraries hosted 25 classes for job seekers in 2018, including Resume Writing, Job Search Essentials from LinkedIn, and Interviewing. Those who preferred online training logged into Heights Libraries' Lynda.com account and earned 185 certificates of completion in classes such as leadership, business writing, sales, retail, purchasing, strategic planning and computer skills. The Youth Services Department designed and launched ongoing career readiness resources for teens, including resume and writing help.

In addition to offering business training for customers, all branches celebrated Small Business Saturday in November in partnership with the Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce and American Express.

On the Same Page Community Read

Heights Libraries presented 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 focused on the harrowing experiences of refugees worldwide, from fleeing a country of origin to resettlement in a foreign land. On the Same Page kicked off with a community potluck/soccer game, and programs for all ages occurred throughout the fall season, in conjunction with many of our community partners.

Passport Services

All circulation assistants and two managers in the Heights Libraries Circulation Department became proficient in passport application processing. The program officially rolled out in June, and by the end of 2018, staff had processed 315 applications and taken 330 photos, netting a grand total of \$16,238.76 in fees in just seven months.

Safety and Security

All Security Department staff received training to proficiently use the CCTV security camera system. The Department also partnered with continuing education staff on a two-part Emergency Preparedness class for the public.

University Heights branch staff partnered with the UH Fire Department to host programs on public safety concerns.

The Information Technology Department successfully implemented a new phone system for better customer service and increased safety and security for staff.

The Buildings Department created plans for improving the handicapped entrance and basement space at the Coventry Village Branch which will be implemented in 2019.

Research and planning has been finalized for increased lighting in multiple Library parking lots and will be implemented in 2019.

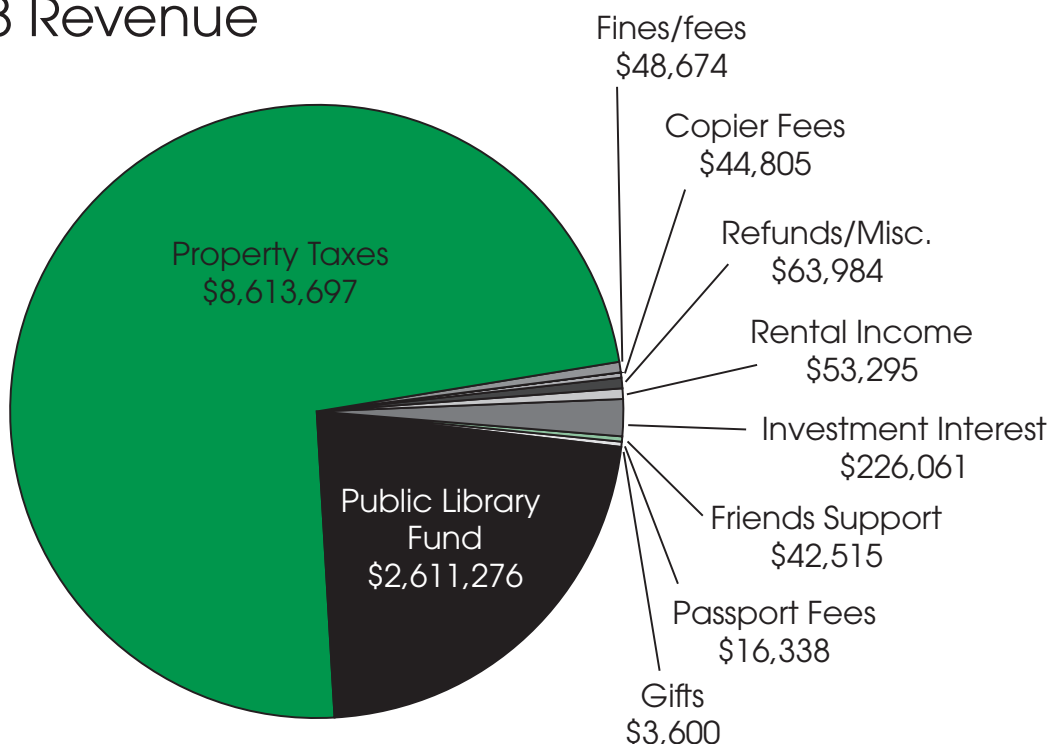
Services for New Americans

The Noble Neighborhood branch expanded services to new Americans. It offered an eight-week support program for refugee women, in conjunction with ASIA, Inc. Driving lessons were provided for five Nepali speaking driver's license applicants with funding from private sources. Staff also partnered with the City of Cleveland Heights, local organizations, and community members to increase services to refugees in the Noble Neighborhood through ongoing language and citizenship classes, weekly welcome hubs, and the promotion of community awareness and support for the refugee experience through programming.

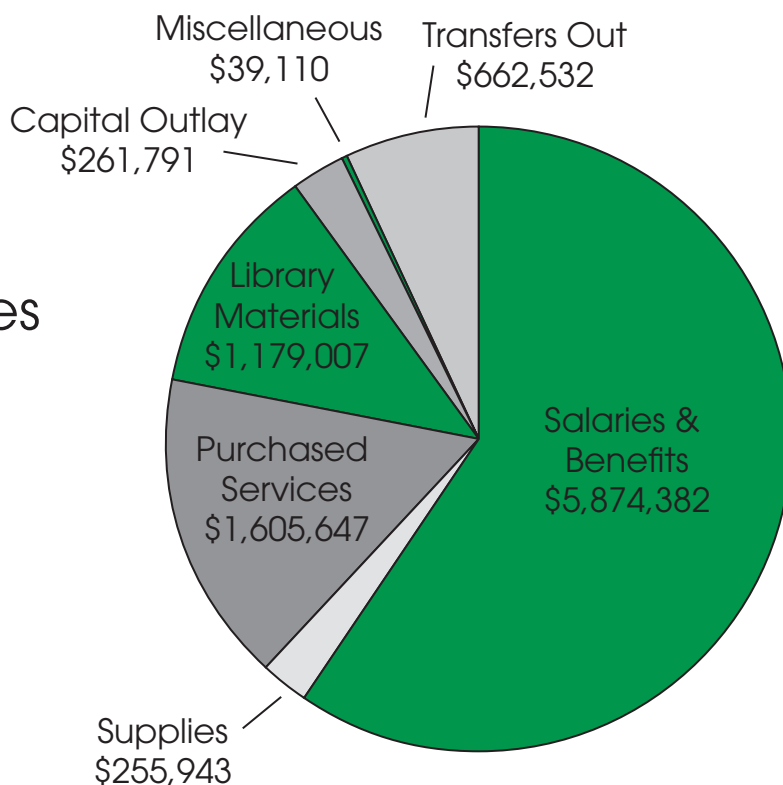


Financials

2018 Revenue



2018 Expenditures



The 2018 Numbers



12,116

**Number of Hours all 4
Branches Were Open**



736,764

Visitors



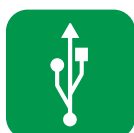
1,903,336

Items Circulated



1,538

Youth Summer Reading



148,123

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



1,344

**Summer Lunches
Served**



5,943

Library Programs
with a total of 69,710 attendance



509

Outreach Visits
Reaching a total of
13,779 people



586,508

Reference Transactions
phone and in-person



315

**Passport Applications
Processed**



236,351

Computer Usage



195

Volunteer Hours



1,838

Meeting Room Uses



1,765

Items Delivered
to home-bound individuals

Friends of the Heights Libraries 2017–2018



Volunteers

Volunteer Hours: 6079

Volunteers: 132

Membership

440 active FRIENDS members

• Individual	256	• Patron	28
• Family	53	• Ind. Lifetime	68
• Couple	35		

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 Staffing in September
- Indigenous Peoples Read-In in October
- Urban Winery FRIENDS Members Thank You
- 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 Visits
- 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: Little Free Libraries, Metro Health, Lorain County Correctional Institute, Sisters of Charity, Juvenile Detention Center, the Cleveland Women's Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry Men's Shelter, Seeds of Literacy, St Philomena's Food Program, Noble Branch Book Giveaway, Cleveland Hts. Small Business Celebration, Cleveland and CH-UH Schools, Veteran's Hospital, Rainey Institute, University Settlement, and many others.

Financials for Fiscal Year 2017–18

Total Income was \$61,434. Earned income was \$48,188, which included book sales of \$43,163. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and FRIENDS events provided the balance. Our contributed income total of \$13,246 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled \$61,944 in FY 2017–18. Donations to the library and library related entities of \$50,015 were allocated as follows:

- Director's Discretionary Fund: \$2,500
- Library Staff Support, Development & Recognition: \$4,000
- General Library programming \$15,000
- Library Levy Committee: \$2,000
- Children's Author Visit: \$2,500
- English Classes at Noble Branch: \$3,000
- Citizenship Classes Noble Branch: \$3,000
- Welcome Hub at Noble: \$3,000
- Teen Digital Lab Interns: \$1,000
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee: \$500
- Scholarship Awards for Library Science Students: \$1,500
- Compass Mural for University Heights Branch: \$11,515
- Heights Arts Haiku Death Match: \$500

Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries 2018



The Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries' (FFHL) total 2018 assets equaled \$54,989, which is an \$11,730 increase (27 percent) over 2017.

FFHL's primary revenue sources are profits from its annual Honor Roll Dinner, individual donations from the Board and community members, and the interest on the Cleveland Foundation fund. The largest individual donation in 2018 came from the McFarland Family.

The FFHL donated artwork over the fireplace for the newly renovated University Heights Branch in 2018.

Hugh Weinberg replaced Rob Fischer as President of the Board of Directors in February 2018. Chase Klingentein, Jackie Nachman and Ray Gonzales joined the board in 2018.

Two new subdivisions were created: The Marketing Committee, a subdivision of the Development Committee, to be presided over by Adaora Schmeidl; and the Dinner Subcommittee, whose members are Sue Janssen, Jackie Nachman and Courtney Eaton.

The Board wrote and approved a new mission statement for the FFHL: "Creating an endowment to support Heights Libraries buildings, property and services for future generations. Gifts are invested for secure and conservative growth within the Cleveland Foundation.

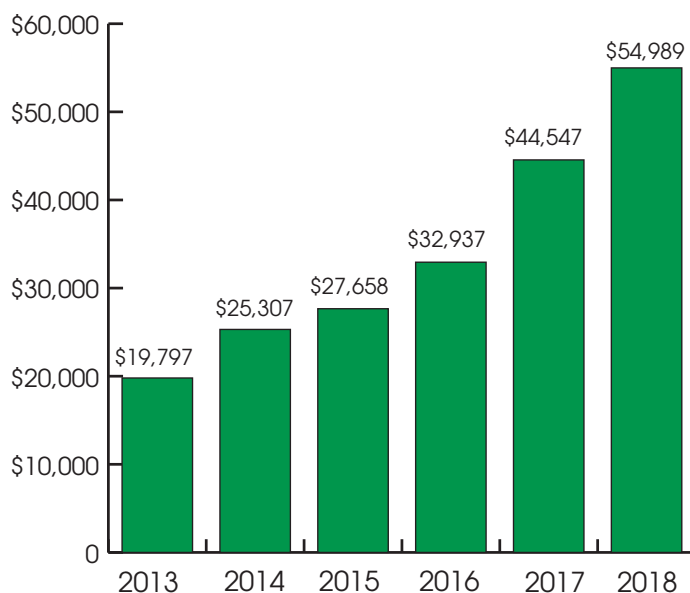
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Closings

Mon, Sept 2, Labor Day
Thurs & Fri, Nov 28 & 29, Thanksgiving



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Heights Library Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18

FRIENDS of the Library

Board Meetings

Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road branch
Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14

Red Cross Blood Drive

Mon, 12 p.m. Lee Road Branch
Sept 3, Oct 7, Nov 27

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.
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