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Older Adults, We See You!

I recently met with a gentleman who works with older people, and we were commiserating about the challenges of serving people in the age of COVID. We both laughed when our conversation turned to reaching older adults online, however. No problem there! Older adults spend a great deal of time online. According to Pew Research Center, people over 60 have increased their screen time by 27 minutes a day since 2006. People who are baby boomers and older spend more than half of their daily leisure time on screens. Leisure time as defined by Pew is seven hours a day.

In 2000, 14 percent of people over the age of 60 were internet users; now 73 percent are. We have certainly witnessed this change at the library. Our older customers are definitely on Facebook, using their smart phones to take and share photos, and texting their friends and family.

But we also know plenty of older adults miss the library, miss their print books, books on CD, DVDs, and music CDs.

Since reopening our buildings in September, we have established "senior hours" to allow those most at risk to conduct their library activities without crowding and undo exposure to potential risk. We've also continued curbside pick-up and home delivery if coming into the library is too challenging, right now. In fact, we have seen an increase in customers for our books by mail program.

Recently, we decided to take our efforts to serve older adults further by partnering with Benjamin Rose Institute and other agencies to become a Dementia Friendly Library. This means we are training our staff to provide customer service with an awareness that some of our customers may have a cognitive challenge that we can't see. Signs of dementia can start as early as our 60s but in cases of early onset may start as early as one's 30, 40s or 50s.

Since people can live active lives with dementia we can do more to make their time at the library more productive. We will adapt our conversations to make it easier for these folks to use our services. We will be adding programming for caregivers while occupying their charges with enjoyable activities.

We welcome all of our older citizens to join our online offerings and we hope you will let us know what else we can do to enhance your lives, online or in person. In the age of COVID, we wish to state unequivocally that older adults are important to us and we wish to serve you better.

Please let us know what we can do to help. And look inside for many online programs that our mature adults might find entertaining or educational. We know you're online anyway!

Nancy S. Levin, Director

**DRIVE-THROUGH
MOBILE PANTRY NOW AT
THE LEE RD BRANCH**



**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**



5-7 pm, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22

FREE fresh produce drive-through 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 make sure your car trunk is clean. First come, first served. Rain or shine.

For questions contact Special Projects Manager, Maggie Kinney, at 216-932-3600 x 1290.

**Free Fresh
PRODUCE**



FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries News



The FRIENDS are thrilled that our libraries are back open!

We are also thrilled to announce that the Harvey & FRIENDS Book Shop at Lee Road is open again, with the following rules in place:

1. Payment by **cash only**, exact change. **No change** will be given.
2. Payment will be in the self-serve box at the counter in the Shop.
3. **Masks Required** — Sanitize hands upon entry.
4. Limit of **6 patrons** at a time in the Shop.

Regularly priced adult books are now ONLY \$1! Children's and Teen books are still 50 cents each. CDs & DVDs are only 2/\$1. "Specials" are still priced as marked.

While the Book Shop was closed, the FRIENDS were busy sorting and donating books to the community through many nonprofits and food pantries. Now that we're open, we will continue donating our surplus books, so rest assured that your donations are not only helping the Library, but folks in our community, too! Thank you!

FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit all-volunteer citizen organization dedicated to supporting our community's incredible library system. We help fund programs and projects by raising money through used book sales, membership dues and gifts. You can become a FRIENDS member for as little as \$10 a year. To join, volunteer, or find out more, visit our website www.friendsheightslibraries.org. You can also get reminders of book sales and news by liking our page on Facebook, @friendsheightslibraries.



**EVERY
FRIDAY!**

**THROUGH DECEMBER
12:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Nov 13, 20 & Dec 4, 11, 18**

- \$5 a bag
- Cash or Check Only – No change will be given
- Bring Your Own Bag – no bags will be available
- Only 6 patrons in the shop at a time
- If others are waiting, a time limit will be enforced
- Masks required – sanitize hands upon entry

At the Harvey & FRIENDS Bookshop – 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). You must bring your own grocery-sized bags. Over-sized bags will be charged a premium price.

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Online Programs

If you would like to attend one of our online programs being held on Zoom, please be sure to register for the program at heightslibrary.org with your email address so our program staff can contact you with login instructions. Zoom programs are NOT recorded to ensure the comfort and safety of all participants. Facebook Live events do not require registration, and can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/heightslibrary.

Winter Reading Warm Up

Every day, Dec 1- Jan 10 on the Beanstack Reading App

Beat the winter blues with our Winter Reading Program! Complete reading-related activities and win fun prizes perfect for winter. Register through Beanstack by going to heightslibrary.beanstack.org or by downloading the "Beanstack Tracker" from your app store and searching for Heights Libraries. **Pre-K to fifth grade.**

Family Zoom Storytime

Wed, Dec 2 - Feb 24, 11 a.m. on Zoom

Sat, Dec 5 - Feb 27, 11 a.m. on Zoom

Want to enjoy storytime from the comfort of your own home? Here's your chance! Join us as we read books and sing songs in our Family Zoom storytime. **Each storytime has its own registration, and each storytime's registration begins two weeks prior to its date. For children of all ages.**

Virtual Sing and Swing Music Together

Fri, Dec 4, 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Music Together is the perfect way to get young children to imagine, improvise, and express themselves through music and movement. A Sing and Swing instructor will lead babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and the adults that love them through songs, dances, rhythms, and rhymes virtually with Zoom. Please arrive to the Zoom room within five minutes of the program time. **Registration begins November 20.**

Winter Baking Club

Sat, Dec 5, 1 p.m. on Zoom

Attention all bakers! Beat the winter blues with baking! Join University Heights Branch Library on Zoom for a special digital baking class. **For ages 8 and up.** Recipes and ingredients list will be emailed to you when you register. **Registration begins November 29.**

Gingerbread House Challenge

Sat, Dec 19, 2 p.m. on Zoom

Attention all builders and architects! Join us on Zoom for a sticky sweet construction challenge. Do you have what it takes to create a sturdy edible house out of frosting, and graham crackers? Let's find out! **Ages 7 and up.** Materials will be provided the week of the program. **Registration begins Dec 1.**

Virtual Puppet Shows

Wed, Jan 13, 2:30 & 3 p.m. on Zoom

Sat, Jan 16, 2:30 & 3 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for two fun-filled puppet shows! We will take a five-minute intermission between shows. **Registration begins December 30. For children of all ages.**

In-Person: Indoor and Outdoor

For all indoor and outdoor programs, following CDC safety guidelines, a mask is required for anyone over two years old, and participants must maintain six feet of distance.

Winter Weather Pop Up Programming

Watch the Heights Libraries Facebook page for date and time

We are hoping for snow to color with snow markers and paint, build forts and snowmen, ice bowling and more! Check out the library's Facebook page for updates. **Ages 0-5 and families welcome.**

Family Stroller Winter Walks in University Heights

Join the Library for a series of outside family walks this winter. Join us as we stroll the beautiful streets of University Heights. **Ages 0-5. Registration begins November 18.**

Tues, Dec 15, 6 p.m.

Winter Light Walk (Weather date Dec 17)

Wed, Jan 6, 10 a.m.

Sled Walk (Weather date Jan 20)

Wed, Feb 3, 10 a.m.

Winter Scavenger Hunt (Weather date Feb 17)

Winter Activity Pack

Fri, Jan 8, All Day at Lee Road, Noble, and University Heights

Looking for a cool project to do at home this winter? Stop by the Lee Road, Noble Neighborhood, or University

Heights library to pick up an exciting activity pack! Fun, age-appropriate packs combining DIY crafts, literacy aids, and other activities will be available for **preschoolers and school age children**. While supplies last.

Snowy Day Scavenger Hunt

Sat, Jan 23, 30 and Feb 6, 13, All Day at Noble

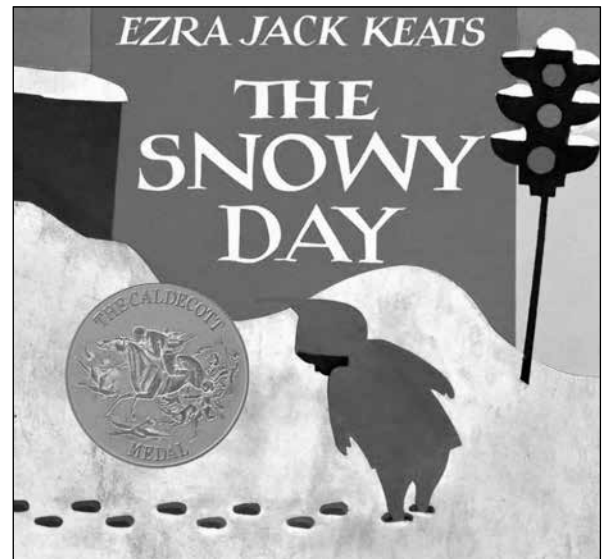
Explore the snowy Noble Neighborhood Branch this winter by hunting for images from Jack Ezra Keats' classic picture book, *The Snowy Day*. **Families with kids of all ages** can hunt for Peter's footprints, a rubber ducky, a red hat, sticks, and more during this snowy, wintry scavenger hunt. One lucky hunter will win their very own copy of *The Snowy Day*. Fingers crossed for snow! Stop in at the children's room for directions to get started.

Black Icons Scavenger Hunt

Thurs, Feb 11, 3 p.m. at Lee

Use your detective skills and search through the Children's Room to find all of the hidden portraits of Black icons throughout history. You'll learn about some true pioneers

and visionaries, and if you find them all, you'll win a cool prize! **Grades K-5**.



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Programs for Teens

Online Program



Heights Libraries Teen Discord Server

Are you missing your favorite hang-out SPOT? Do you fondly reminisce about library programs? Join our Teen Discord Server to connect with your library friends and staff online. Send messages, share videos, and post your best memes. Send us an email at teen@heightslibrary.org to get the details!
Ages 13–18.

Read Woke! Challenge

Every day, Dec 1-Jan 10 on the Beanstack Reading App

Read Woke is a feeling. A form of education. A call to action, and our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge to better protect your rights. Learning about others so you treat people with respect and dignity, no matter their religion, race, creed, or color. Join our winter Read Woke challenge by searching for “Heights Libraries” on the Beanstack app, and earn prizes by reading books by diverse voices. **Grades 6-12.**

2020 Reflections: A Virtual Celebration of Creation

Every day, Dec 1-Jan 10

2020 has definitely been a year like no other. We want to know what this year meant to our teens. What writing or art did it inspire you to create? Share up to three pieces of poetry, short stories, photography, drawings, paintings, or any other work inspired by 2020 by emailing teen@heightslibrary.org. We will compile the works and share them virtually on our website <https://heightslibrary.org/services/teens/> beginning January 17, 2021. Share your creativity with the world, as we say goodbye to 2020!
Grades 6-12.

Jackbox Online Game Night

Thurs, Dec 10, 4 p.m. on Jackbox

Jackbox games are fun, fast paced, online party games. Players use your own personal device as a controller and can play from anywhere that has an internet connection. Players join by using the web browser on their smartphone - no app is needed. Registration is required so that instructions can be sent to participants prior to the start of the event. **Registration begins November 26. Ages 13-18.**

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Friendship Bracelets

Sat, Feb 20, 2 p.m.

Join us on Discord to create Friendship Bracelets. Learn some knots, then teach us some you know. Stop by the Coventry Library to pick up materials. Need help getting on Discord? Email us at teen@heightslibrary.org. **Ages 13-18.**

In Person

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Zoom Meditation Tuesdays

Tues, Dec 1–Feb 23, 6 p.m. on Zoom

The physical and mental benefits of meditation are significant and well-documented. Christine Valadon will present a weekly Zoom Heartfulness meditation, an effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart and practiced in over 120 countries around the world. **Registration begins November 17.**

Tech Talks

Wed, Dec 2 & 16, Jan 13 & 27, Feb 10 & 24, 4 p.m. on Facebook Live

Learn about timely technology topics, including streaming services, buying tech, and more. Can't watch it live? Check out the Library's YouTube page for recorded sessions.

Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thurs, Dec 3 & 17, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Knit and chat with other knitters on Zoom.

Virtual Lunchtime Yoga

Fri, Dec 4–Feb 26, 12 p.m. on Facebook Live

Working from home and need a break in your day? Join a yoga instructor for Virtual Lunchtime Yoga! Spend some time focusing on yourself so that you can get back to work feeling refreshed and energized. The instructor will create an interactive environment and cater the session to everyone's needs, so be ready to participate!

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, Dec 8, Jan 12 & 26, Feb 9 & 23, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Work on a project on Zoom. Experienced knitters and newcomers are welcome, as well as children with parents.

Appy Hour

Wed, Dec 9, Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, 4 p.m. on Facebook Live

Learn about apps to try on your Apple and Android smartphones and tablets! Can't watch it live? Check out the library's YouTube page for recorded Appy Hour sessions.

Murder Between the Pages

Tues, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for a true crime book discussion, every 2nd Tuesday of the month. The book club is brought to you in partnership with Mac's Backs. Borrow the book from the library, or buy it from Mac's Backs at 20 percent off. **Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.**

Dec 8: *The Killer Across the Table: Unlocking the Secrets of Serial Killers and Predators with the FBI's Original Mindhunter* by John E. Douglas

Jan 12: *A Serial Killer's Daughter: My Story of Faith, Love, and Overcoming* by Kerri Rawson

Feb 9: *Eliot Ness and the Mad Butcher: Hunting America's Deadliest Unidentified Serial Killer at the Dawn of Modern Criminology* by Max Allen Collins

1619 Project Discussion

Thurs, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

The 1619 Project is an initiative by The New York Times that re-examines the history, and lasting influence, of American slavery on our society. These discussions address how the legacy of slavery remains the dominant factor of American political, cultural, and social spheres. Article packets are available for download at heightslibrary.org or on the lobby display at the Lee Road branch.

Dec 10: Slavery and Capitalism, Part II

Jan 14: Race and Health Care

Feb 11: Stealing Black Culture

Step Out of Time

Thurs, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Dec 10: Yoga for Healthy Joints with Laura Santoro
Learn gentle and low-impact yoga moves that promote circulation, strengthen the muscles around the joints, and increase flexibility. This class is appropriate for all abilities. **Registration begins November 28.**

Jan 14: Breathing and Stretching with Lucky Caswell-Harris
Enjoy a series of breathing and stretching practices to develop a calm energy. **Registration begins December 31.**

Programs for Adults

The Not-the-Mistake-on-the-Lake Book Club **Sat, 3 p.m. on Zoom**

Come celebrate all things Cleveland with this fun and interactive Zoom book discussion group. **Registration begins December 5.**

Dec 19: *Cleveland Christmas Memories: Looking Back at Holidays Past* by Gail Ghetia Bellamy

Jan 16: *Vintage Cavs: A Warm Look Back at the Cavaliers of the Cleveland Arena and Richfield Coliseum Years* by Terry Pluto

Feb 20: *When the River Burned: Carl Stokes and the Struggle to Save Cleveland* by David and Richard Stradling

Virtual Trivia

Tues, Jan 26, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join Steve from the Noble branch for a wintery Virtual Trivia Night! Team up with friends and family to show that all that useless information you know is not so useless after all. Questions will cover a wide range of subjects and will be family friendly. **Registration begins Jan 12.**

Computer Classes

Classes will be held virtually. A valid email address is required. Information about accessing the class will be sent to your email address prior to class.

Microsoft Word Basics

Thurs, Jan 14, 7 p.m.

This one-day class will teach you about adding and formatting text, graphics, cutting and pasting, and much more in this introduction to Word. Prerequisites: Familiarity with mouse and keyboard. **Registration begins December 31.**

Graphics in Microsoft Word

Thurs, Jan 21, 7 p.m.

Enhance the look of your Word documents by adding color, clip art, shapes, and other graphic elements. Prerequisites: Familiarity with Word basics. **Registration begins January 7.**

Microsoft Excel Basics

Thurs, Jan 28, 7 p.m.

This one-day class will teach the basics of the Excel program. The class discusses practical ways to use Excel, the layout of the program, entering data, editing cells, autofill and formulas. Prerequisites: Familiarity with Microsoft Word basics. **Registration begins January 14.**

Charts and Graphs in Microsoft Excel

Thurs, Feb 4, 7 p.m.

Use Excel to create a variety of colorful charts and graphs, including column charts, line graphs and pie charts. Prerequisites: Familiarity with Excel basics. **Registration begins January 21.**

Microsoft PowerPoint Basics

Thurs, Feb 11, 7 p.m.

This one-day class will teach the basics of PowerPoint, including creating a slideshow, rearranging slides, and saving and printing the presentation. Prerequisites: Familiarity with mouse and keyboard. **Registration begins January 28.**

Creating Effective PowerPoint

Thurs, Feb 18, 7 p.m.

Learn to create engaging, effective PowerPoint presentations with advanced PowerPoint features and design, content, and public speaking tips. Prerequisites: PowerPoint basics. **Registration begins February 4.**



Virtual Resume Review

Looking to create or update your resume? We are here to help.

If you have an existing resume, please email it as a Word document to techtrainers@heightslibraries.org or call the library at (216) 932-3600 ext. 1297. A Heights Libraries Tech Trainer will review your resume and discuss ways to help you stand out to employers. This is a free service.



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Quarantine living got you down?

Have you read all the books in your house?

Are you tired of scrolling Netflix, trying to find something to watch?

Are you looking for the next great song to help you get out of bed in the morning?

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For caregivers of children ages 0 to grade 5, explore Heights Libraries' upcoming programs, early literacy tips, book recommendations, and more!



Heights Little Learners



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What's new in tech this month? Keep up with all of Heights Libraries' technology-related resources and activities, straight to your inbox!

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Thurs & Fri, Dec 24 & 25,
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Close at 5 p.m., Thurs, Dec 31, New Year's Eve
Fri, Jan 1, New Year's Day



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Heights Libraries Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m.
Dec 21, Jan 19, Feb 15
Via YouTube Live

Hours & Locations

**Building hours subject to change. Please check
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Lee Road

2345 Lee Rd.
(216) 932-3600

Tues & Thurs, 1:30-9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat, 12-5 p.m.

Seniors-Only Hours

from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat

Coventry Village

1925 Coventry Rd.
(216) 321-3400 Voice
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Wed, Fri & Sat, 12-5 p.m.

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Noble Neighborhood

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Wed, Fri & Sat, 12-5 p.m.

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from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat

University Heights

13866 Cedar Rd.
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Wed, Fri & Sat, 12-5 p.m.

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