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FREE fresh produce drive-through
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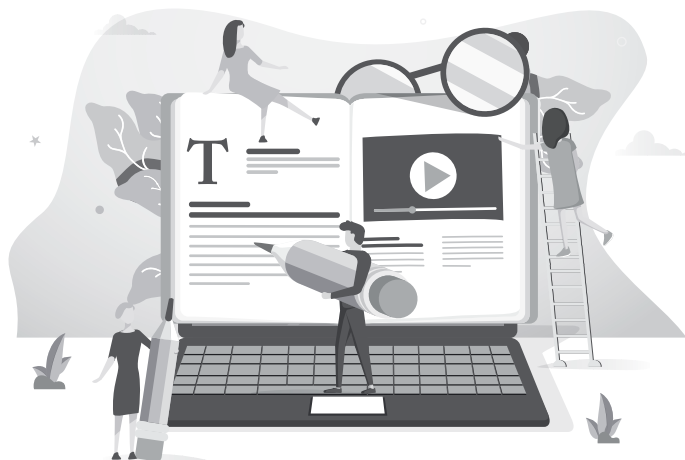


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Staff Training Day

All branches will be closed
Friday, September 24





Back to School, and Back to the Library!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, a campaign established in 1987 by the American Library Association (ALA) and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The month was chosen to coincide with the fall return to school for most children in the United States, to highlight the importance of public libraries, and how they contribute to, and complement, a child's formal education.

This year's National Library Card Month is especially meaningful for two reasons.

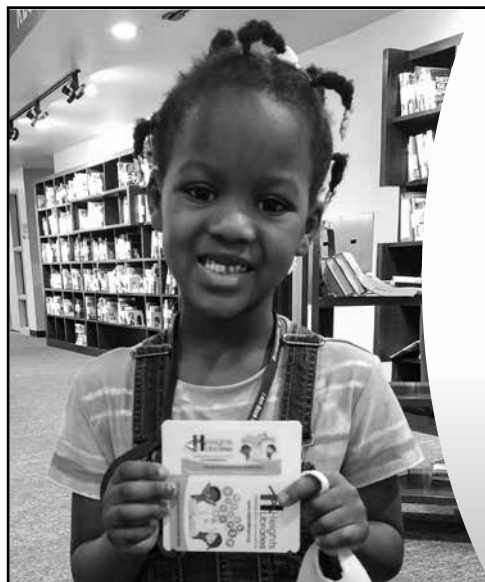
First, we can, finally, FULLY welcome kids back to our library for this special month. Last September, our buildings were open for browsing and check-out, but due to COVID-related precautions, we had removed all furniture to prevent lingering. That meant that our teens and school-age kids couldn't really spend any time leisurely browsing the shelves and book displays, taking their time making their choices, and settling into a comfy chair to read or be read to by a parent, guardian, or older sibling. Sure, kids could still get a library card, and we were thrilled when they did, but it just wasn't the same. Visits were way down as kids and parents got used to staying home as much as possible. This year, we are fully open. Furniture is back, programs are back, and kids are welcome to spend time with us again, hopefully leaving with armloads of materials again.

Second, this year's honorary chair for Library Card Sign-Up month is none other than Marley Dias. According to the ALA's press release, "Dias is the witty and purpose-driven 16-year-old founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks and author of *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!* #1000BlackGirlBooks is an international movement to collect and donate children's books that feature Black girls as the lead character. Dias launched the #1000BlackGirlBooks drive in November 2015 with the help of GrassROOTS Community Foundation. The goal was to collect 1,000 books by February 2016, and Dias has collected more than 13,000 books to-date."

We hope Dias's involvement will inspire our young customers to get a library card, if they don't already have one, and to use that card to find books that help them see themselves more clearly, and better understand others.

We can't wait to see our kids this fall!

Sheryl Banks,
Communications Manager



September Is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Stop in at any branch
to get a card!



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This Air Guitar play will shake you all night long.

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October 29 - November 21, 2021

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DIRECTED BY Nathan Motta

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If you are interested in learning more about our current program schedule, including the programs listed below, or want registration information, call 216-321-0079 or email ebarrett@familyconnections1.org.

Music with Marisa is offered several times a week via Zoom. You and your child can sing, dance, tap, shake and interact with a skilled early childhood music facilitator.

Baby & Me meets weekly Wednesdays from 10 - noon. Join us to talk about the first year of parenting. Share joys, struggles, ideas and resources. We are currently meeting via Zoom and/or in-person outside as weather permits.

"I Spy" Stroller Walks are offered weekly in-person in multiple locations. Help to sharpen your child's skills of observation, have a safe way to interact with others and find delight in seeing, smelling, touching and hearing what surrounds us.

Back to School Join Family Connections on Sept 30 at 7:30 p.m. for a conversation about strategies for a thriving transition back to school, featuring psychologist, Dr. Sarah Spannagel and Tiffany Scruggs, Family Connections Board of Directors and VP of Client Services, Greater Cleveland Food Bank.



SPARK –Do you have a child born between Oct 1, 2016 - Sept 30, 2018? Then your child is eligible to participate in SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), a family-focused monthly home visitation program designed to ensure preschool aged children are ready for kindergarten.

Co-Sponsored by Heights Libraries and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School district to serve families in the CH-UH community. For more information email czoldak@familyconnections1.org or kreinhardt@familyconnections1.org or call 216-321-0079.

Storytimes and Programs

For Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

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



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Weather permitting. Please call before you go if the weather looks bad.

Outdoor Baby Bonanza

Wed, Sept 8 - Nov 24, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry Peace Park

Bring your babies and blankets in for books, bopping, and bouncing at our outdoor lap-sit program. Weather Permitting. **For children birth through walking.**

Outdoor Story Stop

Wed, Sept 8 - Nov 24, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry Peace Park

Bring a blanket to sit on, and join us for stories, songs, and dancing! Weather permitting. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Fall Storytime at Walter Stinson Park

Fri, Sept 3 - Oct 29, 11 a.m. at Walter Stinson Park in University Heights

Bring your blanket to sit on, and join us for stories, songs, rhymes and dancing.

Preschool STEM at Walter Stinson Park

Wed, Sept 8 - 22, 11 a.m. at Walter Stinson Park in University Heights

Join the library at the park for some fun science activities. We will be measuring with marshmallows, painting with mud and dissecting a flower. Open to preschoolers of all ages. **Registration begins August 18.** If raining program will be held at University Heights branch.

Preschool Dance Party

Fri, Sept 10, 10 a.m. at Coventry

Games, crafts, music, and fun will make your sides jingle, you lips smile wide and those little feet start a-tapping. Wear your best dance outfit and get moving with us. **Registration begins August 27. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Fall Pottering in the Park at Walter Stinson Park

Mon, Oct 4 - 18, 1:30 p.m. at University Heights

The weather may be cooler but we still want to be outdoors. Join us for a story and some fun leaf themed activities: leaf threading, foil leaves, and more. **Registration begins Sept 20.** If raining, program will move to University Heights branch. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Fall Stroller Scavenger Hunt

Fri, Oct 8, 10 a.m. at Coventry Peace Park

Join the library for a Fall Stroller Scavenger Hunt around the P.E.A.C.E. Park and Coventry Neighborhood. **For Ages 0-5. Registration begins Sept 24.**

Pumpkins in the Park at Walter Stinson Park

Wed, Oct 13 - 27, 11 a.m. at Walter Stinson Park in University Heights

We are celebrating all things Pumpkin! Join us at The Walt for pumpkin painting, pumpkin dissecting and pumpkin shaving cream pies! **For Preschoolers of all ages. Registration begins Sept 29.** If raining, event will move to University Heights branch.

Little Farmers Harvest Party

Wed, Sept 22, 11 a.m. at Noble

Join us for this special outdoor event featuring stories, a craft, and games with an autumn theme. This will be a fun, family-friendly way to celebrate all things fall! **For toddlers and preschoolers.**

INDOOR PROGRAMS

Space is limited. First come, first served.

Baby Bonanza

Tues, Sept 7 - Nov 30, 10 a.m. at Lee Road

Bring your babies and blankets in for books, bopping, and bouncing at this year-round lap-sit program. **Baby Bonanza is for babies who are not yet walking.**

Waddlers

Thurs, Sept 2 - Nov 19, 10 a.m. at Lee Road

Join us as we sing songs, read stories, do a few rhymes and engage in some well-deserved playtime. Shaking, jumping,

Babies to Pre-K

and wiggling are strongly advised. For toddlers who are walking – 24 months.

Story Stop

Mon, Sept 13 – Nov 29, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Lee Road

Tues, Sept 7 – Nov 30, 11 a.m. at Lee Road

Wed, Sept 1 – Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. at UH

Thurs, Sept 2 – Nov 18, 11 a.m. at Lee Road

Fri, Sept 3 – Nov 19, 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Sat, Sept 4 – Nov 27, 10:30 a.m. at Lee Road

Hear stories, sing songs, and do a little dancing too! Bring the entire family and get in on the action. Books, music, and activities help develop early literacy skills during our weekly reading adventure. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Stay and Play

Fri, Sept 3 – Nov 26, 11 a.m. at Noble

Stay after storytime each week for a simple craft or activity.

Sing and Swing – Music Together

Fri, Sept 3 & Nov 19, 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Sing and Swing is offering a demo of their Music Together classes. **Registration begins August 20 and Nov 5. For infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.**

Motor Skills Mondays

Mon, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, 6:30 p.m. at Lee Road

Bring your babies for a play based program tailored to the very young. We will have special games, toys, and other activities to help enhance motor skills development. **Registration begins Sept 3. For children 6 to 24 months old.**

Rotting Pumpkin Storytime

Wed, Sept 29, 11 a.m.

University Heights Branch

Join the library as we read *Pumpkin Jack* and learn about pumpkins. After the storytime each participant will receive a pumpkin and decomposition journal to chart the changes in their own pumpkin. **Registration starts Sept. 15. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Boynton Book Bash

Thurs, Sept 30, 6 p.m. at Coventry

Ready for a *Barney Dance*? How about *Pajama Time*? *Moo, Baa, La, La, La*? Come enjoy some of the catchiest, cuties, and funniest books by Sandra Boynton. We'll have Boynton songs, Boynton games, and a good time. **Registration begins Sept 16. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Parachute Storytime

Fri, Oct 15, 10:30 a.m. at Lee Road

Join us for Parachute Storytime! We will read books, sing songs, and play together with our colorful parachute! **Registration begins Oct. 1. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Stories for Sky Watchers

Wed, Oct 20, 11 a.m. at Noble

Explore the wonders of the night sky (during the day!) with stories, songs, and a hands-on craft project. Learn about the objects in the night sky and take home tips for star gazing with the whole family. **Registration begins Oct 1. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Preschool Art in the Library

Wed, Nov 3 – 17, 11 a.m. at University Heights

Stop by the library for a mid-week art break! There will be different art activities each week including fingerprint art, finger painting and more. **Registration begins Oct 20. For preschoolers of all ages.**



Explore Heights Libraries' upcoming programs, early literacy tips, book recommendations, and more with our monthly eNewsletter for caregivers of children ages 0 to grade 5.

Sign up at <https://heightslibrary.org/services/enewsletters>.

COVENTRY

Lego Party!

Thurs, Sept 2, 4:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon building the Lego creations of your dreams. Master Builders to Newbies, are all welcome! **For ages 2 and up.**

Chemistry of Clouds

Thurs, 4 p.m.

Clouds are all about chemistry! Learn how to make your own cumulus clouds with cleaning expert Brandi Smith. Let's help the children learn about science and the environment using a STEAM approach. **For ages 5 to 12**

Sept 9: How to make a Thunderstorm

Sept 16: Creative Clouds

Sept 23: The Many Ways to Measure

Kids Craft Day

Fri, Nov 5, 2 p.m.

Been feeling real cooped up because of COVID? Come stretch your legs and practice some creative and social skills. Meet outside of the Coventry branch for some cool crafting. Beads, friendship bracelet string, pipe cleaners, and other general crafting supplies will be included. **For ages 5 to 18.**

LEE

Homework Help

Tues & Thurs, Sept 7 - Nov 18, 3:30 p.m.

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

Tech for Kids Workshop

Sun, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, 2 p.m.

Kids, bring your favorite adult as we explore hands-on STEAM activities. **Registration begins two weeks before each date. Grades K-5.**

Green Chalk Poetry

Mon, Sept 20, 3:30 p.m.

We will read and create poems as we explore the Books and Blooms garden at the corner of Lee and Ormond. This "Read a Poem to a Child" and "100 Thousand Poets for Change" event includes a reading by celebrated local poet Cathy Barber. Dress for messy fun. Outdoor program in the garden at the corner of Lee and Ormond, weather permitting.

Hobbits and Habitats

Mon, Oct 4, 3:30 p.m.

What can you discover in a fall garden? Exercise your green thumb and imagination with a story and fall craft. Remember to wear clothes that you can get dirty. Outdoor program in the garden at the corner of Lee and Ormond, weather permitting. **Registration begins Sept 20.**

Erupting Sand Foam Dough

Wed, Nov 17, 4 p.m.

Join us for some wacky science fun as we create erupting sand foam dough with basic household ingredients. **Grades K-5. Registration begins Nov 3.**

Monoprints with Zygote Press: Fall Foliage

Wed, Oct 20, 4 p.m.

Get an overview of the world of printmaking and learn how to make monotypes using fall leaves with a teaching artist from Zygote Press! **Registration begins Oct 6. Grades K-5.**

Origami Day

Mon, Nov 8, 3:30 p.m.

Get ready for Origami Day on Nov 11. We will explore the ancient Japanese art of paper folding with a take-home craft!

NOBLE

Party in the Garden

Thurs, Sept 2, 4:30 p.m.

Come hang out in the garden and see what has been growing. Learn about the plants in the garden, soak up some sun and participate in energetic outdoor activities. **Grades K-5.**

Afterschool Pop-up Programs

Thurs, Sept 9 - Nov 18, 4:30 p.m.

You never know what will be happening in the children's room afterschool. Check in every Thursday for a fun surprise project, craft, game, or activity. If you cannot stay, stop by and grab an activity kit to take home. **Grades K-5.**

Read with a Librarian

Tues, Nov 9 - 30, 5 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to sign their children up to practice reading out loud with a librarian. Bring your favorite book or choose from a selection handpicked by our children's librarians. Individualized reading sessions are 20 minutes and include a prize for participating. Please call the Noble Neighborhood Branch Children's Department at 216.291.5665 ext. 1330 to make a reservation. **Grades K-5.**

Programs for Children

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Travelling Sketchbook Collection

Sun – Sat, Sept 1 – Nov 30, All Day

Check out a sketchbook! This program creates a traveling sketchbook collection for the UH Children's and Teen departments. Young people can come in and draw in a sketchbook at one of our tables OR sign out a sketchbook on a sign-out sheet and take the sketchbook home to draw in, and return. At the end of the project the library will have a small collection of local young artists, and kids will learn how fun and fulfilling drawing can be.

Pulled String Art

Thurs, Sept 2, 6 p.m.

Join us at Walter Stinson Park as we create cool art using string and paper! Let's get creative and have fun as we let our inner artist shine! **Registration begins August 27. Ages 6 and up.**

Dino-ramas

Thurs, Sept 9, 5:30 p.m.

An opportunity for dinosaur and art loving young people to assemble a dinosaur diorama using recycled materials, cut paper and dinosaur figures found and purchased at Upcycle part shop in Cleveland and online. Kits for dioramas will be made available the day after the program for participants who could not attend or were not comfortable attending the program in person. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Sunday Game Day

Sun, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, 1 p.m.

Looking for a place to hang out and have fun with your friends or family? Come give our new game selection a try. We have new fun for everybody. **This is an all-ages event, with proper supervision.**

Nature Lanterns at Walter Stinson Park

Thurs, Sept 16, 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Walter Stinson Park as we take pressed leaves and flowers and create a beautiful end-of-summer lantern. **Registration begins Sept 9. Ages 7 and up.**

Fall Slime Take and Make Kit

Fri, Sept 17, All Day

Stop by to pick up your Fall Slime Kit. We will supply you with everything you need to make this gooey, fun, fall slime that will put you right in the mood for autumn. **Registration begins Sept 10.**

Found Item Sculpture/Make It Time!

Tues, Sept 21, 5 p.m.

Use found sculptural pieces (toys, beads, paper, clean recycled materials) to create sculptures or new objects based on a series of creative prompts or suggestions given by the instructor. This gives kids an opportunity to combine different elements—texture, color, material—to make new things! **Registration begins Sept 14. All ages.**

Cuddly Critters at Walter Stinson Park

Tues, Oct 5, 2:30 p.m.

Create your own cuddly critter out of a sock and pipe cleaners! Join us at Walter Stinson Park as we create cute bug stuffies to take home. **Registration begins Sept 29. Ages 3 and up.**

Pizza Party Kit

Fri, Oct 8, All Day

Calling all chefs, bakers, and pizza lovers! Stop by the University Heights Branch Fri, Oct 8th to grab your own Pizza kit. We'll supply you with everything you need to make a delicious pizza. The rest is up to you. Get creative and have fun! **Registration required. Registration begins Oct 1. Ages 7 and up.**

Spooky Slime Take and Make Kit

Fri, Oct 22, All Day

Stop by to pick up your Spooky Slime Kit. We will supply you with everything you need to make this spooky, gooey, slime. **Registration begins Oct 15. Ages 6 and up.**

Fall Baking Club

Saturday, Nov 13, 1 p.m.

Attention all bakers! Celebrate the season with baking. Together we will prepare individual delicious Apple Cinnamon Pull Apart Bread for you to take home to bake and share. Spaces are limited. **Registration begins Nov 6. Ages 8 and up.**

Pumpkin Slime Take and Make Kit

Wed, Nov 17, All Day

Stop by to pick up all the ingredients needed to make pumpkin slime! **Registration begins Nov 3. Ages 6 and up.**

COVENTRY

Hoops and Hang

Fri, Sep 3 - Nov 26, 3 p.m. at Coventry PEACE Park

Our teens asked for a safe place to play basketball, so we'll be setting up the hoop to play every Friday this fall. Or, come on down if you want to find out some of the many ways the library is here to support our teens! **For ages 13 to 18, younger kids might find hoop too tall**

Chemistry of Clean

Thurs, Oct 7, 14, 21, 4 p.m.

Why do ordinary household products have extraordinary cleaning powers? It's all about the chemistry! Learn how to make your own safe and environmentally friendly bath bombs and cleaning products with cleaning expert Brandi Smith. Let's help make the environment safe using basic home materials and the power of STEAM. **For ages 12 to 18, younger children allowed but supervision is preferred.**

LEE

Programs are for ages 13 - 18

Generic vs. Name Brand Taste Test

Thurs, Sep 2, 3:30 p.m.

Is more expensive always better? We'll find out when we put popular snack foods to the test. Oreo vs. Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, Doritos vs. Nacho Cheese Tortilla Chips; Which snack will be the tastiest?

Teen Gaming Mondays

Mon, Sep 6 - Nov 29, 3:30 p.m.

Join us every Monday in the Teen Spot to take a turn on the PS4 or the Wii U.

Indoor Game Day

Thurs, Sep 9, 3:30 p.m.

Let your competitive nature shine as you compete in our fun indoor games. Create the best paper airplane and land it on the bullseye, get as many balloons as possible in the basket, and try your hand at other fun challenges for a chance to win prizes.

K-pop Trivia

Thurs, Sep 23, 3:30 p.m.

Hay K-pop fans! Do you know everything about BTS? What about BlackPink or Twice or even Ateez? Are you the ultimate fan? Come to this trivia program and find out! This is K-pop-themed trivia that new fans and old can attempt to answer to earn cool prizes.

Just Dance Competition

Thurs, Sep 30, 3:30 p.m.

Are you up for some competition? Or do you want to Just Dance? Join us in the Teen Room to showcase your dance style and technique! Participants get a prize. See you there!

Backpack Screen Printing

Thurs, Oct 7, 3:30 p.m.

Use colored ink, squeegees, and prepared silk screens to transfer a design onto a drawstring backpack. If you want to add a little extra of your own creativity, we'll also have fabric markers for you to use. **Registration is required and begins September 23.**

Kpop Scavenger Hunt

Thurs, Oct 14, 3:30 p.m.

Do you like scavenger hunts? Better yet, do you like Kpop? If so, come join the Kpop scavenger hunt! Follow the clues and find pictures of your favorite Kpop members hidden in the Spot. Find them all and receive a cool prize!

Sculpting with Found Objects

Thurs, Oct 21, 3:30 p.m.

Flex your creative and problem-solving muscles by creating the coolest sculpture out of random everyday objects. Straws, playdough, tissue paper rolls, sticks, and etc. But wait! Like a true artist, your creation must also tell a story. #SmartArt

Pumpkin Painting

Thurs, Oct 28, 3:30 p.m.

Pumpkins + Paint = Cool decorated pumpkins that you can take home! These little pumpkins can be decorated however you want with the provided materials. Come join us in the Teen Spot for a fun pumpkin painting time!

Mindful Weaving Crafts

Thurs, Nov 4, 3:30 p.m.

Come to the library for a chill afternoon of crafts and conversation. Indulge in mindful conversation starters while weaving a necklace, keychain, hacky sack cover or basket!

College Cooking: What Can You Make with a Microwave?

Thurs, Nov 11, 3:30 p.m.

No stove? No problem. Find out some quick and easy eats you can make with only a microwave at this fun program.

Paint Night (in the Afternoon)

Thurs, Nov 18, 3:30 p.m.

Ready to paint? Come join us in the Teen Spot for a paint

Programs for Teens

night (in the afternoon). All you need to bring is your imagination and the vibes. We'll provide the snacks, paint materials, and the music. **For ages 13 – 18.**

NOBLE

Programs are for grades 6 – 12

Afterschool Zone

Mon – Fri, Sep 1 – Nov 30, 3:30 p.m.

Drop by every weekday afternoon from 3:30 – 5:30 to hang out with your friends, play games and have fun!

Midweek Reset

Wed, Sept 1 – Nov 24, 4 p.m.

Recharge with an afternoon of fun! We'll use supplies from the teen room and input from you and your friends. Please share with library staff about your likes, dislikes, goals, etc. (We'd love to hear about these anytime!) We'll also have some awesome mystery activities ready for the group.

Game Days

Tues, Sep 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26, Nov 9 & 23, 4 p.m.

It's play day in the teen room! Challenge your friends to a board game, battle on the PS4, or learn an old-school game.

Teen Art Therapy Night

Mon, Sep 27 & Oct 25, 6:30 p.m.

Wind down in the evening with an art project designed to help you express yourself, relax, and reflect. All supplies will be provided. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Zine folding/Zine making

Thursday, Sep 30, 5:30 p.m.

A lesson on making and folding a mini zine/comic book of your choice. Prompts for writing/ collaging will be given by the instructor as well as paper, collaging supplies and use of the photo copier to create multiple copies of your zine. Kits (10 – 15 kits) for zine folding and collaging will be made available for teens who could not attend or were not comfortable attending the program to make zines at home - with an instructional worksheet made by me about different folds. **Registration begins September 23.**

Monthly Murder Mystery

Wed, Nov 10, All Day

Are you a true crime fan? Do you enjoy solving mysteries? If so, then you are invited to solve a murder. Follow the clues and pay close attention to the evidence. See if you can solve the case before time runs out. Drop by the University Heights Branch and pick up your murder mystery packet. Solve case by yourself, with a friend, or as a family. It's up to you. **Ages 13 & up.** Packets will be available while supplies last.

Fall Baking Club

Saturday, Nov 13, 1 p.m.

Attention all bakers! Celebrate the season with baking! Join us at University Heights Library for Fall Baking Club. Together we will prepare individual delicious Apple Cinnamon Pull Apart Bread for you to take home to bake and share. Spaces are limited. **Ages 8 and up. Registration begins November 6.**

"What Are You Going to Do with Your Life?"



It's one of the big questions every teen has to face, and the choices can feel overwhelming. But never fear! The Lee Road Teen Room has a new Career Section, featuring books about different jobs, from doctors and engineers, to hairstylists and chefs.

Is college necessary for your chosen career? Our Test Section features books to help you study for SAT and AP tests. If you prefer a high-tech study option, we have new Playaway Launchpads, computer tablets with built-in activities to help you prep for topics like ACT Science or SAT Vocabulary.

We can't pick a career for you, but we can show you what options are out there, and how to prepare for them. Explore your future today in the Lee Road Teen Room!



COVENTRY

Outdoor Tai Chi and Qigong

Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sept 1 - Nov 27, 10 a.m.

Outdoors, weather permitting. Meet under the Coventry PEACE Arch to 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.

Recycle Right in Cuyahoga County

Thurs, Sept 9, 6 p.m.

Learn best practices for recycling right in Cuyahoga County and what you can do to make a meaningful difference in your community. Get answers to questions about curbside recycling and discuss what, where, how and when to recycle other items you need to part with. Learn more about Cleveland Heights new automated trash and recycling program, rolling out to your neighborhood in Fall 2021! **Registration begins August 26.**

Pekar Park Comic Book Fest

Sat, Sept 18, 12 p.m.

The Annual Pekar Park Comic Book Fest is back, with fun for all ages. Crafts, vendors, films, forums, art, refreshments, and so many comics!

Meditation Tuesday with Christine Valadon

Tues, Sept 14 - Nov 30, 6 p.m.

Christine Valadon will present a weekly Heartfulness meditation, an effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart. Sessions will be held in person, with limited seating, and on Zoom. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Cedar-Coventry Author Series

Wed, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Sept 29: Brad Ricca
Teacher, filmmaker and writer of unconventional stories, Brad Ricca will discuss his latest book, *True Raiders: The Untold Story of the 1909 Expedition to Find the Legendary Ark of the Covenant*. Ricca is the author of the Edgar Award-nominated *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes*, *Olive the Lionheart*, and *Super Boys*, winner of the Ohioana Book Award for Nonfiction, in partnership with Mac's Backs on Coventry. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Oct: Check our website for details about our October local author event.

Nov 17: Abby Collette (Vandiver) and Stephanie Cole
Bestselling mystery writers Abby Collette (Vandiver) and Stephanie Cole will be our guests to discuss all things mystery. Abby's latest book is *Body and Soul Food: A Books & Biscuits Mystery* and Stephanie's latest is *Crime of the Ancient*

Marinara: A Tuscan Cooking School Mystery. The Cedar-Coventry Author Series is in partnership with Mac's Backs on Coventry. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Mon, Oct 11 - Nov 15, 6 p.m. on Zoom



Join us on Zoom to learn the basics in communicating in American Sign Language. Refresh and build upon your skills in the use of American Sign Language. **Registration begins Sept 27.**

Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Mon, Oct 11 - Nov 15, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom



Join us on Zoom for Intermediate Sign Language. Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. **Registration begins Sept 27.**

Practical Mindfulness with Greg Sazima

Thurs, Nov 4, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Psychiatrist and native Clevelander Greg Sazima discusses his book, *Practical Mindfulness: A Physician's No-Nonsense Guide to Meditation for Beginners*, "an insightful and demystifying look at mindfulness practice." **Registration begins Oct 15.**

The Last of His Mind-A Year in the Shadow of Alzheimer's

Thurs, Nov 11, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join Height's Libraries in somber recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Author John Thorndike will do a Zoom presentation of his memoir, *The Last of His Mind-A Year in the Shadow of Alzheimer's*. **Registration starts Oct 14.**

LEE

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. Join us as we discuss how the legacy of slavery remains a dominant factor of American political, cultural, and social sphere. Meeting ID: 823 648 5349
Passcode: 691353

Sept 9: Slavery, Police, Prisons Part 2

Oct 14: Slavery, Police, Prisons Part 3

Nov 11: Slavery Part 1

Programs for Adults

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, Sept 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26, Nov 9 & 23, 6:30 p.m.

Come and learn how to knit or work on a project! Experienced knitters, newcomers, and crocheters are welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn.

Pioneers of Sci-Fi Book Club

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Exploring the works of authors who pushed the genre forward.

Sept 16: *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler

Oct 21: *Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley

Nov 18: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

Third Tuesday Book Club

Tues, 7 p.m.

Join our lively monthly book club! We will be reading great books, both classic and modern, and partaking in engaging discussions.

Sept 21: Nancy Johnson's debut novel, *The Kindest Lie*, is set in the wake of the 2008 Presidential election and explores themes of family, motherhood, and growing up Black in America.

Oct 19: *Melmoth*, by Sarah Perry, is a gothic suspense novel set in the darkly atmospheric city of Prague about a woman haunted by her past.

Nov 16: Set in Virginia in the 1850s, Sadeqa Johnson's novel *Yellow Wife* tells the story of Pheby Brown, a Black woman born into slavery, and her struggle to survive.

Matchmakers Monday Book Talk

Mon, Sept 27, 7 p.m.

Looking for your next great read? Our team of six librarians will bring book suggestions to share. Please bring your own so we can hear from you about what you're reading. The Matchmakers will provide copies of our books for browsing and checkout. Let's find some new favorites!

Recycle Right in Cuyahoga County

Thurs, Sept 30, 6 p.m.

Learn best practices for recycling right in Cuyahoga County and what you can do to make a meaningful difference in your community. Get answers to questions about curbside recycling and discuss what, where, how and when to recycle other items you need to part with. Learn more about Cleveland Heights new automated trash and recycling program, rolling out to your neighborhood in fall 2021!

Registration begins Sept 26.

Vincent Van Gogh Series

Sensational Van Gogh: *Loving Vincent*

Wed, Oct 6, 6:30 p.m.

Loving Vincent (2017, PG-13, 94 mins) In a story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of the painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there.

Sensational Van Gogh: Life and Art Lecture

Wed, Oct 13, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Arguably the most famous artist in the world, Vincent van Gogh has achieved legendary status. But who was Van Gogh really? Join art historian and nineteenth-century specialist, Dr. Emma Clute, to learn about Van Gogh as an artist and a person.

Sensational Van Gogh: Book Discussion

Wed, Oct 20, 7 p.m. on Zoom

The Sunflowers are Mine: The Story of Van Gogh's Masterpiece by Martin Bailey explains why Van Gogh painted a series of sunflower still lifes in Provence, and explores the subsequent adventures of the seven pictures, and their influence on modern art.

Jane Austen Deep-Dive Book Club:

Sense and Sensibility

Mon, 7 p.m.

Join our three-part series: a deep dive into Jane Austen's first published novel, *Sense and Sensibility*. Originally published in three volumes, we will devote each meeting to one volume. Come for the discussion; leave with a deeper understanding of the genius of Jane Austen.

Oct 11: Volume 1: Chapters 1 – 22

Oct 25: Volume II: Chapters 23 – 36

Nov 8: Volume III: Chapters 37 – 50

NOBLE

Noble Needles Knitting Circle

Thurs, Sept 2 & 16, Oct & 21, Nov 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m.

Knit and chat with other knitters on the Noble lawn or on zoom if there's inclement weather!

Green Noble Discussion and Action Group

Sun, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, 3 p.m.

Join the Green Noble group to learn about "green" issues and initiatives happening around the Noble neighborhood and beyond. Topics of discussion change from month to month, but activities include: book/article discussions, tours

of neighborhood gardens, and learning how gardening and other green activities can bring the community together. Call the library before the meeting to learn about that month's activity.

Virtual Trivia Night with the Noble Library

Tues, Sept 21, 7 p.m. on Zoom

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. Will be held on Zoom. **Registration begins Sept. 7.**

Family Caregiver Support Program

Thurs, Sept 23, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Fatima Perkins of the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging will present their program to assist family caregivers. Learn how the Family Caregiver Support Team helps identify unique caregiver needs and connect individuals with resources that may help. Resources can include respite, support groups, and even financial support. **Registration begins Sept 9.**

Gloria's Way: Dementia Caregiver Support

Mon, Oct 4, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Tonia Porras, founder of Gloria's Way, a website dedicated to assisting caregivers of those living with dementia, will explain her story and how Gloria's Way came to be and the services they provide. **Registration begins Sept 20.**

Cleveland Police Museum Presents: The Torso Murders

Mon, Oct 18, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Cleveland Police Museum Executive Director Mazie Adams will present the story of the Kingsbury Run Murders, also known as the Torso Murders that occurred in Cleveland in the 1930s. Hear about the victims and the investigation led by Elliot Ness into these unsolved murders. **Registration begins Oct 4.**

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Monthly Murder Mystery

Wed, Sept 8, Oct 13, All Day

Are you a true crime fan? Do you enjoy solving mysteries? If so, then you are invited to solve a murder. Follow the clues and pay close attention to the evidence. See if you can solve the case before time runs out. Drop by the University Heights Branch and pick up your murder mystery packet.

Monthly Mocktails Kit

Fri, Sept 10, Oct 15, Nov 12, All Day

Let's cheers to a new season with a refreshing mocktail.

Join us each month as we mix up a new drink for you to try. Every kit comes with a fun mocktail recipe plus all the ingredients you need to make it. Pick up a kit to try some delicious mocktails on us! Supplies limited, **Registration begins Sept 3.**

Back to the Movies!

Tues, 6:30 p.m.

Movies were meant for the big screen, and we have some catching up to do.

Sept 14: *Judas and the Black Messiah* (2021, R, 126 mins) FBI informant William O'Neal (LaKeith Stanfield) infiltrates the Illinois Black Panther Party and is tasked with keeping tabs on their charismatic leader, Chairman Fred Hampton (Daniel Kaluuya). A career thief, O'Neal revels in the danger of manipulating both his comrades and his handler, Special Agent Roy Mitchell (Jesse Plemons). Hampton's political prowess grows just as he's falling in love with fellow revolutionary Deborah Johnson (Dominique Fishback). Meanwhile, a battle wages for O'Neal's soul. Will he align with the forces of good? Or subdue Hampton and The Panthers by any means, as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (Martin Sheen) commands?

Oct 12: *News of the World* (2020, PG-13, 118 mins) War veteran Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd embarks on a new mission five years after the conclusion of the Civil War: he goes from town to town to share news about presidents, queens, catastrophes, feuds, and other interesting affairs from all around the world.

Nov 9: *Soul* (2020, PG, 90 mins) Joe Gardner is an average guy teaching music in middle school whose real dream is to be a jazz musician. When he finally earns the chance to perform onstage, he has an accident that leaves him in a near-death state. As his soul is scheduled to proceed to the afterlife, he discovers that his body is still not dead. He escapes to a before-life place where he tries to negotiate a deal so he could return to Earth--before it's too late.

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Programs for Adults

Painting for Everybody

Mon, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, 6 p.m.

For the beginner and seasoned pro, come in for an evening of relaxation and painting. We will provide the paint-by-numbers painting kits and ambiance, all you have to do is have fun. This is a drop in event, so come or leave whenever you like. Space is limited. **Registration begins Sept 6.**

Yoga for Beginners

Thursdays in October: 7, 14, 21, 28

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Bring your yoga mat and get ready to learn some basic yoga poses with an instructor from Daybreak Yoga. This is a 4-week yoga program that will build upon your skills at each session. For adults 18 and over. Space is limited to 15 participants. **Registration begins Sept 23.**



Five Days for Democracy

Five Days for Democracy is an invitation to take just a little bit of time each day, for five days, to think about what democracy means to you.

This year we're taking a look at how all politics is local: what does local government look like, who represents us, and how can we impact city hall.

September 20-26, you can join neighbors in tackling fun daily challenges to help learn more about government in your own backyard. We hope you'll join us.

<https://www.cityclub.org/about/five-days-for-democracy-2021>



SAVE THE DATE!



The Annual Pekar Park Comic Book Fest is Saturday, September 18, 2021

The Annual Pekar Park Comic Books Fest is back, with fun for all ages.

Crafts, vendors, films, forums, art, refreshments, and so many comics!

Watch www.heightslibrary.org and www.CoventryVillage.org for details.



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 heightslibrary.org/events/computer-classes to register.

NOBLE

Tech Talk: Cutting the Cord

Tues, Sept 21, 7 p.m.

Lots of people are "cutting the cord" - getting rid of cable in favor of Internet-based ways to watch their favorite shows. Learn about streaming services (like Netflix & Hulu), connecting these services to your TV (like Roku, Apple TV & Fire stick), and more! **Registration begins September 7.**

Tech Talk: Digital Collections from the Library

Tues, Oct 5, 7 p.m.

Your library card gives you access to more than just books! Learn about the eBooks, movies, magazines, and more available free with your library card - wherever you are. **Registration begins September 21.**

Tech Talk: How to Spot Fake News

Tues, Oct 19, 7 p.m.

The Internet and Social Media sites are filled with links to incorrect, inaccurate, and often harmful false reporting. Learn more about why they exist and ways to spot these fake stories in this tech talk. **Registration begins October 5.**

Tech Talk: Before You Buy a Computer or Phone

Tues, Nov 9, 7 p.m.

Buying a new device is a big decision and often feels confusing. This Tech Talk will provide you with information on things to consider when making a smart tech buying decision. **Registration begins October 26.**

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Computer Basics

Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse

Tues, Sep 7 & Thurs, Oct 14, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 2 - Intro to Computers

Tues, Sep 14 & Thurs, Oct 21, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 3 - Using the Internet

Tues, Sep 21 & Thurs, Oct 28, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 4 - Internet Access

Tues, Sep 28 & Thurs, Nov 4, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 5 - Web Searching

Tues, Oct 5 & Thurs, Nov 11, 2 p.m.

Computer Basics Part 6 - Internet Safety Basics

Tues, Oct 12 & Thurs, Nov 18, 2 p.m.

Windows 10 Basics Part 1

Tues, Oct 19, 2 p.m.

Windows 10 Basics Part 2

Tues, Oct 26, 2 p.m.

Website Building

How to Build a Website

Wed, Sep 8, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 1

Wed, Sep 15, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 2

Wed, Sep 22, 7 p.m.

WordPress Part 3

Wed, Sep 29, 7 p.m.

Word

Word Part 1

Thurs, Sep 9, 7 p.m.

Word Part 2

Thurs, Sep 16, 7 p.m.

Word Part 3

Thurs, Sep 23, 7 p.m.

Word Part 4 - Graphics

Thurs, Sep 30, 7 p.m.

Word Part 5 - Tables

Thurs, Oct 7, 7 p.m.

Word Part 6 - Labels

Thurs, Oct 14, 7 p.m.

Computer Classes

Excel

Excel Part 1

Wed, Oct 6, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 2

Wed, Oct 13, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 3

Wed, Oct 20, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 4 - Simple Budgets

Wed, Oct 27, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 5 - Charts and Graphs

Wed, Nov 3, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 6 - Formulas

Wed, Nov 10, 7 p.m.

Excel Part 7 - Pivot Tables

Wed, Nov 17, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint

PowerPoint Part 1

Thurs, Oct 28, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 2

Thurs, Nov 4, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint Part 3

Thurs, Nov 11, 7 p.m.

Creating Effective PowerPoints

Thurs, Nov 18, 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL CLASSES

Appy Hour

Wed, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, 4 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join the Tech Trainers on Facebook Live to learn about apps to try on your Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. Can't watch it live? Check out the library's

Facebook page or YouTube channel for recorded Appy Hour sessions.

Tech Talks

Wed, Sep 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, 4 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join the Tech Trainers on Facebook Live to learn about timely technology topics, including streaming services, buying tech, and more. Can't watch it live? Check out the library's Facebook page or YouTube channel for recorded Tech Talk sessions.

Computers

Mac Basics Part 1

Tues, Nov 2, 2 p.m.

Mac Basics Part 2

Tues, Nov 9, 2 p.m.

Word

Word Part 1

Thurs, Sep 9, 11 a.m.

Word Part 2

Thurs, Sep 16, 11 a.m.

Word Part 3

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NORTHSTAR
DIGITAL LITERACY

Northstar Digital Literacy defines and tests the basic computer skills necessary for daily life, employment, and higher education. Online, self-guided assessments assess your ability to navigate the internet, use Microsoft Office, search for information online and more! Heights Libraries is a Northstar testing location. Contact testproctor@heightslibrary.org or (216) 932-3600 ext. 1297 to set up a proctoring appointment to earn a certificate! Virtual and in-person appointments are available.

Heights Libraries Annual Report 2020

Dear Cleveland Heights–University Heights Community,

2020 was a year like no other.

It started out on a high note, with our materials circulation soaring and our buildings filled with people. We had a year's worth of programming for all ages to look forward to. Our art gallery at Lee Road was booked for the entire year. Our summer reading plans were nearly finished, including a kick-off concert for all ages. We had a brand new book bike ready to roll.

By March, however, Heights Libraries, along with the rest of the world, retreated into lockdown as the SARS COVID-19 pandemic spread around the world. All four branches closed to the public on March 13 following Governor Michael DeWine's COVID-19 orders, and stayed either closed or open with only limited services until the end of the year.

One can instantly see the impact the pandemic had by looking at our statistical reports: circulation, visits, and program attendance are all down significantly from 2019.

From March 13 until May 1, most staff worked from home while we found suppliers for personal protection equipment, and completed their 2020 learning goals by taking advantage of many online offerings from our professional organizations and social service providers.

Staff also used that time to figure out how to serve our community as best as we could while maintaining safety for all.

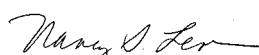
We started offering daily storytimes on Facebook and online reference services, and continued our tech podcasts and readers advisory blogs. We also kept our strong Wi-Fi on, so citizens could take advantage of the signal outside of our buildings in parking lots and on benches, staying connected through their personal devices. The monthly Greater Cleveland Food Bank Mobile Pantry continued, but switched to a no-contact, drive up model.

Not knowing how the economy would be affected by the stay-at-home orders, the Library executed emergency budget cuts totaling \$2 million, with \$1 million culled from expenses such as supplies and book collections and the other \$1 million from the staffing budget. We took advantage of Ohio's Shared Work Ohio program to offset staff salaries and made the painful decision to furlough staff who did not have meaningful work to do during the Library closure in the spring and summer.

Non-furloughed staff came back to work in our buildings on May 1, with masks, gloves, and other safety measures in place, like Plexiglas barriers in between work stations. On May 18, we started curbside pick-up service at Lee Road, restarted Homebound mail delivery services, and phone reference. We changed our hours of service to Tuesday through Saturday. Staff worked in alternating shifts at branches, careful not to overlap their "pods" to minimize the potential spread of the virus.

With public service staff working at half their normal hours, we reopened for lobby service on June 2 at Lee Road and June 9 at the other branches. Browsing and limited public computer use returned on August 24, as we also brought back furloughed staff. But library services suffered again in November when, as predicted, the pandemic worsened as the weather got colder and people went indoors. We returned to curbside services on November 19, and wouldn't welcome customers back inside until February 16, 2021.

The COVID pandemic completely changed how we provided service in 2020, but it did not change why we provide such services to our customers. The value and importance that we have in the lives of our customers and community has been evident every time we are thanked by the public for doing our utmost to provide materials, information, and resources to them.



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Director, Heights Libraries



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New and Adapted Services in 2020

The COVID-19 restrictions inspired us to change how we serve our community. Existing services and programs were adapted to ensure safety, and staff found new ways to help our customers from a distance while maintaining our high standards of service.



- The monthly Greater Cleveland Food Bank Mobile Pantry continued, but switched to a no-contact, drive-up model. In May 2020 we added a free bag of books, donated by the FRIENDS, to every trunk.
- Adult and Youth staff redesigned the Summer Reading Program to take place online, using the online system Beanstack. Youth staff also used the online service for the Winter Reading Warm-Up for younger kids and Read Woke for teens in the winter.
- Curbside pick-up of materials was introduced at all branches and continued throughout the year, with customers encouraged to call staff and request items from shelves to be picked up. This service was provided by dedicated circulation staff in all kinds of weather.
- When the Library opened up for lobby service, browsing was still off limits, so staff created themed book and DVD bundles for specific customer needs and interests: selections of large print and Russian materials; children's, teen, and adult books by themes; and DVDs.
- To support students with distance learning and school closures, the Library purchased a subscription to the online tutoring service Tutor.com, and created safe, distanced co-learning spaces in the Lee Road Teen Room after the building reopened.
- Youth Services staff created digital content for a new Kids and Families resource webpage with stories, art projects, music, movement, homework help, and other resources for families dealing with the shutdown.
- A special handout on the Library's digital collections was produced for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District during the initial shut-down, which gave step-by-step instructions to parents and teachers on how to access eBooks on a computer or other device.
- With computers unavailable for most of the year, all branches offered pick-up printing services—customers could email documents, then pick them up curbside.
- Reference staff created a COVID-19 resource guide to give away during the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program and to publish in the *Check Us Out* program guide.
- The Library sent 30 hotspots to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District for

New and Adapted Services in 2020

distribution to families in need of Wi-Fi access at home during the 2020-2021 school year.

- The Library created a Job Search and Unemployment Resources page for the website. The page includes the department's updated Resume Toolkit and Job Search Basics Brochure. It also contains links to the department's Microsoft

Office class handouts and the Learning @ Heights Libraries page. The Library also published blogs on unemployment resources and resume writing tips.

- Staff in the Adult, Youth Services, and Continuing Education departments quickly pivoted to online programs using Zoom, and outdoor programs that could be done masked and distanced.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Children's staff began recording and uploading storytimes to the Library's Facebook page in April, soon after the shutdown, and switched to live Zoom storytimes twice per week in June.
- Outdoor programs emphasized creativity and movement, like a socially distant dance party, chalk drawing, and scavenger hunts.
- Online programs focused on simple crafts or easy cooking activities that could be done at home, or presentations from local children's authors.
- Staff created themed activity packs for children and teens to take home.
- Teen staff launched a Heights Libraries account on the popular Discord server, that allowed teen customers to stay in touch with the Library through games and conversations about books, movies, and help with school.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Adult programs continued online with Zoom, including books discussions, trivia nights, author talks, and the 1619 Project discussion group.
- Knitting and tai chi programs switched to outdoor locations that allowed for social distancing, weather permitting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Staff created Appy Hour, and Tech Talks, Facebook Live demos of free apps, and Tech topics

OTHER 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- The new Recycling Taskforce was formed, and performed an initial trash audit of the Lee Road branch in order to assess and reduce waste system-wide.
- The Library took advantage of the shutdown to install an automatic book sorter in the Lee Road circulation

New and Adapted Services in 2020

department. The sorter automatically scans and returns materials, freeing up circulation staff to provide more customer service

- The Antiracism Taskforce continued to meet and work on internal ways to increase diversity and inclusion at Heights Libraries, recognizing racism as another public health crisis in many communities in America and around the world.
- The Library received a Library Services and Technology Act CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Grant for \$3,000. The funds were used to purchase tri-fold countertop barriers. We also received \$25,000 for each branch which allowed us to upgrade to a number of touchless doors, water fountains, and check out stations.

THE 2020 NUMBERS

With COVID-related shutdowns and restricted services beginning March 13 and continuing through December, our data numbers for 2020 dropped precipitously. Circulation dropped by half, from a high of 2,072,844 in 2019 to 1,199,969 in 2020. Visitors dropped by nearly 70 percent, from 714,736 to 222,813 in 2020. But there were some notable bright spots:



Electronic

Downloadable film, music, audio books, eBooks, eMagazines

- 269,193, up from 203,701 in 2019
- Customers who could not, or would not, borrow physical books, DVDs and CDs turned to our many online resources in 2020, making it a record year for our electronic collections.



Reference Transactions

Phone, online, and in person

- 246,948, down from 593,736
- In spite of drastically reduced staff and hours in 2020, we still provided much-needed reference services for our community.



Hotspot Circulation

A hotspot is a small portable device that connects a wireless enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet, to the internet.

- 519
- 30 of these were lent for extended periods of time to families with students in the CHUH school district to enable distance learning.



Items Delivered to the Homebound Adults and Senior Communities

- 1,214
- The number of deliveries to homebound was 1,050, an increase of 33% over 2019.

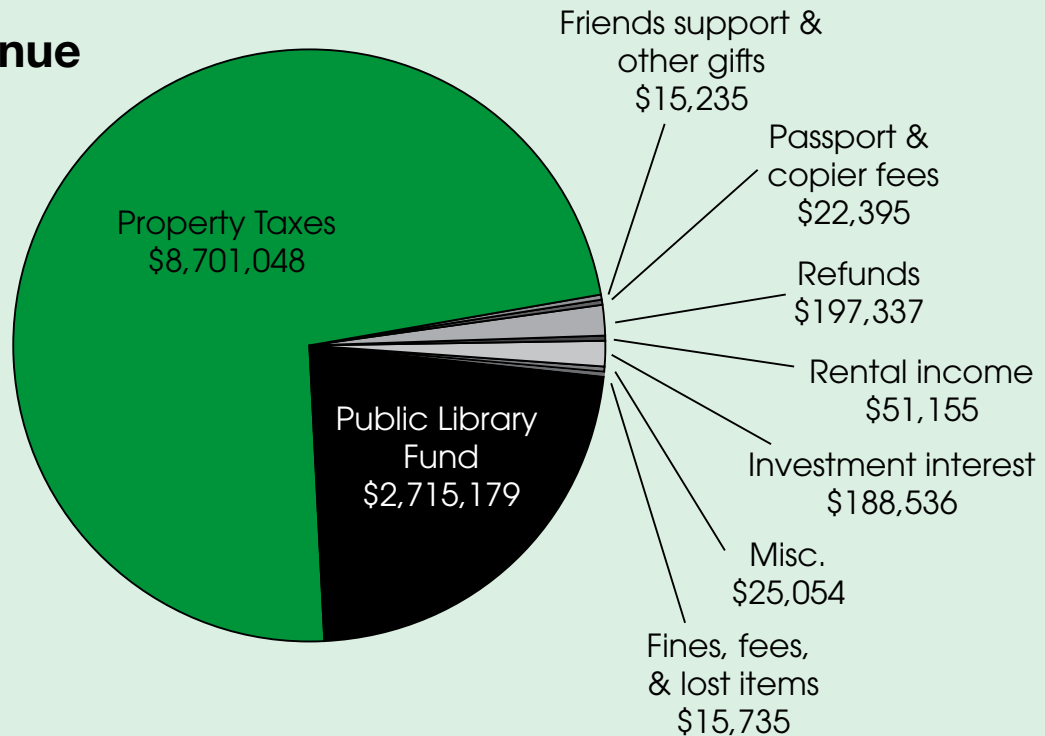


Greater Cleveland Foodbank Mobile Pantry Recipients

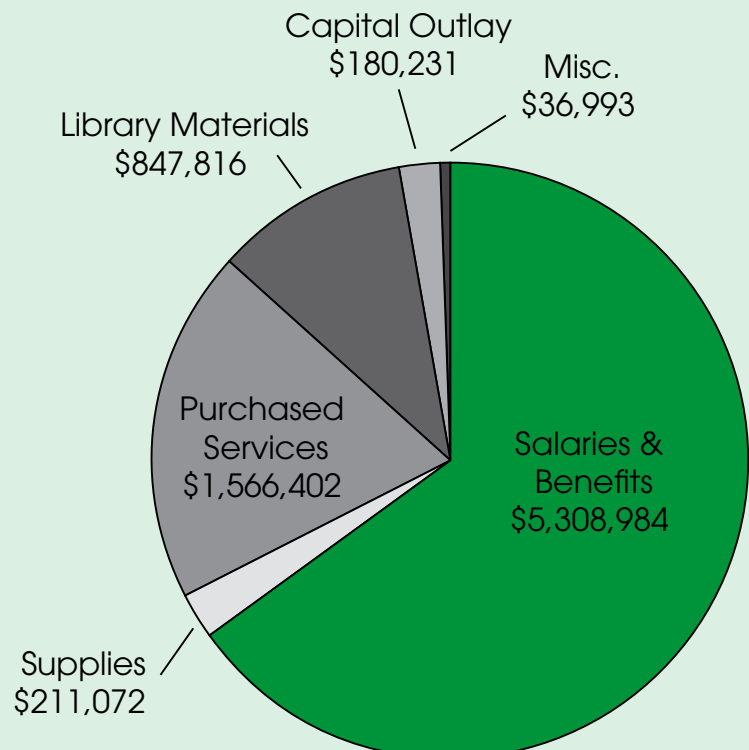
- 1,974
- Heights Libraries is a site for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program, which distributes free, fresh produce to families and individuals in need once a month.

Financials

2020 Revenue



2020 Expenditures



Friends of the Heights Libraries 2019–2020



Volunteers

Volunteer Hours: 2740

Volunteers: 138

Membership

426 active FRIENDS members

• Individual	240	• Patron	31
• Family	49	• Individual Lifetime	67
• Couple	39		

Activities and Sponsorships

- Mega Book Sales
- First Friday Book Sales
- African-American Read-In in February
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee
- Scholarships for Library Science Students
- Citizenship Classes at the Noble Branch
- Welcome Hub at Noble Branch
- Driving Program for New Citizens
- Teen Digital Lab at the Lee Road Branch
- Harvey and FRIENDS Prizes provided to Adult Summer Reading Program

- Library Staff Rewards & Recognition
- Library Staff National Travel/conference support for professional development
- Book Donations to: Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Better World Books, 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 2019–20

Total Income was \$38,634. Earned income was \$29,029, which included book sales of \$26,412. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and FRIENDS events provided the balance. Our contributed income total of \$9,605 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled \$35,353 in FY 2019-20. Donations to the library and library related entities of \$25,070 were allocated as follows:

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| • Library Staff Support, Development & Recognition: \$4,420 | • Scholarship Awards for Library Science Students: \$2,250 |
| • General Library programming: \$7,000 | • Black Excellence Mural at Coventry: \$3,000 |
| • Library Levy Committee: \$2,000 | • Art & Garden at UH Branch: \$2,500 |
| • Reaching Heights Spelling Bee: \$250 | • Winter Reading Bingo: \$350 |
| • Poetry Squares: \$2,000 | • One Community Read: \$1,300 |

Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries 2020



FUND FOR THE FUTURE OF
Heights Libraries

The Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries' (FFHL) total 2020 assets equaled \$80,051.58, which is a \$16,810.63 increase over 2019.

FFHL's primary revenue sources are profits from its fall donor letter campaign, individual donations from the Board and community members, and the interest on the Cleveland Foundation fund.

Jackie Nachman served as President of the Board of Directors in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we did not hold our Honor Roll Dinner but were very humbled and grateful for the outpouring of contributions from the community. Our mission statement continues to be "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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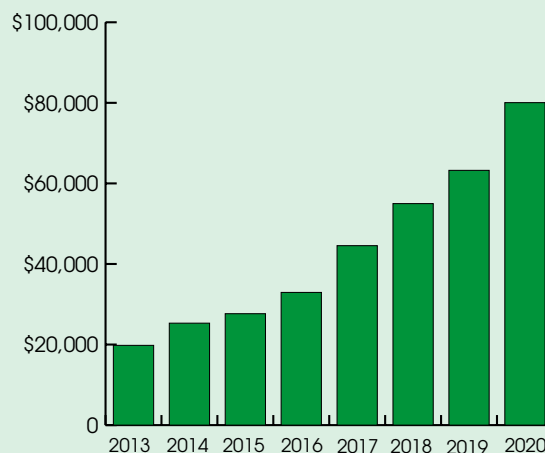
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Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries Assets



Mission:

Help preserve our legacy with funding that will support our buildings and services long after the current generation is gone. There are three ways to give your tax deductible contribution:

1. Cleveland Foundation:

Planned giving is an option that can be arranged by the Cleveland Foundation support staff.

Call Michelle at (216) 615-7145 or visit the Cleveland Foundation's website and write "Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries" in the search box.

2. Mail a check to:

FFHL, Lee Road Branch
2345 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

3. Online:

<https://heightslibrary.org/services/fund-for-the-future-of-heights-libraries/>

Save the date: November 7, 2021, Honor Roll Dinner

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