



# CHECK US OUT

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Due to the unpredictability of the ongoing COVID crisis, we will not be publishing and mailing a spring issue of our *Check Us Out* program guide. (The spring issue covers March, April, and May.)

In its place, we will publish monthly guides. Thank you so much for your patience and support while we navigate these unprecedented times. We hope to be back to normal with our summer programming.

## Storytimes and Programs for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

### Outdoor Baby Bonanza

Wed, April 13-27, 9:30 a.m. at the 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.**

### Spring Storytime @ The Walt

Fri, April 1 - 29, 11 a.m. at Walter Stinson Park

Springtime means outside storytime at Walter Stinson Park! Bring your blanket to sit on, and join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and dancing. **Ages 0-6.**

### Waddlers

Thurs, April 7 - 28, 10 a.m. at Lee

Join us as we sing songs, read stories, do a few rhymes and engage in some well-deserved playtime. Shaking, jumping, and wiggling are strongly advised. Space is limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis. **For toddlers who are walking - 24 months.**

### Outdoor Story Stop

Wed, April 13 - 27, 10:30 a.m. at the Coventry PEACE Park

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

### Story Stop

Mon, April 4-25, 10 a.m. at Lee

Tues, April 5-26, 10 a.m. at Lee

Thurs, April 7-28, 11 a.m. at Lee

Fri, April 1-29, 10:30 a.m. at Noble

Hear stories, sing songs, and do a little dancing too! Books, music, and activities help develop early literacy skills during our weekly reading adventure. Space is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

### Stay and Play

Fri, April 1-29, 11 a.m. at Noble

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

*Here For You, Wherever You Are!*

 Heights  
Libraries  
Opening Doors, Opening Minds

# Programs for Children

## COVENTRY

**I Spy Spring**  
**Fri, April 15, 2 p.m.**

As the sunshine returns and the ground thaws, tiny plants begin to sprout, but only for a short time. Join us outside in the Coventry PEACE Park to learn about these short-lived spring wildflowers, their role in the ecosystem, and how to spot and identify them. Weather permitting.  
**Registration begins April 1. For ages 4-9.**

**Outdoor Parachute Party**  
**Thurs, April 21, 4 p.m.**

Play parachute games, sing parachute songs, and learn how a parachute works. Gather in front of the library for this fun filled event. Weather Permitting. For ages 4 to 8.

**Heights Sustainability Fair: Design Our Green Future**  
**Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. in the PEACE Park**

Want to shape a more sustainable future? It starts with you. Engage with community partners, help us design a greener Heights, and make crafts at this fun, **all ages event**.

**Coventry Creates**  
**Mon, April 25, 4 p.m.**

Join us outside in the Coventry PEACE Park for an afternoon of open-ended arts, crafts, and DIY projects. Explore your own artistic process and learn about environmentally friendly art materials. Weather permitting.  
**For ages 6-11. Registration begins April 1.**

## LEE

**Spring Take-and-Make Craft Kits**  
**Fri, April 1, All Day**

Looking for a cool project to do at home? Stop by the Lee Road branch on the first Friday of the month to pick up an exciting take-and-make craft kit this spring! Fun, age appropriate kits combining DIY crafts and literacy aids will be available **for preschoolers and school age children**.

**Tech for Kids Workshop - Coding Foundations**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m.**

Let’s dive into the very basics of programming! We’ll use games and apps to learn about logic, problem solving, and sequencing in a fun and hands-on way! **For ages 4-6. Registration begins March 20.**

**“Get Caught Reading” for National Library Week**  
**Sun-Sat, April 3-9, All Day**

Love reading with friends, to a family member, favorite toy, or on your own? If a Heights Libraries staff member spots you reading in the Children’s Department, you’ll get a little surprise. Read anything: magazines, fiction, non-fiction, or comics. Limit one surprise per day per child.

**LAF: Poetry Club**  
**Wed, April 6-20, 4 p.m.**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with local poet, Cathy Barber. Young writers will discover different techniques and topics each session. Register for and attend one or multiple sessions as they explore new content each week. **For grades 2-5. Registration begins March 23.**

**LAF: Disney Afternoon!**  
**Wed, April 27, 4 p.m.**

Come join us for fun games and activities to celebrate Disney throughout the ages. **Grades K-5. Registration begins April 13.**

**Growing Readers - Garden Storytime**  
**Thurs, April 28, 4 p.m.**

Start your spring with a garden story and craft, then pick up some seed packets from the Seed Library and get growing. Program will be held outside as weather permits. Dress appropriately for messy fun.

Craft kits may be limited to one per family. **For ages 4-7. Registration begins March 17.**

## NOBLE

**Li'l Librarian Week**  
**Sun-Sat, April 3-9, All Day**

Can you sing a storytime song, shelve books, check out materials, answer a trivia question? Celebrate National Library Week by completing these library-related tasks and more to earn a li'l librarian certificate. **For families and kids of all ages.**

**Connect with your Library Audiobook Party**  
**Thurs, April 7, 3:30 p.m.**

Kickback, color, and listen to some classic tales read aloud through the magic of audiobooks! Learn about the different ways to listen digitally and browse our old school Book on CD collection. Take some snacks and earbuds to go to continue the listening party at home.

**Tech for Kids Mini-Workshop**  
**Wed, 3:30 p.m.**

**April 13:** 3D Pen Art - Bring your drawings to life with 3D pens! Doodle whatever you can think of; yourself, your pet, your favorite character, then use 3D pens to make it pop! Join us in the Teen Room for this drop-in event.

**April 27:** Lo-Fi Beats with Makey Makeys - Create your own lo-fi beats with the Makey Makey inventor kits. Use your phone to record your sound and share with friends! Join us in the Teen Room for this drop-in event.

# Programs for Children

**Seed Planting**  
**Tues & Thurs, April 19 & 21, 3:30 p.m.**

Help us prepare for growing season! We will plant seeds from our new Seed Library and paint labels for them. We can watch the baby plants grow until it’s time to move them outside to the garden.

**Earth Day at Delmore Orchard**  
**Fri, April 22, 3:30 p.m.**

Hear a story and join us for some light volunteer work to help beautify this community space! Families and children of all ages are welcome. The Delmore Community Orchard is located at 3822 Delmore Road within the Noble Neighborhood.

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Recycled Art: Vases**  
**Tues, April 5, 6:30 p.m.**

To celebrate spring and Earth month, stop by the library to make a vase using recycled materials. **For ages 7 and up. Registration begins March 22.**

**Sushi Twinkies Kits**  
**Wed, April 6, All Day**

Let’s Celebrate National Twinkie Day by creating Sushi Twinkies, a fun way make a different kind of dessert with Twinkies! **For ages 6 and up. Registration opens March 23.**

**Eggcellent Take-and-Make Kits**  
**Thurs, April 7-28, All Day**

Stop by the library for these eggciting kits that are all about eggs! Kits will include the unbreakable egg, the naked egg, the toothpaste egg, and eggshell chalk. No yolk, you will love these kits! **For ages 3 and up. Registration begins March 24.**

**Play-Doh Number Fun!**  
**Wed, April 13, All Day**

What’s better than playing with Play-Doh? How about using Play-Doh to learn your numbers and tell time! Pick up your Play-Doh numbers kit and get learning. **For ages 3 and up. Registration begins March 6.**

**Culinary Creators Cooking Kit**  
**Fri, April 15, All Day**

Attention all cooks and bakers! Culinary Creators is packing up and moving the party to your house! Stop by the University Hts. branch each month to pick up your very own culinary cooking kit complete with almost everything you need to make a meal for 2 or a sample for more. April’s kit: Creamy Broccoli Pasta. **For ages 7 and up. Registration begins April 8.**

**Peeps Display Contest**  
**Fri, April 15, All Day**

Recreate a scene from a movie, book, historical event or anything else you can imagine using those classic confections: Peeps! Deadline for submissions will be April 15 and winners will be announced one week later. Join a team or work solo. Prizes will go to the top 3 creations. All dioramas will be displayed at the University Heights Branch. **For all ages.**

**Planting in the Park**  
**Mon, April 18, 1:30 p.m.**

Let’s plant a seed and watch it grow! Roll up your sleeves and join us at Walter Stinson Park as we decorate mini pots and plant a seed to celebrate spring! **For ages 5 and up. Registration begins April 11.**

**Nature Journals**  
**Wed, April 20, All Day**

It’s springtime! Time to go outside and explore the world around us. Pick up your very own nature journal and outdoor activity packet and let the adventures begin. **For ages 5 and up. Registration begins April 13.**

**Seed Bomb Kits**  
**Fri, April 22, 9 a.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day by making your own batch of seed bombs and watch flowers grow wherever you throw them. **Registration starts April 8. For kids grades K-4.**

**Watch-Paint-Dry Vases**  
**Wed, April 27, 10:30 a.m.**

Stop by Walter Stinson Park and make painted vases. You can sit and watch the paint dry or you can play at the park while you wait; your choice! **For preschoolers of all ages.** In the event of rain program will move to the University Heights branch. **Registration begins April 13.**



Summer Reading  
is coming soon!

Kids and teens can read, earn prizes, and keep their reading skills sharp all summer.

**JUNE 6 – AUGUST 31**

Watch our website for details. [heightslibrary.org](https://heightslibrary.org)



## Programs for Teens (For ages 13-18)

### COVENTRY

#### Hoop and Hang Kick Off

Tues, April 26, 4 p.m.

Coventry Peace Park

Coventry spring teen outreach kicks off at the lower PEACE Park parking lot with food, a safe place to hang, and a little basketball. Weather Permitting.

### LEE ROAD

#### Teen Creation Kits

Fri, April 1, All Day

Looking for a cool project to do at home this spring? Stop by the Teen Room for an exciting take-home activity! Kits contain everything you need to create an art, craft, science, or culinary project - and maybe a few other surprises.

#### Teen Spot

Mon-Fri, April 1-29, 3 p.m.

Join us every weekday after school to watch movies, participate in fun activities, or just hang out with friends!

#### Teens Connect With Your Library

Sun-Sat, April 3-9, All Day

Help us celebrate National Library Week by connecting with your library! Stop by the Teen Room and share your favorite part about having a Heights Library card to get a fun prize.

#### Teen Gaming Mondays

Mon, April 4-25, 3:30 p.m.

Join us every Monday in the Teen Spot to take a turn on our gaming systems. **For ages 13 to 18.**

#### Book Launch with Justin A. Reynolds: It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit

Tues, April 5, 7 p.m. at Dobama Theatre

Join middle-grade and YA author Justin Reynolds as he launches his newest book, *It's the End of the World and I'm*

in *My Bathing Suit*. Reynolds, also known for the Marvel/Spiderman graphic novel *Miles Morales: Shock Waves*, will be interviewed on stage by Emmie & Friends author and *Pajama Diaries* creator Terri Libenson. **Free and open to all.** THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE AT DOBAMA THEATER, 2340 LEE ROAD.

#### Teen Thursdays

Thurs, April 7-28, 3:30 p.m.

Every Thursday, we'll have a special program for teens. What will the program be? Arts and crafts, pop-culture and fandom activities, contests, challenges, and more are all possible, but you'll have to actually stop by the to the Teen Room to find out. See you there! **For ages 13 to 18.**

### NOBLE

#### Color Together

Every Day in April, All Day

Visit the Teen Room in April to help color our giant coloring pages. Work alone or in a group to add your mark to this collaborative project.

#### Afterschool Zone

Mon-Fri, April 1-29, 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!

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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## Programs for Adults

### VIRTUAL

#### Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Mon, April 4-25, 6 p.m.

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 March 28.**

#### Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Mon, April 4-25, 7:30 p.m.

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 March 28.**

#### Zoom Meditation Tuesdays with Christine Valadon

Tues, April 5-26, 6 p.m.

Christine Valadon will present a weekly Heartfulness meditation, an effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart. **Registration begins March 17.**

#### Impressionism: Gustave Caillebotte: The Greatest Impressionist You Don't Know

Thurs, April 7, 7 p.m.

His name isn't as familiar as those of Monet, Degas, and Renoir, but Gustave Caillebotte stands on par with these greats. Explore the glamor and grime of fin-de-siecle Paris with Caillebotte, and you'll never forget him. Meeting ID: 823 648 5349; Passcode: 691353

#### Using City Directories for Genealogy Research

Tues, April 12, 7 p.m.

Printed annually, city directories can be found in a variety of formats including paper, microfilm, microfiche and digital. Learn how to use, find, and effectively apply the information found in these directories in your family search. Learn how in combination with other records city directories help to bring your ancestors to life. Presented by professional genealogist Dr. Deborah Abbott. Zoom Meeting ID 853 4164 8398.

#### 1619 Project Discussion

Thurs, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

We begin our reading of *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, the book-length expansion of the *NYTimes'* magazine's 1619 Project.

We will discuss the two opening essays by Nikole Hannah Jones, "Origins" and "Democracy."

Zoom ID: 823 648 5349; Password: 691353

#### Preservation Is Sustainable

Tues, April 26, 7 p.m.

According to architect Carl Elefante, "the greenest building is the one that is already built." Attendees will learn about how reusing our existing building stock can fight climate change, and promote sustainable, resilient and livable communities. Presented by the Cleveland Restoration Society. Zoom Meeting ID 874 1701 4450.

### COVENTRY

#### Cedar-Coventry Author Series presents

##### Eugene Marten

Thurs, April 28, 7 p.m.

Celebrating our wealth of outstanding local authors, this series is presented in partnership with Mac's Backs Bookstore. Join author Eugene Marten as he reads from and discusses his newly published novel, *Pure Life*. "A harrowing, intense, powerful new novel that reads like a classic, from one of the great writers of his generation." **Registration begins March 28.**

#### Heights Sustainability Fair: Design Our Green Future Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. in the PEACE Park

Want to shape a more sustainable future? It starts with you. Engage with community partners, help us design a greener Heights, and make crafts at this fun, **all ages event.**

### LEE

#### Jane Austen Deep-Dive Book Club: Pride and Prejudice



Mon, 7 p.m.

Join our three-part series: a deep dive into Jane Austen's second, and most famous, novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. 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. **April 11: Volume I: Chapters 1-23**  
**April 25: Volume II: Chapters 24-42**


#### Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, April 12 & 26, 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.



# Seed Library



Starting this spring in collaboration with the Cleveland Seed Bank, Heights Libraries will host a Seed Library at all branches. After filling out a short participation form, patrons can check out up to five packets of heirloom seeds each month, then grow vegetables and flowers at home to preserve biodiversity and to promote local, heirloom varieties of plants. Hosted throughout the growing season, supplies and varieties will vary, so stop by each month to explore the available seeds.



# Programs for Adults

**Environmental Racism Book Discussion: *Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on the American Mind* by Harriet Washington**  
**Thurs, April 21, 7 p.m.**

From injuries caused by lead poisoning to the devastating effects of atmospheric pollution, infectious disease, and industrial waste, Americans of color are harmed by environmental hazards in staggeringly disproportionate numbers.

**Pioneers of Sci-Fi Book Club**  
**Thurs, April 21, 7 p.m.**

Exploring the works of authors who pushed the genre forward. We will be discussing *The Three-Body Problem* by Liu Cixin.

**Favorite Poem Project 2022**  
**Sun, April 24, 2 p.m.**

April is National Poetry Month. Please join us for a relaxed afternoon listening to your friends, neighbors, and local residents read a favorite poem, share the reasons they enjoy it so much, and the impact it has had on their lives. **Registration is required for readers only, and begins April 10.**

**Greater Cleveland Food Bank Drive-Through Mobile Pantry**  
**Mon, April 25, 5 p.m.**

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 photo ID and make sure your car trunk is clean. First come first served. Rain or shine. For questions contact Community Engagement Associate, 216-932-3600 x1250.

## NOBLE

**Noble Needles Knitting Circle**  
**Thurs, April 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Come and chat with other knitters. Bring a current project to work on, or bring a ball of worsted yard and size 8 or 9 needles to learn.

**Green Noble Discussion and Action Group**  
**Sun, April 10, 3 p.m.**

Come join Green Noble as we discuss books, articles and videos about various topics on gardening, environmental issues, community building, and other green initiatives going on in the Noble Neighborhood. Topics discussed TBD.

# COMPUTER CLASSES

## In Person Classes

Call (216) 932-3600 or visit [heightslibrary.org/events/computer-classes](https://heightslibrary.org/events/computer-classes) to register.

## LEE

### COMPUTER BASICS

**Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse**  
**Tues, April 5, 2 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 2 - Intro to Computers**  
**Tues, April 12, 2 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 3 - Windows**  
**Tues, April 19, 2 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 4 - Using the Internet**  
**Tues, April 26, 2 p.m.**

## WORD

**Word Part 1**  
**Wed, April 6, 7 p.m.**

**Word Part 2**  
**Wed, April 13, 7 p.m.**

**Word Part 3**  
**Wed, April 20, 7 p.m.**

**Word Part 4**  
**Wed, April 27, 7 p.m.**

## EXCEL

**Excel Part 1**  
**Thurs, April 7, 7 p.m.**

**Excel Part 2**  
**Thurs, April 14, 7 p.m.**

**Excel Part 3**  
**Thurs, April 21, 7 p.m.**

**Excel Part 4 - Simple Budgets**  
**Thurs, April 28, 7 p.m.**

## NOBLE

### COMPUTER BASICS

**Computer Basics Part 1 - Using the Mouse**  
**Wed, April 6, 1 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 2 - Intro to Computers**  
**Wed, April 13, 1 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 3 - Windows**  
**Wed, April 20, 1 p.m.**

**Computer Basics Part 4 - Using the Internet**  
**Wed, April 27, 1 p.m.**

## VIRTUAL CLASSES

A valid email address is required to register. Information about accessing the class will be sent to your email address prior to class. Call (216) 932-3600 or visit [heightslibrary.org/events/computer-classes](https://heightslibrary.org/events/computer-classes) to register.

### COMPUTER BASICS

**Mac Basics Part 1**  
**Fri, April 22, 2 p.m.**

**Mac Basics Part 2**  
**Fri, April 29, 2 p.m.**

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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!



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# SPRING MEGA BOOK SALE

## FRI • MAY 13 – SUN • MAY 15

At the Lee Road Branch during regular library hours.

**Members Only\***  
**Special Preview Night**  
Thurs, May 12, 5–8:45 pm

\*memberships available at  
the door for \$10!

**Sunday Clearance Sale • Fill-A-Bag for \$5**

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- Mass Market Paperbacks - 10/\$1
- Children's & Teen Books - 2/\$1



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### Closings

Sun, April 7, Easter

### Civic Engagement

#### Heights Libraries Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m.  
April 18

#### FRIENDS of the Heights Library Board Meetings

Thurs, 7 p.m. Lee Road Branch  
April 19

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

12 p.m. Lee Road Branch  
Wed, April 13, 10 a.m.  
Fri, April 29, 12 p.m.

#### 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  
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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  
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Wed, Fri & Sat,  
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

#### University Heights

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