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.
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 inside 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 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

LIT 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, March 30, 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.

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 eggitng 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-Do! Number Fun!
Wed, April 13, All Day
What’s better than playing with Play-Doh? How about using Play-Do! to learn your numbers and tell time! Pick up your Play-Do! 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 Hiits 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!
JUNE 6 – AUGUST 31
Watch our website for details. Heightslibrary.org
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
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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!

Teen Connect With Your Library
Sun-Sat, April 3-9, All Day
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Teen Gaming Mondays
Mon, April 4-25, 3:30 p.m.
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Join us every Monday in the Teen Spot to take a tour on our gaming systems. For ages 13 to 18.

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COVENTRY

Programs for Adults

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.

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.

NEW PROGRAM

TEEN CREATIVITY KITS
Fri, April 1, All Day
Join us as we present Teen Creativity Kits: Re“Inspire” with Caillebotte, and you’ll never forget him. Meeting ID: 853 4164 8398.

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The 1619 Project: A New Origin
Tues, April 12, 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

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Programs for Teens (For ages 13-18)
In Person Classes
Call (216) 932-3600 or visit 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.

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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 to register.

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

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

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 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.

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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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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
(216) 321–0739 TTY
Mon, Tues & Thurs,
1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Noble Neighborhood
2800 Noble Rd.
(216) 291–5665
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1 p.m.–9 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat,
9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sun, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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