

Fall 2023: September, October, November

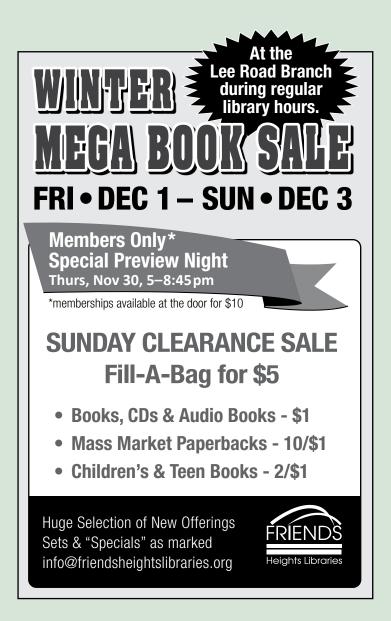
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From the Director



A Great Fall

This fall is bursting with opportunities at every branch for every age and interest!

You can learn how to care for your new family dog, meet a miniature horse, crack the code of car buying, learn to sew, or swing your skirts at salsa dancing. Kids can learn cookie decorating, practice their gardening skills, engineer a stable bridge, and tell a story like a penguin!

We will be celebrating Banned Books Week with a panel of professors from Case Western School of Law discussing book challenges at schools and libraries. We will also honor Hispanic Heritage Month with the support of a MYCom Partner Support Grant.

And finally, we will be closing the Coventry PEACE Park to start construction on a new playground! Join us to celebrate the 30th birthday of the playground on Oct. 8 with a short history of the park and birthday cake!



and future of Coventry PEACE park. Refreshments provided.

Registration







Many & Levi Nancy Levin, Director

DOBAMA THEATRE

COMING SOON

MAKE BELIEVE

by bess wohl directed by nathan motta OCT 29

The ghosts of childhood never disappear. In the attic of one family's home, four young siblings recreate their everyday lives in a game of make-believe. Meanwhile, the world beneath them holds a more ominous reality. Tony nominee Bess Wohl's new play is a spooky, moving meditation on how childhood events can continue to haunt us into our adult lives.

by heather chrisler directed by melissa t. crum

Taking on the familiar roles of the March sisters, four actors retell the timeless novel this holiday season using the family memories found in their attic. Jo and her sisters create scenes of love and loss and make up stories of witches and fairies. As these four little women come of age in a journey of self-discovery, we learn that while families change and grow, the ones we love are always close at heart



















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All Ages

Support Coventry PEACE Park today!



Your gift will be matched up to \$50,000 through October 1.

Renovation plans include a new accessible playground with a big slide, a storybook loop, a stage, a reading

garden, native plants, and over 100 new trees.





Strong Families Build Strong Communities



Use this QR code to register for any Family Connections Programs

In Person Programs

Family Playrooms

Family Connections playroom sessions are a free program for families with children birth to 6 and are designed to support early childhood development, build community, and make connections through interactive caregiver-child play. Registration is required – see QR code

Mondays 10 am - 12 pm Mondays 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 7 pm

Baby & Me

Join us in our Family Playroom for a free, weekly program dedicated to parents and caregivers with babies, 0 – 12 months. Get acquainted, gain information, share experiences, and find support from each other and our Family Support Specialist. Registration is required – see QR code

Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm



Virtual Programs on Zoom

Beyond Baby & Me

Join us for a free parent chat from the comfort of your home. Drop in/hop on after you get the kids to bed to share the joys and challenges of raising brilliant and boisterous young children. Registration is required – see QR code

Thursdays, 8:30 pm via Zoom

Music with Marisa on Zoom

Family Connections and Marisa are excited to bring you a free virtual music class for children ages birth to 6 years and their caregivers.

Registration is required – see QR code

Tuesdays 10:00 - 10:30 am



Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids

SPARK is a FREE kindergarten readiness program designed for families with preschoolers. Monthly home visits with a SPARK parent partner will bring you fun literacy games, activities, and resources to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten. Learn what to expect in kindergarten, gather ideas for learning at home, and meet other preschool families to be sure your child is prepared for a strong start in school. Family Connections is the proud provider of SPARK, in partnership with Heights Libraries and Cleveland Heights-University Heights schools. For more information, please call 216-921-2023.

COVENTRY

Coventry Creates Drop-In

Sat, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, All Day Event

Drop in to the Shire Children's Room at the Coventry Village Branch on the first Saturday of every month for a new art project for the whole family!

Community Art Supply Swap

Sat, Sept 9, 12 p.m.

Exchange art supplies and crafting materials you no longer need and take home items you want to try. All materials are free, and no donation is required. Arts and craft materials only, new or gently used (not expired) and when in doubt, use the "bestie" rule: Would I give this to my best friend? Drop off donations to any of our branches the first week of September.

ASL Storytime with Liliana Pokorny

Sat, Sept 30, 11 a.m. at Coventry

Celebrate Ohio Deaf History Month! Join Lilliana in singing/signing, learning signs, and doing crafts that celebrate ASL and Deaf culture! An interpreter will be provided. **Registration begins Sept. 16.**

Telling a Story Like a Penguin

Thurs, Oct 19, 6:30 p.m.

Join local author Alex Shaland for this all-ages writers workshop! Shaland will also share adventures from his new book, *Jackie the Penguin Goes on Safari: A Story of One Little Penguin who Wanted to Meet the Wild Animals of Africa.*

LEE

Family Game Night

Mon, Oct 23, 5 p.m.

Bring your family and check out some of our board games! Spend some quality time together, get some snacks, and have some fun! Adult supervision of children is required. **Registration begins Oct 9.**

NOBLE

These programs take place at the BNH building, 2940 Noble Road

Make Like... All-Ages Art Kit

Thurs, Oct 5, All Day

Ever seen a work of art and wished you could make it yourself? These craft kits will help you do just that. This month, we're celebrating artist Yayoi Kusama by giving you supplies to make art like her signature style. Kits will be available starting Thurs., Oct 5, while supplies last. **Registration begins Sept. 21. All ages are encouraged to participate!**

Picture Book Week Take-and-Make Kit

Mon, Nov 6, All Day

Join the Noble Picture Book Appreciation Society for a craft kit honoring picture books as an art form! While supplies last. **Registration begins Nov. 23.**



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All Ages

Babies to Pre-K

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Game Day

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Reading & Rescues

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Looking for a new best friend? How about a great new book? The Library and City Dogs are partnering up to bring you both! Come for an afternoon of stories, crafts, and dogs looking for a home of their own.





Storytimes and Programs For Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers Not sure which program is right for your little one? Look for age guidance in BOLD.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby Rhyme Time Drop In

Fri, Sept 1-Nov 17, 9 a.m. at University Heights

Introduce your baby to the joys of storytime. There will be books, bounces, bubbles, and Coco the Storytime Bear! Stay and socialize after storytime. Ages 0-12 months.

Baby Bonanza

Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 10 a.m. at Lee Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 29, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry

Bring your babies for books, bopping, and bouncing at our lap-sit program. For babies who are not yet walking.

Naddlers

Thurs, Sept 7-Nov 30, 10 a.m. at Lee Thurs, Sept 7-Nov 30, 11 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 – 30 months.

Fall Storytime @ The Walt Fri, Sept 1 - Nov 10, 11 a.m.

Join the library for outside storytime at Walter Stinson Park. Bring your blanket to sit on and join us for stories, songs, rhymes and dancing. Weather permitting. **Ages 0 – 6.**

Story Stop

Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 11 a.m. at Lee

Tues, Sept 5 - Nov 28, 10 a.m. at Lee

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Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 29, 10 a.m. at University Heights

Wed, Sept 6-Nov 29, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Fri, Sept 1-Nov 17, 10:30 a.m. at DCC (Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd)

Saturday, Sept 2-Nov 25, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

Hear stories, sing songs, and do a little dancing too! Books, music, and activities help develop early literacy skills during our weekly reading adventure. For preschoolers of all ages.

Stay and Play

Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 29, 11 a.m. at Coventry Fri, Sept 1 - Nov 17, 11 a.m. at DCC (Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd)

Stay after storytime each week for socializing and a simple activity. For preschoolers of all ages.

StoryCraft

Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 29, 11 a.m. at Lee On Oct. 4 and Nov. 1, we'll have special events. See p. 5.

Join us for stories, rhymes, and play, followed by an arts and crafts activity. Space is limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Ages 2–5**.

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Born Naturalists with Outside, You Notice Author, Erin Alladin

Thurs, Sept 7, 4 p.m. at Noble Library at DCC (Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd)

Enjoy a virtual visit from Erin Alladin, author of the picture book *Outside*, *You Notice*. Movement, songs, and activities to help kids learn about nature simply by paying attention to their own senses. Bring nature items for show & tell. **Ages 3 – 6 years old**.

The People in Your Neighborhood

Saturday, Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, 11 a.m. at University Heights

"Oh, who are the people in your neighborhood?" Well, we're answering that question in true Heights style with this new storytime series! Each week, a new neighbor will visit to read stories about their job. Bakers, circus performers, trash collectors, pro-wrestlers, and even a queen! You never know who will stop by. **Registration begins two weeks prior to each storytime.**

6 Programs for All Ages CHECK US OUT FALL 2023

Babies to Pre-K

Adaptive Storytime

Wed, Oct 4-Nov 29, 10:30 a.m. at DCC (Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd)

Join us for an adaptive storytime! This program is thoughtfully crafted for children who prefer a slower pace and smaller groups. All abilities are welcome, with activities tailored to spark preschooler interest. We use a planned routine, pictures to help understand, and tools you can fidget with. After the stories, we have free play for making friends and being creative. This program requires registration and adult accompaniment, and registration opens two weeks prior to each storytime. Therapists and siblings are encouraged to join the fun!

Banned Book Story & Craft

Wed, Oct 4, 11 a.m. at Lee

Join us to celebrate the freedom to read with a featured picture book and craft! **Registration begins Sept 20. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Spooky Storytime at Spirit Corner Mon, Oct 23, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

It's spooky season! Bring the whole family to Spirit Corner at Hampshire Rd and Cadwell Ave for an especially spirited storytime! Enjoy kid-friendly spooky and silly stories, crafts, songs, and more. Weather permitting. For preschoolers of all ages.

Nature Stay & Play Storytime

Wed, Nov 1, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

Join us for storytime, then stay to explore the garden in fall with loose parts play. Our outdoor adventure will involve reading, activities, and play that enhance sensory development, fine motor skills, and literacy skills through engagement with nature. Designed for preschoolers, activities will be held outside in the Children's Garden (Lee/Ormond) so dress for weather and messy outdoor fun. **Registration begins Oct.** 18. **Ages 2 – 5.**

"Pop-Up": Bubble Play

Fri, Nov 3, 10 a.m. at Lee Road

Are the bubbles your favorite part of storytime? If so, this program is for you! Celebrate all things bubbles with us. Come for the books and activities honoring the joy of bubbles. Stay for the bubble dance party! **Registration begins Nov 20. For preschoolers of all ages.**

Tummy Time Drop In

Wed, Nov 1-29, 9 a.m. at University Heights

Stop by the library for some fun baby tummy time! There will be rhymes, a bounce, and a different tummy time activity each week. Activities include book wall, sensory trays and much more. Bring a blanket/pillow and join us for some

tummy time fun! Stay after tummy time for socialization and play. For babies ages 2 – 6 months.

SPECIAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Library PALs

Fri, Sept 1 - Nov 17, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Join us for open-ended play, exploration, socializing, and more. For preschoolers of all ages.

Pottering in the Park Nature Play & Poetry @ The Walt

Wed, Sept 6-27, 11 a.m. at Walter Stinson Park

Join the Library for a poem and some fun nature play that will help your little one with fine motor and prewriting skills. Each week there will be a different activity including: Bird seed sweep, flower threading and arranging, dirt and rocks writing trays, and nature cutting trays. For ages 2–6 with adult supervision. Weather permitting. Registration begins Aug 23.

Garden Gatherings

Thurs, 4 p.m. at Coventry

Join us in the Coventry PEACE Park to help us tend to our collaborative garden through DIY science experiments, art projects, and explorative play. Wear clothing that can get dirty! Weather permitting.

Sept 7: Born Naturalists

Join your Coventry Village librarians for a special edition of Garden Gatherings! This week, enjoy a virtual visit from Erin Alladin, author of the picture book Outside, You Notice. Born Naturalists is a presentation full of movement, songs, and activities that celebrate kids' ability to learn about nature simply by paying attention to their own senses. Participants are encouraged to bring nature items to show during the presentation. **Ages 3 – 6 years old.**

Sept 21: Fruit Prints. Ages 4 – 10 years old.

Oct 5: Milkweed & Monarchs. Ages 4 – 10 years old.

Oct 19: Preparing for Fall. Ages 4 – 10 years old.

Preschool Cooking Club

Tues, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, 2 p.m. at Coventry

Each class will explore a different theme around food through stories and hands-on cooking activities. Children will follow simple recipes, get familiar with basic cooking equipment and leave with a tasty treat! For children ages 3+ with a caregiver. Registration begins two weeks before each class.

Bluey Family Fun Night

Tues, Sept 19, 6 p.m. at Coventry

We can't wait until Season 4 of Bluey drops! Join us at the Coventry Branch to celebrate all things Bluey! Enjoy food samples, activities and crafts inspired by our favorite cartoon family, the Heelers. **Registration begins Aug 29.**

Tinkergarten: Learn about Nighttime and Space Fri, Sept 29, 12 p.m. at University Heights

Join the library as we host a Tinkergarten program about the night sky at the Walt. The night sky is not only full of bright stars, it is full of stories. We'll work together, using a variety of sensory-stimulating materials to turn ordinary cloth into a beautiful night sky that is full of our own stories. For children ages 2 – 6 years old with supervision. Registration begins Sept 15. Weather reschedule date will be Oct 6.

Pumpkins in the Park

Wed, Oct 4-25, 11 a.m. at University Heights

Join the library at Walter Stinson Park every Wed in October for some fun pumpkin activities. Activities will include: pumpkin washing and scooping, pumpkin decorating, and a fun science activity. Ages 2 – 6 with adult supervision. Registration begins Sept 20. Weather permitting.

ABCs of Kindergarten

Wed, Oct 4, 6 p.m. at Lee Road

Kindergarten is the new first grade. Family Connections and Heights Libraries are partnering to provide parents with knowledge of the skills their children are expected to know prior to beginning Kindergarten. This program will focus on reading, writing, and math and will use play to provide families with strategies and games to ensure their child is ready for Kindergarten. Space is limited: RSVP by calling Family Connections at 216-321-0079.

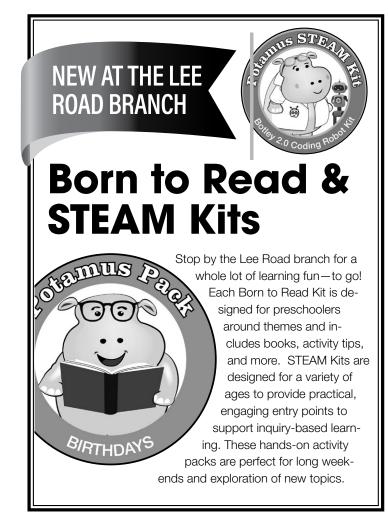
Peter Potamus Stuffy Sleepover Birthday Party Fri, Oct 13, 4 p.m. at Lee

It's Hippo-Party-Mus time! Peter Potamus, our Children's Room mascot, is having a birthday and he wants to celebrate with our second annual stuffed animal sleepover! Drop off your stuffed friend on Fri, Oct 13 between 4 pm and 5:30 pm in the Children's Room. Pick up your friend on Sat, Oct 14, between 11:30 am-5:30 pm. Don't worry, we will take lots of pictures of all the fun so you don't miss a thing! **Registration begins Sept 29.**

Harvest Party

Fri, Oct 13, 11 a.m. at DCC (Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Road)

Join us after Story Time for a special Harvest themed stay and play. We will learn about harvest celebrations in differ-



ent cultures, make some cute fall crafts and enjoy some light refreshments. **Registration begins Sept.** 29. **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Costume Karaoke

Fri, Oct 27, 10 a.m. Lee Road

Put on your favorite costume and get on the mic. Come sing along to your favorite tunes. Choose a song from the list or make a special request. Maybe you can even get your favorite caregiver to do a duet with you! For preschoolers of all ages.

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Programs for Children

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COVENTRY

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Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 3:30 p.m.

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Glow Party

Thurs, Nov 16, 6 p.m. at Coventry Village

The night time is the right time! Celebrate the end of daylight savings and an extra hour of night time with a glowin-the-dark party! Light up the night with games, dancing, snacks, and more! **Registration begins Oct 26. All ages welcome.**

HKIC STEAM LAB AT LEE ROAD

Fall Lego Club

Fri, Sept 8 - Nov 17, 4 p.m.

We are expanding Lego Club this fall! We will focus on mathematics, coding, robotics, and engineering with different levels of challenges for learners. Registration will be for each individual week, and will open two weeks before each program.

Bridge Builders

Thurs, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, 6 p.m.

Come to the STEAM Lab to learn about engineering and physics to create the best bridge you can out of popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and other small materials. The start of each session will go over the components of bridges and at the end we will see how much each bridge can hold. **Registration opens Aug 31.**

LEE

Art and Soul

Tues, Sept 5 - Nov 28, 4 p.m.

Let your imagination and creativity soar. Explore your artistic side by creating works of art weekly using various media while listening to some chill vibes. A great way to unwind after a busy school day!

Cuyahoga READS

Sunday, 2 p.m.

Hosted by Making A Difference Consulting

Sept 17 & 24: Ready2Read Bootcamp

Supercharge your reading skills! Ready2Read Bootcamp is designed to increase letter recognition, sight words, and vocabulary by using art, crafts, and small tasks to build fluency. Registration begins Sept 3 For ages 6-11

Oct 15 & 29: Super Readers

What is your super strength? The Super Readers program is designed to increase vocabulary, fluency, and sight words while using a Marvel and DC comics theme and incorporating art, poetry, creative writing, and more! For ages 6-11. Registration begins Oct 1.

After School Homework Help

Mon-Thurs, Sept 18 - Dec 4, 3:30 p.m.

Free after school homework help is available to learners in grades K – 12 when school is in session. Tutoring in math, science, history, and language arts is offered in partnership with Cleveland State University's Office of Civic Engagement and CASE's Center for Civic Engagement & Learning. Contact the Lee Road branch for details.

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Visiting the Neigh-borhood: Miniature Horses Mon, Oct 9, 3:30 p.m.

Quit foaling around and gallop over to the library to meet miniature horses from Tender Touch Equine. You'll have an opportunity to pet and brush the horses while learning more about them. Don't miss the mane event! All ages are welcome. To be held in the Lee Road Children's Garden.

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NOBLE

Noble Children's programs take place at Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Ave.

Afterschool Homework Help

Tues, Sept 19 - Nov 28, 3:30 p.m.

Weekly after-school homework help will be offered by volunteers from local colleges and universities. Tutoring in Math, Science, History, and Language Arts will be available to learners in grades K-12. Contact Noble Road branch for details.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

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Join the Cuyahoga Reads Challenge on Beanstack! Earn badges for starting and maintaining positive reading habits now through December 31, 2024. Learn more about Cuyahoga Reads at cuyahogareads.org



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Library Afterschool Fun at Lee Road

Wed, 4 p.m. Grades K – 5

Sept 6: Cookie Decorating Class

Come celebrate fall and learn to decorate cookies like a pro-from a pro! **Registration begins Aug 23.**

Sept 13: Apple Afternoon

We'll do fun apple themed activities while trying various apple treats.

Sept 20: Engineering Challenges with Craft Sticks, Cups, and Cubes

Try your hand at several building challenges with craft sticks, cups, and cubes.

Sept 27: On "Point" with Georges Seurat

Create your very own works of art using only dots, a style known as pointillism. Try your hand at detailed pictures in the style of Seurat, Pissaro, and Van Gogh!

Oct 4: Writing & Reading Scary Stories

Are you afraid of banned books? Let Freedom Read! Join a campfire-style read-in and write-in to celebrate the frequently challenged Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwarz. **Registration begins Sept 20.**

Oct 11: Fun and Fossils

Love dinosaurs? How about fossils? Celebrate National Fossil Day with us by enjoying a fossil activity and snack.

Oct 18: Mini Kitty Con - MeWow!

Who is your favorite feline? From favorites of literature like Garfield, Pete, Bad Kitty, Max Meow, and Warrior Cats to cultural icons like Hello Kitty, Felix, Puss in Boots, and more come vote for your favorites while you enjoy a variety of cat-themed crafts and games! It'd be a cat-astrophe to miss this purr-fect celebration of all things Me-Wow!

Oct 25: Owl-tober

Celebrate these fascinating nocturnal birds with an afternoon of crafts, learning, & fun!

Nov 1: Hispanic Heritage Celebración

Let's celebrate Hispanic culture! Join us for a craft and snack, along with some other surprises.

Nov 8: Paint-a-saurus

Do you love dinosaurs? Join us for some painting fun to celebrate DiNovember!

Nov 15: Playdoh Marble Mazes

Make fun marble mazes with play-doh and cookie sheets. Note: projects will not be taken home.

Nov 29: Become a Dinosaur!

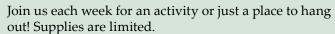
Make your own dinosaur mask or hat during DiNovember! Bring your creativity and become your favorite dinosaur!

10 Programs for Children CHECK US OUT FALL 2023

Programs for Children

TWEEN ZONE AT LEE ROAD

Ages 8-12 Thurs, 3 p.m.



Oct 5: Banned Book Tasting

Ban books? No way! Come sample some delightful treats and checkout the frequently challenged titles. Find out what you'd be missing!

Oct 12: Slime

Join us to make your own slime—you can even make it scary!

Oct 19: Zombie Barbies

Drop in for a hair-raising good time to transform regular dolls into frightening zombies!

Oct 26: Spooky Gingerbread Houses

Construct a creepy gingerbread house out of edible materials!

Nov 2: Minute to Win It!

Minute to Win It! Think you can complete the challenges in one minute? Join us to see how well you measure up!

Nov 9: Tiny Art

Make your own masterpiece painting on a tiny canvas! Bring your creativity and we'll provide the supplies.

Nov 16: Button Making

We'll pull the button maker out and you can create your own pinback buttons for your jackets or backpacks.

Nov 30: Movie Time!

Snacks and a movie are a great way to spend the afternoon!



Every Day, Sept 15-Oct 15

All Day at Lee



Visit the Youth Services Department at Lee Road between September 15th and October 15th to celebrate the contributions of Latinx Americans during Hispanic Heritage Month! Stop by for a scavenger hunt, special events, music, and more. Funded in part by a MyCom Partner Support Grant.

Latin Dance Workshop Tues, Sept 19, 4 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning salsa, merengue, and bachata dance styles with Viva Dance Studio. Learn foundational moves from Jessica Marie, who danced competitively for 12 years and trained under master dance instructors. This is a beginner-friendly class, so no prior dance experience is needed! Arrive on time and get ready to have fun. Water and a small snack will be provided after the workshop. **Ages 6 – 18. Registration begins Sept 5.**

Solo Performance Featuring Luca Mundaca

Thurs, Sept 21, 4 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon solo performance by the award-winning Luca Mundaca! Influenced by jazz and bossa nova, Luca's music is a glorious blend of her native Brazil with a touch of downtown New

York. Winner of an Independent Music Award in World Fusion category and other awards, her music has been featured in movies, television shows, and various compilation albums. **Open to families and children aged 10 and up!**

Hispanic Heritage Celebración Thurs, Oct 12, 3:30 p.m.

Hispanic history, culture, and contributions are worth celebrating. Teens may come enjoy a movie, some snacks, and a craft, all inspired by Hispanic culture. **Ages 13 – 18.**





National Association for Music Education

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12 Programs for Children CHECK US OUT FALL 2023

Programs for Teens

All Teen programs are for ages 13 – 18 unless otherwise specified.

COVENTRY

Game Time @ Coventry

Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 3:30 p.m.

Every Monday drop by the Coventry Branch after school for some low-pressure competition. We will be playing board games, video games on the Nintendo Switch, pickup basketball games, and more throughout the fall.

HKIC STEAM LAB @ LEE ROAD

Photography Club

Tues, Sept 5 - Nov 7, 4 p.m.

The club will teach the fundamentals of still image, from using cameras to editing photographs in different kinds of programs. We will use equipment from the STEAM Lab and vote on what kind of projects we would like to capture. We have a limited number of cameras, so register for each session if you would like to use one. Registration for each session opens two weeks prior to each meeting, at 9 a.m. Registration is not required if you are bringing your own camera or cell phone.

Fall LEGO Club

Fri, Sept 8 - Nov 17, 4 p.m.

We are expanding LEGO Club this fall! We will focus on mathematics, coding, robotics, and engineering with different levels of challenges for learners. Registration will be for each individual week and will open two weeks before each program.

3D Modeling Challenge

Thurs, Sept 21, Oct 26, Nov 16, 7 p.m.

Participants will be given a prompt and then have the class period to learn, ask questions, and model the item using Tinkercad. This program is great for anyone who wants to learn 3D modeling or hone their current skills—beginners and experts welcome! Final submissions will be printed after each challenge and displayed in the HKIC for one month (after which you can take them home). **Registration begins September 7.**

LEE

Teen Spot

Mon – Fri, Sept 1-Nov 30, 3 p.m.

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



Teen Gaming Mondays

Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 3:30 p.m.

Get your game on every Monday in the Teen Room after school on our PS4 or Switch.

After School Homework Help

Mon - Thurs, Sept 18 - Dec 4, 3:30 p.m.

Free after school homework help is available to learners in grades K-12 when school is in session. Tutoring in math, science, history, and language arts is offered in partnership with Cleveland State University's Office of Civic Engagement and CASE's Center for Civic Engagement & Learning. Hours and availability may vary. Contact the Lee Road branch for details.

Cuyahoga READS: Lit through the Arts

Sunday, Nov 5 & 19, 2 p.m.

This program will explore artistic expression and increasing writing and reading through the arts using hands-on multimedia projects, visual art, stories, and creative arts to improve reading comprehension, formulating questions, and more! Hosted by Making A Difference Consulting and part of the Cuyahoga READS series. For grades 6 – 8. Registration begins Oct 22.

Thursdays in the Spot

Thurs. 3:30 p.m.

Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov. 2: Prepare for a new adventure!

Gather your friends and your courage, and join us for the next adventure in our quest, as we face down fearsome foes and untangle mysterious magics! Whether you're an experienced adventurer or just beginning your journey, join us for a three-session Dungeons and Dragons adventure! Refreshments and rations will be provided for all willing to take part in our quest!

Sept 14: Family Feud

Do you think you and your friends have what it takes to get the most points? We're going to put those trivia skills to the test with a friendly game of Family Feud. The winning team gets not only bragging rights but a sweet prize. Who's ready to play Family Feud?

Sept 21: "Hot Ones" Challenge

Based on the popular YouTube show "Hot Ones," participants will be challenged to answer questions after eating hot wings (regular and vegetarian). See if you can be a "Hot Ones" champion by surviving the heat from multiple levels of spice.

Sept 28: Mystery Spot

What are we doing? Is it a craft? Or maybe it's a game? Well, we aren't going to tell you. It's a mystery after all. Come join us in the Spot to find out.

Oct 12: Hispanic Heritage Celebración

Hispanic history, culture, and contributions are worth celebrating. Teens may come enjoy a movie, some snacks, and a craft, all inspired by Hispanic culture.

Oct 19: Mystery at the Library!

A dark mystery has unfolded here at the library! The key to solving it lies in a series of hidden clues! Will you be able to decipher the puzzles and riddles and track down enough clues to crack the case? Come find out and put your detective skills to the test at our very own Clue-style Mystery event.

Oct 26: Spookyfest Returns

Spooky season is back which means we had to bring back Spookyfest for another year of spooky movies, spooky snacks, and spooky facts! This year expect more tricks, more treats, and the same spooky good time!

Nov 9: Hunger Games Watch Party

It's *Hunger Games* time. Let's take a trip down memory lane and start at the very beginning of it all. The Spot will be hosting a *Hunger Games* watch party! There will be book and movie trivia for fans old and new, themed snacks and games, and of course we'll be watching the first film to get ready for *A Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. Are the odds forever in your favor?

Nov 16: Avatar the Last Airbender Fan Fest

My cabbages! Love *Avatar the Last Airbender?* See which tribe you're in, test your Avatar knowledge, and enjoy some yummy snacks from each kingdom.

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Nov 30: Squishmallow Bingo

Squishmallows are the softest, cutest, cuddliest stuffed animals around. Play bingo for a chance to take home a Squishmallow! Different characters and sizes will be available to win.

NOBLE

Noble Teen programs take place at Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Ave.

Afterschool Homework Help

Tues, Sept 19 - Nov 28, 3:30 p.m.

Weekly after-school homework help will be offered by volunteers from local colleges and universities. Tutoring in Math, Science, History, and Language Arts will be available to learners in **grades K – 12.** Contact Noble Road branch for details, (216) 291-5665.

Heart Healthy Teens

Tues, Oct 17, 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a heart healthy snack. Plus, pick up some nutrition tips and easy recipes that fit your budget and busy lifestyle. **Registration begins Oct 3.**

Intro to Babysitting

Tues, Nov 7, 4:30 p.m.

Thinking about becoming a babysitter but not sure what to expect? This workshop is for you! **Teens, ages 12 and up,** will learn leadership and communication skills, practice games and activities for different ages, review basic safety practices such as who to call in an emergency, and explore other skills to become a top-notch sitter. We will also learn about different babysitting certification programs available to see which program might be a good fit for you. Note: This is a resource sharing workshop, not an official certification course. **Registration begins Oct 24.**

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Dollar Store Drag

Thurs, Oct 19, 6 p.m.

This is drag on a dime! Release your inner king or queen with the help of local performer and makeup aficionado, Pineapple Honeydew-Delight. **Registration begins Oct 5.**

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Tai Chi and Qigong

Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 29, 12 p.m. Fri, Sept 1 - Nov 17, 12 p.m. Sat, Sept 2 - Nov 25, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi and Qigong movement designed to achieve a total mind, body and spiritual union.

Monarch Butterflies - A Season of Migration Wed, Sept 6, 4 p.m.

Join us at Coventry as the National Park Service presents a program on our wondrous monarch butterflies! Learn about their annual migration as fall approaches. **Registration begins Aug 23.**

Coventry Village Author Series Thurs, 7 p.m.



Sept 14: Kelley Shinn, *The Wounds That Bind Us* Meet author Kelley Shinn as she presents her newly published memoir, *The Wounds that Bind Us.*

The improbable and powerful true story of a single mother with prosthetics for both legs who travels the globe with her young daughter in a Land Rover. Book signing to follow. Registrations begins Aug 31.

Oct 12: Claire McMillan - The Alchemy of a Blackbird Join us as author Claire McMillan presents her book, Alchemy of a Blackbird.

A mystical, historical novel based on the true story of the twentieth century painters and occultists Remedios Varo and Leonora Carrington, each beginning as the muse of a famous lover and then breaking away to become an icon in her own right through a powerful friendship that springs from their connection to the tarot. Book signing to follow. **Registration begins Sept 28.**

Nov 9: Thomas Adams - Where Is No.2? The Mysterious Disappearance of a Lake Erie Ship

On Tuesday, December 7, 1909, the railroad car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No.2 left Conneaut, Ohio, sailing into a brutal winter storm from which none would return. Over the next two days, accounts of the ship on both sides of the lake and widely scattered wreckage would add to the mystery. Join author, Thomas Adams as he provides a unique exploration into the enduring mystery of the ship's disappearance, the story of the crew and a glimpse into life on a laker in 1909. **Registration begins Oct 26.**

Heartfulness Meditation with Christine Valadon Tues, Sept 19 - Nov 28, 6 p.m.

The physical and mental benefits of meditation are significant and well documented. Christine Valadon will present a weekly Heartfulness meditation, a simple, effective form of meditation focused on opening the heart and practiced in

over 120 countries around the world. Program is in-person and on Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent upon registration. **Registration begins Sept 1.**

Earthworks

Thurs, 6 p.m.

Join us at to explore nature based arts and crafts. Supplies provided. **Registration begins two weeks before each event**.

Sept 21: Hammered Leaf and Flower Prints

Oct 26: Hand-dipped Beeswax Candles

Nov 30: Seasonal Stovetop Simmer Pots

Ukulele Jam

Tues, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28, 7 p.m.

Bring your ukulele for an evening of strumming, singing, and generally having a good time.

All levels are welcome, and listeners are welcome, too. Music is provided.

Dementia Conversations

Thurs, Sept 28, 7 p.m.

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. **Registration begins Sept 14**.

Coventry PEACE Park: A Celebration

Sunday, Oct 8, 2 p.m.

Join us for a celebration of the history and future of Coventry PEACE park. Refreshments provided. **Registration begins Sept 24.**

NOACA Climate Impact: Addressing Air and Water Quality in Our Communities

Tues, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

NOACA, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, is the transportation and environmental planning agency that represents state, county, city, village, and township officials in Greater Cleveland. NOACA addresses the transportation, air quality, and water quality needs of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. Join us for a presentation and discussion on air and water quality in our communities. **Registration begins Oct 10.**

Let's Head to Coventry: The Sequel

Thurs, Nov 2, 7 p.m.

Local writer/journalist David Budin continues his exploration of the history of some of the businesses and people who have made Coventry a dynamic cultural hub of Cleveland Heights. For those who missed Budin's first talk and for those who called for more! Join us as he digs even deeper into the unique and colorful history that is Coventry! **Registration begins Oct 19.**

HKIC @ LEE ROAD

Cricut Basics

Wed, Sept 6, 7 p.m. Thurs, Oct 19, 7 p.m.

Cricut cutting machines can be used to create stickers, decals, cards, and more! Learn the basics of using and designing for the HKIC STEAM Lab's Cricut machine. **Registration begins Aug 23 and Oct 5.**

AI & I

Fri, Sept 8, 11 a.m. Mon, Oct 23, 2 p.m. Wed, Nov 29, 7 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence is at the forefront of technology. This class explains how these algorithms work, looks at the history of AI and demonstrates how to use some of these tools yourself. **Registration begins two weeks before the program.**

Create T-shirts with Cricut

Wed, Sept 13, 6 p.m.

Learn how to create your own customer shirt with the STEAM Lab's Cricut cutting machine and a household iron. Please bring your own shirt to customize. **Registration begins August 30.**

How Nature Shaped Me

Sat, Sept 16 - 30, 10 a.m.

Come visit us and share your experiences with nature! This program will act as an intergenerational forum to record community members experiences with their environment - outdoor hobbies, activities, childhood experiences, and how nature has shaped the way we interact with our community, passed down traditions, etc. The discussions will be recorded, combining the innovative Meeting Owl technology with traditional roundtable format in order to inspire how we see nature in our community. **Registration begins two weeks before the program.**

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language

Sat, Sept 23 - Oct 28, 1 p.m.

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** 9.

Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Sat, Sept 23 - Oct 28, 2:15 p.m.

Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. **Registration begins Sept 9.**

Deaf Gathering

Mon, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, 6:30 p.m.



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

Deaf Culture Film Night

Mon, Oct 2, 7 p.m.

Deaf and hearing audiences alike will learn something new during this film series.

Maker Workshop: 3D Printing and Modeling Basics

Wed, Sept 20, 6 p.m. Tues, Nov 14, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of the 3D printing process, different machines and materials, and how to create and print 3D models using various software in this introductory workshop. Participants will have the opportunity to work on handson projects and exercises to apply knowledge and skills. Whether you are looking to purchase your own 3D printer and create your own models, or simply have an interest in learning more about 3D technology, this class is for you! No previous 3D printing experience is required, but strong familiarity with the computer and mouse is helpful. Projects completed in class will be printed and ready for pickup at a later date. **Registration opens Sept 6 and Oct 31.**

Maker Workshop: Intermediate 3D Modeling and Printing

Wed, Sept 27, 6 p.m.

In this workshop, we will build upon the skills and knowledge gained in the beginners workshop and delve deeper into the world of 3D modeling and printing. We'll explore more advanced topics such as troubleshooting printers,

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filament storage, printer accessories, and more and learn the basics of modeling in Self CAD, a more advanced computer-aided design program. Some previous experience on the subject or the beginners Maker Workshop on 3D Modeling and Printing is recommended for those just starting out. **Registration begins Sept 13.**

Documentary Filmmaking

Sat, Oct 14 - Nov 4, 10 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to make a documentary? Do you have a story to tell? Or are you just interested in filmmaking in general? This six-part workshop goes over the documentary genre from the filmmaker's perspective, diving deep into the components of a documentary as well as the actual process from start to finish. The second half of the class will be dedicated to documentary filmmaking workshops where we will work on our camera, interview, and other relevant skills in the HKIC. **Registration begins Sept 30.**

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Aspire ESOL Classes

Mon, Sept 11 - Nov 27, 10 a.m. Wed, Sept 6 - Nov 22, 10 a.m.

Formal English Language lessons for non-English speakers provided through Cuyahoga Community College's ASPIRE program. Classes are held two days a week, and are available for speakers at all levels, from beginners to advanced speakers. Students must register for the classes at the Tri-C ASPIRE website at "www.tri-c.edu/ohio-options-for-adults/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages.html" or by calling the Delisle Options Center in Cleveland Hts. at 216-371-7138. Class schedule follows the Tri-C academic calendar for breaks.

Shrinky Dink Necklaces

Wed, Sept 20 & Sept 27, 6:30 p.m.

Become a jeweler in this two-part make-and-take class! Participants will create their own art pendants using shrinkable plastic in the first week. The pendants will be baked for the next week, and participants will assemble them on a necklace to take home. Fall themed templates will be provided, but original designs are also welcome. **Registration for this two-part class begins Sept 6.**

Banned Books: Legal Panel Discussion Mon, Oct 2, 7 p.m.

Panel discussion with professors from the Case Western School of Law on the recent challenges and litigation aimed at removing materials from school and public libraries.

Ohio Means Jobs Career Services



Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Lee Road

Meet with an Ohio Means Jobs|Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Career Services Development Specialist (CDS) who can provide guidance, tools, resources, and support on your path toward wage-sustaining employment. Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, or receiving unemployment insurance benefits, our CDS can assist and support your search for employment.

Special Info Sessions Wed, 7 p.m., Sept 13 and Oct 11.

Dada Art Movement Workshop Series

Weds, 7 p.m.

Nov 1: Part 1: Surrealist Games

In Part 1 we will dive into Dada and surrealist history and play some surrealist games. Create an Exquisite Corpse and learn the process of Automatic Drawing. **Registration begins Oct 18.**

Nov 8: Part 2: Poetry

In Part 2 you will craft your very own Dadaist poetry. Gadgi beri bimba? Glandiri lauli lonni cadori! **Registration begins** Oct 18.

Nov 15: Part 3: Collage

In Part 3 we will be exploring the Dada techniques of Chance Collage and Photomontage. Create your very own Dadaist collage! **Registration begins Oct 18.**

Feel-Good Fiction Book Club

Mon, 7 p.m.

Want to join a book club, but don't want to read anything depressing? Feel-Good Fiction may be for you! The conflicts in the story are clear and resolved by the end of the book, making an upbeat reading experience with plenty to talk about.

Sept 18: Musical Chairs by Amy Poeppel

Oct 16: Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Nov 13: Mary Jane by Jessica Anya Blau

Heights Art Lectures

Thurs, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting ID: 823 648 5349, Passcode: 691353

Sept 7: Faces of the Past: Portraits in Ancient Rome,

Perhaps no other culture in history has placed as much importance on portraiture as the Ancient Romans. Paired with an unparalleled quantity of material and cultural remains, this focus on individual memory gives us a precious and fascinating window into the past. Come face-to-face with Ancient Romans in this talk.

Oct 5: Utterly Barbaric! Looking Beyond Rome's Borders

Who were the "uncivilized" peoples who lived beyond the edges of the Roman Empire? What do we know about them and their lives? Using written records, archeological remains, and legends, this talk looks into the dark forests of ancient Europe at the Gauls, Celts, and Germanic tribes contemporary with Rome and Byzantium.

Nov 2: The Not-So-Dark Ages of Medieval Europe

For several hundred years, historians essentially skipped from the Fall of Rome in 410 to the "revival of civilization" in the Renaissance. But what actually happened during those 800 intervening years? From modern Turkey to Spain, and North Africa to Ireland, we'll look at the Middle Ages as a time of learning, creation, and beauty in the midst of instability.

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 14 & 28, 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.

Memory Cafe: A Special Enrichment Opportunity Thurs, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, 1 p.m.

The Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health will be hosting four different enrichment programs for individuals affected by cognitive memory loss such as dementia and Alzheimer's along with their primary care partners. A variety of experiences from music, art, storytelling/writing to a baseball theme program will be paired in a Café atmosphere. The programs will enhance and offer opportunities for engagement and socialization, vitally important for the well-being of the individual. All sessions are guided by professionals providing a unique experience and methods to enhance quality of life. For Care Partners and those with diagnoses. Refreshments will be provided. **Registration begins two weeks before each café**.

Unpacking Our History Discussions

Thurs, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Meeting ID: 823 648 5349, Passcode: 691353

Join us the second Thursday of each month, on Zoom, as

Social Worker in Residence Program

Fridays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lee Road

In partnership with the Heights Suburban Collaborative and the Centers, Heights Libraries now has a social worker available every Friday at Lee Road from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Services provided include adoption, foster, and kinship support; basic emergency needs; aged-out youth support; connection to resources; and referrals to partner organizations like health and wellness agencies, workforce development programs, early learning centers, and Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services.

we continue to discuss how the legacy of slavery and race remain dominant factors in American political, cultural, and social spheres.

Sept 14: White Supremacy Part V—White Riot

Oct 12: White Supremacy Part VI—White and Black Feminism

Nov 9: White Supremacy Part VII—Carceral Society

Unpacking Our History Lecture: Seeing the Police in Popular Culture

Thurs, Sept 28, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Police are a staple of our media entertainment landscape - from true crime shows to cop comedies - we watch a lot of stylized police work. All these shows create a sense of reality for us, but we all know this is a simplified version of police work. This presentation will examine the cinema of policing and its relationship to serialized television shows like *COPS* (1989–) and how those images of police work structure understanding in the public and police academies.

Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland: The Path to Empowerment

Tues, Sept 19, 6:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is or has been faced with domestic violence, join JFSA for this information session, where you will learn about the following topics: Domestic

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Violence 101, Common Dynamics of Abusive Relationships, Identifying Warning Signs of Abuse, Supporting Survivors of Relationship Abuse, Resources for Those Experiencing Relationship Abuse.

Pioneers of Sci-Fi Book Club

Thurs, 7 p.m.

Exploring the works of authors who pushed the genre forward. Join us in discussing classics from all eras of Science Fiction

Sept 21: Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood

Oct 19: Dune by Frank Herbert

Nov 16: *The Long Way Back to a Small, Angry Planet* by Beck Chambers

Preserving Family Treasures

Wed, Sept 13 & Nov 1, 7 p.m.

Learn how to preserve and protect your family's priceless treasures – from photographs, to clothing, to quilts. Learn about proper storage methods and how to avoid common household hazards that threaten your irreplaceable heirlooms. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Write Now: Free Nonfiction Workshop Tues, Oct 3-24, 7 p.m.

Generate new nonfiction in this free four-week class designed to kick your writing into gear. Each week we'll share our writing, find inspiration in published essays and memoir, and respond to in-class exercises to get going on the next piece. Throughout the class we'll discuss craft, experiment with forms, and find out what sparks our own process. Instructor Michael Credico is the author of Heartland Calamitous (Autumn House Press), which was longlisted for the 2021 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Short Story Collection and The 2021 Story Prize. **Registration begins Sept 19.**

Jane Austen Deep-Dive Book Club: *Persuasion* Mon, 7 p.m.

Join our two-part series: a deep dive into Jane Austen's novel, *Persuasion*. Originally published in two 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 9: Volume One: Chapters 1 – 12

Oct 23: Volume Two: Chapters 13 – 24

Passport Drop-in Days! 9 a.m.-7p.m. at Lee Road

Have a passport question? Need some guidance? Is your life too hectic to nail down an appointment time?

On September 12, October 24, and November 21, Passport Acceptance Services will be available with no appointment necessary.





Synagogue to Sanctuary: The Jewish/African American Connection in Cleveland's Historic Religious Architecture

Wed, Oct 25, 7 p.m.

Across Cleveland many historic sacred structures were constructed as synagogues by Jewish congregations that are now home to Black churches of various Christian faiths. Each of these places has made history whether for their significant architectural contribution or role in the Civil Rights movement. Learn about the deep cultural heritage contained within these special places of worship and the work being done today to preserve them and share their remarkable stories. **Registration begins Oct 11.**

Monoprinting: Fall Foliage

Wed, Oct 18, 6:30 p.m.

Get an overview of the world of monoprinting with this hands-on program. Learn to make your own monoprints using leaves from your neighborhood with a teaching artist from Zygote Press. You will also learn to identify common Ohio tree leaves and leaf terms! For this class participants will make their own Fall cards and envelopes using leaves – they will also get to make their own monoprint on a table-top etching press. **Registration beings Oct 4.**

NaNoWriMo: Come Write In

Tues, Nov 7-28, 7 p.m.

NaNoWriMo's Come Write In program connects libraries with their local NaNoWriMo participants and regional volunteers to build vibrant writing communities. Writing a novel alone can be difficult, even for seasoned writers. NaNoWriMo helps you track your progress, set milestones, connect with other writers in a vast community, and participate in events that are designed to make sure you finish your novel. **Registration begins Oct 24.**

NOBLE

All programs take place at the BNH building, 2940 Noble Road, unless otherwise noted.

Star Ingredient Take and Make Kit

Thurs, Sept 7 and Nov 2, All Day

Expand your culinary horizons with a Star Ingredient Takeand-Make Kit! Every kit will feature a new ingredient for you to bake or cook with, along with some recipe suggestions to use if you choose. Stop by starting Sept. 7 and Nov 2 to pick one up, while supplies last. After you've made your dish, let us know how it turned out! **Registration is appreciated but not required.**

Green Noble Discussion and Action Group Sun, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, 3 p.m.

Come join Green Noble as we discuss various topics on gardening, environmental issues, community building, and other green initiatives going on in the Noble neighborhood. Topics to be discussed and location of the meetings TBD. Please call the Noble Branch at (216) 291-5665 for information.

Noble Neighborhood Easy-Going Sewing

Thurs, Sept 14 & 28, Oct 12 & 26, Nov 9 & 30, 6:30 p.m. at Church on the Heights (2706 Noble Rd.)

Come work on a sewing project and get to know your neighbors! Noble Branch staff are partnering with the Church on the Heights for a neighborhood sewing program. Several sewing machines will be available for anyone to use. If you've never used a machine before, staff can help you get started.

Noble Plant Swap

Thurs & Fri, Sept 14 & 15, 1 p.m.

Grab some more plants for your house or garden at the Noble Plant Swap. Cuttings of houseplants, herbs, and flowers are all welcome, rooted or not, and we'll have supplies on hand to make cuttings day-of. Even if you don't have a plant to bring, you're welcome to come take one home!

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Movie Night

Tues, 6 p.m.

Take a break with a movie night!

Sept 5: Three Thousand Years of Longing (2022, 108 min, R)

A lonely scholar (Tilda Swinton), on a trip to Istanbul, discovers a Djinn (Idris Elba) who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom.

Oct 3: The Lost City (2022, 92 min, PG-13)

When an eccentric billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) kidnaps introverted novelist Loretta Sage (Sandra Bullock) to locate the ancient city featured in her latest book, Loretta's charming yet vapid cover model, Alan (Channing Tatum), vows to prove his real-life heroism matches his fictional alter-ego and embarks on a harebrained mission to rescue Loretta.

Nov 14: Jerry & Marge Go Large (2022, 96 min, PG-13) The remarkable true story of how retiree Jerry Selbee (Bryan Cranston) discovers a mathematical loophole in the Massachusetts lottery and, with the help of his wife, Marge (An-

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nette Bening), wins \$27 million dollars and uses the money to revive their small Michigan town.

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Waste Reduction 101: Less Waste and Plastic Free Tues, Sept 12, 6:00 p.m.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. The 3Rs are ordered this way for a reason—recycling is important but we must make a first effort to REDUCE the amount of waste we produce in our homes. The average American generates 4.51 pounds of waste per day. We'll discuss specific strategies for reducing waste in your home. Presented by Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and the UH Green Team.

Medicare 101

Mon, Sept 18, 7 p.m.

Are you turning 65? Are you retiring? Do you know how to enroll in Medicare? Do you understand your Medicare plan options? To answer these questions and more, please join Marcy Rosenthal, a licensed Medicare insurance consultant, from MCC, Inc., for an educational "Medicare 101." Join us for this free informational program.

Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland: The Path to Empowerment

Tues, Sept 28, 6:45 p.m.

If you or someone you know is or has been faced with domestic violence, join JFSA for this information session, where you will learn about the following topics: Domestic Violence 101, Common Dynamics of Abusive Relationships, Identifying Warning Signs of Abuse, Supporting Survivors of Relationship Abuse, Resources for Those Experiencing Relationship Abuse.

Reduce Food Waste

Thurs, Oct 18, 6:00 p.m.

Did you know that the average American throws away approximately one pound of food per day? When food is sent to the landfill, it has an impact on your wallet and the environment. Join us to learn how to shop smarter, plan meals, and learn creative uses for food scraps you might normally throw away. Presented by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and the UH Green Team.

How to Buy a Car

Mon, Oct 23, 7 p.m.

You can save money and reduce stress if you have a better understanding of the process of buying a car. This session will cover such topics as: learning how to figure (and get) a fair price, common tactics used by car dealers and how to respond to them, deciding what to buy, when to buy, whether to buy or lease, whether to buy new or used, how to handle a trade-in, and where to find more information. We will also discuss the pros and cons of hybrids and battery electric vehicles.

Dog Training Information Series



Presented by Valarie Ross-Smith (Certified Dog Behavior Consultant, Certified Professional Dog Trainer - Knowledge Assessed, Fear Free Certified Professional, Family Dog Mediator), owner of Sits n Wiggles Dog Training.

Positive Reinforcement Training Basics

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

Looking to add a new dog to your family or have a dog and you're not sure where to start with training? Learn more about positive reinforcement training and how you can make learning fun for you and your dog! Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Mon, August 28.

Dog Body Language

Mon, Oct 9, 6:30 p.m.

Does a wagging tail always mean a dog is happy? Learn more about what body language dogs use when relaxed, what subtle things they may display when they are uncomfortable, and signs that may even lead to aggression. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Mon, Sept 25.

Dog Bite Prevention

Mon, Nov 13, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the warning signs of dog bites and how to prevent you and your loved ones from getting bitten. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Mon, Oct 30.

Do You Have Books to Donate?



Up to 5 boxes may be donated at Lee Road Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **ONLY.**

Visit FriendsHeightsLibraries.org

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

Computer Basics

Part 1 - Using the Mouse

Thurs, Sept 28, 2 p.m.

Part 2 - Intro to Computers

Thurs, Oct 5, 2 p.m.

Part 3 - Windows

Thurs, Oct 12, 2 p.m.

Part 4 - Using the Internet

Thurs, Oct 19, 2 p.m.

Part 5 - Internet Access

Thurs, Oct 26, 2 p.m.

Part 6 - Downloading and Uploading

Thurs, Nov 2, 2 p.m.

Part 7 - Web Searching

Thurs, Nov 9, 2 p.m.

Part 8 - Internet Safety Basics

Thurs, Nov 16, 2 p.m.

Adobe Acrobat

Part 1

Tues, Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Tues, Sept 19, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Tues, Sept 26, 7 p.m.

Part 4

Tues, Oct 3, 7 p.m.

Part 5

Tues, Oct 10, 7 p.m.

Part 6

Tues, Oct 17,7 p.m.

Part 7

Tues, Oct 24, 7 p.m.

All About Canva

Fri, Sept 15, 11 a.m. Mon, Oct 16, 2 p.m. Thurs, Nov 30, 7 p.m.

Excel

Part 1

Wed, Oct 4, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Wed, Oct 11, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Wed, Oct 18, 7 p.m.

Part 4 - Simple Budgets

Wed, Oct 25, 7 p.m.

Part 5 - Charts and Graphs

Wed, Nov 1, 7 p.m.

Part 6 - Formulas and Functions

Wed, Nov 8, 7 p.m.

Part 7 - Pivot Tables

Wed, Nov 15, 7 p.m.

HTML/CSS Coding Basics

Part 1

Tues, Nov 7, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Tues, Nov 14, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Tues, Nov 21, 7 p.m.

Part 4

Tues, Nov 28, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint

Part 1

Thurs, Oct 26, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Thurs, Nov 2, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Thurs, Nov 9, 7 p.m.

Part 4 - Creating Effective PowerPoints

Thurs, Nov 16, 7 p.m.

Word

Part 1

Thurs, Sept 7, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Thurs, Sept 14, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Thurs, Sept 21, 7 p.m.

Part 4 - Graphics

Thurs, Sept 28, 7 p.m.

Part 5 - Tables

Thurs, Oct 5, 7 p.m.

Part 6 - Labels & Mail Merge

Thurs, Oct 12, 7 p.m.

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Heights Libraries Annual Report 2022

Dear Cleveland Heights-University Heights Community,

The word that keeps floating up in our minds to describe 2022 is "hope."

After the challenges and turmoil of 2021, we were all tired, and a little down. What would 2022 hold in store for us? Should we dare to hope for a better year?

The year began in January with a return to in-person services at every branch after a December COVID surge had shut us down (again). Our staff was eager to get back to normal service, but we were also wary. How many times had we reopened, only to have to close again? But the reopening stuck, and was soon followed, in March 2022, by our dropping our masking requirement.

Then we started making up for lost time. Projects and improvements came to life.

We overhauled the basement at our Coventry Branch, turning it into usable program and meeting space. And we added a wellness room, new staff room, and first floor public restrooms, too.

We got busy with plans to enhance, and greatly expand, our Noble Neighborhood branch to better serve that part of our Cleveland Heights community. The Noble Presbyterian Church next door, purchased in 2021, was demolished and the surrounding land cleared to make may for the bigger building that will feature public meeting rooms, a larger computer lab, a separate teen space, and other improvements.

At the Lee Road branch, we finally fulfilled our dream of creating a STEAM lab and makerspace in the HKIC. It features 3-D printers, a projector, moveable tables, seating areas, whiteboards, and other maker and virtualreality equipment.

And while University Heights had to close its lower level for half the year due to flooding, the staff made lemonade out of those lemons by increasing their presence in the community, most notably at Walter Stinson Park and the Silsby Pocket Park with more storytimes and activities for little ones and their caregivers.

With our buildings open again, we were also able to increase the number of opportunities we offer to young people. In addition to our yearly Teen Tech Ambassador Internship, we increased the number of YOU (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) interns we host, and also the number of Library Experience Interns. We were able to introduce these young people to the idea of library work, and help them see the joy of serving others.

And almost as if we had written the script ourselves, our story of hope finished up with two awards: A grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), awarded by the State Library of Ohio, for free skilled-trade job opportunities for our customers; and a star rating from Library Journal, achieved despite the challenges caused by COVID.

COVID taught us not to make assumptions or take things for granted. It also taught us that it's ok, maybe even brave, to hope for better things.

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Director, Heights Libraries

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Heights Libraries Board of Trustees 2023

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The 2022 Numbers



11,934 **Number of** Hours all 4 **Branches Were Open**



2,202 Meeting



Outreach Visits Reaching a total of 3.585 people



1,505,633 **Items Circulated**



7,632 **Study Room** Reservations



1,178 **Passport Service Appointments**



315,423 **Electronic** downloadable film. music. audio books, ebooks, magazines



517,692 **Visitors**



456 **Volunteer Hours**



2,326 **Library Programs** 34.028 attendance



44,960 **Library Card** Holders



Items Delivered to home-bound

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348,608 Reference **Transactions** phone and in-person



1.470 Youth Summer Reading **Participants**



235.820 **Computer Usage** and WiFi Sessions



People Served Through Greater Cleveland Foodbank Mobile Pantry

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Heights Libraries awarded 3 stars under pandemic's shadow

Despite the challenges of the COVID lockdowns throughout 2020, The Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library qualified for a three-star rating from the 2022 Index of Public Library Service's publication Library Journal. The Library was one of only three Ohio libraries to receive a star designation. For comparison, Ohio had 27 star libraries in Library Journal's rankings for the year 2019.

Noble Presbyterian Church makes way for expanded Noble Branch



Heights Libraries purchased the Noble Presbyterian Church and surrounding property one year ago. The purchase enabled us to expand the Noble building and improve library services to Noble residents by adding public meeting rooms, a larger computer lab, and other improvements. To make room for these expansions, the church demolition began on Wednesday, April 6, and lasted for five weeks. Architect selection for the renovation took place at the March 21st regular board meeting. Bostwick Design Partnership was hired as architect to create the new \$12 million building.

PEACE reigns

The Library has owned the Coventry PEACE property since 2018. The year began with the tenants of Coventry PEACE Building in holdover status after the library declined their option to renew. In February, the library studied rental rates of comparable properties with assistance from a third-party, Allegro Real Estate. With that information we hired CRESCO/Playhouse Square to be the property manager for the Coventry PEACE Building. CRESCO also served as the real estate agent to show spaces to prospective tenants. After a year in holdover status the tenants at the Coventry PEACE Building agreed to new leases effective January 1, 2023.

Coventry Branch renovations

Coventry underwent a \$1.7 million renovation project to the basement, first floor, and the staff office, and installation of a new HVAC system in the nearly 100-year-old building. These expanded spaces allow staff at the Coventry branch to offer a wider variety of free public programs that will enrich the lives of children and adults in the Heights community, and allow local groups additional options for their own meetings. Additionally, the ground level rooms have made outdoor programming in the Library's PEACE Park more convenient. Other renovations included a new main floor restroom, a lactation room, a new elevator, and electrical upgrades.

PEACE Park

Without the use of a meeting room at the Coventry Branch, due to construction, the PEACE Park proved to be an invaluable resource by providing a beautiful space in which to host outdoor programs including story-times,

Highlights From 2022

STEM programming, Tai Chi, gardening, poetry readings, the Heights Sustainability Fair, Final Fridays, Pekar Comic Fest, and many more. Many outside users also booked the park for their events.

Lee Road STEAM Lab opens

A STEAM Lab with two 3-D printers, a projector, moveable tables, seating areas, whiteboards, and other maker and virtual-reality equipment opened in 2022. It's also been outfitted with furniture that's adaptable for all ages. Targeted programming for children has been very successful, although the Lab is available for customers of all ages.



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Expanded Youth Services

Lee Road's Youth Services Department introduced several new or expanded services and programs. They expanded Homework Help through partnerships with Cleveland State University and Case Western Reserve University, introduced seed libraries at each branch, instructed 5th graders in evaluating online sources and basic research skills, added a weekly art program, and expanded outreach to school sites with 21st Century Grant programs. In addition, to meet the needs of increasing tween visitors, a full-time librarian was hired to introduce and expand services to that population.



Noble's Read with the Librarian program was a great success. They offered it in the spring, and it was so popular that they offered it again in the fall. Staff talked to many parents about the reading deficits due to the pandemic. Another unique Noble program focused on literacy skills was Reading Buddies, in which children received a plush animal to take home with a promise to read to them daily. Parents reported that promises were kept. Noble staff sought new venues for outreach programming in anticipation of the building closure in 2023, including Roanoke Park, Delmore Orchard and Fun Fridays programs at Noble School. Noble

hosted 3 successful programs with Bike Cleveland.

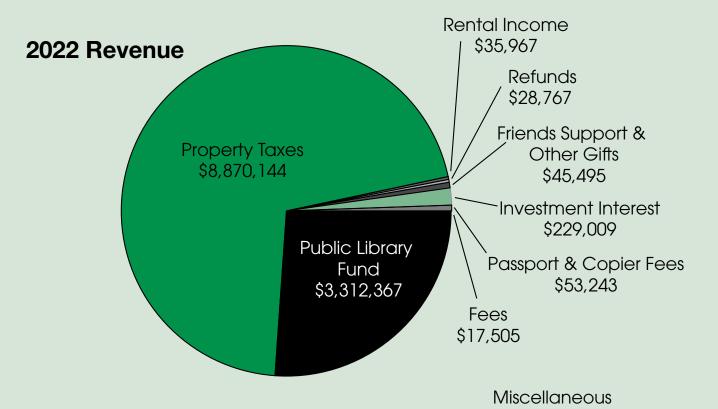
UH Youth staff began offering story-times at the Silsby Pocket Park in addition to the story times at Walter Stinson Community Park. Even though the UH lower level has been closed due to flooding, Youth Services staff have continued to offer story times on Wednesday and Friday mornings, in the northeast corner of the building. UH Branch staff took advantage of the current state of the lower level to host a Haunted Basement after hours program in November.

Local History Collaboration

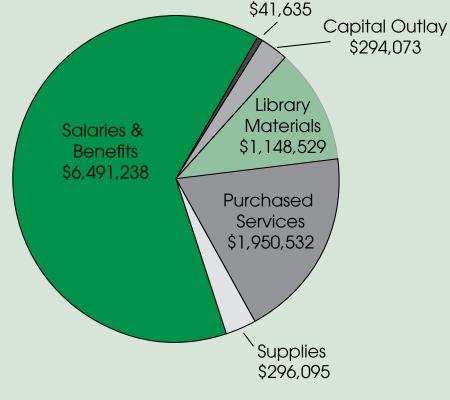
Noble staff, Kaela Sweeney (Strategic Projects Manager), Derrick Mason (Local History Librarian), Future Heights staff, and Noble Neighbors to began planning an oral history project in the Noble neighborhood as an extension of the Noble-ity bench project.

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Financials







Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries 2022



Financial Report

*Total assets as of December 31, 2022: \$181,136.59

 Starting balance
 98,084.11

 Net Donations
 111,207.73

 Fees
 -1,295.81

 Expenses
 -15,439.10

 Loss on investments
 -11,420.34

 Ending balance
 181,136.59

*Outstanding 2022 pledges: \$540 ,000

2022 Board of Directors

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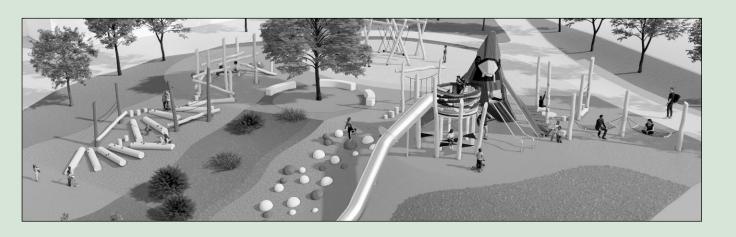
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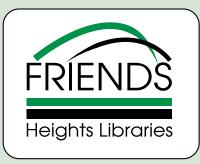
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2022 Activities

- Kicked off capital campaign for Coventry PEACE Park renovation.
- Honor Roll Dinner Sept. 20 2022 Honoring Chuck Williams and Rose Breckenridge.
- FFHL purchase a freezer for the Coventry Branch.
- FFHL purchased a bench for former directors Steve Wood and Rachel Wayne Nelson with contributions received in their honor.



Friends of the Heights Libraries 2021 – 2022



Volunteers

Volunteer Hours: 4,095 Volunteers: 174

Membership

352 active FRIENDS members

Individual 158
Patron 38
Family 34
Individual 76
Couple 46

Activities and Sponsorships

- Director's Discretionary Fund
- Noble ESOL Classes
- Noble ERC Membership
- Youth Service Garden
- PEACE Park CapitalCoventry Seed Bank
- Teen Tech Ambassador
- Mega Book Sales
- First Friday Book Sales
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee
- Scholarships for Heights Library Science Students

- Citizenship Classes at the Noble Branch
- Welcome Hub at Noble 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: 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 2021 – 22

Total Income was \$46,702. Earned income was \$35,267, which included book sales of \$33,953. Merchandise sales, vending commissions, interest income and FRIENDS events provided the balance. Our contributed income total of \$11,435 came from membership dues and donations.

Total expenses and grants totaled \$51,313 in FY 2021-22. Donations to the library and library related entities of \$42,335 were allocated as follows

- Library Staff Support, Development & Recognition: \$3,200
- General Library programming: \$7,000
- Library Levy Committee: \$2,000
- Reaching Heights Spelling Bee: \$250
- Scholarship Awards for Library Science Students: \$6,750
- Noble Outreach Program: \$4,460
- Coventry Peace Park Capital: \$5,000

- Coventry Seed Bank: \$1,000
- Director's Discretionary Fund \$1,000
- Noble ESOL Classes \$3,000
- Noble ERC Membership \$175
- Youth Service Garden \$4,000
- YSD Reading Program \$500
- Teen Tech Ambassador \$4,000

Coventry PEACE Park A Colombon

SUN • OCT 8 • 2 PM

Join us for a celebration of the history and future of Coventry PEACE park. Refreshments provided.



Registration begins Sept 24.





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Closings

Mon, Sept 4, Labor Day Fri, Sept 22, Staff Day Thurs & Fri, Nov 23 & 24, Thanksgiving









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Civic Engagement

Heights Library Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m. Sept 18 at Coventry, Oct 16 at Lee, Nov 20 at University Heights

Hours & Locations

Lee Road

2345 Lee Rd. (216) 932-3600 Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri-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 **Temporary Location**

BNH Building 2940 Noble Rd. (216) 291-5665 Mon-Sat, 9 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

University Heights

13866 Cedar Rd. (216) 321-4700 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.