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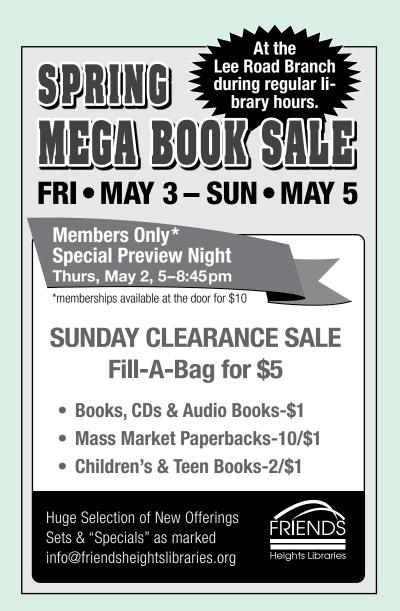
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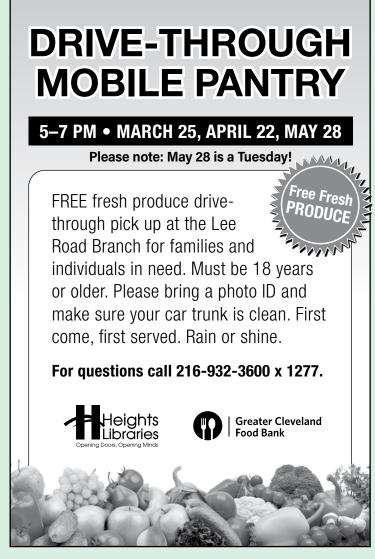


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From the Director



Noble Branch to reopen June 2

Save the date friends! On Sunday, June 2, we will be celebrating two exciting events with one big party: the reopening of the expanded Noble Neighborhood Branch and the start of "Read, Renew, Repeat" our system-wide summer reading program.

We can't think of a better setting for our summer reading kick-off. The Noble expansion has doubled the size of the building, allowing for larger, and better separated areas for children, teens, and adults. Outdoor spaces with seating will be added on the northeast corner, and public meeting rooms will be added as well. The will fulfill the promises we made to the community:

- Honor the historic nature of the original Walker & Weeks building and the surrounding Noble neighborhood, reflecting community input. A pew from the Noble Presbyterian Church will provide bench seating and remind us of the church that once stood on the
- Create a welcoming, accessible hub for our diverse Noble neighbors with special attention to the Noble Elementary School across the street
- Respect the connection between nature and the building's indoor environment by using sustainable design principles
- Provide flexible program spaces to meet the needs of the community, now and in years to come, including a maker space and a computer classroom
- Provide an outdoor space that includes areas for programming and

The design for Noble is inspired by renewal. In upcoming months, we will refine the building with art by local artists, displays and outdoor installations and gardens. Thanks to Bostwick Design, McKnight and Sargeant Landscape Architects, Independence Construction and JMC owner's representatives for keeping the project on time and on budget. The Noble staff look forward to returning to their new home and can't wait



DOBAMA THEATRE

COMING SOON

by selina fillinger directed by shannon sindelar

The line between love and complicity isn't clean. Charlotte is a devoted mother, wife, and respectable member of the community. But when an act of violence is committed by a member of her own home, she must confront a new reality as her once-immaculate world is tainted forever. Selina Fillinger's gripping new drama is both suspenseful and stirring as it follows one woman's struggle to make sense of her own grief, love, and culpability.

by joshua harmon directed by colin anderson

Jordan's running out of girlfriends. Now he needs a boyfriend. Jordan Berman would love to be in love, but that's easier said than done. So, until he meets Mr. Right, he wards off lonely nights with his trio of close girlfriends. But as singles' nights turn into bachelorette parties, Jordan discovers that the only thing harder than finding love is supporting the loved ones around you when they do. From the critically acclaimed writer of Bad Jews is a comedy about companionship, loneliness, and love.















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CHECK US OUT

Passport Drop-in Days!

Mon-Thurs, March 25-28 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Passport Acceptance Services will be available with no appointment necessary.







Strong Families Build Strong Communities



Use this QR code to register for any Family Connections

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 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mondays 3:30 pm - 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 5:30 p.m.



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 a.m. - 12 p.m.



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 p.m. 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 - 10:30 a.m.



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.





Celebrate the 2024 April 8 solar eclipse with special kits. Each kit includes eclipse activities, reading suggestions, and two pairs of eclipse glasses. Each branch

will offer kits throughout March and early April. See below for registration dates and pick-up schedules. And look for eclipse programs, marked with a ?!

Coventry registration begins March 1.

Pick-ups take place March 15-22.

Lee Road registration begins March 8.

Pick-ups take place March 22-29.

Noble registration begins March 15.

Pick-ups take place March 29-April 5.

University Heights registration begins March 22.

Pick-ups take place April 5–12.

COVENTRY

ASL Storytime with Liliana Pokorny Sat. March 9. May 11. 11 a.m. Sat, March 9, May 11, 11 a.m.



Come join deaf storyteller Liliana Pokorny as she offers an ASL storytime! Join Liliana in signing, learning signs and doing crafts that celebrate American Sign Language and Deaf Culture! All ages welcome! No one is too young or too old to enjoy Liliana's storytimes! An interpreter will be provided.

Amy Chu & Darryl McDaniels

Sun, May 5, 2 p.m.

Join us for a special virtual visit from comics writer Amy Chu and hip-hop legend Darryl McDaniels of Run-DMC and co-founder of Darryl Makes Comics. Hear about their careers, creative processes, and the intersection of comics and hip-hop. Registration begins April 21.

One Page Comic Workshop: Snack Stories Sun, May 5, 3 p.m.

Join acclaimed local artist John G (Shiner Comics) for a nacho bar and learn how to tell the story of your favorite snack in a one-page comic. All skill levels welcome. Registration begins April 21.

Hip-Hop Artist Phyll Thomas

Sun, May 5, 3:15 p.m.

Enjoy a solo performance by Cleveland's own emerging Hip-Hop artist, Phyll Thomas. Known for his upbeat instrumentation and lyrical wordplay, Phyll's mission in music is to encourage people to be themselves. Registration begins April 21.

LEE ROAD

Balloonscaping

Art Gallery at Lee Road, March 1-31, All Day

Crafted entirely from balloons, this immersive and interactive art installation/experience invites participants of all ages to explore the captivating realm of design principles. Stop by the Art Gallery in the HKIC building to engage in hands-on activities, unravel the secrets of feng shui, discover the harmony of symmetry, and celebrate the vibrance of design. Drop in to participate in activities.

Music School Settlement Concert

Sun, March 3, 2 p.m.

Faculty from the Music School Settlement will present a concert featuring works by members of the French Impressionist School. The program includes string music by Ravel, Debussy, and Tomasi, as well as guitar music by Poulenc, Milhaud, Couperin, and Turina. The concert will be presented without intermission and is casual and appropriate for all ages. Come and go as you please.

Meet Your Match: Cats & Books with the Animal Protective League



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Mon, March 11, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate cats with the Cleveland APL. Stop by to meet your next BFF (best feline friend) from their adoptable cats and kittens or to learn about animal adoption and how to get involved with their vision for compassion in action.

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All Ages

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Family Game Fun

Game Day at University Heights

Sun, March 17, April 14, 1 p.m.

Friends and families can have a fun time trying out new games from our collection. All ages are welcome, but supervision of children is required.

Family Game Night at Lee Road

Mon, March 18, 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! All ages are welcome, but supervision of children is required.

Total Solar Eclipse Preview

Wed, March 20, 7 p.m.

Get ready for the upcoming total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024! Learn what to expect on the day of the eclipse, get some tips on how to view it safely, and explore the history and science behind this amazing natural spectacle. This program will be led by nature educator, Chris Mentrek. Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program. **Registration begins March 6.**

Living History: Meet Sally Ride

Thurs, March 21, 4 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month by welcoming a performer from Women in History who'll bring to life the accomplishments of Sally Ride, the first woman from the U.S.—and youngest U.S. citizen—in space.

Passport Walk-In Days

Mon-Thurs, March 25-28, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The passport office will welcome guests, no appointment necessary.

Science Cafe: The Eclipse

Tues, March 26, 2 p.m.

The 2024 total solar eclipse event is happening April 8—but what does that mean? Nature Center of Shaker Lakes Educator Lisa can answer your questions about what an eclipse is, what to expect during the event, what makes this eclipse special, and more! Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program. **Registration begins March 12.**

Piece by Piece: A Quilt Celebration

Tues, April 9, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Community is the fabric of our library. Celebrate National Library Week with a note or drawing on a quilt square to share what Heights Libraries means to you (while supplies last). Add your voice to the story of our library and come back to see our beautiful quilt! Upcycled precut quilt squares (5" x 5" cotton) are welcome! Drop off quilt your square donations at the Adult Reference Desk during open hours April 1 – April 5.

CHUH Schools Art Show Opening Night

Tues, April 9, 6 p.m.

It's the Heights School Annual Art Show opening night! Students, parents, and teachers will gather to celebrate the artwork of Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools students, **grades K–12**. The artwork will be on display during the month of April.

Free Comic Book Day

Sat, May 4, All Day

It's that magical time of year again. Free Comic Day! Stop by the Teen Room at the Lee Road Library and pick up a couple of free comics to keep and enjoy. While supplies last.

Visiting the Neigh-borhood: Meet the Miniature Horses

Mon, May 13, 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. There will also be horse books available for check out. Don't miss the mane event! To be held in the Lee Road Children's Garden (Lee/Ormond).

Play Outside: Can You Dig It?

Sat, May 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spring into warm weather with outdoor hands-on activities for all ages! Bring your instruments and join a jam session, add to the Library's pollinator garden, make something to take home, learn from experts, and prepare for summer. Featuring workshops on Basic Bicycle Maintenance with Bike Cleveland, Ask the Expert Garden Talk with landscaper Mary Finley, and more. Dress for messy fun. Open to adults and families with **children in grades K – 12**.

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Make Like... All-ages Art Kit

Thurs, March 7, 9 a.m.

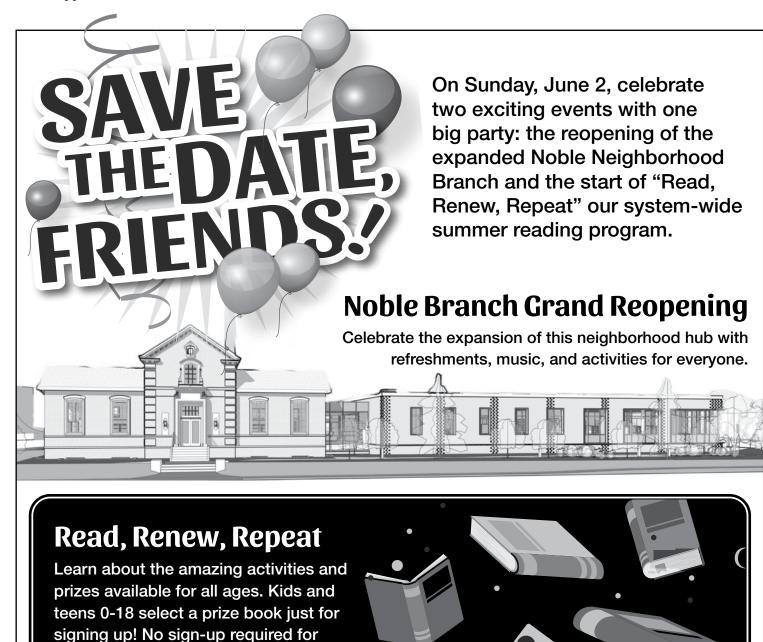
Ever seen a work of art and wished you could make it yourself? These craft kits will help you do just that. This month, we're celebrating artist Howadena Pindell and giving you supplies to make art like her signature style. **Registration is appreciated but not required and begins Feb.** 22. Available while supplies last.

adults, just start reading!

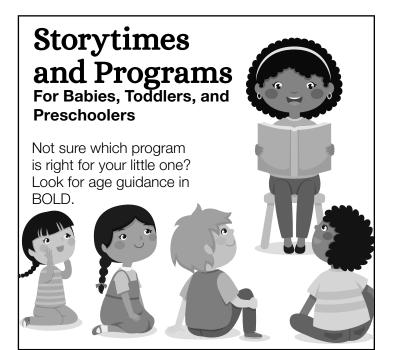
Comic Swap

Fri, April 26, 12:30 p.m.

Do you have well-loved comics gathering dust at home? Want to swap them for something new to you? Come join us at the BNH building to swap comics with your neighbors. Make room on your home bookshelf and find a new adventure to join at the Noble Comic Swap! **Registration is appreciated but not required and begins April 12.**



6 Programs for All Ages CHECK US OUT | SPRING 2024



The Noble Neighborhood Branch's main building may be closed for renovation, but we are still here for you, wherever you are. Noble Youth Services librarians are doing weekly outreach visits to schools, daycares, parks and clinics in the neighborhood. To find out more, visit our temporary location in the BNH building (2940 Noble Road) or call (216) 291-5665.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby Rhyme Time Drop In

Fri, March 1-May 31, 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. For ages 0-12 months.

Baby Bonanza

Mon, March 4-May 20, 10 a.m. at Lee Wed, March 6 - May 29, 9:30 a.m. at Coventry

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

Thurs, March 7-May 30, 10 a.m. at Lee Thurs, March 7-May 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.

Story Stop

Mon, March 4 - May 20, 11 a.m. at Lee Tues, March 5 - May 28, 10 a.m. at Lee Tues, March 5 - May 28, 11 a.m. at Lee Wed, March 6-May 29, 10 a.m. at University Heights Wed, March 6-May 29, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry Fri, March 1-April 26, 10:30 a.m. at Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd.

Sat, March 2 - May 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. Space is limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis. For preschoolers of all ages.

Stay and Play

Wed, March 6 - May 29, 11 a.m. at Coventry Fri, March 1-April 26, 11 a.m. at Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd.

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

Explorastory

Fri, March 1-May 29, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry Wed, March 6 - May 31, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Join us at the for stories, open-ended play, and exploration. Inspired by the work of Reggio Emilia educators, we will engage our hearts, hands, and minds in activities that connect us to stories, one another, and the world around us. For ages 2-5.

StoryCraft

Wed, March 6 - May 29, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

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. For ages 30 months – 5 years.

Adapted Storytime

Wed, March 6 - April 24, 10:30 a.m. at Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd.

Join us for a special storytime designed for children who enjoy a relaxed environment and smaller groups. We welcome all abilities and tailor activities to preschool interest. Our routine includes visual supports, fidget tools and bubbles! For children with preschool interests. Registration is recommended.

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Tree Tale Teller

Wed, April 3, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

What's Arbor Day, anyways? Join a Tree Tale Teller from Holden Forests & Gardens to explore the world of plants and trees in this family story time and learn more about Arbor Day! Replaces StoryCraft on this day. Registration begins March 20. Ages 30 months - 5 years.

Explorastory: Eclipse

Fri, April 5, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

Join us at the for stories, open-ended play, and exploration inspired by the upcoming total eclipse! For ages 2-5.

Explorastory: Tree Tellers Edition

Fri, April 26, 10:30 a.m. at Coventry

What's Arbor Day, anyways? Join a Tree Tale Teller from Holden Forests & Gardens to explore the world of plants and trees in this family story time and learn more about Arbor Day! For ages 2-5.

Skywatchers Story Stop

Fri, March 29, 10:30 a.m. at Disciples Christian Church at 3663 Mayfield Rd.

Get ready for the eclipse with sun, moon and star themed stories, songs, and rhymes! Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program. For preschoolers of all ages. Registration begins March 15.

Nature Stay & Play-Springtime!

Wed, May 15, 10:30 a.m. at Lee

Join us for an outdoor storytime then stay to explore springtime in the pollinator garden! Dress for weather and messy fun. Replacing StoryCraft on this date. Preschoolers of all ages. Registration begins May 1.

SPECIAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Block Party

Fri, March 1, 10 a.m. at Lee

Stack em' if you've got 'em! Preschoolers and their families are invited to come play and create with a room full of blocks. Exercise your imagination and your motor skills! Block On! For preschoolers of all ages.

Weather, Clouds, and Frost

Fri, March 1-March 29, 10 a.m. at University Heights

Have the weather doldrum? Learn all about weather that all Clevelanders can learn to love! For toddlers and preschoolers with adult supervision. Registration starts February 16.

Color Party

Mon, March 11, 6:30 p.m. at Coventry

Bring on the spring color! In spring, nature offers beautiful colors that were missing during the winter. Come celebrate by mixing up colorful powders and paints. Dress in clothing that can get messy. **Ages 3 to 7.**

Babies to Pre-K

Music Therapy & More

Wed, March 13, April 10, May 8, 6:30 p.m. at Lee Road

This program is designed for families and their children, who have concerns about development. Join us for a hands-on program



designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is led by a board-certified music therapist. **Registration is** required online at Connectingforkids.org/music. For children ages 0 – 6 years.

Summer Survival: Navigating Adapted Programs and Funding for Summer Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. at Lee Road

Are you overwhelmed trying to find adapted or inclusive summer programming for your child? Are you unsure where to find the grants and funds to pay for adapted recreation or camps? Join Connecting for Kids as we answer questions about summer resources and provide tips for finding funding for programming all year round. Joy Howard, Parent Mentor for Cleveland Heights-University Heights, will also be there to answer questions and connect with families. Childcare is available, but registration is required. Register online at https://connectingforkids.org/workshops.

Curious Kids

Tues, 1:30 p.m. at Coventry

In this hands-on program, children will gain knowledge of their world through observations, experimentation, and play! Each class will explore simple STEAM concepts through fun child-centered activities. For children ages 3 – 6 years old with a caregiver. Registration begins two weeks before each class.



March 19: Solar Eclipse Fun (Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program.)

April 16: Hexbug Mazes

May 21: The Science of Root Beer Floats

Babies to Pre-K

Early Riser Toddler Time Outdoor Games

Wed, April 3 - May 29, 9 a.m. at University Heights

Are you an early riser? Join the library at the Walt for some fun outdoor games that will help with gross motor movement! Bean bag toss, long jump, color hop, parachute, and more. Enjoy being outside in the early morning with a fun activity for you and your toddler. For ages 2 to 6 with adult supervision. Weather permitting.

"Pop-Up" Balloon Play

Fri, April 5, 10 a.m. at Lee

Get your float on... alright! Preschoolers and their families are invited to discover the simple joy that comes from balloons. Pop them, bounce them, blow them up and let 'em fly! For preschoolers of all ages.

Junior Librarian Club

Thurs, April 11, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Lee

Who wants to be a...Librarian? Pick up an application during National Library Week (April 7 – 13) and join the Junior Librarian Club to learn about what librarians do and peek behind the scenes. **Registration begins March 28. For ages 3 and up through grade 5.**

Play Dough Playdate

Fri, May 10, 10 a.m. at Lee

All about that dough? Create and manipulate with various types of playdough. Preschoolers and their families are invited to get their hands sticky and make a batch. **Registration begins Feb. 16.**

Drive-In Movie Theater

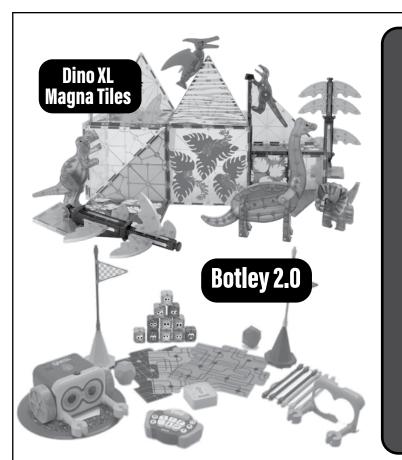
Fri, May 10, 2 p.m. at University Heights

Grab some popcorn, pick out your cardboard car, and settle in for Trolls Band Together! **For preschoolers of all ages.**

Colossal Fun at Kenilworth Park!

Mon, May 20, 10 a.m. at Coventry

Get ready for the biggest storytime of the year! Join us at Kenilworth Park for giant stories followed by extra-large bubbles, huge games, and jumbo snacks. Kenilworth Park is located at the southwest corner of Kenilworth Rd and Overlook Rd. **For preschoolers of all ages.**



STEAM Kits

AT THE LEE ROAD BRANCH

The Lee Road branch has STEAM Kits available for learning fun at home! Designed for a variety of ages, these hands-on activity packs are perfect to explore a variety of science, technology, math, and engineering topics.

Kits available include the Botley 2.0 Coding Robot Kit, Magna Tiles kits, Power Tiles Kit, Coding Critters kits, and more!

STEAM Kits are available for use by cardholders with a current adult library card in good standing. Kits are loaned for a 21-day period and there are no renewals or holds on the kits.

COVENTRY

Garden Gatherings

Thurs, 4 p.m.

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. Call ahead in case of inclement weather.

March 21: Seed Tape

April 4: Just Diggin'

April 18: Worm Search

May 2: Funny Face Planters

May 16: Bird & Bee Houses

May 30: Planting

DIY Sports Equipment

Thurs, April 25, 7 p.m.

Make your own mallet. Build your own bat. Craft your own club. Recycled materials will get a second life when you dream up and create your own piece of sports equipment to use on soft lightweight balls.

HKIC @ LEE

DIY Car Creation

Sat, March 9, April 6, May 4, 11 a.m.

Patrons will build battery powered small racecars from DIY Kits. **Registration begins February 24.**

Lego Club

Fri, March 15, April 19, May 17, 4 p.m.

Get ready to unleash your creativity and engineering skills at our LEGO Club in the STEAM Lab. Whether you're a master builder or just starting out, this club is the perfect place. **Registration begins March 1.**

Youth Chess Club

Fri, March 22, April 12, May 10, 4 p.m.

Youth patrons learn about the creative world of chess with both traditional and 3D Printed boards. **Registration begins March 8.**

LEE

After School Homework Help

March - April

Free after school homework help is available to learners in grades K–8 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 Engage-

ment and CASE's Center for Civic Engagement & Learning. Hours and availability may vary. **Contact the Lee Road branch for details.**

Programs for Children

Cuyahoga Reads: Ready2Read Bootcamp

Sunday, April 14 & 28, 2 p.m. at Lee

We are gearing up to read. Ready2Read Bootcamp is designed to increase letter recognition, sight words, and vocabulary by using arts, crafts and small tasks to build fluency. For ages 3 – 11.

Art and Soul

Tues, March 5 - May 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. **Grades K**-5.

Elevate Urban Girl

Thurs, March 7, 5:30 p.m. (6-9 yr. olds) and 6:30 p.m. (10-12 yr. olds)

Join Cleveland PEARLS for a workshop on how to stand up for yourself, stand up for others, and feel empowered along the way. **Registration begins February 20.**

Sit! Stay! Read!

Sat, March 2, April 6, May 4, 1 p.m.

One of our doggy friends will be visiting the library to see you and listen to you read stories. Each child may register for a 10 – minute time slot with a certified therapy dog. Register in person or by phone at (216) 932-3600 two weeks before each program date. Grades K–6

Too Booked

Mon, March 25, April 29, 4 p.m.

Ready to spring into reading? Visit the library to enjoy your latest favorite book, sample some readalikes, or try something new.

Junior Librarian Club

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World Culture Week

Mon-Thurs, May 20-23, All Day Event

Learn about people, languages, and places around the globe Events feature a special storytime, family games, and more.

Programs for Children

LAF: Library Afterschool Fun at Lee Road

Wed, 4 p.m. Grades K-5

March 6: Pipe Cleaner Finger Puppets

Make adorable finger puppet pals with pompoms, pipe cleaners, and wiggly eyes.

March 13: Crafty Creations

Still stuck inside? Join us to explore our craft materials and create something unique.

March 20: Space Slime

Join us to get messy and make space slime. It'll be out of this world.

March 27: Engineer for a Day

Do you like STEM? Case Western's Society of Women Engineers will help you become engineers through STEM games and activities. Grades 1-8 preferred.

April 3: Explore Space

Come explore space with us before the Solar Eclipse. There will be space crafts and books-and maybe some surprises.

April 10: Aztec Sun Stones

Celebrate the sun like the Aztecs. Create your very own sun stone inspired art.

April 17: Salt Painting

Explore this classic process-oriented art activity using watercolors, salt, and glue.

April 24: Constellation Exploration



Explore outer space through stars and constellations. Join us for crafts, food and fun.

May 1: Flower Fun

Celebrate May Day and Spring with flower inspired crafts.

May 8: Uni-Con

Celebrate the glittery joy of all things unicorn with crafts, games, activities, and more featuring this mysterious & magical woodland creature.

May 15: Mystery

We might have a craft, we might play a game. Who knows what we'll do? Find out when you show up for Mystery

May 22: DIY Aquariums

Splish, splash. Create your own mini aquariums and enjoy a "fishy" snack.

May 29: Pollinator Pals

Calling all budding naturalists. Visit the Children's Garden for outdoor exploration.

NOBLE

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Read with a Librarian

Tues, March 5-26, 3:30 p.m.

Caregivers of children in K-5th grade are encouraged to sign their children up to practice reading out loud with a librarian trained in early literacy techniques. Bring your favorite books or choose from a selection hand-picked by our children's librarians. Individualized reading sessions are 20 minutes long and include a prize for participating. Please register to receive more information. Registration begins February 20.

Paint and Chill in the Park

Fri, May 10, 3:30 p.m.

Take a break in your day and join us for a chill afternoon in the park. Bring your creativity and join us in for an afternoon full of music, chill vibes, and instruction on a painting craft that you can take home. Register to receive more information. Registration begins April 26.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Culinary Creators

Thurs, March 21, 6 p.m. Sat, May 11, 11 a.m.

Are you an aspiring chef or budding baker? Would you like to travel the world through food? Join us for these programs where you'll experiment in the kitchen making main dishes and desserts. And the best part? You get to taste test. For ages 7 – 16. Registration begins 1 week before each program start date.

Planting in the Park

Mon, March 25, 2 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. Ages 5 and up. Registration begins March 11.

Marshmallow Engineers

Wed, March 27, 2 p.m.

What can you build with marshmallows and toothpicks? A tall tower, a sturdy house, how about a bridge. Put your architecture skills to the test. Ages 5 and up.

Blackout Party

Thurs, April 4, 6 p.m.

Join us for glow-in-the-dark fun and games in celebration of the 2024 Eclipse. Eclipse glasses provided free with atten-

Celebrate National Twinkie Day

Sat, April 6, 11 a.m.

Celebrate National Twinkie day with the UH Library. Learn how to change a lunch box staple into a sweet burrito, cake pop, or smore. Registration begins March 23rd. Family program recommended for children ages 6 and up.



DISTRICT-WIDE ART SHOW

Opening Celebration and Awards Ceremony

TUES, APRIL 9, 6 PM **Lee Road Branch**



Come celebrate the elementary, middle, and high school artists from Cleveland Heights and University Heights' public schools! Artwork will be displayed throughout Heights Libraries' Lee Road branch during the month of April.







Tween Zone at Lee Road

Thurs, 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Ages 8-12

Join us each week for an activity or just a place to hang

March 7: STEAM Fun

Come check out some of the cool technology available at the Lee Road STEAM Lab. Our technology trainer will bring items to try out.

March 14: Celebrate Pi Day

It's 3/14, which means it's a day for Pi(e). Check out some math fun and try some pi(e).

March 21: Living History—Meet Sally Ride at 4 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month by welcoming a performer from Women in History who'll bring to life the accomplishments of Sally Ride, the first woman from the U.S.- and youngest U.S. citizen- in space.

March 28: Galaxy Jars



In honor of the upcoming eclipse, make your own galaxy jar to take home.

April 4: Space Slime 🔯



Join us to get messy and make space slime. It'll be out of this world.

April 11: Painted Rocks

Get creative and create some painted rocks to share with friends or put in your garden.

April 18: Switch Games

We'll have the Nintendo Switch out to race in Mario-Kart, dance to songs, and more.

April 25: Blackout Poetry

Get creative and destroy...oops... alter some book pages with one of a kind works of artistic expression.

May 2: Create a Comic

Have an idea for a comic? Put it down on paper as we put your stories in comic form.

May 9: Mystery Crafts

Bring your creativity and join us to make some crafts to take home.

May 16: Talent Show

Have a special talent like dancing, singing, or magic? This event is for you.

May 23: Slime

We'll have slime supplies ready for you to make your own to take home.

May 30: School's Almost Out

Celebrate the end of the school year with some snacks, fun, and friends.

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Programs for Teens

COVENTRY

Game Time @ Coventry

Mon, March 4-May 20, 3:30 p.m.

Drop by after school for board games, video games on the Nintendo Switch, pickup basketball games, and more.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Tues, March 5, 6 p.m.

Swing into Coventry for snacks and a viewing of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*. This is the first movie in the Spider-Verse series.

Coventry Village Author Series Presents: Fern Haught—*The Baker and the Bard*

Thurs, March 7, 7 p.m.

Join Cleveland-based artist-author Fern Haught as they present their debut YA graphic novel, *The Baker and the Bard*. *The Baker and the Bard* is an empathetic tale of friendship, trust, and learning to balance expansion with preserving and living alongside nature. Haught's soft, loosely lined illustrations and muted tones add warmth and gentility to this quintessential, cozy queer fantasy tale. **Registration begins February 22**.

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

Thurs, March 14, 6 p.m.

Swing into Coventry for snacks and a viewing of *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*. This is the second movie in the Spider-Verse series.

LEE

All teen programs at Lee take place in the teen room unless otherwise noted and are for ages 13 – 18 unless otherwise noted.

Teen Spot

Mon-Fri, March 1-May 31, 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, March 4-May 20, 3:30 p.m.

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

Cuyahoga Reads: Youth Biz Academy

Tues, March 5 & 12, 3:30 p.m. Tues, May 7 & 14, 3:30 p.m.

This entrepreneurship program is designed to equip teens

with the skills needed to do an elevator speech, create and design a business logo, and create a small business plan, all the while competing for a cash prize.

Thursdays in the Spot

Thurs, March 7 - May 30, 3:30 p.m.

Every Thursday in the Spot there's going to be a program just for teens. What are we doing? Is it a craft? Or maybe it's a game? Come join us and find out.

Women's HER-Story

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

Celebrate Women's History Month with some trivia, a movie, and yummy snacks.

Garden Tea and Treats

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

Spring is upon us, so let's have a tea party. Sample different teas and snack on colorful treats with friends.

Toxic 'Ships

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

Is your relationship sinking or sailing? Let's talk about what makes relationships healthy while sharing some snacks.

AAPI Heritage Month Celebration

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

Come celebrate AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Heritage Month by playing some trivia, watching a movie, and enjoying different snacks.

NOBLE

The Noble Neighborhood Branch's main building may be closed for renovation, but we are still here for you, wherever you are. Noble Youth Services librarians are doing weekly outreach visits to schools, daycares, parks and clinics in the neighborhood. To find out more, visit our temporary location in the BNH building (2940 Noble Road) or call (216) 291-5665.

Spring Garden Take and Make

Thurs, March 21, 9 a.m.

It might be chilly outside, but you can start your spring garden inside now. Pick up everything you need to get started. Kits include pots to decorate, potting soil and seeds as well as craft supplies to create a beautiful suncatcher for your window. Kits are for teens and their families only. Pick up kits at Noble's temporary location at BNH. **Registration begins March 7.**

Teens Walk and Talk

Sat, May 4, 11 & 18, 10 a.m.

Walk and talk with your teen. Teens and their caregivers will meet at CH Recreation Center and walk through historic Forest Hills Park. Enjoy a snack, check in with your loved one while enjoying the beautiful surroundings. **Registration begins April 20**.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Tuesday Afternoon RAW

Tues, March 5 - May 28, 3 p.m.

Let's get ready to rumble. Come watch WWE RAW in the Teen Space. Snacks, friends, and wrestling. What could be better? **Ages 12–18**

Historical Women in Mathematics

Mon, March 4, 6 p.m.

A non-technical talk on the patterns found in the lives of women who have made significant contributions to what mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss called "the queen of the sciences." The women considered range from Hypatia, an Egyptian philosopher and astronomer who is considered to be the first well-documented woman in mathematics; to

Grace Hopper, an American computer scientist and United States Navy Rear Admiral.

Programs for Teens/Adults

Culinary Creators

Thurs, March 21, 6 p.m. Sat, May 11, 11 a.m.

Are you an aspiring chef or budding baker? Would you like to travel the world through food? Join us for these programs where you'll experiment in the kitchen making main dishes and desserts. And the best part? You get to taste test. For ages 7 – 16. Registration begins 1 week before each program start date.

Murder Mystery in the Library

Wed, May 15, 6 p.m.

Attention all true crime fans and murder mystery lovers; you're invited to solve a murder. Join us for a special murder mystery event. Follow the clues and pay close attention to the evidence. See if you can solve the case before time runs out. **Registration begins March 1. Ages 14 and up.**

Programs for Adults

COVENTRY

Tai Chi and Qigong

Wed, March 6 - May 29, 12 .p.m. Fri, March 1 - May 31, 12 p.m. Sat, March 2 - May 25, 10 a.m.

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

Coventry Concert Night with CIM

Mon, March 4, April 1, 7 p.m.

Settle back to enjoy a wonderful concert showcasing the talent of Cleveland Institute of Music students and graduates. Performances vary each month; check back close to concert times for the upcoming selections and performers.

Heartfulness Meditation with Christine Valadon

Tues, March 5 - May 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 February 15.**

Coventry Earthworks

Tues, 6 p.m.

Explore nature-based arts and crafts. Supplies provided. Registration begins two weeks before each event.

March 12: Solar Eclipse Pin Hole Viewers

Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program.

April 16: Seed Starting for Your Home Garden

May 14: Natural Dyes

The Farrell Foundation Presents a Memory Cafe Thurs, 2 p.m.

March 14: St. Patrick's Artful Legends & Limericks

Create some colorful artwork in shades of green, toss in some four-leaf clovers and a few Irish Limericks. No art background needed. Hosted by Artists Richard Skerl &

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LeeAnn Eyre. Wear your favorite shade of green to the program! Enjoy some St. Patrick's Day café refreshments. Registration begins February 29.

April 11: Baseball Memories

Ike Brooks from the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR) will reminisce about Opening Days of Baseball in Cleveland and other parks around the country. Wear your favorite baseball cap or jersey! Baseball Snacks & Refreshments. Registration begins March 28.

May 9: Stories We Write

Professional Storyteller Kathy Strawser will guide the group in a Time SlipsTM group creative writing session. Participants obtain ideas from a unique photograph or work of art. Be surprised at the dynamics of the story and everyone's involvement. A fun engaging time! Café Refreshments. Registration begins April 25.

How To Buy a Car

Tues, March 19, 7 p.m.

Join Howard Katz as he walks you through: fair pricing, responding to dealership practices, when and what to buy, buying versus leasing, new versus used, handling a trade-in and where to find more information. He will also discuss hybrids and battery electric vehicles. Katz is the legal educator-in-residence at CSU's College of Law. He is not affiliated with the automotive industry or any dealerships. Registration begins March 5.

Cleveland Alzheimer's Association Presents: Effective Communication Strategies

Thurs, March 21, 7 p.m.

Explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. **Registration begins March 7.**

Ukulele Jam

Tues, March 26, April 30, May 28, 7 p.m.

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

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District Presents: Native Plants for the Small Yard

Thurs, May 2, 7 p.m.

Installing native plants helps to preserve the biodiversity of our region. Their roots often extend deep into the ground preventing erosion while providing organic matter to the soil. They also attract wildlife and increase diversity in our landscape all while reducing the threat of non-native plant species. Registration begins April 18.

Coventry Village Author Series

in partnership with Mac's Backs **Books on Coventry**



Fern Haught-The Baker and the Bard Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Join Cleveland-based artist-author Fern Haught as they present their debut YA graphic novel, The Baker and the Bard, is an empathetic tale of friendship, trust, and learning to balance expansion with preserving and living alongside nature. Fern's soft, loosely lined illustrations and muted tones add warmth and gentility to this quintessential, cozy queer fantasy tale. Registration begins February 22.

Cleveland Under Graphics: An Evening with Francis Elizabeth, Jake Kelly and Aaron Lange Thurs, March 28, 7 p.m.

Join authors and graphic artists Francis Black, Jake Kelly and Aaron Lange as they present their newly published works, Drugs and Other Things to do in Cleveland and Ain't It Fun: Peter Laughner & Proto-Punk in the Secret City. Registration begins March 14.

What's the Deal with Dead Man's Curve? An **Evening with Jim Sweeny**

Thurs, April 18, 7 p.m.

Join veteran journalist Jim Sweeny as he presents his new book, What's the Deal with Dead Man's Curve? And Other Really Good Questions About Cleveland. Whether you're new to town or born here, there are some things about Cleveland that make you scratch your head and wonder. This book tackles them! Registration begins April 4.

An Evening with Greg Donley Thurs, May 16, 7 p.m.

Greg Donley, writer, designer, photographer, and editor, worked for the Cleveland Museum of Art for 30 years in roles related to publishing, marketing, and public relations. His freelance work includes feature articles and fine-art photography exhibitions dating to the 1980s. Donley is the author of *A Small Book about Design* Craft and Practice, Night Music (photographs in Cleveland music clubs) and the novel Crombie Hill. Registration begins May 2.

Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Basic Introduction to American Sign Language Sat, March 16 - April 20, 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 March 2.

Intermediate American Sign Language Class

Sat, March 16 - May 28, 2:15 p.m.

Go beyond the basics of American Sign Language, with an emphasis on conversational skills and using classifiers. Registration begins March 2.

Deaf Gathering

Mon, March 25, April 22, 6:30 p.m.



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, April 29, 7 p.m.

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

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Photography Basics

Tues, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 23, May 7 & 21, 6 p.m.

Join us for this six-part series on the basics of photography and constant lighting. Learn how to operate DSLR cameras, exposure, lighting, product photography, portrait photography, and portfolio creation. Registration begins February 20.

Maker Workshop: 3D Printing and Modeling Basics

Wed, March 6, 7 p.m. Sat, May 11, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of the 3D printing process, and about different machines and materials in this introductory workshop. Whether you are looking to purchase your own 3D printer, 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 begins 2 weeks before the class.

Nonlinear Video Editing

Wed, March 27 - April 24, 6:30 p.m.

From mastering timelines to applying captivating transitions, this five-part class empowers you with the skills to craft compelling stories through the art of nonlinear video editing. Embrace the digital realm and bring your visual narratives to life! Intermediate computer literacy suggested. Registration begins March 13.

Programs for Adults

Drawing Workshop

Thurs, May 9 - May 30, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a dynamic blend of theory and practice, where you'll cultivate the foundational skills needed to express your unique artistic vision on paper. Whether you're a novice or seeking to refine your skills, this hands-on workshop provides a supportive environment to hone your craft. Registration opens April 25.

Cricut Crafting

Cricut Basics

Sat. March 16, 10 a.m. Wed, May 8, 6 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 two weeks before the class.

Create T-shirts with Cricut

Sat, April 13, 10 a.m. Wed, May 15, 6 p.m.

Learn how to create your own custom shirt with the STEAM Lab's Cricut cutting machine and a household iron. Please bring your own shirt to customize. Registration begins two weeks before the class.

Cricut Craft Night

Wed, May 22, 6 p.m.

Drop by the STEAM Lab for a night of Cricut crafting fun! Beginners can get started with our suggested projects, while experienced Cricut crafters are welcome to bring your own ideas. Limited materials will be available—please bring your own if you have something specific in mind. For more information, contact the HKIC Computer Lab at (216) 932-3600 ext. 1221.

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LEE ROAD

Aspire ESOL Classes

Orientation Tues, March 12, 10 a.m. Classes Mon, Weds March 4-May 15, 10 a.m.

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

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Tues, 7 p.m.

Join us the first Tuesday of the month for our Great Decisions discussion group. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. To participate in the discussion, please register beginning March 19. Participants will receive a copy of the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*.

March 5: Mideast Realignment

April 2: Climate Technology and Competition

May 7: Science Across Borders

Clay for Beginners: Wall Flowers

Wed, March 6 & 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join local artist Henry Rancourt in making whimsical hanging wall decorations using air dry clay. All experience levels welcome. Registration for this two-part take-and-make program begins Feb 28.

Social Worker in Residence

Thurs, March 7 - May 30, 1 p.m.

A collaboration between the library and the Centers for Families and Children, the program can provide the following services to customers: adoption, foster, and kinship support; aged-out youth support; basic emergency needs; linkages to resources; referrals to partner organizations; Cuyahoga County Job and Family Services; early learning centers; health and wellness agencies; workforce development programs.

Heights Art Lectures with Dr. Emma Clute

Thurs, 7 p.m. on Zoom

March 7: Buried Cities and Painted Caves Ancient Trade Centers of Central Asia

April 4: Import/Export

Trade within China and East Asia

May 2: Arts of Oceania

Jane Austen Deep-Dive Book Club: Northanger Abbey

Mon, 7 p.m.

Join our two-part series: a deep dive into Jane Austen's novel *Northanger Abbey*. 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.

March 11: Volume One: Chapters 1 – 15 March 25: Volume Two: Chapters 16 – 31

Lee Road Knitting Night

Tues, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 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.

Unpacking Our History Discussion: Slavery's Legacy in Health and Medicine

Thurs, March 14, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join us on Zoom, as we continue to discuss how the legacy of slavery and race remain dominant factors in American political, cultural, and social spheres. The library program centers on an article packet which serves as the discussion text each month.

March 14: Legacies of Trauma

April 11: Women, Birth, and Racial Disparities

May 9: State of Minority Mental Health

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.

March 18: Varina Palladino's Jersey Italian Love Story by Terri-Lynne DeFino

April 15: Starter Villain by John Scalzi

May 20: Charm City Rocks by Matthew Norman

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.

March 21: The Dispossessed by Ursula K. Le Guin

April 18: 2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke

May 16: Wild Seed by Octavia Butler

Ohio Means Jobs Resume Workshop

Thurs, March 28, April 25, May 23, 11 a.m.

The workshop will take you through the steps to building a strong resume including: getting the basic information down, choosing the structure of your resume, making an argument for yourself, and polishing your resume. We will look at samples and cover resources available to help you online and at OhioMeansJobs. Presented by Ohio Means Job/Cuyahoga County. **Registration begins March 14.**

Ohio Means Jobs Interviewing Workshop

Thurs, March 28, April 25, May 23, 2 p.m.

Learn how to present yourself effectively with an elevator pitch, STAR stories, appropriate dress, answering basic questions, and asking the right questions. We will focus on Behavioral interviewing to be ready to impress employers at any interview. **Registration begins two weeks before the workshop.** Presented by Ohio Means Job/Cuyahoga County. **Registration begins March 14.**

Solarprinting: UV Dyed Pencil Pouch Tues, April 2, 2 p.m.

Wield the power of the sun this eclipse season! Join us as we explore the process of solar printmaking. Participants will learn how to make a sun-developed print on fabric and print on a pencil pouch to take home. No experience required. All materials supplied. Eclipse glasses provided free with attendance. Must stay for full program. Registration begins March 19.

Write Now: Free Poetry Writing Workshop Tues, April 9-30, 7 p.m.

Participants will generate new writing in this free four-week practical workshop designed to kick their writing into gear. Each week, they'll explore a different element and form of poetry. Participants will discuss craft, find inspiration in short readings, respond in-class to prompts, share their writing, and give each other feedback. **Registration begins March 26.**

Favorite Poem Project

Sun, April 14, 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 why they enjoy it so much, and the impact it has had on their lives. You may also register to read aloud a favorite poem. Registration is required for readers only, and begins March 31.

The Invasive Spotted Lanternfly

Thurs, April 18, 7 p.m.

"If you see it, squish it." That's what we've been told to do when we come across the invasive species. But why? What

is this pest and what impact does it have on our environment? And what should you do if you start to spot them? The Natural Resources team at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes can help answer these questions and more! **Registration begins April 4.**

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Sun, April 21, 1:30 p.m.

Ready, set, puzzle! Assemble your team and race to complete an identical 300-piece puzzle. First team to finish, wins! Please appoint one person to register your group of up to four players. **Registration is required and begins April 7.**

Bringing Nature Home

Thurs, April 25, 7 p.m.

Inspired by Douglas Tallamy's Book, Bringing Nature Home, local experts from the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes will share the benefits of gardening with native plants and show us how the decisions we make for our home or neighborhood gardens can have a positive impact on the surrounding community. **Registration April 11.**

History of Comics with Dr. Valentino Zullo Wed, May 1, 7 p.m.

Have you wondered about the allure, meaning, and context of comics that have captured readers for generations? Explore the voices that have helped shape comics and culture with Dr. Valentino Zullo, Anisfield-Wolf Postdoctoral Fellow in English and the Public Humanities at Ursuline College and the Ohio Center for the Book Scholar-in-Residence at Cleveland Public Library. **Registration begins April 17.**

Stewards of Children by Darkness to Light with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Mon, May 6, 6 p.m.

Stewards of Children® is an evidence-informed, award-winning training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program teaches practical actions that can reduce instances of child sexual abuse in their organizations, families, and communities. The training features a review of videos paired with discussion and includes a workbook. **Registration begins April 22.**

Cleveland's Van Sweringen Brothers Wed, May 8, 7 p.m.

Local author Lauren Pacini tells the story of the two reclusive brothers, Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen, responsible for the construction of some of Cleveland's most famous landmarks. Cosponsored by Heights Libraries, Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Cleveland Landmarks Commission, and Cleveland Restoration Society. **Registration begins April 24.**

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Dementia Week

Schedule subject to change.

Dementia Basics with Dr. Anmolsingh Roopa Mon, May 20, 12 p.m.

Cleveland Clinic Internal Medicine and Geriatrics Dr. Anmolsingh Roopa will give a short presentation and answer questions on dementia. For care partners and people with a diagnosis.

Dementia Friends and Dementia Champions Tues, May 21, 12 p.m.

Dementia Friends is a global, call-to-action movement. We will cover the basics of dementia including common types, signs and symptoms, communication tips, community resources and more. An emphasis on positive messaging and dementia stigma reduction is a key part of this program, designed to reach audiences in all community sectors. A Dementia Friends Champion is a trained volunteer who can lead a live Dementia Friends session that gives people information about the personal impact of dementia, and what they can do to help.

Memory Disco

Wed, May 22, 12 p.m.

This Musical Engagement Program combines strategies for improving mood, cognition, and behavior in order to promote active listening and break down communication barriers to improve connection. This is an inactive program for care partners and people with the diagnosis.

Memory Cafes

Thurs, May 23, 12 p.m.

This presentation will give a short introduction to the various memory cafes and other support programs the Farrell Foundation provides to care partners and people with the diagnosis.

Alzheimer's and Dementia in Ohio Panel Discussion

Fri, May 24, 12 p.m.

A panel discussion featuring updates from organizations and news from around Northeast Ohio and the rest of the State. Participating organizations include: Benjamin Rose, the Alzheimer's Association, Ohio Council for Cognitive Health, and others.

A Brand New Start

Thurs, May 16, 7 p.m.

Are you a resident transitioning from incarceration back into the community? This program offers supportive library services and referrals to community partners. This program features representatives from the Centers for Families and Children, Ohio Means Jobs and other community reentry programs discussing topics on housing, employment, education, legal issues, and other needs. **Registration begins May 2.**

How to Buy A Car

Wed, May 22, 7 p.m.

Join Howard Katz as he walks you through: fair pricing, responding to dealership practices, when and what to buy, buying versus leasing, new versus used, handling a trade-in and where to find more information. He will also discuss hybrids and battery electric vehicles. Katz is the legal educator-in-residence at CSU's College of Law. He is not affiliated with the automotive industry or any dealerships.

Douglas Phillips, Cleveland's Modern Stained Glass Artist

Wed, May 29, 7 p.m.

The stained glass artistry of Phillips Stained Glass Studio stands out for its unique use of color, shape, and movement

that reach beyond religious understanding. Studio founder Douglas is believed to be the only African American artist to run his own stained glass studio between the years of 1952 and 1995. Learn about his career and his work's importance to Cleveland's historic black churches. **Registration begins May 15.**

NOBLE

Noble Voices Oral History Interviews

March 1-April 30 by appointment

Share your Noble memories for the record as part of the Noble Voices Oral History Project. Starting January 16 and continuing through April, community members can sign up for short, one-on-one recorded interviews with library staff to have their stories preserved. Call (216) 291-5665 for more information or to schedule an interview.

Green Noble Discussion and Action Group Sun, March 10, May 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 Library at (216) 291-5665 for information.

Spring Gardening Celebration at Noble

The following events will be held at Noble's temporary location at BNH, 2940 Noble Rd.

Noble Plant Swap

Thurs, April 18, 1 p.m. Fri, April 19, 1 p.m. Sat, April 20, 1 p.m.

Grab some 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.

Native Plant Q&A with Green Noble Thurs, April 18, 1 p.m.

Green Noble's April meeting will be an informal informational session about the importance of native plants to our wild spaces. Learn about the benefits of having native plants in your garden and around the neighborhood.

Take-and-Plant Seed Kit

Thurs, April 18, 1 p.m.

Beautify your garden this spring while also supporting local insects and wildlife. This kit includes seed packets for plants native to Northeast Ohio. Pick up kits starting April 18, while supplies last. **Registration is appreciated but not required.**

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Tai Chi and Qigong Classes

Fri, March 1 - May 31, 10 a.m. Sat, March 2 - May 25, 10 a.m. Wed, March 6 - May 29, 10 a.m.

Tai Chi and Qigong movement designed to achieve a total mind, body and spiritual union. All experience levels are welcome.

Walk the Walt

Wed, March 6 - May 29, 10 a.m.

Do you long for some fresh air after a long winter season? Join the library for a brisk walk at the Walt every Wed. Let's challenge ourselves and get out and move whether it be one lap or ten! Let this weekly walk encourage you to get outside and move!

Sunday Crafternoon

Sun, March 10, April 7, May 5, 2 p.m.

Bring your current craft work in progress—whether it's knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, scrapbooking, or drawing—and meet and chat with other crafters in the Heights while you work! Light refreshments will be provided.

Buying a Home in Today's Market

Mon, March 11, April 1, May 13, 7 p.m.

Whether you're a first-time buyer or looking to brush up on the current market, this comprehensive series can help. Featuring topics from where to begin to financing options to inspections, and more. Presented by Amanda Hill and Denise Shepherd, realtors with Keller Williams Greater Metropolitan and Heights homeowners. Experts include lenders, inspectors, title companies and realtors. **Registration for all three sessions begins February 26 at 7 p.**m.

Dog Training Program Series Thurs, 7 p.m.



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

March 14: Positive Reinforcement 201

Positive reinforcement training isn't just for teaching your dog sit, stay, and down. Positive reinforcement training can also be used to address more complex behavioral concerns, like reactivity, separation anxiety, resource guarding, and more. Valarie will be joined by KJ Hurlbert, Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Thurs, April 29.

April 11: Canine Enrichment

Learn more about what enrichment is and how incorporating enrichment activities in your dog's routine can help improve their physical and mental well-being. The first 20 registrants will be able to make their own enrichment toy, a snuffle mat, to take home to their dog. Valarie will be joined by Michelle Brown, Catch Certified Dog Trainer. Registration is required to secure your snuffle mat making supplies, and begins on Thurs, March 28.

May 9: Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, and Emotional Support Animals-Oh My!

Learn more about the differences between service dogs, therapy dogs, and emotional support animals, and what kind of training is necessary to prepare a service dog for public access work. Valarie will be joined by Tiffany Shields, service dog handler and trainer. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins on Mon, April 25.

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20 Programs for Adults CHECK US OUT | SPRING 2024

Computer Classes

Movie Night

Mon, March 18, 6 p.m.

Take a break with a movie night!

March 18: Barbie (2023, PG-13, 116 min)

April 15: The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023, PG, 92 min)

May 20: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (2023, PG-13, 134 min)

Negro League Baseball and Integration in Cleveland, 1920 to 1950

Tues, March 19, 7 p.m.

Dr. Stephanie Liscio will discuss the history of Negro League baseball in Cleveland and the integration of the Indians. While Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play in the segregated white major leagues, Cleveland made history in 1947 when Larry Doby integrated major league baseball's American League, joining the Indians just eleven weeks after Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. It took another twelve years before the rest of major league baseball would integrate—Cleveland was ahead of the curve.

Green Yards and Healthy Homes

Thurs, March 28, 6 p.m.

Our yards and homes have an enormous impact on the natural world and to our own health. Learn how to replace chemicals in your yard and home with a few inexpensive, all-natural, effective ingredients to create a healthy habitat for all. Workshop presented by the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. **Registration begins March 14.**

The Invasive Spotted Lanternfly

Tues, April 2, 7 p.m.

"If you see it, squish it." That's what we've been told to do when we come across this invasive species. But why? Are the spotted lanternflies in Northeast Ohio? What is this pest and what impact does it have on our environment? And what should you do if you start to spot them? The Natural Resources team at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes can help answer these questions and more! **Registration begins March 19.**

Medicare 101

Tues, April 16, 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."

Composting 101

Sun, May 5, 1:30 p.m.

Kick off International Composting Awareness Week with this informational session from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Learn about what items can be composted and the best way to do it to ensure you've got the best blend for your garden. **Registration begins April 21.**

Bringing Nature Home: Lecture Series

Tues, May 7, 7 p.m.

Inspired by Douglas Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home*, local experts from the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes will share the benefits of gardening with native plants and show us how the decisions we make for our home or neighborhood gardens can have a positive impact on the surrounding community. **Registration begins April 23.**

Virtual Reality with Interplay Learning Fri, May 10, 2 p.m.

Engage in a transformative experience as virtual reality headsets guide you through video game simulations tailored for a skilled trades training program-Interplay Learning! Join us in exploring the dynamic landscape of vocational training in the digital era. **Ages 13**+

University Heights: From Idlewood Village to City of Beautiful Homes

Thurs, May 16, 7 p.m.

Trace the unique development of University Heights from its origins as the Village of Idlewood in 1907 to its evolution as an inner-ring suburb and "City of Beautiful Homes." Learn more about how this small farming village became a city, including how it came to be known as University Heights. Registration is requested, though not required, and begins May 2.

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, March 7, 2 p.m.; Tues, April 2, 2 p.m.

Part 2: Intro to Computers

Thurs, March 14, 2 p.m.; Tues, April 9, 2 p.m.

Part 3: Windows

Thurs, March 21, 2 p.m.; Tues, April 16, 2 p.m.

Part 4: Using the Internet

Thurs, March 28, 2 p.m.; Tues, April 23, 2 p.m.

Part 5: Internet Access

Thurs, April 4, 2 p.m.; Tues, April 30, 2 p.m.

Part 6: Downloading & Uploading

Thurs, April 11, 2 p.m.; Tues, May 7, 2 p.m.

Part 7: Web Searching

Thurs, April 18, 2 p.m.; Tues, May 14, 2 p.m.

Part 8: Internet Safety Basics

Thurs, April 25, 2 p.m.; Tues, May 21, 2 p.m.

Coding Basics

Part 1

Mon, April 15, 2 p.m.

Part 2

Mon, April 22, 2 p.m.

Part 3

Mon, April 29, 2 p.m.

Part 4

Mon, May 6, 2 p.m.

Part 5

Mon, May 13, 2 p.m.

Part 6

Mon, May 20, 2 p.m.

Excel

Part 1

Wed, March 13, 7 p.m.; Tues, April 16, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Wed, March 20, 7 p.m.; Tues, April 23, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Wed, March 27, 7 p.m.; Tues, April 30, 7 p.m.

Part 4: Simple Budgets

Wed, April 3, 7 p.m.; Tues, May 7, 7 p.m.

Part 5: Charts & Graphs

Wed, April 10, 7 p.m.; Tues, May 14, 7 p.m.

Part 6: Formulas & Functions

Wed, April 17, 7 p.m.; Tues, May 21, 7 p.m.

Part 7: Pivot Tables

Wed, April 24, 7 p.m.; Tues, May 28, 7 p.m.

PowerPoint

Part 1

Tues, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Part 2

Tues, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

Part 3

Tues, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

Part 4

Tues, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Word

Part 1

Thurs, March 14, 7 p.m.

Part 2

Thurs, March 21, 7 p.m.

Part 3

Thurs, March 28, 7 p.m.

Part 4: Graphics

Thurs, April 4, 7 p.m.

Part 5: Tables

Thurs, April 11, 7 p.m.

Part 6: Labels & Mail Merge

Thurs, April 18, 7 p.m.

Online Basics 101

Email 101

Thurs, May 2, 2 p.m.

Email has become a necessary way to communicate with others. Learn how to set up an email, send an email, attach files, and more!

Smartphone 101 Thurs, May 9, 2 p.m.

Learn the basics of using your smartphone. Then ask us your mobile device questions! Feel free to bring your smartphone to class.

Online Safety 101 Thurs, May 16, 2 p.m.

Worried about Internet safety and security issues? Wonder what are the best practices for the web? This class discusses "beyond the basics" strategies for staying safe online, and protecting your privacy on a computer or mobile device.

Online Searching 101 Thurs, May 23, 2 p.m.

The internet is filled with information-if you know how to find it. Learn how to effectively search the web for news, recipes, medical information and more!

Online Shopping 101 Thurs, May 30, 2 p.m.

Online shopping has become a part of daily life in the past few years. Learn the basics of online shopping, how to stay safe, and some things to make the experience better.

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Sun, March 31, Easter Mon, May 27, Memorial Day





Civic Engagement

Heights Library Board Meetings

Mon, 6:30 p.m. March 18, April 15, May 20

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.