



# EVENTS

**December 2017 – February 2018**

*If you need more detailed information concerning the following programs, please call the library of your choice. Pre-registration is requested for most programs and workshops.*

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## MAIN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MAIN LIBRARY** 330-643-9000  
60 S. High St., Akron, 44326

### BUSINESS & GOVERNMENT 330-643-9020

#### Reentry in Motion: Broken Criminal Justice

**Saturday, December 2, 11 am-1 pm** Meeting Room 1. View a documentary that tells the story of America's broken criminal justice system through the eyes of those who created it, those who have suffered through it, and those who are fighting to change it. Reentry handouts provided.

#### Reentry in Motion: Life Without Parole

**Saturday, December 16, 11 am-1 pm** Meeting Room 2AB. The U.S. is the only country in the world that sentences youth to Life Without Parole. This sentence not only affects the incarcerated individual and victim, but the whole community. The choice to allow youth to receive the harshest available sentence is not shared among all states. Thirty states allow the sentence; Ohio is one of them. This program presents a film that challenges inequalities in the U.S. juvenile justice system by depicting, through documentation and reenactment, the stories of five individuals who were sentenced to Life Without Parole as youth. Reentry material and handouts provided.

#### Reentry in Motion: Prison Industrial Complex

**Saturday, January 20, 11 am-1 pm**

Meeting Room 1. A film which examines the Prison Industrial Complex using interviews by civil rights crusader Angela Davis, and other prison reformers, is presented. The documentary also highlights the work of Susan Burton, former incarcerated mother who established A New Way of Life, which is a group of transitional homes for women coming home from incarceration. Scholars of an idea called the Prison Abolition Movement, will discuss the movement and analyze the racial and gender violence in prison. Reentry material and handouts provided.

#### Reentry in Motion: Mass Incarceration

**Thursday, February 1, 11 am-12 pm** Room 2AB. This Reentry in Motion program showcases a documentary that not only looks at the overcrowding of the jail system in Philadelphia, but centers on Michelle Alexander's theory in her groundbreaking book, *The New Jim Crow*, through the rise of the drug war and "tough on crime" policies. The film also dissects the rise of incarceration in the U.S., illustrates how the emerging *Occupy Movement* offers hope for change, and explores possible reforms and solutions to end mass incarceration. Handouts provided.

#### Reentry in Motion: Resumes, Cover Letters, and Interviewing with a Background

**Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 pm** Room 2AB. The program highlights two films which reveal what to include and what not to include in a resume, as well as the different types of resumes, such as chronological and functional. In addition, the following will be covered: the importance of a good cover letter, the preparation for the interview, and what to do and what not to do when interviewing. Handouts provided.

#### Reentry in Motion: Finding a Job with a Background

**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-7:30 pm** Room 2AB. Job searching is a

stressful endeavor, especially for someone with a troubled background. This program showcases a film which will help job seekers understand the pitfalls and secrets of finding a job with a criminal past. Handouts provided.

#### Business Research Essentials

**Saturday, February 3, 10:30 am-12 pm** Computer Lab 2. Are you thinking of starting or expanding a business? Do you need information on writing a business plan or researching competitors and customers? Join us and learn how to utilize some of the Library's digital resources to find your answers. Register with Eventbrite or call the Business & Government Division.

#### Black History Month Event Rising from the Rails (Documentary)

**Saturday, February 24, 2-4 pm** Auditorium. Railroad and history buffs won't want to miss this one-hour documentary based on the best-selling book *Rising from The Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class* by Larry Tye. Courtesy of AMS Pictures. Craig Sanders, president of the Akron Railroad Club, will share his insights, describe the sleeping car service to Akron and answer your questions.

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

330-643-9050

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS A Time to Play

**Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am** Children learn through play, and we like to play in the Children's Library! Hands-on, age-appropriate, creative play, STEAM experiences and materials will be available for young children and their caregivers. Explore, make friends, share stories, create and play with us.

**December 12** Petite Chefs: Celebrate the season! Stimulate your child's senses through hand-on "baking" activities. Scoop, pour, mix, measure, stir and taste.

**January 9** The Snowy Day: Delight in snowy activities inspired by

Ezra Jack Keats magical story, "The Snowy Day."

**February 13** Love Bugs: Enjoy the month of February with your love bugs! Celebrate those you love with card making, stamping, letter writing, post office dramatic play and sensory experiences.

#### Baby Time

**Every Wednesday, 10:30 am** An active story time for children from birth to 2 years old with an adult caregiver. We combine music, story and play to engage our youngest learners.

#### Preschool Story Times

**Every Thursday, 10:30 am** Watch as books come to life through stories, music and activities. For children 2 to 5 years old with an adult caregiver.

**Saturday Story Time Sampler**  
**First and third Saturdays of the month, 11 am** Story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver.

**December 2:** Gingerbread Man – Run into the library as fast as you can for this gingerbread story time! Help us try to catch the pesky gingerbread man, decorate the library's holiday cardboard house and more!

**December 16:** Holidays Around the World – Join us for fun stories and crafts from around the world.

**January 6:** Penguin Party - Did you know that there are penguins that live in warm places? Learn fun facts about penguins through penguin stories, rhymes and songs, and make your own edible penguin craft!

**January 20:** Ballet Excel presents The Magic Flute - Don't miss this interactive program which includes dance, storytelling, and a meet-and-greet with the dancers. Bring your camera if you'd like to take pictures.

**February 3:** Family Reading Festival - 10 am-3 pm, featuring Jim Gill and Outback Ray. Watch for more details.

**February 17:** Winter Fun - Stories, activities and a craft.

**Paws for Reading**  
**Second Saturday of each month, December 9, January 13, February 10, 11 am** Share a book with a certified therapy dog.

**Sunday Story Time Sampler**  
**Every Sunday, 2 pm** A half-hour story time for preschool-primary children with an adult caregiver. No story time on December 24.

**Yoga Play**  
**Mondays in February, 10:30 am** For 3-5 year olds. Join us for a multi-sensory yoga experience. We add play and learning to create an inspiring adventure.

#### **FAMILY EVENTS**

**Holiday Short Film Party**  
**Saturday, December 23, 2-3:30 pm** Enjoy *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* and *Frosty the Snowman* in the CL program room, with popcorn.

**Winter Break Family Film Matinees**  
**In the Auditorium, 1:30 pm**  
**Tuesday, December 26:** *Cars 3*, G rating; 1 hr 42 min.  
**Wednesday, December 27:** *Princess and the Frog*, G rating, 1 hr, 37 min.  
**Thursday, December 28:** *Aristocats*, G rated; 1 hr 18 min.  
**Friday, December 29:** *Despicable Me 3*, PG rating; 1 hr 30 min

**Builders' Club**  
**Saturday, December 30, 2 pm** Open play with Lego's, Duplo's and other building materials.

**SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS**  
**History and Sampling of African-American Soul Food with Keon Reed**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2 pm** Please pre-register.

**After-school STEAM** for Grades K-6  
**Wednesdays, 4-5 pm** Join us on Wednesdays in February through April as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

**Ed Emberley Drawing Workshop**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2 pm** For Grades K-6. Love the Ed Emberley exhibit at the art museum? Love Ed Emberley's drawing books? Just Love drawing? We'll practice drawing step by step in this fun workshop, and we'll create some fun fingerprint animals too!

**CULTURE & AV**  
330-643-9015  
**First Wednesday Book Group**  
**December 6, January 3, February 7, 6:30-8 pm** Meeting Room 1. Door opens at 6 pm. For more information on our lively group of the next title email [cadiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadiv@akronlibrary.org) or call 330-643-9015. Adults ages 18 and over. Copies of the discussion books are available at the Culture & AV desk.

**Thursday Movies@Main**  
All films will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium at the show times listed below. Visit the library's website & check our flyer for updates.  
**December 7, 6:30 pm**-*The Little Giant*  
**December 14, 6 pm**-*It's a Wonderful Life*  
**December 21, 6 pm**-*Jumanji*  
**December 28, 6:30 pm**-*Despicable Me 3*

**Poetry Hour**  
**Saturday, December 9, 3-4 pm** Door opens at 2 pm, Meeting Room 1. Calling local poets! You are invited to read your original poems. Poetry lovers are welcome to listen to our local poets. Coffee and cookies provided. Adults ages 18 and over. Poems read at Poetry Hour should not be overtly explicit in language or subject matter. Registration requested: email [cadiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadiv@akronlibrary.org) or call 330-643-9015.

**Yarn Lovers @ the Library**  
**Wednesdays, December 13, January 17, February 21, 12-2 pm** In the Stray Dog Café. Drop by for the entire two hours, or any time between 12-2 pm. Bring your own lunch, or purchase at the Café. You're welcome to bring a current project. Knitting and crochet instruction and assistance will be available when possible.

**Main Event Speaker Series – David Giffels**  
**Thursday, January 4, 7 pm** Popular Akron author and educator David Giffels presents his new book *Furnishing Eternity*. There will be a Q&A, and book signing. Books will be available for purchase. Main Library Auditorium.

**Coloring with Culture & AV**  
**Wednesdays, January 10, February 14, Noon to 2 pm** Meeting Room 2AB. Color with us.

Bring your own coloring book and supplies or choose from provided coloring pages, crayons and colored pencils. Coffee and cookies provided. Adults ages 18 and over. Call 330-643-9015 or email [cadiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:cadiv@akronlibrary.org) for more information.

**LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN**  
330-643-9070  
Located on the second floor, behind the security desk and conveniently located by the parking deck entrance. Owned and operated by Friends of the Main Library, LSAM offers gently used books at exceptionally low prices and unique gifts to support ASCPL. Volunteer opportunities are available. All volunteers get free parking and 25% off store products.

**MOBILE SERVICES**  
330-643-9055  
Bringing the Library to you! Call for more information.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**  
330-643-9075  
Please contact Science & Technology to reserve your spot in these programs.

**Introduction to Intellectual Property**  
**Tuesdays, December 5, January 9, February 6, 6:30-7:30 pm** Learn the differences among the various types of intellectual property, and how best to protect your creative work. Class meets in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level.

**Introduction to Patents & Patent Searching**  
**Saturdays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 10:15 am-Noon** Librarians from the Science & Technology Division will explain the process of getting a U.S. patent, and show you how to do a preliminary patent search using the United States Patent & Trademark Office website. Class will meet in Meeting Room 1 on the High Street Level.

**Ask a Patent Attorney**  
**Monday, February 5, 6-8 pm** Register for a free one on one 20-minute session with a registered patent attorney. Appointment times are limited and must be scheduled in advance. Contact the Science & Technology Division beginning January 6 to register for this opportunity.

**Boy Scout Inventing Badge Workshop**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 4-6:30 pm** Join our Teen and Patent and Trademark Librarians as we work on tasks for your Inventing Badge. This 2-and-a-half-hour workshop will get you well on your way to completing the badge requirements. Registration is requested with the Science and Technology Division, 330-643-9075.

**Exploring CAM: Complementary and Alternative Medicine**  
**Saturday, January 6, 10:30 am** Tara Scott, MD, Medical Director of Integrative Medicine at Summa Health will provide an informative overview of the uses of alternative remedies followed by practical advice from alternative practitioners from a variety of disciplines. Contact Science & Technology for the complete list of presenters.

**Science Café**  
**Saturday, January 27, 10:30 am** This Science Café is an informal discussion exploring the latest ideas in science about Biomimicry. Lead by Carol Thaler from Great Lakes Biomimicry, no science background is needed for this inclusive conversation.

No need to register for these programs:  
**Akron Inventors Club**  
**Second Thursday of every month, December 14, January 11, February 8, 6-7:30 pm** Inventors and entrepreneurs, the Akron Inventors Club is free and open to all with an interest in invention and innovation. Monthly meetings feature a variety of speakers and informational programs as well as a chance to network with like-minded innovators. The club meets in Meeting Room 2AB on the High Street Level.

**Tai Chi: Stretch & Flex**  
**Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 12:15-1 pm** Stretch and de-stress this winter as we join Nancy Gardner applying movements and stances to increase joint mobility, build strength, and improve balance and body control. Practice breathing techniques to relax and re-energize. Keep both your mind and body healthy. This program will meet in Science & Technology on the first floor of Main Library.

## Celebrate Urban Birds

**Every Thursday 12:15-12:25 pm**

Join us as we do our weekly count of bird species found in Downtown Akron. The group meets in the Library Park on the corner of Main and Mill Streets.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

330-643-9030

Registration is requested for these FREE classes. For more information and to register, contact the Special Collections Division, 330-643-9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). Visit our Website at <http://sc.akronlibrary.org/>.

## Identifying Your Family

### Photographs

**Saturday, December 2, 10:30 am-**

**12:30 pm** A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. Also learn how databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level, Main Library. Registration requested.

## Getting Started in Family History

**Saturday, January 13,**

**10:30 am-12:30 pm** Join the Special Collections Division for an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. This class meets in Meeting Room 2AB, High Street Level, Main Library. Registration requested.

## Branching Out: U.S. Vital Records and Obituaries

**Saturday, February 10, 10:30-**

**12:30 pm** This class focuses on the types of genealogical information and sources researchers encounter, what to expect when working with U.S. vital records and obituaries, and basic strategies for finding these records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This class meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. Registration requested.

## TECHZONE@MAIN

330-643-9145

Visit the new Makerspace at Main Library. Equipment in the TechZone@Main includes a professional grade recording studio, 3-D printer, laser engraver, vinyl printer, HeatPress media transfer station, green screen video recording, photo box, and a crafting area with a button maker, sewing, embroidery and silhouette machines. Design computers with Adobe Creative Cloud are also available. For more information, contact the TechZone@Main reference desk at 330-643-9145.

## YOUTH SERVICES OFFICE

330-643-9067

### Teen Programs at Main Library

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens ages 11-18. Please call the Teen department or email [ysodiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:ysodiv@akronlibrary.org) to register for programs or with any questions. \*Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the Teen Department.

**\*Teen Advisory Board Meetings**  
**The second and fourth Tuesday of every month beginning Tuesday, December 12** No Meeting on December 26. Whether you're looking to get volunteer hours for school or just like to work on cool projects, eat and have fun, the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be! You'll help plan Teen programs and decorate the Teen Area. It looks great on a resume too.

**Chilly Celebrity Guessing Game**  
**December 8-13** Can you spot your favorite celebrities even if they are all bundled up for the chilly winter weather? Join us in the Teen Department on the third floor and give it a try! If you can guess 5, you win a prize!

**\*Got Snow?**  
**Thursday, December 14, 4 pm** Join us at the library where everyone is chillin' and make an adorable stuffed snowman and other snow themed crafts. We'll sip some hot chocolate too!

### String Art Sculpture

**January 8-13** Stop into the Teen Area to help us create a beautiful strong art sculpture using string and push pins.

## \*Super Sandwich Showdown!

**Saturday, January 27, 3 pm** Get ready for the Super Bowl with a sandwich competition! Compete against other teens to see who can make the best sandwich using a variety of ingredients, and then enjoy a snack. Registration is appreciated.

## \*Ready, Set, Game

**Saturday, February 24, 3 pm** Join us for an afternoon of playing video games and board games. Snacks will be included.

## BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### ADULT BRANCH PROGRAMS

#### ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

#### Book Clubs

Books are available in advance at the circulation desk.

**Rabid Readers Book Discussion**  
**Third Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm**

**December 19:** *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

**January 16:** *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown

**February 20:** *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin

**Book Club On the Run**  
**New books on the second Monday of the month**

No meetings...no deadlines...just GOOD books! Perfect for someone crunched for time. Book selections each month include author information and other interesting things about the book.

**December 11:** *Empty Mansions* by Bill Dedman

**January 8:** *Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

**February 12:** *The Mare* by Mary Gaitskill

#### Ellet Needle Crafters

**First and third Monday of the month, December 4, 18, February 5, 19, 3:30-5 pm** Do you like to share techniques, ideas and suggestions? All levels of expertise and all ages welcome.

## Early Bird Movie Matinee

**Mondays, December 18, January 22, February 12, 10:30 am** Enjoy a fun family-friendly movie on the big screen!

## Getting Started with Family History

**Thursday, January 18, 10:30 am**

A staff member from our spectacular Special Collections division will give an introduction to genealogy for new family historians. This class includes an overview of genealogical sources available at the library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research.

## Retro Video Game Night

**Tuesday, February 27, 6 pm** Want to relive the awesome memories of playing the addictive video games from your childhood? Here's your chance! Join us and play games from Atari, Nintendo, Super Nintendo and others while learning some fun facts about these beloved classics.

## Coffee & Coloring

**Wednesdays, December 6, January 3, February 7, 1 pm** Stop the world and embrace your inner child! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and help promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as coloring utensils and refreshments will be provided.

## Memory Cafe: An Early Stage Memory Loss Program

**Wednesdays, December 13, January 31, February 28, 1 pm** The Alzheimer's Association Greater East Ohio Area Chapter and the Akron-Summit County Public Library are partnering to offer a social engagement program for those experiencing memory loss. Memory Café focuses on having fun and learning about different entertaining topics each month. Each month we have an engaging and interesting presentation followed by time for coffee and socialization. Upcoming topics include a holiday celebration, Akron's Marble History and more! Advance registration is requested. To register, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900 or [geoachl@alz.org](mailto:geoachl@alz.org).

### **Computer Classes**

Please note: programs in this series are demonstrations and not hands-on computer classes.

#### **Google Drive**

**Tuesday, January 9, 1 pm** Learn about Google Drive - Google's free cloud service. With a free Google account, you can use Google Docs (similar to MS Word), Google Sheets (similar to MS Excel), etc. totally free. You can create docs, share with others, and do collaborative editing on the web. You can save photos and files up to 15GB free.

#### **Introduction to Pinterest**

**Tuesday, January 16, 1 pm**

Pinterest is a free website that requires registration to use. Users can upload, save, sort, and manage images—known as pins—and other media content (e.g., videos and images) through collections known as pinboards. Users can browse the content of others on the main page. Users can then save individual pins to one of their own boards using the “Pin It” button, with Pinboards typically organized by a central topic or theme. Users can personalize their experience with Pinterest by pinning items, creating boards, and interacting with other members.

#### **Cord Cutting: Or How to Turn Your “Dumb” TV Into a Smart TV**

**Tuesday, January 23, 1 pm**

Cord cutting refers to canceling traditional cable subscriptions and opting for streaming options instead. Learn about what those streaming options are and how to cut the cord.

#### **Free Photo Editing Tools**

**Tuesday, January 30, 1 pm**

There are some excellent photo editing tools out there. Watch a demonstration of some free photo editing recommendations.

#### **FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888**

**3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333**

#### **The Holly and the Ivy: Christmas Customs and Traditions**

**Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm**

Ever wonder why we kiss under the mistletoe? What do holly, ivy and evergreen trees have to do with Christmas? Who thought up Santa Claus? How did drinking, eating and partying become a big part of Christmas celebrations? You'll find the answers to these questions and more in this presentation. Actor/

storyteller Sara Showman will take you on a journey that begins before the birth of Christ, when pagan nature worshipers planted the seeds of what would become beloved Christmas customs. Along the way, you'll hear folk tales, religious stories, and mythology, as well as Christmas songs. It's a show that combines history, stories, and songs that will add a new dimension to your Christmas celebrations!

#### **Adult Play Day: Coloring and Coffee**

**Thursdays, December 14,**

**January 18, February 15, 1 pm**

Experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Coloring pages designed especially for adults, colored pencils, and refreshments will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Fairlawn-Bath Library.

#### **Anything Goes Book Discussion**

**Join us the second Monday of each month, 1 pm**

**December 11:** *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff

**January 8:** *The Art of Crash Landing* by Melissa DeCarlo

**February 12:** *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman

#### **Behind the Scenes with the Akron Symphony**

**Thursday, January 11, 6:30 pm**

Executive Director Paul Jarrett will share the inner workings of the Akron Symphony Orchestra, with specific focus on meaningful collaborations designed to address many of the social service needs of the community. Audience input and interaction is greatly encouraged.

#### **Identifying Your Family**

**Photographs: A Genealogy Program**

**Thursday, January 25, 6:30 pm**

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. This workshop will also take a look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs.

#### **An Introduction to Akron am Toastmasters**

**Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm**

Have you ever wished you could perfect your speaking skills? Have you ever wished you could present and negotiate better? Have you ever wondered what Toastmasters is all about? Join us to learn about Akron am Toastmasters!

#### **Computer Training**

**Monday, December 18, 10:30 am**

Basic Computer Skills

**Monday, December 18, 2 pm**

Windows 10

**Tuesday, December 19, 10:30 am**

File Management

**Tuesday, December 19, 2 pm**

Office Essentials

#### **FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126**

**1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301**

#### **Computer Training**

**Monday, January 8, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Part 1: Opening & Creating Workbooks

**Tuesday, January 9, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Part 2: Formatting & Modifying Workbooks

**Wednesday, January 10,**

**6-7:30 pm** MS Excel, Part 3: More On Formatting Cells & Worksheet Basics

**Friday, January 12, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Practical Application Project

**Tuesday, January 16, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Part 4: Introduction to Formulas & Excel Functions

**Wednesday, January 17,**

**6-7:30 pm** MS Excel, Part 5: Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists & More

**Thursday, January 18, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Part 6: Charts and Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets

**Friday, January 19, 2-3:30 pm**

MS Excel, Practical Application Project

#### **Busy Persons Book Club**

**Tuesdays, 2 pm** This book club will meet every 6 weeks at A Walk in the Park Café (no food or beverage purchase necessary) located across the street from the Firestone Park Branch Library. Stop in the library to pick up our next book.

**December 5** *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber

**January 23** *The Couple Next Door: A Novel* by Shari Lapena

#### **Firestone Park Book Club**

**Wednesday, February 28, 6 pm**

@ The Firestone Park Community Center. This book club is for everyone in the Firestone Park community who is 18 and older. Join your neighbors as we discuss: *Sundays at Tiffany's* by James Patterson

#### **Needle Crafting @ The Library**

**Second and fourth Monday evenings of the month,**

**December 11, January 8, 22,**

**February 12, 26, 6 pm** Enjoy

discussion and share current knitting and crochet projects.

#### **Keep Calm and Color On**

**Thursday afternoons,**

**December 7, January 4, February**

**1, 1 pm** Relax, reduce stress, and

leave feeling restored! Coloring books and supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials from home. This program is great for any skill level. Share in the fun!

#### **Open Gaming @ Firestone Park Community Center**

**Wednesday afternoons,**

**January 3, February 7, 12:30 pm**

Join friends and neighbors at the Firestone Park Community Center and enjoy games of all kinds. If you are looking to play cards or board games with someone, this program is for you.

#### **Medicare 101**

**Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 pm**

Join Ed Nowlan from Sherpa Insurance for an informative session that will provide insight into the various aspects of Medicare, including the basics, enrollment periods, prescriptions, and more.

#### **Watercolor Classes**

**Monday, December 18, 1 pm**

**Monday, January 29, 6 pm**

**Monday, February 19, 1 pm**

Explore techniques and compositions in a small, relaxing class. No drawing experience or artistic skill required. Please register for this program by calling us.

#### **Mosaic Vases @ Firestone Park Community Center**

**Wednesday, January 24, 12:30 pm**

Create a sparkly mosaic vase with friends and neighbors at the Firestone Park Community Center. Supplies will be provided. Please register for this program by calling us.

### **February is Library Lovers Month**

Tell us why you love your library for a chance to win a gift card!

### **Ballroom Dancing**

**Tuesday, February 13, 6 pm** Join Coral Abel from Dance Abel Studios to learn basic ballroom dance moves. Perfect for a date night, this event is fun, easy and self-rewarding. Please register for this program by calling us.

### **Yoga Class**

**Wednesday, February 21, 6 pm** Join Lisa Meranti from OneTreeLove for an hour of yoga stretches and meditation. This class is for beginners, experienced yogis, and those interested in a gentle, mindful practice. Please wear comfortable clothing. Register for this program by calling us.

### **GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522**

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

### **Book Club to Go**

New books are available the first week of each month. No meetings, no deadlines, just some great reads! Discussion questions, read-alike lists, and author information are included with each book.

**December:** *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

**January:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

**February:** *A Novel Bookstore* by Laurence Cosse

### **Workshops & Programs**

#### **Geeks Who Game @ the Library**

#### **First Saturday of the Month,**

**December 2, January 6,**

**February 3, 10 am-4 pm** Tabletop gamers unite! Millennials, young professionals, and those who want to find games for your next get-together, let your inner geek out and join us to discover new, and revisit some favorite, tabletop games. Gamers are welcome to bring in their own games.

#### **Color It So**

**First Tuesday of each month,**

**December 5, January 2,**

**February 6, 12:30 pm** Join the craze that has grown-ups acting like kids again. Spend a relaxing time coloring with us. We'll provide coloring sheets designed specifically for adults, plus colored pencils, markers and crayons. Blank paper will be available to those who like to craft their own drawings.

### **The DIY Gift Giver 3**

**Tuesday, December 5, 6 pm** We're back for a third year with some new affordable gift-giving ideas. This class will include some hands-on gift-making projects and a few that are demo style. Class size is strictly limited to 15 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, November 21.

### **It's All About the Snow**

**Thursday, December 7, 12:30 pm**

Who says only kids can have fun in the winter? Adults are welcome to join us for a festive good time! We will have a snow-themed craft or two, games, puzzles, coloring sheets, seasonal music, cookies and cocoa. Program is limited to 30 adult participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, November 21.

### **Puzzle Pizzazz Time**

**Second Thursday of each month, December 14, January 11,**

**February 8, 12:30-2 pm** Do you like solving puzzles? If you like word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles, brain-teasers, logic puzzles, etc., then stop on in. We will have a variety of puzzles on hand, or feel free to bring your own. Refreshments will be served.

### **Scarf-Tying Class**

**Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 pm**

Join the ladies from Best Bib and Tucker for a fun night out at the library. With over 20 different ways to tie a scarf on the agenda, you're sure to learn something new. From oversized blanket scarves and infinity loops to simple rectangles and silk squares, we'll have a tie for each! Bring a scarf or two to practice with (we'll have a few available too). Class size is limited to 45 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, December 19.

### **Free Women's Self-Defense Class**

**Monday, January 22, 6 pm** Learn simple techniques that could save your life! This two-hour class is designed to offer women both verbal and physical techniques including: screaming; wrist breakaway; freeing oneself from a chokehold; escaping if pinned to the ground; and kicks and slaps. Sponsored by John Galonski, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, and Sherri Bevan Walsh, Summit County Prosecutor. Class size is limited to 40 adult participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, December 26.

### **What's Cookin' – Appetizers Even Guys Will Love**

**Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 pm** Join Tonya to sample and learn some great appetizer recipes that appeal to guys and gals alike. Class size is limited to 25 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, December 26.

### **The Underground Railroad in Ohio**

**Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 pm**

This program features stories about the Underground Railroad in the four corners and center of the state. It also highlights an Ohio connection to the passage of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Please register in advance

### **Memory Wire Bead Bracelet**

**Monday, February 12, 6 pm** Join

Leila Griffiths with Elkaysthings and create a unique beaded bracelet. Participants will take their new creation home in an elegant organza jewelry bag, so it's perfect as a gift, or to keep as your own. Class size is limited to 20 adult/teen (16 & over) participants. Registration begins on Tuesday, January 16..

### **GREEN – 330-896-9074**

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

### **Computer Training**

No registration is required; however, you must have a ticket to be admitted. 15 tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to class.

**Monday, December 4, 10:30 am** Excel 1

**Wednesday, December 6,**

**10:30 am** Excel 2

**Friday, December 8, 2 pm** Excel 3

**Saturday, December 9, 10:30 am**

Excel Practical Applications

**Monday, December 11,**

**6 pm** Excel 4

**Tuesday, December 12, 6 pm**

Excel 5

**Wednesday, December 13,**

**2 pm** Excel 6

**Thursday, December 14, 4 pm**

Excel Practical Applications

### **Medicare Basics - Are You Receiving All the Benefits You Are Entitled To?**

**Wednesdays, December 6,**

**January 17, February 21, 6:30 pm**

Presented by Donald Ebner from Sherpa Insurance. Do you understand your Medicare choices? Are you beginning the journey of those new to Medicare? When

are Enrollment Periods? Tips on managing your Medicare will be discussed. Everyone is unique--and so are your Medicare plans. Keeping costs down on prescriptions will also be discussed.

### **Writing Workshop: More Than Just the Facts. Making Nonfiction FUN!**

**Saturday, January 13, 2-3:30 pm**

Award-winning children's author, magazine editor, and science writer Conrad J. Storad provides his unique perspective on writing and presenting nonfiction material to students ages 5 to 12. The session is a beginner's guide for teachers, writers, and those who work with young writers and readers, both the enthusiastic and reluctant variety. The session offers tips for writers of all ages. It is NOT a session on how to get a book published. Attendees are requested to bring their own paper and writing utensils.

### **529 College Plans**

**Thursday, January 18, 6:30 pm**

Presented by Bob Ruggeri from Primerica. Please register in advance for this program.

### **Cord Cutting: Or How to Turn your "Dumb" TV into a Smart TV**

**Wednesday, January 31, 1 pm**

Cord cutting refers to canceling traditional cable subscriptions and opting for streaming options instead. Learn about what those streaming options are and how to cut the cord. Note: this is a demonstration and not a hands-on computer class.

### **Valentine Candy Centerpiece Craft**

**Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm**

Create a Valentine's Day Sundae Centerpiece using candy. All supplies provided. Please register in advance for this program.

### **Andre Knott**

**Saturday, February 3, 11 am** This radio and television personality will be on hand to talk sports.

### **Introduction to Pinterest**

**Wednesday, February 7, 1 pm**

Pinterest is a free website that requires registration to use. Users can save individual pins to one of their own boards using the "Pin It" button, with Pinboards typically organized by a central topic or theme. Users can personalize their experience with Pinterest by pinning items, creating boards, and interacting with other members. Note: this is a demonstration and not a hands-on computer class.

### **Long-Term Care Insurance**

**Thursday, February 8,**

**6:30 pm** Presented by Primerica representatives. Please register in advance for this program.

### **Google Drive**

**Monday, February 26, 10:30 am**

Learn about Google Drive - Google's free cloud service. With a free Google account, you can use Google Docs (similar to MS Word), Google Sheets (similar to MS Excel), etc. totally free. You can create docs, share with others, and do collaborative editing on the web. You can save photos and files up to 15GB free. Note: this is a demonstration and not a hands-on computer class.

### **Celebrity Baby Picture Challenge**

**February 26-March 3** Get ready for the Oscars by matching the celebrity to their baby picture.

### **Harriet Tubman, The Woman and Soldier of Freedom**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2 pm**

Jewell Jones, historian and ardent admirer of Harriet Tubman, has visited Tubman's home in Auburn, New York. Stories will be shared, along with photos taken by Jewell's husband when they made their visit.

### **Cookbook Club**

**Wednesdays, December 13,**

**January 10, February 14, 6:30 pm**

Love reading cookbooks and sampling recipes? Then join us each month as we pick a theme and prepare dishes to share. Check out our library display for each month's theme and cookbooks, or use your own recipes. Enjoy some good food, discussion and fun.

### **Book Discussions**

**Afternoon Book Discussion**

**Tuesdays, 1 pm**

**December 12:** *This Is Where I Leave You* by Jonathan Tropper

**January 9:** *The Readers of the Broken Wheel* Recommend by Katarina Bivald

**February 13:** Read a Presidential Biography of your choice

### **Evening Book Discussion**

**Wednesdays, 6 pm**

**January 17:** *A Piece of the World* by Christina Kline

**February 21:** *Eligible* by Curtis Sittenfeld

### **Classic Book and Film Discussion Dessert and Discussion for Teens and Adults**

**Tuesdays, 7 pm**

**December 19:** Choose a Favorite Christmas Classic

**January 16:** *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

**February 20:** *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

### **HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**

**807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303**

Please call or stop in to visit us and to register for all adult programs.

### **Valentine's Day Wreaths Program**

**Saturday, January 27, 1-3 pm**  
Make a beaded Valentine's Wreath for or with a special loved one. No experience necessary.

### **Relieve Stress with Adult Coloring**

**Wednesday, January 31,**

**11 am-12 pm** Listen to relaxing music and color with friends, family, or our community. All supplies are provided.

### **Heart Health Presentation**

**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-**

**7:30 pm** February is Heart Health Month. Learn how to live a healthier lifestyle, and improve your understanding of the risk factors of heart and stroke. Then find out how to administer hands-only CPR. This program is presented by the Summit County Go Red for Women Passion Committee.

### **Maximizing Social Security**

**Tuesday, February 27, 6:30-**

**7:30 pm** Please join us to discuss simple planning decisions you can make to get the most out of your Social Security benefits. This program is presented by Paul Bernier, an investment advisor representative for AXA Advisors, LLC

### **Computer Training**

**Monday, January 22, 2-3:30**

Word 1

**Tuesday, January 23, 2-3:30**

Word 2

**Wednesday, January 24, 2-3:30**

Word 3

**Thursday, January 25, 2-3:30**

Word 4

### **Book Discussion Group**

**Thursdays, 6:45-7:45 pm** New members are always welcome.

**December 21:** *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

**January 25:** *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty

**February 22:** *Crown of Dust* by Mary Volmer

### **KENMORE – 330-745-6126**

**969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314**

### **Book Club to Go**

Pick up new selections on the **second Monday of each month.**

No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information are included with each book.

**December 11:** *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote

**January 8:** *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie

**February 12:** *Sleeping Beauties* by Stephen and Owen King

### **Kenmore Craft Club**

**Mondays, 6 pm** Join us to make simple but lovely creations.

**December 11** Jeweled Christmas Cards

**January 8** Mini Easel Paintings

**February 12** Glass Bead Candle Holders

### **Macramé Bracelets**

**Saturday, December 16, 1 pm** Join

Cynthia Taylor to make a beautiful macramé bracelet for yourself or to give to someone special as a gift for the holidays. Space is limited, so please call to register.

### **Henna Tattoos**

**Saturday, January 20, 1 pm** Learn about the art of henna tattooing from Luna Hart and receive a tattoo of your choice! Space is limited so please call to register.

### **Glass Wave Mosaic**

**Saturday, February 17, 1 pm** Join

Leona Bowser from Don Drumm Studio to create a stunning glass-on-glass beach mosaic. Space is limited so please call to register.

### **MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**

**1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320**

### **The Akron African United Front Book Discussion Group**

**Every second and fourth**

**Thursday, 6 pm** The Akron African United Front book discussion group offers you the opportunity to share your opinions on how history affects our world views in today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history. Discuss important heartfelt issues with your peers.

### **Sistas Knit 2**

**Every Thursday, 6:30 pm** Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross stitch and more. All crafters are welcome.

### **DIY Holiday Craft: Christmas Wreath**

**Saturday, December 16, 2 pm**

Join us for a fun, simple and beautiful craft that you will make yourself. The library provides all the materials. Please call the branch to register.

### **Game Night Wednesdays at the Library**

**Every Wednesday in January,  
6 pm** If you're looking for something to do on a Wednesday night, join us at the library. Bring a friend or two or three and play board games that we know and love. All games are provided by the library. You are welcome to bring your own too! Please call the branch to register.

### **Author Visit and Book Signing Spend an Afternoon with Author Carmen Williams**

**Saturday, January 13, 2 pm** If you want to start the new year off right you must join us for a special visit with Carmen Williams author of *Fit Over It: Discovering Ways to Live and Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle*. Ms. Williams will help you discover ways to live and maintain a healthy lifestyle. You'll learn how to broaden your awareness to become successful. Ms. Williams provides strategies to help you win the battle. She'll explain ways for you to envision purpose and clarity to your life. Please call the branch to register.

### Let's Talk about It Book Discussion

**Saturday, January 20, 2 pm**

*High Performance Habits: How Extraordinary People Become that Way* by Brendon Burchard

We welcome you to a lively and engaging book discussion. After extensive original research and a decade as the world's highest-paid performance coach, Brendon Burchard finally reveals the most effective habits for reaching long-term success. Based on one of the largest surveys ever conducted on high performers, it turns out that just six habits move the needle the most in helping you succeed. Adopt these six habits, and you win. Neglect them, and life is a never-ending struggle. (Amazon) Please call the branch to register.

**Saturday, February 17, 2 pm**

*JUMP: Take the Leap of Faith to Achieve Your Life of Abundance* by Steve Harvey

Jump explores seven vulnerable "seasons" in the Emmy Award-winning life: being homeless and living out of his car, flunking out of college, enduring the emotional turmoil of a second failed marriage, risking stability to pursue his dream of television stardom, overcoming the Miss Universe mishap, blending his family, and owing the Internal Revenue Service \$20 million. Steve uses these uncomfortable moments to explain his core principles and teach you what it means to JUMP. (Amazon)

### Movie Nights at the library

**Wednesdays, 6 pm**

**February 7** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* starring Oprah Winfrey

**February 21** *Marshall* starring Chadwick Boseman

### MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260

### Rock & Roll Bingo

**Thursday, February 1, 6 pm**

Unleash your inner rock star and join us for a fun night of music and prizes. Rock & Roll Bingo is similar to a standard game, but instead of numbers on the board, the spots will be filled with the names of classic Rock favorites. Sing-along, enjoy some light refreshments and hopefully take home a prize.

### Accordion Paper Wreaths

**Thursday, February 15, 6 pm**

Learn how to accordion-fold scrapbook paper into a colorful wreath in preparation for spring. Please register for this program by calling.

### Cookbook Club

**Thursdays, December 14,**

**January 25, February 22, 6 pm**

Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes or cooking techniques? Join fellow foodies for our Cookbook Club. You don't have to be a gourmet chef to participate. Each month we will get together to talk about a certain book, theme, or a celebrity chef. There will be food samples or activities at every meeting. A selection of cookbooks will be available for members to borrow. Browse our collection, try out some of the recipes, and join the group to discuss your successes and mishaps.

**December 14:** Holiday Food Gifts

**January 25:** Literary Recipes

**February 22:** Breads

### Investment Perspectives

**Tuesdays, January 16, February**

**20, 6:30 pm** Financial advisor

Vince Rosnack will be discussing timely market topics and potential solutions to help you stay on track. Registration is requested; please call.

### Reader's Choice Book Discussion

**Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**

**December 6:** *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

**January 3:** *The Christmas Mystery* by James Patterson

**February 7:** *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

### Past Times Book Club

**Wednesdays, January 17, 2 pm**

*House of Names* by Colm Toibin

### Mysterious Tuesdays

**Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 pm**

*Sugarplum Dead* by Carolyn Hart

### Warm Up Akron

**Tuesdays, December 12, 26,**

**January 9, 23, February 13, 27,**

**3:30-5 pm** Knit and crochet to help the needy! If you can make just one 7" or 9" rectangle you can help keep the needy in the Akron area warm. To date, this chapter has supplied over 8,000 afghans.

### NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

### Adult Speaker and Demonstration Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs:

### The Holly and the Ivy: Christmas Customs and Traditions

**Thursday, December 14, 7 pm**

Ever wonder why we kiss under the mistletoe? What do holly, ivy, and evergreen trees have to do with Christmas? Who thought up Santa Claus? How did drinking, eating, and partying become a big part of Christmas celebrations? You'll find the answers to these questions and more in this presentation. Actor/storyteller Sara Showman will take you on a journey that explores beloved Christmas customs. Along the way, you'll hear folk tales, religious stories and mythology, as well as Christmas songs.

### Don't Share Your Jewels with Fools: Finding Your Creative Way While Keeping Your Spark

**Thursday, December 7, 7 pm**

We welcome back author Gary Ockunzzi, together with Dr. Neal May, and their discussion on dodging the pitfalls of self-professed experts; ways to avoid being ripped off; how to stick to your goals; how to keep your creative or artistic hopes and inspirations vibrant; and not cast away your confidence.

### Discover Jazz with Curtis Taylor

**Wednesday, December 20, 7 pm**

Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Curtis Taylor will discuss jazz music, the trumpet, and perform live as part of a jazz duo. Questions and audience participation is encouraged.

### "Books You Might Have Missed 2017"

**Tuesday, January 16, 7 pm** Sit back

with a hot beverage and a treat while we tell you about 60 titles, both fiction and nonfiction (don't worry – we give you a book list so you can mark the ones that sound interesting). Take an intriguing look at the year past, and find some new titles you may love!

### College Funding Workshop

**Tuesdays, January 23,**

**February 13, 6 pm** The cost of a college education has skyrocketed and, as a result, many parents feel

completely overwhelmed, with little to no guidance on how they can minimize the cost of college. College Funding Educators of America was formed to provide comprehensive education to parents so that they can maximize financial aid and understand various college funding strategies that will help reduce their family's out-of-pocket expenses.

### Medicare 101

**Wednesday, January 24, 6 pm**

Are you going to be eligible for Medicare this year? Then this FREE Medicare program is for you! Viktoria Jurkovic, a Community Liaison for the Ohio Department of Insurance's OSHIIP division, will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance. Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program representatives are trained by the state, and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies, or agents.

### 2018 Medicare Updates and Overview

**Wednesday, February 28, 6 pm**

Viktoria Jurkovic with the Ohio Department of Insurance's OSHIIP division will provide an overview of Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplement insurance. Whether you are new or currently on Medicare, attendees can learn more about recent Medicare plan changes and updates for the new year. Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program representatives are trained by the state, and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies, or agents.

### Adult Participation Programs

Registration is suggested (330-467-8595) for the following programs (unless noted):

### Crafters' Corner

**Saturdays, December 2,**

**January 6, February 3,**

**10 am-4 pm** Join your fellow crafters for daylong fun. Bring your own supplies. Join us for an hour or the entire day. No experience necessary – all crafts welcome!

### **DIY: Crafty Christmas**

**Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 pm**

We're back for our ninth season of fun and cheap gift giving ideas. Learn to create your own affordable holiday gifts on virtually any budget. For teens (8th grade and up) and adults. Class size is limited to 20 participants, so registration is required.

### **Holiday Yoga**

**Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm**

Find your peace and tranquility during the holiday season with this special yoga session taught by Diane Bielecki, who graduated from the Cleveland Clinic School of Yoga. Listen to holiday music as you stretch and meditate to soothe your stress away. Please dress in comfortable clothing and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that class may begin on time. This class is limited to twenty participants, and registration is strongly suggested.

### **Stitch Clique**

**Tuesdays, December 12,**

**January 9, February 13, 6-8 pm**

Grab your crocheting/knitting needles and yarn and stitch the evening away. Join us for crocheting/knitting tips, friendship, advice and more. Refreshments will be served.

### **Socrates Café**

**Wednesdays, December 13,**

**January 10, February 14, 6:30 pm**

A regular gathering of adults engaging in great conversation, exploring current events, thoughtful ideas, and reasoned debates. Take part, or just listen to the discussion! For all patrons 16 & over. No registration necessary – No homework – No assigned reading.

### **Nordonia Hills Game Time**

**Saturdays, December 16,**

**January 20, February 17, 10**

**am-5 pm** Meet and join in with players of various games including chess, board and Euro games, role-playing games, mah-jongg, war games, and regular and trading card games. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

### **Cooking Club**

**Tuesdays, December 19,**

**January 16, February 20, 7 pm**

An interactive group for discussing all things cooking, comparing recipes, and trying new eats. Third Tuesday of each month.

### **Adult Coloring Night**

**Tuesdays, December 26,**

**January 30, February 27, 6 pm**

Bring your own coloring book or choose from provided coloring pages and spend the evening relaxing and coloring with new friends. For adults and teens over the age of sixteen.

### **Wellness Yoga: Yoga Off the Mat**

**Wednesdays, January 3, 17,**

**February 7, 21, 6:30 pm**

Learn soothing stretches that you can incorporate into your daily life in this gentle yoga series with Diane Bielecki, who graduated from the Cleveland Clinic School of Yoga. No mat is needed – stretches are done standing or in a chair. Please dress in comfortable clothing and arrive 5-10 minutes early so that class may begin on time. This class is limited to twenty participants, and registration is strongly suggested.

### **Writers Guild of Nordonia Hills**

**Wednesdays, January 17,**

**February 21, 6:30 pm**

Writers wanted! New writers and old hands welcome, fiction, nonfiction, and everything in between. Have your work critiqued and give feedback to others in a fun and friendly environment. Please bring a sample of your work to share.

### **Book Discussions**

No registration necessary.

**Monday, December 11, 2 pm**

Monday Casual Reads. *A Baxter Family Christmas* by Karen Kingsbury.

**Thursday, December 14, 2 pm**

*Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler.

**Wednesday, December 27, 7 pm**

Mystery Book Discussion Group. *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley.

**Monday, January 8, 2 pm**

Monday Casual Reads. *Sweet Salt Air* by Barbara Delinsky.

**Thursday, January 11, 2 pm**

*American Gods* by Neil Gaiman.

**Wednesday, January 24, 7 pm**

Mystery Book Discussion Group. *Matchup* by Val McDermid.

**Thursday, February 8, 2 pm**

*Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance.

**Monday, February 12, 2 pm**

Monday Casual Reads. *Gone Missing* by Linda Castillo.

**Wednesday, February 28, 7 pm**

Mystery Book Discussion Group. *The Ex* by Alafair Burke.

### **NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423**

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

### **North Hill Needle Crafters**

**Mondays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 22, 29, February 5-26, 10:15 am**

If you love to knit, crochet, and help others, this is the group for you. Are you new to crafting? We will be glad to get you started. If you have yarn or supplies to donate, we will put them to good use!

### **Evening Book Discussion**

**Mondays, 6:30 pm** Books will be available to check out at our service desk one month prior to the discussion. New members are always welcome!

**January 8:** *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

**February 5:** *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray

### **Gentle Yoga with Nia**

**Mondays, December 11,**

**January 22, February 5, 19,**

**6:30 pm** Help maintain a healthy lifestyle through the holidays and start your year off right with these free yoga classes. Be led in warm-up stretches and breathing exercises, move through yoga poses with the help of a chair, end sessions with nature sounds and music. Please bring a yoga mat or a beach towel and a water bottle. New members are always welcome!

### **Introduction to Meditation – New at North Hill**

**Mondays, January 29,**

**February 12, 26, March 19,**

**6:30 pm** Too much stress in life?

Want to spend a little quality time with yourself? Or just want to

learn how meditation can work for you? This 4-week "Introduction to Meditation" course offers an

opportunity to practice and discuss several popular forms of

meditation. We begin with a basic

breathing meditation and add other practices each week. No previous

meditation experience is necessary and all practices are offered in a

non-religious manner -- all faith traditions (or none at all) are

welcome. The sessions will be led by members of the Center for Health,

Happiness, and Chan, a local non-religious, non-profit organization.

### **Project Learn ESOL/GED Classes**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, December**

**5-14, January 9-February 15,**

**February 27-April 5, 5:30-8 pm**

These free, convenient, GED classes are designed for those for whom English is a second language. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact Project Learn at 330-434-9461 to arrange for testing and orientation.

### **First Time Home Buyers Workshop Presented by Courtney Gagnon**

**Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 pm**

Have you been checking out the online real estate listings, watching House Hunters, and dreaming of your first home? Feeling excited and nervous all at the same time? Wondering what you really need to do to get ready to obtain a mortgage and conduct a successful house hunt? Courtney Gagnon of Howard Hanna Realty will answer all those questions and more so you will feel confident you are ready to purchase your first home.

### **Computer Training**

**2-3:30 pm** These free, hands-on classes are available on a first come, first serve basis and are limited to 15 participants. We recommend arriving at least one-half hour early to get an entry ticket.

**Monday, January 29**-Basic

Computer Skills

**Tuesday, January 30**-Windows 10

**Wednesday, January 31**-File

Management

**Thursday, February 1**-Typing

**Monday, February 5**-Internet 1

**Tuesday, February 6**-Internet 2

**Wednesday, February 7**-Email 1

**Thursday, February 8**-Email 2

### **NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081**

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

Please call to register for these programs.

### **Christmas at Stan Hywet**

**Wednesday, December 13, 6 pm**

Join Julie Frey, Director of Museum Services and Curator at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, as she shows how the Seiberling Family celebrated Christmas during their time at the residence. Frey will also include behind-the-scenes photos of preparation for Stan Hywet's Deck the Hall program, a favorite Akron holiday tradition.



### Mindfulness

**Tuesday, January 23, 6 pm** Join Nancy Holland, E-RYT (Director, Blue Hen Yoga and Free Akron Yoga), for a comprehensive Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation. Participants can expect to learn the background and benefits of meditation and mindful living, basic meditation techniques, and tips, tools and resources to support a mindfulness meditation practice. This will be a seated lecture and practice, best suited for older teens and adults. No special equipment is necessary.

### Understanding Islam

**Tuesday, February 6, 6 pm** Ahmed Hussein, board member of Akron Masjid, which serves the diverse and growing community of Muslims & Non-Muslims in and around Akron, will explain the basic tenets of Islamic faith and address some popular cultural misconceptions about Islam.

### Mystery Book Discussion Group

#### Third Wednesday, 1 pm

**December 20:** *Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories* by P.D. James

**January 17:** *The Black Widow* by Daniel Silva

**February 21:** *Find Her* by Lisa Gardner

### Computer Training

**Monday, February 12, 10:30 am**

Internet 1

**Tuesday, February 13, 6 pm**

Internet 2

**Wednesday, February 14, 6 pm**

Google Drive 1

**Thursday, February 15, 6 pm**

Google Drive 2

### NORTON – 330-825-7800

3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

### Book Discussion

#### First Wednesday of each month, 1 pm

Join us for good books, conversation and light refreshments.

**December 6:** *Stars Over Sunset Boulevard* by Susan Meissner

**January 3:** *Still Life (Myst)* by Louise Penny

**February 7:** *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

### Author Talk: Bob Adamov

**Monday, December 4, 6 pm** Meet Norton alumnus and Put-in-Bay novelist Bob Adamov as he discusses his newest book, *Golden Torpedo*, and talks about his adventures in writing. Books from this award-winning mystery adventure author will be available for purchase and signing.

### Patron Appreciation Week

**December 11-16** Stop in and see what treats we have in store for you to enjoy as we celebrate you, the patron!

### Christmas Movie Matinee

**Friday, December 15, 1 pm** Join us for popcorn and the classic film WHITE CHRISTMAS!

### Coloring Fun

**Wednesdays, December 20, January 17, February 21, 11 am** Join us for a morning of coloring, relaxation, conversation and snacks. Coloring sheets, markers, colored pencils, music and snacks are provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies or use ours.

### Tarot Card

**Monday, January 8, 6 pm** See what the year has in store for you! Join William Richardson for an engaging night as he presents a short history of Tarot Cards, explains the anatomy of a Tarot deck, and offers brief readings to those interested.

### Man Hunt: The John Wilkes Booth Trail

**Monday, January 22, 6 pm** Paul Goebbel portrays a newspaper reporter for the New York Herald reporting in first person about the twelve-day chase for Booth.

### The Beatles in Cleveland: The Notorious 1964 & 1966 Concerts

**Monday, February 12, 6 pm** Relive the excitement of Beatlemania as John, Paul, George and Ringo visit Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles – and rock 'n' roll history. Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. The evening's highlights will include films of The Beatles riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Municipal Stadium in 1966. Books will be available for purchase and author signing at a special library discount price following the program.

### Human Trafficking

**Monday, February 26, 6 pm** Agent Patricia Csuhuta of the Ohio Department of Public Safety will be speaking on the problem of Human Trafficking and explaining what it is, where it is found, and how you can spot it.

### ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726

600Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

### Author Talk

**Monday, December 4, 6-7 pm** Join author Lord Marcus Von Nicholson as he talks about his debut novel, *Kingston and the Charming of Davistown*. Lord Marcus is a graduate of the University of Akron with a degree in English literature. He also worked as an English teacher while working on this novel. He currently has more titles in the works. After the book talk, copies of his book will be available for signing by the author.

### Kwanzaa Celebration

**Thursday, December 14, 4:30-6 pm** Set aside an evening for family to learn about the practices and history of Kwanzaa.

### Color Your World

**Wednesdays, December 13, January 17, February 21,**

**2 pm** Set aside an afternoon for adult coloring to relax and relieve stress. Drop in to do some coloring with provided sheets and coloring materials or bring your own materials to work with. Refreshments provided.

### Henna

**Monday, January 22, 6-7 pm** Join Lisa Hart as she does a henna body art design just for you. The art of henna (called mehndi in Hindi) has been practiced for over 5000 years in Pakistan, India, Africa and the Middle East. Maximum of 15 participants so register early.

### Holiday Card- Block Printing Program

**Monday, February 12, 6-7 pm** Join Claire Marks as we decorate holiday cards using the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE. Bring a favorite design or create one with us. Let's get printing.

### Computer Training

Computer classes are hands-on and last an hour and a half. They are on a first come basis. Limited tickets for each class will be handed out 30 minutes before the class is scheduled to begin.

**Monday, February 19, 10:30 am:** Basic Computer Skills

**Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 am:** Windows 10

**Wednesday, February 21, 6 pm:** File Management

**Thursday, February 22, 6 pm:**

Typing

**Monday, February 26, 10:30 am:**

Internet 1

**Tuesday, February 27, 10:30 am:**

Internet 2

**Wednesday, February 28, 6 pm:**

Email 1

**Thursday, March 1, 6 pm:**

Email 2

**PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**  
4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

### Craft Sampler

**Wednesdays, December 6, January 10, February 7, 1 pm**

We've got a little bit of this and a little bit of that...put your imagination to the test and see what take-home projects you can create with a wide variety of materials! Each month will feature a different theme to get you started. Please register in advance. All ages welcome.

### Puzzled at the Library

**Thursdays, December 7, January 4, February 1, 6-7:30 pm**

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Join us each month as we work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.

### A Different Kind of Book Club

**Mondays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 6:30 pm**

Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Are you looking for your next book to read and would like a recommendation from others? Join us as we eat, drink and share. No one has to read the same book. It's basically one big book report meeting and no books are off-limits. Classics, Self-Help, Biographies, Cozy Mysteries, Travel, Sci-Fi, anything goes!

### Mystery Book Discussion

**Thursdays, 6:30 pm**

**December 28:** No formal discussion tonight. Stop in anytime between 6-7 pm and pick up your selection for January's discussion. Complete the short questionnaire for a chance to win a library prize bag.

**January 25:** We are traveling to South America, South Africa and Southeast Asia as all three mysteries take place abroad this month. Read one, read all, your choice. *A Head in Cambodia: A Jenna Murphy Mystery* by Nancy Tingley; *Death on the Patagonian Express* by Hy Conrad; *Recipes for Love and Murder* by Sally Andrew

**February 22:** February is the month of love and romance, but what happens when the man you love is also living a secret life? Tales of deception, lies and, of course, murder ensue. *I Love You More* by Jennifer Murphy; *The Marriage Lie* by Kimberly Belle; *Secrets You Keep* by Kate White

**Saturday Morning Craft Club  
Ohio Tote Bag-January 20,  
10:30 am**

Using material provided, cut out the shape of Ohio and customize your own small tote bag to show off your Ohio pride. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

**3D Magazine Heart-February 24,  
10:30 am**

Fold and cut an old magazine into a unique 3D heart shape. Attach to a canvas for a wall hanging or add decorative ribbon for an ornament. Class size is limited. Please register in advance. Ages 16 and up preferred.

**Mystery Experience**

**Saturday, January 20, 1-4 pm**

We've received a mysterious package in the mail with a compelling mystery inside. Using objects, clues, puzzles and the power of observation we must make sense of what is in front of us. Working in teams, put your deduction skills to the test. Part story, part game, all interactive-join us for an afternoon of fun! Bring a snack to share if you wish. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

**Friends of the Portage Lakes  
Branch Library Present: Pitcairn  
Island**

**Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm** The Friends of Portage Lakes Library will hold their annual election of officers and a brief meeting at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and asked to bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Mel Vye will begin his presentation on Pitcairn Island, the site of the Mutiny on the Bounty, at 6:30 pm. Mel Vye is a Professor Emeritus of Electronic Engineering Technology at The University of Akron. A world traveler, he has visited over 90 countries on all seven continents.

**A Celebration of Animation: The  
100 Greatest Cartoon Characters  
in Television History**

**Saturday, February 24, 2 pm**

The only author to ever rank the greatest cartoon characters of all time hosts this fun presentation! Marty Gitlin will entertain you with cartoon snippets while discussing such legends as Bugs Bunny, Homer Simpson and SpongeBob SquarePants. He provides insight into the characters from a historical context, tests your cartoon trivia, and explains the criteria he used to rank the best of the best. Copies of *A Celebration of Animation* will be available for purchase and author signings.

**RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343**

**3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286**

**Speakers/Presenters**

**Christmas at Stan Hywet Hall &  
Gardens**

**Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm**

Join us for a behind the scenes tour of Akron's iconic estate. Julie Fry, Stan Hywet's Director of Museum Services and Curator, will show how the property will be illuminated inside and out with over 850,000 lights, and how the historic Manor House will be decorated. This year's theme is Postcards from the Past.

**The Elusive Jim Kirby**

**Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 pm**

Join local historian Lynn Richardson for a presentation about the founder of Kirby's Mill. Mr. Kirby was a whimsical genius and famous inventor who did more than anyone else to shape the land now known as Richfield Heritage Preserve. But during his lifetime he kept a low profile and left few personal records. Here is as much of his story as we know to date and the story of how we tracked his elusive footprints through history. Presented by The Friends of Crowell-Hilaka.

**Author's Presentation: "A  
Celebration of Animation"**

**Saturday, January 27, 2 pm**

Author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin will bring his book to life at the library. His new offering is the first to rank in book form the funniest, coolest and most influential cartoon characters ever to appear on the small screen. Join us as Marty shares his love of classic animation.

**TechZone Tour**

**Saturday, February 20, 12 pm**

Join Brett Neff, Manager of Electronic Services at ASCPL, as he takes you on a tour of the library's TechZone@Main. The TechZone has many cool and exciting gadgets from a 3D printer to a laser engraver available to the public at minimal charges. Need a vinyl banner for your next outing – we can do it! Need to convert your old VHS tapes or cassettes to digital – we'll show you how.

**Retirement Seminar**

**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm**

Join us as Paul Bernier, Retirement Planning Specialist, presents "Don't Worry, Retire Happy-7 Steps to Retirement Security." He will share practical tips to reduce worries about retirement planning and give the attendees the confidence to retire happily ever after.

**Participation Programs**

**Family History First Thursdays**

**December 7, January 4,**

**February 1, 6 pm** Local genealogist and Richfield resident Rhonda Abrams will help anyone interested in discovering their past. Free access to Ancestry.com at the Library.

**Book Discussions**

**First Wednesday, 2 pm**

Join our group for a lively discussion of these titles. Extra copies of the book are available at the front desk

**December 6:** *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton

**January 3:** *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

**February 7:** *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

**Richfield Mysteries, An On-Your-Own Book Club**

Stop by the front desk and pick up this month's title. No Pressure – No Discussion. Just read, enjoy, and tell us how you liked it. Titles are available the last week of prior month.

**December:** *Blue Monday*

by Nicci French

**January:** *A Brilliant Death*

by Robin Yocum

**February:** *The Bookman's Tale*

by Charlie Lovett

**Friday Classic Movie Matinee**

**Second Friday, 3 pm**

**December 8:** The Searchers with John Wayne and Jeffrey Hunter

**January 12:** The Graduate with Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft

**February 9:** Rear Window with James Stewart and Grace Kelly

**Craft Program Series**

**Second Thursday, 6 pm** Join the Richfield Crafters. There is limited space for these programs so please register at the front desk.

**December 14:** Christmas Candles

**January 11:** Winter Crafts

**February 8:** Valentine Crafts

**TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**

**90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278**

**Computer Mini-Clinics**

**Tuesdays, December 5, January 2,**

**February 6, 5 pm** Stop by and we'll

try to help you with your computer questions. Registration requested.

**Sedona Bracelets**

**Friday, December 15, 2 pm** Join

Jennie Thewlis and make Sedona bracelets to keep or give away as Christmas presents. Please register ahead of time.

**Andrew Johnson &  
Reconstruction, 1865-1869**

**Tuesday, January 16, 6 pm** Mike

Kovacevich tells the story of the turbulent presidency of Andrew Johnson. After he dismissed his Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, he was impeached in 1868 and tried by the Senate.

**College Planning Workshop**

**Wednesday, January 17, 6 pm**

**Tuesday, February 6, 6 pm** Parents,

learn how to choose schools offering the best financial aid, why an expensive private college can actually cost less out of pocket than a state college, and how families can save for college without being penalized on their financial aid.

**John Brown's America**

**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm**

John Brown's America traces John Brown and America's journey to Harper's Ferry. Many people do not understand the man and his time.

**Book Discussions**

**Mondays, 2 pm**

**December 11** *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

**January 8** *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

**February 12** *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain

**Knit & Crochet Club**

**Thursdays, December 7,**

**January 4, February 1, 3 pm** Do

you love to knit or crochet? Want to learn? Join us for the sharing of ideas and instruction. Basic supplies provided to get you started.

### Computer Training

Attendance will be based on a numbering system with 15 tickets being distributed outside the classroom 30 minutes prior to class start.

**Tuesday, January 2, 2 pm**

Basic Computer Skills

**Wednesday, January 3, 2 pm**

Windows 10

**Thursday, January 4, 2 pm**

File Management

**Thursday, January 4, 6 pm**

Typing

## TEEN BRANCH PROGRAMS

### ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

#### Afterschool Crowd

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and**

**Thursdays, 3:45 pm** Grades 6-12.

No programs when Akron Public Schools are closed. Gaming, crafts, books, music, and more.

#### Hyre CLC Book Discussion Group

Grades 6-8. Meetings held once a month during lunch period. Contact Hyre CLC librarian Barb Nicholson for a pass to attend.

#### Anime Afternoon

**Saturdays, December 16,**

**January 20, February 17, 2 pm**

Grades 6-12. Anime, crafts, and snacks.

#### Practice ACT Exam

**Saturday, February 17, 10 am**

Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. This practice test will last at least three hours. Please register in advance.

### FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

**Mondays, 6 pm** unless noted.

Grades 4-12. Please call or stop by the library to register.

#### “Iron Chef”: Cookie Decorating

**December 4** Show off your artistic icing skills in this epic cookie battle. All entries will be photographed and the winner picked by popular vote. Join us for competition and cookies!

#### Game Night

**January 8** Take a study break to play card and board games with old friends and new at the library. Snacks provided for you to work on your strategy, learn a new card game, or share trivia for knowledge and laughs.

### Chinese New Year Celebration

**February 5** Greet the Year of the Dog at the library with Chinese food samples, paper lantern making and a chopstick challenge competition.

#### ACT Practice Exam

**Monday, February 19, 1 pm** Want

to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. Register today for a practice test to see how you might score on the big day! Afterwards, you will receive personalized evaluation of your performance along with suggestions on ways you can improve your score.

#### Teen Advisory Board Meetings

**Mondays, January 22,**

**February 26, 5 pm** Grades 6-12.

Whether you want to work on cool projects or just need volunteer hours for school, the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be. Help plan Fairlawn-Bath Teen programs and decorate the Teen Area. It looks great on a resume too.

### FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

#### Young Writer’s Workshop

**Thursdays, January 18,**

**February 22, 3:30 pm** Grades 4-8.

Our certified teacher librarian will give simple writing strategies for young writers, and provide prompts for responses.

#### Madden Madness Super Bowl

##### Gaming

**Monday, January 29, 3:30 pm**

Grades 4 and up. Super Bowl fun and munchies.

#### InbeTWEEN Book Club

**Monday, February 5, 3:30 pm**

Grades 4 and up. *Patina* by Jason Reynolds.

### GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

#### Teen/Tween Advisory Board

**Third Tuesday of each month,**

**December 19, January 16,**

**February 20, 4:30-6 pm** Join our

new advisory board just for teens and tweens, ages 9-18. At our first session, teens and tweens will meet together, then we'll split into groups and brainstorm ideas. Make your voice heard! Refreshments will be served.

### Tween Scene

**Second Thursday of each month,**

**4 pm** For ages 9-13. Registration is requested for each date.

#### Lounge – December 14

Winter break is here, finally! Almost...

Hang out, sit by the fireplace, read, listen to music, play a game, chat with friends...you get the idea.

Refreshments will be served.

#### FunTech Lab – January 11

Explore and discover what you can do with Ozobots, Minecraft, MiPs, and Virtual Reality.

#### Game Day – February 8

Are you waiting on warmer weather so you can play outdoor sports?

Join us and play outdoor sports designed to be played indoors.

We will also play some fun indoor games. Refreshments will be served.

#### YA Café

**Second Saturday of each month,**

**2 pm** For ages 14-18. Registration

is requested for each date.

Refreshments will be served.

#### Mini-Movie Marathon –

**December 9**

Watch seasonal movies, while enjoying snacks and socializing with friends. Watch one, or watch them all.

#### Microwave Mug Meals –

**January 13**

Microwaves aren't just for popcorn and mugs aren't just for coffee and tea! Learn how to make quick and tasty meals in a mug.

#### Teen Talk – February 10

School? Friendships? Careers? Life? Join us for an informal talk about current topics from a teen's perspective. Share your thoughts.

### GREEN – 330-896-9074

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

#### Teen DIY2Go: Christmas Tree

##### Ornaments

**December 11-16** Pickup a craft packet to create your own custom ornament on the go. .

#### Teen Lucky 13 Drawing

**January 2-13** For grades 6-12. 2018 could be your lucky year! Tell us what you are most looking forward to this year and enter to win a prize. Prizes will be drawn on Monday, January 15.

#### Teen DIY2Go: Chocolate Pretzel

##### Bark

**February 5-10** Make something sweet for your sweetheart or yourself. Pick up a packet with supplies and instructions to make at home.

### Teen Writers Club

**Tuesdays, December 5, January 2,**

**February 6, 6:30 pm** We eat junk food and talk writing. No stress, just support and sharing the writing experience.

### HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

#### Photo Frames Gift Craft

**Friday, December 15, 3-4 pm**

Looking for a great gift idea for parents, grandparents, or others? They'll love your smiling face in a handmade frame.

#### Gift Boxes

**All through December**-Be it for holidays, or just general containment needs, everybody can use a cool box. Explore a variety of cool shapes and designs to make your own.

#### Know Your Snow

**January 1-15** Check out weather charts and histories to predict how much snow Akron will get in January. The closest prediction wins an awesome prize basket.

#### DIY Tattoos

**Friday, February 9, 3-4 pm**

Getting a tattoo in celebration of your crush for Valentine's Day is a terrible idea. But a temporary tattoo? Significantly less so. Use transfer paper to design and create your very own temporary tattoo.

#### Magnetic Bookmarks

**All through February**-Sick and tired of slippery bookmarks losing your place? Step up your game with a magnetic bookmark.

### KENMORE – 330-745-6126

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

#### Chess Club

**Mondays, December 4, 11, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, 26, 3:30 pm** For grades 5-12. Test your skill at Chess and Checkers! Sets for both are provided or you can bring your own.

#### Wii U Gaming Thursdays

**Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 4 pm** For school age kids. Hang out with your friends and test your gaming skills!

#### TV (An Advisory Board)

**Wednesday, January 31, 4 pm**

For grades 6-12. At our quarterly meeting, we will brainstorm and talk about ideas for future programs while creating a snack on which to nosh!

### Teen Tuesday Programs

**Tuesdays, 4 pm** For grades 6-12  
**Paint Fantastic: Part 1**  
**December 5** We will be working on the completion of the new Teen sign for our Teen area and there will be other creative painting ideas to explore!

### Paint Fantastic: Part 2

**December 19** Bring your friends and create a fun work of art using paints and other mediums!

### Paper Quilling (Beginning)

**January 9** Are you looking for something interesting to learn? Learn to make beautiful images using bright paper curls!

### Dripped and Dipped Pretzel Creations

**January 23** Join us for an hour of yummy creative fun! We will be candy coating pretzel rods in all sorts and shades of chocolate. Yes, I said chocolate!

### Anti-Valentine's Day Party

**February 13** Join us for some satirical humor as we poke a little fun at Cupid! Snacks will be provided.

### Teen Book and Media Share with Cupcake Creations

**February 27** Share something you read lately or talk about an app, game or YouTube video that you have seen and then create a cupcake to eat!

### MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721

1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320

### Tuesdays, 3:30 pm

#### Movie Matinee

**December 5** Wonder Woman (PG-13) (141 MIN)

**January 16** Spider-Man:

Homecoming(PG-13) (133 MIN)

### Mason Jar Art (NatureConnect)

**December 12** Create a holiday craft with a mason jar. Registration is requested for this program. Space is limited.

### The Book Was Better

**January 9** Check out our collection of YA books and movie adaptations and discuss upcoming books and movies. Snacks and beverages provided.

### Super Bowl Party

**January 30** Play Madden with your friends! Registration is requested for this program. Space is limited.

### Cookies, Crafts, and a Movie

**February 13** Celebrate Valentine's Day with cookies, crafts, and a movie (movie TBA).

### Practice ACT

**Saturday, February 17, 9:15 am**

Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. Please plan on this program lasting at least three hours. Registration is requested at least a week in advance.

### Drop in Fun

#### New Year's Eve Extravaganza

**Friday, December 29** Make crafts, get a snack and sparkling cider, and get ready to ring in 2018! Ask for supplies at the front desk.

### Emoji Madness

**January 22-27** Stop by the front desk to make various emoji-themed do-it-yourself projects this week.

### Library Lovers' Month

**February** is Library Lovers' Month. Participate in contests and giveaways all month long and you could be a winner!

### MOGADORE – 330-628-9228

144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260  
Grades 6-12.

### Teen Lounge

**Tuesdays, December 5, 19, January 16, February 6, 20, 2:30-4 pm** Stop in to spend time with your friends, enjoy snacks, try new activities, and play video games, in a place that is just for teens.

### Euchre 101

**Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 pm** Learn how to play euchre, a basic skill everyone planning on attending college should know for your downtime. We will go over the basics, play a few hands, and get the hang of the game. Registration requested.

### Euchre Tournament

**Wednesday, February 21, 3:30 pm** Use your newly acquired skill to compete against your friends. Prizes will be awarded. To be eligible to compete in the tournament you need to attend the Euchre 101 program.

### NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595

9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067

### ACT Practice Test

**Saturday, January 6, 11 am** Join us for a free practice test Sylvan Learning Center is offering to prepare you for the real test. Please bring your own calculator, and be sure to register by January 4, spaces are limited.

### Teen Mini Makerspace

**One Tuesday a month, 6:30 pm** For students in grade 5 and up. We will get together and create using a different medium each time.

**December 19**-Create an ornament using multiple mediums.

**January 30**-We are making ice

candles.

**Monday, February 26**-Try your hand at decoupage while we make book cover coasters.

### Cookies and Conversation

#### Wednesdays, December 13,

**January 10, February 14, 3:30 pm**

Meet to talk about what's going on in your life, town or the world. We'll discuss philosophy, current events or whatever is on the groups mind. And don't forget we'll have cookies! All ages welcome.

### Teens Do Something

#### Saturdays, December 9,

**January 13, February 10,**

**11 am-1 pm** Need volunteer Hours?

Join us one Saturday a month from 11 am until 1 pm, drop in any time. We'll be making a library decoration, cookies for the sheriff's office and cleaning library books and shelves. Any questions please ask Miss Sue.

### NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

### Indoor Corn Hole Tournament

**Thursday, January 18, 3:30-**

**4:30 pm** Getting cabin fever? Test

your Corn Hole abilities in our indoor Corn Hole tournament! Join us yourself or with a buddy! Individual or team tournaments will be held. Grades 4-12.

### Chocolate Fest

**Thursday, February 15, 3:30-**

**4:30 pm** Satisfy your chocolate cravings as we make chocolate suckers and snack on chocolate covered goodies! Try your hand at some chocolate trivia for a chance to win a prize.

### NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313

### ACT Practice Test

**Saturday, December 2, 11**

**am-3 pm** Take a practice test under realistic testing conditions, get a feel for the endurance you'll need and receive score reports highlighting your strengths and weaknesses. Register for this free test through Princeton Review.

### Tuesday Afterschool Hangout

**Tuesday, December 12, 3:30 pm**

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow! Chill at the library, make snow themed crafts and enjoy hot chocolate.

### Marshmallow Sculpture Challenge

**Tuesday, January 16, 3:30 pm**

Compete with other teams to build the best sculpture using marshmallows and toothpicks!

### Ready, Set, Game!

**Tuesday, February 13, 3:30 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of playing video games and board games. Snacks will be included.

### Teen Career Snapshots

**Wednesdays, 4 pm** Think you know what people do at their jobs based on their job title? Maybe, maybe not! Learn more about careers through visits by different professionals throughout this winter session.

**January 10:** Akron Fire Department

**January 17:** NASA

**February 7:** Summit County Metro Parks

**February 21:** Akron Police Department Forensics

### NORTON – 330-825-7800

3930 S. Cleve.-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

### Volunteer

**Tuesdays, December 5, January 9,**

**February 6, 4 pm** Do you like to help others? Do you need to earn volunteer hours for graduation, church or another organization? Become a Volunteer! Any interested teen or tween can help us help others by participating in meaningful, short term projects at the Library that will benefit the greater community.

### DIY Present Day

**Saturday, December 9, 2-4 pm**

Visit all of our stations including ornaments, jewelry-making, picture

frames and more to create some fun presents to give to others or to take home for yourself. Watch a holiday movie while you craft and enjoy festive snacks.

#### **NatureConnect for Teens and Tweens**

**Tuesdays, December 12, January 16, February 13, 4 pm** Join us as we explore and experience nature in a variety of interesting and engaging ways.

#### **Tween STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics)**

**Tuesdays, December 19, January 23, February 20, 4 pm** If you love tinkering and hanging out with your friends too, then this is the program for you! From robotics to science experiments, we'll spark your curiosity and show you learning is FUN!

#### **Teen Open Mic @ the Library**

**Thursdays, January 25, February 22, 6-7:30 pm** It's your time to shine at the Library! Recite a poem, short story, or song. Show off something you've been working on or share an old favorite. The sign-up sheet will be posted from Wednesday afternoon until Thursday 5:45 p.m. First-come, first-served.

#### **For the Love of Chocolate**

**Saturday, February 10, 2-4 pm** Enjoy some treats from the chocolate fountain while we watch Willy Wonka and play Hershey Kiss Bingo.

#### **ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726**

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

#### **Afterschool Book Club**

**Tuesdays, 3:30-5 pm** Join us afterschool to discuss the book for the month and enjoy a snack.

**December 12:** *Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi  
**January 30:** *One of Us is Lying* by Karen McManus

**February 27:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

#### **Youth Video Gaming**

**Tuesdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 3:30-4:30 pm** Cheer on your friends and enjoy time spent with others while taking turns playing video games with other students. Games played are rated T or below.

#### **Teen Life Hacks**

**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm** Want to learn some useful life skills? Join us to get some hands-on practice learning skills you can use for the rest of your life.

**January 9** How to knit a scarf without knitting needles

**February 6** How to apply for a job

#### **Wednesday Movie Madness**

**Each Wednesday, 3:30 pm** Join us each Wednesday after school for a different family friendly movie. Stop in or call 330-434-8726 to see which movie we will be playing that week.

#### **Kids Creative Space**

**Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm** Join us each Thursday after school for a chance to get creative, play games, and hang-out with your friends.

#### **Cupcake Wars**

**Tuesday, January 23, 3:30 pm** Compete against your friends to decorate creative cupcakes based on the mystery theme. We'll provide the supplies and the creation is left up to you! Please register in advance by calling 330-434-8726 or by stopping at the branch.

#### **Anti-Valentine's Day Celebration**

**Tuesday, February 13, 3:30-5 pm** Celebrate the holiday by bashing it! We'll be listening to cheesy love songs, making bling rings, duct tape roses, and trying out different love potions. We request that you register in advance by calling 330-434-8726 or by stopping at the branch.

#### **PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

#### **Teen Time-Holiday Edition**

##### **Holiday Crafting**

**Saturday, December 2, 10:30 am** Create a festive jelly jar craft perfect for holiday gift giving. Grades 5 and up.

##### **T.G.I.F. Tweens Great Informal Fridays**

**Select Fridays, 4:30-5:30 pm** Grades 3-6. Hang out snacking and chatting about your favorite reads. Books with each month's theme will be on display in the Children's area. Check out the featured books and bring your favorite book to share. Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

**December 29** My Weird School Series: Celebrate your favorite characters from the *My Weird School Series* by Dan Gutman. Enjoy snacks, games and other activities. Check out the book display in our Children's area to learn more about the kooky characters from this series.  
**January 26** Nancy Drew vs. Hardy Boys: Be a super sleuth for a day as we vote on who is the best detective: Nancy Drew or the Hardy Boys? Be ready to solve a few mysteries too.

**February 23** Captain Underpants and Ricky Ricotta books: It's a Captain Underpants Party! Did you see the movie? Now enjoy the rest of the book series or try the Mighty Robot books.

#### **Brain Games**

**Thursday, January 11, 6 pm** Is your New Year's Resolution to get fit this year? Exercise your brain! Explore the Library's free online training site, BrainHQ. BrainHQ has more than two dozen brain-training exercises available. Bring your favorite electronic device and your library card and get ready to play! A limited number of library laptops will be available for use.

#### **Free Test Prep**

**Thursday, February 8, 6 pm** Getting ready to take the ACT or SAT? Working toward your GED or Nursing Degree? With the use of your library card and your favorite electronic device learn about our free online services, Learning Express Library and Tutor.com. Access free practice tests and tutorial courses to help students and adult learners succeed on all types of academic and licensing tests.

#### **Teen Time**

**Select Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm** Grades 5 and up. Take a break from your busy schedule and spend some time chilling, crafting, and chatting about your favorite foods, books, movies and more. Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

**January 30** Wii Gaming Day: Work off your winter blues as we play Wii. Play the library's games or bring your own games to play. All Wii games must be T rated or lower.

**February 27** Spa Day: Chill out and pamper yourself! Learn how to make homemade face and foot scrubs to enjoy.

#### **Teen Scene**

Each month check out the new do-it-to-go craft or contest in the Teen Area. Easy to enter, easy to win!

#### **RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343**

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

#### **25 Days Until a New You Challenge**

**December 7-31** Pick up your Challenge Card in the Teen Area. Use the Dabber-dots to mark what you complete. Turn your card in (even if just a few are done) after January 1 for prizes.

#### **Pop Tart Travel Pillows**

**Saturday, December 30, 11 am** Make a soft, though non-edible travel pillow. All supplies provided. Please register for this program, space is limited.

#### **Golden Ticket Challenge**

**January 1-February 28** Ten Golden Tickets have been hidden in 10 random Teen Books. If you just so happen to find one AND check out the book, then you win a Golden Ticket Prize. Once a ticket has been found, it will be re-hidden.

#### **Message Wall**

**February 1-28** Write a message and Take a Message. Surprise! Crowdsourcing happiness.

#### **Chalkboard Mug**

**Saturday, February 10, 11 am** Using chalkboard paint, give a gift (or keep for yourself) that you can customize mushy, lovey, messages. All supplies provided. Please register for this craft as supplies are limited, by calling 330-659-4343.

#### **TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345**

90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

#### **Vinyl on Trial**

**Tuesdays, December 12, January 9, 23, February 13, 27, 6 pm** Today's digital world has all of us searching for more. This could be the club for you. Take the time to enjoy full-length albums front to back, and share your thoughts with other vinyl addicts from the area. Bring an open mind and new suggestions for our next meeting. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Please register for this program by calling us at 330-633-4345.

### Tallmadge Tribe Book club

A book club for the busy family. No meetings, no deadlines, just good books! Pick up new selections each month. Discussion questions, read-alike lists and author information included with each book. Pick them up any time during the month listed.

**December-** *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare

**January-** *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

**February-** *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

### Test Your Knowledge

For anyone who's ever pulled their hair out trying to figure out life's real questions. Stop by and try your hand at our monthly quiz game and win a prize.

**December-** The holiday is almost here isn't it? Stop by our quiz table and find out your elf name by answering a few quick questions.

**January-** Swing by and take our Disney quiz this month, unless you are some sort of evil villain who hates prizes...but if you like winning something, drop by the front desk and show us how you did.

**February-** In a colorful world, we often overlook things. Can you overcome your craving for color and name these famous black and white logos?

### Escape from the Library

**Tuesday, January 30, 6 pm** Are you someone who enjoys a challenge? Join your friends and try your hand at our escape room. Hear the story, look for clues, and solve the puzzle. Can you make it out? Time will tell. Call to reserve your spot 330-633-4345.

## CHILDREN'S BRANCH PROGRAMS

### ELLET – 330-784-2019

2470 E. Market St., Akron, 44312

Help your child develop skills needed to read and write by talking, reading, singing and playing with your child! We do all of these things in Baby, Toddler, and Story Times. Your children will be up dancing, shaking, and wiggling many times during each program. The second half of each session is free play time where children can explore together and caregivers can enjoy conversation with other grown-ups.

### Baby Story Play Group

**Mondays, 6:30 pm**

**Tuesdays, 10:05 am**

**January 8-February 13** – No program January 15. For ages 6-24 months and their caregiver. Stories, songs, bounces, rhymes, and activities geared for babies followed by group playtime.

### Toddler Story Play Group

**Tuesdays, January 9-February 13,**

**11 am** For ages 2-3 years and their caregiver. Toddler appropriate books, songs, rhymes, and activities. Wiggly toddlers are welcome. Toddler time is followed by a simple craft and group playtime.

### Story Time Play Group

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am**

**Thursdays, 1 pm & 6:30 pm**

**January 10-February 15** For ages 2-6 years. Ms. Laurie will use books, flannel boards, puppets, props, and songs to engage children in stories. Your children will be active participants in Story Time. Each session will conclude with a craft and playtime.

### December Story Times

Join us for special winter themed story times in December.

### Story Time Play Group:

**Wednesday, December 6,**

**10:30 am**

**Baby Story Play Group: Tuesday,**

**December 12, 10:05 am**

**Toddler Story Play Group:**

**Tuesday, December 12, 11 am**

### Sensory Story Time

**Mondays, January 29,**

**February 26, 10:30-11:30 am**

This program offers educational, literacy and social opportunities for all ages with differing abilities, their siblings, parents/caregivers and their typically developing peers through the use of story, music and movement to engage the participants. Sensory Story Time includes a schedule board, a consistent program plan and sensory opportunities; such as, crafts, building and play.

### Holiday Open House

**Thursday, December 7, 5:30-**

**7:30 pm** Something for everyone!

Enjoy cookies, music, crafts and, of course, Santa will be here for a free photo for each family!

### December Snow Monster Hunt

Find the Bumble in a different place each day during the month of December and earn a small prize.

### Snowflake Scavenger Hunt

**December 26-January 6** Join the hunt anytime that the Ellet library is open during Winter Break. Find the snowflakes and complete the puzzle for a small prize. All completed puzzles will also be entered into a grand prize drawing for an Amazon gift card.

### Book Bundle Blizzard

All book bundles checked out in the month of January are worth an entry in a prize drawing.

### Lego Club

**Mondays, January 8, 22,**

**February 12, 26, 4-5 pm** Builders

ages 5-12 can join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday. We will provide the bricks and a challenge.

Completed works will be displayed in our showcase until the next meeting.

### Family Magic Show

**Friday, January 19, 1 pm** Enjoy a

day off of school with magnificent magic, hilarious audience participation and mentalism by The Alans Magic.

### Art Free for All

**Friday, February 16, 12-4 pm** Stop

in the library any time between 12 and 4 to let your crafting imagination run wild. We will have craft supplies of all sorts for you to experiment with and create a masterpiece.

### Paws for Reading

**Saturdays, December 30,**

**January 27, February 24, 12-1 pm**

For all ages. Snuggle up and read to a furry friend.

### Kids Book Club To Go

Grab a copy of the monthly selection to read at home with family and friends. Answer the discussion questions provided, try the suggested activities, and complete the reading or writing activity that can be returned for display in the library.

### FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333

### Family Programs

#### Family Star Wars Party

**Saturday, December 2, 1-3 pm** You do not have to travel to a galaxy far away to celebrate all things Star Wars. Join us for a special cosmic gathering that includes a costume contest, snacks and crafts. Keep your eyes out for intergalactic guests! This program is sponsored by the Friends of Fairlawn-Bath Library.

### Ballet Excel

**Saturday, January 6, 11 am**

Northeast Ohio's renown children's ballet company will make a special appearance at the library before their upcoming performance of the Magic Flute. Hear the story, meet the cast and learn a few ballet moves. This is a perfect introduction to ballet for young children and their families.

### Children's Programs

#### Tiny Tales Baby Time

**Mondays, January 8, 22, 29,**

**10:15 am** Registration begins Tuesday, December 18. Children ages 6-24 months with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Jessica for stories, rhymes, music, instruments and playtime. January 8th meeting will be an open playtime.

#### Toddler Story Time

**Mondays, January 8, 22, 29,**

**11:30 am** Registration begins Tuesday, December 18. For children ages 2-3 ½ years old with their favorite adult. We will enjoy stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, music, and a simple craft with Miss Jessica. January 8th meeting will be an open playtime.

#### Pre-K Story Time

**Wednesdays, January 3-31,**

**1 pm** Registration begins Monday, December 18. Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

#### Pre-K Nature Themed Story Time Yoga

**Wednesdays, February 7, 14,**

**1 pm** Registration begins Monday, December 18. Children age 3-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Tracy Rhinehart of OneTreeLove Yoga for stories, stretching and practicing mindfulness. Caregivers are welcome to participate. Space is limited. Yoga mats will be provided.

### Evening Story Time

**Wednesdays, January 3-31, 6 pm** Registration begins Monday, December 18. Children age 0-5 with an adult caregiver are welcome to join Miss Pam for stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

### Music Together Summit Holiday Sing-Along

**Tuesday, December 12, 10 am & 11 am** Registration is not required. Children ages 0-5 with their adult caregiver are welcome to join David Palomo of Music Together Summit for a holiday sing-along! There will be music, dancing and fun!

### NatureConnect Discovery Center During the months of December-February,

stop by our Discovery Center in the children's section for self-guided, hands-on activities where children can explore and learn about all things winter.

### School Age Programs

#### Lego Open Build

**Saturdays, January 13, February 10, 10:30-11:30 am** Bring your imagination and engineering skills. We will provide the Legos. For children kindergarten-4th grade.

#### Paws for Reading

**Saturdays, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, 10:30-11:30 am** Children of all ages can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. This is a great way for children to build their reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are welcome to join in on the fun. The doggie's human pal will read to the child.

#### Kids Create

**Saturdays, December 23, January 27, February 24** Make-it take-it Crafts the 4th Saturday each month. Pick up a craft all day while supplies last.

#### Grades 2-5

**Mondays, 6 pm** Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register.

#### Geometric Paintings

**December 11** DIY painting for the non-artist. Create a fabulous and colorful canvas to take home or gift to others.

#### Upcycled Art

**January 29** We'll empty the recycle bin to transform water bottles and old CDs into lava lamps and sun catchers.

### Crazy Chocolate Pretzels

**February 12** Turn pretzel sticks into delicious chocolate treats to enjoy and share.

### STEM with Sylvan Grades 1-4

**Friday, December 29, 12:30-2 pm** Sylvan of Fairlawn is excited to announce that this December, students in grades 1-4 will be able to register for a Sylvan STEM Class at Fairlawn-Bath Library over break! STEM@Sylvan offers students an exciting chance to learn hands on robotics, math, engineering, and science through a hands-on exploration from design to implementation and testing. Please call 330-666-4888 or stop by the library to register.

### FIRESTONE PARK – 330-724-2126

1486 Aster Ave., Akron, 44301

#### Family Programs

##### Playgroup

**Wednesdays, December 6, 20, 11 am** We provide an open space with toys and art activities for children 6 and under with their caregivers. Join the fun and meet new friends.

#### Holiday Open House featuring the Miller South Show Choir

**Saturday, December 9, 1:30 pm** Refreshments will follow performance.

#### PAWS for Reading

**Saturdays, December 16, January 13, February 10, 12 pm** Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal. Bring a book to read from home or read one of ours. Not reading yet? Our dog's human pal will read to you. Children of all ages are welcome.

#### Story Time

**Wednesdays, January 10-February 28, 11 am** Join us for stories, music, movement and fun! Each session will be followed by play time or a fun activity. Best for ages 2 to 6, with all ages welcome.

### School Age Programs

#### After School Fun Club

**Wednesdays, 3 pm** Grades K-5  
**December 6** Apptastic Afternoon  
**December 13** Board Games  
**December 20** No Fun Club  
**January 10** Puzzlemania  
**January 17** Snap Circuits  
**January 24** Bingo  
**January 31** Legos  
**February 7** Apptastic Afternoon  
**February 14** Zentangle

**February 21** Board Games

**February 28** Snap Circuits

### Afterschool Adventures

**Tuesdays, 4 pm** Grades K-5.  
**Registration requested**  
**December 5** Gingerbread Houses  
**December 19** Create a holiday gift  
**January 23** Art Lab - Create works of art based on the Akron Art Museum's current exhibit.  
**February 20** Steam Lab Candy Catapults

### Ninja Party

**Saturday, January 13, 11 am**  
Do you have what it takes to be a ninja? Find out by joining us for a fun morning of ninja-themed crafts, snacks, activities and fun! For ages 4 & up. Registration requested.

### GOODYEAR – 330-784-7522

60 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, 44305

#### Check-Out and Win @ the

#### Goodyear Branch Library

Visit the Goodyear Branch Library between December 1, 2017-February 28, 2018, and earn tickets for checking out items from our shelves. We will have one drawing each month. The contest is open to all ages. How the contest works: Checkout any 5 materials and receive 1 ticket. Checkout 6-10 items and receive 2 tickets. Checkout 11-15 items and receive 3 tickets. Checkout 16+ items and receive 5 tickets. Place your ticket with name and phone number in the drawing box for a chance to win that month's prize.

#### Stories, Crafts & Cookies

**Monday, December 11, 6-7:30 pm**  
It's cold outside, but not in here, so gather around for cocoa, cookies, craft and cheer! Join Wandering Aesthetics Storyteller Kyle Jozsa as he entertains children of ALL ages with sing-alongs and wintertime stories to warm your heart. Librarians, Ariel and June, will also have a festive hands-on craft available.

#### Stories and Play

**Thursdays, December 7-21, January 18-February 22, 10:15 am**  
Enjoy stories, movement, and song. Story time is early learning fun for young children to help develop the skills to succeed in school. Stay and play afterwards with toys and a chance for parents to chat. Play helps young children learn skills needed for reading and writing.

### Paws for Reading

**Mondays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 4 pm**  
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pals will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

### Blow Painting

**Wednesday, December 13, 6 pm** Create a unique art piece by dropping paint on your paper and blowing it through a straw. Registration appreciated.

### Kitchen Scientist

**Wednesday, January 17, 6 pm**  
Concoct some simple, fun experiments from everyday materials. Learn to think like a scientist with lots of hands-on, interactive, science fun with ideas to take home. Registration appreciated.

### Valentine Stories

**Wednesday, February 14, 6 pm**  
We will read some sweet stories about friendship, have some sweet treats, and make some heart crafts to share with your friends and family. Registration appreciated.

### Take it and Make it Saturdays

Stop in the library on the **first Saturday of the month**, pickup one of our simple kid's activity kits, make it here or take it home with you for a fun family activity! (While supplies last)

#### Foil Art - December 2

Create miniature artwork with foil and markers. Display it, turn it into a necklace, or give it as a gift.

#### Paper Bag Stem Challenge - January 6

Challenge yourself to build the tallest tower, or the strongest structure.

#### Science Challenge Bag - February 3

Can you pick up tissue paper with a balloon? What else can you pick up? Test your skill with this take-home kit.

#### On Your Own

Participate in these activities on your own at the library. Bring them to the desk for a small reward.

#### Polar Bear Hunt- December 4

Search around the children's areas to find all the polar bears.

**Popcorn and Salt – December 18**  
Check out the NatureConnect table for a salty science experiment.  
**Winter Tree Hunt – January 8**  
Find all the winter trees in the children's area.

**Growing Crystal Snowflakes – January 22**

Explore the science crystals with this experiment on the NatureConnect table.

**Matching Hearts – February 5**  
Find the pairs of matching hearts hidden around the children's area.

**Evergreens and Pine Cones – February 19**

Look at the various parts of trees on the NatureConnect table and observe the differences.

**GREEN – 330-896-9074**

4046 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, 44685

**Story Times**

**Baby Time**

**Tuesdays, January 9-March 13, 10:15 am** For babies 6-24 months and a caregiver. Babies will be introduced to hand rhymes, songs, movement activities, books and socialization skills. There will be NO story time on March 6.

**Toddler Time**

**Tuesdays, January 9-March 13, 11:30 am** For ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm & movement activities, and crafts. There will be NO story time on March 6.

**Family Story Time**

**Thursdays, January 11-March 15, 10:30 am** Children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythm & movement activities, crafts and play time. For all ages.

**Make Time for Play**

**Tuesdays, January 9, February 13, 6:30 pm** Make time to unwind with your kids. Bring them in for free play time. We will have a light box, blocks, music, tunnels, tubes and more. Explore and create together. There will be NO play time in December.

**Family Programs**

**Pokemon Club**

**Mondays, December 18, January 22, February 12, 6:30 pm** Calling all Pokemon enthusiasts ages 6 and up! Join fellow Pokemon fanatics to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or to show off your collection. This is a child led program. December 18 will be the Pokemon Holiday Party.

**Make and Take: Holiday Cookie Can November 27-December 2** Make a decorative can to give away cookies, or other holiday candy. All materials will be provided.

**Holiday Cookies and Crafts Saturday, December 9, 2 pm**

Celebrate the festive season with cookie decorating and ornament creating! We'll have snacks and holiday music. For all ages.

**Winter Wonderland Painting**

**Saturday, January 13, 10:30 am** Learn to do a step-by-step silhouette painting on canvas with Miss Brandie. For children 7 and up. Please register in advance

**Winter Luau**

**Saturday, February 24, 11 am** Dress in your luau garb and surf right past winter for a day! There will be island music, crafts, and snacks. All ages are welcome.

**HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**  
807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303

**Holiday Open House**

**Saturday, December 2, 11 am-3:30 pm**

**11 am-12 pm** Yummy Gingerbread Houses, for children and families. Design and build your own delicious gingerbread house using graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Registration is requested, and we can accommodate drop-ins while supplies last. Patrons with food allergy questions are asked to contact the branch prior to the event.

**12-12:30 pm** Visit with Santa's elf. Rumor has it the elf has candy canes and books, too!

**12-1 pm** Face Painting.

**12-1 pm** Share treats and beverages generously supplied by the Highland Square Branch Friends of the Library.

**12-2 pm** Enjoy seasonal harp music presented by The King Strings.

**2-3:30 pm** Wreath Making Workshop. Celebrate the holiday season by making a beautiful wreath. All supplies are provided. This program is for adults only. Registration is requested by calling or visiting us at the branch.

**Baby & Me**

**Mondays, December 4, 11, 18, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 am**

For babies and their grown-ups. Discover simple songs and exercises to do with your young learner to

give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. For possible messy play experiences.

**Story Time**

**Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 am**

Children and their grown-ups. Discover songs, books and movement activities with your young learner that will help her to learn to read and better understand her world.

**Book Buddies**

**Saturdays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 10-11 am** Drop-in with your child, and a teen will be here to read to him or her. Bring your child's favorite books or let your child choose from books we provide for you. Teens and Tweens, let us know if you want to be a Book Buddies volunteer.

**STEAM Scene**

**Tuesday, January 16, 4:30-6:30 pm** For children ages 4-10. Children will playfully explore, with the support of teen volunteers, materials that inspire science, technology, engineering, art, and/or mathematics. Teens, let us know if you want to be a STEAM Scene volunteer.

**KENMORE – 330-745-6126**

969 Kenmore Blvd., Akron, 44314

**Preschool Story Hour**

**Tuesdays, December 5-January 30, 11 am** Preschool kids age 2-5 years will enjoy stories, rhymes, music, crafts and a variety of other activities. Caregivers must remain throughout the program.

**Family Story Time**

**Saturdays, December 9, January 13, February 10, 11 am** Kids of all ages, with their caregiver, are welcome to join us for stories, songs, crafts, snacks and more!

**Family Movies**

**Tuesdays, December 12, January 16, February 20, 4 pm** Relax with a movie, popcorn and drinks! Bring the whole family and enjoy a night out.

**Library Lego League**

**Wednesdays, December 13, January 10, February 7, 4-5 pm** Feeling creative? Stop in to build a masterpiece with other Lego lovers! All ages welcome; caregiver assistance is appreciated for

younger designers. Legos and other building materials are provided.

**Family Game Nights**

**Mondays, December 18, January 22, February 19, 6 pm**

There's something for everyone at Family Game Night! We have board games, card games and toys for the tots! Feel free to bring in any of your family's favorites.

**Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 20, 4 pm** Join us for fantastic Make-It-and-Take-It surprises and holiday snacks.

**Countdown to Noon Year's Eve**

**Saturday, December 30, 11 am** It's a celebration that you won't sleep through! Crafts, balloons, songs and dancing will make this a Noon Year's Eve to remember.

**Play-Doh Contest**

**Tuesday, January 2, 4 pm** Design anything Play-Doh and vote for the most creative creation. Winner receives a prize! Play-Doh will be provided.

**Marshmallow Engineering**

**Wednesday, January 24, 4 pm** For Grades 4-8. Love to build and create? Join us to create your own amazing structures out of toothpicks and mini marshmallows. Prizes for the best structure will be awarded!

**Do-It-Yourself Day**

**Tuesday, January 30, 4 pm** Join us at the library and make a fun craft or two! Check out the activity stations that will be set up and choose your project. Stations will include Jewelry Making, Picture Frame Design and DIY Pop Bottle Fire.

**Conversation Heart-A-Palooza**

**Wednesday, February 14, 4 pm** For grades K-5. Join us for a festive Valentine's Day party that's all about conversation hearts! We will be playing conversation heart bingo and serving conversation heart treats!

**Family Programs**

**Holiday Open House**

**Saturday, December 2, 10 am-3 pm** Join us for a Holiday Celebration. Marissa Dubina from Realm of the Reptile will perform and Zap Entertainment will present a Holiday Show and balloon tying. Get a temporary holiday tattoo and some candy. There will be fun to be had by all!



**Black History Month Presentation**  
**Saturday, February 3, 1 pm** Join us for a story telling performance celebrating Black History Month.

**MAPLE VALLEY – 330-864-5721**  
1187 Copley Rd., Akron, 44320  
**Pitter Patter Playgroup**  
**Thursdays in January, 11:30 am**

Ages 5 and under. Bring your little ones to enjoy our puzzles, games, and toys! Both children and caregivers can join in the fun!

**Preschool Story Time**  
**Thursdays in February, 11:30 am**  
Join Miss Erica for stories, music, and more! For children ages 2-5 with an adult caregiver. Younger children are welcome.

**PAWS for Reading**  
**Saturdays, December 16,**  
**January 13, February 10, 2 pm**  
Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.

**Read to Me, Play with Me**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2 pm** For ages birth-4 years; no registration required. Please join us for a short story time followed by open play. We will have stations set up with a variety of sensory activities, toys, and of course, books!

**School-Age Programs**  
**After School Homework Help**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 3-5 pm**  
Free homework help for students in grades K-6. You'll find everything you need to get your homework done here! Stuck on a math question? We have someone to help you. Can't find a ruler? We have school supplies. Need to type a paper? We have computers. Drop in anytime you need help. No registration required.

**Tech Time: Robotics, Engineering, and Coding**  
**Thursdays, December 14,**  
**January 25, February 22, 4 pm**  
Grades K-6. Try something new afterschool with Sylvan Edge and the Maple Valley Branch Library! Children will have fun creating and animating robotic

arms, engineering bridge super structures, and coding Ozobots.

**Winter Break Warm Ups**  
**January 2-January 4, 2 pm** Grades K-6.  
**Tuesday:** Movie and Popcorn  
**Wednesday:** Legos  
**Thursday:** Video Game Day

**Jr. Chef**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2 pm**  
Grades K-6. Put on your chef hat and apron and prepare to cook up some delicious treats! We will be making mini corn dog muffins, cheesy nachos, and an Eiffel Tower cookie sundae. Registration is requested.

**Family Programs**  
**Holiday Movies and Hot Cocoa**  
**Monday, December 18, 6 pm**  
Join us for delicious hot cocoa and cookies, while we watch some of our favorite holiday movie classics!

**Do you want to Build a Snowman?**  
**Saturday, December 30, 2 pm**  
Stop in to experience a snowy, fun filled afternoon with Ms. Erica! We will be making snowmen outside, so be sure to dress warmly and prepare to get messy.

**Adopt a Book Buddy Month**  
**January 1-31** For ages 12 and under. During the month of January, check out three or more children's books to adopt a Book Buddy. Children can select an adorable stuffed friend to take home as a library keepsake and reading pal to cozy up with their newly selected books. Prize can only be claimed once.

**Family Movie Monday**  
**Every third Monday of the month, 6 pm** Join us for a family friendly movie, snacks, and drinks!  
**January 22:** Despicable Me 3 (PG) (96 min)  
**February 19:** Emoji Movie (PG) (91 min)

**Must Love Dogs**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2 pm** For ages 3-7. We will be sharing dog stories, making a dog craft, and mixing up a tasty treat called Puppy Chow. There will even be a special visit from our furry friend, Kivrin!

**NatureConnect**  
Visit, explore, and enjoy our NatureConnect table. The nature items and activities will change each month, so be sure to check back often for exciting new additions!

**MOGADORE – 330-628-9228**  
144 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, 44260  
**Holiday Story Times**  
**Library Babies and Tots**  
**Thursdays, December 7-December 14, 10:30 am** Ages birth-3 ½. Join Miss Kim for songs, stories and group playtime with our library friends.

**Holiday Drive-In Theater**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 am**  
Ages 3 and up. Join Miss Kim to create your car and settle in to watch a short holiday classic cartoon, complete with movie snacks.

**Holiday Train Story Time**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 am**  
Ages 3 and up. Join Miss Kim to hear a short holiday story and then venture over to the Historical Society to see and hear about their train displays. We will be walking outside for this event so please dress appropriately.

**Library Babies and Tots**  
**Thursdays, January 18-March 22, 10:30 am** \*There will be no program on March 1, 2018. Ages birth-3 ½. Join Miss Kim for songs, stories and group playtime with our library friends.

**Story Time**  
**Tuesdays January 16-March 20, 10:30 am** \*There will be no program on February 27, 2018. Ages 3 and up. Join Miss Kim for stories, songs, games and crafts.

**NatureConnect: Animal Track Identification**  
From December through February, visit our NatureConnect space in the Children's Area and try to identify the animal tracks displayed on the bulletin board. Bring your finished sheet to the desk and receive a bookmark.

**School Age Programs**  
Grades K-5.  
**Lego Club**  
**Thursdays, December 7,**  
**January 4, 18, February 1, 15,**  
**3:30 pm** Join us for an afternoon of imaginative Lego creation. All supplies provided.

**Game Day**  
**Wednesdays, December 27,**  
**January 31, 3:30 pm** Join us for an afternoon of classic games. We'll provide both board and card

games, and sometimes we'll have Life-Size games to try out. Feel free to bring any cards or games of your own to play!

**NORDONIA HILLS – 330-467-8595**  
9458 Olde Eight Rd., Northfield, 44067  
**NatureConnect**  
Explore what we will have going on in our NatureConnect area this winter.

**Monthly Challenges**  
For grades K-5. Monthly challenges will be located in the children's area. Complete the challenge for a chance to win a small prize.  
**December-Christmas/Holiday** questionnaire  
**January-** How many words can you make out of the word snowflake?  
**February-** Crossword-all about February

**Family Time**  
**Build it**  
**Friday, February 9, 4 pm** Whether you build by yourself or with a friend, use your imagination to build something with blocks or Legos.

**Messy Monday**  
**One Monday a month, 6 pm** Join us for some messy fun. Don't forget to wear some old clothes, you may get messy.  
**December 11-** Ice Cream Cone Christmas Tree  
**January 8-** Snow Paint  
**February 5-** Winter Tree Finger Painting

**Minion Fun**  
**Friday, January 5, 3 pm** Do you like the minions? We will play some minion games, make a minion craft, and enjoy some minion treats.

**Science Saturday**  
**Saturday, February 10, 2:30 pm**  
Join us for great hands on STEAM fun! Children, school age and up, bring your moms, dads, and the whole family.

**Family Night**  
**One Monday a month, 6:30 pm**  
Join our program for families of all ages! We'll get together for some great crafts.  
**December 18-** Make a beautiful ornament.  
**January 22-** We are going to make a cloth and yarn doll.  
**February 12-** Create a valentine surprise.

## Story Times

### **Baby Time**

**Thursdays, December 14–January 11, 10:15 am** For children 24 months and under with a parent or caregiver. Our programs feature bounces, songs, and stories.

### **Story Time**

**Thursdays, December 14–January 11, 11:30 am** For children 2-5 years old, with two-year-olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Short stories, rhymes, and more!

### **Parachute Play**

**Thursday, February 22, 11 am** Toddler parachute play is for ages 2-5. We will use music and movement to play parachute games.

## School Age Programs

### **After School Club**

**One Wednesday of each month, 4 pm** For children in Kindergarten-4th grade.  
**December 20**-Pine Cone Skier Craft  
**January 10**-Board Games and Hot Chocolate  
**February 14**-Popsicle Stick Love Birds

## NORTH HILL – 330-535-9423

183 E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave., Akron, 44310

### **Preschool Story Time**

**Tuesdays, December 5, February 13-March 27, 10:30 am**

This series of programs is for children ages 2 to 5. Adult caregivers are welcome and expected to join in the fun. We'll read books, sing and play music, listen to flannel board stories, learn rhymes, experiment with puppets and finger plays, and play with toys as we make new friends and make something to take home.

### **Baby/Toddler Story Time**

**Tuesdays, January 9-30, 10:30 am** Adult caregivers are invited to bring in our youngest patrons to enjoy books, rhymes, puppets, bubbles, and play time fun.

### **Preschool Playgroup**

**Tuesdays, 11:30-12:30 pm** Our little children need to play! During this free play session little ones can learn to play along-side, or with others. They will share language skills. Play with blocks, moveable toys, tools, dolls, and puzzles enhances their problem solving skills and encourages their imaginations. The adults also get to visit with one another and make new friends.

## **Paws for Reading**

**Wednesdays, December 13, January 10, 24, February 14, 28, 3 pm** When Rocky visits, children have an opportunity to practice their literacy skills by reading aloud with him. Drop in to visit with him and his owner.

## **NORTHWEST AKRON – 330-836-1081**

1720 Shatto Ave., Akron, 44313  
Please call to register for these programs. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

### **Art Explorers**

**Tuesdays, December 19, January 16, February 20, 10:30 am** Ages 12 months to 4 years with a caregiver. Get messy and experiment with a variety of materials in this artsy story time!

### **Mini Movers**

**Wednesdays, December 20, January 17, February 21, 10:30 am** Ages 5 and under with a caregiver. Shake, jiggle, and jive in this fun musical program!

### **Preschool Story Time**

**Thursdays, January 4–February 22, 10:30 am** 2 to 5 year-olds with a caregiver. Action rhymes, music, books, and other activities chosen with you and your child in mind.

## School-Age Programs

### **Minecraft Club**

**Fridays, December 15, January 19, 3:30 pm** Grades 3 and up. Join us to mine and craft on our multi-player server! No account is necessary. Space is limited, registration requested.

### **Snapology Creature Creator Robotics**

**Saturday, January 13, 2 pm** Ages 7 to 14. In Snapology's Creature Creator Robotics class, your animal lover will create their own animal inspired robotic model. Students will learn about gear ratio, sensors, simple machines, and programming as they build a dolphin. Your child is sure to have a wild time as they build, learn, and play. Space is limited, registration requested.

## **Family Programs**

### **PAWS for Reading**

**Thursdays, December 7, 21, January 4, 18, February 1, 15, 4 pm**  
**Third Saturdays, December 16, January 20, February 17, 2 pm**  
All grades. Practice reading skills and build the reading confidence of beginning or struggling readers by reading to our Therapy Dogs International dog friends. Children of all ages are welcome.

### **Holiday Open House**

**Saturday, December 9, 1–3 pm**  
Bring the whole family for an afternoon of entertainment, refreshments, crafts and festive fun!

## **LEGO Club**

**Mondays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 6:30 pm**  
Drop in on the second Monday of each month to build and show off your creations! LEGOs will be provided.

### **Sensory Story Time**

**Third Saturdays, December 16, January 20, February 17, 10:30 am & 11:30 am** Join us for this adapted story time where children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a supportive environment with respect and appreciation for differences.

## **Summit County Metro Parks**

**Saturday, February 3, 11 am** The entire family will have fun learning about our local natural resources and wildlife with a Summit County Metro Parks ranger.

### **NatureConnect**

Drop by the children's area each month for a new nature-based activity!

## **NORTON – 330-825-7800**

3930 S. Cleve-Mass. Rd., Norton, 44203

### **Play a While**

**Every Monday, 10:30-11:30 am**  
For families with children ages five and younger. We provide the toys while your children play and make new friends.

### **Holiday Story Time**

**Thursday, December 7, 10:30-11:15 am** Ring in the holiday season with local musician Susan Yurich and Miss Mary. Easy to learn carols and story time fun for children ages 3-5.

## **Holiday Movie Time**

**Thursday, December 14, 10:30 am-12 pm** Enjoy a family friendly movie just released for the 2017 holiday season. Call us or stop in to learn the title. Cocoa and cookies to be served. For children ages 3-5.

### **Toddler Smarts**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am** Engage your child in first experiences at your local library. For children age 24-36 months  
**January 4**-Toddler STEM  
**January 11**-Toddler Art  
**January 18**-Toddler Stories  
**January 25**-Toddler Yoga

## School Age Programs

Grades K-2

### **Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club Session 2**

**Wednesdays, January 10-February 7; February 21-March 7, 4:15-5 pm**  
Build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. Open to children grades K-2 Registration for the eight-week session is requested due to supplies provided for this program.

## **NatureConnect**

**Tuesdays, 4:15-5 pm**  
**January 23** - Fine Feathered Friends - Help us provide food and shelter for birds visiting the library garden.  
**February 27** - Ice, Ice, Baby - Have fun with cold experiments like Fish for Ice and Blubber Science.

## Family Programs

**The Great Backyard Bird Count**  
**February 16-19** Check out educational displays in the Library from January to early February to get ready!

## **LEGO Saturdays**

**Saturdays 2-3 pm**  
**December 16**-Create a LEGO inspired Christmas tree ornament with our PERLER Beading kit.  
**January 20**-Play creative games using LEGO brick pieces. LEGO bricks and other supplies to be provided

## Winter Break Program

**Life-Size Candy Land**  
**Friday, December 29, 2-4 pm**  
This larger than life game will be set up in the Children's Area!

**ODOM BLVD – 330-434-8726**

600 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, OH 44307

**School Age Programs****Family Wednesday Night Programs**

**Wednesdays, 6 pm** These programs are intended for families. All ages are welcome; however, a caregiver must be present with those below age 8.

**December 6** Bricks4Kidz: Legos and duplo blocks for all ages set up in stations around the room to encourage exploration and building. Something for all ages.

**December 13** Make a holiday decoration or ornament from our materials. Stick star, holiday bows, glass ornament.

**December 20** Design with Perler beads a colorful creation using our templates, beads and tools. Take home your design.

**January 3** Bricks4Kidz: Legos and duplo blocks for all ages set up in stations around the room to encourage exploration and building. Something for all ages.

**January 10** STEM night. Fun with Science exploration in stations around the room.

**January 17** Simple sewing projects. Important small muscle control practice for the little ones but fun for all.

**January 24** Art Exploration night.

**January 31** Games, games, games. Play a game, make a game to take home.

**February 7** Bricks4Kidz: Legos and duplo blocks for all ages set up in stations around the room to encourage exploration and building. Something for all ages.

**Family Saturday Programs**

**Saturdays, 1 pm** For all ages but those under 8 years must be accompanied by a caregiver.

**December 9** Make decorations and ornaments for your home.

**January 13** Pet Projects: Make a toy, blanket or shelter to help animals in need. We will donate the items made to various shelters and organizations.

**February 10** Made from your heart. Work with our fabric and craft supplies to make keepsakes for the special people in your life, or to brighten your own world.

**No School Family Movie Day**

**Fridays, January 12, 19,**

**February 16, 1 pm**

**Monday, February 19, 1 pm**

Snack and a movie. Titles will be announced later. Call the branch 330-434-8726 for information.

**PORTAGE LAKES – 330-644-7050**

4261 Manchester Rd., Akron, 44319

**Family Programs****Special Holiday STEAM and Santa Visit**

**Saturday, December 2, 1 pm** Have fun with holiday activities and experiments using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math! Santa and his therapy dog companion will arrive at 2 pm, so bring your camera! All ages welcome.

**Holiday Open House**

**Saturday, December 9, 11 am-2 pm** Join us for a fun filled day of entertainment and crafts!  
**11 am-1 pm** Smile! Take home a free holiday photo strip from Great Grins Photo Booth.

**11 am-2 pm** Family Crafts, Holiday Games and Cookie Decorating (preschool-middle school)  
**12:30-1:30 pm** Back by popular demand, Twister Girl Balloon Company returns to create one-of-a-kind balloon creations.

**Build it Club**

**Thursdays, December 14, January 18, February 15, 6-7:30 pm** Join us once a month for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build, play, and explore with Legos. All ages welcome.

**Movie, Munchies and More**

**Wednesday, December 27, 2 pm** Beat the winter break blues! Get out of the cold and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and some munchies as we watch ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG). Learn how Santa delivers all those presents in one night!

**Kids Crafts Club**

**Saturdays, January 6, February 3, 1 pm** Create fun art projects with us on a cold, wintery afternoon. Finished with your masterpieces? Stay to visit and read to the dogs of Tails & Tales at 2 pm. All ages welcome.

**Tails & Tales**

**Saturdays, January 6, February 3, 2 pm** Reading doesn't have to be "ruff"! Practice with a furry friend! Our paw-some therapy dogs love to have stories read to them and meet new friends. All ages welcome.

**Family Story Times**

**Tuesdays, January 9-30, 11 am** Have story fun with Ms. Elaine! Includes stories, songs, finger-plays, art and lots of fun each week! All ages are welcome.

**Family STEAM Nights**

**Wednesdays, January 24, February 21, 6-7:30 pm** Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with fun games, easy experiments, and activities for all ages.

**NatureConnect**

Activities at your own pace, available all month long! Visit, explore, and enjoy our NatureConnect area. Be a Nature Detective by using our binoculars and observation notebooks to sketch and record your discoveries.  
**December:** All about Insects-Visit our NatureConnect table and take the Insect Quiz for a chance to win a prize!

**January:** Animal Memes-Using the Post-It notes provided, help us create funny captions for the Animal Pictures displayed on our NatureConnect window.

**February:** DIY2Go Fairy Door Craft-Pick up a craft bag to take home. Use the supplies in your bag and your imagination to build and decorate a Fairy Door. Send pictures of your creations to portagelakes@akronlibrary.org and we will display your masterpieces photos!

**Baby/Toddler Programs****Preschool Playroom**

**Mondays, December 11, January 8, February 12, 11 am** Free, open playtime! Play with your child and help your little one discover a whole new world through play! We provide a variety of activities and toys for preschoolers to explore and create a simple art. Intended for ages 1-4 with a caregiver.

**Baby & Me Time**

**Tuesdays, February 6-27, 11 am** Stories, songs and finger plays for those littlest learners! Recommended for babies and toddlers age 2 and under with a caregiver.

**RICHFIELD – 330-659-4343**

3761 S. Grant St., Richfield, 44286

**School Age Fun****Make Your Own Fidget Spinner**

**Thursday, December 28, 1 pm** Enjoy an afternoon of making your own fidget spinners. Supplies are limited so first come first served. This program is geared toward children in grades 1-5.

**Toddler Programs****Little Folks Story Time**

**Thursdays, January 18- March 8, 10:30-11:30 am** Ages 6-35 months. Little folks, bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

**Preschool Programs****Preschool Story Time**

**Tuesdays, January 16-March 6, 10:30-11:30 am** Ages 3-6. Preschoolers bring your favorite caregiver and join us for stories, rhymes, songs and more.

**Play Date**

**Wednesdays, January 17, February 21, 10 am-12 pm** Drop in for some coffee and tea while the little ones play. This unstructured program is an opportunity to meet with your friends and neighbors while the little ones play. Parents must supervise their children. Age appropriate toys and puzzles will be provided.

**Home School Readers**

**Wednesdays, January 10, February 14, 1-3 pm** Join us for an afternoon of reading fun. Different activities will be available at each session. This is a new program and will evolve to meet the needs of our homeschooling community.

**Yoga fun**

**Monday, February 19, 10:30-11:30 am** Calling all boys and girls ages 4-11, join us for an hour of yoga fun, followed by a healthy snack. If you have access to a yoga mat or beach towel, please bring it. We will have a small supply of yoga mats available too.

**Fun for All**

Join us for these exciting programs, families and kids of all ages welcome.

**Gingerbread Fun**

**Saturday, December 16, 11 am** Join us for a morning of sweet and tasty gingerbread fun. Decorate gingerbread cookies. Fun for the whole family.

### **Family Winter Center Piece Making**

**Thursday, December 21, 6:30 pm**  
Create a family center piece for your winter table. All supplies will be provided and the Richfield Garden Club will be on hand to provide their expertise in creating your masterpiece. One center piece per family, supplies are limited please register for this family program.

### **Celebrating 5 years of StoryWalk® On the Carter-Pedigo Trail**

Winner of the 2014 Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways, Best Trail Program Award  
In celebration of our 5th year anniversary, we looked at past titles that have been on the trail and the library staff and community have voted for their favorite titles. On the first of each month, the winning titles will be back on the trail and we will have a once-a-month program based on the book currently on the trail.

#### **Hike the Trail Event**

Pick up a trail hiking form. Each month, a new word will be put in the kiosk at the trail head. Record this word on your hiking sheet. Then come into the library at any time and receive a raffle ticket for every month that you hike. The more months you hike, the more chances to win our raffle baskets you will have. Also, at the end of the year, all participants will receive a prize for celebrating 5 years of StoryWalk® with us. Hiking forms will be available at the Library, the Richfield Recreation Center, and in a box at the trail head.

### **Snowflake Festival Kicking off 5 years of StoryWalk®**

**Saturday, January 20, 11 am-2 pm:** TRACKS IN THE SNOW by Wong Herbert Yee  
Join the fun as we celebrate snow. Enjoy an ice carving demonstration, snacks, crafts, and more. We will kick the year off with Jen's pick. Please dress for the weather as many activities will be held outside.  
**Saturday, February 17, 11 am:** SNOWY DAY by Ezra Jack Keats  
Hike the trail and enjoy Allison's Pick, after hiking come back to the library for some hot chocolate and a winter craft.  
StoryWalk® is a unique literacy/fitness activity. As you walk along the trail you can read a story that has been posted along the way. Our community StoryWalk® is

brought to you by Richfield Village Parks and Recreation, Richfield Village Service Department, Friends of the Richfield Branch Library, the Turk Family, and the Richfield Branch Library. (The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.)

#### **Paws for Reading**

**First and third Saturday of each month, 10:30-11:30 am** Children can practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals Kodak, Rudy, and Yuki. This is a great way for your child to build reading fluency and read-aloud confidence. Children not yet reading are also welcome to come; stories will be read to the children by our doggie pals' humans.

#### **First Saturday Afternoon Flicks**

**Saturdays, 1-3 pm** Join us for an afternoon movie at the library. We'll provide popcorn and juice while you kick back and enjoy the flick.  
**January 6** Decendants 2  
**February 3** Beauty and the Beast

#### **TALLMADGE – 330-633-4345** 90 Community Rd., Tallmadge, 44278

#### **Holiday Open House**

**Saturday, December 9, 2-3:30 pm**  
Mingle & jingle with us at the Tallmadge Library for family fun to celebrate the holiday season. Enjoy cookies and refreshments, music and a holiday craft.

#### **Holiday Story Times**

**Thursday, December 14, 6 pm**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 1 pm** For 2-5 year olds with a caregiver. Jingle all the way to the Library for some festive tales, songs and a simple craft that will set the mood for the holidays.

#### **Winter Break Movie: Frozen**

**Thursday, December 28, 6 pm**  
Rated PG, 108 minutes. Watch Frozen and enjoy some popcorn with your library friends.

#### **Baby & Me Time**

**Mondays, January 8-February 12, 10:05 am** Babies love books. For babies and toddlers birth-24 months with a caregiver. 20 minutes of rhymes, songs, and stories, followed by group playtime.

#### **Preschool Story Times**

**Mondays, January 8-February 12, 11 am** For 2-5 year olds with a caregiver. Join us for books, flannel board stories, rhymes and music followed by group playtime.

#### **Ankle Biters Improv by Crooked River Comedy**

**Thursday, January 25, 6 pm** Ankle Biters is an interactive, family-friendly improv show performed by Northeast Ohio's premier improv troupe. Each show is completely made up on the spot based on your child's ideas. Your child will have a chance to take the stage and be part of the fun. After the show, there will be a 45-minute workshop on Improv theater.

#### **Family Fitness**

**Thursdays, February 8-22, 6 pm**  
Get in Shape with your child! This fitness program will be put on by Build-a-Body Fitness and is for children or for children with their parents. Each class will consist of a warm-up, stretches, dance moves, games, obstacle courses, contests, and a "mimic me" section.

#### **On Your Own**

Do these activities when you are in the library. Pick up the game sheet at the front desk and when you are finished, bring it back for a treat.  
**December-**Elf Search-How many can you find?  
**February-**Guess how many candy hearts are in the jar.

#### **Take it and Make it**

**December-**Make a Holiday Greeting Card.  
**January-**Make a Snowman Bookmark.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES**

#### **FAIRLAWN-BATH – 330-666-4888**

3101 Smith Rd., Akron, 44333  
**Mini Sale-**Saturday, January 27, 10 am-3 pm  
**Mini Sale-**Saturday, February 24, 10 am-3 pm

#### **HIGHLAND SQUARE – 330-376-2927**

807 W. Market St., Akron, 44303  
**Friends Preview-**Friday, February 2, 3-5 pm  
**Book Sale-**Saturday, February 3, 10 am-3 pm

#### **LIBRARY SHOP AT MAIN**

330-643-9070  
60 S. High St., Akron, 44326  
Monday-Thursday: 10 am-6 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm  
Sunday: 1-4 pm

Programs are subject to change.

 **Akron-Summit County Public Library**  
www.akronlibrary.org