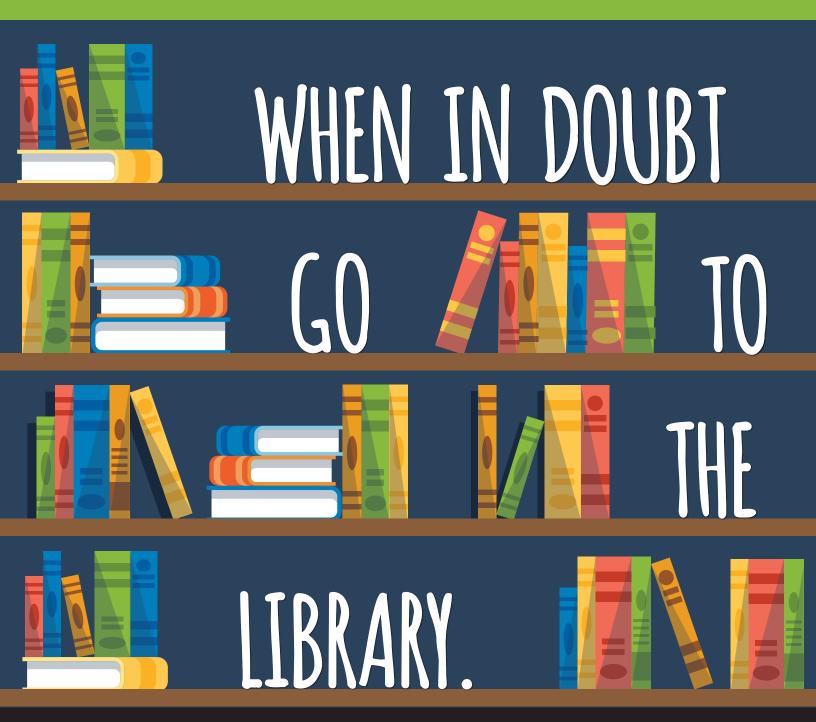
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NEWSLETTER & EVENTS CALENDAR
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Special thanks to our Friends of the Library organizations whose continued financial and volunteer support bolster services and materials that we provide to the community. If you're interested in becoming a Friend of the Lane Libraries, call (513) 894-6557.

Find us on Facebook & YouTube!



Little Free Pantry at the Oxford Lane Library

The Oxford Lane Library now has a Little Free Pantry! This pantry, located outside of the library building, was built by community members Tom Farmer and Mark Boardman using materials they donated or repurposed. The startup costs were supported in part by a donation from the Board of the Oxford Empty Bowls. It is accessible 24 hours a day. Feel free to take what you need or drop by to leave your own donation of non-perishable foods and hygiene items.

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Free Tax Aide

AARP is currently offering free tax help at the Lane Libraries Administration Center, 1396 University Blvd, Hamilton, through April 18. Appointments are required and can be made on the tax website at ButlerWarrenAARP.as.me. Once the appointment is made, paperwork will be emailed that must be completed prior to the appointment. To contact AARP with questions, email ButlerWarrenAARP@gmail.com or call 513-268-7149.

Carol Harp Joins Lane Board

The Lane Libraries welcomed Carol Harp to the Board of Trustees in January for a seven-year term. A resident of Hamilton, Carol is an educator with over 40 years of experience in the Hamilton City Schools libraries and classrooms. In her nearly 20 years as an elementary school Library Clerk, Carol has gained a deep knowledge of running a library program, maintaining a collection, and organizing special events. It's a given that Carol is an avid reader and user of the Lane Libraries.

Carol graduated from Miami University prior to beginning her career with the Hamilton City School District. She and her husband Ron raised their children in Hamilton and ecstatically became grandparents for the first time in 2023. Carol is also very active in the community through organizations including Hamilton Christkindlmarkt, DKG educational sorority, PEO and the Presbyterian Church. Carol states, "From taking my children to story hour as toddlers to my current habit of putting books on hold and picking them up at the Hamilton drive-thru, I have loved this library for many, many years and look forward to serving on the board." We are excited to welcome Carol's leadership and commitment to libraries to our board.



The Lane Libraries Author Talks

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

The Lane Libraries continue to partner with the Library Speakers Consortium to bring you online talks to enjoy from the comfort of home! To participate, simply register for the talks you're interested in at www.lanepl.org/authortalks and join the online session when it's set to begin.



Madeline Miller March 21, 7:00 p.m.



Xochitl Gonzalez April 17, 8:00 p.m.



Nina Simon May 8, 7:00 p.m.

SYSTEM-WIDE STORY TIMES

Story Time break in May. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

Movers and Shakers

Wednesdays, Mar 6 - Apr 24 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, Mar 5 - Apr 30 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Suggested for ages 2 - 3

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, Mar 7 - Apr 25 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Suggested for ages 4 - 6



FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Movers & Shakers

Wednesdays, Mar 6 - Apr 24 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

Toddler Time

Thursdays, Mar 7 - Apr 25 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Suggested for ages 2 - 3

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, Mar 5 - Apr 30 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Suggested for ages 4 - 6

Story Time en Español

Saturdays, Mar 16, Apr 27 & May 25 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 6 - under

Sensory Story Time ®

Sundays, Mar 17, Apr 14 & May 19 12:00 p.m. Ages 6 - under

OXFORD LANE LIBRARY

Movers and Shakers

Thursdays, Mar 7 - Apr 25 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, Mar 6 - Apr 24 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Ages 2 - 3

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, Mar 5 - Apr 30 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Suggested for ages 4 - 6

Family Story Time

Fridays, Mar 1 - Apr 26 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Ages 6 - under

Saturday Story Time

Saturdays, Mar 2, 9, Apr 6 & 13 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Ages 6 - under

Friends Book Sales

The Friends of the Lane Libraries will host several book sales this spring. Shop for great bargains to give as gifts or keep for yourself!



Friends of the Oxford Lane Library Sales Saturdays, March 2, April 6 & May 4 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Held at the Oxford Lane Library

Friends of the Hamilton-Fairfield Lane **Libraries Annual Sale**

Thursday, May 2, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Held at the Queen of Peace Gymnasium

Do you have books or DVD/Blu-Rays that you're interested in donating to a **good cause?** The Friends accept donations and sell them in various used book sales throughout the year to raise funds for events and special needs for the Lane Libraries. You can drop off materials donations at any Lane Libraries drive-thru.

SUMMER READING >>> 2024-

Get ready for this year's Summer Reading Adventure at Camp Lane! Enjoy summer camp activities for all ages while logging your reading! Registration will open on May 1 to prepare and the adventure begins on June 1. Watch our website and Facebook page starting on May 1 for more details.



Local Artist Exhibit at the Oxford Lane Library: Looking at Nature with Elizabeth Birch

Elizabeth Birch is an Oxford artist and art educator. She earned her BFA in drawing and painting from University of Iowa in 1970. She has been teaching and creating art ever since. Elizabeth has taught art to all levels from elementary to university students. She has exhibited her art work (fibers, watercolor and sculpture) for years and continues to create in her art studio. Elizabeth's work is on exhibit this quarter on the second floor of the Oxford Lane Library.

HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

Intro to Financial Aid and FAFSA

Sunday, Mar 3, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Teens/Adults

Students and family members are invited to join us for a presentation about FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). An enrollment services representative from the University of Cincinnati will walk us through the types of financial aid available, and will also talk about the new FAFSA guidelines.

Kids Take & Make Kits

Crafts released Mar 4, 18, Apr 1, 15, May 6 & 20

Recommended for ages 3 - 7

Get creative and pick up a fun craft kit to do at home. Kits for children will be available for pick up at the Children's Desk and drive-thru window during the weeks listed. (While supplies last.)

Teen Snacktivities

Every Tuesday, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Stop in the Teen Zone after school for a snack and fun activity!

Preparing for a Total Solar Eclipse with the Cincinnati Observatory

Saturday, Mar 9, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Suggested for families/school-aged children Are you ready for the upcoming solar eclipse? Cincinnati Observatory staff will teach us what an eclipse is, how to prepare for the upcoming April 8th eclipse and do some sun related activities!

Book Buddies ®

Sundays, Mar 10, Apr 7 & May 5 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Mondays, Mar 11, Apr 8 & May 6 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Suggested for ages 6 - 12 Practice your reading skills with a Badin High School volunteer. Call (513) 894-1409 or stop by the desk to register for a 20-minute session.

Long Live: The Eras Tour Anniversary

Saturday, Mar 16, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Calling all Swifties as we celebrate the worldwide phenomenon that is The Eras Tour. Make the friendship bracelets and other themed crafts, enjoy snacks and watch the show with us!

Egg-Splosion!

Saturday, Mar 23, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Construct a safe vessel to cushion your egg and then watch to see if it survives as it's launched from great heights in this STEM-centric safety challenge!

S.A.G.A.

Thursdays, Mar 28, Apr 18 & May 30 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

A social support group for LGBTQIA+ youth. Have fun, create art and make connections with peers!

Spring Breaktivities

Monday, Apr 1 - Friday, Apr 5 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Stop in for a daily activity, challenge or craft to beat your boredom during Spring Break!

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted Apr 1 - 30

Ages 12 - 18

Calling all teen writers! Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win a prize. Visit www.lanepl.org/teenswrite for details. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hamilton Lane Library on Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ramen-O-Rama

Saturday, Apr 13, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Take your ramen to the next level! Create your own recipe and see who comes up with the best dish.

Miami University Chemical Society

Saturday, Apr 20, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Recommended for ages 8 - 13

The Miami Chemical Society will lead an interactive event focusing on the chemistry of everyday items. Volunteers will guide a series of hands-on demonstrations of how chemistry is all around us and a part of sustainability.

Kentucky Derby Party!

Saturday, Apr 27, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11

Classy? Wild? Floral? Pirate? Decorate your own Kentucky Derby hat, sip on festive punch and get ready to roll the dice to see which horse wins the race!

Forest Faces

Saturday, May 4, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

As we wave goodbye to Earth Day and Arbor Day and prepare to welcome summer, join us for some clay art in honor of our forest friends!

May the Fourth Be with You

Saturday, May 4, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages

Drop in for a Star Wars themed craft to celebrate the Force!

Getting Crafty

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Come create with us! We will learn a new crafty skill and put it to the test.

Intro to Machine Sewing 🚯



Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 13 - up

Join our small class to learn sewing machine basics! Participants will gain experience and create their own pillowcase. Supplies will be provided.

Kids Cook: Fruit and Veggie Ninja 🚯



Saturday, May 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Learn how to prepare fruits and veggies and make accompanying dips for our sweet and savory snack!

Adult Programs

Computer Tutor Service **(B)**



Make an appointment with a member of the Reference Team to learn about email accounts, computer basics, internet basics, eReaders, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Ancestry.com. Register for a thirty-minute session by calling (513) 894-7158.

Cummins Room Appointments

Make an appointment with Smith History Library & Cummins Local History Room Manager Brad Spurlock for assistance with your genealogy and local history research. Contact Brad at b.spurlock@lanepl.org or (513) 523-3035.

Spring Centerpiece O



Saturday, Mar 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Create a beautiful, spring themed, mesh ribbon centerpiece to welcome the season. All of the supplies will be provided.

Book club copies are available.

Tuesday's Titles

Tuesdays, Mar 5, Apr 2 & May 7 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an enjoyable discussion of books.

Mar 5 – The Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica

Apr 2 — The Air Raid Book Club by Annie Lyons

May 7 – The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James

Life in the Craft Lane ®



Tuesdays, Mar 5, Apr 2 & May 7 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Put your DIY skills to the test. Try a new craft at either the Hamilton or Fairfield branch.

Mar 5 – Paper Flowers @ Hamilton

Apr 2 — Watering Can Sun Catcher @ Fairfield

May 7 — Macrame Hoops @ Hamilton

Only Murders in the Library

Wednesdays, Mar 6, Apr 10 & May 1 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Listen to a true crime podcast and then come to join the discussion! This quarter is The Andy Hale Podcast: The Starved Rock Murders.

www.andvhalepodcast.com/starved-rock-murders

Mar 6 – Episodes 1 - 9

Apr 10 – Episodes 10 - 14

May 1 – Bonus Episodes 1 - 7 + Case Updates

In the Kitchen with Amy 🚯



Thursday, Mar 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Amy will teach you how to make (and take home) a delicious, herbed compound butter!

Cultural Academy

Saturdays, Mar 9, Apr 6 & May 4 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us each month to discuss a new topic in the humanities and find out how one thing can lead to another! Prepare by watching videos posted about the monthly topic on the library's online calendar.

Mar 9 – Submarines

Apr 6 — Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice

May 4 – Astronomical Clocks

Memory Café

Sundays, Mar 10, Apr 7 & May 5 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

For those diagnosed with a memory-affecting disorder and their caretakers. Each month we will socialize and enjoy music, games and other fun activities. Refreshments will be provided.

Crafts to Go!

Pickup begins Mondays, Mar 11, Apr 8 & May 13 Love to craft but short on time? Grab one of these adult take & make kits at the Hamilton drive-thru.

Mar 11 – Twig Vase

Apr 8 – Golf Ball Bee

May 13 — Macrame Bracelet

March Madness Bracket Tournament

Mar 17 - Apr 8

All ages

Do you have the perfect March Madness bracket, or are you preparing for your bracket to be busted? Let's see how you stand up to the competition. Submit your bracket for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Note: Brackets will not be accepted after March 21 at noon. Google Form link: www.lanepl.org/marchmadness

Play Ball! A History of Negro League Baseball

Saturday, Mar 23, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Just in time for opening day, Lane staffer and 'superfan' Sammy will present a retrospective of some of the history and stars of Negro League Baseball.

Blood Drive with Hoxworth Blood Center

Wednesday, Mar 27, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

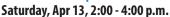
Held in front of the library on the Hoxworth donor bus. Contribute to our community's healthy and reliable blood supply and help change a life!

Spring Planting Series

Saturdays, Mar 30 & May 11 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Mar 30 — Starting Seeds Indoors: Learn about starting seedlings indoors and preparing your garden for a successful, bountiful season. May 11 — Garden Planting: Get hands-on experience, learn about companion planting and plant with us in the library's raised beds. Bring your gardening tools, gloves and clothes that will get dirty as we plant together.

House Plant Swap ®



Bring cuttings of your favorite house plant to swap with other plant lovers! We will learn three different methods to propagate cuttings and how to care for them for successful growth.

Pressed Flower Lanterns (B)



Wednesday, Apr 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All ages

Make your own easy and beautiful pressed flower lantern! With a bit of mod podge, dried flowers and a recycled glass jar, you'll have a gorgeous candle holder to take home.

Local Author Spotlight

Saturday, Apr 20, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a Q&A session with local authors, followed by the chance to meet them and learn more about their books! Authors joining us will be Brenda Helton, author of If It Hadn't Been for Grace, and Margaret Hensley, author of A Simple Man.

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom

Wednesday, Apr 24, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln tells his own inspiring personal story and covers the period from Independence through the Civil War, especially the 12 turbulent years from

1854 - 1865.

Adult Game Night: Taskmaster Live 🚯



Friday, Apr 26, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

If you have ever wanted to be on the British comedy game show Taskmaster, now is the time! Join your fellow contestants for an evening of surprising and delightful library themed tasks. The prize task category, which is what the winner will take home with them, is "the best bookmark."

Hometown Tourist (1)



Butler County Regional Airport (2820 E Airport Dr., Hamilton)

Come take a tour of the Butler County Regional Airport and learn about its place in the local community and the day-to-day operations. The group will meet in the lobby of the airport.

Intro to Machine Sewing 🚯



Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 13 - up

Register to join our small class and learn sewing machine basics! Participants will gain experience and create their own pillowcase. Supplies will be provided.

Aromatherapy: Spring Edition 🚯



Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Come for a fun and creative night to learn aromatherapy and its benefits. Make your own perfume blend with assorted sweetsmelling floral scents.

Prequel to Prohibition

Thursday, May 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Smith Library and Cummins Room Manager Brad Spurlock for a talk on Hamilton's brewing, distilling, malt, ice and tavern industries prior to the enactment of Prohibition. Topics will include histories of the Hamilton Distillery, Cincinnati Brewing Company, Sohngen Malt House and more.

> 300 N. Third Street Hamilton, OH 45011 (513) 894-7158

FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

Teen Zone Snacktivities

Weekdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Stop in the Teen Zone after school for a healthy snack and fun activity!

Teen Take & Makes

Monthly

Ages 12 - 18

Teens can stop by the library anytime during the month to pick up a take-home activity or craft. (While supplies last.)

Intro to Financial Aid and FAFSA

Sunday, Mar 3, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Teens/Adults

Students and family members are invited to join us for a presentation about FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). An enrollment services representative from the University of Cincinnati will walk us through the types of financial aid available, and will also talk about the new FAFSA guidelines.

Teen Crafternoons

Thursdays, Mar 7, Apr 4 & May 2 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Come to the library and create something awesome! We'll have supplies and instructions for crafts or you can bring your own craft to work on.

Mar 7 — Perler Bead Creations

Apr 4 — Crafts for a Rainy Day

May 2 – Flower Crafts

Barbie's Best Day Ever!

Saturday, Mar 9

Barbie in the Real World Story Time at 11:00 a.m.

"Barbie" movie showing at 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

In recognition of National Barbie Day, come celebrate all things Barbie including listening to girl-empowering stories, making fun Barbie crafts and watching the iconic movie. Dress up as your favorite Barbie or Ken.

Future Authors and Illustrators

Sunday, Mar 10 - Saturday, Mar 16

Ages 9 - 18

Pick up a writing and illustration prompt at the drive-thru and help us create a brand-new children's book! All entries must be returned to the library by March 23.

* Doggie Tales 🔞

Sundays, Mar 10, Apr 14 & May 19 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages

Practice your reading skills with 4 Paws for Ability therapy dogs and service dogs in training. Readers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Call (513) 858-3238, ext. 1321 or stop at the desk to register for a 15-minute session.

Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 9 & May 14 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

A continuation of our "Dragons of Icespire Peak" campaign. New players are always welcome!

Teen Pride Club

Wednesdays, Mar 20, Apr 17 & May 15 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Meet up in a safe space to connect and socialize with fellow LGBTQIA+ community youth members. We'll provide food, drinks, activities and games.

* Social LEGO Play 🚯

Saturday, Mar 23 (Ages 6 - 10) **Saturday, Apr 6** (Ages 11 - 15)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Through LEGO activities within a small group setting, Autistic children are invited to practice skills such as teamwork, social interaction, turn-taking, collaborative problem-solving, motor skills and imaginative play. Please call the library for additional information.

Spring Break Crafternoons

Wednesday, Mar 27 - Sunday, Mar 31 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 11 - under

Are you looking for a fun and free way to have a good time during your spring break? Then grab a friend and stop by the library every afternoon to create a new craft.

Teen Movie Night

Thursdays, Mar 28, Apr 25 & May 30 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Bring your friends for snacks, games, movies and more. The monthly movies are:

Mar 28 — "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem"

Apr 25 – "Barbie"

May 30 — "Haunted Mansion"

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted Apr 1 - 30

Ages 12 - 18

Calling all teen writers! Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win a prize. Visit www.lanepl.org/teenswrite for details. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hamilton Lane Library on Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Event

Mon, Apr 8, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Come together at the Village Green Park & Amphitheatre for a special solar eclipse party, complete with a story time, science class, arts and crafts, giveaways and a photo op leading up to the eclipse.

Can You Survive? Tween Scene Edition ®



Friday, Apr 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 11

Can you build a fort that can withstand a tornado? Create a structure that will stand tall after an earthquake? Can you forage for food using a map and compass? Find out all of this and more at our spring Tween Scene.

Gardening with Butterflies (B)



Saturday, Apr 20, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Suggested for ages 4 - 7

Get your hands dirty with the 4 Seasons Garden Club as we read about butterflies and gardening, plant seeds for butterfly-friendly flowers in your own planters and see live butterflies!

Bookjoy: Día de Cuentos

Saturday, Apr 27, All day

Families & ages 11 - under Celebrate el Día del Niño and Poetry Month with activities to promote reading, diverse children's literature and culture. Stop by for crafts and activities as well as programs offered as part of the day's activities.

Poetry Workshop with Manuel Iris: Exploring the Possible Definitions of Love **(B)**

Saturday, Apr 27, 1:00 p.m.

All ages

Cincinnati's Poet Laureate Emeritus Manuel Iris will host a bilingual poetry workshop for all ages. Attendants will use memory, imagery and storytelling as a source for creating a poem of their own.

All Aboard! Train Story Time 🔞



Saturday, May 11, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 6 - under

Celebrate National Train Day with the library and the Cincinnati Northern Model Railroad Club, Inc. Our train story time will include crafts and a chance to check out some amazing model trains.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

LGBTQIA+ Book Club ®



Wednesdays, Mar 6, Apr 10 & May 1 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

A new book club featuring a wide range of gueer books with prominent LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC representation. Connect with community partners in a safe space, learn from others and share experiences.

Mar 6 – The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller Apr 10 – Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo May 1 – Crosshairs by Catherine Hernandez



Mondays, Mar 18, Apr 22 & May 20 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gather together for our popular fiction and nonfiction book club!

Mar 18 — Sisters Under the Rising Sun by Heather Morris

Apr 22 – The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer May 20 — The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Tuesday, Apr 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Explore this exciting new book club meeting bi-monthly to discover books that are better together. This month's selections are The Giver

Rise and Read Book Club ®

Thursdays, Mar 14, Apr 11 & May 9 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Start your day with a good book discussion! Selections will include a mix of bestselling titles and genres.

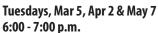
by Lois Lowry and The Endless Vessel by Charles Soule.

Mar 14 – The Women by Kristin Hannah

Apr 11 – *Diva* by Daisy Goodwin

May 9 – The Sun Sets in Singapore by Kehinde Fadipe

Life in the Craft Lane 🚯



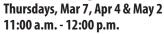
Put your DIY skills to the test. Try a new craft at either the Hamilton or Fairfield branch.

Mar 5 – Paper Flowers @ Hamilton

Apr 2 — Watering Can Sun Catcher @ Fairfield

May 7 – Macrame Hoops @ Hamilton

Be Well: Chair Yoga 🔞



Explore wellness for your body and mind with chair yoga led by Laura LeJeune. This class is perfect for beginners or those who are more experienced. Participants may bring mats if they wish.

Butler County Aspire Presentation

Monday, Mar 11, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Butler County Aspire Coordinator Julie Ridge will share educational and training opportunities offered through the Aspire program, including High School Equivalency and ESOL classes.

Garden Talk 🚯



Saturdays, Mar 16, Apr 13 & May 11 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Help your yard and garden thrive with strategies and tips from a Master Gardener. Presented by The Ohio State University's Butler County Extension Office.

Mar 16 — Seed Starting

Apr 13 — Garden Planning Q&A

May 11 — Container Gardening

D&D Adventure: Adults

Saturdays, Mar 16, Apr 13 & May 11 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A continuation of our adventures in Saltmarsh. New players are always welcome!

March Madness Bracket Tournament

Mar 17 - Apr 8

All ages

Submit your bracket for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Note: Brackets will not be accepted after March 21 at noon. Google Form link: www.lanepl.org/marchmadness

Fly Fishing 101 with Buckeye United Fly Fishers **(B)**

Saturday, Mar 23, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 10 - up

Buckeye United Fly Fishers present a brief overview of fly fishing including how it is done, types of equipment used, range of fish angled for and variety of flies.

Long Story Short

Tuesdays, Mar 26, Apr 30 & May 28 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - up

Meet other writers, discuss and critique writing, brainstorm ideas and collaborate with writing activities! All genres welcome.

Sensory Friendly Cinema for Adults

Wednesdays, Mar 27, Apr 24 & May 22 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Stop in for a variety of sensory-friendly videos and activities for adults and their caregivers.

Bingo (B)

Saturday, Apr 6, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Test out your Bingo skills for multiple chances to win prizes.

Poetry Reading & Workshop with Ohio Poet Laureate 🚯 Monday, Apr 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 16 - up

It's National Poetry Month! Join Kari Gunter-Seymour, Ohio Poet Laureate, as she shares her poetry and writing methods. Though she will present virtually, we ask all participants to register to attend at the library; she will interact with attendees and answer questions!

Earth Day: Beeswax Wraps 🚯



Saturday, Apr 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day by making sustainable beeswax wraps.

Poetry Workshop with Manuel Iris: Exploring the Possible Definitions of Love **(B)**

Saturday, Apr 27, 1:00 p.m.

All ages

Cincinnati's Poet Laureate Emeritus Manuel Iris will host a bilingual poetry workshop for all ages. Attendants will use memory, imagery and storytelling as a source for creating a poem of their own.

Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All ages

It's the best day of the year! Celebrate with us as we watch all three of the original release versions of Episodes 4, 5 and 6. Crafts will be available as supplies last. Light refreshments will be provided, including blue milk!

Cricut Basics

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Learn everything that your Cricut can do from our in-house experts!

Champion of Champions

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Smith History Library and Cummins Room Manager Brad Spurlock for a presentation on the history of the Champion Paper Company and its redevelopment into Spooky Nook Sports Champion Mill.

Pet Adoption Drive

Saturday, May 25, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Do you love pets? Celebrate National Pet Lover's month by visiting with adorable cats and dogs available for adoption through the Animal Friends Humane Society.

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Youth Programs

Kids' Makerspace (B)



Saturdays, Mar 2, Apr 13 & May 11 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11

Tinker and create with a variety of art supplies.

* Advanced Telescope and Eclipse Showcase

Sunday, Mar 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages

THS students will talk about eclipses, ways to safely view the eclipse and other astronomy information.

Students Helping Students

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mar 5 - May 2 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Grades 5 - 8

Free after-school tutoring with Miami students specializing in Math and ELA.

* Pokemon TCG Deck Building 🚯



Tuesday, Mar 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - up

Build a Pokemon deck from an assortment of cards that you can take home.

MU Astronomy Club Presents:

Build Your Own Solar Eclipse Viewer (1)

Saturday, Mar 9, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 17

Students from Miami University Astronomy Club will teach us how to build our own solar eclipse viewer.

Elementary Math Circle (B)



Saturdays, Mar 9, Apr 6 & May 4 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

Explore the wonders of mathematics through hands-on activities, problem-solving challenges and collaborative learning.

MAR10 Day Party (1)

Sunday, Mar 10, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 11 - under

Celebrate everyone's favorite pixelated plumber with a viewing of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" and a variety of related crafts and activities.

D&D Teen Club

Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 2 & May 7 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Bring your own character (official rules only, please) or choose a premade character available on site. All levels of experience are welcome.

Meet the Author: An Evening with Stuart Gibbs Wednesday, Mar 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All ages

Join New York Times bestselling author Stuart Gibbs for a discussion of his work, including the series FunJungle, Spy School, and Moon Base Alpha. Reception, book sale and signing will follow.

Play with the Experts: Super Smash Bros. (B)



Friday, Mar 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Get to know and play with Miami University's own Varsity Esports Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team.

Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Mar 23 - Sunday, Mar 31

Ages 11 - under

Complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

D&D Youth Club (B)

Saturdays, Mar 23, Apr 20 & May 18 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

Bring your own character (level 3, official rules only) or choose a pre-made character available on site.

Cincinnati Observatory: Solar Eclipses (1)



Saturday, Mar 30, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Join the Cincinnati Observatory as we discuss what a solar eclipse is, how to prepare for one and enjoy a variety of sun-related crafts and activities!

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted Apr 1 - 30

Ages 12 - 18

Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win. Visit www.lanepl.org/teenswrite for details.

A Total Eclipse of the Parks: Muppets from Space

Sunday, Apr 7, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a viewing of "Muppets From Space", including snacks and some kid-friendly crafts.

Board Game Days

Sunday, Apr 14 (ages 5 - 11) **Sunday, Apr 28** (ages 12 - 18)

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Feeling bored? Drop in for an afternoon of board games, both classics and new favorites.

Seed Starting ®

Saturday, Apr 20, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 5 - 9

Learn about gardening for flowers and food, and get your hands dirty with the Seed Library. Everyone will go home with a few cups of starter seeds ready to grow in a window or transplant into your garden.

Basic Car Maintenance for Teens **(B)**



Saturday, May 4, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Ages 15 - up

Pros from Spring St. Auto Service will provide your teen with crucial information to keep their car safe.

Let's Build with LEGO 🚯

Wednesday, May 29, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 5 - 10

Follow a challenge card or build your own creation! Each builder will select one build to be put on display.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

The Book Crew 🔞 🔲

Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16 & May 21 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gaslight Brewhouse

Join us for a night out with lively discussion of our latest read.

The Bookwormhole 🔞 🔳

Wednesdays, Mar 20, Apr 17 & May 15 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gaslight Brewhouse

Hurdle into the Bookwormhole for sci-fi/fantasy adventures and far-out discussion.

Third Thursday Book Club

Thursdays, Mar 21, Apr 18 & May 16 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a great conversation about good reads.

Fact and Fiction Book Club

Monday, May 6, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Two books, same theme. Let's read them both and see what we learn. Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann and *Mean Spirit* by Linda Hogan

Spring Garden Series

Ages 16 - up

Wild Ones Miami Valley **(R)**

Saturday, Mar 2, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Charlie Stevens from Wild Ones will discuss declines in native plants, insects and bird species and offer biodiverse alternatives to suburban landscaping.

To Bee or Not to Bee?

Monday, Mar 25, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Local amateurs share their experiences with keeping bees in their backyards. Learn the basics, hear the highs and lows and decide for yourself.

Book club copies are available.

Don Popp's Honey Farm Talk and Tour (B) Thursday, Apr 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Don Popp's Facility (3134 Oxford Middletown Rd) Don Popp will give us a tour of his honey making facility and we'll visit one of the many beehives, see the hives in action and learn about how they are cared for.

Hydroponics in the Library **(B)** Monday, Apr 22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Alex Miller from 80 Acres Farm will give a brief lesson of hydroponics and demonstrate how to make your own grow system.

Start Your Summer Flower Garden @ Farmhouse Blooms (B)

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Farmhouse Blooms Farm (2971 Douglas Rd, Camden) Farmhouse Blooms will host a seed starting program at the farm! We'll tour the farm while we learn how to start and care for flowers such as zinnias and dahlias and take home a half tray of our own seed starts.

The Artist's Makerspace

Saturdays, Mar 2, 16, 30, Apr 13, 27, May 11 & 25 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 14 - up

Explore the makerspace where you will find various tools and art supplies for self-guided crafting.

Friends Speed Connecting **(B)** Thursday, Mar 7, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ages 20ish - 40ish

We'll start with coffee and snacks in a casual atmosphere, then chat through several rounds of 2-minute conversations with a variety of people and hang out with craft and game opportunities.

Butler County Aspire Presentation

Friday, Mar 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Butler County Aspire Coordinator Julie Ridge will share educational and training opportunities offered through the Aspire program, including High School Equivalency and ESOL classes.

Understanding Animals Series

Coexisting with Coyotes **B**

Monday, Mar 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Abby Thiemkey from the OSU Ohio Coyote Research Project as she teaches us about these wild dogs and how to safely and smartly live alongside them.

How to Let Your Cat Train You (B)

Wednesday, Mar 27, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Reagh from Oxford Veterinary Hospital incorporates Fear Free methodologies to teach us the best strategies for avoiding unnecessary cat-astrophes and making our purrfect little feline friends the happiest they can be.

Intro to Canine Nose Work (R)

Saturday, May 18, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Ages 13 - up

Nose work is said to be one of the best ways to stimulate a dog's mind. Get a taste (or sniff) of nose work from Cheryl Hedge, Certified Nose Work Instructor with the National Association for Canine Scentwork.

Hands-On Culinary Nutrition Workshop (1)

Tuesday, Mar 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Miami University 101 Phillips Hall (420 S. Oak St.) Miami University's Department of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Health will teach us about hydroponics, Tower Gardens, herbs and quick/easy heart healthy recipes. Register by March 1.

JT Townsend, True Crime Historian 🚯

Thursday, Mar 14, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

JT Townsend will take us into the dark world of Jack the Ripper. He sifts the evidence, stalks the suspects and unmasks the shocking killer. This presentation is an introduction to our Once Upon a Crime club.

Once Upon a Crime 🔞

Thursdays, Mar 14, Apr 11 & May 2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Share theories, clues and information with other true crime sleuths. This club will focus on different crimes using books, podcasts, documentaries and more.

Memory Café 🚯

Fridays, Mar 15, Apr 26 & May 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This is a space for people living with Alzheimer's and other memory loss. Enjoy music, games and conversation in a supportive environment.

March Madness Bracket Tournament

Mar 17 - Apr 8

All ages

Do you have the perfect March Madness bracket, or are you preparing for your bracket to be busted? Submit your bracket for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Note: Brackets will not be accepted after March 21 at noon. Google Form link:

www.lanepl.org/marchmadness

* Chess in the Library

Sundays, Mar 17, Apr 21 & May 19 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages

Bring your board, your curiosity and your tactics for a friendly game of chess. Mr. Heilman, a local chess teacher who teaches introductory chess concepts to kids, will be available for coaching and questions.

Eclipse Chasing with Dean Regas: Heavenly Excuses to Travel

Monday, Mar 18, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Join astronomer Dean Regas to hear about his adventures traveling in search of solar eclipse, lunar eclipse, transit and other astronomical events. He will also share tips to safely observe and photograph a solar eclipse. Book sale and signing to follow the presentation.

Author Spotlight with

Terrance Moore on *Red Brick Magic*

Tuesday, Mar 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Terrance Moore will discuss his new book *Red Brick* Magic and the legacy of Miami University's cradle of coaches. Discussion led by Richard Campbell, Professor Emeritus Department of Media, Journalism and Film. Book sale and signing to follow.

Poetry Reading & Workshop with Ohio Poet Laureate (B)

Monday, Apr 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 16 - up

It's National Poetry Month! Join Kari Gunter-Seymour, Ohio Poet Laureate, as she shares her poetry and writing methods. Though she will present virtually, we ask all participants to register to attend at the library; she will interact with attendees and answer questions!

Peep-O-Rama

Contest submissions: Apr 20 - 26 Display and voting: Apr 29 - May 5

All ages

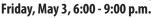
Create your own Peep diorama representing your favorite book or library experience! Entries will be displayed in the library and prizes will be awarded to the winning entry in three categories: Youth (ages 5 - 11), Teen (ages 12 - 17) and Adult (18 - over). Contest rules and start-up supplies can be picked up at the library on Monday, April 1.

Adult Poetry Slam 😯

Saturday, Apr 27, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Maybe you're a poet and you didn't even know it. Or maybe you're onomatopoetically gifted and can crash, snap and boom the room with your verse. Sign up to read whatever original poetry moves you have. If you'd prefer to listen to the local lively lyricists, register to attend and snap the night away.

Come on Barbie, Let's Go Party 🚯



Pull the pink out of your closets because we're having a grown-up-costume Barbie watch party! There will be snacks, crafts and silly games while we screen the 2023 blockbuster "Barbie". Dress like your favorite Barbie (or Ken) for a chance to win the Barbie trophy.

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Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Sunday: Closed**



HELP! One-on-One Sessions ®

We provide individualized assistance on computer basics, downloading library books, using the laser cutter, 3D printing and more. Call to make a one-hour appointment!

Intro to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Saturday, Mar 2, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn the basics of AI - what it's used for and how it's changing the world - and play around with some of the tools available.

The Art of Illustration **(R)**

Thursdays, Mar 7, Apr 25 & May 9 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn the basics of art and illustration in this educational and collaborative class.

Mar 7 — Why Does It Work?: Learn the basics of motion, weight and action.

Apr 25 — Comics Workshop: Learn about the challenges and benefits of sequential art.

May 9 — Animal Companions, Mascots and Sidekicks: Learn how to design and brand your own!

Spring Beanies ®

Thursday, Mar 14, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Make your own impish beanie! Learn the basics of resin casting, coloring and additives to make your own devilishly dashing horns to adorn your cap!

Downtown Hamilton Book Club

Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16 & May 21 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Adults

Do you live or work in downtown Hamilton? Do you like to read eBooks or listen to audiobooks on Hoopla? If so, then this is the book club for you! Bring your lunch and join us for a laid back, casual discussion.

Mar 19 – *True Grit* by Charles Portis

Apr 16 – The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman May 21 – *Tao Te Ching* by Lao-Tzu, translated by

John Minford

Bring Your Own Book Club (BYOBC)

Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16 & May 21 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adults

Choose whatever book you want that fits the theme and join us on Discord for a lively discussion! Share your thoughts anytime, or join the librarianled discussion hours. Email techcenter@lanepl.org for the Discord link.

Mar – Green

Apr – New Beginnings

May — Self Care

Plot Twists Writers Club

Saturdays, Mar 23, Apr 20 & May 18 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Teens & Adults

Whether you're just starting out or are already an accomplished writer, come write in and create a community of local scribblers. We'll talk trends, do word sprints and workshop each other's pieces (only if you volunteer!) in a fun, collaborative environment.

Photography for Beginners Series

Learn some amazing photography tricks from professional photographer Logan Turner! Participants may bring their own cameras and/or share the Tech Center's communal camera. Smartphone cameras are also welcome! Adults

Introduction to Photo Composition

Saturday, Mar 23, 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Learn to frame the perfect shot and capture the best angles.

Lightroom for Beginners 🚯

Saturday, Apr 20, 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. Learn to use Adobe Lightroom to take your photos from raw to wow!

Spring Photo Walk **(B)**

Saturday, May 18, 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Take a walking tour of Hamilton, snapping photos and learning some composition techniques along the way. (Rain out topic: Product Photography.)

Coast to Coaster (1)

Thursdays, Apr 11 & 18 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

In this 2-part class, you'll learn how to design a set of coasters with landmark destinations. Part one will feature designing using a digital art program and attendees will receive and color their coasters in part two.

Cricut Card Making ®

Saturday, Apr 27 & Wednesday, May 1 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Mother's Day isn't too far away, but any occasion will do! Join us to learn tips and tricks on how to make a one-of-a-kind card. (Basic computer skills & familiarity with Cricut Design Space required.)

3D Print Your Own Keychains & Earrings (B)



Wednesday, May 8 & Saturday, May 11 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Design and print a custom accessory with an intricate geometric pattern. Use TinkerCAD and some easy 3D printing techniques to create beautiful and unique patterns. (Basic computer skills & an email address is required.)

Ohio Means Jobs Pop-Up

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ohio Means Jobs is on the move! Drop in and meet a representative for valuable job and education services and assistance!

- **R** Registration is required.
- Book club copies are available.

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Core Public Stops

These are the library's core public stops. Additional stops can be viewed on the online Bookmobile Calendar at www.lanepl.org/bookmobile.

New Miami Elementary

636 Seven Mile Ave, New Miami Every Monday, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. (No stop May 27)

Fairfield East Elementary

6711 Morris Road, Fairfield Township Every Monday, 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. (No stop May 27)

Darrtown

Corner of Hamilton-Richmond Road and Oxford Street **Every Wednesday, 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.**

Ross IGA

3733 Hamilton-Cleves Road Every Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Queen of Peace

2550 Millville Avenue **Every Thursday, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.**

This schedule is subject to change without notice due to weather, traffic or mechanical difficulties.

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Programs



Adults

Join one of these great groups, meeting across the library's service area. This is the next chapter of our popular Coffee and a Book program. Same great groups with a new name.

Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Mar 9, Apr 13 & May 11

Oxford Lane Library

Mar 9 – Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo Apr 13 – North Woods by Daniel Mason May 11 – The Heaven & Earth

Grocery Store by James McBride

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Mar 12, Apr 16 & May 21

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Apr 10 – The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride May 8 – Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8

Mar 13 – North Woods

3169 Princeton Rd, Hamilton

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Novel Needles

Tuesdays, Mar 26, Apr 23 & May 28 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Fiber enthusiasts welcome! Regardless of what types of needles and materials you like to use, join us for a fun night of new skills and old favorites. We are here to help novices learn the basics and have experts show us their skills, so come with your current project and enjoy some time with your fellow crafters!



Can't get to the library? Let the library come to you!

Sign up for monthly home deliveries! This free service is available to anyone who can't make it to the library. Contact the Bookmobile and Outreach Services Department at (513) 829-8370 to arrange home delivery.

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