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Winter Reading Challenge

Join us for the online Winter Reading Challenge for all ages! During the month of January, choose from two challenge options: “Cozy up and Read” and “Brr-INGO”. Participate in one or both challenges for a chance to win a cozy prize! Visit www.lanepl.org/winterreading beginning Monday, December 18 for challenge details and to get registered. You can also download the Beanstack app to participate on your mobile device.

Winter Art Contest and Opening Gala

Contest Sign-up: January 1 - 28
Submissions accepted: January 29 - February 4
Opening Night Gala: February 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Age categories: Children 7 - 11, Teens 12 - 17 & Adults 18 - up

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Online Author Talks

Let’s Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard
Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education: An Author Talk with Stephanie Land
Tuesday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.

Embrace Love in the New Year: A Heartfelt Conversation with Rebecca Serle
Wednesday, January 10, 8:00 p.m.

Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster? How to Avoid the Hidden Traps in Retirement Planning Advice
Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 p.m.
SYSTEM-WIDE STORY TIMES
(Holiday Story Time break December 19 - January 11)

**HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY**

* Movers and Shakers
  Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, Jan 17 - Feb 28
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

* Toddler Time
  Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, Jan 16 - Feb 27
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 2 - 3

* Preschool Story Time
  Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, Jan 18 - Feb 29
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 4 - 6

**FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY**

* Movers & Shakers
  Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, Jan 17 - Feb 28
  10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

* Toddler Time
  Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, Jan 18 - Feb 29
  10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 2 - 3

* Preschool Story Time
  Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, Jan 16 - Feb 27
  10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 4 - 6

* Story Time en Español
  Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 20 & Feb 17
  11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  Ages 6 - under

* Sensory Story Time
  Sundays, Dec 10, Jan 21 & Feb 18
  12:00 p.m.
  Ages 6 - under

**OXFORD LANE LIBRARY**

* Movers and Shakers
  Thursdays, Dec 7, 14, Jan 18 - Feb 29
  11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months

* Toddler Time
  Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, Jan 17 - Feb 28
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 2 - 3

* Preschool Story Time
  Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12, Jan 16 - Feb 27
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Suggested for ages 4 - 6

* Family Story Time
  Fridays, Dec 1 - 15, Jan 19 - Feb 23
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Ages 6 - under

* Saturday Story Time
  Saturdays, Dec 2, 9, Feb 3 & 10
  10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
  Ages 6 - under

**RECOMMENDED READS**

**FICTION**

- The Diamond Eye
- Christmas on the Book Country
- Winter Garden
- Alice Feeney
- Rock Paper Scissors
- Agatha Christie
- Just Like Magic
- The Terror

**NONFICTION**

- Fifty Miles from Tomorrow
- The Erratics
- Island of the Blue Foxes
- The Sittaford Mystery
- Wintering

**FAMILY READS**

- Winter House
- Brothers Keeper
- Sea Winter
- Dog Driven
- The Call of the Wild
- Jack London
Youth Programs

Winter Breakivities
Dec 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 & 29
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 3 - 11
Drop in on the school break days below for some fun! Crafts will be one per child, while supplies last.
Dec 21 – Gingerbread House/Tree Decorating
Dec 22 – Holiday Movie Marathon
Dec 26 – Cookie Decorating
Dec 27 – Snow Globe Making
Dec 28 – STEM with Boonshoft Museum
(1:00 - 2:00 p.m. for ages 6 - 11)
Dec 29 – New Year’s Eve Craft

‘Twas the Night Before Christmas
Thursday, Dec 21, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Recommended for ages 11 - under
Enjoy a holiday craft, milk and cookies and a reading of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas with Santa! Holiday pajamas encouraged!

Teen Take & Make Kits
Crafts released Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5
Ages 12 - 18
Get creative and pick up a craft kit to do at home. (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!

Stencil Art
Saturday, Dec 9, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
Come and create your own stencil art masterpiece!

Santa’s Scrapyard Sleigh Race
Sunday, Dec 10, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 - 11
Santa needs a new sleigh on a budget! Build a sleigh with recycled materials and race it against others to see who has the fastest sleigh for Christmas!

Book Buddies
Sundays, Dec 17, Jan 14 & Feb 11
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Mondays, Dec 18 & Feb 12
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Suggested for ages 7 - 12
Practice your reading skills with a Children’s Department volunteer. Done in partnership with Badin High School seniors. Call (513) 894-1409 or stop by the desk to register for a 20-minute session.

Winter Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, Dec 21 - Sunday, Jan 7
Ages 11 - under
Drop by any of our locations during winter break to complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

Teen Cook: Snack Attack
Saturday, Jan 13, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Ages 7 - 11
Chef Amy will create snack recipes that kids will want to make again at home!

Book Buddies
Saturday, Jan 20, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 - 11
Jeffrey Ebberlin will demonstrate the basic techniques in book construction. Participants will cut, decorate and assemble their own pop-up while Jeffrey talks about his career writing and illustrating children’s books and designing pop-up books.

Dino Buddies
Saturday, Feb 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
All ages
Lizards in the library! Meet various reptiles up close and learn all about their care.

Stuffed Animals and Lovey Dovey Valentine’s Day Traditions? Join us as we tear them apart and build our own Frankentoy creations.

Soup’s On! YouTube Series
Chef Amy teaches us how to make delicious cold weather soups. Videos posted to our YouTube channel sometime during each month.
Dec – Sopa de Fideo
Jan – Chicken Gnocchi Soup
Feb – Hot and Sour Soup

Merry & Mindful
Dec 1 - 31
Stop by the Hamilton drive-thru during the month of December and pick up a puzzle packet to combat holiday stress.

Cultural Academy
Saturdays, Dec 2, Jan 13 & Feb 10
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Join us each month to discuss different topics in the humanities. Prepare by watching videos posted about each monthly topic on the library’s online calendar. Be ready to enjoy an interesting discussion and find out how one thing can lead to another!
Dec 2 – Dickenson’s Christmas
Jan 13 – Dust Bowl
Feb 10 – Puzzle Boxes
Planning Party  R
Saturday, Dec 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Crank up the music, bust out the stickers, markers, pencils, pens and stencils, and bring out the snacks! Drop in and bring your 2024 planner to get a jump start on the year!

Holiday Open House
Sunday, Dec 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
All ages
Enjoy live holiday jazz and piano music with the Chris Comer Trio and festive seasonal crafts!

Tuesday’s Titles
Tuesday, Dec 5, Jan 2 & Feb 6 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Join us each month in the South Reading Room for an enjoyable discussion of books.
Dec 5 — The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
Jan 2 — The Lost Journals of Sacajawea by Debra Magpie Earling
Feb 6 — The House in the Pines by Ana Reyes

Life in the Craft Lane  R
Tuesday, Dec 5, Jan 2 & Feb 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Put your DIY skills to the test. Try a new craft at either the Hamilton or Fairfield branch.
Dec 5 — Holiday Candle Holder @ Fairfield
Jan 2 — Winter Shadowbox @ Hamilton
Feb 6 — Date Night Jar @ Fairfield

Only Murders in the Library
Wednesdays, Dec 6, Jan 10 & Feb 7 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Listen to a true crime podcast and then come to join the discussion! The podcast Death in Ice Valley covers the mysterious death of the Isdal Woman in 1970 Norway during the Cold War. Was she a spy and why did she die?
Dec 6 — Episodes 1 - 4
Jan 10 — Episodes 5 - 8
Feb 7 — Episodes 9 - 12

Create Your Own Spice Blends  R
Thursday, Dec 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Amp up the flavors in your cooking by creating your own signature spice blend! An array of spices, jars and other supplies will be available. Typical spice blend recipes will also be available if you’d prefer to create something more familiar.

Self-Care with Bernie  R
Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 20 & Feb 3 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Join us in this self-care series to beat those winter blues. Learn the art of aromatherapy and its benefits, Emotional Freedom Therapy (EFT) for stress relief, and self-massage for physical and mental health. This is a hands-on class so wear comfortable clothes and get ready to de-stress.
Dec 9 — Aromatherapy
Jan 20 — Emotional Freedom Therapy
Feb 3 — Self Massage

Lane’s Learning Center
Wednesdays, Dec 13, 27, Jan 17, 31 & Feb 14 Posted at 9:00 a.m.
Lane’s Learning Center is a catalog of videos created by Lane staff to help you navigate all of the online resources we have to offer. Go to www.lanel.org/webinars to start viewing!
Dec 13 — Culture Grams
Dec 27 — Historic Butler County Documents
Jan 17 — Your Family’s Military Past
Jan 31 — Ohio History Connection
Feb 14 — What’s Next in the Series?

Memory Café
Thursdays, Dec 14, Jan 11 & Feb 8 6:00 - 7:00 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.
Dec 14 — Make Your Own Holiday Cards
Jan 11 — Make Your Own Play-Doh Play Time
Feb 8 — Easy DIY Jewelry Making

Art Contest and Gala Night
Contest submissions: Jan 2 - 28
Opening Night Gala: Feb 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
All ages
Are you a painter? Knitter? Jewelry designer? We want to see your talent! Submit a work of art in any medium to the Lane Libraries’ Art Contest. Submissions will be displayed for the community to see and vote for their favorites. We will kick off the voting with an opening night art gala accompanied by music and refreshments. See www.lanel.org/artcontest or call for details.

Find a Clue
Jan 2 - Feb 28
Drop in and enjoy multiple escape the room games and murder mysteries! Some of the games can be done solo and others require a group. A table for groups will be reserved on Wednesday nights, but players can come any time to enjoy.

Spice World Kits
Love to try adventurous food but hesitant to buy all the spices needed? Try a Spice World Kit! Included are the needed herbs and spices, a recipe card and a brief history of the dish.
Jan 2 — Turkish Adana Kebabs
Feb 1 — Tunisian Shakshuka (Chakhchouka)
Mar 1 — Irish Corned Beef

Crafts to Go!
Pickup begins Mondays, Jan 8 & Feb 12
Love to craft but short on time? Grab one of these adult take & make kits at the Hamilton drive-thru.
Jan 8 — New Year Message Board
Feb 12 — Puzzle Heart

Winter Sowing  R
Wednesday, Jan 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tired of waiting for spring to begin working on your garden? Join us to learn about winter sowing of seeds. All you need is an empty milk jug, potting soil and some seeds. No lights, heat mats or expensive material is required. Everyone who attends will sow seeds to take home with them.

‘90s Craft Night  R
Thursday, Jan 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Relive your childhood at the library by making classic '90s crafts. All supplies will be provided.

Hometown Tourist  R
Saturday, Jan 27, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Goggin Ice Center (610 S. Oak St., Oxford)
Take a program and facility tour of Goggin Ice Center on Miami University’s main campus. Parking directions for Goggin will be sent out the day before. Please be aware that there may be walking involved.

High Street: A History
Thursday, Feb 1, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Join Smith History Library and Cummins Room Manager Brad Spurlock for a presentation on the history of High Street, Hamilton’s historical commercial district.

Adult Game Night: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition  R
Friday, Feb 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Race as a team to solve a jigsaw puzzle the fastest! To register a team, choose “group” in the online calendar and include how many are on your team (up to 4). Or register yourself and join a team on event night. Pizza and drinks will be provided.
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.)

* Social LEGO Play
Saturday, Dec 2 (Ages 6 - 10)
Saturday, Jan 13 (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.

* Doggie Tales
Sundays, Dec 10, Jan 14 & Feb 11
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.

Teen D&D
Tuesdays, Dec 12, Jan 16 & Feb 20
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
A continuation of our “Dragons of Icespire Peak” campaign. New players are always welcome!

* Sensory Friendly Movie Showing: “Abominable”
Wednesday, Dec 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
All ages
Fairfield Community Arts Center
Stop in for a sensory-friendly screening at the Community Arts Center in Fairfield! We’ll turn up the lights and lower the speakers so participants can get the movie-theater experience without feeling overstimulated.

Reindeer Games
Saturday, Dec 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 11 - under
Romp with the reindeer through a scavenger hunt, then make an antler craft and play some reindeer games. Don’t forget to snap a photo with Rudolph!

Holiday Movie Marathon
Sunday, Dec 17, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
All ages
Get in the holiday spirit with some classic holiday films, popcorn and hot cocoa!

Teen Pride Club
Wednesdays, Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 21
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.

Winter Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, Dec 21 - Sunday, Jan 7
Ages 11 - under
Drop by any of our locations during winter break to complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

* Winter Solstice Celebration
Thursday, Dec 21, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Families and children ages 7 - under
Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter! Join us for stories, followed by winter crafts which we’ll use to decorate a tree outside the library.

Teen Movie Night
Thursdays, Dec 28, Jan 25 & Feb 29
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
Bring your friends for snacks, games, movies and more. The monthly movies are:
Dec 28 — Classic Holiday Movies
Jan 25 — “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3”
Feb 29 — “Elemental”

* Take Me to Your Reader
Saturday, Jan 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - under
Search for life on other planets at our alien themed story time with games, activities and more.

Teen Crafternoon
Thursdays, Jan 11 & Feb 8
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.
Jan 11 — Snow Day Crafts
Feb 8 — Love is in the Air

* Take Me to Your Reader
Saturday, Jan 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - 10
Saturday, Jan 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 11 - 15

* Take Me to Your Reader
Saturday, Jan 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 11 - 15

Dear Valentine
Feb 1 - 12
All ages
Help us spread love this Valentine’s Day by sharing a positive message with our friends at The Waterford. Supplies available at the Children’s Desk starting Feb 1. Return your letter to our “Letters of Love” mailbox by Feb 12.

World Read Aloud Story Time
Wednesday, Feb 7, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
All ages
All your favorite children’s staff will gather together for a live Zoom story time. Join millions around the globe as we celebrate the power of reading aloud as part of World Read Aloud Day.

History with a “JEDI”
Saturday, Feb 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Ages 7 - 11
Learn about the Black Americans who have made history in the genre of Science Fiction. Hear from our local “JEDI” Charla Hale from the YWCA Hamilton. We’ll be making our own JEDI Lightsabers after the program.

Black History Live Story Reading
Saturday, Feb 24, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Families
Learn the importance of storytelling in preserving Black History as YWCA Hamilton presents a live reading of Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah Jones. This engaging reading will be followed by a Black History Q&A with YWCA Hamilton Chief Strategy, Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer Charla Hale.
Adult Programs

Life in the Craft Lane  
Tuesdays, Dec 5, Jan 2 & Feb 6  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Put your DIY skills to the test. Try a new craft at either the Hamilton or Fairfield branch.  
Dec 5 – Holiday Candle Holder @ Fairfield  
Jan 2 – Winter Shadowbox @ Hamilton  
Feb 6 – Date Night Jar @ Fairfield

Be Well: Chair Yoga  
Thursdays, Dec 7, Jan 4 & Feb 1  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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.

Holiday Card Making  
Thursday, Dec 7, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ages 12 - up  
Make your own holiday cards to send to your friends and family.

D&D Adventure for Adults  
Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 20 & Feb 17  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
A continuation of our adventures in Saltmarsh. New players are always welcome!

Lane’s Learning Center  
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Dec 13 – Culture Grams  
Dec 27 – Historic Butler County Documents  
Jan 17 – Your Family’s Military Past  
Jan 31 – Ohio History Connection  
Feb 14 – What’s Next in the Series?

Chess in the Library  
Sundays, Dec 3, Jan 7 & Feb 4  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
All ages  
Stop by to play a friendly game of chess and maybe learn a new trick or two. An experienced chess teacher will be available for instruction and advice.

Book Clubs

Rise and Read Book Club  
Thursdays, Dec 14, Jan 11 & Feb 8  
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.  
Dec 14 – The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows  
Jan 11 – Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt  
Feb 8 – Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Third Monday Book Club  
Mondays, Dec 18, Jan 22 & Feb 19  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Gather together for our popular fiction and nonfiction book club!  
Dec 18 – Happiness Falls by Angie Kim  
Jan 22 – Starter Villain by John Scalzi  
Feb 19 – The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Perfectly Paired Book Club  
Tuesdays, Dec 19 & Feb 27  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
If you are looking for a ‘perfect pair’, we’ve got you covered! Explore this exciting book club meeting bi-monthly to discover books that are better together.  
Dec 19 – Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë and The Eye Affair by Jasper Fforde  
Feb 27 – The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare and Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler

Computer Tutor Service  
Make an appointment with a member of the Reference Team to learn about email accounts, computer basics, internet basics, eBooks, tablets, iPads, Word or Ancestry.com. Thirty-minute sessions are available by calling (513) 858-3238.

Registration is required. Book club copies are available.

Art Contest and Gala Night  
Contest submissions: Jan 2 - 28  
Opening Night Gala: Feb 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
All ages  
Are you a painter? Knitter? Jewelry designer? We want to see your talent! Submit a work of art in any medium to the Lane Libraries’ Art Contest. Submissions will be displayed for the community to see and vote for their favorites. We will kick off the voting with an opening night art gala accompanied by music and refreshments. See www.lanepl.org/artcontest or call for details.

Local Artist Meet & Greet  
Saturday, Jan 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
All ages  
Get inspired for our upcoming art contest by meeting a variety of local artists as they share their artwork and techniques.

Crochet for Beginners  
Tuesday, Jan 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Ages 12 - up  
Ever wanted to learn how to crochet? We’ll teach you with this beginner-friendly scarf pattern.

Long Story Short  
Tuesdays, Jan 23 & Feb 13  
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.

SELF Presents: Creating Budgets  
Saturday, Jan 27, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Learn how to create a budget from a Money Management Coach at SELF.

Adult programs are for ages 18 - up unless otherwise noted.

Registration is required. Book club copies are available.

*Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
Youth Programs

Teen Murder Mystery Night 🕵️
Friday, Dec 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
Join us after hours for a mystery themed party (gone wrong!?).

* Play Café
Mondays, Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 - under
A time for caregivers and children of all abilities to meet, socialize and play with a variety of toys and early literacy activities.

D&D Teen Club
Tuesdays, Dec 5, Jan 9 & Feb 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
Join friends at the library for the tabletop role playing game that started it all - Dungeons and Dragons. Players can bring their own character (official rules only, please) or choose a premade character available on site. All levels of experience are welcome.

D&D Youth Club 🎨
Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 8 - 11
Dungeons & Dragons is a game of imagination, strategy and communication! Each session consists of a self-contained adventure run by an experienced game master and adapted for young players. Players can bring their own character (level 3, official rules only) or choose a pre-made character available on site. All levels of experience are welcome.

* I Rise Math Preschool Workshops 📚
Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 6 & Feb 3
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 3 - 5
Explore early math concepts with instructors from I Rise Math in this fun and interactive parent/child workshop series.
Dec 9 – Measure with Me
Jan 6 – Hide & Seek: Numbers 1 - 10
Feb 3 – Let’s Make Tracks: Fun with Footprints

Winter Break Scavenger Hunt
Thursday, Dec 21 - Sunday, Jan 7
Ages 11 - under
Drop by any of our locations during winter break to complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

Voice Lessons for Teens 🎤
Tuesdays, Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6 & 13
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Ages 12 - 18
Discover your voice while learning about music theory, history and vocal technique. Students will sing a mix of warmups and popular music in each session. An instructor from Oxford Music Academy will help you get started! No experience required, come ready to make some music! (This is a 6-session workshop; please plan to attend all sessions.)

Library Laser Tag 🎨
Friday, Jan 19, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Ages 12 - 17
Here’s your chance to run through the library at night in a dog-eat-dog game of capture the flag, laser tag style!

Party Like a Dog Man 🎨
Saturday, Jan 20, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - 11
Celebrate Dav Pilkey’s beloved crime-biting canine with a variety of activities and crafts.

Students Helping Students 🎨
Tuesdays, Jan 30 - Feb 27, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Grades 5 - 8
Free, one-on-one tutoring with a Miami student specializing in Math and/or ELA. Call the library to register for up to two 30-minute, private sessions per week. Must register weekly.

Black History Month: Spotlight on Inventors 🎨
Saturday, Feb 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Ages 7 - 11
Learn all about the impact of Black inventors with a variety of hands-on activities. In partnership with the Oxford NAACP.

Adult Programs

Local Artist Exhibit:
In the Open Air with Andrea Yaeger
Andrea Yaeger is an Oxford artist known for her vibrant landscape paintings. She earned her BFA in 2D Design from Bowling Green State University and has been painting ever since. She moved to Oxford in 2013 and currently maintains a studio, where she enjoys welcoming guests and connecting over her paintings and commissioned works of special places in the area.

Andrea Yaeger’s artworks include a collection of acrylic paintings completed en plein air in late summer and fall of 2023. En plein air is a French phrase meaning “in the open air.” For this series, she found inspiration after exploring and observing areas on her hikes in and around Oxford. She captures the true beauty around us and reflects that harmony in her work. She loves the energy, immediacy and sense of place that can come through in a plein air painting and wants others to view her paintings and feel the land and be moved inside.

Book Clubs

The Book Crew 🎨
Tuesdays, Dec 19, Jan 16 & Feb 20
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Gaslight Brewhouse
Gather each month for a lively discussion. Purchase of food and drink optional.
Dec 19 – The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa
Jan 16 – Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese
Feb 20 – Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide by Rupert Holmes

The Bookwormhole 🎨
Wednesdays, Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 21
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Gaslight Brewhouse
Ready to hurdle into the Bookwormhole for sci-fi/fantasy adventures and far our discussion? Purchase of food and drink optional.
Dec 20 – Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik
Jan 17 – The Three-Body Problem by Cixin Liu
Feb 21 – Artemis by Andy Weir

Third Thursday Book Club 🎨
Thursdays, Dec 21, Jan 18 & Feb 15
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Gaslight Brewhouse
Join us for a lively and enjoyable discussion of books.
Dec 21 – The One Hundred Years of Lennie and Margot by Marianne Cronin
Jan 18 – Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Feb 15 – The Farewell Tour by Stephanie Clifford

Fact and Fiction Book Club 🎨
Monday, Feb 5, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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Each quarter we will read and discuss two books, one non-fiction and one fiction, covering the same topic. This quarter’s selections are Silver Like Dust by Kimi Cunningham Grant and The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende.

Weekly Chess Puzzle
New puzzle every Thursday
All ages
Figure out the one correct answer to the puzzle located in the main lobby. Whether you’re a chess grandmaster or a new pawn on the block, square off against your fellow tacticians. The names of those who give correct answers will be royally displayed for all to see and entered in a monthly raffle for prizes.

The Giving Tree
Dec 1 - Jan 6
Help us support families who are in need for the winter season. Look for the Giving Tree in our lobby for details regarding specific items that can be donated. (In collaboration with Talawanda School District.)
Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. Book club copies are available. Adult programs are for ages 18 - up unless otherwise noted.

Butler County Aspire Presentation
Friday, Dec 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hear Butler County Aspire Coordinator Julie Ridge talk about the Aspire program. With offerings of High School Equivalency classes, ESOL for adults learning English and providing Workkeys test preparation, opportunities for education and training are numerous!

Winter Theater Series
OxACT Performance R
Friday, Dec 1, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for the first performance of our Winter Theater Series! It will be an evening of fun and laughter as OxACT performs Head Elf. The play will begin at 6:30 and holiday refreshments will be served.

Adult Talent Show R
Saturday, Jan 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Amateur singers, actors, jugglers and magicians! Sign up for the second performance night of the Winter Theater Series, the Adult Talent Show. All skill levels are welcome. AND all professional armchair theater critics, register for a fun night of viewing local talent and voting for your favorite acts. Bring a can of food to donate as a “ticket” (not required).

Improv Night with Sketched Out Improv R
Saturday, Feb 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Yes, and… Join Sketched Out Improv for the third performance of the Winter Theater Series. You never know what will happen next! (Including the refreshments. What in the world will we serve?) All we know for certain is that the night will be a scintillatingly delightful mix of spontaneous hilarity, wit and skill.

Art's Makerspace
Tuesdays, Dec 5 & 19, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Dec 9, 23, Jan 6, 20, Feb 3 & 17 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Ages 14 - up
Explore the makerspace on the 2nd floor where you will find various tools and art supplies for self-guided crafting. We'll have extra holiday materials available in Dec to help get your holiday crafts ready.

Winterize Your Home R
Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Andrew Swatzell of Andyman Services shares simple, inexpensive ideas on how to keep your home warm during the winter months and save money.

Memory Café R
Fridays, Dec 8, Jan 19 & Feb 2, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Join us for Memory Café, a space for people living with Alzheimer’s and other memory loss. Enjoy music, games and conversation in a supportive environment. A care partner or family member is required to accompany participants.

Lane's Learning Center
Wednesdays, Dec 13, 27, Jan 17, 31 & Feb 14 Posted at 9:00 a.m.
Lane's Learning Center is a catalog of videos created by Lane staff to help you navigate all of the online resources we have to offer. Go to www.lanepl.org/webinars to start viewing!

Library Laser Tag R
Friday, Jan 19, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Adults, here's your chance to run through the library at night in a dog-eat-dog game of capture the flag, laser tag style!

Make & Bake Artisan Italian Loaves R
Sundays, Jan 21 & Feb 4 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join expert baker Michelle Kovach from Cracking Crust Microbakery to create two classic Italian loaves: focaccia and ciabatta. In this hands-on workshop we will learn how to mix, fold and shape the dough plus learn tips for baking it at home. Information on sourdough starters will also be covered. All supplies included.

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Art Contest and Gala Night
Submission deadline: Jan 31
Opening Night Gala: Feb 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
All ages
Are you a painter? Knitter? Jewelry designer? We want to see your talent! Submit a work of art in any medium to the Lane Libraries' Art Contest. Submissions will be displayed for the community to see and vote for their favorites. We will kick off the voting with an opening night art gala accompanied by music and refreshments. See www.lanepl.org/artcontest for call for details.

Yoga with Bernadette Unger
Wednesdays, Jan 3 - Feb 7, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Join us for a stretch with local yoga teacher Bernadette Unger. The class is suited for all fitness levels and offers modifications for all poses. Bring a yoga mat and towel.

Ultimutt New Dog Welcoming Tips R
Thursday, Jan 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Ages 13 - up
It's National Train Your Dog Month! Join certified trainer Jeff Silverman and his dog from Training Tracks Canine Learning Station for a session on dog training and home prep basics to welcome your newly adopted dog into your family. (Please leave Fido at home!)

Dungeons and Dragons R
Sunday, Jan 14, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Experience the tabletop roleplaying game that started it all. Experienced game masters will lead players through a self-contained adventure. Players are welcome to bring their own character (level 5, official rules only) or choose a premade character available at the event. All levels of experiences are welcome.

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Keeping Safe in a Digital World
Thursday, Feb 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Join local cybersecurity expert Timothy Carver to keep your data safe in the cyberworld. Feel a sense of security as you navigate the internet and avoid scams.

Cursive: Welcome Back to Second Grade!
Saturday, Feb 10, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Join veteran teacher Janelle T. Rainey to learn a new skill or improve your penmanship. At this workshop you will create a handmade note for a loved one for Valentine's Day.

Computer Tutor Service R
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) 523-7531, ext. 1215.
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!

DIY - Design It Yourself: Kitchen Towel & Wooden Turner
Saturday, Dec 2, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 6, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Using Canva and Cricut Design Space, you will learn to create a design to customize your kitchen towel and wood turner. (Basic computer skills required.)

Peerless Penmanship: A Class in Calligraphy
Mondays, Dec 4 & 11, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Feb 3 & 10, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Planning to write a lot of cards for the holidays? Give your greetings some flair by learning the basics of calligraphy!

The Art of Illustration
Thursdays, Dec 7, Jan 18 & Feb 8
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Learn how to draw like a pro! These classes will help you familiarize yourself with the core basics of illustration. Each class will focus on a different project where you’ll interact with different media, subjects and learn how to break things down.

Plot Twists Writers Club
Saturdays, Dec 9, Jan 20 & Feb 24
10:00 a.m.
Teens/Adults
Whether you’re just starting or are already an accomplished writer, come write in and create a community of local scribblers. We’ll talk about trends, do word sprints and workshop each other’s pieces (only if you volunteer!) in a fun, collaborative environment.

New Year, New You Acrylic Calendar
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec 15, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Get organized in style! Design and etch your own acrylic calendar or goal tracker with our Glowforge.

Downtown Hamilton Book Club
Tuesdays, Dec 19, Jan 16 & Feb 20
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.
Dec 19 – The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Jan 16 – Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Feb 20 – The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Bring Your Own Book Club (BYOBC)
Tuesdays, Dec 19, Jan 16 & Feb 20
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 librarian-led discussion hours. Email techcenter@lanepl.org for the Discord link.
Dec – Cold
Jan – Anything!
Feb – Sweet

Mini Maker Faire
Tuesday, Jan 2
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Ages 6 - up
Come check out the new Creator Space at the Tech Center and play with some of our favorite STEM kits!

Perfect Plush 101
Thursday, Jan 4
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Learn how to make a soft and squishy friend from scratch! Follow the instructor step-by-step to learn how to use a sewing machine. Pattern, fabrics and stuffing will be provided.

Premiere Pro Basics
Tuesday, Jan 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 11, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Edit like a pro! Learn how to make your videos look and sound more polished with Adobe Premiere Pro.

DIY Shrink Plastic Charms
Thursday, Jan 25
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
Learn to make your own charms for jewelry or key chains using shrink plastic, colored pencils and paint markers.

Punch Needle Tote Bags
Thursday, Feb 22
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Teens/Adults
In this class, you will learn different punch needle techniques that will give your plain tote bag a new look! Tote bags will be provided.

Tech Center Training Videos
Check the Lane Libraries’ YouTube channel at the end of each month as the Tech Center video series continues!
Dec – How to Apply a Cricut Decal
Jan – Acrylic Calendar
Feb – Vinyl Printer

Registration is required.
Book club copies are available.
YouTube Disclosure
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.

Fairfield East Elementary
6711 Morris Road, Fairfield Township
Every Monday
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
(No stops Dec 25, Jan 1 or Jan 15)

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.
(No stop Feb 29)

Queen of Peace
2550 Millville Avenue
Every Thursday
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
(No stop Feb 29)

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 - 11:30 a.m.
Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10
Oxford Lane Library
Dec 9 — In the Lives of Puppets
by TJ Klune
Jan 13 — Family Lore
by Elizabeth Acevedo
Feb 10 — Really Good, Actually
by Monica Heisey

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Novel Needles
Tuesdays, Jan 23 & Feb 27
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Lane Administration Center
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!
Holiday Closings

The Lane Libraries will be closed:

Christmas
Sunday, December 24 &
Monday, December 25

New Year's Day
Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15

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