

THE LANE LIBRARIES

NEWSLETTER & EVENTS CALENDAR

WINTER 2023 - 2024



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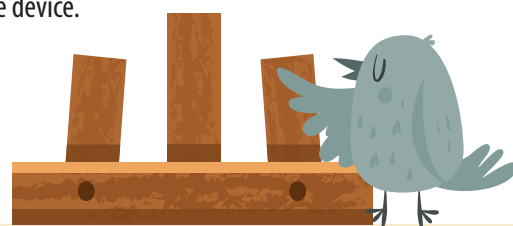
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NEWS@THE LANE

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.

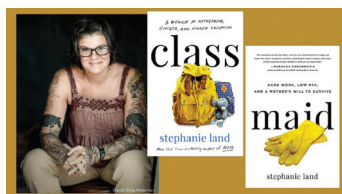
Age categories: Children 7 - 11, Teens 12 - 17 & Adults 18 - up

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 at each Lane location accompanied by music and refreshments. Visit www.lanepl.org/artcontest for contest details, or call the library for more information.

Online Author Talks



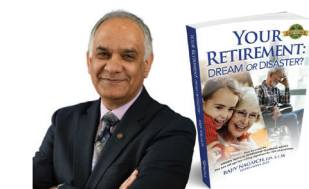
Let's Talk World Building with YA Fantasy Fiction Superstar Author Victoria Aveyard
Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.



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 ^R

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.

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

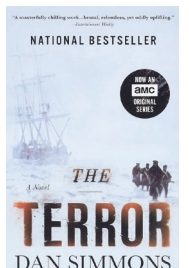
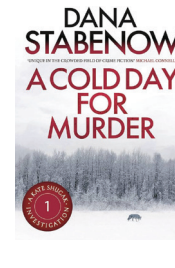
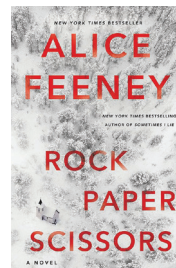
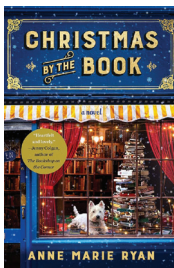
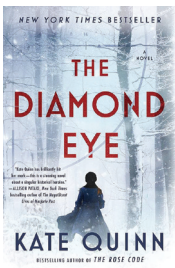
* Saturday Story Time

Saturdays, Dec 2, 9, Feb 3 & 10
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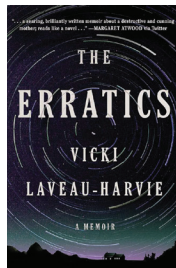
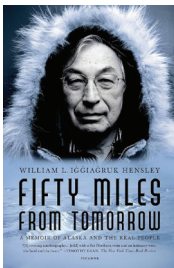
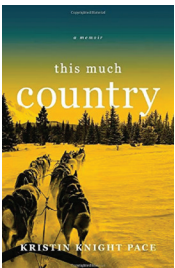
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RECOMMENDED READS

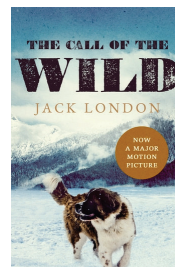
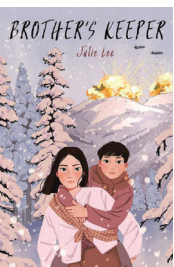
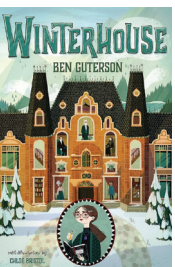
FICTION



NONFICTION



FAMILY READS



HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

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!

Kids Take & Make Kits

Crafts released Dec 4, 18, Jan 15, 29, Feb 5 & 19

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 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 Snackivities

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 Scrapyrd 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.

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!

S.A.G.A.

Thursdays, Dec 28, Jan 25 & Feb 29

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

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

Pizza Mania

Saturday, Jan 6, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Pizza! Pizza! All things pizza! Celebrate pizza with taste-testings and crafts and make your own dessert pizzas.

Kids 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!

Pop-Up Book Studio [®]

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

Ages 7 - 11

Jeffrey Ebbeler will demonstrate the basic techniques in pop-up 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.

Anti Valentine's Day Frankentoys

Saturday, Feb 17, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Tired of the stuffed animals and lovey-dovey Valentine's Day traditions? Join us as we tear them apart and build our own Frankentoy creations.

Daydreams and Straight Seams [®]

Saturday, Feb 24, 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 12

Learn how to follow a simple pattern by making lounge pants. *(Permission slip required. We will be using sharps and sewing machines.*

Previous attendance at Sewing 101 or machine sewing experience required.) Call (513) 894-1409 for a supply list.

Adult Programs

Nonprofit Resource Help

Make an appointment at the Reference Desk to have a librarian assist you with Candid nonprofit resources and researching grants. Learn more about how the library can help your organization locate grants and obtain funding.

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.

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 - Dickinson's Christmas

Jan 13 - Dust Bowl

Feb 10 - Puzzle Boxes

* Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

R Registration is required.
 Book club copies are available.

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

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

Tuesdays, 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 Sacajewea*

by Debra Magpie Earling

Feb 6 – *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes

Life in the Craft Lane **R**

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

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.lanepl.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.lanepl.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 adventuresome 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 (Chakchouka)

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 17, 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.

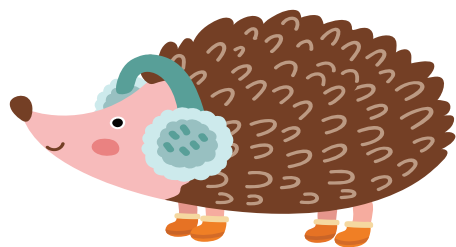
Join Smith History Library and Cummins Room Manager Brad Spurlock for a presentation on the history of High Street, Hamilton's historical commercial district.

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.



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

FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

Teen Zone Snackactivities

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"

Tween Scene: New Year, New You

Friday, Jan 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ages 9 - 11

Discover new self-care techniques: try your hand at a new hobby, make an Emergency Mental Health Kit and whip up some healthy snacks and body care products.

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 - under

Search for life on other planets at our alien themed story time with games, activities and more.

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.



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■ Book club copies are available.

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Adult Programs

Computer Tutor Service **R**

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.

BOOK CLUBS

AT THE FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Rise and Read Book Club **R** ■

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 **R** ■

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 **R** ■

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 Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde

Feb 27 — *The Taming of the Shrew* by

William Shakespeare and *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler

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.

Life in the Craft Lane **R**

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 **R**

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 **R**

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.

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Feb 14 — What's Next in the Series?

Bingo **R**

Saturday, Dec 16, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

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!

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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 **R**

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 **R**

Saturday, Jan 27, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to create a budget from a Money Management Coach at SELF.



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OXFORD LANE LIBRARY

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 out 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

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.

R 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.

Artist's Makerspace

Tuesdays, Dec 5, 12 & 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!

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?

Adult Lego Contest **R**

Jan 2 - 31

Calling adult Lego fans! Compete in our contest to celebrate International LEGO Day, and bring in your own Lego creation that will be put on display. Patrons will vote and prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Registration begins Dec 18 and participants' entries must be submitted by Jan 13. Call or stop by the Reference Desk for more information and rules.

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All ages

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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.

Library Laser Tag **R**

Friday, Jan 19, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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.

Board Game Battle Royale **R**

Friday, Jan 26, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sign up for a little friendly board game competition. Teams of two will play flash rounds of 4 classic board games ending in a battle royale between the top scoring teams. If you don't have a partner, you can find one at the event.

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! **R**

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.



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LANE LIBRARIES

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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 ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

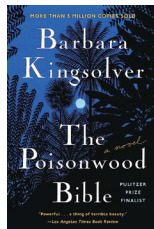
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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 ^R

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) ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

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 ^R

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



^R Registration is required.

YouTube

Book club copies are available.

Discord

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Bookmobile

DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY

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)

Darrrtown

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)

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

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

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

Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14

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Novel Needles

Tuesdays, Jan 23 & Feb 27

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!



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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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