When in doubt, go to the library.
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 ButlerWarrenAARPas.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.

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.

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

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

Nina Simon
May 8, 7:00 p.m.
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Story Time break in May. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

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

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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

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.

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.

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.
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!

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.

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
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
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.
**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*.

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**

**Saturday, Apr 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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.

**Pressured Flower Lanterns**

**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**

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

**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 23, 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 sweet-smelling floral scents.

**Prequel to Prohibition**

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

Join Smith Library and Cummings 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.
To the library by March 23.

Children's book! All entries must be returned to the drive-thru and help us create a brand-new favorite Barbie or Ken.

Pick up a writing and illustration prompt at the library for a healthy snack and fun activity! Ages 9 - 18
Sunday, Mar 10 - Saturday, Mar 16
Ages 12 - 18

In recognition of National Barbie Day, come and watch the iconic movie. Dress up as your favorite Barbie or Ken. and will also talk about the new FAFSA guidelines.

Women in STEM: College Scholarship Workshop: Women & LGBTQIA+ (Ages 12 - 18)
Saturday, 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 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.

* 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.

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.
All ages
In recognition of National Barbie Day, come and 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.

Teen D&D
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!

* 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.

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.

* Can You Survive? Tween Scene Edition
Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 9 & May 14
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
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!

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.

Poetry Workshop with Manuel Iris: Exploring the Possible Definitions of Love
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 queer 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

Perfectly Paired Book Club
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 by Lois Lowry and The Endless Vessel by Charles Soule.

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.
Mar 14 – The Women by Kristin Hannah
Apr 11 – Diva by Daisy Goodwin
May 9 – The Sun Sets in Singapore by Kehinde Fadipe

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
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.

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 or start the Hamilton or Fairfield branch.
Mar 5 – Paper Flowers @ Hamilton
Apr 2 – Watering Can Sun Catcher @ Fairfield
May 7 – Macrame Hoops @ Hamilton

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.

Be Well: Chair Yoga
Thursdays, Mar 7, Apr 4 & May 2
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.

Perfectly Paired Book Club
Tuesday, Apr 23, 6:00 - 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

Earth Day: Beeswax Wraps
Saturday, Apr 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Day by making sustainable beeswax wraps.

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.
All ages
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.

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

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

**Kids’ Makerspace**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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.**
- 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**
- 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**
- 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.

**Spring Garden Series**
- Ages 16 - up

**Wild Ones Miami Valley**
- 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.
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- Saturday, Mar 23 - Sunday, Mar 31
  - Ages 11 - under
  - Complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

**D&D Youth Club**
- 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**
- Saturday, Mar 23, 3:00 - 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.

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**Basic Car Maintenance for Teens**
- 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.

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Don Popp's Honey Farm Talk and Tour
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
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
Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Farmhouse Blooms (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.

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Intro to Canine Nose Work
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
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 11 & May 2
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

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. 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
Friday, May 3, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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.
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
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

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!

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
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.)
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.

Programs

Cover to Cover
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

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1396 University Blvd, Hamilton
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Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8
McAlister's Deli
3169 Princeton Rd, Hamilton
Mar 13 – North Woods
by Daniel Mason
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by Ilyon Woo

Novel Needles
Tuesdays, Mar 26, Apr 23 & May 28
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!

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.
Holiday Closings

The Lane Libraries will be closed:

**Easter Sunday**
Sunday, March 31

**Memorial Day**
Monday, May 27

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