

#LANEPLIBRARIES

NEWSLETTER & EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING 2025

LIBRARIANS AT WORK

March is Read Across America Month

National Library Week, April 6 - 12

National Library Workers' Day, April 8

Right to Read Day, April 24

Contributors

Thank you to all who contribute in memory of their loved ones and to all of the individuals and organizations who provide funding to support services to the community through the Lane Libraries.

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Organizations

- The Current Events Club
- W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust
- The Trouveres Club of Hamilton

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

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AARP Providing Free Tax Aide



AARP is currently offering free tax help at the Lane Libraries Administration Center, 1396 University Blvd, Hamilton, through April 15. Appointments are required and can be made on the tax website at ButlerWarrenAARP.as.me. Once the appointment is made, paperwork will be emailed that must be completed prior to the appointment. To contact AARP with questions, email ButlerWarrenAARP@gmail.com or call 513-268-7149.

Linda DiBenedetto Joins Lane Board

The Lane Libraries welcomed Linda DiBenedetto to the Board of Trustees in January for a seven-year term. Linda grew up in Butler County, graduating from Fairfield High School and getting her bachelor's and master's degrees from Miami University. She is a retired elementary school teacher with 35 years of experience in the Hamilton City Schools. With a Master's in Reading Certification, Linda made reading an integral part of her teaching career, focusing on literacy as the key building block for success in all subjects. She introduced a decade of students at Hamilton's Pierce Elementary to the Lindenwald Lane Library with monthly walking trips to check out books in the 1990s.



Linda has volunteered for 26 years for Crayons to Computers, a free store for teachers in Cincinnati. She's been on the scholarship selection committee of the Hamilton Community Foundation since 1998. Linda enjoyed reading almost 100 books last year, many from her favorite genre, mystery. She states that, "As a lifelong library lover, I am excited to have the opportunity to join the library board and see the libraries continue to succeed and flourish." Linda lives in Hamilton with her husband Paul and their loving Labrador Retriever Forrest. We are excited to welcome Linda's leadership and commitment to libraries to our board.

Friends Book Sales

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



Friends of the Oxford Lane Library Sales
Saturdays, March 1, April 5 & May 3
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 1, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 2, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Held at the Queen of Peace Gymnasium

Friends Accepting Gently Used Donations

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



SUMMER READING 2025

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.

SYSTEM-WIDE STORY TIMES

Spring story time break May 1 - 29. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

Movers and Shakers

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 30

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months
Enjoy fun stories, songs and rhymes!

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Suggested for ages 2 - 3
Explore fun stories, songs and rhymes
in this interactive story time.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, March 6 - April 24

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Suggested for ages 4 - 6
Engage in stories, songs and activities
that encourage learning and fun.

FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 30

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, March 6 - April 24

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Families

Explore fun stories, songs and rhymes in
this interactive story time geared towards
ages 2 - 6. *(Thursday story times are repeats
of Wednesday sessions.)*

Movers & Shakers

Fridays, March 7 - April 25

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months
Enjoy different themes each week that will
include fun stories, songs and rhymes and
interactive sensory play!

Story Time en Español [®]

Saturdays, March 8, April 12 & May 3

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 6 - under

Our bilingual family story time is presented
in Español and English. Explore Hispanic culture
through stories, songs, rhymes and crafts.

Sensory Story Time [®]

Saturdays, March 22, April 19 & May 31

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6 - under

This story time features content appropriate for
neuro-divergent participants and their peers, stories
in multiple forms, low lights and volume, and
hands-on materials. Sensory centers and exploration
activities will take place directly after story time.

OXFORD LANE LIBRARY

Movers and Shakers

Thursdays, March 6 - April 24

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Suggested for ages 12 - 24 months
Enjoy fun stories, songs and rhymes!

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 30

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 2 - 3

Explore fun stories, songs and rhymes
in this interactive story time.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, March 4 - April 29

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Suggested for ages 4 - 6

Engage in stories, songs and activities
that encourage learning and fun.

Family Story Time

Fridays, March 7 - April 25

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 - under

Enjoy stories, songs and more in this engaging
story time designed for the whole family.

Saturday Story Time

Saturdays, March 1, 8, April 5 & 12

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 - under

Enjoy stories, songs and more in this engaging
story time designed for the whole family.

Story Time en Español

Saturdays, March 29, April 26 & May 24

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 - under

All are invited to our bilingual story
time in English and Spanish.



Upcoming Online Author Talks

The Lane Libraries continue to partner with the Library Speakers Consortium to bring you a range of online talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders 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.



Dan Heath

March 12, 2025
2:00 p.m.



Clara Bingham

March 20, 2025
2:00 p.m.



Jennifer Weiner

March 26, 2025
7:00 p.m.



Jodi Picoult

April 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.



Gregg Hurwitz

April 24, 2025
7:00 p.m.



Dr. David Rosmarin

May 7, 2025
2:00 p.m.



Liann Zhang

May 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

National Oreo Day

Thursday, March 6

2:00 p.m. until cookies run out!

Children & Teens

Celebrate National Oreo Day by testing out different kinds of oreos and voting on your favorite!

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, March 8 (past players) &

Saturday, April 5 (new players)

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 12

March 8 – Continue on from past sessions played at the library!

April 5 – Choose characters and learn to play the game!

Spring Flowers Mini Maker Faire

Saturday, March 22

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Recommended for ages 7 - up

Stop in and fling around your creativity for spring! Try your hand at a number of activities with materials and pieces created using the machines available for use at the Lane Technology Center. Roll some decorative paper flowers, put together some 3D printed kit cards of wildlife, color and make your own custom pin button of pollinators, or create some Perler bead plants!! (*Activities are available while supplies last.*)

S.A.G.A.

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 29

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

A social support group for LGBTQIA+ youth. Each month, we do a different activity, including art, games, movies and more. Come make new friends or bond with current ones!

Minecraft Madness!

Saturday, March 29

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 12

In preparation for the upcoming movie, join us for some seriously fun Minecraft games, challenges and crafts!

Cooking with Amy

Saturday, March 29

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Are you a teen wanting to be more independent in the kitchen? Chef Amy will show you how to assemble and cook easy, at-home quesadillas and tostadas!

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted April 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 Fairfield Lane Library on Thursday, May 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

National Library Week

April 6 - 12

Visit the Youth Floor for drop-in games and activities to celebrate all the good things that libraries provide!

Spring Breakactivities

Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 11

Drop in on the school break days for some fun!

Crafts will be one per child, while supplies last.

Neurodivergent Teen Hang-Out!

Thursday, April 17

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Want to make new friends of your own neurotype, but unsure where to meet them? Come join us for an evening of games, drawing, perler beads or simply bonding over our favorite stims!

May the Fourth

Sunday, May 4

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Children & Teens

Dress up as your favorite Star Wars character, participate in a themed children's story time, compete in a trivia battle or just enjoy Star Wars themed crafts as we celebrate this unique holiday, including special guest Stormtroopers from the 501st Legion, River Valley Squad!

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.

Tuesday's Titles [■]

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1 & May 6

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us each month for an enjoyable discussion of books.

March 4 – *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County* by Claire Swinarski

April 1 – *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson

May 6 – *The Woman Who Lied* by Claire Douglas

Only Murders in the Library

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2 & May 7

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Listen to a different true crime podcast each month and then come to join the discussion!

All of the cases are local this spring. Links to each podcast are available in the online calendar.

March 5 – The Bricca Family Murders

April 2 – Easter Sunday Massacre

May 7 – Bill and Peggy Stephenson

Read & Sip: A Quiet Book Club

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 & May 3

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Pick a book and enjoy a hot drink and cafe music at the library. No need for opinions or a preplanned book! Relish setting aside time to read for an hour or two in the historic Octagon Room. This is a drop-in program.

Crafts to Go!

Released on Mondays

March 10, April 14 & May 12

Love to craft but short on time? Grab one of these adult take & make kits at the drive-thru.

March 10 – Bird Garland

April 14 – Flower Bouquet

May 12 – Springtime Magnets

Incense Making [®]

Saturday, March 15

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of making all-natural incense using spices, leaves, flowers, resin and essential oils.

A League of Their Own:

The History of Women in Baseball

Saturday, March 22

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Most people know about the AAGPBL because of the film "A League of Their Own". But do you know about the teenage girl who struck out Babe Ruth AND Lou Gehrig? Come learn about the history of women in baseball and some exciting things coming in the future!

Kanopy Film: American Oz

Sunday, March 23

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"American Oz: The True Wizard Behind the Curtain" is a biographical film about L. Frank Baum, the author of *The Wizard of Oz*. Come to watch and then discuss. Great for lovers of this American fairy tale!

Spring Break Yoga Challenge **R**

Tuesdays, March 25, April 1 & April 8

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself this spring to practice the poses you learn from One Love Yoga with stretching and relaxation. Attendees can participate in a raffle for a yoga prize!

Hometown Tourist **R**

Friday, April 11

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

5140 River Rd, Fairfield

Tour the Hamilton South Water Plant where our drinking water is treated. There will be some steps and walking on the tour. Please dress comfortably for being outside. Meet in the main parking lot around 1:15 p.m. (*Registration is required per person.*)

Beaded Glass Suncatchers **R**

Saturday, April 12

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate the spring sunshine by creating a beaded glass suncatcher. Bring your collection of glass beads if you'd like, but all materials are provided.

Second Chance Month: Documentary Showing

Sunday, April 13

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Teens/Adults

Join us for refreshments and a showing of "Apart", a 2021 documentary featuring those rebuilding their lives after prison, to recognize Second Chance Month.

Cooking with Amy

Saturday, April 19

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Getting excited about the growing season and the abundance of garden-fresh veggies? Learn how to make several exciting and delicious homemade dressings to really make those salads sing!

National Talk Like Shakespeare Day

Wednesday, April 23

Impress a librarian with your knowledge of Shakespearean language and receive a Shakespeare inspired prize!

Adult Game Night: Taskmaster Live **R**

Friday, April 25

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

If you have ever wanted to be on the British comedy game show "Taskmaster", now is the time! Come and join your fellow contestants for an evening of surprising and delightful library-themed tasks. Bring with you the "most unusual bookmark" for the prize task category.

Afternoon Tea at the Library **R**

Sunday, April 27

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Join Ashley from the Chicory Tea Co. for a cup of spring tea and a sampling of delicious snacks. Learn about tea ingredients and blending teas.

Bingo Night **R**

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Grab your family and friends for a fun night of B-I-N-G-O! Free to play with chances to win prizes.

Not Your Ordinary Plant Swap **R**

Saturday, May 10

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a not so ordinary plant swap. Bring cuttings of your favorite house plant, your extra seedlings or seeds to swap with other plant lovers and gardeners. Don't have plants/seeds? We've got you!

All Ages

March Madness Bracket Tournament

March 16 - April 7

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 to the Google form link online for a chance to win a gift card. **NOTE:** Brackets will not be accepted after March 21 at noon.

Hollow Earth Festival

Saturday, April 26

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Symmes Park (401 S. Third St)

Celebrate our local history, learn more about this fascinating theory and stop by the Lane Libraries tent for children's crafts!

A Global Scavenger Hunt: The Basics of Geocaching

Saturday, May 3

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hidden all around us are secret objects called geocaches. We walk by them every day and don't even know they're there. Learn how to find geocaches, the different types of geocaches, tips for solving puzzle caches, how to access the interactive augmented reality caches known as lab caches and the rules for creating and hiding your very own geocache!



FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

Teen Zone Snacktivities

School days, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Stop in the Teen Zone after school for a healthy snack and fun activity!

Read Across America Day

Sunday, March 2

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 11 - under
Stop by the Children's Department and check out a book from the "Read Across America Day" book display to win a prize.

Upcycled Art

Thursday, March 13

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Make a piece of art out of recycled items!

Teen Pride Club

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21

5:00 - 6:30 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.

Storytellers Workshop

Thursdays, March 20, April 17 & May 8

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Need a quiet space to work on your writing, or just want someone to review your latest rough draft? Well look no further than the Storytellers Workshop! Teen writers can collaborate and have a safe space to write to your heart's content.

Tween Scene

Friday, March 21

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 11
Explore the library after hours with games, challenges and lots of fun activities.

Chaos Crafts

Saturday, March 22

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11
Test your crafting chops using the ingredients in your mystery basket.

Teen Movie Nights

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 & May 29

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Chill out in the Teen Zone with a movie and a snack.
March 27 — "Inside Out 2"
April 24 — "The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes"
May 29 — "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves"

Super Mario Celebration

Monday, March 31

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ages 11 - under
Let's-a-go play a variety of classic Mario games and make Mario themed crafts while enjoying two showings of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie"!

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted April 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 Fairfield Lane Library on Thursday, May 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

S.T.E.A.M. Explorers

Friday, April 4

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11
Discover, design and learn in this hands-on S.T.E.A.M. program led by Miami University Education students!

Minecraft Mania

Saturday, April 5

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11
Celebrate the release of "A Minecraft Movie" with Minecraft themed crafts and activities!

Study Hangout

Saturday, May 3

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Hang out in the Teen Zone for a quiet place to study, or take a break with a craft and a snack. Snacks will be provided.

* Little Artists

Saturdays, May 10 & 24

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 - 6
A two-week art workshop for our youngest artists, which features a new medium each week.

Teen Writing Contest Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 15

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18 & families
Join us as we announce the winners of our annual Teen Writing Contest! Winners may read their short story or poem to the attendees if they so choose.

Kids Gardening Workshop

Saturday, May 17

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 5 - 11
Create your own mini garden at the library! Explore sensory activities and learn tips and tricks for growing seeds indoors and transplanting seedlings outside.

Adult Programs

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.

Book Clubs

Note: For most book clubs, copies of the physical book can be picked up at the library and digital copies can be accessed through our online resources.

LGBTQIA+ Book Club

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2 & May 7

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This book club features a wide range of queer books with prominent LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC representation. Readers will have a chance to connect with community partners in a safe space, learn from others and share experiences.

March 5 — *The Black Tides of Heaven* by Neon Yang

April 2 — *The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich* by Deya Muniz

May 7 — *Chlorine* by Jade Song

Rise and Read Book Club

Thursdays, March 13, April 10 & May 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.

March 13 — *Pony Confidential* by Christina Lynch

April 10 — *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

May 8 — *I Hope This Finds You Well* by Natalie Sue

* 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.

Third Monday Book Club **R** ■

Mondays, March 17, April 21 & May 19
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gather together for our popular fiction and nonfiction book club!

March 17 — *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig
April 21 — *All This and More* by Peng Shepherd
May 19 — *Family Family* by Laurie Frankel

Bring Your Own Book Club (BYOBC) ■

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 & May 20
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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 ffbref@lanepl.org for the Discord link.

March — Different

April — Money

May — Fire

Garden Talk

Saturdays, March 1, April 12 & May 10
2:00 - 3:30 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.

March 1 — Spring Garden Prep

April 12 — Moles & Voles

May 10 — Poisonous Plants

Life in the Craft Lane **R**

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1 & May 6
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Crafters and non-crafters unite and put your DIY skills to the test. Join us each month as we try a new craft.

March 4 — Shamrock Earrings

April 1 — Birdhouses

May 6 — Flower Button Art

Immigration 101 with USCIS: Applying for US Citizenship

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

A Community Relations Specialist from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services office will discuss how to apply to become a US Citizen. Light refreshments will be provided and copies of the N-400 application will be on hand.

Family Game Show Night **R**

Friday, March 7
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your families and compete in 3 game shows: Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune and The Floor. Prizes and bragging rights to be won!

On the Road: How the BCRTA Can Work For You

Saturday, March 8

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - up
Katie McKnight of Butler County Regional Transit Authority will discuss the various services BCRTA offers - from fixed routes to curb-to-curb services. In addition, she will explain how to schedule travel training for small groups and/or individuals interested in learning about Butler County's bus system.

Movie Roulette

Mondays, March 10, April 14 & May 12

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tired of watching the same old movies? With the spin of a wheel, we'll randomly pick your next movie night! Then, we'll come together on Discord and channel our inner film critic as we discuss whatever the wheel decided we'd watch!

Be Well: Chair Yoga **R**

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Explore wellness for your body and mind with chair yoga led by Katie Wagner. The first session is perfect for beginners or those who are more experienced. Participants may bring mats if they wish. The second session is designated for patrons aged 65 and up with limited mobility and may help with balance, strength, flexibility and mental well-being.

D&D Adventure: Adults

Saturdays, March 15, April 26 & May 24

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Spice Up Your Life! **R**

Sundays, March 16, April 13 & May 11

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - up
Expand your palate and experiment with new global flavors! Learn fun facts and tips designed to enhance your understanding and appreciation of different cultures through food. Each month we'll provide a spice kit that can be picked up at the meeting or at the Reference Desk (while supplies last). One kit per household.

SELF Presents: Scams & Fraud Prevention

Saturday, April 5

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to avoid scams and protect yourself from fraud from a Money Management Coach at SELF.

Bingo **R**

Saturday, April 19

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

All Ages

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March 16 - April 7

All ages

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Chess in the Library

Sundays, March 23, April 27 & May 18

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All ages

Drop in for a friendly game whether you're as powerful as a queen or new to the game as a rook-ie.

D&D Open Table Hours

Saturdays, March 29, April 26 & May 31

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All ages

Need a place to run your D&D adventures? We'll have space open for your group to use for adventures of all types!

Star Wars Matinee

Sunday, May 4

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All ages

Celebrate May the 4th with a viewing of "Rogue One" and "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope". Refreshments will be provided.

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Fairfield, OH 45014
(513) 858-3238

OXFORD LANE LIBRARY

Youth Programs

Feed Me, Seymour!

Saturday, March 1

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 13 - 18

In collaboration with the Talawanda High School Drama Club, we are throwing a watch party celebrating their spring musical, Little Shop of Horrors! Join us to watch the 1986 movie version while we eat, chat and party!

D&D Teen Club

Tuesdays, March 4, April 8 & May 13

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Join friends 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.

The Learning Lab @ Lane

Thursdays, March 6 - 20, April 10 - May 8

5:00 - 5:30 or 5:30 - 6:00 for Grades 6 - 8

6:00 - 6:30 or 6:30 - 7:00 for Grades K - 5

Does your child need extra help with math or reading/ELA? Call to sign up for one free 30-minute tutoring session a week with tutors from Miami's Learning Lab. *(A parent or caregiver must stay in the library for the duration of their child's tutoring session.)*

*** Art Explorers**

Saturdays, March 8, April 12 & May 10

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 3 - 7

Richard and Carole Cocks Art Museum
(Miami University)

Enjoy a story time and related art activity at Oxford's very own art museum!

Teens Art & Craft: You Belong

Saturdays, March 8 & April 5

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Calling young LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies for this monthly drop-in program designed to provide an inclusive and welcoming space for creating art and crafts. Snacks and art supplies will be provided.

D&D Youth Club

Saturdays, March 8, April 19 & May 17

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

D&D uses imagination, strategy and communication. Players practice social skills and collaborative storytelling. Each session is a self-contained adventure adapted for young players. Bring your own character (level 2, official rules only) or choose a pre-made one on-site. All levels of experience welcome.

Teen Laser Tag

Saturday, March 8

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 17

Here's your chance to run through the library at night in a dog-eat-dog game of free-for-all laser tag!

"Inside Out 2" Party

Saturday, March 15

2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 11 - under

Let's get emotional with a viewing of "Inside Out 2" and a variety of related crafts and activities.

Elementary Math Circle

Saturdays, March 22 & May 17

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

Join programmer and math enthusiast Sheena McCoy as we explore the wonders of mathematics through hands-on activities, problem-solving challenges and collaborative learning.

Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, March 29 - Sunday, April 6

Ages 11 - under

Drop by anytime to complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.

Kids' Makerspace

Saturdays, March 29, April 26 & May 24

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11

Tinker and create with a variety of art supplies each month.

Teen Writing Contest

Submissions accepted April 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/teenwrite for details. The awards ceremony will be held at the Fairfield Lane Library on May 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Uncovering Egypt

Tuesday, April 1

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Join staff from the Cincinnati Museum Center as you excavate and analyze artifacts from a replica burial site to deduce their owner's identity and expand your knowledge of Egyptian culture.

*** How Does Your Garden Grow?**

Friday, April 18

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Ages 3 - 6

The Cincinnati Museum Center presents an introduction to the diverse world of plants! Learn what they need to grow, what parts they have and about the plant life cycle. Dig in the dirt and plant a seed to take home.

Play with the Experts: Super Smash Bros.

Friday, April 18

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 16

Get to know and play with Miami University's own Varsity Esports Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team. All skill levels are welcome and controllers are provided. Just come and have fun!

*** Rainforest Adventure**

Saturday, May 17

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Ages 3 - 6

Join staff from the Cincinnati Museum Center as we take an imaginary tour of the rainforest to learn about the diverse animals and plants that live there.

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) 523-7531, ext. 1215.

Book Clubs

Next Chapter Book Club

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8 & 22
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

A place for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read, learn and make friends. Anyone can participate, whatever their reading or ability level. *(Participants who require one-on-one support for behavioral or medical needs must be accompanied by family or caregiver.)*

The Book Crew

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 & May 20

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gaslight Brewhouse



Join us for a night out with lively discussion of our latest read. Purchase of food and drink optional.

March 18 — *Ace, Marvel, Spy* by Jenni Walsh

April 15 — *Shy Creatures* by Clare Chambers

May 20 — *Water Finds a Way* by Meghan Perry

* 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.

The Bookwormhole

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Venue varies. Registrants will be notified in advance of each meeting.

Ready to hurdle into the Bookwormhole for sci-fi/fantasy adventures & far-out discussion? We will assemble at various restaurants.

Food/drink purchase is optional.

March 19 — *Blood Over Bright Haven* by M.L. Wang

April 16 — *The Kaiju Preservation Society* by John Scalzi

May 21 — *Nettle & Bone* by T. Kingfisher

Third Thursday Book Club

Thursdays, March 20, April 17 & May 15
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an enjoyable discussion on our monthly title.

March 20 — *The Excitements: A Novel* by CJ Wray

April 17 — *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

May 15 — *The Paris Express* by Emma Donoghue

Fact and Fiction Book Club

Monday, May 5
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We will read two titles: *Lexington* by Kim Wickens and *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Both are a tale of an extraordinary horse whose legacy has lasted for generations.

Garden Series: Mixing It Up!

Saturday, March 1
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ohio State University extension educator J.T. Benitez will talk about the importance of feeding the soil in order to grow healthy plants. Learn how to amend the soil for plant life from pollinators to veggies.

Doug Tallamy: A Guide to Restoring the Little Things That Run the World

Friday, March 7

Pre-talk book signing: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Author talk: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Post-talk book signing: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

As many as 1 million species will disappear from planet Earth because of human activities. So how do we create beautiful landscapes that support the pollinators, herbivores, detritivores, predators and parasitoids that run the ecosystems we depend on? Renowned entomologist, author and native plant expert Doug Tallamy will remind us during this in-person presentation of the many essential roles insects play, and describe the simple changes we must make in our landscapes and our attitudes to keep insects on the ground, in the air and yes, on our plants.

The Happy Class with Author Katrina Kittle

Sunday, March 9
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This fun, informal workshop focuses on practicing happiness during tough times, combining storytelling, exercises and plenty of interaction to set you on the path to chasing joy.

Maker Social Club

Mondays, March 10, April 14 & May 12
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your friends or drop in to make new ones while creating art with supplies from our Artist's Makerspace. Come in with your own ideas or choose projects from the Makerspace tutorials. Refreshments will be served and great art will be made!

March Madness Bracket Tournament

March 16 - April 7

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 to the Google form link online for a chance to win a gift card. **NOTE:** Brackets will not be accepted after March 21 at noon.

D&D Adventures: Adults

Sundays, March 16, April 6 & May 18
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Join this homebrewed campaign! Attendees may either choose a pre-made character available on site or bring their own level 6 character built with official rules only. You can choose to attend all three or just a single adventure.

Planning Your Pollinator Garden

Sunday, March 23, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Even the smallest of pollinator gardens can make a positive contribution to your local environment. Kelsey Vance, proprietor of Wild Edges Landscaping and the Miami Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, will hold a discussion on planning the right design and choosing plants essential for a successful garden.

Poet-Tea

Saturday, April 5, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 14 - up

It's National Poetry Month! If poetry is your cup of tea, sign up for a poetry writing class/tea party with a published poet, artist and teacher with an MFA in poetry from MU, Hallie Fogarty. Refreshments and notebooks provided.

Intro to Genealogy:

Create Your Own Family History Book

Thursday, April 10

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of genealogy research and organization with this introduction to using primary sources to fill in family history charts. A plastic binder and blank family forms will be provided.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, April 12

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet a variety of local tri-state authors and talk about their work at this drop-in event. Book sales and signings available.

Plogging for a Clean Community

Saturday, April 26

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Uptown Oxford
Runners and environmentalists unite! Plogging is a new sustainable initiative invented in Sweden, which combines jogging with caring for the environment (picking up litter + jogging). Team up and join us uptown to plog for prizes and a cleaner Oxford!

Self-Defense Class

Sunday, April 27

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, join Officer Brooke Hartwig from OPD for an intro to self-defense class.

Bricks to Books Garden Art Challenge

Challenge submissions: May 12 - 18

Display and voting: May 19 - 25

Learn how you can paint a brick to look like a beloved book, which we will then display for the public to vote for their favorites. Afterwards you will have a lovely art piece for your garden. Bricks and challenge rules can be picked up from the library beginning May 1.

Staff Artists Spotlight

The Oxford Lane Library second-floor art exhibit space will display staff art during the spring quarter presented by resident artists Jackie Berberich, Caitlin Campbell, Isobella Dale, Sasha Levine, Haleigh Miller and Caroline Williams. Enjoy their art in cross stitch, portraits, quilt making, paper creations, illustrations and more.

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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!

Virtual Reality Sessions

Check in at the front desk and try out the Tech Center's virtual reality headset: the HTC Vive Focus 3!

Take & Make: Bristlebot

Pickup starting Monday, March 3

Ages 8 - up
 Make a tiny robot that zooms around on its own!
 Available while supplies last.

Fiber Arts Club

Thursdays, March 6, April 10 & May 8
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - up
 Stop by the Tech Center to explore fiber arts like knitting, crochet, felting and more! Join us in a relaxing and creative space to craft at your own pace. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own project to work on.

Teen Gamer Party

Thursdays, March 6, April 3 & May 1
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
 Bring your friends for an after-hours gaming lock-in. Play on the virtual reality headset or grab a computer and play Fortnite, Minecraft or Roblox. Drinks and snacks provided. *(You must have and know your own gaming login information to play. Staff logins are available for Minecraft only.)*

Painters' Pots ^R

Friday, March 7
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Ages 6 - 12
 Visit our Makerspace and unleash your creativity by painting your own terracotta flower pot. Paint, seeds and soil provided.

Photography for Beginners ^R

Saturdays, March 8, April 12 & May 10
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - up
 Professional photographer Logan Turner teaches you all about photography in this series of one-shot photography lessons!
 March 8 – Self Portraiture
 April 12 – Lightroom for Beginners
 May 10 – Photo Walk: Architecture & Landscapes
(Inclement weather topic: Product Photography)

Tabletop Game Night ^R

Mondays, March 10, April 14 & May 12
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Teens/Adults
 Join us for game night at the Tech Center! Each month, we'll alternate between thrilling Dungeons & Dragons adventures and exciting board games. Snacks and drinks will be provided as you embark on epic quests or strategize your way to victory!
 March 10 – Dungeons & Dragons
 April 14 – Board Games
 May 12 – Dungeons & Dragons

Downtown Hamilton Book Club

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 & May 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? If so, then this is the book club for you! Bring your lunch and join us for a laid back, casual discussion.
 March 18 – *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
 April 15 – *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
 May 20 – *Checkout 19: A Novel* by Claire-Louise Bennett

Kids' Coding Club ^R

Tuesdays, March 25, April 29 & May 27
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 13
 Stop in after school for coding workshops and a snack! We'll work together to make cool projects and improve our computational thinking.
 March 25 – Whack-A-Mole
 April 29 – Pong
 May 27 – Virtual Pets

The Book Was Better Book Club ^R

Wednesdays, March 26, April 30 & May 28
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adults
 Was the book really better than the movie? Join us each month on Discord to discuss a book and its movie counterpart! Share your thoughts anytime, or join the staff-led discussion hours. Email techcenter@lanepl.org for the Discord link. Check out a copy of the monthly movie and book at the Tech Center with your library card (limited quantity).
 March – *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
 April – *Emma* by Jane Austen
 May – *The Talented Mr. Ripley* by Patricia Highsmith

Take & Make:

Build Your Own Miniature Bookshelf

Pickup starting Monday, April 14

Ages 12 - up
 Create your own tiny library at home!
(Available while supplies last.)

Explorers of the Deep ^R

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 14
 Develop observational and critical thinking skills while exploring the natural connections between the ocean and humans.

Faux Stained Glass ^R

Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All ages
 Decorate your own piece of faux stained glass and then use shrinkable plastic and hot glue to complete the stained-glass look.

^R Registration is required.

■ Book club copies are available.

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MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Core Public Stops

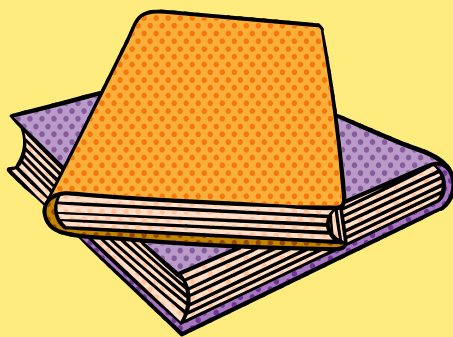
These are the library's core public stops. Additional stops can be viewed on the online Bookmobile Calendar at www.lanepl.org/bookmobile.

Fairfield East Elementary

6711 Morris Road, Fairfield Township
Every Monday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
(No stop May 26)

Ross IGA

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



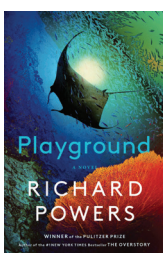
This schedule is subject to change without notice due to weather, traffic or mechanical difficulties.

Programs



Adults

Join one of these great groups meeting across the library's service area to discuss popular reads.



Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
March 12, April 9 & May 14

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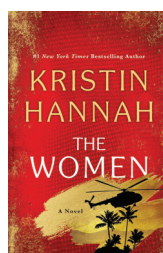
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by Richard Powers

April 9 – *The Women*

by Kristin Hannah

May 14 – *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang



Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

March 8, April 12 & May 10

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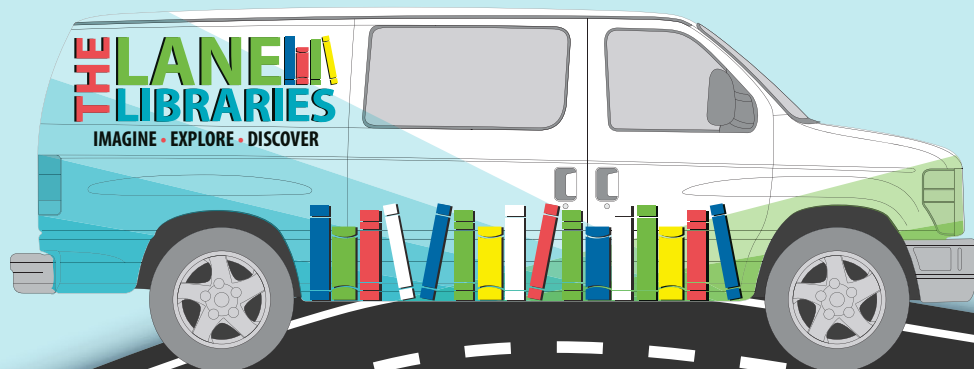
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** Starred titles above will take place at an outreach location. Tuesday, March 18 at Eden Park Senior Apartments (1740 Eden Park Dr, Hamilton) and Saturday, May 10 at The Knolls of Oxford (6727 Contreras Rd, Oxford). Call the Bookmobile Department at (513) 829-8370 for more information.*



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

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

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Sunday, April 20

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