

THE LANE LIBRARIES

2025 | SUMMER PROGRAMS
FOR ALL AGES



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2025

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NEWS@THE LANE

Lane Expanding With New Library Branch



The Lane Libraries are expanding! Plans are in the works for our newest Lane Library, which will be located in Fairfield Township near the intersection of Hamilton Mason and Gilmore Roads. This project, slated for completion in mid-2026, will be a full-service library with amenities for all ages. This library will be a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility with traditional library offerings including books, various types of media, programs for all ages, dedicated children's and teen areas, and a drive-thru. It will also provide a wide variety of spaces for gathering, meeting, studying, relaxing, learning, researching, and enjoying!

Behind the scenes work has been unfolding for quite some time with our partners at Community Design Alliance and HGC Construction. You will begin to see this new amenity take shape in the following months with an opening expected in the summer of 2026.

Last year, Ohio libraries shared more than 6 million items with each other, thanks to a system that connects 86 college libraries (known as OhioLINK) and 45 public libraries (known as SearchOhio).

A major upgrade to this system will take place on the following dates:

- May 23 - October 27: You will not be able to borrow or renew items from OhioLINK collections.
 - August 1 - October 27: You will not be able to borrow or renew items from SearchOhio collections.
- (You can return items as usual.)

This upgrade will create a simpler user experience and make it easier to discover library resources and explore new content. We appreciate your patience during this scheduled downtime. For updates, please watch our website at www.lanepl.org.

SUMMER **READING** ADVENTURE



June 1 - August 1

How it works:

1. Register for a Beanstack account at lanepl.beanstack.org.
2. Choose your Summer Reading Adventure from the list of available challenges.
3. Participate in the challenge by keeping track of your reading and completing missions.

Kids and Teens:

Earn 20 points for every 20 minutes of reading you complete. At 200 and 400 points, select a book or item from the library's treasure chest.

Adults:

Earn 100 points for every 100 pages you read. At 200 points, select a book and coupon of your choice at the library.

For all ages, every 100 points you earn after 400 will earn you a ticket for the end of summer drawing. Put your tickets toward a variety of prizes available to win. The first round of winners will be announced at the end of June (youth only) and the second round during the first week of August (all ages). For a list of available prizes, log in to the Summer Reading Challenge in Beanstack and click on "Ticket Drawings." *(Please note that the ticketed prize items are limited, so not everyone will be a guaranteed winner.)*



Download the Beanstack app to
participate on your mobile device.



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Youth Programs

Story Time Programs

* Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

* **Movers & Shakers**

Wednesdays, June 4 - August 13
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

* **Toddler Time**

Tuesdays, June 3 - August 12
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, June 5 - August 14
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

MadCap Puppets

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

Families of children ages 3 - 12
We'll kick off Camp Once Upon a Time with MadCap Puppet Theater's production of Fantastic Fairy Tales!

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays, June 3 - August 5
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Join us every Tuesday for fun games and fun times! Kickball, Minute to Win It, Capture the Flag, Musical Chairs and more! Odd-numbered days, we will be at Marcum Park. Even numbered days, we will be in the library.

Games in the Park

Benninghofen Park :
Wednesdays, June 4, 25 & July 16

Millikin Woods:
Tuesdays, June 10, July 8 & 22

Crawford Woods:
Thursdays, June 12, July 10 & 24

Jim Grimm Park:
Mondays, June 16, July 7 & 28
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Children & Teens
Teen librarians will join Bookmobile staff and the HCSD Food Truck at various Hamilton parks for fun games in the park in conjunction with the Books and Bites program.

Camp Half-Lane: Junior Campers ®

Thursdays, June 5, 19, July 3 & 17
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 4 - 6
Join us on various quests in far, far-away lands every other week to explore fun, hands-on topics!
[June 5](#) – Magical Creatures
[June 19](#) – Heroes of Mythology
[July 3](#) – Villains in the Library
[July 17](#) – The Epic Quest

Teen Summer Story Time

Saturdays, June 7, July 5 & August 2
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Do you miss having stories read to you? Miss it no more! Sit back, relax, enjoy a snack and play with fidgets while Sammy reads you funny story books! Guaranteed to make your belly ache from laughter!

Camp Half-Lane: Senior Campers ®

Thursdays, June 12, 26, July 10 & 24
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11
Join us every other week as we learn about mystical creatures, solve puzzles galore and participate in feats of daring!
[June 12](#) – Magical Creatures
[June 26](#) – Heroes of Mythology
[July 10](#) – Villains in the Library
[July 24](#) – The Epic Quest

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids ®

Saturday, June 14
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 12
Create a character and learn the basics of Dungeons and Dragons!

Kids Take & Make

Crafts released on Mondays,
June 16, July 14 & August 11

Recommended for ages 3 - 7
Get creative and pick up a fun craft kit to do at home. Kits will be available for pick up at the Children's Desk and drive-thru window during the weeks listed. *(While supplies last.)*

Gone Fishin'®

Friday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Rainout date: June 27)

Fairfield Optimist Club Pond (Joyce Park)

Ages 7 - 15 and caregivers

Summer days are made for fishing! Learn how to fish and see what you can catch. Bait, equipment and water provided - just bring an adult! Meet at 196 Joe Nuxhall Way.

S.A.G.A.

Thursdays, June 26, July 31 & August 28

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!

Meet Miniature Dragons

Saturday, June 28

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Families

Not exactly fire breathing, but still fabulous! Meet various scaled reptile friends and learn more about them and their care!

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens®

Saturday, July 12

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 13 - 16

Monk? Fighter? Barbarian? Create a character and enter the world of Dungeons and Dragons!



Kindergarten Boot Camp®

July 30, 31 & August 1

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

Intended for children entering kindergarten fall 2025.

Get ready for school by spending a few mornings with Miss Cathy working on skills to ease the transition to kindergarten. Parents will drop off children, but must stay in the building.

Costume Snow Cone Social

Saturday, August 2

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

All ages

Dress in your best fantasy costume (mermaid, dragon, orc!?) and enjoy snow cones on the front patio!



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With Comics Plus, you have unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from a variety of library-friendly publishers.

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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.

Adult Writing Contest

Submissions accepted June 1 - July 31
Winners chosen August 15

Calling all adult writers! Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win a prize. Visit www.lanepl.org/adultswrite for details.

Tuesday's Titles [■]

Tuesdays, June 3, July 1 & August 5
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us each month for an enjoyable discussion of books.

June 3 – The Night Guest by Hildur Knútsdóttir

July 1 – Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

August 5 – First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston

Only Murders in the Library

Wednesdays, June 4, July 2 & August 6
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Listen to a true crime podcast each month and then come to join the discussion! This summer we are discussing the old Hollywood gossip surrounding the death of Marilyn Monroe with the podcast "The Killing of Marilyn Monroe."

June 4 – Episodes 1 - 4

July 2 – Episodes 5 - 8

August 6 – Episodes 9 - 12

Summer Crafting with Bernie [®]

Saturdays, June 7, July 19 & August 16
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Let's get crafty this summer! Join us for an afternoon of fun and creativity. All materials are provided.

June 7 – Beaded String of Pearls Succulents

July 19 – Mosaic Coaster

August 16 – Book Charms

Crafts to Go!

Released on Mondays,
June 9, July 14 & August 11

Love to craft but short on time?

Grab a take & make kit at the drive-thru.

June 9 – Paint a Tote

July 14 – Hanging Map Star

August 11 – Paper Flowers



Hometown Tourist: Miracle League Fields [®]

Saturday, June 14

10:00 a.m. tour, game starts at 11:00 a.m.

Miracle League Fields

Enjoy a baseball game and tour of Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. This local foundation works to provide accessible and inclusive baseball fields. There will be some walking on this tour and please be aware of possible heat. The group will meet at 4850 Groh Ln in Fairfield.

Food for Thought

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & August 12
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

A lunch and learn summer series! Enjoy refreshments and a book talk from a local enthusiast!

Afternoon Tea at the Library [®]

Sunday, June 22
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join Ashley from the Chicory Tea Company and learn more about tea in the summertime. Sample tea blends and learn about combinations of tea ingredients! Snacks will be provided.

Policing Hamilton:

A History of the Hamilton Police Department

Wednesday, June 25
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

In commemoration of Hamilton Police Department's 150th anniversary, please join us for a talk on the department's history by Smith Library & Cummins Room Manager Brad Spurlock. Sergeant Brian Ungerbuehler and Officer Kristy Collins will also give an update on HPD's present and future.

Bingo Night ^R

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Grab your family and friends
for a fun night of B-I-N-G-O!

Adult Game Night: Exit Games ^R

Sunday, August 10

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Play an escape room card game by
Exit the Game with old or new friends.
Play options include: The Haunted Roller
Coaster, The House of Riddles, The Sunken
Treasure, and The Mysterious Museum.



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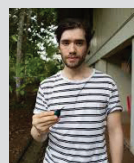
LIVE ^{AUTHOR} TALKS

What's in your TBR (to be read) pile for this summer? Browse our calendar of online author talks at www.lanepl.org/authortalks and sign up for any of these free live events. Then join the online session when it's set to begin. Here's a look at some of the authors speaking this summer.



**Brian Gratwicke
& Dr. Gina Della Togna**

Wednesday, June 4
2:00 p.m.



Jay Falk

Tuesday, August 5
2:00 p.m.



Lisa Jewell

Tuesday, June 10
2:00 p.m.



Casey McQuiston

Wednesday, August 20
7:00 p.m.



Priya Anand

Thursday, July 31
2:00 p.m.



Tasha Eurich

Thursday, August 28
2:00 p.m.

Summer K – 12 Author Lineup



Katherine Applegate

Tuesday, June 24
4:00 p.m.



Marie Lu

Thursday, July 17
4:00 p.m.



Raúl The Third

Tuesday, July 8
2:00 p.m. en Español
4:00 p.m. in English



Rex Ogle

Wednesday, July 23
4:00 p.m.

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Youth Programs

Story Time Programs

Story times are inclusive to all children, recognizing the different abilities of each child in our community.

* Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

* Family Story Time

Wednesdays, June 4 - August 13
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, June 5 - August 14

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, June 6 - August 15 (except July 4)

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!

* Bilingual Story Time

Wednesdays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23,
August 6 & 20

10:00 - 10:30 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, June 28, July 26 & August 23

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.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, June 1 - Saturday, June 7

All day

Families

Let's kick off Camp Lane with a library scavenger hunt! Complete the challenge for a chance to win a prize.

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop [®]

Mondays, June 2 - July 28

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - 6

Help your preschooler prepare for kindergarten at the library! The Kindergarten Readiness Workshop is a 9-week program, with 8 weeks of skills training and a mini graduation to celebrate completing the course on week 9!

Games in the Park

Thursdays, June 5, June 26 & July 17

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Joyce Park

Children & Teens

Teen librarians will join Bookmobile staff and the FCSD Food Truck at Joyce Park for fun games in the park in conjunction with the Books and Bites program.

Teen Thursdays [®]

Thursdays, June 5 - July 31 (except July 3)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

June 5 — Game Day on the Veranda
(weather permitting)

June 12 — Cincinnati Museum Center Presents
Awesome Animal Adaptations: Explore animal habitats and adaptations. Meet and touch live animals that may include a bat, snake, box turtle, salamander, frog and/or hissing cockroaches. Learn about, and how to handle, unique items from our collections such as baleen, caribou fur and armadillo armor.

June 19 — Storyteller's Workshop: Meet likeminded writers and collaborate in a safe space to write to your heart's content!

June 26 — Camp Crafts: Create some fun and nostalgic camp-themed crafts!

July 10 — DIY Zine Workshop: What's a zine? A zine is a small self-published booklet that contains images and text. Come by and learn how to make your own while looking at other zines made by local artists. Limited art supplies will be provided.

July 17 — Game Day in the Library: Play a variety of board, card, video games and more!

July 24 — Storyteller's Workshop: Meet likeminded writers and collaborate in a safe space to write to your heart's content!

July 31 — Movie Showing: "Captain America: Brave New World"

Family Fundays

Saturdays, June 7 - July 26

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

Families

Calling all families to drop by for family fun activities! *(Continued...)*



June 7 – Touch-a-Motorcycle: Motorcycle Story Time followed by a meet-n-greet with the Greater Cincinnati BMW Club.

June 14 – Cincinnati Museum Center's Dino Dig: Growl, claw and walk like a dinosaur! Dig up fossils and identify which dinosaurs they came from. Learn about different kinds of dinosaurs, including what they looked like, what they ate and how they protected themselves.

June 21 – Giant Color-by-Number Mural: Color a giant wall mural we will display in the Children's Room for the rest of the summer.

June 28 – Raptor, Inc.: Interact with educators and see live avian ambassadors. View the birds, take photos and explore touchable artifacts.

July 5 – Balloons, Bubbles & Black Lights Dance Party: Come dressed in white or florescent colors to this black light dance party!

July 12 – Let's Build: What can you build with the materials provided? Legos, blocks and more!

July 19 – Alfiyah Henna: Discover the magic of henna and sit for your own body art design.

July 26 – Mini Maker Faire: Try your hand at a number of activities with materials and pieces created using the machines available for use at the Lane Tech Center.

D&D for Tweens ^R

Tuesdays, June 10, July 8 & August 12
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 13
Curious about Dungeons & Dragons?
Come learn the basics in this beginner adventure for tweens only!

Gone Fishin' ^R

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(Rainout date: June 27)

Fairfield Optimist Club Pond (Joyce Park)
Ages 7 - 15 and caregivers
Summer days are made for fishing! Learn how to fish and see what you can catch. Bait, equipment and water provided - just bring an adult! Meet at 196 Joe Nuxhall Way.

Adulting 101: Essential Skills for Life ^R
Saturdays, June 21, July 19 & August 16
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 15 - 25
Anxious about being an adult and having to do adult things? Worry no more! Stop by one of our monthly workshops to learn an essential skill. Light refreshments will be provided.

June 21 – Financials and Where to Start with SELF

July 19 – Car Maintenance with Pfefferle Tire and Automotive

August 16 – Organizing and Prioritizing

Chess in the Library

Sundays, June 22, July 13 & August 10
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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

Evening Star Party with Cincinnati Observatory ^R

Saturday, June 28, 9:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Village Green Park

All ages
Want to see into space for yourself? Cincinnati Observatory will help you take a close-up look at the Moon, planets, stars and more! In case

of rain, the Observatory will provide a program inside the library with meteorites on display!

Wicked Sing-Along

Sunday, June 29, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 9 - up
Fellow Ozians, join us in the Ozdust Ballroom for a swankified sing-along. Wear your favorite pink or green and be ready for some Wicked-ly good fun!

Parent/Child Resource Fair

Sunday, July 27, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Families
Drop by any time to check out our Parent/Child Resource Fair! We are partnering with the Highly Favored Foundation to provide information and resources regarding childcare, mental health, food assistance and more!

End of Summer Reading Celebration

Thursday, July 31 - Saturday, August 2
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 11 - under
Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge shopping at our book sale, where children will get to select a few new books and prizes. Don't forget to stop by our Fun Stations for games and crafts. No real money needed!

LEGO Mania

Saturday, August 9
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All ages
Take a break from the summer heat with Lego themed activities and challenges!

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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, June 4, July 2 & August 6
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

A book club featuring 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.

June 4 – *The Stonewall Reader*

by Jason Baumann and The New York Public Library

July 2 – *Your Driver Is Waiting* by Priya Guns

August 6 – *She Is a Haunting* by Trang Thanh Tran

Rise and Read Book Club

**Thursdays, June 12, July 10 & August 14
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.

June 12 – *The Turtle House* by Amanda Churchill

July 10 – *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

August 14 – *The Wedding People*
by Alison Espach

Third Monday Book Club

**Mondays, June 16, July 21 & August 18
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Gather together for our popular fiction and nonfiction book club!

June 16 – *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick

July 21 – *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

August 18 – *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

Bring Your Own Book Club (BYOBC)

**Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & August 19
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.

June – Paranormal

July – Movement

August – Cabin

Adult Writing Contest

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Calling all adult writers! Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win a prize. Visit www.lanepl.org/adultswrite for details.

Life in the Craft Lane

**Tuesdays, June 3, July 1 & August 5
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.

June 3 – Beach Lantern

July 1 – Diamond Art

August 5 – Soapmaking

D&D Adventure: Adults

**Saturdays, June 7, July 19 & August 30
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Spice Up Your Life!

**Sundays, June 8, July 6 & August 3
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.

June – BBQ

July – Summer Herbs

August – Caribbean Flavors

Be Well: Chair Yoga

**Tuesdays, June 10, July 8 & August 12
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.

Team Trivia Hour

**Saturday, June 14
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Team up and test your knowledge in various categories as we play three rounds of a live trivia show!

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Astrology 101 [®]

Saturday, June 28

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

What's your sign? Learn all about Astrology, zodiac constellations and unlocking your intuition with Astrologer Erin Bright.

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Organize It! DIY Planners [®]

Saturday, July 12

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 16 - up

It's never too late to start getting organized. If you need to plan your schedule, your budget, your health, etc., we've got the stuff (and stickers) for you!

Bingo [®]

Saturday, August 9

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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

Totally '80s Party! [®]

Friday, August 15

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Get into the groove and prove you are the ultimate '80s fan. Break out your parachute pants, scrunchies and totally tubular fashions to celebrate this rad decade with DJ Joe Cool, awesome karaoke, trivia, crafts and more. Prizes for best-dressed!

Escape Room: Trapped in the '80s [®]

Friday, August 22

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The 1980s have invaded the library! Wear your best '80s gear and bring your friends for an Escape Room experience surrounding this popular era.

Compassionate Conversations with an End of Life Doula [®]

Saturday, August 30

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

End of life doula David Copeland will discuss navigating difficult conversations and coming to terms with our impermanence. Copeland will focus on options that the individual wants and the needs of the dying person and their loved ones.



LEARN IT & MAKE IT WITH CRAFTSY

Craftsy is a leader in step-by-step video instruction on a variety of creative crafts.

You can access their video collection through hoopla, which now offers more than 140 hours of how-to instructional content in baking, cake decorating, knitting, quilting, sewing, etc.



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* Saturday Story Time

Saturdays, June 7, 14, July 5, 12, August 2 & 9

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, June 21, July 19 & August 16

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 - under
All are invited to our bilingual story time in English and Spanish.

StoryWalk Scavenger Hunt

June 1 - August 31

Ages 11 - under
Complete a scavenger hunt as you enjoy the latest StoryWalk at the Oxford Community Park's Natural Trail Loop. Return completed hunts to the Oxford Lane Library for a small prize and a chance to win a goodie bag. A new hunt will be available on the first of each summer month, so come back to do it again!

Cryptid Crawl Scavenger Hunt

Monday, June 2 - Sunday, June 15

Ages 11 - under
Calling all cryptozoologists: the library is crawling with cryptids! Help catch them all and earn a prize.

D&D Teen Club

Tuesdays, June 3, July 1 & August 5

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) or choose a premade character available on site. All levels of experience are welcome.

Nerf Night

Friday, June 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 17
This is your chance to run in the library with your Nerf! You can bring your own or borrow one. See details on the online registration page.

Science Heroes:

Adventure of the Missing Color®

Saturday, June 7, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Ages 5 - 11
Celebrate the scientists who color our world with art in this interactive and exciting STEM show!

Teen Volunteer Program Orientation

Monday, June 9, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 14 - 17
Ever wondered what it's like to work in a library? Want to help, have program ideas or just in need of volunteer hours for NJHS or college applications? Come to orientation and you can apply on your way out. Volunteer shifts are flexible.

Kid Crafternoons®

Mondays, June 9, 30, July 14, 28 & August 11

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Ages 6 - 11
We'll bring the supplies, you bring your creativity and join us for some fun craft time!

Teen Art Afternoons®

June 14, 17, 24 & July 10, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18
Create and interact with local artists on a variety of art mediums. Supplies provided.
June 14 — Knitting with Genevieve O'Malley Knight
June 17 — Printmaking with Lauren Butts
June 24 — Kindness Cards with Katy Abbott
July 10 — Hand Stitching and Embroidery with Amy Bartel



**D&D Youth Club ^R**

**Saturdays, June 14, July 12 & August 9
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

Ages 8 - 11

Each D&D 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 are welcome.

Teen D&D Extended Summer Campaign ^R

June 16, 17, 18 & 20, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 17

A fellow-teen Game Master will lead the group in an extended Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Bring your own character (level 3, official rules only). All levels of experience are welcome. *(Please plan to attend all sessions.)*

STEM in the Natural World ^R

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 9

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Explore the natural world with these hands-on programs presented by Butler Soil and Water Conservation District.

June 18 – Bird Nests

July 9 – Animal Adaptations

Story Time at the Farm ^R

Mondays, June 23 & July 21

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

5872 Oxford Milford Rd, Somerville

Ages 4 - 6

Join us at 7 Wonders Farm for farm-themed stories followed by an opportunity to pick your own crops!

June 23 – Flowers

July 21 – Vegetables

Stuffed Animal Sleepover ^R

Thursday, June 26, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 7

Put on your pajamas, grab a stuffed friend and join us for a special story time! Following stories, your stuffed animal will be invited to spend the night at the library. Pick up your plush pal the next day and discover what happened overnight!

Teens Art & Craft: You Belong

Saturdays, June 28 & July 26

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

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

Learn to Knit ^R

Saturdays, June 28 & August 2

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 8 - 11

Learn the basics of knitting and create a small project to take home. Yarn and needles provided, no experience necessary.

Return of the Painted Rock Snake

July 1 - 31

Ages 17 - under

This popular art collaboration is slithering back to the Lane! Paint a rock on the patio and bring it to the Children's Desk. We will seal it and add it to the growing "snake" outside the library. *(While supplies last.)*

Teddy Bear Picnic ^R

Thursday, July 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Oxford Community Park Gazebo

Ages 2 - 7

Pack a lunch and your favorite teddy bear and meet us to celebrate National Teddy Bear Picnic Day in partnership with the Oxford Parks & Recreation Department.

Let's Build with LEGO ^R

Friday, July 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 5 - 11

Come enjoy LEGO with fellow builders! Each builder will get to select one of their creations to be put on display.

Basic Car Maintenance for Teens ^R

Saturday, July 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 15 - up

An auto service technician will provide teens with crucial information to keep their car safe.

Summer Scoops Camp ^R

Tuesday, July 15 - Thursday, July 17

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

For children entering grades 1 - 3

Join tutors from Miami's Learning Lab for three days of fun activities with letters, creative writing and practice reading aloud. *(Participants should plan to attend all 3 sessions.)*

Youth programs continued on next page.

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Youth Programs Continued

The Guitar Man Preschool Workshop [®]

Wednesday, July 16, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Ages 3 - 6

Award-winning musician Jim McCutcheon will introduce kids to the fretted instrument family in this interactive workshop full of music and movement.

Pizza Party at the Farm [®]

Tuesday, July 22

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

5872 Oxford Milford Rd, Somerville

Ages 12 - 15

Come pick your own veggies at Somerville's 7 Wonders Farm to make your own pizza! All ingredients will be provided. We'll bake on site and hang out with friends.

Bug Mania! End of Summer

Reading Party [®]

Sunday, August 3

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 18 - under

Celebrate your Summer Reading accomplishments with bug-themed crafts and meet some creepy crawly guests of honor courtesy of the Bug Man himself!

Stories, Strollers & Fun

Mondays, August 4 - 25

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Oxford Community Park Gazebo

Adults & children ages 1 - 4

Gather for stories and songs led by library staff. This parent/tot story time will be followed by a fun activity provided by the Oxford Parks & Recreation Department. Rain or shine.

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

The Book Crew [®] ■

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & August 19

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

June 17 – A Daughter of Fair Verona

by Christina Dodd

July 15 – The Women on Platform Two

by Laura Anthony

August 19 – The Business Trip by Jessie Garcia

The Bookwormhole [®] ■

Wednesdays, June 18, July 16 & August 20

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Get ready to hurdle into the Bookwormhole for sci-fi/fantasy adventures & far-out discussion!

June 18 – I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons

by Peter S. Beagle

July 16 – In the Lives of Puppets by TJ Klune

August 20 – This Is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

HOME DELIVERY RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!



Can't get to the library or Bookmobile? Ask about our monthly delivery option. Email bookmobile@lanepl.org or call (513) 785-2712 to secure a place on our next route.

Third Thursday Book Club ■

Thursdays, June 19, July 17 & August 21

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Do you love reading and talking about books? Join us for an informal, relaxed and casual meeting to discuss various titles.

June 19 – *Lilly and the Octopus* by

Steven Rowley

July 17 – *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycles and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson

August 21 – *Maya and Natasha*

by Elyse Durham

Fact and Fiction Book Club ■

Monday, August 4

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Viking Age comes to life as we read the following books: *The Last Kingdom* by Bernard Cornwell and *River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads* by Cat Jarman.

Adult Writing Contest

Submissions accepted June 1 - July 31

Winners chosen August 15

Calling all adult writers! Enter your original short story or poem for a chance to win a prize. Visit www.lanepl.org/adultswrite for details.

Piano Marathon ■

Fridays, June 6 - August 29 (except July 4)

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 8 - 100

Come play your tune for us! We have an upright piano waiting for you. Sign up for a 10-minute time slot and invite your friends and family to your mini concert.

Cottage Garden Tin Can Windchimes ■

Saturday, June 7

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

Bring charm into your garden space with these cute DIY wind chimes.

Arts and Laughs: Maker Social Club ■

Mondays, June 9, July 14 & August 11

6:00 - 7:30 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!

Oxford Catty Shack Adoption Drive

Saturday, June 21

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All ages

Celebrate Adopt-a-Cat Month with the folks from The Oxford Catty Shack and their adorable array of adoptable felines! Stop by if you are considering adoption or if you just want to cuddle some kitties. Supply donations welcome: potty pads, paper towels & disinfecting wipes.

D&D Adventures: Adults ■

Sundays, June 22, July 13 & August 17

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.

The Lane at the Lanes:

Adult End of Summer Reading Party! ■

Saturday, August 2

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Oxford Lanes Bowling Alley

4340 Oxford Reily Rd

Let's celebrate reading for grown-ups too!

Join us for some bowling, cake and camaraderie with your Lane Libraries family.

Raising Backyard Chickens

Saturday, August 16

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

OSU's extension agent J.T. Benitez will talk about the ins and outs of raising chickens in your backyard.

Pet CPR Basics ■

Sunday, August 24

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join Kinley Eyl, Certified Canine/Feline CPR & First Aid Instructor through Pet Emergency Education, for this free intro course to learn the basics of how to perform life-saving techniques for dogs and cats.

MAKE YOUR MOVE!

**Borrow a chess set from
the Adult Reference Desk.
In-library use only.**



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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!



Virtual Reality Sessions

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

Youth Programs

The Craft Cabin [®]

**Mondays, June 2, 16, July 7, 21,
August 4 & 18, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Ages 10 - 14

Explore a variety of crafts in an open studio/ makerspace with Fitton Center teacher Abbie Webster. Available activities include: sewing, air dry clay, drawing, painting, jewelry making, painting miniatures and more.

Teen Gamer Party! [®]

**Thursdays, June 12, July 10 & August 14
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - 18

Bring your friends for a video game lock-in. Play on the virtual reality headset or grab a computer and play Fortnite, Minecraft or Roblox. Snacks provided. Doors lock at 6:30 p.m. (*You must have and know your own gaming login information to play. Staff logins are available for Minecraft only.*)

Friendship Bracelet Workshop [®]

**Wednesdays, June 18 (Ages 12 - 17),
July 23 (Ages 8 - 12) &
August 20 (Ages 18 - up), 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Bring a buddy to learn different macrame knot patterns and dig through an assortment of accessories to make a custom bracelet or keychain.

Kids' Coding Club [®]

**Wednesdays, June 25, July 30 & August 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.

June 25 – Flappy Bird

July 30 – Chatbot

Aug 27 – Reflex Game

Mixed Ages

Fiber Arts Club

**Thursdays, June 12, July 10 & August 14
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Ages 12 - up

Stop by 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.



Game Night! [®]

**Mondays, June 16, July 21 & August 18
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - up

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 provided.

June 16 – Dungeons & Dragons

July 21 – Board Games

August 18 – Dungeons & Dragons

Summer Sewing Clinic [®]

**Thursdays, June 26, July 24 & August 28
10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays, June 28, July 26 & August 30
10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.**

Ages 13 - up

Sign up for a one-hour time slot to learn basic sewing machine operation and one skill of your choice: sewing and repairing straight seams, hemming & double hemming, sewing buttons and button holes, stay stitching, dog earing & clipping, or how to read a sewing pattern.

Take & Make: Circigami Crane

Released on Monday, July 28

Ages 8 - up

Electrify the ancient art of paper folding by adding a circuit to an origami crane.
(Available while supplies last.)

Bug Close Ups [®]

**Saturday, August 2, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, August 6, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Ages 6 - up

Learn how to capture close ups of insects and small objects. Bring your own smart phone camera as we capture close-ups of live models!

3D Print a Custom Wax Seal

Saturdays, August 16 & 23

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Ages 12 - up

Give your snail mail some extra flair in this two-part program! In the first session, design your own custom seal using decorative cutouts for scanning and 3D printing. In the second session, learn decorative wax and pressing techniques to finish your seals.

Adult Programs

Downtown Hamilton Book Club

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & August 19

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join us for a laid back, casual discussion of each month's read!

June 17 – *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson

July 15 – *Remarkable Creatures*

by Tracy Chevalier

August 19 – *Monsters* by Claire Dederer

The Book Was Better Book Club

Wednesdays, June 18, July 16

& August 20, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Was the book really better than the movie?

Join us on Discord to discuss a book and its movie counterpart! You can check out a copy of the monthly movie and book (limited quantity) at the Lane Tech Center with your library card. Share your thoughts anytime or join the staff-led discussion hours. Email techcenter@lanepl.org for the Discord link.

June – *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler)

July – *The Haunting of Hill House*

by Shirley Jackson

August – *The Princess Bride*

by William Goldman

Smartphone 101

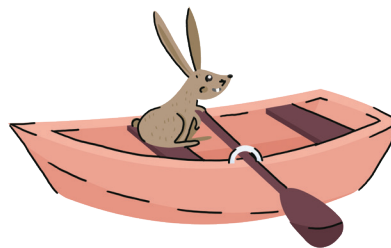
Thursday, July 17 (Android)

Thursday, July 24 (iOS)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

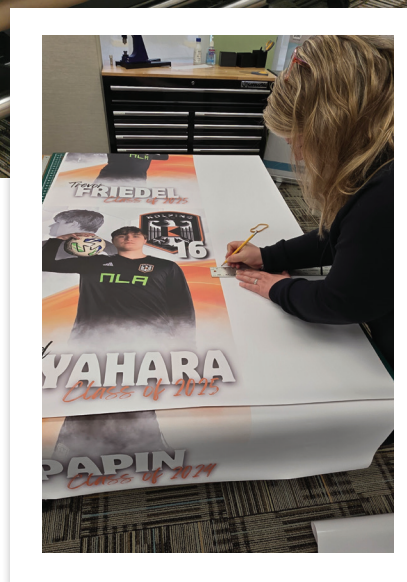
Boost your confidence and technical skills.

Learn about basic touch screen gestures, notifications and cell phone security.



Large Format Printing

The large format printer can print on vinyl signs (indoor/outdoor usage), or poster paper (indoor only), up to 50" wide. Sizes and prices vary. Also available: A large format cutter and a grommet machine. If you need help with a design or adding spot color you can set up a one-on-one appointment with Tech Center staff by calling (513) 785-2727 or emailing techcenter@lanepl.org.



June – July Schedule

Mondays

(no food truck stops June 2 or 30)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Jim Grimm Park
Cleveland Ave, Hamilton



11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Joyce Park Skate Park
Joe Nuxhall Way, Fairfield

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Fairfield Township pop-up location

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Fairfield East Elementary
Morris Road, Fairfield Twp

Tuesdays

(no food truck stop July 1)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Millikin Woods Park
N Washington Blvd, Hamilton

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



Hamilton pop-up location

Wednesdays

(no food truck stop July 2)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Benninghofen Playground
Putnam Avenue, Lindenwald

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



Hamilton-Lindenwald
pop-up location

Thursdays

(no food truck stops June 19 or July 3)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Crawford Woods Park
Hancock Avenue, Hamilton



11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Joyce Park
Joe Nuxhall Way, Fairfield

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Hamilton-Ross pop-up location

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ross IGA
3733 Hamilton-Cleves Road

Fridays

(no stop July 4)

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Fairfield pop-up locations

August Schedule

Every Monday

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Fairfield East Elementary School
6771 Morris Road

Every Thursday

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ross IGA
3733 Hamilton-Cleves Road



Books & Bites, summer lunch
stops for kids and teens.



Check out books and movies from
the library van – no Bookmobile.



Community pop-up location.
Locations updated online weekly
at www.lanepl.org/bookmobile.

The Bookmobile will be closed on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Schedule is subject to change due to road and traffic conditions and vehicle maintenance requirements.

Cover to Cover

Adults

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



Wednesdays, June 11, July 9 & August 13

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

McAlister's Deli, 3169 Princeton Rd, Fairfield Township

June 11 – *Homeseeking* by Karissa Chen

July 9 – *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis *

August 13 – *Good Dirt* by Charmaine Wilkerson

Saturdays, June 14, July 12 & August 9

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Oxford Lane Library

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Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & August 19

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Lane Administration Center, 1396 University Blvd, Hamilton

June 17 – *The Stolen Queen* by Fiona Davis *

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August 19 – *Homeseeking* by Karissa Chen

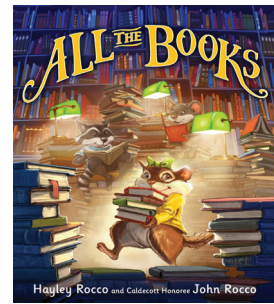
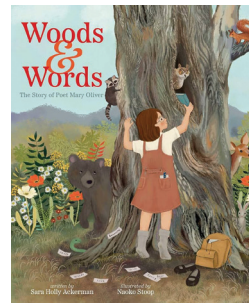
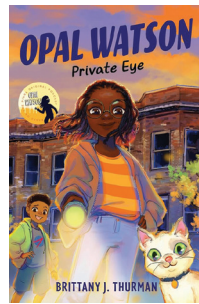
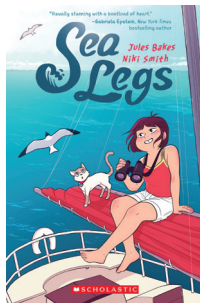
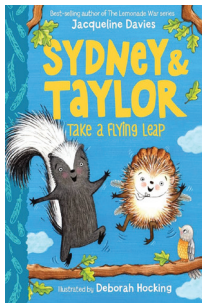
* Starred titles above will take place at an outreach location. Tuesday, June 17 at Edin Park Senior Apartments (1740 Edin Park Dr, Hamilton), Wednesday, July 9 at StoryPoint Senior Living (7129 Gilmore Rd, Fairfield Twp), and Saturday, August 9 at The Knolls of Oxford (6727 Contreras Rd, Oxford). Call the Bookmobile Department at (513) 829-8370 for more information.

RECOMMENDED READS

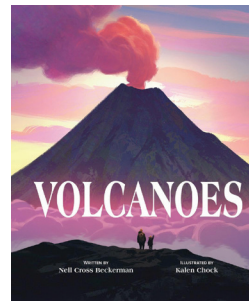
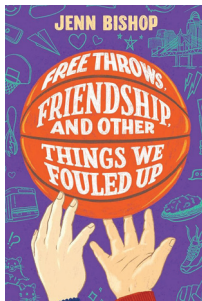
Enjoy these summer recommendations and log extra points for reading them at lanepl.beanstack.org.



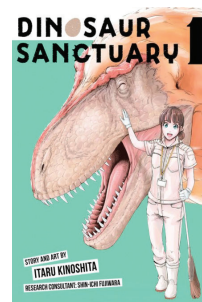
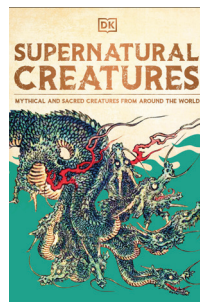
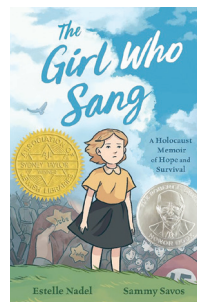
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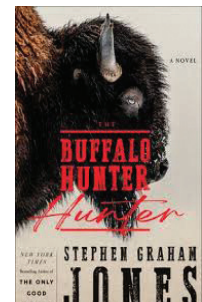
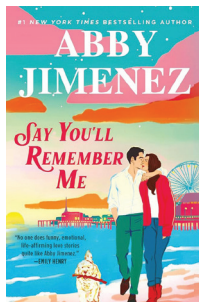
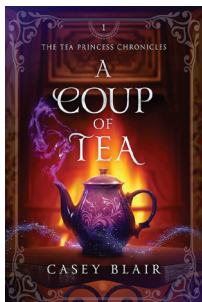
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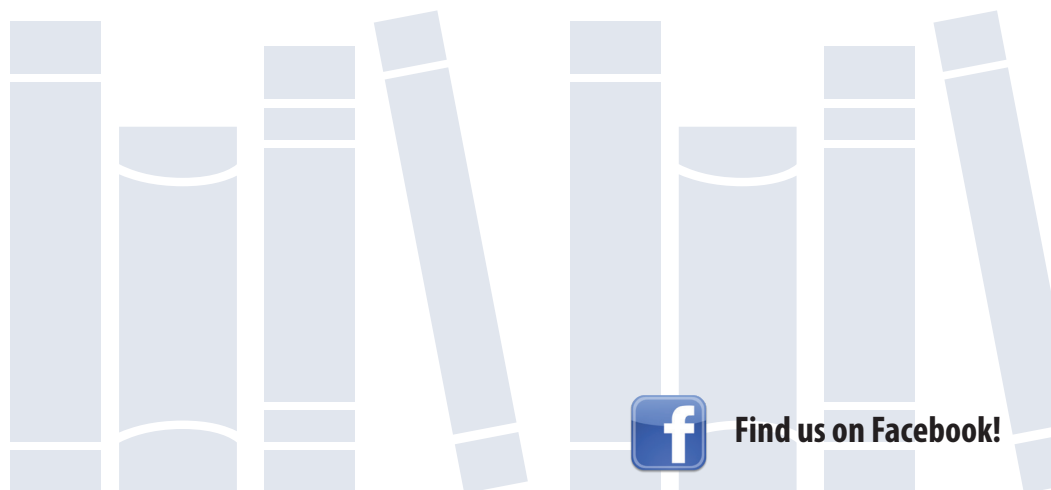
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Friday, July 4

Labor Day
Monday, September 1

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