

# THE LANE LIBRARIES



NEWSLETTER & EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING 2026

LOVE THE EARTH—IT'S OUR FAVORITE STORY.



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**AMERICA**

In celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States, please join Brad Spurlock, Smith Library and Cummins Room Manager, for a chronological history of Butler County told through 250 photographs from the George C. Cummins "Remember When" Photograph Collection. Each program will highlight 50 photos from the collection, including newly donated photos from the Cummins Family unseen since their original publication in Cummins' "Remember When" newspaper column.

Select Wednesdays throughout the year, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

March 25 – Part 1: Hamilton Lane Library

May 27 – Part 2: Oxford Lane Library

July 22 – Part 3: Fairfield Lane Library

September 23 – Part 4: Hamilton Lane Library

November 18 – Part 5: Fairfield Township Lane Library

**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](http://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](mailto:ButlerWarrenAARP@gmail.com) or call 513-268-7149.

**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 7, April 4 & May 2**

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

Held at the Oxford Lane Library

**Friends of the Hamilton-Fairfield Lane Libraries Annual Sale**

**Thursday, April 30, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Friday, May 1, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

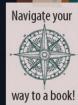
**Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

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.





way to a book!



## Summer Reading 2026!

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.

## Fairfield Township Library Construction

### Update

The Fairfield Township Lane Library is beginning to take shape! Over the winter, we saw the building start to rise. In addition to the framing, the plumbing and electric work made substantial progress. Most of the structural work has been completed and the mass timber has been installed. As the roof is complete, work inside is underway.

Watch our Facebook page for periodic construction updates. We look forward to opening this new location to the community later this year.



## New Lane Reusable Bags

You can now purchase eco-friendly, reusable Lane bags for all of your library finds! For \$1 apiece, buy a few for all of your carrying needs. Canvas Lane tote bags are also available for \$6 each at all Lane locations.





## New Nature-Themed Mural at the Oxford Lane Library

The Oxford Lane Library is home to a new mural! This commission, done by Bright Wall Collective, is part of the Big Read initiative happening in the library through the spring. The mural follows the Big Read theme "OUR NATURE: How our Physical Environment Can Lead us to Seek Hope, Courage, and Connection."

### About the Mural: "How to Grow a Dream"

This mural tells a story of connection—between people, nature, and imagination. What begins as a single seed blossoms into ideas and dreams, reflecting how curiosity and creativity can flourish when nurtured. It speaks to how the smallest

beginnings can grow into hope, courage, and positive change. "How to Grow a Dream" invites viewers to explore, discover, and imagine—reminding us that, like stories within a library, our dreams can take root and flourish when we give them space to grow. It encourages library visitors to seek adventure, inspiration and lifelong learning within and beyond the library walls.

You can view the mural on the first floor of the Oxford Lane Library near the Children's Department.



The Lane Seed Library is a place where community members come together to share seeds, exchange information, and develop relationships with other gardeners.

The Seed Library is available at the Hamilton, Fairfield, and Oxford Lane Libraries and continues to grow and connect communities of gardeners.

For the most current seed availability and to borrow seeds, visit any Lane Seed Library location. All Lane Seed Library locations also accept seed donations.



Growing guides are produced through research done at the Lane Seed Library. Some plants listed in the growing guides may be out of stock.

More information on seeds and seed saving can be found in the resources listed at [www.lanepl.org](http://www.lanepl.org). Learn how to save seeds from your favorite plants in order to enjoy them year after year!



Scan the QR code to watch the video and learn the basics.

# SYSTEM-WIDE STORY TIMES

Spring story time break May 3 - 30. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



## HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

### Movers & Shakers

**Wednesdays, March 4 - April 29**

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

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

### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays, March 3 - April 28**

**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 5 - April 30**

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

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

### Saturday Story Time

**Saturdays, March 21, April 4 & May 2**

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

For families with children  
under 6 years of age  
Enjoy a hands-on story time that promotes  
curiosity and learning.

## FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

### Movers & Shakers

**Tuesdays, March 3 - April 28**

**10:30 - 11:00 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!

### Pre-School Story Time

**Wednesdays, 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.

### Toddler Time

**Thursdays, March 5 - April 30**

**10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

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



## 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](http://www.lanepl.org/authortalks) and join the online session when it's set to begin.



### Michael Perry

March 4  
2:00 p.m.



### Brad Taylor

April 14  
7:00 p.m.



### Kate Quinn

March 12  
7:00 p.m.



### Miranda Cowley Heller

April 22  
2:00 p.m.



### Shoshana Walter & Barbara Kingsolver

March 24  
2:00 p.m.



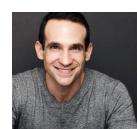
### Valerie Neal

April 2  
2:00 p.m.



### Marjan Kamali

May 7  
7:00 p.m.



### Nir Eyal

May 19  
2:00 p.m.



# BOOK CLUBS

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Book clubs are for adults ages 18 - up unless otherwise noted. For most book clubs, copies of the physical book can be picked up at the library branch that is hosting the club and digital copies can be accessed through our online resources.

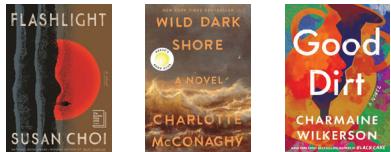
## Tuesday's Titles

**Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 & May 5**

**2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Hamilton Lane Library**

Join us each month for an enjoyable discussion of books.



**March 3 – Flashlight** by Susan Choi

**April 7 – Wild Dark Shore** by Charlotte McConaughy

**May 5 – Good Dirt** by Charmaine Wilkerson

## Bookmarked Buddies R

**Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 & May 5**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 20 - 39

**Gaslight Brewhouse (Oxford)**

Bookmarked Buddies is your new favorite reason to leave the house! A book club for 20- and 30-somethings who want good books, good vibes and good friends.



**March 3 – My Year of Rest and Relaxation**

by Ottessa Moshfegh

**April 7 – Severance** by Ling Ma

**May 5 – Checkout 19** by Claire-Louise Bennett



## LGBTQIA+ Book Club R

**Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 & May 6**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Fairfield Lane Library**

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 4 – The Prince and the Dressmaker** by Jen Wang

**April 1 – Gender Queer** by Maia Kobabe

**May 6 – The No-Girlfriend Rule** by Christen Randall  
(in-person visit with the author!)

## Cover to Cover

**Adults**

Join one of these great groups meeting across the library's service area.

## Wednesdays, March 11, April 8 & May 13

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**McAlister's Deli, 3169 Princeton Rd, Fairfield Township**

**March 11 – The Murder of Roger Ackroyd**  
by Agatha Christie

**April 8 – The Astral Library** by Kate Quinn

**May 13 – 100 Rules for Living to 100** by Dick Van Dyke

## Saturdays, March 14, April 11 & May 9

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Oxford Lane Library**

**March 14 – 100 Rules for Living to 100**  
by Dick Van Dyke

**April 11 – The Murder of Roger Ackroyd**  
by Agatha Christie

**May 9 – The Astral Library** by Kate Quinn

## Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Lane Administration Center**

**1396 University Blvd, Hamilton**

**March 17 – The Astral Library** by Kate Quinn

**April 21 – 100 Rules for Living to 100** by Dick Van Dyke

**May 19 – The Murder of Roger Ackroyd**  
by Agatha Christie

## Next Chapter Book Club

**Thursdays, March 12, 26, April 9, 23 & May 14**

**1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Oxford Lane Library**

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.)

## Third Monday Book Club R

**Mondays, March 16, April 20 & May 18**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Fairfield Lane Library**

Gather together for our popular fiction and nonfiction book club!



**March 16 – The Lion Women of Tehran**

by Marjan Kamali

**April 20 – Cursed Daughters** by Oyinkan Braithwaite

**May 18 – Among the Burning Flowers**

by Samantha Shannon

## Downtown Hamilton Book Club

**Tuesdays, March 17 & May 19**

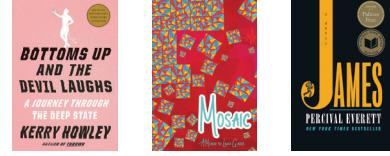
**12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 18**

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

**Lane Tech Center**

Bring your lunch for our standard Tuesday discussions. In April, we switch to Saturday morning for a special author visit with Laura Gaddis!



**March 17 – Bottoms Up and the Devil Laughs**

by Kerry Howley

**April 18 – Mosaic** by Laura Gaddis

(featuring an in-person author visit)

**May 19 – James** by Percival Everett

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 Registration is required.



## Bring Your Own Book Club (BYOBC)

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Online book club through Discord

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 [byobc@lanepl.org](mailto:byobc@lanepl.org) for the Discord link.

March 17 – Green

April 21 – Funny

May 19 – Dessert

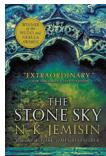
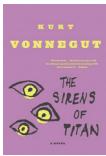
## The Bookwormhole

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15 & May 20

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Oxford area 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? Food/drink purchase is optional.



March 18 – *A Drop of Corruption*

by Robert Jackson Bennett

April 15 – *The Sirens of Titan* by Kurt Vonnegut

May 20 – *The Stone Sky* by N. K. Jemisin

(3rd in the series)

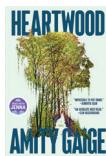
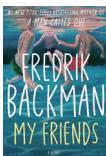
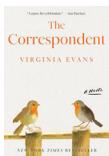
## Third Thursday Book Club

Thursdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Oxford Lane Library

Enjoy your afternoon with a good book discussion.



March 19 – *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

April 16 – *My Friends: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman

May 21 – *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige

## Pop-Up Book Club: Sherlock Holmes

Sunday, March 22

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### Hamilton Lane Library

A place for fans of the iconic character to discuss their favorite tale by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle or spin-off.



## Fact and Fiction Book Club

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Richard and Carole Cocks Art Museum (Miami University)

We will meet at the museum to view the Culture Crops exhibition exploring the powerful, universal connection between people and their food. This pairs nicely with these titles: *Animal, Vegetable, Junk: A History of Food, from Sustainable to Suicidal* by Mark Bittman and *Delicious! A Novel* by Ruth Reichl.



Hamilton

Fairfield

Oxford

Lane Tech Center

Discord

## DIGITAL LIBRARY

Your library isn't just books on shelves, it's a whole world at your fingertips!

Check out our Digital Library to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more, all free with your library card. Whether you're at home, on the go, or curled up with your favorite device, your next great read (or binge!) is just a click away. Here are just a few that we offer!



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**The Ohio Digital Library** is a collection of audiobooks, eBooks, and more that can be downloaded to a variety of devices such as PCs, laptops, eReaders, and mobile devices for a 3-week loan period.

Visit [www.lanepl.org](http://www.lanepl.org) and start exploring today!



# HAMILTON LANE LIBRARY

## Youth Programs

### Kids Take & Make

#### Crafts released Mondays

#### March 9, April 13 & May 11

Recommended for ages 3 - 7

Get creative and pick up a fun craft kit to do at home. Kits will be available for pickup at the Children's Desk and drive-thru window during the weeks listed.

(While supplies last.)

### Family Trivia Night

#### Saturday, March 7

#### 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Recommended for families with children under 14

Test your knowledge and enjoy some friendly competition with family trivia. Winners will get a prize!

### March Magnets

#### Saturday, March 14

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

Ages 7 - 11

Experiment with magnets and their amazing properties in this STEM session of magnet madness!

### S.A.G.A.

#### Thursdays, March 26, April 30 & May 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!

### Snacks Around the World



#### Saturday, March 28

#### 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Sample snacks from around the world with trivia facts and pop culture info about each country. You can also learn where to buy these snacks and others to continue your snacky travels!

### Spring Breakivities

#### March 30 - April 3

#### 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Recommended for ages 4 - 11

Drop in on spring break days for some crafts, games and springtime fun! Crafts will be one per child, while supplies last.

### Teen Writing Contest

#### 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](http://www.lanepl.org/teenswrite) for details. The awards ceremony will be held at the Oxford Lane Library on May 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



### Run Salmon, Run!

#### Saturday, April 4

#### 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Travel up north where you'll play the game of life as a Chinook Salmon navigating downstream, through river rapids, waterfalls and other obstacles in a quest to reach Lake Michigan!

### Perler Bead Craft Night

#### Saturday, April 11

#### 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Make beautiful perler bead creations of your favorite characters and hyperfixations! Lay out your design and staff will melt it into a keychain, jewelry charm, ornament or anything else you can imagine!



### Book Binding for Kids

#### Saturday, May 2

#### 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 7 - 11

Learn some simple book binding techniques and take home your own creation!

### A Gooey Good Time!

#### Thursday, May 14

#### 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ages 12 - 18

Learn to make your own slime, oobleck and play-doh using materials you may already have at home! Come prepared for a messy good time!



### Teddy Bear Picnic

#### Saturday, May 16

#### 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 4 - 8

Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic!



Bring your favorite stuffed friend for an afternoon of treats, games and stories.

## Mixed/All Ages

### March Madness Bracket Tournament

#### March 15 - April 6

All ages

Do you have the perfect March Madness bracket, or are you preparing for your bracket to be busted? Let's see how you stand up to the competition. Submit your bracket for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. **NOTE:** Brackets will not be accepted after March 19 at noon.



### Birds of a Feather: Presented by the Cincinnati Zoo

#### Saturday, March 21

#### 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

All ages

From parrots to raptors, birds big and small will fly, climb and mesmerize you in this up-close, interactive program! Meet the birds and learn what unique stories and facts make them the stars of the Cincinnati Zoo's "Wings of Wonder".



### American Red Cross: Do Something Good (Friday)

#### Friday, April 3

#### 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 16 - up

Do something good (Friday): donate blood to the Red Cross! Each pint of blood saves up to three lives! Snacks and prizes provided for donors. Pre-register online, links will be shared closer to the event.

### Hollow Earth Festival

#### Saturday, April 25

#### 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Symmes Park (401 S. Third Street, Hamilton)

All ages

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



### May the Fourth Be with You Celebration

#### Sunday, May 3

#### 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Families

Come meet members of the 501st legion and a Jedi! Drop in for Star Wars themed activities and a chance to win a themed prize!

### Bingo Night

#### Wednesday, May 27

#### 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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

**R** Registration is required.

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

## Adult Programs

### Computer Tutor Service **R**

Make an appointment with a member of the Reference Team to learn about email accounts, computer basics, internet basics, 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.

### Only Murders in the Library

**Wednesdays, March 4, April 1 & May 6**

**6:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

Listen to a different true crime podcast each month and then come to join the discussion! Maura Murray disappeared in 2004 during a 10-minute gap of time. Her sister tells Maura's story in the podcast *Media Pressure*, Season 1.

**March 4** – Episodes 1 - 3

**April 1** – Episodes 4 - 6

**May 6** – Episodes 7 - 10

### Adult Game Night: Taskmaster **R**



**Saturday, March 7**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

If you have ever wanted to be on the British comedy game show "Taskmaster", now is the time! Competitors thrive with out-of-the-box solutions and silliness. The opening task is "Bring your best cardboard shield."

### Stitches & Squares: A Crochet Community **R**

**Tuesdays, March 10, April 14 & May 12**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy time together with yarn, crochet hooks and friends, all skill levels welcome! Learn new crochet techniques and make squares, or bring your own needles and knit your favorite stitch into squares. Bring your completed squares to meetings or drop them off at the Hamilton branch. All items will benefit PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA.

### Spring Crafting with Bernie **R**

**Saturdays, March 14 & April 11**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**March 14** – Painted Face Planter: Welcome the season by painting terracotta pots with faces and decorating them with ribbons for a fancy looking planter that you and your plants will love!

**April 11** – Macrame Photo Hanger: Learn macrame knots and create a piece of wall art to hang photos in.

### America250: "Remember When"



**Wednesday, March 25**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

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### Documentary Over Dinner **R**

**Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Bring your own dinner (we'll bring the appetizer!) to enjoy while watching a PBS documentary and participating in a short discussion. Look for an email to vote on which documentary the day before the event.

### Hometown Tourist: Chrisholm Farmstead **R**

**Saturday, April 18**

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Chrisholm MetroPark (2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton)**

Visit the Chrisholm Historic Farmstead, an Amish-Mennonite settlement. This MetroPark includes 17 acres, the Augspurger House and a restored bank barn. This tour includes walking and stairs.

### Not Your Ordinary Plant Swap **R**

**Saturday, May 9**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Bring cuttings of your favorite house plant to swap with other plant lovers and learn how to make Kokedama, a Japanese gardening art form meaning "moss ball".



### Afternoon Tea at the Library **R**

**Sunday, May 24**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

Join Ashley from the Chicory Tea Co. for a bright cup of spring tea and a sampling of delicious snacks. Learn about tea ingredients and blended honeys while enjoying a relaxing afternoon.



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

# FAIRFIELD LANE LIBRARY

## Youth Programs

### Teen Zone Snacktivities

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

Ages 12 - 18

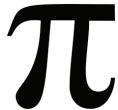
Stop in the Teen Zone after school for a healthy snack and fun activity!

### National Pi Day Celebration

**Saturday, March 14, All day**

Ages 11 - under

Celebrate National Pi Day with some quick, fun activities during your library visit.



### Family Board Game Day!

**Saturday, March 14**  
**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Ages 8 - 11

Stop by the library and play some of your favorite board games with your family and have the chance to meet some new friends!

### Teen Crafternoons

**Thursdays, March 19 & April 23**  
**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - 18

Come to the library and create something awesome! We'll have supplies and instructions for crafts or you can bring your own craft to work on.

**March 19** – Perler Bead Creations  
**April 23** – Crafting with Clay

### D&D for Tweens R

**Tuesdays, March 24, April 21 & May 19**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 9 - 13

Curious about Dungeons and Dragons? Come learn the basics in beginner adventures for tweens only!



### Teen Movie Nights

**Thursdays, March 26, April 30 & May 28**

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - 18

Join us for an evening of fun! The monthly movies are:



**March 26** – “Freakier Friday” (2025)

**April 30** – “Smurfs” (2025)

**May 28** – “Zootopia 2”

### S.T.E.A.M. Explorers

**Monday, March 30**

**1:30 - 3:30 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.

### Teen Writing Contest

**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.lanepi.org/teenswrite](http://www.lanepi.org/teenswrite) for details. The awards ceremony will be held at the Oxford Lane Library on May 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

**Wednesday, April 1 - Tuesday, April 7**

Ages 11 - under

Drop by during spring break to complete a scavenger hunt and earn a prize.



### Teen Writing Group

**Thursday, April 16**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - 18

Need a quiet space to work on your writing, or just want someone to review your latest rough draft? Teen writers can collaborate and have a safe space to write to your heart's content.

### The Great Jelly Bean Count!

**Sunday, April 19 - Saturday, April 25**

Ages 11 - under

Guess how many jelly beans are in our special jar. One winner will be selected from correct submissions and get a prize!



### Cinco De Mayo

**Tuesday, May 5, All day**

Ages 11 - under

Join us in celebrating Cinco de Mayo! We'll have lots of fun activities in the Children's Area to make this special day even more exciting!

### Teen Study Hangout



**Saturday, May 9**

**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.

### Mario Party

**Friday, May 22**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Ages 12 - 18

Celebrate the end of the school year by playing Mario Party! Snacks will be provided.

### Lego Day!

**Saturday, May 23**

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

Ages 8 - 11

Stop by the library to build Legos with your family and have the chance to meet some new friends!

## Mixed/All Ages

### March Madness Bracket Tournament

**March 15 - April 6**

All ages

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### Adulting 101: Essential Skills for Life R

**Saturdays, March 21, April 25 & May 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 interactive workshops to learn an essential skill. Snacks will be provided.

**March 21** – How to Sew, Mend and Use a Sewing Machine

**April 25** – Cleaning Dos and Don'ts with The Cleaning Authority

**May 16** – Life in the Dorms Q&A with Miami University

### Chess in the Library



**Sundays, March 22, April 19 & May 17**

**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.

### Basic Self Defense R

**Monday, March 23**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Ages 8 - up

Learn some simple safety tips and basic self-defense moves from our presenter in a relaxed, easygoing environment.

**R** Registration is required.

## Zumba Zone with Marisol **R**

**Saturdays, March 28, April 25 & May 16**  
**9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

All ages

Dance, sweat and have fun with Latin and global rhythms. Enjoy an hour full of energy to burn calories, tone your body and boost your mood. No dance experience needed — just bring your energy and enjoy!



## Family Game Night **R**

**Tuesday, March 31**  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

All ages

Bring your family and compete in Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune and classic family board games. Bragging rights to be won!

## Incredible Insects **R**



**Friday, May 29**

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

All ages

Kick off Summer Reading with the Cincinnati Museum Center! Get up close and personal with the creatures that make up Earth's largest group of animals. Learn the characteristics of insects, see the world through the eyes of a fly and learn amazing facts about insect defense, including camouflage and mimicry. Meet live insects and view mounted insect specimens from around the globe.

## Adult Programs

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### Life in the Craft Lane **R**

**Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 & May 12**  
**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 3** – Irish Coffee Mugs  
**April 7** – Painted Tote Bags  
**May 12** – Maracas

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### HOME Cincinnati: Fair House Training

**Friday, April 10**  
**2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

HOME's fair housing training gives tenants a clear understanding of their housing rights, the protections they're entitled to and the steps they can take when facing discrimination or housing challenges. Whether you're navigating repairs, experiencing unfair treatment or have housing-related questions, this training empowers folks with knowledge and resources to advocate for themselves.

### Bingo **R**

**Saturday, April 18**  
**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

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



### Singo **R**



**Saturday, May 2**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Just like Bingo, but with music! We'll play some fantastic summer hits and you will listen for the song titles instead of numbers to win and sing along. Test out your Singo skills for multiple chances to win prizes.

### Digging Deep to Understand the News



**Thursday, May 7**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Professors John Bailer and Rosemary Pennington from the Stats + Stories podcast and book authors of *Statistics Behind the Headlines* help us to understand the research and analysis behind the claims in news stories.

### Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2 & 9

**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The Older Wiser Learners Series (OWLS) is a four-week program conducted by Ohio State University Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. The program is focused on the unique needs of individuals age 65+ and includes information about making your home more accessible, nutrition, maintaining personal safety and communicating end of life issues with family members.

### D&D Adventure: Adults

**Saturdays, March 28, April 25 & May 9**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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

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# OXFORD LANE LIBRARY

## Youth Programs

### Physics in Action R

**Saturday, March 7**

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Ages 5 - 11**

Explore how physics affects our daily lives with electrifying demonstrations presented by Miami's Society of Physics students!

### \* Art Explorers R

**Saturdays, March 14,**

**April 11 & May 9**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Ages 3 - 6**

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 14 & April 11**

**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.

### Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, March 28 - Monday, April 6**

**Ages 11 - under**

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

### Kids' Makerspace R

**Saturdays, March 28, April 25 & May 23**

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Ages 6 - 11**

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

### Teen Writing Contest



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**Ages 12 - 18**

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### Meet the Author: An Evening with Jerry Pallotta



**Wednesday, April 8**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**All ages**

Join Jerry Pallotta, award-winning author of the wildly popular *Who Would Win?* series, for a discussion of his work. Book sale and signing will follow.

### The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati Presents A Pirate-Y Peter Pan

**Monday, May 4**

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Suggested for ages 4 - 11**

Ahoy there, mateys! School is out so hoist the Jolly Roger as we fly off to Neverland to explore J. M. Barrie's classic fairy tale—with a swashbuckling twist: everyone is a pirate!



### Mixed/All Ages

### Tiny Paws, Big Impact:

### Supporting Cats in Need R

**Saturday, March 14**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Ages 15 - up**

Find out from veterinarian Chris Reagh how you can help community cats and kittens through TNR, rescue partnerships and fostering opportunities. Whether you can provide hands-on care or simply spread awareness, your involvement makes a difference. An Oxford Catty Shack kitty meet-and-greet will be included!

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## Oxford Big Read Events

### Second Annual Plogging for a

### Clean Community R

**Saturday, April 11**

**9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**All ages**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Park**

Join us for a family-friendly plogging event in uptown Oxford! Walk, jog and pick up litter as we make our community cleaner and greener, together. Bags and gloves provided. Prizes awarded to top trash collectors. Let's get moving and make a difference together!

### Nature-Inspired Poetry Workshop

### with Ohio Poet Laureate R

**Wednesday, April 22**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Teens/Adults**

Learn to let all the facets of nature inspire your writing with an in-person workshop with Ohio's Poet Laureate Kari Gunter-Seymour. The first twenty registrants will receive a "decomposition" notebook.

### Birthday Bash: Take 2

**Friday, April 17**

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**All ages**



We got a little too "fired" up for our tenth birthday last fall, but we're finally ready to celebrate 10 (1/2) years in our current location. Join us for a special after-hours event with activities for everyone and CAKE!

### Celebrating Toni Morrison: "The Pieces I Am"



**Monday, May 18**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Ages 15 - up**

Join us for a screening of "Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am" (rated PG-13), celebrating the life, literature and legacy of Lorain native Toni Morrison. This is part of Ohio's yearlong tribute (Feb 18, 2026 - Feb 18, 2027) honoring the Nobel Prize-winning author.

\* Participants must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

**R** Registration is required.

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### SPRING GARDEN SERIES

### Lobby Garden

#### March 1 - May 31 (while supplies last)

Pick up a free seed growing kit in the library lobby to start your own garden at home! Kits available while supplies last.

### Cincinnati's Foodshed and Art Atlas Exhibit

#### Through March 6

Explore a vibrant lobby exhibit celebrating the artists behind *Cincinnati's Foodshed: An Art Atlas* featuring original works that map our region's food history, culture and future through creative visual storytelling.

### Drawn to the Table: Visualizing Cincinnati's Foodshed with Alan Wight **R**

#### Friday, March 6

#### 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special visit with R. Alan Wight, Ph.D., environmental sociologist and author of *Cincinnati's Foodshed: An Art Atlas*. Wight will explore the region's food movement, native plants, permaculture and local land-preservation efforts highlighted in his stunning coffee table book. He will also discuss his collaboration with RCCAM and their Culture Crops exhibit.



### Design a Native Moon Garden

#### Saturday, April 4

#### 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

In this presentation, Kelsey Vance of Wild Edges Landscaping will discuss how to create a "Moon Garden" to support nocturnal wildlife. From fragrant blooms to maintenance best practices, moths, fireflies, bats, amphibians and more will call your garden home.



### How to Become a Wildlife

### Rehabber **R**

#### Sunday, March 8

#### 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ever wondered how you could help injured wildlife in our community?

Join Katie Wagner, Wildlife Rehabilitator, as she shares steps to become certified, common situations to watch out for, best options and some first-hand in-the-field experiences.

## Oxford Big Read Events

### America 250: The Unfinished Business of the Framer's Intent with John Forren

#### Monday, April 13

#### 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

In the Federalist Papers, some of our leading Founders essentially predicted how our government would function in light of human nature. But to what extent did they get it right? In this interactive talk, a Miami professor of constitutional law examines the key assumptions about politics and human nature embedded in the U.S. Constitution and the degree to which American constitutional democracy aligns today with the Framers' original vision.



### Spring Nature Journaling Workshop

#### with Katy Abbott **R**

#### Saturday, May 30

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

Farmhouse Blooms Farm, 2971 Douglas Rd, Camden  
Celebrate spring's beauty in our Spring Nature Journaling Workshop! Explore the natural world through sketching, watercolor and reflective writing. Collect meaningful outdoor finds and create a personalized journal that fosters mindfulness, creativity and a deeper connection to nature's seasonal wonders. Patrons will each receive their own nature journal and art supplies.

### Intro to Color Analysis & Clothing Exchange **R**

#### Tuesday, April 21

#### 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Brittany Hester, owner and personal color analyst of createdforcolor.com, for an Intro to Color Analysis course mixed with a patron clothing exchange—revive, reuse, renew your style! (Please bring only clean, gently used clothing pieces to exchange.)

### Get in the Swing (at the Library!):

#### An Adult's Night Out Event **R**



#### Friday, May 1

#### 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Get ready to swing into the stacks! Join Miami University's Swing Club for a lively evening of music, movement and fun as they teach you the basics of swing dancing right in the library lobby. No experience or partner needed!

### America250: "Remember When"

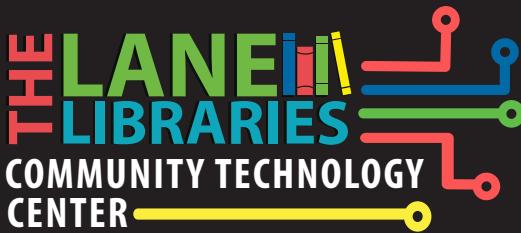
#### Wednesday, May 27

#### 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Brad Spurlock, Smith Library and Cummins Room Manager, for a history of Butler County told through photographs from the George C. Cummins "Remember When" Photograph Collection. Programs will highlight photos from the collection, including newly donated photos from the Cummins Family, unseen since their original publication in Cummins' "Remember When" newspaper column. See editorial for all program dates.



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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

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!

### Memory Lab

Try out the Tech Center's new DIY digital conversion station! Bring a flash drive or SD card and convert your family memories from legacy media to digital media. Compatible media: Super 8 & 8mm reels, 35mm, 110, 127, 126, and APS film, photo negatives, slides, most photographs, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, DVDs, cassette tapes, CDs, and 33, 45, & 78 RPM vinyl records.

## Youth Programs

### Kids' Coding Club

Wednesdays, 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 – Digital Greeting Cards: Make an animated card for someone in your life.

April 29 – Red-Light Green-Light: Code an electronic traffic light and play red-light green-light.

May 27 – Mini Game Jam: Work together or alone to design and make a scratch game.

### Learn to Solder



Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 10 - 18

Bring your own light-up gadget to life! We'll teach you the basics of soldering with a fun, hands-on project using LEDs and real soldering irons. You build it, you keep it!

### Teen Switch Game Tournament

Wednesday, April 1 & Tuesday, May 26

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - 17

Prove your skills in our teen Switch tournament!

Featuring Smash Bros in April and Mario Kart in May.

Use our gear or bring your own controller to dominate. Winners take home a custom trophy showcasing our tech and a bonus prize!

April 1 – Smash Bros

May 26 – Mario Kart



### Pixel Art & AI

Monday, April 13, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 10 - 14

Join Abigail Webster, an instructor from the Fitton Center for Creative Arts, to create spring-themed Perler bead art. Use our ready-made templates or learn how to use AI to generate a completely unique pixel pattern. Get creative and tech-savvy!

## Mixed Ages

### Game Night!

Mondays, March 9, 23, April 13, 27 & May 11

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 will be provided as you embark on epic quests or strategize your way to victory!

March 9 – Board Games

March 23 – Dungeons & Dragons

April 13 – Board Games

April 27 – Dungeons & Dragons

May 11 – Board Games

### Line Art Design

Wednesdays, April 8, 22 & May 6

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - up

Bring a digital photo on a flash drive or cloud storage and learn how to trace it on our digital drawing tablets. Schedule a follow-up appointment to turn your custom line art design into a wood or leather engraving, a mug or a keychain!

### Escape Room

Wednesday, May 20, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ages 12 - up

A mad scientist has trapped you in a laboratory. Escape within the time limit or become lab rats forever! Then, get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the tech used to make this experience.

## Adult Programs

### Canvas Print & Stretch

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

March 4 or 11 (Session 1)

March 18 or 25 (Session 2)

Create gallery style art! In session 1, use our large format printer to put your design on canvas. In session 2, learn how to assemble a wooden frame and stretch the print for a professional finish. Watch for this new material arriving soon at the Tech Center!

### Crochet 101 with Bernie: Let's Get Hooked

Saturdays, March 7 & 21

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

Have you ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Join us in this two-part class where you will learn all the basic stitches, how to read patterns and begin making a scarf. Yarn and a crochet hook will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

### Mentorship, Technology and Workforce Readiness Workshop

Thursday, April 9

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Master the job hunt with Fatemeh Hajhosseini of Women Walking West. This workshop guides you through writing standout resumes, impressing interviewers and tackling the confusion of online applications.

 Registration is required.

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# Bookmobile

## 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](http://www.lanepl.org/bookmobile).

#### Fairfield East Elementary

6711 Morris Road  
Fairfield Township  
**Every Monday**  
**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**  
(No stop May 25)

#### Ross CVS

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.*

### Lobby Stops

The library outreach team brings books, movies and other materials to the following communities each month! Look for us in the lobby or community room!

**Eden Park (Hamilton)** – First Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Bradford Place (Hamilton)** – First Tuesday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Belle Tower (Lindenwald)** – Second Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**StoryPoint (Fairfield Township)** – Second Tuesday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Buckeye Forest (Fairfield)** – Third Tuesday, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Parkside Nursing & Rehab (Fairfield)** – Third Tuesday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### School Stops



Look for the Bookmobile at your child's school! We visit schools in Hamilton, Fairfield, Talawanda and Ross school districts. Call the Bookmobile Department at (513) 829-8370 for more information or to find out when we're coming to your school.

### Home Deliveries

Home deliveries are available to everyone who can't get to a library or Bookmobile location. Call the home deliveries team at (513) 785-2712 to find out how to get on our schedule.



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## Holiday Closings

The Lane Libraries will be closed:

**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 5**

**Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 25**

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