

Shaker Library Adult Programs

DECEMBER 2014

Main Library
Bertram Woods Branch

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Library Seeks New Trustees

The Board of Education seeks to fill two library board positions. One is for an unexpired five-year term; the other is for a full seven-year term. Shaker School District residents interested in being considered for an appointment to the Library Board should have a history of civic and community involvement. Download an application at shakerlibrary.org, or pick up a copy at either library. Completed applications should be returned by February 6, 2015.



Ongoing Programs

Monday Morning Jumpstart

Jobs club for job seekers presented by the Career Transition Center.

Main Library
10 AM-Noon Mondays

ABLE/GED Classes

Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) is for adults who need help in basic skills, reading, writing, and math. GED classes consist of reviews of reading comprehension, social studies, writing, mathematics, and science in preparation for the General Education Diploma (GED). Students must register in advance at www.tri-c.edu/ged or by calling 216-371-7138

Main Library
10 AM-12:30 PM Mondays and Wednesdays

or
10 AM-12:30 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays

English as a Second Language

Brondy Shanker leads free classes for those seeking to learn to speak and read English.

Main Library
7-8:30 PM Tuesdays

December Programs



Chess Club

Join a chess club for all ability levels for both teens and adults facilitated by Mike Reeves, a long-time instructor with the Shaker Heights High School Chess Club and Progress with Chess. No registration is required.

Main Library
6-8 PM Monday, December 1

Knit Morning



Bring a project and get or give help at this creative morning moderated by Elfriede Heaney.

Main Library
10 AM-Noon Wednesday, December 3

Improving Interviewing Skills

Preparation is the essential ingredient for a successful job interview. It begins with research to ensure the job is right for you and that you are well qualified. Career Transition Center staff will teach you how to discover what an employer seeks so your answers will differentiate you from other candidates.

Main Library
1-3 PM Thursday, December 4

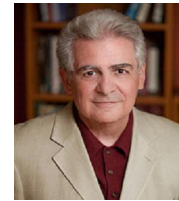


Delayed Opening

Please note that the libraries will delay opening until 10:30 AM to allow for staff training.

Main Library/Bertram Woods Branch
10:30 AM-5:30 PM Friday, December 5

Monday Morning Jumpstart



Joe Ortenzi presents *Overcoming Major Barriers with an Evolving Cover Letter and Resume*. A major barrier to employment is the number of

applicants chasing too few job openings. Add to that the inability of applicants to talk directly to employers. Ortenzi's talk will focus on barriers, changes in the job market, and how to develop strategies to find suitable employment using customized resumes and cover letters.

Main Library
10 AM-Noon Monday, December 8

Book Buzz

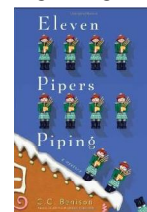


Read and discuss the book, **Flight Behavior** by Barbara Kingsolver

On her way to meet a potential lover, bored housewife Dellarobia Turnbow is detoured by a miraculous event on the Appalachian mountainside, which ignites a media and religious firestorm that changes her life forever.

Main Library
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, December 9

Mystery Book Discussion



Read and discuss the book, **Eleven Pipers Piping** by C. C. Benison

When town vicar Tom Christmas, presides over the annual dinner, performer and hotel proprietor Will Moore goes missing and is later found dead. Father Tom is compelled to find out what happened and why—no matter what secrets are exposed.

Main Library
7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, December 9

Poetry in the Woods



Enjoy a warm evening of poetry performed by regional poets, Dan Rourke, Joe Toner and Barry Zucker. **Dan Rourke** has been a teacher, magazine editor, and book-seller. His muse is boredom and his prime motivators are decaffeinated black coffee and this month's rent check. **Joe Toner's** poetry ranges from the inscrutable to the incoherent. **Barry Zucker** has hosted the monthly "Poetry in the Woods" readings at the Library where he has created a supportive environment where poets can meet, read, and be heard.

Bertram Woods Branch
7-8:45 PM Wednesday, December 10

Writing to Employers

Career Transition Center staff teaches professional letter writing techniques including how to write effective cover, marketing, follow-up letters, and more. Get tips on what works in today's job market and learn new ways to make your letters stand out among others, and how to create writing samples when an employer requests one.

Main Library
1-3 PM Thursday, December 11

Chess Club



Join a chess club for all ability levels for both teens and adults facilitated by Mike Reeves, a long-time instructor with the Shaker Heights High School Chess Club and Progress with Chess. Stop in and play. No registration is required.

Main Library
6-8 PM Monday, December 15

Library Board Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Library Board of Trustees.



Main Library
6:30-8 PM Monday, December 15

Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion



Read and discuss the book, **Me Before You** by JoJo Moyes

Taking a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident, Louisa struggles with her employer's acerbic moods and learns of his shocking plans before showing him that life is still worth living.

Main Library
2-3:30 PM Tuesday, December 16



Knit Night

Bring a project and get or give help during this fun evening hosted by Fern Braverman.

Bertram Woods Branch
7-8:45 PM Wednesday, December 17

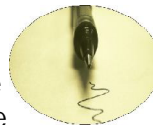
Making Positive First Impressions

It takes five to seven seconds to form an opinion of someone. Whether you're networking or interviewing, you need to leave a positive impression. Career Transition Center staff will offer tips on the little—and big—things that can determine how you are perceived.

Main Library
1-3 PM Thursday, December 18

Life Writing Group

Everyone has a story. Each month we'll provide the writing material and the prompts. You provide the words and write as little or as much as you like. Please *register in advance by phone or online*.

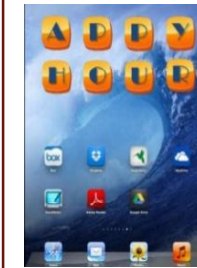


Main Library
2-3 PM Saturday, December 20



Main Library
Bertram Woods Branch
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
CLOSED

Appy Hour at Main Library



Stop by the Children's Room to talk with librarians and watch demos of fun learning and book apps for kids. Bring your own device to download your personal favorites!

Main Library
2-3 PM Monday, December 29

Bring Your Own Mobile Device—Or Try One of Ours!

Get an overview of the kinds of digital devices available—smartphones, minis, tablets—and try them for yourself. Stay up-to-date in our device-driven world.

Main Library Training Lab
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, December 30



Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch close at 5:30 PM Wednesday, December 31 and are closed New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015.



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