



Spring 2025

Shaker Library Event Guide



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Closures

Easter Sunday, Apr. 20
Memorial Day Monday,
May 26

Delayed Opening

Friday, May 9

Both library locations
open at 10:30 a.m.

Hours

Main Library

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

1 - 5 p.m.

Bertram Woods

Monday and Wednesday

1 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

*Don't miss our
Book Cart Drill
Team in this
year's Memorial
Day Parade!*



Funding for Shaker Library programming is provided by the Friends of the Shaker Library. Want to support the Friends financially or get involved as a volunteer? Visit www.shakerlibrary.org/friends.

Friends of the Shaker Library

Fill the Van Donation Drive

Saturday, Mar. 15 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drive any clean, used books you'd like to donate up to the library van parked at Main Library. Volunteers in the parking lot will unload them for you (and provide a donation receipt, if needed).



Spring Book Sale

**Wednesday, Apr. 30 through
Sunday, May 4**

Come browse thousands of books in well-organized categories at prices as low as \$0.50. All proceeds help cover the cost of programming for all ages—including Summer Reading.

Wednesday, Apr. 30 • 4 - 8 p.m.

Friends' Preview Night: Members get first dibs on book bargains. Not a Friend? Join at the door.

Thursday, May 1 • 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 • 12 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 4 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bag Sale Sunday: Fill a bag of books for \$8. Items in the Specials Room are half price.



Events for Adults

NEO Tempestry Project: Reception and Discussion **Thursday, Apr. 17 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

See a visualization of Cleveland's temperature data spanning from 1901 to 2021 through knitted banners, emphasizing the effects of climate change. A panel will feature artists, a local climate expert, and a representative from Shaker Heights' City Sustainability Committee, who will discuss the ways we're addressing this critical issue. Please register. *Main Library*



The Ecstasy of Love and the Agony of Relationships **Wednesday, Apr. 30 • 7 - 8 p.m.**

Join Case Western Reserve University professor and Shaker resident Dr. Param Srikantia for a talk about how people form connections and strengthen their relationships. Please register. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Art Exposed **May 10 - 21 • All Day**

Come view stunning jewelry, paintings, ceramics, photography, and more created by students in Shaker Heights High School's Art Department. *Main Library*

Puzzle/Boardgame Swap Café **Wednesday, May 14 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

Bring gently used puzzles and boardgames (with all pieces intact) to swap. Connect with others over snacks and activities. Please register. *Bertram Woods Branch*

Black Experience Poetry Jam

Saturday, Apr. 5 and Sunday, Apr. 6

2 - 4 p.m. • Shaker Main Library

Hear poetry on the theme of “Black Experience: Our Community, Our Selves” performed by local teens, professional adult poets, and community performers. Presented by Moreland Community Theatre and directed by Monica Boone, this unique program pairs Shaker MyCom students with adult mentors who help them write, rehearse, and perform their own poems.



Saturday, 4/5: An open mic will follow the performance. The audience is welcome to share their own poetry.

Sunday, 4/6: A Q&A panel discussion with participants will follow the performance.



Community Conversation on Immigration

Thursday, March 13 • 7 - 8 p.m.

Share your perspective, ask questions, and engage in meaningful dialogue during this open, respectful roundtable discussion.

Experts in law, policy, advocacy, and social services will be present to provide insight and help foster a deeper understanding of immigration. *Main Library*

Ongoing Classes at Main Library

ASL For Beginners Mondays • 7 - 8:30 p.m. Learn common phrases, fingerspelling, and conversational skills in American Sign Language (ASL). Please register: Class will close to new students after March 10. No class Apr. 28 and May 5.

Coffee & Community Wednesdays • 10 - 11 a.m. Enjoy a beverage, conversation, and different activity each week.

Sound Bath Meditation Wednesdays, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, and May 21 • 7 - 8 p.m. Relax while Arjay Johnson leads a meditation with her crystal singing bowls. Please register.

Job Search Help Wednesdays • 12 - 1:45 p.m. Drop in to receive free coaching and resume assistance for job seekers.

Tai Chi Thursdays • 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Learn an exercise that helps lower blood pressure and improves balance. Please register.

Chair Yoga Fridays • 10 - 11 a.m. Short meditation and yoga with the support of a chair. Please register.

Genealogy Program with the African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland Saturdays, Mar. 22, Apr. 26, and May 24 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Beginning and seasoned family history researchers welcome. Attend in person at Shaker Main Library or virtually on Zoom. To register for the Zoom link, please email AAGS President Joseph Houser at aags.wm1@gmail.com.



Book Discussions

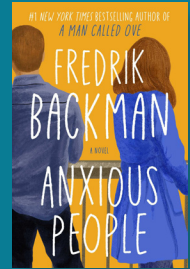
Register in advance at events.shakerlibrary.org. Copies available at the library one month before discussion.

PubReads • Mondays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Van Aken District Market Hall (Raider Space) 3441 Tuttle Rd.

Mar. 3 - *Paul Newman: An Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man* by Paul Newman

Apr. 7 - *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

May 5 - *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

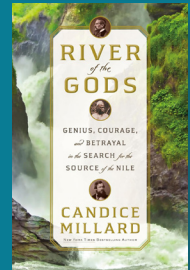


Book Buzz Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Main Library

Mar. 18 - *James* by Percival Everett

Apr. 15 - *River of the Gods* by Candice Millard

May 20 - *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult



Mystery Book Discussion Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. at Main Library

Mar. 11 - *The Kingdoms of Savannah* by George Dawes Green

Apr. 8 - *The Tenant* by Katrine Engberg

May 13 - *Mother-Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon



Cook the Book Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Main Library

Mar. 12 - *Does This Taste Funny?* by Stephen Colbert

Apr. 2 - *The Mediterranean Dish: Simply Dinner* by Suzy Karadsheh

May 7 - *Easy Weeknight Dinners: 100 Fast, Flavor-Packed Meals* by Emily Weinstein



Afterschool Offerings for Teens

The Roundtable

Mondays • 3:45 - 5 p.m.

This is a safe space to say what's on your mind about topics of interest and current events. *Main Library, Mercer Room*

Snack Skills

Tuesdays • 3:45 - 5 p.m.

Learn practical life skills like stress management and decision-making. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

SHPL Esports League | Paint & Chill

Wednesdays • 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Join the Esports League for team competitions, or sip on a cozy bev, vibe to some good tunes, and unwind while creating art. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Craft Club

Thursdays • 4 - 5 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild! Experiment with painting, crafts, and DIY projects. *Main Library, Fernway Room*

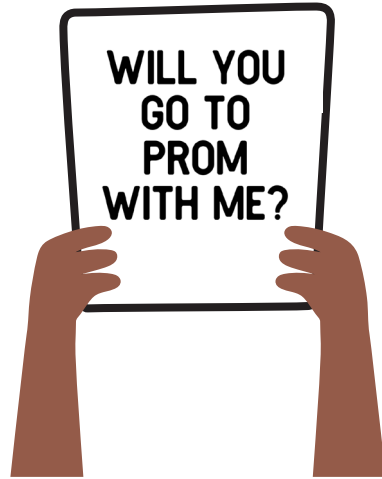


Library Live

Fridays, Mar. 14 & 28, Apr. 18, May 2, 16 & 30 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Enjoy a mix of classic game show favorites. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Ask Them to the Dance Week

Monday, Apr. 14 through Friday, Apr. 18 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Throughout the week, we'll work on promposal-like boards. Snacks will be on hand to keep us motivated. On Wednesday, we'll make candy bouquets. While supplies last. *Main Library, The Workshop*



High School Student Appreciation Week

Monday, May 5 through Friday, May 9 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Stop by Main Library to celebrate the end of the school year with activities, food, and giveaways. While supplies last. *Main Library, Teen Room*



Charcuterie Art Challenge

Monday, Mar. 10 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Choose an art inspiration and use the snacks to recreate it. We'll vote on who did it best and the winner(s) will receive either a charcuterie kit or an art kit. *Main Library, Teen Room*

EVENTS FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS

Scavenger Hunts in the Children's Room @ Main Library

A themed scavenger hunt to practice literacy skills.

- **March:** Signs of Spring
- **April:** Celebrate Trees for Arbor Day
- **May:** Fairy Garden

Building Bonanza Mondays • 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Design and build with a rotation of cardboard, Strawbees, Legos, and more. *Main Library*

After School Art

Main Library • Tuesdays, Mar. 4 and 18, Apr. 1, 15, and 29, May 20, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bertram Woods • Thursdays, Mar. 6 and 20, Apr. 3 and 17, May 1 and 22, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY!

Tree Tale Tellers

Thursday, Apr. 24 • 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Join a storyteller from Holden Forests & Gardens! Tickets available at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to the event. *Main Library*

Arbor Day Celebration

April 1 - 25 • All day

Read facts about trees from Shaker Heights' Forestry Advisor. Go on a scavenger hunt. Then, write a poem to hang on our Poe-Tree to receive a small prize. School age. Funded by and presented in partnership with the Shaker Heights Tree Advisory Board. *Main Library*



Hot Chocolate and Community Wednesdays, Mar. 5 and 12, Apr. 9 and 23, May 7 and 14 • 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Stop by the Children’s Room to spend time with friends, have a snack, and do an activity.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesdays • 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Join fellow fans to talk about our latest read. Stop by the Children’s Desk to pick up a copy before our meeting. Please register. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

- Mar. 19 - *Cranky Chicken*
- Apr. 16 - *Agents of S.U.I.T.*
- May 21 - *Tater Tales: The Greatest in the World!*



RedRover Readers

Thursdays, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, and May 15 • 4 - 5 p.m.

Interested in animals? Join RedRover Readers! Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is encouraged to ensure a free book. Ages 5-11. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

Read to a Dog

Mondays, Mar. 24 and Apr. 28 • 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Register to read to a certified therapy dog. School age. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

COMIC BOOK APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, May 3 • All Day

Stop by the children’s room and enjoy comic-themed activities! Dress up as your favorite comic book character for an extra dash of fun!

STORYTIME

Main Woods

Birth to 12 months Birth to 12 months
Mondays at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

1 - 2 year olds 1 - 2 year olds
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

2 - 5 year olds 2 - 5 year olds
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Play and Learn Station at Main Library

Wednesday • 1 - 3 p.m.
Thursday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Friday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
*with special playroom for
infants birth - 12 months.*
Saturday • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Sign up for a session at
events.shakerlibrary.org.*

Pajama Storytime (all ages)

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Stories and Songs Thursdays, Mar. 13 and 27, Apr. 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 at 4 p.m.

Does your 2 - 5 year old
like their storytimes on the
music-heavy side? This one's
for them! *Main Library*



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