



# Shaker Library Event Guide



June – August 2025

Summer Issue

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## A message from the director

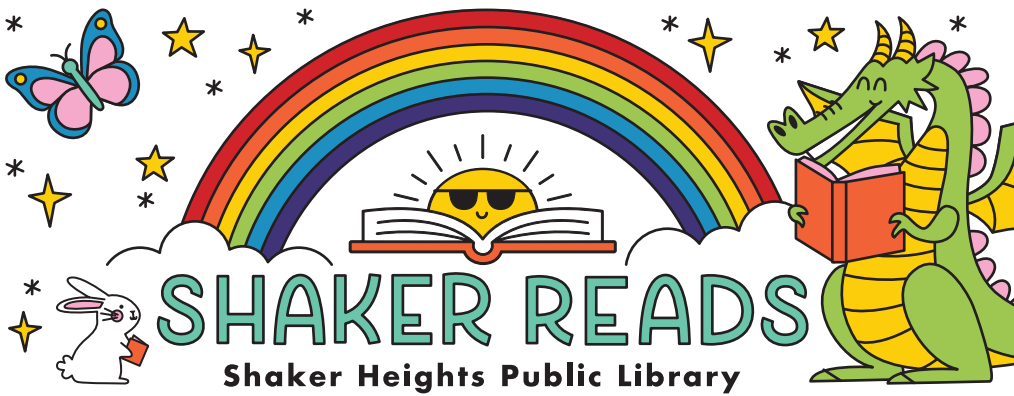
I don't know about you, but I've always found summer to be a time brimming with possibility. Planters are in bloom. Gardens are chock full of potential harvests. Families are leaving town to vacation near or far. Kids are on bikes, in search of new adventures.



This summer, our staff is also embracing new possibilities. For the first time, a variety of local businesses and organizations have stepped up to sponsor prizes for our Summer Reading Program. We're grateful to Donatos, Ellie May's Gourmet Cookies, the Friends of the Shaker Library, Hoopla, Loganberry Books, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Shaker Rocks, and the Shaker Heights Recreation Department for their contributions. And, as always, we love to award reading with more reading — all participants will get to choose free books to add to their home library.

Also, in June, we'll celebrate Pride Month and Juneteenth with special storytimes, speakers, art exhibits, and even a community potluck. We welcome you to join us.

With warmth, Amy L. Switzer



# Summer Reading 2025

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 1

**Read with us over your  
summer break and earn  
prizes along the way!**

At completion (30 days of  
reading), take home a tote  
bag of your choice. For  
ages 0 to 18. Sign up at  
[shakerlibrary.org/summer](https://shakerlibrary.org/summer).



**Signs of Summer Scavenger Hunt** All day, Jun. 9 – 30  
Search the Children's room to find hidden signs of summer.  
*Main Library, Children's Room*

**Building Bonanza** Mondays in June/July • 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Design and build with a rotation of cardboard, Strawbees, Legos, and more. *Main Library, Children's Room*

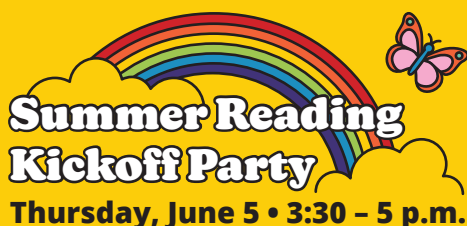
**Summer Scientists** Mondays in June and July • 2 – 4 p.m.  
Come build and experiment with different self-guided STEM activities. *Main Library, The Workshop*

**Summer Art Fun** Main Library • Tuesday, Jun. 10 and 24, Jul. 1 and 15 • 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. | Bertram Woods • Thursday, Jun. 12 and 26, Jul. 3 and 17 • 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Playtime at Bertram Woods** Fridays in June and July  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Grow your little one's imagination and literacy skills with a rotation of toys and activities. *Bertram Woods Branch*

**RedRover Readers** Monday, Jun. 9, Jul. 14 and Aug. 11  
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** Monday, Jun. 23, Jul. 28, and Aug. 25  
4 – 5:30 p.m.  
Register to read to a certified therapy dog. School age. *Main Library, Sussex Room*



**Summer Reading  
Kickoff Party**  
**Thursday, June 5 • 3:30 – 5 p.m.**

Stop by to sign up for summer reading. Miss Nicki will kick off the event with a sing-along. Free face painting, temporary tattoos, and refreshments.  
*Main Library*

# STORYTIME

Storytime begins June 9 and will take a break from Aug. 4 - Sept. 5.

## Main Woods

**Birth to 12 months**

Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

**1 – 2 year olds**

Mondays at 10 :30 a.m.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**2 – 5 year olds**

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Stories and Songs: Parachute**

**Palooza (2 – 5 year olds)**

Thursday, Jun. 26 and Jul. 17

4 – 4:45 p.m.

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Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

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Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**2 – 5 year olds**

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Pajama Storytime (all ages)**

Mondays at 7 p.m.

**Stories and Songs: Splish,**

**Splash, Stories! Thursday,**

Jul. 3 • 4 – 5 p.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](http://events.shakerlibrary.org).*



## Rainbow Storytime

**Thursday, Jun. 12 • 4 – 5 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome at this special storytime celebrating love, community, and all the different forms families can take. *Main Library, Sussex Room*





## SHAKER READS Midpoint Celebration

**Monday, July 14  
4 – 6 p.m. at  
Main Library**



Celebrate the midpoint of Shaker Reads! Tender Touch Equine will be on site with a miniature horse. Join Ms. Nicki for a special RedRover Readers story and participate in STEAM activities.

### **Graphic Novel Book Club** Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Join fellow fans to talk about our latest read. Pick up a copy at the Children's Desk before our meeting. Please register. *Main Library, Sussex Room*

- Jun. 18 – *Adventures in Cartooning*
- Jul. 16 – *Surviving the Wild: Rainbow the Koala*
- Aug. 13 – *Kitten Construction Company: Meet the House Kittens*

### **I Spy in the Neighborhood** Everyday in July

Explore the Shaker neighborhood while searching for hidden discoveries along the way! Pick up a map at Main Library.

### **Lemonade and Community** Wednesday, Jul. 23 and 30 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Stop by the children's room for lemonade and an activity. *Main Library, Children's Room*

### **Mini Makers: Customized Sunglasses Case**

**Saturday, Jul. 12 • 10:30 – 11 a.m.**

Caregivers and kids decorate cases for sunglasses with our Makerspace equipment. *Main Library, The Workshop*



### **Mini Makers: S'Mores Science** Saturday, Jul. 26

**10:30 – 11 a.m.**

Caregivers and kids experiment with marshmallows to learn about science and make s'mores! *Main Library, The Workshop*



### **Clue at the Library** Everyday in August

Solve a mystery, scavenger hunt style! *Main Library, Children's Room*

# BINGO BASH

## TEEN SUMMER CHALLENGE

June 1 – August 1

Win a pair of Beats Flex wireless headphones or gift cards for Footlocker, Xbox, Playstation, Mitchell's, Door Dash, and more!

Pick up your bingo card in the teen room or scan the QR code to play online.



### Bingo Card



### Esports Grand Prix

Wednesdays in June, July and August • 4 – 5 p.m.

Test your skills in a multi-genre gaming competition where players compete across sports, fighting, racing, rhythm, FPS, and strategy games. Earn points in each mini-tournament and battle for the championship in the Grand Finale. Prizes awarded to top players. Open to all teens. *Main Library, Sussex Room*





**Juneteenth Quilt Display: African American Quilt & Doll Guild** Everyday, Jun. 3 – Jul. 17

View a selection of amazing quilts inspired by the Juneteenth holiday. *Main Library*

**Juneteenth Celebration** Saturday, Jun. 14 • time TBD

Join us for a presentation in honor of Juneteenth and freedom, presented by members of the African American Quilt and Doll Guild. *Main Library*

**Juneteenth Community Potluck** Tuesday, Jun. 17 •

6 - 8 p.m. Bring a dish to share, along with a list of ingredients for those with allergies. There will be games and activities organized by your neighbors. The library will provide plates, cups, and utensils. *Main Library*

**Heinen's Club Fx Wellness: Diabetes is Not Your Destiny**

Thursday, Jun. 5 • 6 – 7 p.m.

Heinen's registered dietitian Mel Jatsek shares powerful tips to help you use food as medicine. Enjoy blood sugar-friendly snacks and beverages. *Main Library*

**Plant Swap** Thursday, Jun. 5 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Trade your extra plants with other green thumbs. Please bring pest- and disease-free plants in a container you don't mind parting with. Registration encouraged. *Main Library*



## Writing as Refuge: A Reading and Conversation

Tuesday, Jun. 10 • 7 – 8 p.m. Join local poets and friends Phil Metres and Mary Weems for a poetry reading and conversation about writing. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. *Main Library*



## Trash to Treasures: Glass Jars Wednesday, Jul. 16

6 – 7:30 p.m. Bring in clean glass jars & bottles to transform into pieces of art. Art supplies provided. *Main Library*

## Puzzle/Boardgame Swap Cafe Wednesday, Jul. 23

7 – 8:30 p.m. Exchange gently used puzzles and boardgames with all pieces intact. *Bertram Woods Branch*

## Why Life Sucks (Reframing Your Emotional Perspective) Monday, Aug. 4 • 7 – 8 p.m.

Shaker's own Dr. Param Srikantia, a professor at Baldwin Wallace University, will present a talk about shifting your perspective on life. *Bertram Woods Branch*

## Introduction to Canning Thursday, Aug. 14 • 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn how to safely can jams, pickles, and salsas from an OSU extension expert. Registration required. *Main Library*

## Trash to Treasures: Upcycle Your Clothes Wednesday,

Aug. 20 • 6 – 7:30 p.m. Bring old t-shirts/tops/dresses and upcycle them into embroidered designer wear. Embroidery materials will be provided. *Main Library*

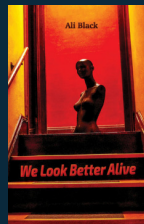
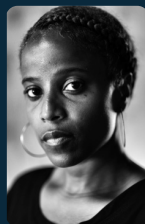
## Out of the Closet and Into Comics with Valentino Zullo Monday, Jun. 23 • 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Comics, once dismissed as childish, have long preserved LGBTQ stories and now form a vital, queer archive. This lecture explores queer comics history, from underground "comix" to heroes like Batwoman and Iceman. *Main Library*

**"We Look Better Alive"****An Evening of Poetry with Ali Black**

Wednesday, Jul. 30 • 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Shaker poet Ali Black will read from and discuss her new collection, *We Look Better Alive*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. *Main Library*

**Ongoing Classes**

**Coffee & Community Wednesdays** • 10 – 11 a.m. Enjoy a beverage, conversation, and activity each week. *Main Library*

**Job Search Help Wednesdays** • 12 – 1:45 p.m. Drop in to receive free coaching and resume assistance. *Main Library*

**Trivia Night @ Woods!** Wednesdays, Jun. 11, Jul. 9, and Aug. 13 • 7– 8 p.m. Join us on the second Wednesday of the month all summer long! *Bertram Woods Branch*

**Fiber Crafts Group Wednesdays**, Jun. 18, Jul. 16, and Aug. 20 • 7– 8 p.m. Knit and crochet together with an expert on hand to provide support. Beginners welcome. Bring your own yarn, needles, and instructions. Tea will be served. *Main Library*

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

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

**Genealogy Program with the African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland** Saturdays, Jun. 28 and Jul. 26 • 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](mailto:aags.wm1@gmail.com). *Main Library*

# Book Discussions

Register in advance at [events.shakerlibrary.org](https://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.

Jun. 2 – *Catalina* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Jul. 7 – *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett

Aug. 4 – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith



## Book Buzz • Tuesdays • 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Main Library

Jun. 17 – *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Jul. 15 – *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Aug. 19 – *A God in Ruins* by Kate Atkinson



## Mystery Book Discussion • Tuesday, Jun. 10 7 – 8 p.m. at Main Library

*Death in the Details* by Katie Tietjen

(Mystery Book Discussion takes a break in July and August. It resumes in September.)



## Cook the Book • Wednesday, Jun. 4 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. at Main Library

Dance and sing your way over to us to partake in Dolly Parton's cookbook: *Good Lookin' Cookin': A Year of Meals*.



## Cook the Book: Outdoors! • Monday, Jul. 28 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. at Bertram Woods

Join us for a special outdoor event as we enjoy America's Test Kitchen's *The Complete Summer Cookbook*.



# 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

## Closures

**Juneteenth**

Thursday, June 19

**Independence Day**

Friday, July 4

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## Friends of the Shaker Library

**Annual Meeting Monday,**

**June 30** • Join us for a brief business meeting at 6:30 p.m. and then to hear from special guest Regina Brett at 7 p.m.! *Main Library*



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