

Programs for Adults at Shaker Library

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Monday Morning Jump Start
Career Transition Center hosts a weekly jobs club in a meeting room on the second floor. Meet other job-seekers and share leads. Get tips and tricks from guest speakers and start your week with a positive outlook. All job seekers are welcome.
MAIN LIBRARY
10 AM-Noon Mondays

English as a Second Language
Carolyn Steiner leads free ESL classes for adults who wish to learn to speak and read English.
MAIN LIBRARY
7-8:30 PM Tuesdays

ABLE/GED Classes
Tri-C offers free basic education classes to help students ages 16 and older with skills below a 12th grade level. Students will learn the skills to be successful in post-secondary education, training, and employment. Classes offer help with math, reading and writing, and help with GED test preparation. You must register in advance online at www.tri-c.edu/able-ged-esol.
MAIN LIBRARY
10 AM-12:30 PM Mondays
through Thursdays

Workshops for Job Seekers
Career Transition Center staff offers a variety of helpful workshops for job seekers on Thursday afternoons in a meeting room on the Library's second floor.
MAIN LIBRARY
1-3 PM Thursdays

On the Art Wall



Notes from Black History: The Art of James Quarles
Art will be on exhibit through the month of February. Be sure to visit and enjoy the art of an award-winning artist.

MAIN LIBRARY
through February 28

Knit Morning

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

MAIN LIBRARY
10 AM-Noon Wednesday, February 1

Cook the Book Discussion

Martha Stewart's Appetizers: 200 Recipes for Dips, Spreads, Snacks, Small Plates, and Other Delicious Hors D'Oeuvres, Plus 30 Cocktails
by Martha Stewart
Just in time for Super Bowl Sunday! The Queen of Entertaining



has compiled over 200 recipes for appetizers from old favorites to new classics. Let's discuss!

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, February 1



Enjoy coffee, and conversation, and light refreshments.

MAIN LIBRARY
10:30-11:30 AM

Thursday, February 2

Life Writing Group

The Library provides the material and writing prompts; you bring your creativity to write your story.

MAIN LIBRARY
2-3 PM Saturday, February 4

Free Tax Prep for Seniors



Members of AARP offer tax preparation for seniors. The service is free; however, seniors must call to reserve their tax time appointments. Please

call the Community Building at 216-491-1360.

MAIN LIBRARY
9 AM - 4:30 PM Tuesdays
and Fridays through April 14

Friends of the Shaker Library

Monthly meeting of the Friends led by President Nancy Ryan O'Conner.

MAIN LIBRARY
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, February 8

Literary Libations IV



Friends of the Shaker Library presents a benefit for the books. Enjoy a fun night of chemistry, cocktails, and camaraderie.

Friends will be mixing things up after hours at the library and invite you to join them for "spirited" conversation and cocktails. The Flip Side Band will entertain as you sample spirits and hors d'oeuvres. To purchase tickets, go to squareup.com/store/fosl

MAIN LIBRARY
7-9 PM Friday, February 10



Chess Club

A fun chess club for all levels of ability and for teens and adults facilitated by Mike Reeves, a long-time instructor with Progress with Chess and the Shaker Heights High School Chess Club. The library provides the chess sets and refreshments. *No registration is required*

MAIN LIBRARY
6-8 PM Mondays
February 13 and 27

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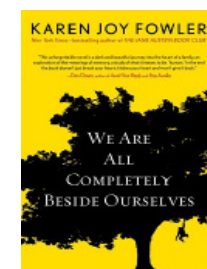
Library Board of Trustees Meeting



Regular monthly meeting of the Library Board of Trustees led by President Brian Gleisser.

MAIN LIBRARY
6:30 PM Monday, February 13

PubReads

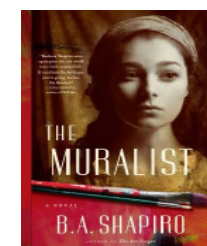


Join us at "The Academy" Tavern for a burger, a beer, and a book when we discuss *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. *Books are available*

at the Main Library Reference desk.

ACADEMY TAVERN
12800 Larchmere Boulevard
7-8:30 PM Monday, February 13

Book Buzz

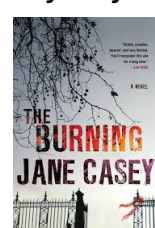


Read and discuss the book, *The Muralist* by B. A. Shapiro, a novel about a fictional young painter employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in New York

City who mysteriously disappears while trying to obtain visas for her Jewish relatives in Europe. *Books are available at the Main Library Reference desk.*

MAIN LIBRARY
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, February 14

Mystery Book Discussion



Read *The Burning* by Jane Casey. A female detective must compete in a man's world to bring a serial killer to justice. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk.*

MAIN LIBRARY
7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, February 14

Knit Night

Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH
7-8:45 PM Wednesday, February 15

Enjoy coffee, conversation, camaraderie, and light refreshments.



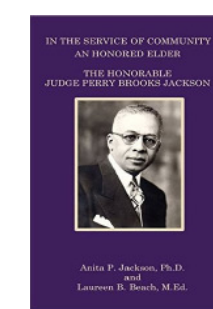
MAIN LIBRARY
10:30-11:30 AM
Thursday, February 16

Coloring Club for Adults

Coloring is not just for kids! Adults are rediscovering the calming and creative pleasure of coloring with intricate and beautiful images. Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring and conversation. We'll provide coloring pages and colored pencils on a different theme each month. You're also welcome to bring your own sheets, books or coloring supplies. Refreshments will be served.

MAIN LIBRARY
10:30-Noon Saturday, February 18

Meet the Authors



Join us for a special Black History Month Program featuring authors Anita P. Jackson and Laureen B. Beach, authors of the book, *In the Service of Community - An*

Honored Elder: The Honorable Judge Perry Brooks Jackson when they talk about the man and the creation of their tribute to him. Books will be available for sale and signing.

MAIN LIBRARY
2-4 PM Sunday, February 19



Meet the Artist: James Quarles

Meet James Quarles, an award-winning artist whose work will be on display on the Main Library Art Wall through February.

MAIN LIBRARY
2-4 PM Sunday, February 19

Seniors Staying Healthy

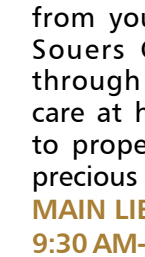
Pamela Brackett of Fairhill Partners will teach seniors the skills to help them save money at the grocery store and eat healthy on a budget. Participants will enjoy a healthy snack and experience low-impact exercises and take home a free health guide with recipes and tips for healthy living. Note: Comfortable shoes are recommended.

MAIN LIBRARY
3-4 PM Wednesday, February 22

African-American Genealogical Society: Why Are Old Things Special?

Learn more about how to care for your family heirlooms while sharing the history and significance of your treasures. Bring some small objects and photographs from your collection and Jennifer Souers Chevraux of ICA will go through the basics of collections care at home, demonstrating ways to properly handle and store your precious heirlooms.

MAIN LIBRARY
9:30 AM-1 PM Saturday, February 25

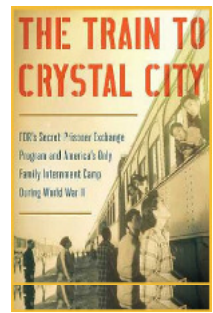


Award-Winner Book Discussion

Read and discuss the book, *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a*

New America by Gilbert King.
BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH
2-3:30 PM Saturday, February 25

Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion



Read and discuss the book, *The Train to Crystal City* by Jan Jarboe Russell.

During World War II, trains carried German, Italian, and Japanese immigrants and their American-born children to an internment camp in Texas. This nonfiction account follows the experience of two teenage American girls who traveled to camp with their families and were subsequently deported to war-torn Germany and Japan. Books are available at the Main Library Reference desk.

MAIN LIBRARY

2-3:30 PM Tuesday, February 28



Rest at pale evening . .
A tall slim tree . . .
Night coming tenderly
Black like me.
—Langston Hughes

SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAIN LIBRARY

16500 Van Aken Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
216-991-2030

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

20600 Fayette Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122
216-991-2421

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FREE February Computer Classes

10-11:30 AM Thursday, February 2: Free Microsoft Office Alternatives
There are free alternatives to Microsoft's powerful-but-pricy Office suite of desktop productivity software. Learn about LibreOffice, Google's (Docs, Sheets, and Slides), and Microsoft's own Online Office. Decide which one is right for you and get started using it. *Proficiency with a keyboard and mouse are required for this class.*

10-11:30 AM Thursday, February 9: All About Google
Learn about Google's free products for calendars, tracking contacts, searching maps, online storage, and keeping up with news. *Proficiency with a keyboard and mouse and a Google account are required for this class.*

10-11:30 AM Saturday, February 11: Computers for Beginners
New to computers? Learn the basics of the Windows operating system and how to use a keyboard and mouse. *There are no prerequisites for this class.*

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, February 14: Excel 2013 I
Excel is a great way to track budgets, analyze data, and make charts. Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction. *Proficiency with a keyboard and mouse are required for this class.*

10 AM - 12 PM Thursday, February 16: Tech Tutorial Time
The technology trainer is waiting to help you. Get answers to your technology questions at this first-come, first-served training session.

10-11:30 AM Thursday, February 23: Working With Windows
Learn how to navigate through files and folders on a Windows-based computer using Windows Explorer, and see how things are organized in Windows. *The class is taught on Windows 7 computers, and builds on ideas covered in Computers for Beginners.*

10-11:30 AM Saturday, February 25: Welcome to the Internet
Learn the basics of the Internet and the meaning of all of those acronyms and buzzwords you keep seeing. *This class builds on ideas covered in Computers for Beginners.*

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, February 28: Word 2013 I
Learn the basics of fonts, paragraphs, page layout, saving, proofing, and printing a document. *Proficiency with a keyboard and mouse are required for this class.*

To make an appointment for one-on-one sessions with our Technology Trainer, call the Main Library Computer Center: 216-991-2030 x 2385.



Shaker Heights

PUBLIC LIBRARY



The past few months have been filled with meetings and opportunities to get to know our community's leaders. These meetings have helped me to learn more about our community's organizations and to further appreciate their important work. Fostering good relationships is critical to community success, and working together collectively, we can accomplish a great deal for our community.

During my meetings with stakeholders from outside of the Library, I've been asked for my thoughts about Shaker Library. I always begin with our mission statement, which is "to build community and to enrich lives by bringing together people, information, and ideas." Our focus as an independent, community-based Library is to support our schools, our city, and our local community organizations by providing resources that will help them meet with success. In addition to supporting the schools, offering rich programs for the community, and providing community engagement and outreach, we also serve to collect and preserve our own unique cultural heritage.

I am still learning, but I am resolute in my belief that Shaker Library is—and should be—an active, engaged participant in the community. In addition to providing a rich collection of resources, we must look outside ourselves to make a difference in our community.

Shaker Library must continuously renew its facilities, programming, and funding, and we must become more proficient in how we tell our stories of success. To best serve the community, the Library will sometimes be the partner; the Library will sometimes be the leader, but certainly the Library will always be engaged with its Shaker Heights community.

Amy Switzer, Director

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Visit the Library this February and join us as we celebrate Black History month. Children will have the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt to discover interesting facts about Black History and the Teen Center will have a display about famous African-Americans.

Sunday afternoon, February 19, adults will have the opportunity to meet an artist and two authors as we celebrate the legacy of a remarkable man who served his community.

Award-winning artist James Quarles will exhibit his art, Notes from Black History, on the Main Library Art Wall throughout the month.

Anita P. Jackson and Lauren B. Beach, authors of the book, *In the Service of Community - An Honored Elder: The Honorable Judge Perry Brooks Jackson* will talk about the man and their book, which is their tribute to his life of service.