

# Programs for Adults at Shaker Library

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Video Games for Adults

Perils of adulthood got you down? Come to the Game Club for Adults to unwind with some good digital fun. Play with the Library's PS4 and enjoy refreshments. *No registration is required. Drop in solo, or bring a friend.*

#### MAIN LIBRARY

6-8:30 PM Tuesdays

January 2 and February 6

### 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

### Coffee and Conversation

An informal, drop-in opportunity to enjoy coffee and talk and share mutual interests. No registration is required.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

10:30-11:30 AM Thursdays

January 4 and 18

February 1 and 15

### Knit Morning

Bring a project and get or give help at these creative mornings moderated by experienced knitter Elfriede Heaney.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

10 AM-Noon Wednesdays

January 3 and February 7

### Life Writing

Everyone has a story and this club is designed to encourage you to write it. We'll provide the writing material and the prompts to help you get started—you provide the words.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

2-3 PM Saturdays

January 6 and February 3

### Chess Club

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

#### MAIN LIBRARY

6-8 PM Mondays

January 8 and 22

February 12 and 26

### Knit Night

Experienced knitter Fern Braverman moderates this evening of knitting. All ability levels are welcome.

#### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

7-8:45 PM Wednesdays

January 17 and February 21

### Tri-C Aspire

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, writing, and GED® test preparation. You must register in advance online at <http://www.tri-c.edu/aspire> or call 216-371-7138.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

10 AM-1 PM Mondays and

Wednesdays beginning January 22

OR

10 AM-1 PM Tuesdays and

Thursdays beginning January 23

### Coloring Club for Adults

Rediscover the calming and creative pleasure of coloring. The Library provides coloring pages, colored pencils, and refreshments.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

10:30 AM-Noon Saturdays

January 20 and February 17

### Free Computer Classes

For a list of classes, visit the website at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) or call the Computer Center: 216-991-2030.

## JANUARY

### Cook the Book

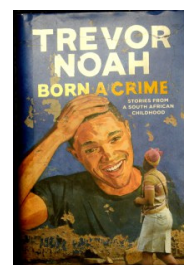


Test recipes from **One Pan & Done: Hassle-free Meals from the Oven to Your Table** by Molly Gilbert. This book offers 130 recipes for one-pan meals—whether it's a sheet pan, cake pan, cast-iron skillet, or dutch oven. *Register and pick up books at the Bertram Woods Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

7-8 PM Wednesday, January 3

### PubReads



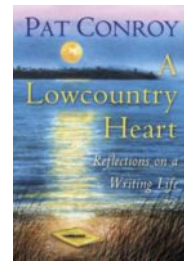
Read and discuss **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** by Trevor Noah. This memoir in 18 essays focuses on the author's childhood during a time that considered his very existence a crime. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### ACADEMY TAVERN

12800 LARCHMERE BLVD

7-8:30 PM Monday, January 8

### Book Buzz



Read and discuss **A Lowcountry Heart: Reflections on a Writing Life** by Pat Conroy. These memorable pieces, offer a unique window into the life of a true titan of Southern writing. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### MAIN LIBRARY

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, January 9

### Mystery Book Discussion



Read and discuss **In Bitter Chill** by Sarah Ward. Thirty-six years after an unsolved abduction, Detective Inspector Frances Sandler must dig up town secrets and solve the case. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### MAIN LIBRARY

7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, January 9

### Friends of the Shaker Library

Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Shaker Library, led by President Nancy Ryan O'Connor.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

7-8:30 PM Wednesday, January 10

### Shaker Library Music Series: John Toula In Concert

Enjoy light jazz and classical guitar music by guitarist John Toula.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

2-3:30 PM Sunday, January 14

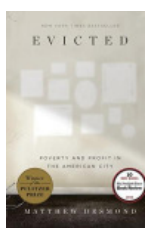
### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### MAIN LIBRARY/WOODS BRANCH

Monday, January 15

Libraries closed.

### Community Book Discussion



Read and discuss **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City** by Matthew Desmond. The author follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

2-3 PM Saturday, January 20

### Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion



Read and discuss **H is for Hawk** by Helen Macdonald. Mabel, the author's goshawk, has a temperament that mirrors the author's state of grief after her father's death. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### MAIN LIBRARY

2-3:30 PM Tuesday, January 23

### Housing Insecurity: A Community Conversation



Dr. Beth Nagy of Cleveland State University will lead discussion on the topic of eviction. Join a conversation about the impact of housing insecurity and learn about the work of fair housing, veterans' affairs, mental health and social services.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

7-8:30 PM Thursday, January 25

### Library Board Meeting

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

#### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

6:30 PM Monday, January 29

## FEBRUARY

### Cook the Book



Test recipes from **The Beach House Cookbook: Easy Breezy Recipes with a Southern Accent** by Mary Kay Andrews. Known for her books set on the country's southeastern coasts, the author shares recipes from her own beach house. *Register and pick up books at the Woods Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

7-8 PM Wednesday, February 7

### Literary Libations IV



Join Friends of the Shaker Library for an evening of camaraderie, canapes and cocktails to benefit the library. \$25 per person.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-9 PM Friday, February 9

### Legends: African-American Authors

The Moreland Neighborhood theater group, Phoenix Rising, presents dramatic readings and excerpts of African-American authors' poetry and prose for all ages.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

2-3:30 PM Sunday, February 11

### PubReads



Read and discuss **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the grand Metropol hotel. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

#### ACADEMY TAVERN

12800 LARCHMERE BLVD

7-8:30 PM Monday, February 12

### Homeless and Missing Youth of Cuyahoga County

Karen McHenry, program manager of Bellefaire JCB's Homeless Youth Programs, speaks on the issues in Cuyahoga County. Learn what you can do to identify and help those in need. Consider bringing a donation of winter gloves, mittens, or sealed snacks for hygiene and survival kits.

#### MAIN LIBRARY

7-8:30 PM Monday, February 12

*"For a deeply researched exposé that showed how mass evictions after the 2008 economic crash were less a consequence than a cause of poverty."*

—Pulitzer Prize Committee in citing Matthew Desmond's book, **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City**, as the 2017 winner in General Nonfiction



**Book Buzz**



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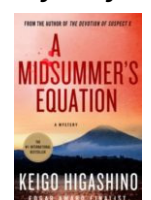
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, February 13

**Tax Tips for Small Businesses**

Learn about the latest tax code changes and how they might impact your business from experienced CPA Arthur Brown of Cleveland SCORE.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8 PM Tuesday, February 13

**Mystery Book Discussion**



Read and discuss **A Midsummer's Equation** by Keigo Higashino. The small resort town of Hari Cove, Japan is divided over an offshore underwater-mining operation. When a former Tokyo police detective turns up dead at the bottom of the cliffs, police label the scene an accident but autopsy results reveal otherwise. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, February 13

**Housing for Youth Leaving Foster Care**

Join in a conversation among former foster youth, service providers, and policy analysts about housing challenges faced by youth aging out of foster care. Learn some of the innovative approaches of agencies and individuals to prevent homelessness and to support and strengthen this vulnerable population in Shaker Heights and Cleveland.

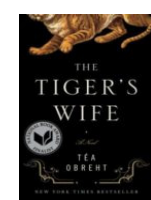
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Thursday, February 15

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

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

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
6:30 PM Monday, February 19

**Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion**



Read and discuss **The Tiger's Wife** by Téa Obreht. A young doctor confronts the inexplicable circumstances around her beloved grandfather's recent death and searches for clues in the stories he told her.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3:30 PM Tuesday, February 27

**Celebrate Astronomy Week!**

**Science Cafe at Woods Branch**  
Mercury and Beyond—How & Why We Explore the Planets

Join Shaker resident Dr. Steven A. Hauck II, Professor of Planetary Geodynamics at CWRU, who studies the evolution of interiors and surfaces of planets.

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
6:30-8:30 PM Monday, February 19

**Planetarium Events at Main Library**  
Experience STARLAB, an inflatable, travelling planetarium that is "out of this world!"

**Stories Under the Stars**

Crawl inside STARLAB to learn the basics of astronomy and to enjoy some great stories. For all ages. *Space is limited; please sign up for only one session.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
11-11:45 AM OR 3-3:45 PM Monday, February 19  
4-4:45 pm Tuesday, February 20

**Constellations & Mythology**

Crawl inside STARLAB to learn about the stars, constellations, and some mythologies. For all ages. *Space is limited; please sign up for only one session.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
1:30-2:15 PM Monday, February 19  
7-7:45 PM Tuesday, February 20

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Michael Bertsch \* Thomas Cicarella \* Doreen Katz \* Melissa Garrett  
Brian Gleisser \* Troy Meinhard \* Carmella Williams

Shaker Heights  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Shaker Library Board of Trustees Votes to Place  
An Operating Levy on May 2018 Ballot**

At its December 18 meeting, the Library Board voted to place a 1.9-mill operating levy on the May 8, 2018 ballot. This is the first increase in 21 years.

Shaker Library's current 4.0 voted mills is just 2% of Shaker's total property tax millage. The additional 1.9-mill operating levy would increase the library's percentage of total voted millage to just 2.64%. According to Library Director Amy Switzer, "Shaker Library has worked hard to minimize what it asks of taxpayers. It is committed to cost containment and to maximizing the use of every tax dollar it receives." For the owner of a \$100,000 home, the 1.9-mill operating levy will cost an additional \$67/year or \$5.58/month.

Since 2008, revenue from the State of Ohio declined 19% and revenue from the existing property tax levy declined 18% while the cost of living rose 14%. In response, the Library reduced its operating budget, including reduction in staff; reduced its materials budget and hours of operation; delayed replacement and upgrades to computer hardware and software; and postponed building repairs and maintenance.

The new levy would generate about \$1.5 million per year. Approximately one-third of the revenue would be used for operating expenses to offset funding cuts and to improve services, including offering year-round Sunday hours at Main Library. Approximately two-thirds of the revenue would be used to renovate and upgrade Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch, which currently need \$4.1 million and \$1 million in repairs, respectively. Renovations would include making the library more accessible and convenient for the community; improving spaces for kids and teens; enhancing space for technology, and updating meeting and quiet study rooms. Repairs include a new roof at Main Library and updated HVAC and energy efficiencies in both buildings. **Read more at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org)**

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**ART GALLERY EXHIBITS**

The Hillcrest Art Club artwork is on display on the Main Library second floor through January 19.

February 2-March 15 view the photos juried into **The Rings of Life—The Trees of Shaker Heights: A Photographic Essay**. The exhibit is a collaboration with the Photo Club of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, the City, and the Library.

*All artwork on the gallery wall is for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits the Library Endowment Fund.*

Applications for the 19th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition will be available at the library service desks and on the website beginning January 15. Art Entry dates are March 2 and March 3.

**AARP OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS**

Again this year in conjunction with the City, the Library and AARP offer FREE Tax Prep for Seniors. Sessions are held from 9 AM-4 PM on Tuesdays and Fridays on the Main Library second floor beginning February 6 through April 12. Please register for an individual tax prep session by calling the Community Building at 216-491-1360.

