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## ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

### MAIN LIBRARY

10 AM-1 PM Mondays and Wednesdays

### OR

10 AM-1 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Monday Morning Jump Start

Career Transition Center hosts a weekly jobs club for job seekers. Meet and mingle with others in transition to share leads and learn from guest speakers and facilitators. Start your week with support and a positive attitude! 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

### 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, November 2 and 16 and December 7 and 21

### 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  
November 4 and December 2

### 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 running and enjoy refreshments. No registration is required, so drop in solo, or bring a friend

### MAIN LIBRARY

6-8:30 PM Tuesdays  
November 7 and December 5

### 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, November 13 and 27 and December 11

### 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,  
November 15 and December 6

### Knit Night

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

### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

7-8:45 PM Wednesday  
November 15 and December 20

### 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,  
November 18 and December 16

## NOVEMBER

### A Matter of Balance



Designed to increase activity levels and to help reduce the fear of falling, this award-winning program is co-sponsored with

Failhill Partners.

### MAIN LIBRARY

2-4 PM Wednesday  
November 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15

### Cook the Book



Test recipes from the book, **Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust** by Ina Garten. Learn to make simple, elegant dishes. *Register and pick up*

*books at the Woods Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

7-8 PM Wednesday, November 1

### Meet the Author: Celeste Ng

Shaker Library presents Celeste Ng, author of *Little Fires Everywhere*. Celeste is a graduate of Shaker Heights High School, Harvard University, and the University of Michigan. Please register online at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org). *Following her presentation, books will be available for sale and signing.*

### SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

7-9 PM Monday, November 6

### 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, November 8

### Using LinkedIn for Job Search

LinkedIn is a social media platform for job seekers. Career Transition Center staff teaches how to use it effectively to find people who can help in your job search and to identify companies to target.

### MAIN LIBRARY

1-3 PM Thursday, November 9

### Letters Home

To commemorate Veterans Day, Chapter 39 Veterans for Peace sponsors a public reading of wartime letters and personal statements from veterans. The letters evoke the stark reality of U.S. wars dating from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan. It is a poignant program that observes and honors the experiences and sacrifices of veterans without glorifying war.

### MAIN LIBRARY

2-3 PM Saturday, November 11

### PubReads



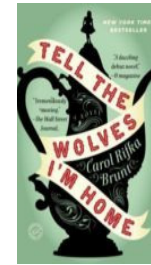
Read and discuss **The Cutting Season** by Attica Locke. A manager of an antebellum plantation gets drawn into the investigation of a migrant worker's death on the property.

*Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

### ACADEMY TAVERN

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7-8:30 PM Monday, November 13

### Book Buzz



Read and discuss the book, **Tell the Wolves I'm Home** by Carol Rifka Brunt. This tender coming-of-age novel about an unlikely friendship in the midst of the 1980s AIDS epidemic, is a moving

story of love lost and found that demonstrates how hope can make a difference. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

### MAIN LIBRARY

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, November 14

### "An Adoptee ROARed in Ohio: The Betsie Norris Story" Film and Discussion



Meet Shaker resident and Adoption Network Cleveland founder Betsie Norris, whose adoption story

and struggle to open adoption records in Ohio was the basis for the documentary "An Adoptee ROARed in Ohio: The Betsie Norris Story" by Jean Strauss. Watch the film and learn about her personal story and current adoption laws and policy in Ohio.

### MAIN LIBRARY

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, November 14

### Mystery Book Discussion

Read and discuss the book, **Jade Dragon Mountain** by Elsa Hart Li Du.



The imperial librarian must decide whether to investigate a murder or move on into exile. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

### MAIN LIBRARY

7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, November 14

### Muslim Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust



Holocaust Educator Fern Levy of the Anne Frank Moral Courage Project talks about Muslim acts of bravery. *Registration is required for this program.*

### MAIN LIBRARY

7-8:30 PM Wednesday, November 15

### Keys to Finding the Hidden Jobs

Career Transition Center staff teaches job seekers how to search and find jobs before they are advertised.

### MAIN LIBRARY

1-3 PM Thursday, November 16

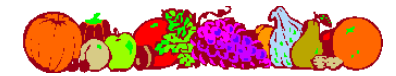
### Award Winners Book Discussion



Read and discuss the book, **The God of Small Things** by Arundhati Roy. This artfully written first novel chronicles the tragic decline of a family whose members suffer the consequences of forbidden love. The book won the 1997 Booker Prize.

### BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

2-3 PM Saturday, November 18



*Libraries close at 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, November 22*

*and are closed*

*Thursday, November 23  
for Thanksgiving.*

### African-American Genealogical Society Meeting and Program

Watch the video, Sanborn Fire Maps from Lisa Louise Cooke's 'Genealogy Gems' and learn the many ways to use these helpful resources.

### MAIN LIBRARY

9:30 AM-1 PM Saturday, November 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, November 27

**From the Voice of a Slave**



Hear the amazing story of the Underground Railroad from the voice of a slave when Deborah Abbott presents a re-enactment, which will keep you on the edge of your seat. This program co-sponsored with the African-

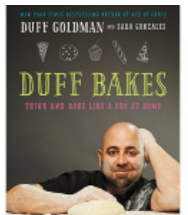
American Genealogical Society is appropriate for all ages.

**MAIN LIBRARY**

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, November 28

**DECEMBER**

**Cook the Book**



Read and test recipes from the book, **Duff Bakes: Think and Bake Like a Pro at Home** by Duff Goldman. The TV host and New York Times best-selling author teaches how to recreate childhood favorites and adds his spin

on tasty breads, pies, cakes, and fondant.

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**

7-8 PM Wednesday, December 6

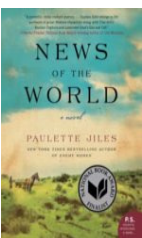
**Poetry in the Woods**

Enjoy original poetry performed by Dan Rourke and Joe Toner.

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**

7-8:30 Monday, December 11

**Book Buzz**



Read and discuss the book, **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. This historical fiction is set in post-Civil War Texas. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, December 12

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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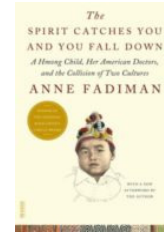


**Mystery Book Discussion**

Read and discuss the book, **Snowblind** by Ragnar Jonasson. A rookie policeman pursues a murder case although his village is cut off from the rest of Iceland. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**

7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, December 12



**Award Winners Book Discussion**

Read and discuss the book, **The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures** by Anne Fadiman.

Winner of the 1997 National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, this book explores the clash between a medical center and a Laotian refugee family over its care of a child.

*Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference*

*desk one month before the discussion.*

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**

2-3 PM Saturday, December 16



*Libraries WILL BE closed Sunday, December 24 and Monday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday and Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day*

**FREE COMPUTER CLASSES**

Shaker Library offers a variety of one-and-a-half-hour computer classes and one-to-one personal Ask the Tech Trainer classes. A complete class description can be found on the library's website. Registration is required and can be made in person, online, or by calling Main Library Computer Center: 216-991-2030 x 2385.

10 AM-Noon Saturday, November 4: Photoshop Elements 13/

Photo Restoration

10-11:30 AM Thursday, November 9: Cloud Storage

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, November 14: Word 2013 I

10 AM-Noon Saturday, November 18: Photoshop Elements 13/Image Magic

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, November 28: Word 2013 II

10-11:30 AM Saturday, December 2: Excel 2013 I

10-11:30 AM Thursday, December 7: Facebook

7-8:30 PM Tuesday, December 12: Word 2013 III

10-11:30 AM Saturday, December 16: Excel 2013 II

10-11:30 AM Thursday, December 21: Audiobooks, eBooks, Music, and Video

10-11:30 AM Saturday, December 30: Excel 2013 III



Shaker Heights

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Shaker Library is pleased to present Celeste Ng, author of the New York Times best-selling novel, **Little Fires Everywhere**, who will speak at 7 pm Monday, November 6 at Shaker Middle School at 20600 Shaker Boulevard.

Her second novel is a riveting story set in the meticulously planned city of Shaker Heights and traces the intertwined fates of a picture-perfect family and an enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.



Celeste's first novel, **Everything I Never Told You**, was a New York Times bestseller, a New York Times Notable Book of 2014, Amazon's #1 Best Book of 2014, and named a best book of the year by over a dozen publications.

Celeste graduated from Shaker Heights High School (Class of 1998), Harvard University, and earned an MFA from the University of Michigan, where she won the Hopwood Award. Her fiction and essays have appeared in the New York Times, One Story, The Guardian, TriQuarterly, and elsewhere, and she is a recipient of the Pushcart Prize, the Massachusetts Book Award, the American Library Association's Alex Award, and a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Following her presentation, books will be available for sale and signing. To reserve your place, call 216-991-2030 or register online at shakerlibrary.org.

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**THANKS TO CAREER TRANSITION CENTER**

Career Transition Center has had a six-year run operating out of the Main Library where its staff served more than 2,100 job seekers. They will dissolve the non-profit and cease operations at the end of 2017, as they were unable to secure enough funding to support the program.

According to CTC Director Ann Hunter, "We are grateful for the support of donors and corporate gifts, as well as significant in-kind support from the Shaker Library. Our board was forced to make the difficult decision because we could not continue to operate without significant additional funding."

CTC staff has been reduced through normal attrition and remaining staff will continue to provide services to job seekers through mid-December. The Library has appreciated its collaboration with CTC staff and wishes them well. The Library will continue to offer programs and to provide books and online resources for job seekers.

**MUSIC AT MAIN LIBRARY**

Joshua Robert on Guitar  
2-4 PM Sunday, November 19

C.O.D.A. plays Chamber Music  
2-4 PM Sunday, December 17

