

# Programs for Adults at Shaker Library

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Free Tax Preparation for Seniors**  
AARP offers free tax preparation for seniors. You must make an appointment by calling the the Community Building at 216-491-1360.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
9 AM-4:30 PM Tuesdays and  
9 AM-4:30 PM Fridays

**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  
March 6 and April 3

**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  
March 1 and 15  
April 5 and 19

**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  
March 7 and April 4

**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  
March 3 and April 7

**Chess Club**  
For teens and adults of all levels, this club 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  
March 12 and 26  
April 9 and 23

**Knit Night**  
Experienced knitter Fern Braverman moderates this evening of knitting. All ability levels are welcome.  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
7-8:45 PM Wednesdays  
March 21 and April 18

**Tri-C Aspire**  
Tri-C offers free basic education classes to help students learn the skills to be successful in post-secondary education, training, and employment. Get 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 OR  
10 AM-1 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays

A variety of Computer Classes are offered at Main Library.

Visit [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) for dates and times, and to register.

## MARCH

**Adventures in Lifelong Learning with a Road Scholar**  
Do you love to travel, learn new things, explore interesting places, and meet people who share a love of adventure? Join Road Scholar Ambassador Gerald Polizzi to learn about America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
3-4 PM Saturday, March 3

**Cook the Book**  
Test recipes from **Breakfast for Dinner: Recipes for Frittata Florentine, Huevos Rancheros, Sunny-Side-Up Burgers, and More!** by Lindsay Landis & Taylor Hackbarth. If you like breakfast any time of day this cookbook offers more than 100 recipes with fresh takes on old favorites.  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
7-8 PM Wednesday, March 7



This discussion about the current state of rental housing in Shaker, including subsidized housing, will address the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants. This program is part of a series of conversations raised by Matthew Desmond in his groundbreaking, Pulitzer-prizewinning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, March 7

**PubReads**  
Read and discuss the book, **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City** by Matthew Desmond, this year's OneCommunity Reads selection. *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, March 12

**Book Buzz**  
Read and discuss the book, **The Leavers** by Lisa Ko, the story about an 11-year-old's struggle between assimilation and memory. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, March 13

**Mystery Book Discussion**  
Read and discuss **Even the Dead** by Benjamin Black. A Dublin pathologist gets pulled into an investigation when he discovers what appears to be a fatal car accident just might be a homicide. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, March 13

**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, March 14

**How to Keep the Uninvited at Bay: The Problem of Wildlife in our Gardens**  
Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners suggest deer and rabbit resistant plants along with humane options for eliminating these critters from the garden.  
**BERTRAM WOODS**  
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, March 14

**Meet the Author: Mathew Desmond**  
Meet Matthew Desmond at the Ohio Theater or hear his talk livestreamed to the library.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7PM Thursday, March 15

**Award-Winners Book Discussion**  
Read and discuss **Let the Great World Spin** by Collum McCann. The 2009 National Book Award winner offers a rich vision life in New York City in the 1970s.  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
2-3 PM Saturday, March 17

**Music at Main: The Matt Horwich Trio**  
Enjoy traditional and contemporary jazz.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3 PM Sunday, March 18

**Poetry in the Woods**  
Enjoy the poetry of Christine Howey and Tim Joyce. Christine Howey is an actor, director, theater critic, performance poet, and is the current Poet Laureate of Cleveland Heights. Tim Joyce is a poet and artist who interweaves music, poetry, and painting.  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
7-8:30 PM Monday, March 19

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Regular monthly meeting of the Library Board led by President Brian Gleisser.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
6:30 PM March 19

**Meet the Author**  
Meet Bobbie Schwartz, owner of Bobbie's Green Thumb in Shaker Heights and author of **Garden Renovation. Landscape designer Bobbie Schwartz** draws on her years of experience to help readers assess their gardens and to choose the right additions and changes to boost a home's curb appeal. *Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing.*  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Thursday, March 22

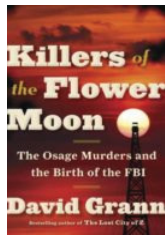
**African-American Genealogical Society Meeting: Census Data—Did You Get the Most Out of It?**  
Dr. Deborah Abbott will guide you through the process of identifying far more than the basics of who, when, and where to the whys of your ancestors' lives.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM Saturday, March 24

**Barbara Luton Art Gallery Opening and Awards Reception**  
Meet the artists whose work is juried into the 19th annual show and enjoy their art, which is available for sale.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-4 PM Sunday, March 25





**Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion**



Read and discuss **Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann. This true-life murder mystery revisits a shocking series of crimes. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3 PM Tuesday, March 27

**APRIL**

**CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

**Cook the Book**



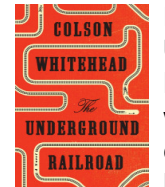
Read and try from among 200 recipes from **Nigella Kitchen: Recipes from the Heart of the Home** by Nigella Lawson.

*Register and pick up books at Bertram Woods Branch one month before the discussion.*  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
7-8 PM Wednesday, April 4

**Music at Main: Mustache Yourself in Concert**

Celebrate Jazz Month with a lively performance of gypsy jazz.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3:30 PM Sunday, April 8

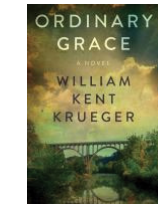
**Pub Reads**



Read and discuss **The Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead—who views the Underground Railroad as a literal train to freedom. *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, April 9

**Book Buzz**



Discuss **Ordinary Grace** William Kent Krueger's story of young man, a small town, and murder in the summer of 1961. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

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**MAIN LIBRARY**  
10-11:30 AM Tuesday, April 10

**Mystery Book Discussion**



Read and discuss **The Dry** by Jane Harper, and discover that secrets might be better off buried. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

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**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7:30-8:30 PM Tuesday, April 10



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

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, April 11

**History of Judaism and Jewish Life in Cleveland**

Western Reserve Historical Society's Associate Curator of Jewish History, Dr. Sean Martin, tells the story of Jewish immigrants to Cleveland from the 1830s to the present.

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
7-8:30 PM Wednesday, April 11



**LOCKED UP: Race and the Criminal Justice System: School to Prison Pipeline**

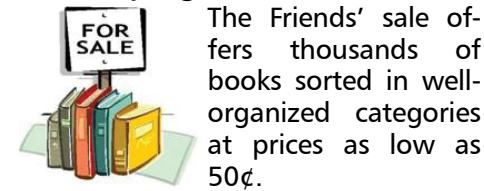
Shaker Heights High School's Student Group on Race Relations (SGORR) leads a panel discussion on how school policies can penalize students—particularly students of color—

and can lead youth ultimately to face incarceration.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Thursday, April 12

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Monthly meeting of the Library Board led by President Brian Gleisser.  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH**  
6:30 PM Monday, April 16

**Friends Spring Book Sale**



The Friends' sale offers thousands of books sorted in well-organized categories at prices as low as 50¢.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
April 18 - April 22

**Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion**  
Read and discuss **Treachery at Lancaster Gate** by Anne Perry. *Register and pick up books at the Main Library Reference desk one month before the discussion.*

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3:30 PM Tuesday, April 24

**LOCKED UP: Policy and Prisons: Drugs in Cleveland**  
SGORR students lead a panel discussion on drug policy in the US and its effect on the makeup of the prison population.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
7-8:30 PM Thursday, April 26

**African-American Genealogical Society Meeting: They Were Here**  
Alison C. Huisinger speaks on using city directories to supplement census data to find family information.

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
9:30 AM-1:30 PM Saturday, April 28

**Music at Main: The Real Thing Band**  
Kamal Abdul-Alimand his band play jazz and music of the African diaspora.  
**MAIN LIBRARY**  
2-3:30 PM Sunday, April 29.

# Shaker Heights PUBLIC LIBRARY

*"Sometimes life calls on you even when you don't raise your hand."*

This quote from the 2018 Newbery Medal book, **Hello, Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly, seems to sum up work at the library. Every day, librarians are called upon to help our community. Whether it's to work behind the scenes to help a neighborhood theater group create a dramatic performance for the public, or to collaborate with an elementary school to create a tutoring center to help bridge the educational gap, when we are called upon, we answer—and our answers speak volumes about our service to our community. We believe that eliminating barriers to education and opening our doors to everyone—regardless of power, profit, geography, or politics—is more important than ever.

The Library Board of Trustees plays a huge role in the library's achievements. While the board delegates the actual day-to-day operation of the library to the director and staff, it never gives up its ultimate responsibility for the success of the library. The community is fortunate to receive their dedicated oversight and service.

The Library has placed a 1.9-mill levy on the May 8 ballot. Voters are urged to become informed about the issue. Information is available at the library service desks and online at shakerlibrary.org. Voters who wish to become actively involved in the levy can visit the website forshakerlibrary.org.

Enjoy our March / April program guide, and raise your hand to take advantage of all the library has to offer.

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**ANNUAL BARBARA LUTON ART COMPETITION**



Applications for the 19th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition are available at the library service desks and on the website. The non-refundable entry fee is \$30 for up to two pieces of art. Art will be accepted on the Main Library second floor in the Board room. Art entry times and dates are:  
3-5 PM Friday, March 2 and  
Noon-4 PM Saturday, March 3

The Gallery-Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held from 2-4 PM Sunday, March 25 on the Main Library second floor.

The exhibit will be on display through Friday, May 4. Art is available for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits the Shaker Library Endowment Fund.

**AARP OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS**

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

