

# AT YOUR LIBRARY

*Shaker Heights Public Library Program Guide  
December 2019 • January • February 2020*



**WINTER AT SHAKER LIBRARY**  
Programs for Children, Teens, and Adults

# Shaker Heights Public Library

Main Library  
16500 Van Aken Boulevard  
Shaker Heights, OH 44120  
216-991-2030



## Hours

9 am-9 pm  
Monday-Thursday

9 am-5:30 pm  
Friday and Saturday

1 pm-5 pm  
Sunday

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Bertram Woods Branch  
20600 Fayette Road  
Shaker Heights, OH 44122  
216-991-2421

## Hours

1 pm-9 pm  
Monday and Wednesday

9 am-5:30 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

[shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org)

## Library Closings

December 24 and 25 Christmas Holiday  
January 1 New Year's Day  
January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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## For Little Ones

### Play and Learn Station

Birth to 5 years with a parent or caregiver  
Located on the Main Library's second floor, the Play and Learn Station is a special room filled with pre-literacy activities and "stations" for interactive learning. Offered in partnership with Family Connections.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays**

**10 am-noon**

**Tuesdays from 6-8 pm**

Play and Learn Station will be closed

**December 26 - December 31.**

### Play and Learn Babies

Birth to 12 months with a parent or caregiver  
A special room just for babies.

**Thursdays from 10 am-noon**

### Play and Learn Station for Caregivers

Birth to 5 years with a non-parent caregiver

**Wednesdays from 10 am-noon**

A one-time registration is required; please call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.

### Fun Tech Station for Parents or Caregivers

A demo of educational apps and emedia for your preschooler

**Wednesday, December 11**

**Tuesday, December 17**

**Thursday, January 9**

**Wednesday, January 22**

**Saturday, February 1**

**10:30 -11:30 am**

## Drop-In Story Times

**Fall Session: September 9-December 12**

**Winter Session: January 6-March 19**

### Nestlings

Babies birth to 15 months with a grown-up

**Mondays at Main Library 10 am**

**Tuesdays at Woods Branch 10 am**

### **Fledglings**

Ages 15-24 months with a grown-up

**Mondays at 11 am at Main Library**

**Tuesdays at 11 am at Woods Branch**

### **Movers and Shakers**

Ages 2-5 with a grown-up

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 11:30 am**

**at Main Library**

**Thursdays at 10 am at Woods Branch**

### **Family Story Time**

Birth to 5 years with a grown-up

**Mondays at 7 pm at Woods Branch**

*No registration is required for Story Time programs. Groups of six or more are asked to call ahead to check for space availability.*

## **For Bigger Kids**

### **Lego Free Play at Woods Branch**

Grades K-6

Drop in and build together.

**Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13, 27, and February 3, 10, 17, 24 from 3-5 pm**

### **Wii Wednesday at Main Library**

Grades K-6

Whether racing friends in Mario Kart or dancing until you drop, you'll have a blast!

**Wednesdays, December 11, January 8, 22, and February 5, 19 from 4-5 pm**

### **Popsicle Stick Catapults at Main Library**

Grades 4-6

Engineer a catapult using popsicle sticks and rubber bands.

**Thursday, December 12 from 4:15-5 pm**

### **Make Gingerbread Cookies at Main Library**

Grades K-6 \*\*

Bake and decorate your own gingerbread cookie and enjoy some stories, too.

**Wednesday, December 18 from 4-5 pm**

### **Read To a Dog at Main Library**

Grades K-6 \*\*

Our doggy listeners are certified therapy dogs and love to listen to stories. Register for a 15-minute time slot.

**Thursdays, December 19, January 16, and February 20 from 4-5:30 pm**

### **After School Artists at Main Library**

Grades K-6

Learn about a famous artist and create art in the same style!

**Mondays, December 23, January 27, and February 17 from 4:15-5 pm**

### **Retro-Techno Touch and Feel at Main Library**

Grades K-6, Family

Explore the technology of yesteryear! Type a note on a typewriter, view photos in 3-D through a View-Master, or listen to music on a phonograph in this family-friendly program.

**Monday, December 30 from 2-3 pm**

### **Magic Finger & More at Main Library**

Grades K-6 \*\*

Explore surface tension by doing the Magic Finger and several other science experiments.

**Thursday, January 9 from 4:15- 5 pm**

### **Make Healthy Oatmeal Breakfast Cookies at Main Library**

Grades K-6 \*\*

Bake nutritious and delicious cookies, learn about oatmeal, and listen to some stories.

**Wednesday, January 15 from 4-5 pm**

### **Maker Thursdays at Woods Branch**

Grades K-6

Make unique creations using our supply of recycled materials and craft supplies.

**Thursdays, January 23 and February 27 from 3:30-5 pm**

**\*\* Indicates that registration is required.**

### Potato Power at Main Library

Grades 4-6 \*\*

Turn potatoes into batteries and build a circuit.

Thursday, January 23 from 4:15-5 pm

### Harry Potter Week at Main Library

All ages

Drop in any time this week to celebrate all things Harry Potter with a variety of activities.

All day Sunday February 2 through Saturday, February 8



### Make a Cowrie Shell Necklace

Grades K-12

Design and bead your own cowrie shell necklace.

Thursday, February 13 at Main Library from 4:15-5 pm

Wednesday, February 19 from 4:15-5 pm at Woods Branch

### Harry Potter Celebration at Main Library

Grades K-6 \*\*

Calling all young wizards! Create your own magic wand and get "sorted" into your Hogwarts house. Enjoy a special treat, too.

Thursday, February 6 from 4-4:45 pm



### Create Your Own Hot Chocolate Flavor at Main Library

Grades K-6 \*\*

Invent your own unique flavor with special add-ins, learn about chocolate, and enjoy stories.

Wednesday, February 12 from 4-5 pm

### Dave the Potter at Main Library

Grades K-6 \*\*

Learn about Dave the Potter, an African-American artist, poet, and slave who lived during the 1800s. Make your own pot out of clay.

Wednesday, February 26 from 4:15-5 pm

### Magnetic Slime at Main Library

Grades K-6 \*\*

Make slime that moves using magnetic forces.

Thursday, February 27 from 4:15-5 pm

## For Teens

### Gift Wrapping Workshop at Main Library

Learn how to wrap gifts! Bring gifts you have picked out for others or practice on items in the Teen Center while enjoying snacks. Wrapping supplies provided.

Wednesday, December 4 from 4-6 pm

### Winter Wellness at Main Library

Get a fresh start in the New Year! Learn about meditation, try a few simple stretches, and make a healthy snack.

Wednesday, January 22 from 4-6 pm

### Cards and Cookies at Main Library

Make cards for your friends and loved ones, play card games, and enjoy snacks.

Wednesday, February 12 from 4-6 pm

## Intergenerational Programs

### Snowflake Embroidery at Main Library

Adults, Family, Teens \*\*

Join us for an evening of creative needlework as we stitch snowflakes on fabric or canvas using simple embroidery stitches. All ages; children must bring a supervising adult.

Wednesday, January 29 from 7-8 pm

### A Community Theater Production for Black History Month at Main Library

All Ages

Director Monica Boone and a cast of local thespians will present a performance of drama and music in celebration of the Black experience in America.

Saturday, February 8 and

Sunday, February 9 from 2-4 pm

### We Are Not Yet Equal: History and Our Racial Divide at Main Library

Teens and Adults \*\*

Join author Tonya Bolden for a look at the history that brought us to today.

Thursday, February 13 from 7-8 pm

**\*\*Indicates that registration is required.**

## New Adult Programs at Main Library

### Meet the Author: Christopher Appling \*\*

Meet Christopher Appling, local author of the graphic novel *Afro-Archetypes*. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

**Tuesday, December 10 from 7-8 pm**

### Living at the Intersection of Cultures \*\*

Dr. Hall discusses growing up as the daughter of a deaf Nanticoke Indian shoemaker in the 1950s in Delaware. Copies of her memoir, *Paris in America*, will be available for sale and signing.

**Saturday, December 14 from 1-3:30 pm**

### New Year's Resolution Solution \*\*

Did you set a New Year's resolution to get healthier? Join Heinen's Wellness Consultant, Aneela Qadir, for an engaging discussion on goal setting, motivation and long-term change.

**Saturday, January 4 from 2:30-3:30 pm**

### A Long and Winding Phone \*\*

Music journalist Helen Marketti shares stories and anecdotes from some of her memorable telephone interviews with famous musicians and TV personalities.

**Sunday, January 5 from 2-3:30 pm**

### Healing Loneliness \*\*

Psychologist Sally Wilson will suggest strategies to help overcome loneliness.

**Monday, January 13 from 1:30-2:30 pm**

### Medical Marijuana Ohio's Program \*\*

Educators from Ohio Marijuana Card will discuss facts about Ohio's Medical Marijuana Program. Learn about treatment options and how to navigate the patient registry process.

**Saturday, January 18 from 2-4 pm**

**\*\*Indicates that registration is required.**

### Genealogy at the Library: A Genealogy Check-Up

All are welcome to attend a brief business meeting of the African-American Genealogical Society of Cleveland followed by a monthly presentation. Check your toolbox for the right tools to begin your genealogy search in 2020.

**Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm**

### Rock and Roll History: The Cleveland Connection \*\*

Explore a brief history of Cleveland's influence on Rock and Roll music from the 1950s to the present.

**Sunday, February 2 from 2:30-4 pm**

### Harry Potter Trivia Night \*\*



Are you a wise wizard or a mere muggle? Test your knowledge of the Harry Potter books and movies against other adult fans. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

**Tuesday, February 4 from 6:60-8:30 pm**

### Before Busing: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Cleveland Public Schools \*\*

Dr. Donna McIntyre Whyte, a history professor and Moreland resident, will talk about the history of desegregation.

**Sunday, February 16 from 2:30-4 pm**

### Genealogy at the Library: Timelines and Filling the Gaps

All are welcome for a brief business meeting of the African American Genealogy Society of Cleveland followed by a monthly presentation. Learn how to create timelines and use photographs, stories, and documents to fill in the gaps of family stories.

**Saturday, February 22 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm**

### One Community Reads

*Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg

All Cuyahoga County residents are invited to read and discuss the book from January to April. The author will speak at Playhouse Square in mid-March. Watch for exciting programs in Shaker and throughout Cuyahoga County.

## Ongoing Adult Programs

### Tai Chi at Main Library

Learn this ancient martial art which is generally safe for all ages and fitness levels. Wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes.

**Mondays in January and February from 10-11 am**

### Tri-C ABLE /GED at Main Library \*\*

Free adult basic education and GED preparation provided by Tri-C ABLE. Register in advance at [www.tri-c.edu/aspire/academic-classes.html](http://www.tri-c.edu/aspire/academic-classes.html) or call 216-371-7138

**Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am-1 pm**

### Chess Club at Main Library

A fun chess club for all levels of ability and for both teens and adults. The Library will provide the chess sets and refreshments will be served.

**Mondays, December 9, 23, January 13, 27, and February 10, 24 from 6-8 pm**

### Tax Prep for Seniors at Main Library

AARP volunteers offer free tax preparation for seniors. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Building: 216-491-1460.

**Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am-4:30 pm**

### Game Night for Adults at Main Library

Adults can unwind with our collection of board games and PS4 games.

**Tuesdays, December 3 and January 7 from 6-8:30 pm**

### English Language Learners (ELL) at Main Library

Free ELL class for adults who wish to learn to speak and read English. All are welcome and may begin any Tuesday evening.

**Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm**

### Knit Mornings at Main Library

Give and get help with knitting and crocheting. All experience and ability levels are welcome.

**Wednesdays, December 4, January 8, and February 5 from 10 am-noon**

### Knit Nights at Bertram Woods Branch

Join fellow community members to give and get help with knitting and crocheting. All experience and ability levels are welcome.

**Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, and February 19 from 7-8:30 pm**

### Coffee and Conversation at Main Library

An informal opportunity for patrons and staff to talk about and share mutual interests.

**Thursdays, December 19, January 16, and February 20 from 10:30-11:30 am**

### Saturday Matinee at Main Library

Join us for free screenings from the Kanopy digital film collection followed by discussion.

**Saturdays, December 7, January 4, and February 1 from 2-4:30 pm**

## Book Discussions

### PubReads at Academy Tavern

12800 Larchmere Boulevard

*Enjoy a burger and a brew with your book at the tavern. Register one month before the discussion and pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library Reference Desk.*

**Mondays from 7-8:30 pm**

**January 13:** *Barracoon* by Zora Neale Hurston

**February 10:** *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

### Book Discussions at Main Library

*Register one month before the discussion and pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library Reference Desk.*

### Book Buzz

**Tuesdays from 10-11:30 am**

**December 10:** *A Place For Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza

**January 14:** *There There* by Tommy Orange

**February 11:** *Zora and Langston: A Story of Friendship and Betrayal* by Yuval Taylor

## Mystery Book Discussions Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm

**December 10:** *Shanghai Moon* by S. J. Rozan

**January 14:** *Auntie Poldi and the Vineyards of Etna* by Mario Giordano

**February 11:** *Savage Liberty* by Eliot Pattison

## Fourth Tuesday Discussions Tuesdays from 2-3 pm

**December 17:** *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin

**January 28:** *White Trash: the 400-year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg

**February 25:** *The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey* by Walter Mosley

## Book Discussions at Bertram Woods

Register one month before the discussion and pick up a copy of the book at the Woods Branch Circulation Desk.

## Cook the Book at Woods Branch Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm

**December 4:** *Once Upon a Chef* by Jennifer Segal

**January 8:** *Bravetart: Iconic American Desserts* by Stella Parks

**February 5:** *Ottolenghi Simple: A Cookbook* by Yotam Ottolenghi

## Award Winners

*The Memory Palace* by Mira Bartok

**Saturday, January 18 from 2-3:30 pm**

## Art on the Gallery Wall

### Adventures in Pastel Landscapes by Dr. Richard Cohen

On display at Main Library and available for purchase.

**Through December 20**

### Barbara Luton Art Competition

Applications available January 15.

## Open Office Hours at Main Library

Area professionals host drop-in office hours at Main Library to provide a variety of services for all.

### Reproductive Health with Recovery Resources

Trained support staff from Recovery Resources provide information and resources to promote healthy reproductive habits for teens and adults.

**Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 2-4:30 pm**

### Milestones Autism Resources

Connect with staff from Milestones Autism Resources to find the right resources to fit the specialized needs of you or your loved one.

**Wednesday, December 4 from 10 am-noon**

Learn about financial resources for individuals with ASD.

**Wednesday, February 5 from 10 am-noon**

### Bellefaire's Homeless and Missing Youth Program

Speak with a professional from Bellefaire JCB to learn about their services for youth and families facing issues related to homelessness.

**Thursdays, December 12, January 9, and February 13 from 3-5 pm**

## Caps for Kids

### Community Service Project of Knit Mornings and Knit Nights

Now's the time to transform your surplus yarn into a hand-knitted cap for the homeless. Pick up a pattern at the Information Desks or use your own pattern to knit or crochet. Bring your completed caps to Main Library or Bertram Woods Branch by Saturday, December 14.

We'll display them as we receive them and then deliver them to Project Act, an organization that serves homeless children in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

# WINTER

## Reading Challenge

LIGHT UP THE MIND

We challenge everyone in the Shaker community—from children to adults—to read every day during the months of January and February. Track your time on Beanstack and share your progress on social media.

#WinterRead2020

Let's Light Up Our Minds This Winter.



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