AT YOUR LIBRARY
Shaker Heights Public Library Program Guide
March • April • May 2020

SPRING 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

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

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 6-8 pm

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

Thursdays, 10 am-noon

Play and Learn Station for Caregivers
Birth to 5 years with a non-parent caregiver

Wednesdays, 10 am-noon

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

For School Age

Drop-In Story Times

Winter Session: January 6-March 19
Spring Session: March 30-May 14

Nestlings
Babies birth to 15 months with a grown-up

Mondays at 10 am Main Library
Tuesdays at 10 am Woods Branch

Fledglings
Ages 15-24 months with a grown-up

Mondays at 11 am Main Library
Tuesdays at 11 am Woods Branch

Movers and Shakers
Ages 2-5 with a grown-up

Tuesdays at 10:30 am Main Library
Thursdays 10 am Woods Branch

Family Story Time
Birth to 5 years with a grown-up

Mondays at 7 pm Woods Branch

No reservations are required. Groups of six or more, call ahead to check for space availability.
Join Nancy Barnett for a six-week introduction to signing with your baby using the Baby Signs Program.
Fridays, 10-10:30 am
at Main Library
Birth to 12 months with a grown-up

Enjoy a special story time by the Holden Arboretum Tree Tale Tellers. Listen to stories and learn about trees and their relationships with the animals and people around them.

Butterfly Hands for Babies
Birth to 12 months with a grown-up
Join Nancy Barnett for a six-week introduction to signing with your baby using the Baby Signs Program.

Fridays, 10-10:30 am
March 6-April 10 at Woods Branch

Data Sculptures at Main Library
Grades K-6
Think beyond charts and bar graphs to interpret data creatively using a variety of material.

Grades K-6 **

Lego Free Play at Woods Branch
Grades K-6
Drop in and build together!
Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, and 18 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!

Grades K-6

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, and 18 from 3-5 pm

After School Artists at Main Library
Grades K-6
Learn about a famous artist and make art in the same style!

Grades K-6

Mondays, March 16, April 20, May 18 from 4:15-5 pm

Young Travelers: Discover Ireland at Main Library
Grades K-3 **
Dia dhuit! Hear an Irish folk tale, bang a bodhran drum, create a “woolly” craft, and sample a yummy Irish snack.

Grades K-3 **

Tuesday, March 17 from 4:15-5 pm

**Indicates that registration is required.

Read To a Dog
Grades K-6 **
Our doggy listeners are certified therapy dogs and love to listen to stories. Register for a 15-minute time slot.

Thursdays, March 19 & April 16 from 4-5:30 pm
at Main Library
Thursday, May 21 from 3:45-5:15 pm
at Woods Branch

Build a Volcano-to-Go at Main Library
Grades K-6 **
Build a mini volcano that you can erupt again at home.

Thursday, March 26 from 4:15-5 pm

Earth Day Celebration at Main Library
Grades K-6
Listen to the Dr. Seuss classic The Lorax and make your very own Truffula Tree!

Wednesday, April 15 from 4:15-5 pm

National Library Week Scavenger Hunt at Main Library and Woods Branch
Grades K-6
Hunt through the Children’s Area to discover all the wonders your library has to offer. Earn a prize if you find everything!

Monday, April 20-Friday, April 24 All Day

Decorate A Tote Bag at Woods Branch
Grade K-3 **
Celebrate Earth Day by decorating your own unique, reusable tote bag.

Wednesday, April 22 from 4-5 pm
All About Unicorns at Main Library
Grades K-6 **
Hear the legends and do some fun activities.
Wednesday, April 29 from 4:15-5 pm

Young Travelers: Discover Thailand at Main Library
Grades K-3 **
Sawasdee, friends! Listen to a colorful Thai folk tale, create a print using wood blocks, touch a real silkworm cocoon, and enjoy a Thai snack.
Tuesday, May 5 from 4:15-5 pm

DIY Grocery Bags at Main Library
All ages
Upcycle old t-shirts into reusable grocery bags.
Thursday, May 7 from 4:15-5 pm

DIY Nail Art at Woods Branch
Learn how to create simple nail art designs!
Thursday, March 12 from 3-4:30 pm

Make Your Own Face Mask at Main Library
Tuesday, March 24 from 4-6 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month at Main Library
Take a poem from the poetree or express yourself and write your own in the Teen Center.
Tuesday, March 31 from 3:30-5 pm

Get Money Smart at Main Library
Wednesday, April 8 from 4-6 pm

TTFN Teen Center at Main Library
Say goodbye for now to the Teen Center! Enjoy snacks and get ready for a new, renovated teen space.
Wednesday, May 13 from 3:30-6 pm

**Indicates that registration is required.**
Adult Programs

Read *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg. Join in the Cuyahoga County-wide initiative and examine the power of our social infrastructures, and how they can shape our future.

**Public Spaces in Shaker: A Community Conversation at Main Library**
An interactive panel conversation on how design and accessibility of public spaces affect social interaction and community resilience.
*Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30-8 pm*

**An Evening with Eric Klinenberg at the Ohio Theater**
The author of *Palaces for the People* will speak as part of One Community Reads 2020. Free. Seating is limited; advance reservations are required.
*Monday, March 9 at 7 pm*

**Book Discussion at Woods Branch**
Read *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klinenberg and discuss it with others. Copies will be available at the Bertram Woods Branch Circulation Desk.
*Saturday, March 14 from 2-3:30 pm*

**Forum on the Cuyahoga County Health & Human Services Tax Issue at Main Library**
The Library, League of Women Voters, and CWRU present a forum on the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Issue.
*Thursday, March 5 from 7-8:30 pm*

**State of the City with Mayor David E. Weiss at Main Library**
The League of Women Voters presents an evening with Mayor David E. Weiss who will speak about the State of the City and answer questions.
*Thursday, March 12 from 7-8:30 pm*

**Native Shrubs for Your Yard at Main Library**
*Saturday, March 21 from 1-2:30 pm*

**Decluttering Workshop at Main Library**
Get practical suggestions to help you declutter or to prepare for a move. Bring your photos!
*Wednesday, March 25 from 10-11 am*

**Master Gardeners: Pruning at Main Library**
Learn timing and techniques for pruning shrubs and deadheading flowers.
*Saturday, March 28 from 2:30-4:30 pm*

**Census Day 2020 at Main Library & Woods Branch**
Librarians will be available to help you complete the Census online and answer questions. In the evening, Sam Hooper will perform and we’ll serve refreshments at Main Library.
*Wednesday, April 1 from 9 am-9 pm*

**Saturday Matinee at Main Library**
Watch *Hester Street*, a story of immigration and assimilation, and discuss it with others.
*Saturday, April 4 at 2 pm*

**Friends Spring Book Sale at Main Library**
Browse and buy from a wide assortment of gently used books at prices as low as 50¢.
*Wednesday, April 15-Sunday, April 19*

**Friendship Force Travel Program at Woods Branch**
Learn about Friendship Force International, a unique cultural exchange opportunity that includes outbound and inbound travel with home stays in 60 different countries.
*Wednesday, April 22 from 7-8 pm*

**Crossword Puzzle Tournament at Main Library**
**Solvers tackle the next week’s—as yet unpublished—*New York Times* crossword puzzles, competing for trophies, prizes, and bragging rights. Mandatory pre-registration begins April 2, 2020.
*Saturday, May 2 from noon-4 pm*
Ongoing Adult Programs

**Tai Chi at Main Library**
Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes to learn this ancient martial art.
Mondays in March from 10-11 am

**Tri-C ABLE /GED at Main Library**
Register at http://www.tri-c.edu/able-ged-esol.
Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am-noon

**Chess Club at Main Library**
Adults and teens of all ability levels are welcome.
Mondays March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 6-8 pm

**Free Tax Help for Seniors at Main Library**
9 am-4:30 pm Tuesdays and Fridays through April 10.
Call 216-491-1360 to make an appointment.

**Chocolate at Main Library**
Tuesdays, March 3, April 7, May 5 from 6-8:30 pm

**English Language Learners (ELL) at Main Library**
Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm

**Knit Mornings at Main Library**
Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, May 6 from 10 am-noon

**Knit Nights at Woods Branch**
Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 20 from 7-8:30 pm

**Writing Workshop at Main Library**
Wednesdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm

**English Conversation Club at Main Library**
Practice English conversation skills with others.
Thursdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 14 from 6:30-8 pm

**Coffee and Conversation at Main Library**
Thursdays, March 19, April 16, and May 21 from 10:30-11:30 am

**Genealogy at Main Library**
Saturdays, March 28 and April 25 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Open Office Hours

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

**Reproductive Health with Recovery Resources at Main Library**
Information and resources promoting safe sex habits for teens and adults.
Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 2-4:30 pm

**Outreach Benefits Help with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank at Main Library**
Learn about assistance for a variety of benefit programs including food stamps, public housing, Medicaid, access to fresh produce, and more.
Tuesdays, March 3, 24; April 7, 21; May 5, 19 from 3-5 pm

**Digital Resources Help at Main Library**
Staff demonstrate how to use online materials and services and answer your questions.
Tuesdays from 3-5 pm
March 17: eBooks and eAudiobooks from Overdrive, Libby, and Hoopla
April 21: JobNow, resources for job seekers and those looking to improve job skills

Art Gallery

**Call for Artists at Main Library**
Art drop off dates for entries for the 21st annual juried art show. $30 non-refundable entry fee for up to two entries.
Friday, March 6 from 3-5 pm
Saturday, March 7 from noon-4 pm

**Barbara Luton Art Gallery Reception and Awards Ceremony at Main Library**
Meet the artists juried into this year’s show and celebrate their art at a reception sponsored by Friends of the Shaker Library.
Sunday, March 29 from 2-4 pm

**Art Exposed XI Gallery Opening**
Annual exhibit showcasing Shaker students’ talents and teachers’ dedication on display through May 20.
Friday, May 8 from 6:30-8 pm
Book Discussions
At Bertram Woods Branch
Register one month before the discussion and pick up a copy of the book at the Woods Branch Circulation Desk.

Cook the Book!
No Crumbs Left: Whole30 Endorsed, Recipes for Everyday Food Made Marvelous by Terri Turner
Wednesday, March 4 from 7-8:30 pm

Cravings: Hungry for More by Chrissy Teigen
Wednesday, April 1 from 7-8:30 pm

5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food by Jamie Oliver
Wednesday, May 6 from 7-8:30 pm

Award Winners
Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
Saturday, May 9 from 2-3:30 pm

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.

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai
Monday, March 9 from 7-8:30 pm

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
Monday, April 13 from 7-8:30 pm

The Great Pretender by Susannah Cahalan
Monday, May 11 from 7-8:30 pm

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
This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger
Tuesday, March 10 from 10-11:30 am

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
Tuesday, April 14 from 10-11:30 am

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Tuesday, May 12 from 10-11:30 am

Mystery Book Discussions
Sweet Little Lies by Caz Frear
Tuesday, March 10 from 7:30-8:30 pm

August Snow by Stephen Mack Jones
Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30-8:30 pm

The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey
Tuesday, May 12 from 7:30-8:30 pm

Fourth Tuesday Discussions
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
Tuesday, March 24 from 2-3 pm

Becoming by Michelle Obama
Tuesday, April 28 from 2-3 pm

A Book Discussion Series on Immigration sponsored by the Yiddish Book Center

Motl the Cantor’s Son by Sholem Aleichem
Monday, March 16 from 7-8:30 pm

Enemies, A Love Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer
Monday, April 27 from 7-8:30 pm

A Jewish Refugee in New York by Kadya Molodowsky
Wednesday, May 27 from 7-8:30 pm

The Leavers by Lisa Ko
Monday, June 22 from 7-8:30 pm

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