

# The Main Event

## Speaker Series

**Autumn 2019 Main Library Auditorium**

An author series featuring prominent voices from the worlds of literature, the arts, politics and journalism.

### **An Evening with Dani Shapiro, Author of *Inheritance***

The bestselling novelist and writer of memoir presents her most powerful book yet.

**Wednesday, October 9, 7 pm**

What makes us who we are? What combination of memory, history, biology, experience, and that ineffable thing called the soul defines us? In the spring of 2016, through a genealogy website to which she had whimsically submitted her DNA for analysis, author Dani Shapiro received the stunning news that her father was not her biological father. She woke up one morning and her entire history--the life she had lived--crumbled beneath her. The acclaimed *Inheritance* is a book about secrets - secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love.

### **Will Shortz – An Evening with the Puzzle Master**

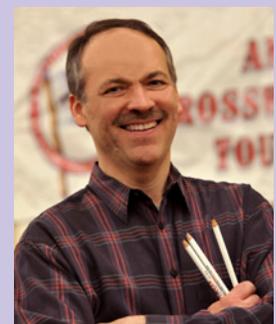
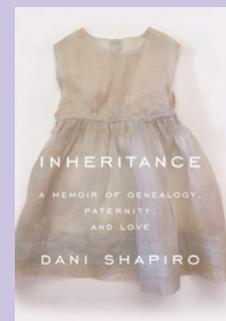
What's an Enigmatologist? It's the popular Will Shortz, the world's only academically accredited puzzle master!

**Thursday, November 14, 7 pm**

Will Shortz sold his first puzzle professionally when he was just 14 years old. At age 16, he became a regular contributor to "Dell" puzzle publications. To date, Will is the author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books. He has been the puzzle master for NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday* since the program's start in 1987, crossword editor of *The New York Times* since 1993, and is the founder and director of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament and the World Puzzle Championship. He's appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Simpsons*, and was the subject of the documentary *Wordplay*. And he's a fun guy!



Dani Shapiro  
(credit Michael Maren)



Will Shortz

**Don't miss these two very special Main Events!**

Presented by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, and the Friends of Main Library (Friends members receive reserved seating), with the generous support of the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

**Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm. The programs are free of charge.  
Books will be available for purchase.**

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