

Library Events for All Ages

Branch Hours:
Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm
Friday 12 – 6 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

Reduce Stress with Adult Coloring

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Recovering from the holiday season or stuck in the winter blues? Listen to relaxing music and color with friends, family or our community. All supplies are provided.



Identifying Your Family Photographs

Tuesday, May 17, 6 – 7:30 pm

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. The class will also take a look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs

Carve! Print! Repeat! Relief Printmaking for Beginners

Saturday, May 21, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

This workshop is by artist Claire Marks. Relief printmaking is the oldest type of printmaking in the world, dating back to the Egyptians in 500 BCE. The process involves removing the “whites” of a drawing from a block of wood, a piece of linoleum, or some other material. The image left after carving is raised up “in relief.” Apply ink to the surface of the block, and the image can be printed again and again. In this class, we will learn the basic process for making linocuts, relief prints from linoleum. We’ll also try some other simple and fun printmaking techniques. Let’s get printing!

Fashionable Scarf Tying

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

The ladies from Best Bib and Tucker will be teaching participants 12-20 different ways to tie a scarf. They will be showing you the basics, and mixing in some more advanced ties. Be sure to bring a scarf or two to practice with (they’ll have a few available, too)!

Floral Container Gardening

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join Cathy Morgan, aka the “Gardening Librarian,” for an evening of floral fun! Learn the secrets to successful container gardening and create a beautiful floral container garden of your very own. All supplies will be provided by the library.

Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm

This group examines a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles. New members are always welcome. Call 330-376-2927 for more information.

- March 24 **THEN CAME THE EVENING**, Brian Hart
- April 28 **THE REDBREAST**, Jo Nesbo
- May 26 **THE LEFTOVERS**, Tom Perrotta



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Library Closings: Sunday, March 27, Easter · Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

Book Sale

Friday, May 6, 3 – 6 pm

Friends of the Library Presale

Saturday, May 7, 10 am – 3 pm Book Sale



Children’s Programs

Theatre Skills Workshop for Children: Presented by Debora Totti

Wednesdays, March 2 – 30, 4 pm

Grades K – 4. Local actor and theatre instructor Debora Totti will help the children investigate basic elements of theatre: movement and space, voice work, games, and physical training.

Baby & Me

Mondays, April 4-25, 11 am

Ages 0 – 18 months and their grown-ups. You are your child’s first teacher. Spark early neuron connections and feed your baby’s hunger for natural sensory experiences related to color, texture, light and sound. Discover simple songs and exercises to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. Best of all, these experiences will bring fun and joy into your little one’s day! Bring a blanket or yoga mat and your baby’s favorite toy. Dress for messy play experiences. Miss KT also recommends having in your diaper bag an extra outfit for baby to change into afterwards if needed.



Stories at the Park

Mondays, May 9-23, 10:30 am

Birth- 3 years. Join Miss KT and Miss JoAnna at Hereford Park for a fun-filled outdoor story time. We will leave the library at 10:10 am if you are interested in walking to the park with us. After a mixture of stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays, and movement activities, enjoy play time at the park! Please feel free to bring picnic snacks or lunch. If the weather does not permit outdoor play, story time will be held at the library. Siblings are welcome.

Story Time

Tuesdays, April 5-26, 10:30 am

All Ages. You are your child's first teacher. Spark early neuron connections and feed your child's hunger for natural sensory experiences related to color, texture, light and sound. Discover songs, books, prop stories and movement activities to do with your young learner to give him his first tools needed to learn to read and better understand her world. Best of all, these experiences will bring fun and joy into your child's day! Dress for messy play experiences and consider bringing your child a change of clothes. Miss JoAnna is excited to share this special time with you and your child.



Juice and Canvas for Mother's Day

Saturday, April 30, 11 am

Ages 4- 10. Taught by local art educator and artist Megan Kunkler, students will explore painting on canvas. Each student will produce an art piece to take home to share for Mother's Day with a special person in his/her life. Adults are welcome to join for the program. All supplies are provided by the library. Limit one canvas per child. Resgistration is requested.



Teen Programs

Teen Tech Week

March 6-12 has been named Teen Tech Week by the Young Adult Library Services Association. We'll have a couple running programs that highlight some of the resources available at the library to promote science and technology.

Multi-meter Mayhem

March 4-9 There are tons of books coming out these days on robotics, electronics, DIY computers and more. Nearly all of them call for an indispensable tool: the multi-meter. Learn how to use one, and earn candy in the process.

Fun with Physics

March 11-16 There's no end of fun things you can build, but how do you know how much power you need from a motor, or how long a lever must be? We'll tackle a couple fun experiments that show off concepts like torque and friction.

DIY Bird Feeders

Friday, April 22, 3-5 pm Celebrate Earth Day by providing feeding stations for hungry birds.

Decorated Flower Pots

Friday, May 6, 3-5 pm May is prime planting season. Take advantage of spring with a pot of your own design.

DIY Lip Gloss

Friday, May 20, 3-5 pm Learn how to use Kool-Aid and coconut oil to make delicious, colorful lip gloss.



Adult Programs

Please register for all Adult programs by calling us at 330-376-2927 or stopping in to visit us at the Highland Square Branch Library.

Grandmother's Little Sewing Treasures

Tuesdays, March 22, April 12, and May 3, 6 – 7:45 pm

Dolly Webb is returning to teach her sewing series. Not so long ago in the "Sewing Times World," ladies made little sewing keepsakes for themselves or to give as remembrances. Money was tight, so these inexpensively made treasures that held pins, scissors, thread and other sewing items were kept in a sewing basket. Come and make these treasures for yourself or as a gift. Beginners are welcome, and all supplies are provided.



Open Craft Night

Tuesdays, March 29, May 31, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Social Security 101: Maximizing Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, April 12, 2 – 3 pm

This workshop will be a valuable resource for individuals who have not yet made their Social Security elections and those who are currently receiving benefits. It will cover strategies including the best time to begin collecting benefits and ways to reduce or eliminate taxes on current benefits. Attendees will be offered a Free Personalized Benefits Analysis. This workshop is presented by Chris Lawrence of Richfield Financial Group.

Practical Advice on Getting Your Children's Picture Book Published

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Local authors Allison and Wayne Marks share personal insights on what it takes to break into the children's picture book market. Topics include increasing your chances by targeting specific publishers, the importance of researching the current picture book market, finding a standout story, ruthless editing techniques, the dos and don'ts of preparing your manuscript for submission, and what to expect once your work has been accepted. Presentation includes a reading of their book, OG'S ARK (Kar-Ben Publishing, 2016), handouts and a Q & A session.

Healthy Meal Solutions for The Busy Bees...Cooking with Quinoa

Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Love to cook but are usually too busy? Do you find yourself defaulting to convenient but unhealthy food because you are pinched for time? How do you navigate healthy eating when time keeps slipping away? Participate with Gabriel Riazzi, Community Wellness Coordinator of Mustard Seed Market & Café, as he shows you how to take your health back into your hands by adopting some clever yet easy strategies in a fun cooking demonstration. Gabriel will show you how to cook quinoa in bulk and then add different ingredients on the fly to create entirely different dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Cook smarter, eat healthier, live better.

Medicare 101

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Turning 65 is exciting time in your life! It can also be very confusing. Especially when it comes to Medicare, and the critical choices you need to make. Are you already receiving Medicare benefits already but don't quite understand the system? This presentation will guide you through the maze, answer your questions and explain your options regarding your Medicare benefits.

