

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 pm

BLIND BUT NOW I SEE by Charles Walker

Charles Walker knows about overcoming life's obstacles. He was once told that he would not be able to learn. Mr. Walker later went on to become a graduate of the University of Akron. Let this story inspire you.

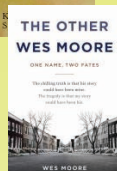
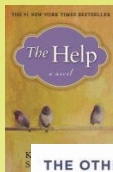


BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wednesdays, 2 pm

March 16 THE HELP by Kathryn Stockett.

May 18 THE OTHER WES MOORE by Wes Moore.



Gaming Fun

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 pm

Can you move like Michael Jackson? Come to this program and test your skills. Enjoy the fun game of Michael Jackson: The Experience on Wii.

CRAFT PROGRAMS

Join the Needle-Crafters; Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family members and friends.

Spring Flower Pots

Saturday, March 12, 2 pm

Create your unique flower pot with paints, glitter and jewels. Best of all plant your own flower. All materials provided by the library. Please call the branch to sign up.

TAX HELP

Wednesdays, March 2-April 13, 1-4 pm

Please call the branch to schedule appointments.



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Spring Programs

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BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 21, 10 am-3 pm

Friends Preview Book Sale 9 am-10 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays, 11 am

March 2-May 25 (except March 9 and 23) Stories, rhymes and music for young children. All preschool ages welcome



Monday Fun 3:30-4:30 pm

(Cookie Club is a book club for beginning readers grades K-3 that meets twice a month. Practice reading together, enjoy some fun games and activities, and eat cookies!)



March 14 Cookie Club: Read the Pearl and Wagner books by Kate McMullan.

March 21 Get ready to prepare and eat some food – it's Jr. Chef Day.

March 28 Cookie Club: Chicken Pox Stories by Denys Cazet.

April 4 Get creative with some Magnetic Poetry.

April 11 Cookie Club: MAC AND CHEESE and others by Sarah Weeks.

April 18 Mix up a batch of goopy slime that you can take home with you.

April 25 Cookie Club: Bear and mouse books by Bonny Becker.

May 2 Make some pretty jewelry with washers and yarn.

May 9 Cookie Club: SLOWPOKE by Emily Smith Pearce and ONE NOSY PUP by Carol Wallace.

May 16 Shake up a batch of your very own Ice Cream.

May 23 Cookie Club: Good Knight books by Shelley Moore Thomas.

Tea Party! Saturday, April 16, 2-3:30 pm

Join us for our annual tea party. Make crafts and enjoy some delicious tea and cookies. And, you may take your teacup home!

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Family Movie Night

With popcorn and fruit drink!

Thursdays at 6 pm



March 24 SHREK FOREVER AFTER (PG)(93 minutes)

April 21 BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA 2 (G)(84 minutes)

May 5 MEGAMIND (PG)(95 minutes)

TEEN PROGRAMS

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm:

Chess Club Grades 4-Adult. Checkmate! Want to compete against others players or just want to learn how to play? Then this is the place for you! *Additional dates - Saturdays, 2 pm: March 26, April 16, May 7*

March 1 Enjoy snacks made with peanut butter and play bingo.

March 29 Movie Matinee-Ramona and Beezus (G)(103 minutes).

April 12 The Write Stuff-We'll be reading and writing different kinds of poetry since April is National Poetry Month. Please sign up for this program.

April 19 Decorate spring baskets and fill them with tasty treats! Please sign up for this program.

April 26 Try different recipes using pretzels and play board games.

May 3 Mother's Day Craft.

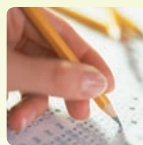
May 10 Teen Volunteer Meeting-Want to be a library volunteer this summer? Come to this meeting for more information. Snacks provided.

May 24 Movie Matinee-Step Up 3 (PG-13)(107 minutes).

Saturday Programs

March 26, 11 am March Madness-Play NCAA Basketball on the Xbox! Please sign up for this program.

Test Prep - Saturdays: Want to get the best score on your ACT or SAT? Sylvan Learning Center offers free practice exams to prepare you for the real test. Please plan on this program lasting at least three hours. Registration is required at least a week before each test.



April 9, 9:15 am ACT Testing **May 7, 9:15 am** SAT Testing

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Inspiration of Colors – Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm

They thrill you with their incredible talents and perform speeches, poems and reenactments from some of our most memorable African-American leaders.

Open Mic Night – Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Calling all writers and poets to share their creativity and express themselves in front of a captive audience. Host Anthony Gambling will guide you through a night of expression. Participants can bring their original work or read from library poetry books.

March 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 Special Mother's Day theme

Beginners Sign Language Workshops

Saturdays, March 5-April 2, 12 noon

Instructor, Paula Wray teaches a six week course on the beginning techniques of sign language. Please call the branch to sign up.

Zumba: 101 – Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am

Instructor, Shananne Lewis demonstrates the fun Latin inspired exercise Zumba.

A Journey through the Underground Railroad

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 pm

Presenter Paul Goebbel provides an informative program about the Underground Railroad and the brave individuals who risked their personal finances and faced possible jail time for helping an enslaved race - tracing slavery from the Western Hemisphere to the Civil War. Was the Underground Railroad treason, or a higher moral calling?



Meet the Authors

Thursday, March 17, 6:30 pm

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING by Rebecca Shepard and Lessie Lockett. Author Rebecca Shepard and mother Lessie Lockett were diagnosed with cancer within a six month time frame. Hear their courageous story of their battle against cancer.

