

Library Events for All Ages

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

Anxiety, Depression, and Panic Attacks

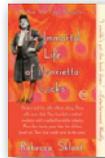
Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 pm
Together or individually anxiety, depression and panic attacks can significantly reduce an individual's quality of life and often that of those closest to them. The presenter, a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, will define and discuss these conditions and review self-help and professional interventions to control, reduce or eliminate each.

Let's Talk About it

—The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
by Rebecca Skloot

Saturday, January 28, 2 pm

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.



The Singing Stream: A Local Family's History

Saturday, February 11, 2 pm

In 1985, the Landis family worked with filmmaker Tom Davenport to create an award-winning documentary of their family's history through the eyes Bertha Landis the family matriarch. The documentary discussed how the family lived during the time of the segregated South to the Civil Rights era and how they used music to stay united. Since then Landis family has traveled all over the United States to share their family's rich history and what the documentary has meant to them. At this event we will meet members of this special family from the Akron and North Carolina and will also enjoy performances from the Akron area "Echoes of Heaven."



Social Security, Medicare and Long-Term Care

Friday, February 17, 1 pm

This seminar provides helpful information about Social Security, Medicare and Long-Term Care. It discusses how they impact the ever-changing retirement environment.

The Other Side of the Beatles: The Soulful Influence

Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 pm

Early in their career, The Beatles became highly influenced by R&B music, and the early Beatles albums reflect this influence by their Liverpool versions of these great songs like Roll Over Beethoven, Twist and Shout, Long Tall Sally and many others. Join Bill Brauning M. Ed. musician and historian as he shares another side of the Beatles.

A Special Afternoon with Author

Mamie Toole Saturday, February 18, 2 pm

Join us for a special afternoon with author, poet and storyteller Mamie Toole. Ms. Toole is the author of two inspirational poetry books Personally Yours: My God and I and Sincerely Yours: My God and I. She is a retired Akron Public School teacher who enjoyed many years at Glover Elementary School. Ms. Toole is known locally because she often recites poetry and speaks at family functions such as reunions and weddings. Ms. Toole will recite poetry from her books as well as her ever growing personal collection.



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Library Closings: December 24 - Christmas Eve December 25 - Christmas December 26 - Christmas Day Observed
December 31 - Closing at 5 pm · January 1 - New Year's Day · January 2 - New Year's Day Observed



Children's Programs

Pitter Patter Playgroup

Thursdays, December 15-January 26, 11:30 am

Ages 5 and under. Bring your little ones to enjoy our puzzles, games, and toys! Both children and caregivers can join in the fun! No registration required.

Paws for Reading

Saturdays, December 10,

January 14, February 11,

March 11, 2 pm Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pal, Kivrin. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! Not reading yet? Our dogs' human pal will read to you. This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills and gain more confidence in reading aloud. Children of all ages are welcome.



Pancakes and Pajamas

Saturday, February 25, 2 pm

Help us celebrate National Pancake Month! We will be eating delicious pancakes, crafting with colorful breakfast cereal, and playing a syrupy sweet game or two, all while wearing our most favorite pajamas! Don't forget your slippers too! Registration is requested.

School-Age Programs

After School Homework Help

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 9-May 24

(excluding January 16), 3-5 pm

Free homework help for students in grades K-6. You'll find everything you need to get your homework done here! Stuck on a math question? We have someone to help you. Can't find a ruler? We have school supplies. Need to type a paper? We have computers. Drop in anytime you need help. No registration required.

Tech Time: Robotics and Coding

Thursdays, December 15, January 26,

February 23, 4 pm

Grades K-6. Join Sylvan Learning Center & Maple Valley Library as we find our EDGE with STEM@Sylvan. This program offers an exciting chance to learn hands on robotics while using Lego® WeDo Software. Children will have fun creating and animating robots, while also learning the basic concepts of design, programming, coding, and physics.



Winter Break Warm-Ups

December 27-29, 2 pm Grades K-6

Tuesday: Movie and Popcorn **Wednesday:** Hip Hop Dance Party **Thursday:** Video Game Day

Marshmallow Madness

Saturday, January 28, 2 pm

Have you ever wanted to play with your food? Well, here is your chance! We will be using marshmallows for everything from building towers to creating our very own delicious s'mores. Plan for some sticky, sweet fun with Ms. Erica!



Family Programs

Holiday Movies and Hot Cocoa

Monday, December 19, 6 pm

Join us for delicious hot cocoa and cookies, while we watch some of our favorite holiday movie classics!

Noon Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31, 11:30 am

Ring in the new year with Miss Erica during our fun-filled Noon Year's Eve Party! We will share stories, fun dance songs, snacks, and party themed crafts. Get your party hats ready for our count down to 2017 just before noon! Registration is requested.

Family Movie Monday

Every third Monday of the month,

6 pm Join us for a family friendly movie, snacks, and drinks!



January 23: Ice Age: Collision Course (PG) (100 min)

February 20: Finding Dory (PG) (103 min)

March 20: The Secret Life of Pets (PG) (87 min)

Nature in the City

Winter Planter

Tuesday, January 31, 3:30 pm

Spring is still a few months away, but you can get ready now with this fun planter. Registration is requested.

Playing with Thin Ice

Thursday, February 16, 3:30 pm

Stop in to experience an icy, fun filled afternoon! We will be building mini igloos, making ice paintings, and even having an ice melting contest. Registration is requested.



Teen Programs

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm

Hot Chocolate Gift Jar

December 6 Create a cool gift just in time for the holidays. Registration is requested.

Holiday Coloring Class

December 13 Enjoy holiday coloring sheets and snacks and beverages.

Movie Matinee

January 17 ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (PG)(113 MIN)



Super Bowl Party

January 24 Play Madden with your friends! Registration is requested.

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Earbud Holders

February 21 Listen to music while decorating a case to hold your earbuds. Registration is requested.

Saturday Programs

Books, Breakfast, and a Movie

January 7, 10:30 am

Rise and shine! Start your morning with a healthy breakfast while learning about the Youth Media Awards. Watch a movie based on an award-winning book. Registration is requested.

Practice ACT

February 11, 9:15 am

Want to get the best score on your ACT? Sylvan Learning Center is offering a free practice exam to prepare you for the real test. Please plan on this program lasting at least three hours. Registration is requested at least a week in advance.



Drop in Fun

Holiday Do-It-Yourself Project

December 5-9 Pick up supplies at the front desk to make an ornament.

Valentine's Day Contest Week

February 6-10 Stop by the front desk and enter a different Valentine's Day-themed contest every day this week!



Adult Programs

The Akron African United Front Book Discussion Group

Every second and fourth Thursday, 6 pm

The Akron African United Front book discussion group offers you the opportunity to share your opinions on how history affects our world views in today's society. Read and analyze books that are rich in African American culture and history. Discuss important heartfelt issues with your peers.

Sistas Knit 2

Every Thursday at 6:30 pm

Socialize with other crafters while creating wonderful projects that can be given to family and friends. This group does everything from knitting to crocheting, needlepoint to cross stitch and more... All crafters are welcome.

Adult Coloring Class

Every second and third Tuesday of the month

You will enjoy this class. Adult coloring is all the craze right now. It is a great relaxing way to be creative and to relieve stress. All supplies are provided by the library. Please stop by or call the branch to register.

Community Organization Spotlight

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 pm

There are many organizations in our neighborhood that are doing great things. Community organizations will be featured at the Maple Valley. It will give you an opportunity to find out about the wonderful events and services these organizations provide to our community and how you can get involved. Please join us on the dates and time listed below. Project Ujima will be the featured organization for the month of February.

Project Ujima is a model of community engagement that provides a process and place for residents and other stakeholders of Akron's Buchtel Community to come together to identify, study and take action on issues of shared concern. It was established in 2011 with a three-year grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. This project fosters the conditions that lead to residents discovering their own efficacy and capacity to work together to strengthen their community. Building relationships of trust among and between residents, service providers and institutions is at the heart of the project.

Basic Fitness Techniques with

Fred Mills

Saturday, January 14, 10:30 am

Let's start the new year right! Join us for this informative program with personal trainer Fred Mills. At this program, Mr. Mills will demonstrate the best way to get the most out of your workouts. Mr. Mills has been a personal trainer for over 30 years. He has competed and won three Men's Masters bodybuilding competitions. He is also the owner of Fred's Fitness.

Medicare 101

Friday, January 20, 1 pm

This seminar is designed to help demystify Medicare. It discusses the different types of benefits, plans, and programs, and provides some general guidelines to assist beneficiaries in determining which plan may be best suited to their needs.