

Computer Lab

The Electronic Services Department of the Akron-Summit County Public Library teaches a series of hands-on computer classes for beginners. No registration is required. Fifteen tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to the class start. Participants should arrive early to get a ticket, as attendance is limited to the first 15 arrivals.



Wednesday, May 30
Internet, Part 1: An Introduction, 10:30 am

Internet, Part 2: Searching and Favorites
2 pm

Thursday, May 31
Internet, Part 3: Beyond Searching
10:30 am

Library Catalog 101
2 pm

Friday, June 1
Resume Workshop
10:30 am



**Akron-Summit County
Public Library**

330-434-8726

Odom Boulevard Branch Library
600 V. Odom Boulevard., Akron, Ohio 44307
www.akronlibrary.org

Interpretive services are available. Please inquire.

Fall Prevention and Balance Program

Do you or someone you know need tips for maintaining physical flexibility and balance and preventing falls? This program is for you. A medical Fellow from Summa Health Care's Geriatric Department will be here to talk about the reasons people fall, why it is so important to prevent falls, and what you can do to limit falls and their severity. Examples of proper shoes, canes, walkers, and possible hazards in the household will be discussed. Handouts will be provided, as well as safety checklists, and demonstrations of exercises to maintain flexibility. This program will benefit adults of any age. *Please sign up in advance.*

Friday, May 18, 2:30 pm

Spring 2012 Programs

Odom Blvd. Branch Library

Book Sales

Mondays, 4-6 pm

Fun finds abound including lots of children's and teen books. The Friends of the Odom Branch Library are hosting mini book sale events. Join us after school or work to find those treasures. It's quick, it's crazy, it's afternoon madness.

March 19, April 16, May 21



Children's Programs

Preschool Story Time

for children ages 2-5 with a favorite adult. Join us for stories, music, movement, and more. Explore something different each week.

Tuesdays, March 13-April 24
10:30-11:30 am



School Age Programs

Fun Club

Afterschool fun for school age children includes something different each week. Enjoy books, crafts, snacks, and other activities.

Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22;
April 5, 19, 26
3:30-4:30 pm

Spring Break Fun Week at 1 pm

School agers will find plenty to keep them busy at the library while school is out. Each day a fun event will capture your imagination and show your talents.



Monday, April 9

Cards, board games, and other challenges

Tuesday, April 10

Fun with paper and collage

Wednesday, April 11

Wii gaming

Thursday, April 12

Are you a Lego master builder? Try your hand at Lego design



Friday, April 13

Enjoy a new DVD release on the big screen

Odom Blvd.

i-Strive Afterschool Program at Odom Blvd. Branch

Hey Kids! Hey Parents! The Odom Branch Library along with the Boys and Girls Club of the Western Reserve are joining together in bringing the exciting *i-Strive* afterschool program to your neighborhood.

Children between the ages of 7-13 will enjoy books, art, games, friends, fun, and other positive activities at the library.

The *i-Strive* program meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-5:30 pm. The spring session runs through April 13. The *i-Strive* program will not meet February 17, March 2, March 5, and March 19.

Enrollment is first come, first serve. For more information visit the Boys and Girls Club's website at www.wrkids.org/istrive.php or call 330-773-3375. Reservation forms and program information can also be obtained by calling 330-434-8726.

Teen Programs

Please sign up in advance.

Madden 2012 Xbox 360 Tournament

Grade 6 and up can test their skills against an opponent in the Madden 2012 Xbox 360 Tournament.

**Saturday,
March 10
12:30-4:30 pm**



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Library

Teens can see if they have the luck o' the Irish at playing St. Patrick's Day bingo. Decorate and eat some shamrock cookies while we play.
Grades 6-12.

**Saturday, March 17
1-2 pm**



My Favorite Author

Join Miss Cheryl as she discusses her favorite teen author, Gary Soto. We'll read some of Gary Soto's work, watch a short film based on his writing, and write a letter to the author. Books by Gary Soto will be available for check-out. Teens can share their favorite author or book with the group. Snacks will be provided.
Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, April 24, 3:30-4:30 pm

Decorate a Mug

Sketch a sophisticated design on white ceramic mugs with easy-to-use paint markers. Designs will focus on plant pictures.
Grades 6-12.



**Tuesday, May 1
3:30-4:30 pm**

Uno Gaming

Play Uno against others and enjoy some snacks. Grades 6-12 pm.

Tuesday, May 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

Babysitter's Training for Ages 11-15 Years

Teens, are you ready to babysit this summer? Local Red Cross representatives will be at the library to provide youth, who are planning to babysit, with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. Training will help to develop leadership skills, provide tips for developing a babysitting business, and train teens in basic child care and basic first aid. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the class. Bring a doll or a stuffed animal and your lunch. Snacks for break times will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.



Saturday, May 12, 10 am-5 pm

Adult Programs

Please sign up in advance.

Free Legal Clinic

Are you in need of legal assistance? Attorneys from the Akron Bar Association will be on hand to offer free, general legal advice and direction on topics such as child custody and support, divorce, employment issues, guardianship questions, landlord-tenant problems, Medicare and Medicaid, and more. Appointments will be taken for these 20-minute sessions. *Please sign up in advance for an appointment by calling the Odom Branch Library at 330-434-8726.*



Saturday, March 24, 10 am-3 pm

AARP Driver Safety Refresher Audience: 50 Years and Older

Protect your safety on today's roads with a driver's safety refresher course presented by an AARP representative. The AARP Driver Safety program is the nation's first and largest classroom driving improvement course. Tune up your driving skills, learn defensive driving techniques, discover ways to handle left turns, right-of-way, highway traffic and blind spots, and much more. Program is free, but limited to 12 participants.

**Tuesday, April 24
10:30 am-2:30 pm**

Cookbook Discussion Group Thursdays, 1-2 pm

Each member picks a recipe from the monthly selection of a particular chef, cookbook, or cooking topic – *see below*. Make a dish to bring to the meeting for tasting. Discussion of the dishes and chefs will follow the tasting. Please bring a copy of the recipe to share with others.



March 15 Wraps

April 19 Soups

**May 17 Chef Sylvia Wood's
Soul Food Cooking**

Saturday Matinee - 1-3 pm

Enjoy a new DVD release on the big screen. Patrons may bring their own snacks to enjoy.

Contact the branch for titles closer to the event.
April 21 and May 5

