

Library Events for All Ages

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

Nature Photography and the iNaturalist App

Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm

Use your smartphone's camera and the iNaturalist app to record the nature in your own neighborhood and be a citizen scientist. Photographer Joan Crookston teams up with librarian (and nature lover) Michele McNeal to teach you how to maximize your phone's camera and the nature-identifying app iNaturalist to be a contributing Citizen Scientist. Get ready to participate in the City Nature Challenge and the Akron-Summit County Public Library's fall Bioblitz, or just learn for fun.



Community Photo Scanning Days

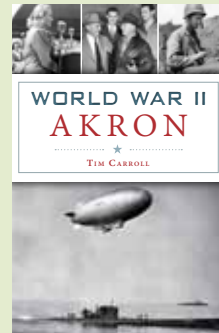
Friday, May 3, 1-3 pm

In collaboration with the Portage Lakes Historical Society. Bring your original pre 1980's photos or slides from the Portage Lakes area to be scanned and digitally saved for our digital community archive, www.summitmemory.org. Please call branch to register.

World War II Akron: Presented by Author Tim Carroll

Saturday, May 11, 1 pm

World War II Akron tells the stories of the men who served from Summit County and includes over 100 rare photographs. Books available for purchase and author signing following presentation. The book is filled with great photos of Goodyear Navy blimps in action. Other topics include the Dogs for Defense program, Congressional Medal of Honor winners, the Boy Scout draft, the fathers draft, and a thorough history of Summit County during World War II.



Journaling: Your Creative Outlet to Relieve Stress

Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm

Learn the benefits of journaling for your work and life, what journaling is and what types are available, creative, fun, insightful journaling activities to express emotions, problem solve, and more! Presented by Lauren Burnett. Journaling is a way to take the "time in" needed to get clear, unravel the tangle, see the answer that is looking you in the face but you're not seeing it because you're "stress-bling." The journaling process is an excellent life tool because it is akin to "getting things off your chest" privately and confidentially in your own time and in your own way. It is a way to achieve clarity on what you want and need and to hatch your good ideas about "it" before you release "it" into the world of other's opinions where, if you are not clear, your "its" can get re-ordered.

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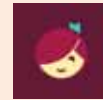
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Portage Lakes Branch Library

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Library Closings: April 21 - Easter · May 27 - Memorial Day



Children's Programs

Story Time: Baby and Toddler

Thursdays, March 7-28, 11 am

Spend some quality time with your little one. Baby Time features books, bounces, songs, and fun followed by a short play time. Intended for ages 24 months and under with a caregiver. Baby Time is a special lap-sit story program for young children. Snuggle with your little one and share in the fun of books and more!



Story Time: Preschool

Tuesdays, April 2-30, 11 am

Stories, music, art, and fun with Ms. Elaine! All ages welcome! Includes stories, songs, finger-plays, art and lots of fun each week!

Play Time: Preschool Playroom

Mondays, March 11, April 15, May 13, 11 am

Open play and art activities for young children ages 1-4 with a caregiver. Help your little ones learn about their world and develop social skills through play! We provide a variety of toys and activities as well as some simple art projects.



Family Programs

Saturday Specials

Saturdays, 1 pm All ages welcome.

March 2: March Madness Challenges

Enjoy an afternoon of activities, challenges, and contests. Test your skills in speed cup stacking, Lego and Duplo building and around the world beach ball toss.

April 13: Words and Pictures Workshop

We will look at some children's illustration styles and make creations in similar styles.

May 4: Projects and Paws- Stop in for a quick make and take craft! Stick around for a visit with our therapy dogs at 2 pm!

May 18: Snuggle Buddy Tea Party- Bring your favorite stuffed friend and join us for some refreshments, games, and a craft!

Paws for Reading:

Tails & Tales

Saturdays, March 2, April 13, May 4, 2 pm

Read with our dogs and have fun practicing oral reading skills with a furry friend! All ages welcome. Reading doesn't have to be "ruff"! Practice with a furry friend! Our paw-some therapy dogs love to have stories read to them and meet new friends.



Afterschool Program:

Game Days!

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 6 pm

Board and card game fun for grades K-8. Learn a new game and make some new friends. Spend an hour of fun playing a variety of board and card games. We'll provide the games, but feel free to bring one of your favorites and teach us how to play.

Build it Club

Thursday, March 14, 6-7:30 pm

Join us for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build, play, and explore with Legos. All ages welcome.

NatureConnect

Visit our NatureConnect table each month to discover the new do-it to go craft or contest!

March: Clover/Shamrock Quiz-Take the lucky shamrock quiz for a chance to win a prize.

April: Earth Day Signs-With the provided handouts and post it notes share with us some of your tips and tricks on how you renew, reuse, and recycle.

May: Mystery Seed Package-While supplies last, stop by the NatureConnect table and pick up a seed package to take home. Plant your seeds in soil and watch them grow. You are welcome to send pictures of your growing plants to portagelakes@akronlibrary.org and we will display them on our window!





Teen Programs

Teen Program: Teen Time

Tuesdays, March 26, April 30, 4:30-6 pm A mishmash of fun for grades 5 and up. Take a break from your busy schedule and chill out with Miss Kelly. Snacks may be served at programs. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

March: Wii Bowling Tournament. Let the madness begin. Registration requested.

April: Beat the April Showers and come to a teen painting party. All supplies provided but space limited. Registration requested.

Afterschool Program: B.A.M. (Books and More) Spring Break Special- Pokémon Party

Friday, March 29, 2 pm
Are you a big fan of Pokémon? Play a few games, make a craft, and eat a few Pokéball marshmallows. No trading of Pokémon cards without parents' permission.

Afterschool Program: B.A.M. (Books and More) Fridays, April 26, May 17, 4:30-5:30 pm

Spend an afternoon with friends as we snack and chat about our favorite reads! We will make a craft or do a fun activity around each month's theme. Books with each month's theme will be on display in the Children's area to browse and check-out.

April 26: Recycling and Earth Day Books-Help us celebrate Earth Day. Share some of your favorite recycling tips and tricks, learn new ones and craft a masterpiece out of recycled materials!

May 17: Road Trip Reads-Going on a vacation or just chillin' at home this summer? Share some of your favorite road trip or beach books with us; we want to know! Stay for a craft too!

Teen Program: Volunteering Time

Tuesday, May 21, 4:30-5:30 pm

Saturday, May 25, 1-3 pm
Earn volunteer hours and help the Portage Lakes Branch Library get ready for our Big Summer Reading Program coming in June! Stuff bags, help decorate, and earn some volunteer hours.



Adult Programs

Craft Sampler

Wednesdays, March 6, April 10, 1 pm

Create your own unique projects with a variety of different materials each month. We've got a little bit of this and a little bit of that... put your imagination to the test and see what take-home projects you can create with a wide variety of materials.

Play MahJong

Thursdays, March 7, April 11, May 9, 1-3 pm
Saturdays, March 16, April 27, May 25, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

All those interested in playing this game, both novice and seasoned players, are welcome. MahJong is a fun game of skill and luck enjoyed by millions of enthusiasts around the world. If you have your own game set, feel free to bring it.

Puzzled at the Library

Thursdays, March 7, April 11, May 9, 6-7:30 pm

Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Join us each month as we work together to complete new challenging puzzles with friends.



A Different Kind of Book Club

Mondays, March 11, April 15, May 13, 1:30 pm

Have you read a good book and want to tell others about it? Bring your latest book recommendation to share with the group.

Know Before You Go Boating Course

Mondays, March 11-April 29, 5:30-7:30 pm

Presented by the Akron Sail and Power Squadron. Upon completion and passing America's Boating Course, you will be certified to operate a powerboat of 10hp or more in all 50 states. For information and registration contact Jan Holmes, 330-256-0267.



Stitch Clique

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 4-6 pm

Do you love to knit or crochet or enjoy other fiber arts? Bring your work in progress and desire to share your knowledge with others. See what others are making and get help starting a project.



Saturday Morning Craft Saturdays, March 23, April 13, May 18, 10:30 am

March 23: Mini Bunny Bottom Pots-Create little bunny bottoms with pom-poms then glue inside a mini clay pot for a cute Spring display. Class size is limited. Please register in advance beginning March 4. Ages 16 and up preferred.

April 13: Lariat Necklace-Join Jennie Thewlis of Beadtini Boutique Design as she teaches you how to make an easy lariat necklace. Space is limited. Please register beginning March 25.

May 18: Boho Hoop Wall Hanging-Using a small embroidery hoop, tie ribbons and yarn to create your own unique boho look. Accessorize with flowers and buttons if desired. Space is limited. Please register beginning April 29.

Computer Classes

Free hands-on computer classes. Please register by phone, in person, or online. Registration is available one month prior to the start of the series.



Monday, March 25, 2 pm

Opening and Creating Workbooks

Tuesday, March 26, 2 pm

Formatting and Modifying Workbooks

Wednesday, March 27, 2 pm

More on Formatting Cells and Worksheet Basics

Thursday, March 28, 2 pm

Practical Application Project 1-3

Monday, April 1, 2 pm

Introduction to Formulas and Excel Functions

Tuesday, April 2, 2 pm

Sorting, Filtering Data, Creating Custom Lists and More

Wednesday, April 3, 2 pm

Charts and Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets

Wednesday, April 3, 6 pm

Practical Application Project 4-6

Mystery Book Discussion

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Read one, read all, your choice.

March 28:

Book titles will be available to pick up at branch beginning February 28. When you can't remember what happened, are you the victim or the suspect? Choose from: *Flight Attendant* by Chris Bohjalian, *I Know My Name* by C. J. Cooke or *Last Day of Emily Lindsey* by Nic Joseph.

April 25:

Book titles will be available to pick up at branch beginning March 28. When journalists are just doing their job and trouble ensues. Choose from: *A Front Page Affair* by Radha Vatsal, *Echo Killing* by Chris Daugherty, or *Last Girl Gone* by J. G. Hetherington.

May 23:

Book titles will be available to pick up at branch beginning April 25. *Hangman's Secret* by Laura Jon Rowland, *Moonshadows: A Nellie Burns and Moonshine Mystery* by Julie Weston or *When They Come for You* by James W. Hall.

Friends of the Library

Preview Sale

Saturday, April 6, 9-10 am

Are you a Friends Member? Show your card and shop one hour early!



Friends of the Library

Book Sale

Saturday, April 6, 10 am-3 pm

Fill a bag of books for \$5 all day! Some restrictions may apply.

Adult Craft: Derby Hats

Tuesday, April 23, 6 pm

Be ready for the Kentucky Derby by decorating a straw hat with flowers, beads, buttons and glitz! Space is limited. Please register beginning April 1.



Beautiful Ohio: Music and Photography

by Mary Lou Jubin

Tuesday, April 30, 6 pm

Open your heart, ears, and eyes to the beauty in Ohio as you enjoy the delightful sounds of the hammered dulcimer along with fascinating stories and photos of our state. Mary Lou Jubin, an accomplished hammered dulcimer player and photographer, will share a musical adventure through Ohio. Discover the state symbols, meet famous Ohioans, and see the natural beauty of Ohio's flora and fauna.

