

Library Events for Children & Teens

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

Teen Time

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TEEN

Thursdays, 2-3 pm

June 11: Design a Constellation Contest—Spend the afternoon creating a galaxy of stars to help decorate the teen window. Using creative materials and art supplies, customize your personal constellation. We will display your design in the Teen Area allowing library patrons to vote for their favorite. A winner will be selected at the end of summer by popular patron vote.

June 18: Astronauts Eats—Do you know what astronauts eat during their time in space? Learn about making a “space” meal and sampling something from a different dimension.

June 25: Splatter Painting—Create something as colorful as the cosmos. We will supply the paint and canvas; wear old clothes and be prepared to create! Please register by phone, in person, or online.

July 9: Lunar Buggy Challenge—Test your engineering skills as you race the clock to construct a moon buggy out of recyclable materials. Can your rover survive our lunar challenges?

July 16: Green Screen Adventures—Have you ever wanted to land on the moon or soar through the air like a rocket? Spend the afternoon at Portage Lakes Portable Green Screen Studio. Leave with an out of this world photo!

July 30: Alien Invasion Party—Create a one of a kind alien as we munch on moon pies and play Wii.

Christmas Eve in July Celebration! Ugly Shirt Contest

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TEEN

Tuesday, July 23, 2-3 pm

All supplies are provided; you provide the creativity! Given only 30 minutes and a selection of materials create an ugly holiday shirt. Please register by phone, in person, or online.



Dance Fitness with Kelsey Clites - Dance2Be Fit

Tuesday, August 13, 4:30-5:30 pm Wear comfortable clothes, bring a towel and get ready to dance like no one is watching! Kelsey will teach us some funky steps to dance away the stress of the day. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning July 22.

Woodstock Revisited - 50 years

AGE GROUP: TEEN, ADULTS

Wednesday, August 14,
6-8 pm Join Ray Carmen for Woodstock Revisited, featuring songs, videos, and stories about the legendary 1969 three-day music festival.



Portage Lakes Branch Library SUMMER 2019

Library Closings: July 4, Independence Day

MIND, BODY & SOLE

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES! JUNE 3-JULY 27, 2019

Mind, Body & Sole is a reading/wellness experience for the whole family to enjoy.

How the program works:

1. Fill out a registration card at your library and receive your reading and exercise log and program flyer.
2. Read today! Check off a box on your reading log. You will win a prize, or be entered into a prize drawing, at each of these reading milestones: 10 days, 26 days, 40 days, and 50 days.
3. Choose to live active also! Record each day you participate in a movement activity—running, walking, bicycling, yoga, gardening, outside play, physical therapy, and more—on your exercise log. When you have reached 26 days of exercise AND 26 days of reading, you will receive a Mind, Body & Sole T-shirt. Fill out the entry form at the bottom of your exercise log to also be entered into our end-of-summer Grand Prize Drawing.



Find out more at www.akronlibrary.org or contact your local library.



Children's Programs

Get Ready for Kindergarten - Preparing Yourself and Your Child!

AGE GROUP: PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, ADULTS

Monday, June 3, 5:30-7:30 pm Help your child succeed in Kindergarten! Learn the skills children are expected to have entering school. Meet local preschool teachers and school staff to find out about making a successful transition.



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Mind, Body & Sole - Thrilling Thursdays

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TODDLER, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, ADULTS

Thursdays, 11 am-12 pm Join us each week for FREE summertime fun and entertainment! Each week we have family-friendly performances for all ages to enjoy.

June 6: Music with Mark Wood- Enjoy the rockin' music of Mark Wood!

June 13: Art Sparks- Dance and move with Art Sparks!

June 20: Outback Ray-Enjoy Outback Ray and his amazing animal show!

June 27: Bubble Lady-Have some fun with The Bubble Lady!

July 11: Ankle Biters Show-Enjoy comedy improv fun with Ankle Biters!

July 18: A Magical Universe with the Alans-A Magical Universe of laughter, fun and of course magic!

July 25: Cooking Caravan-We have a fun time planned with Cooking Caravan!



Monday Fun - Out of this World!

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TODDLER, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, BABY, ADULTS

Monday, June 10, 6-7:30 pm Celebrate the Universe of Stories with a fun family night! Join us for a presentation by the Akron Astronomy Club followed by fun activities for all. Wear an alien or space costume to win a prize.

Play Time - Preschool Playroom

AGE GROUP: TODDLER, PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, BABY

Mondays, June 10, July 8, August 12, 11 am-12 pm Your little one will enjoy a variety of games, toys, activities, and art experiences each month while making new friends and developing important social skills. Ages 1-4 preferred.

Story Time - Family Story Time

AGE GROUP: PRESCHOOL, FAMILY

Tuesdays, June 11, 18, 25,

July 9, 16, 23, 11 am-12pm Join Ms. Elaine for stories, rhymes, music and movement, art and a little play!



Escape Quest - Time Travel Puzzle Fun for ages 6-10

AGE GROUP: TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), FAMILY

Tuesday, June 11, 6-7 pm

Wednesday, June 12, 10:30 am-7 pm You have 45 minutes to find clues and solve 6 separate puzzles. Don't let time run out in this family fun escape kit. Limited to 6 kids & 2 adults per session. Please call to register beginning May 28.

Surprise Saturdays - Guys Day Out

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TODDLER, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, BABY, ADULTS

Saturdays, June 15, August 10, 1-2 pm

June 15: Calling all gentlemen both young and old! Celebrate Father's Day in a special way! Decorate a cookie and make a craft together. Please register by phone, in person, or online. All ages are welcome.

August 10: Get ready for school with some fun challenges and STEAM activities! Stay afterward to visit with our furry friends!

Paws for Reading

AGE GROUP: TODDLER, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY

Saturdays, June 15, August 10, 2-3 pm

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to our doggie pals. Bring a book from home or read one of ours! This is a great way for children to practice their literacy skills.



Mixed Media Crafts

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), ADULTS

Mondays, June 17, July 15, August 19, 6-7:30 pm

June 17: Flamingo Family Canvas and Notecards-Personalize your own family as a flock of flamingos on canvas! Using pom-poms and other creative materials create a personal keepsake together. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning June 1.



July 15: Water Marble Mugs-Stop in for a quick craft! Using only 2 ingredients (water & nail polish) turn a plain white mug into a piece of art. Limit one mug per person. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning July 1.

August 19: Geometric Watercolor Prints-Join us for one last night out before school starts! Create a unique piece of art using the tape resist technique on watercolor paper. Please register by phone, in person, or online beginning August 5.

NatureConnect - NatureConnect Create: Moon Walk

AGE GROUP: SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), FAMILY

Wednesdays, June 19, July 17, 11 am-12 pm Inside and outside fun for everyone!

June 19: Shoot for the moon with us as we investigate our nature area and craft a unique Moon Model.

July 17: We'll take a little trek out in our nature area to see if we can dig up some dinosaurs. Dress for mess and possible outdoor weather.

Buckeye Martin fest

Saturday, June 22, 1-4 pm Stop by our table for crafts and giveaways as we celebrate Portage Lakes being the Purple Martin Capital of Ohio! We love participating in this annual event sponsored by the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association. This takes place at the North Reservoir at 803 State Mill Road, Akron, 44319.

Christmas in July Open House - Celebrate with us!

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TODDLER, TEEN, SCHOOL AGE (GRADES K-2), SCHOOL AGE (GRADES 3-5), PRESCHOOL, FAMILY, BABY, ADULTS

Wednesday, July 24, 11 am-1 pm Christmas may be 5 months away, but we've got plenty of Christmas crafts and activities. Too hot outside? Join us and chill with fun selfie props. All ages are welcome!

Portage Lakes Kiwanis Pirate Days

Saturday, July 27, 11 am-3 pm Visit our table and say "Ahoy Matey" to our friendly library pirates! Participate in a pirate craft and see what other treasures we may have. This annual event is sponsored by the Portage Lakes Kiwanis and takes place at the Portage Lakes State Park at 5031 Manchester Road, Akron, 44319.



Story Time - Baby and Toddler

AGE GROUP: TODDLER, FAMILY, BABY

Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 11 am-12 pm Baby Time features books, bounces, songs, and fun followed by a short play time. Intended for ages 24 months and under with a caregiver.



Teen Programs

Puzzle Club

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TEEN, FAMILY, ADULTS

Thursday, June 6, July 11,

August 1, 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.



Volunteer Time

AGE GROUP: TEEN

Saturday, June 8, 1-2:30 pm

Monday, June 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 am-12 pm

AND 12-1:30 pm The library is looking for eager volunteers in grades 5-12 to assist with summer reading activities on select dates.

Escape Quest - The Lost Mummy:

Puzzle Fun for ages 10-14

AGE GROUP: TWEEN, TEEN, FAMILY

Tuesday, July 9, 6-7 pm

Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 am-7 pm You only have 45 minutes to find clues and solve puzzles. Don't let time run out in this family fun mummy escape kit. Limited to 6 kids & 2 adults per session. Please call to register beginning June 25.