

# Library Events for Children & Teens

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

## Teen Book Break-fast Saturdays, 10:30 am

Grades 6 and up. Take a fast break from your busy schedule and join us for an early morning snack while we review books from YALSA Teens' Top Teen Nominees list. Can't join us for the book discussion, you can share your book reviews with Miss Kelly at [kwilson@akronlibrary.org](mailto:kwilson@akronlibrary.org). Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch. Read one, read all, your choice! For more information about YALSA 2016 Teen's Top Ten Nominees visit the website <http://www.dogobooks.com/voting/2016-teens-top-reads>.

**December 10** THE DARKEST PART OF THE FOREST by Holly Black; POWERLESS by Tera Lynn Childs; EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING by Nicola Yoon

**January 14** WHEN by Victoria Laurie; ZEROES by Scott Westerfeld; ALL THE BRIGHT PLACES by Jennifer Niven

**February 11** THE SUMMER AFTER YOU AND ME by Jennifer Salvato Dottorski; THE GAME OF LOVE AND DEATH by Martha Brockenbrough; BLACK WIDOW FOREVER RED by Natasha Romanoff

## Tinkering Teens Saturdays, 11 am

- Put your creativity to the test by using odds and ends and various mediums to construct your own distinct art piece. For grades 5 and up.
- Please register in advance.

- December 10 Magazine Mania**-Use old magazine pages to create a unique gift for yourself or to give away at the holiday. Also, get a sneak peek at new magazines coming in 2017!

- January 14 Beach Party**-Wear your sunglasses and flip flops as we jam to surf songs and create a unique beach painting.

- February 11 Celebrate Canned Food Month** and create one-of-a kind artwork using food cans.

## Teen Scene

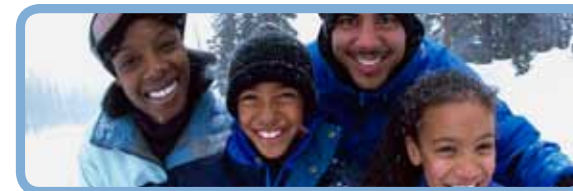
- Each month check out the new do-it to go craft or contest in the Teen Area. Easy to enter, easy to win!



## Portage Lakes Branch Library Winter 2016-2017



**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



## Family Programs

### Holiday Open House

**Saturday, December 3, 11 am-3 pm**

Join us for a variety of activities throughout the day!

**11 am-1:30 pm** Family Crafts, Holiday Games and Cookie Decorating (pre-school-middle school)

**12:30-1:30 pm** TwisterGirl will make amazing balloon creations. Get your photo taken with Olaf and Minnie Mouse. Characters generously funded by the Friends of Portage Lakes Branch Library.

**2 pm** Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive with a "reindeer" or two from Tails & Tales. Bring your camera for another great photo opportunity.

- Puzzled at the Library**

- Thursdays, December 1, January 5, February 2, 6-7:30 pm**

- Tired of completing the same jigsaw puzzle over and over again? Put your skills to the test and team up with a partner or work with a group to see who can complete a new puzzle the fastest. Bring a challenging puzzle to trade with another team. No registration necessary.

- Chess/Checkers Club**

- Fridays, December 9, January 13,**

- February 10, 4-5:30 pm**

- Interested in learning chess or checkers or just want to play to improve your game? Drop in for a friendly game once a month with a focus on learning the basics and having fun. Some game sets will be available for use but feel free to bring your own as well. For grades K-8.

- Build it Club**

- Thursdays, December 15, January 19,**

- February 16, 6-7:30 pm**

- Join us once a month for some building fun with our friends from Bricks 4 Kidz! Build, play and explore with Legos. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.



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## NEW Family Lunch Bunch

**Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm**

Perfect for Homeschoolers, Grandparents & Grandchildren! Join fellow foodie families as we debut a new program browsing cookbooks and sampling new recipes. Each month we will enjoy a bite from a featured book, theme or celebrity chef. Bring a prepared dish to share (one per family) and a copy of your recipe. Be ready to discuss your successes, substitutions, and mishaps along the way. Paper products and silverware will be provided. Featured cookbooks will be available at the branch in advance.

**December 19**-Bring your favorite cookies and the recipe to share!

**January 23**-SOUP AND COMFORT: a cookbook of homemade recipes to warm the soup by Pamela Ellgen or SOUP NIGHT by Maggie Stuckey

**February 27**-Celebrate Snack Food month! Make your favorite snack food incorporating popcorn, peanuts or pretzels.

## Family STEAM Nights

**Wednesday, December 28, 2-4 pm\***  
(special time)

**Wednesday, January 25, February 22, 6-7:30 pm**

Join us once a month to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math! Each session will feature experiments and activities for all ages. No registration necessary.

## Saturday Craft Club

**Saturdays, January 7, February 4, 1 pm**

Like to create fun projects? Join the fun as each month we have new art experiences to try! Preschool through grade 4 recommended. No registration necessary. Finished with your masterpieces? Stay to visit and read to the dogs of Tails & Tales at 2 pm.

## Tails & Tales

**Saturdays, January 7, February 4, 2 pm**

- Visit with our furr-iest friends and practice your reading skills! These gentle friends just love to
- hear great stories! Children
- not yet reading are welcome
- to share a favorite picture book. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.



## Family Story Times

**Tuesdays, January 10-31, 11 am**

- Ms. Elaine will use books, flannel boards, puppets, props and songs to engage children in stories. Your children will be active participants in Story Time. Each session will conclude with an art activity. All ages are welcome. No registration necessary.

## Nature Connect

### Winter Story Walk!

**Saturday, January 21, 2-3:30 pm**

- Dress warm as we head outside for some wintery fun in our Nature Connect Space! Join us for a family story walk, nature crafts and warm cocoa. Please dress for the weather. No registration necessary.

## School's Out! Movie and Snacks

**Monday, February 20, 2 pm**

- Celebrate Responsible Pet Ownership Month with us! Enjoy a snack while watching The Secret Life of Pets, (rated PG) on your day off of school.
- Bring your favorite stuffed pet to snuggle with! Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.



## NatureConnect

Visit, explore and enjoy our NatureConnect area. Be a Nature Detective and use our binoculars and observation notebooks to sketch and record what you discover.

**December:** Animal Track Contest

**January:** Snow Quiz Contest

**February:** DIY2Go Love Bug Craft



## Toddler Programs

### Preschool Playroom

**Mondays, December 12, January 9, February 13, 11 am**

Play with your child and help your little one discover a whole new world through play! We provide a variety of activities and toys for preschoolers to explore while making new friends. Ages 1-4 recommended with a caregiver. No registration necessary.

### Baby & Me Time

**Tuesdays, February 7-28, 11 am**

Bring your littlest learners for a program just for them! Finger plays and songs, stories, art experiences, and play time! Recommended for ages 2 and under, with a caregiver. No registration necessary.



## Tweens and Teens

### T.G.I.F: Tweens Great Informal Fridays

**Fridays, 4 -5 pm**

Grades 3-6. Hang out snacking and chatting about your favorite reads with your peers. Books with each month's theme will be on display in the Children's area. Check out the featured books or bring your favorite book to share. Snacks will be served at this program. Patrons with food allergy questions should contact the branch.

**December 30-** Holiday Book-Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall? Which is your favorite holiday? Choose a book based on your favorite holiday to read. Take the holiday matching game for a chance to win a prize.

**January 27-**Nonfiction-Start off the New Year by showing us one of your favorite non-fiction books. Choose from searching for UFO's, dinosaurs, cooking, or learning to draw.

**February 24-**Lego Books-Share your favorite Lego book in honor of The Lego Batman Movie release this month. Build a one-of-a kind creation with Legos after the book talk.