

Connections!

Library News & Events



*FREE events
for all ages!*

**Eastwood Mall
Library Now Open
Mon. — Sat.
10 AM — 6 PM!**

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Welcome New Executive Director, Kimberly Garrett!

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LIBRARY-BY-MAIL SERVICE

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library provides free year-round delivery of library materials by mail to Trumbull County seniors and individuals who qualify. Library-By-Mail Service is available throughout most of Trumbull County. However, residents of Bristolville, Girard, Hubbard, and Kinsman should contact their local library for availability in those areas.

To inquire about eligibility for Library-By-Mail, call the Mobile Library Services Department at (330) 637-0484.

Bookmobile Stop in Lordstown



Friday, Nov. 21 between 2:30 — 4 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12 between 2:30 — 4 p.m.

The 'library on wheels' schedule includes a regular stop in Lordstown. The Bookmobile will be parked in the lot near the intersection of Salt Springs Rd. and SR 45 (near the school).

To find out more about the Bookmobile, call (330) 637-0484.

YOUR LIBRARY CONNECTION

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library enhances lives by connecting people and ideas.

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Kimberly Garrett Appointed as New Executive Director



Kimberly Garrett

Kimberly Garrett has been appointed Warren-Trumbull County Public Library Executive Director upon the retirement of Jim Wilkins. Garrett joined the library system as deputy director in 2021 after serving more than 11 years with other local libraries.

"Our library is a cornerstone of the community, and I am committed to leading with vision and intention while listening to and working alongside our talented staff, board, and community partners," Garrett said.

"Together, we will continue to grow, innovate, and ensure that the library remains a welcoming and vital resource for all."

The W-TCPL Board of Trustees and staff thank Wilkins for his years of leadership and look forward to building upon the library system's strong foundation under Garrett's guidance.

New Initiatives Encourage Kids & Teens to Read

The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library has launched several new initiatives to help children and teens develop literacy skills, build a love of reading, and get rewards along the way!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

For children ages 0 — kindergarten age



500 Books Before Middle School

For children in grades K — 5

To participate in **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** or **500 Books Before Middle School** using a paper log or bookmarks, visit any W-TCPL branch, the Bookmobile, or the Pop-Up Library, or participate online through Beanstack, the library's convenient free platform, at WTCPL.BEANSTACK.ORG.



Ten Before 9: A Middle School Genre Adventure

For kids in grades 6 — 8



100 Books Before Graduation: An Award-Winning Reading Challenge

For teens in high school

Ten Before 9 and **100 Books Before Graduation** can be completed exclusively online through Beanstack: WTCPL.BEANSTACK.ORG.

FREE

CALENDAR OF ^ LIBRARY

Scan to register
for events online



EVENTS

No registration necessary unless noted. Register online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call or visit the library.

BROOKFIELD LIBRARY

7032 Grove St. | Brookfield, OH 44403
(330) 448-8134

FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES

Mitten Tree

Dec. 1 – 15

Drop off donations of new mittens, hats, earmuffs, and scarves to decorate the library's mitten tree. Items will then be donated to the Brookfield Local School District for students in need.



Jingle & Mingle Annual Community Event

**Sat., Dec. 6 from 4 – 6 p.m.
on the Brookfield Township Green**

Get into the spirit of the season at this Brookfield Township event with free refreshments, fun activities, and more, including holiday stories and a sing-along with the Brookfield Library's own Mrs. Claus!

LEGO Mania

Sat., Dec. 13 between 1 – 3 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 7 between 1 – 3 p.m.

LEGO fans can hang out at the library for a fun free build or to test their skill by building one of the library's challenges. For children of all ages with a parent or caregiver.

Jingle Jangle Holiday Cheer

Sat., Dec. 20 at 1 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a medley of holiday music performed by the Uke Kool Lady, Paulette Darko!

FOR CHILDREN

Early Childhood Programs

Preschool Storytime

Mondays at 11 a.m.: Dec. 1, 8;

Jan. 5, 12, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5 with a parent or caregiver.

Time for Tots

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: Dec. 2, 9;

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

This lively program features a story, music, and lots of movement activities to engage children ages 18 months – 4 years with a parent or caregiver.

Babytime

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 4, 11;

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Short stories, fingerplays, and simple songs help babies learn language and early concepts. For infants ages 6 – 18 months with a parent or caregiver.

School-Age Programs

Book Bedazzling

Sat., Jan. 10 at 1 p.m.

Tweens ages 9 – 12 can decorate their favorite book cover with rhinestones! Participants are encouraged to bring their own book to bling; there will be a limited number of books available at the event. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

Read to SomeBunny

Wed., Jan. 28 at 5 p.m.

Children ages 6 – 12 can sign up to read aloud to registered and certified Bunnies in Baskets (therapy rabbits) for 15-minute sessions. Rabbits are provided by F5RS (Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary). Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

Cookie Painting

Sat., Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.

Art never tasted so good! Tweens ages 9 – 12 can decorate cookies with edible paint. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

FOR ADULTS

Annual Recipe Exchange

Dec. 1 – 31

Do you have a favorite dish you love to make? Share the recipe to be included in the library's community recipe exchange! Recipes can be dropped off at the checkout desk or emailed to brookfieldstaff@wtcpl.org. A booklet containing the recipes will be available in mid-January.

Midweek Movie Matinéés

Enjoy movies on the library's big screen! Popcorn will be provided.

Wed., Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Lions Gate Films, Inc., 2024. Rated PG. Runtime 114 mins.)

Wed., Jan. 7 at 1 p.m.: *Lilo & Stitch* (Walt Disney Pictures, 2025. Rated PG. Runtime 108 mins.)

Wed., Feb. 4 at 1 p.m.: *Hamilton* (Walt Disney Pictures, 2020. Rated PG-13. Runtime 160 mins.)

Holidays and Healing: How to Approach Our Grief

Wed., Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. (repeated)



Adults can join Amy Zell from Grief and Loss In Motion for a brief flameless candle ceremony

to celebrate the lives of those we've lost and a discussion on how to continue to approach grief through the holidays. Sponsored by the Brookfield Rotary.

Crafty Creations: Snowman Ornaments

Thurs., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.

Adults can celebrate the snowy season by making a variety of snowman tree ornaments. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.



Drop-In Wrapping Paper Station

Fri., Dec. 19 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 20 between 1 — 4 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 22 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 23 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Use the library's wrapping paper station! Supplies will be provided while they last. You can also bring your own and use the space to spread out and decorate your gifts. NOTE: Participants are responsible for their own gifts; the library is not responsible for lost or broken items.

Backyard Conservation Series: Ecology Exploration Lab

Learn about the world around you and what you can do for it during these programs presented by Amy Reeher from the Trumbull County Soil and Water Conservation District.



Sat., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.:

Eugene Odum: Biologist and Ecosystem Pioneer

Celebrate biodiversity and

learn more about Eugene Odum who pioneered the term ecosystems. Fun ways to study the plants and animals near you will be highlighted.



Sat., Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.:

George Washington Carver: Agricultural Scientist and Inventor

"Dig in" to the life of George Washington Carver and his work with soil improvements that changed the landscape (and the grocery store aisle). Soil test kits will be provided to participants (one per household, while supplies last).

POUND Unplugged

Tues., Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 31 at 10 a.m.

Blending 20 minutes of high-intensity training with 10 minutes of rhythmic breathing, mindfulness, and meditation, POUND Unplugged will make you sweat, release, and boost neurochemicals before quickly settling back into a peaceful, recharged, and empowered state – all within 30 minutes. Presented by Amy Zell of Grief and Loss In Motion. Registration is requested.



Genealogy Class: Ancestry Library Edition

Wed., Jan. 14 at 1 p.m.

See page 13 for details.

QPR: Suicide Prevention Training

Wed., Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Just like CPR, QPR (Question Persuade Refer) is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught suicide prevention gatekeeping (non-clinical) training in the world. Presented by Amy Zell of Grief and Loss In Motion. This program is sponsored by the Brookfield Rotary.

Culinary Delights: Sourdough Starters for Starters

Sat., Jan. 17 at 1 p.m.

Adults can learn the basics of sourdough starters and the different recipes they can make with them. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

Friends of the Brookfield Library Quarterly Meeting

Wed., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Brookfield Library is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to the support and advancement of the library. Members and those interested in joining are invited to attend.

Firearm Life Plan with ConvoCALM

Wed., Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to create a Firearm Life Plan to honor the legacy surrounding your firearms. Life Plan forms will be provided to be completed privately at home. The event will also include a presentation titled Conversations on Access to Lethal Means (CALM Conversations), discussing safe storage of firearms. Training will be provided by Grief and Loss In Motion's John Zell with a CALM trainer and loss survivor. (Please note: Political discussion will not be permitted at this educational event.) This program is sponsored by the Brookfield Rotary.

Culinary Delights: Chocolate

Sat., Feb. 28 at 1 p.m.

Adults can enjoy the sweetest of treats while learning about the world of chocolate with a chocolate tasting! Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

Ongoing Programs

Carry-Out Crafts

Stop by the library and pick up a seasonal craft kit (while supplies last). Kits include instructions and most items necessary to complete the craft; some additional supplies may be required.

Seed Library

Expand your garden by "borrowing" seeds from our Seed Library! This ongoing project will allow you to try new plants in your garden. Donations of seeds are accepted.

Spice Club

Stop by the library and pick up a free spice kit! Each kit includes a sample of a featured spice, history of the spice, and recipes to try.

December: Star Anise

January: Dill

February: Curry

FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES



Cortland Holiday Open House

Thurs., Dec. 11 from 6 – 7 p.m.

A holiday event featuring festive music, crafts for kids, and a visit from Santa! For all ages! This program is made possible with the support of the Friends of the Cortland Library.



Family LEGO Night

Thurs., Jan. 22 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 19 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Practice problem-solving and engineering skills while building with the library's collection of LEGO bricks. Finished projects will remain at the library. For families with children ages 3 and older.

FOR CHILDREN

Early Childhood Programs

Toddler Tales

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 1, 8;

Jan. 5, 12, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 23

A fun and active storytime for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 2, 9;

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 24

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5 with a parent or caregiver.

School-Age Programs

First Chapter Book Club

Thurs., Jan. 15 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 12 from 6 – 7 p.m.



Children ages 9 – 12 can hear and discuss the first chapter of a book. Activities and games will help kids decide if the book is one they want to finish reading on their own.



Arts with Hearts

Sat., Jan. 31 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 – 12 can get ready for Valentine's Day by creating craft projects with hearts.

Totally Tweens Special Edition

Thurs., Feb. 5 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Tweens ages 10 – 14 will construct fun and functional bags that they can keep. Registration is required.

End of the Rainbow

Sat., Feb. 28 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Children ages 5 – 12 can explore the prismatic color spectrum through games, crafts, and other activities.

FOR TEENS

For teens ages 12 – 18

Daebak, it's K-pop!

Tues., Dec. 2 from 4 – 5 p.m.

Are you a fan of a specific boy band or girl group? Did you love the movie about the demon hunters? Maybe you just love the music. Join us for a party to make light sticks, decorate photocards, and make wish bracelets! The library's Teen Advisory Board is running this event. Registration is required by Nov. 26.

Midweek Mayhem

Wednesdays from 3 – 4 p.m.: Dec. 3, 10;

Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Enjoy games, activities, and a small snack at our weekly teen hangout!

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Dec. 9 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 13 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 10 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Do you have ideas about what you'd like to see at the library? Want to earn service hours? Do you like collaborating on creative ideas? Come be a part of the Teen Advisory Board!

Homework Hangout

Tues., Dec. 16 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Come join us for our homework hangout, with calming music and tea. Take the time to study, read, or write that paper.

Sip n' Paint

Tues., Jan. 6 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy a steaming cup of hot cocoa or warm tea while you paint or create using various art supplies. Registration is required by Jan. 2.

Totally Tweens

Tues., Jan. 20 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 17 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Tweens ages 10 – 14 can let their creative juices flow with crafts and activities.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Tues., Jan. 27 from 3 – 4 p.m.

It's movie night for you and your friends, and you've promised to be the one to pick up the new releases for the night. The only problem? Your Family Video membership card has gone missing. Can you get your card and your movies in time? Registration is required by Jan. 22.

3rd Annual For the Love of Chocolate

Mon., Feb. 9 from 4 – 5 p.m.

There's nothing like the sweet taste of chocolate! Try various types of chocolates and chocolate desserts. Registration is required by Feb. 4.

FOR ADULTS

Friends of the Cortland Library Members Meeting

Wed., Dec. 3 from 1 – 2 p.m.

The Friends of the Cortland Library is a non-profit, volunteer group dedicated to the support and advancement of the library. Members and those interested in joining the group are invited.

Holiday Movie Night

Mon., Dec. 15 from 6 – 7:45 p.m.

Enjoy watching the movie *Last Christmas* (Universal Pictures, 2019. Rated PG-13. Runtime 103 mins.) on the library's big screen. Refreshments will be provided.

Mindful Meditation with Sound Bath

Thurs., Jan. 8 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Lay or sit in a comfortable position during this session of Yoga Nidra (yogic sleep - the practice of deep meditation and conscious sleep) and guided meditation. Enjoy the sound of crystal bowls, water, and soft verbal instructions from Amy Zell of Grief and Loss in Motion. Bring a blanket or mat and water for a time of REST! Registration is required.

Only Murders in the Library

Mon., Jan. 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This discussion group will dive into the infamous 1947 murder of Elizabeth Short, known as the Black Dahlia. Participants will explore different theories, sift through the facts, and discuss everything from possible suspects to how the media covered the case.



Genealogy Class: Ancestry Library Edition

Mon., Feb. 2 from 2 – 3 p.m.

See page 13 for details.

Movie Night for Romantics

Tues., Feb. 24 from 6 – 7:45 p.m.

Watch the movie *Moonstruck* (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., 1987. Rated PG. Runtime 102 mins.) on the library's big screen! Refreshments will be provided.

EASTWOOD MALL LIBRARY

5555 Youngstown Warren Rd. (Located in the JCPenney concourse)

Niles, OH 44446 (234) 830-2300

FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 1 p.m.: Dec. 4, 11;

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Gather together for stories, songs, and fun! For families.

World Records Drop-In

Sat., Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.

Can you beat the world record for most jumping jacks in one minute? How fast can you arrange the alphabet? Stop in to try your hand against a variety of wacky world records. For families with children 3 and up.

Let It Snow Hot Cocoa Party Drop-In

Sat., Jan. 10 at 1 p.m.

The weather outside may be frightful, but the library is so delightful. Enjoy winter games and crafts while sipping on some hot cocoa with toppings! For families with children ages 3 and up.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Sat., Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.

Celebrate the joys of visiting the library by making book-themed crafts, playing games, and going on a book character scavenger hunt! For families.



HOWLAND LIBRARY

9095 East Market St. | Warren, OH 44484

(330) 856-2011

FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES



Happy Howland Holiday

**Wed., Dec. 3
from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**

All ages are invited to kick off the holiday season with this celebration at the library! At 6:30 p.m., enjoy a festive musical performance by members of the Howland School District Chamber Choir under the direction of Mark Semrau, and at 7 p.m., Santa arrives! Children can make crafts throughout the evening, and refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends of the Howland Library.

FOR CHILDREN

Early Childhood Programs

Babytime

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 1, 8;

Jan. 5, 12, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 23

Short stories, fingerplays, and simple songs help babies learn language and early concepts. For infants ages 6 – 18 months with a parent or caregiver. Registration is requested.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 3, 10;

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of early literacy skills. For children ages 3 – 5. Registration is requested.

Toddler Tales

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 4, 11;

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 26

A fun and active storytime for toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver. Registration is requested.

Wackadoo Weekend!

Sat., Jan. 10 at 2 p.m.

Enjoy activities, crafts, and refreshments inspired by everyone's favorite blue heeler! For children ages 3 and up. Registration is required by Jan. 7.

Saturday Storytime

Sat., Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

Children 6 months – 6 years old can enjoy stories, songs, movement activities, and more!

School-Age Programs

Make Your Own Greeting Cards

Thurs., Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

Twins ages 9 – 12 can make their own holiday greeting cards at the library for friends and family! Registration is required.

Pups & Pages

Tues., Dec. 9 between 6 – 7 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 10 between 6 – 7 p.m.

Children gain confidence and improve their reading skills as they read to an uncritical and tail-wagging audience. Children ages 6 – 12 may sign up for 15-minute sessions to read aloud to a registered therapy dog from PAWS Therapy Team. Registration is required.

Ugly Sweater Night

Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Bring your own sweater to turn into a holiday best or worst! For tweens ages 9 – 12. Registration is required.

Family Movie

Tues., Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Wear your pajamas for this special, interactive viewing of *The Polar Express* (Warner Bros., 2004. Rated G. Runtime 100 mins). For children ages 5 – 12. Registration is required by Dec. 13.

Tween Book Club

Thurs., Jan. 8 at 6 p.m.

Bring your favorite cozy book to curl up with and discuss over hot chocolate. For tweens ages 9 – 12. Registration is required.

Read to SomeBunny

Tues., Jan. 13 between 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Children ages 6 – 12 can sign up to read aloud to registered and certified Bunnies in Baskets (therapy rabbits) for 15-minute sessions. Rabbits are provided by F5RS (Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary). Registration is required.

Escape the Library!

Thurs., Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.

Twins ages 9 – 12 will need to bring their thinking skills for an escape room! Registration is required.

Grilled Cheese Night

Thurs., Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

Twins ages 9 – 12 can make their own grilled cheese in their favorite way or try something new! Dress to get messy. Registration is required.

Tween Book Club

Thurs., Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

Bring your favorite adventure book to discuss over snacks. For tweens ages 9 – 12.

STEMtacular Saturday

Sat., Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

Aspiring scientists and engineers won't want to miss this afternoon of STEM projects, featuring marble runs, paper rollercoasters, and more! For children ages 5 – 12. Registration is required.

Candy Sushi Night

Thurs., Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Twins ages 9 – 12 can make sushi out of candy! Registration is required.

Sew Your Own Pencil Case

Thurs., Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

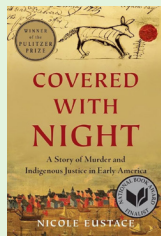
Twins ages 9 – 12 will learn how to sew their very own pencil case! Registration is required.

FOR ADULTS

Book Clubs & Discussions

The Historical Book Discussion

Fans of historical and biographical nonfiction, this is a group for you! The books are available to borrow from the library.



Wed., Dec. 17

at 6:30 p.m.:

Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America by Nicole Eustace



Wed., Feb. 18

at 6:30 p.m.:

The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore

Monthly Programs & Special Events

Book a Tech Coach

Mon., Dec. 1 between 2 – 4 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 11 between 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See page 14 for details.

FOR TEENS

For teens ages 12 – 18

Make Your Own Puzzle

Thurs., Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

Teens can make their very own puzzles at the library. Bring your creativity! Registration is required.

Quesadilla Night

Thurs., Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.

Teens can cook their favorite quesadillas or try something new! Dress to get messy. Registration is required.



Paint and Sip

Thurs., Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

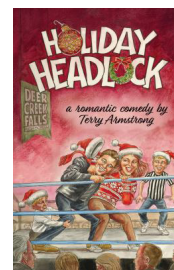
Teens can bring their creativity for a paint and sip with hot chocolate. Registration is required.

Author Talk: Terry Armstrong Author of *Holiday Headlock*

Sat., Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.



Terry Armstrong



Local author Terry Armstrong will discuss his newest book *Holiday Headlock*, a romantic comedy about a pro wrestler who visits his Ohio hometown for Christmas and the potentially lifechanging decision he must wrestle with after running into a former crush. Following the discussion, the author will be available to sign copies of his novel purchased at the event or already owned. The book is also available to borrow from the library. Armstrong is also the author of *Aerosmith to ZZ Top: A Dad & Daughter's Rock & Roll Journey*. Registration is requested.

Monday Makings:

An Open Craft Evening for Adults

Adults may bring a crafting project that they have been working on or start a new one. Stop by to see what others are working on or join in on a provided light craft while supplies last.

Mon., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.: Ornament Making

Mon., Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.: Bling Your Own Book

Mon., Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.: Pressed Flower Suncatcher

Classic Film Friday

Watch an award-winning movie on the big screen in the library meeting room. Popcorn to be served and a trivia sheet offered for a chance to win a prize!

Fri., Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.: *Sense and Sensibility* (Columbia Pictures, 1995. Rated PG. Runtime 136 mins.)

Fri., Jan. 9 at 2 p.m.: *The Poseidon Adventure* (Twentieth Century Fox, 1972. Rated PG. Runtime 117 mins.)

Fri., Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.: *The Maltese Falcon* (Warner Bros., 1941. Rated TV-PG. Runtime 101 mins.)

Friends of the Howland Library Members Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

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Genealogy Class: Organizing Your Genealogy

Thurs., Jan. 29 at 3 p.m.
See page 13 for details.

Valentine's Day Sip & Paint

Sat., Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

Tim Milliner, a local artist and owner of the Party Art Café and Studio in Niles, will lead participants in a painting class for adults. Registration is required and opens on Jan. 17.



Genealogy Class: African American Genealogy

Thurs., Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.
See page 13 for details.

LIBERTY LIBRARY

415 Churchill-Hubbard Rd. | Youngstown, OH 44505
(330) 759-2589

FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES



Holiday Music

'Tis the season to relax and enjoy holiday music at the Liberty Library. All are welcome.

Tues., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.: Steel Valley Ukers under the direction of Richard Wyant

Wed., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.: Guitarist Tyler Guerrieri and vocalist Rhonda Monroe (Liberty Library Manager)

Wed., Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.: Liberty High School Choir under the direction of Donna Popio

FOR CHILDREN

Early Childhood Programs

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Movin' & Groovin'

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

Caregivers, come engage with your child as we provide a high energy experience. Please wear comfortable clothing and be ready to move to the music with your child. For children ages 18 months – 4 years with a parent or caregiver.

School-Age Programs

Gingerbread House Decorating

Thurs., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.



What could be better than frosted rooftops and gumdrop lanes? Children ages 6 – 12 can build the holiday candy cottage of their dreams. The library will provide the supplies; participants can bring the creativity and a cookie sheet to carry home their creation. Registration is required by Dec. 4.

Read to Oakley

Thurs., Jan. 15 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.



Children ages 6 – 9 can sign up to read aloud to the library's favorite Oakley stuffie. Children will select a book and read to Oakley for a positive, fun reading experience. Registration is required for a 15-minute time slot.

LEGO Club

Thurs., Jan. 29 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 26 from 6 – 7 p.m.

Children age 5 – 12 can create unique structures with the library's collection of LEGO building bricks. Each structure will remain at the library.

Kidz Cookin'

Thurs., Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

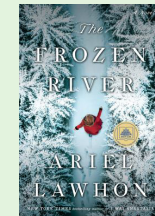
Young chefs will follow Master Chef Miss Jill's lead using their math, science, and language skills to make a personal chocolate cake-in-a-mug. Please bring a microwaveable coffee mug. For children ages 6 – 12. Registration is required by Feb. 13.

FOR ADULTS

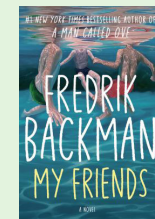
Book Clubs & Discussions

Book Discussion Group

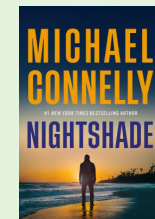
Adults can engage in great discussions of each month's selected title. The books are available to borrow from the library.



Thurs., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.:
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon



Thurs., Jan. 15 at 11 a.m.:
My Friends
by Fredrik Backman



Thurs., Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.:
Nightshade
by Michael Connelly

Monthly Programs & Special Events

Book a Tech Coach

Thurs., Dec. 4 between 2 – 4 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 12 between 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 4 between 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

See page 14 for more details.

Tuesday Movie Matinées

Watch a movie on the library's big screen! Popcorn will be served.

Tues., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.: *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol* (Warner Bros, 1938. Rated TV-G. Runtime 68 mins.)

Tues., Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.: *Selma* (Paramount Pictures, 2014. Rated PG-13. Runtime 128 mins.)

Tues., Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.: *Imitation of Life* (Universal Pictures, 1934. Not Rated. Runtime 106 mins.)

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Thurs., Dec. 11 between 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 12 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13 between 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.



Need a place to wrap presents? Drop by the library and wrap your cares away! Supplies will be provided while they last.

You can also bring your own supplies.

NOTE: Participants are responsible for their own gifts; the library is not responsible for lost or broken items.

Chair Yoga

Mondays at 11:30 a.m.: Jan. 5, 12, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 23

Tom Muir will conduct this beginner-friendly, gentle yoga class for adults. Registration is required; call or visit the library in person to sign up. January registration opens on Dec. 22. February registration opens on Jan. 19.



Device Drop-In

Tues., Jan. 6 between 2 — 4 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 3 between 2 — 4 p.m.

Drop by anytime during the posted hours to learn how to download one of many free apps available to help you borrow digital items with your library card. Bring your library card and fully charged device.

Winter Candy Jar

Mon., Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.

Adults can create a simple and easy winter candy jar that they can give as a gift or keep for themselves. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required and will open 2 weeks prior to the event.



Adult Game Night

Mon., Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

Adults can enjoy various games for a fun and stress-free night. Registration is required and will open 2 weeks prior to the event.

Book Craft

Thurs., Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.

Adults can create a simple craft with books and book pages. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required and will open 2 weeks prior to the event.

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FOR FAMILIES & ALL AGES

Phonics Game Night

Wed., Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Parents and caregivers of children learning to read will enjoy fun and engaging games and activities designed to boost their child's literacy skills. For children ages 5 and up with their parents or caregivers.



Candy Land Lane

Sat., Dec. 13 from 4:30 — 6:30 p.m.



Families with children ages 6 and younger can walk and play on

the library's indoor Candy Land Lane! Enjoy holiday activities and crafts and learn about resources for families with young children. Part of Warren's Hometown Holidays event.

Sensory Family Hour

Sat., Dec. 20 at 2 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

Sensory Family Hour is a specially designed program catering to children with autism or other sensory processing needs and their families (siblings welcome). Families with children ages 3 and older can enjoy stories, sensory play, and crafts. Registration is required.



Noon Year's Eve

Wed., Dec. 31 at 11:30 a.m.

For our young friends who can't make it to midnight, we will make New Year's crafts and enjoy refreshments and music as we count down to noon! For families with children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.



Celebrating

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Craft Corner: America 250

Mon., Jan. 5

between 3 — 7 p.m.:

America is How Old?

Mon., Feb. 9

between 3 — 7 p.m.:

Black History Month

Drop in to the library to work on a creation in our craft corner that celebrates America in its 250th year! Use the mystery supplies provided to make a craft that goes along with the theme of the day. For families.

Family Hour: The New Year

Tues., Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.

Gather the family for some quality time at the library! We will read a New Year's themed story, share our wishes and dreams for the new year, and create a family vision board. For families with children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Family Fun Game Day

Sat., Jan. 24 from 1 — 3 p.m.

Bored with the cold weather? Like board games? Drop in to the library anytime during the posted hours for some good old fashioned family fun! Play games, build with LEGO bricks, or play with playdough. For families with children ages 3 and up.

Let It Snow Hot Cocoa Party

Mon., Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.

The weather outside may be frightful, but the library is so delightful. Enjoy winter games and crafts while sipping on hot cocoa with toppings! For families with children ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

Valentine's Day Drop-In

Sat., Feb. 14 between 1 – 3 p.m.

Get in your Granny Mobile and celebrate Valentine's Day with crafts and games based around our favorite Blue Heeler family! For families with children ages 3 and up.

Celebrating

BLACK | HISTORY MONTH

Family Hour:

Black Children's Book Week

Tues., Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Families with children ages 3 and up can celebrate Black Children's Book Week with different stations featuring crafts, activities, and games inspired by African American children's book authors and illustrators. Registration is required.

FOR CHILDREN

Early Childhood Programs

Music and Movement

Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: Dec. 3, 10; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Toddlers' natural curiosity will be engaged during this weekly program of stories, music, and hands-on activities. For toddlers ages 19 – 35 months with a parent or caregiver.

Babytime

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Short stories, fingerplays, and simple songs help babies learn language and early concepts. For infants ages 6 – 18 months with a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays at 11 a.m.: Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Preschool Storytime features stories, songs, and movement activities and reinforces the development of kindergarten readiness. For children ages 3 – 5.

Read and Play Storytime

Saturdays at 10 a.m.: Dec. 6; Jan. 10, 17, 24; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Children ages 2 – 6 can read and play their way to kindergarten success! There will be stories, rhymes, songs, and playful learning activities that will help your child get ready for school.

Prance Around the Tree

Wed., Dec. 17 at 11 a.m.

Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy dancing, singing, games, and a craft at this holiday themed dance party. For children ages 19 months – 5 years.

Reindeer Games

Fri., Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

Children can help guide Santa's sleigh by testing their skills with games and crafts this holiday season! For children ages 3 – 8.

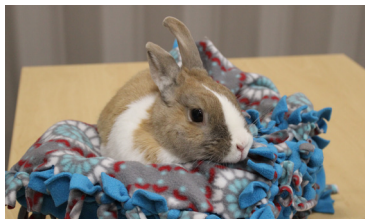


Bridge to Kindergarten: Trumbull County Kindergarten Transition Fair

Save the Date! Sat., Jan. 31, time TBD

Do you have a child entering kindergarten in 2026? Get ready at the Kindergarten Transition Fair! Find out what your child needs to know by visiting fun interactive activity stations based on early learning standards. Check the library website and social media for more information.

School-Age Programs



Read to SomeBunny

Mon., Dec. 1 between 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Children ages 6 – 12 can sign up to read aloud to registered and certified Bunnies in Baskets (therapy rabbits) for 15-minute sessions. Rabbits are provided by F5RS (Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary). Registration is required.

Tween Hangout

Thursdays between 6 – 7:30 p.m.:

Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
Twins ages 9 – 12 can play video and board games, explore some fun tech, craft, chat with friends, or just hang out.

Epic Reads for Tweens

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.: Dec. 9; Jan. 6, 20; Feb. 3, 17

Twins ages 9 – 12 can enjoy read-aloud adventures with stories, tales, poetry, and more! Snacks will be provided.

Cookies & Cocoa

Wed., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Create a colorful cookie masterpiece! Enjoy a cozy evening of drinking hot cocoa and decorating sugar cookies. All supplies will be provided. For children ages 9 – 12. Registration is required.

Homeschool Detectives: LEGO Robotics with Central State Extension

Wednesdays at 2 p.m.: Jan. 14, 21; Feb. 18, 25

Children ages 9 – 12 can start to explore the basics of LEGO Robotics and coding with educators from Central State Extension.



Creature Powers Coding with PBS KIDS ScratchJr.

Tues., Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

Inspired by the WILD KRATTS television show, this program will challenge children ages 5 – 8 to create projects that explore different animals and their unique behaviors and traits using the coding and programming app, PBS KIDS ScratchJr. Presented in partnership with Ohio PBS Western Reserve stations. Registration is required.

Book Buddies

Book Buddies

Wednesdays between 5 – 6:30 p.m.: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4

Help your student be a better reader! Book Buddies provides after school one-on-one reading practice and reading-related games. Children in grades 1 – 4 may sign up for a 30-minute session to practice their reading in a fun, stress-free environment with a trained volunteer from Kent State University Trumbull. Registration is required each week.

Superheroes & Stories

Tues., Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

BAM! POW! WHAM! Superheroes to the rescue! A superhero themed story will be followed by games, crafts, and activities. For children ages 6 – 8. Registration is required.

Dear Diary Night

Mon., Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

Play book bingo, decorate a journal, and make crafts inspired by favorite "diary" books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dork Diaries*. For children ages 6 and up.

FOR TEENS

For teens ages 12 – 18

Teen Advisory Board

Mon., Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 5 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.

Teens looking for service hours or to make a difference in their community should join the next Teen Advisory Board meeting!

Anime Club

Tues., Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

Calling all teen anime fans! Join us the first Tuesday of every month for classic anime and unique Asian snacks.

Game Night

Thursdays at 6 p.m.: Dec. 4, 11, 18;

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Teens can play video games, board games, collectible card games, Minecraft, and more in Teen Central.

Five Nights at Freddy's Game Night Spectacular!

Thurs., Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

The newest *FNAF* movie arrives in theaters Dec. 5! Enjoy this special Game Night featuring games and more – just don't let the power run out!

Coffeehouse Book Club

Mon., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.

Let's talk books! The library will provide the coffee and book recs; teens can bring their book-loving friends.

Happy Birthday, Taylor Swift!

Sat., Dec. 13 between 1 – 4 p.m.

Calling all Swifties! Drop in to Teen Central during the posted hours to make friendship bracelets and listen to our queen!

Farewell to the Upside Down: *A Stranger Things Goodbye*

Wed., Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Your favorite show has ended – let's talk about it! While eating waffles, of course.

FOR ADULTS

Book Clubs & Discussions

Tea and Mystery Book Club

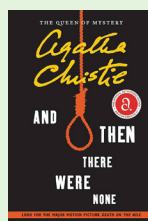
Join other Warren-Trumbull County Public Library patrons for tea and discussion. The books are available to borrow from the library.



Tues., Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.:
Hercule Poirot's Christmas
by Agatha Christie



Tues., Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.:
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

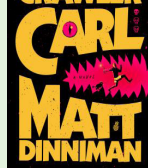


Tues., Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.:
And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Discussion

Join other Warren-Trumbull County Public Library patrons for this book discussion.

The book is available to borrow from the library.



**Wed., Dec. 17
from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.:**
Dungeon Crawler Carl
by Matt Dinniman



The 15th Love Stinks Chocolate Fest!

Tues., Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

Our beloved event returns for the 15th time! Let's celebrate all the highs and lows of love with chocolate, songs of complicated love, and more.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Join other Warren-Trumbull County Public Library patrons for this book discussion. The books are available to borrow from the library.



Thurs., Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.:
It's a Holiday Party!
Join us to talk about any book you've read this year. Free refreshments!



Thurs., Jan. 8 at 2 p.m.:
Wolf Bells
by Leni Zumas



Thurs., Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.:
The Keeper of Hidden Books
by Madeline Martin

NEW! Genre Book Club (Romantasy)

Join us for a discussion on Romantasy (aka Romantic Fantasy). There will be a brief discussion on the selected book and a broader discussion on other works in this genre.



Wed., Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.:
Shield of Sparrows
by Devney Perry

Monday Movie Matinées

Watch a film on the big screen, followed by a brief, optional discussion.

Mon., Dec. 1 at 2 p.m.: *Inside Moves* (Goodmark Productions, Inc., 1980. Rated PG. Runtime 113 mins.)

Mon., Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.: *My Cousin Vinny* (Twentieth Century Fox, 1992. Rated R. Runtime 119 mins.) An America 250-Ohio Goes to the Movies event.

Mon., Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.: *Freaky Friday* (Walt Disney Productions, 1976. Rated G. Runtime 95 mins.) Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this movie!

Mon., Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.: *A Beautiful Mind* (Universal Pictures, 2001. Rated PG-13. Runtime 136 mins.) An America 250-Ohio Goes to the Movies event.

Mon., Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.: *Kiss Me, Stupid* (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., 1964. Rated PG-13. Runtime 126 mins.) An America 250-Ohio Goes to the Movies event.

Club Chess

Mon., Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 5 at 6 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.

Meet up with other players in the library for a friendly round of chess. Chess sets will be provided or bring your own.

Wednesday Writers Circle

Wed., Dec. 3 from 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 7 from 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 4 from 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Each participant should bring a copy of a short story, book chapter, poem, play, or any form of creative writing that they created and would like to share, or just come to listen and offer feedback! Please limit to 5 pages. After each reading, the group will offer gentle feedback on the piece. Registration is required and is limited.

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Thurs., Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.



Do you need a place to wrap presents away from curious eyes? Drop by the Warren Library and wrap away. The

library will provide wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon for you to use; all while supplies last.

NOTE: Participants are responsible for their own gifts; the library is not responsible for lost or broken items.

Fair Housing with Community Legal Aid

Mon., Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

Learn more about your rights and responsibilities under the federal and Ohio fair housing act, including how to request a reasonable accommodation with Community Legal Aid.

Holiday Wood Crafts

Wed., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Adults can paint a festive holiday craft. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.



F5RS Bunnies in Baskets

Mon., Dec. 15 between 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Drop in to visit with a bunny and ask questions about bunny care, adoption, and volunteer opportunities with F5RS (Frisky Ferrets, Fuzzies, and Feathered Friends Rescue & Sanctuary).

Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Movie & Tea

Tues., Dec. 16 at 5 p.m.

It is a truth universally acknowledged that if you enjoy Jane Austen this is the event for you. Watch *Pride & Prejudice* (Focus Features, 2005. Rated PG. Runtime 127 mins.) with other Jane Austen fans while enjoying a cup of tea, games, prizes, and a photo-op! The movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for pre-movie activities. Registration is required and opens on Nov. 15.

Adult Game Night

Mon., Jan. 12 from 6 — 7:30 p.m.

Learn a new game, meet people, and have fun! We'll be playing games like Yahtzee, Ticket to Ride, and card games like Magic: The Gathering. Players of any skill level are welcome.



America 250 Kickoff Eras Party

Wed., Jan. 14 from 5:30 — 7 p.m.

Drop in for snacks and games from different eras of American History! Registration is required and opens on Dec. 13.

Squeegee Art

Thurs., Jan. 15 from 2 — 3 p.m.

Thurs., Jan 15 from 6 — 7 p.m. (repeated)

Would you like to make stunning showpieces of abstract art using watercolor paper, acrylic paint, and a window squeegee? In this program, you can! All art supplies will be provided. Registration is required; seating is limited. Pick which session you want to attend.

Parenting with Peace: Empowering Parents Through Self-Care and Stress Management

Sat., Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

Parenting is rewarding but can be demanding, laborious, and stressful. This presentation by Greentree Counseling Center will help to teach parents practical tools to manage stress, and how to prioritize self-care to help foster healthier family dynamics. Through education, reflection, and interactive activities, parents should leave feeling informed, de-stressed, and empowered. Registration is required.



History of NASA Glenn Research Center

Sat., Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.

Why is NASA in Cleveland? Robin Unger, a librarian at the NASA Glenn Research Center, will speak about the center's Cleveland origin. Unger has been a librarian at the NASA Glenn library for 13 years. This is an America 250-Ohio program.



Robin Unger

Tiny Fridge Art Magnets

Wed., Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.

Adults can create their own miniature art gallery to give their fridge an artistic touch. Registration is required and opens on Dec. 27.

Brave on Purpose: The First Steps Towards Values-Aligned Leadership

Tues., Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.



Jelisa Dallas

Jelisa Dallas will explore what it means to lead with courage in the face of uncertainty, how personal values guide brave decision-making, and practical tools to move beyond fear-based leadership.

Kombucha Brewing Basics

Thurs., Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Learn how to make your own kombucha at home, and techniques for flavoring and fermentation. Participants will get to test out flavors and leave with their own kombucha starter. Registration is required and opens on Jan. 5.

Chocolate Tasting

Sat., Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

Savor a curated selection of various types of chocolate, test your tastebuds, and discover the nuanced flavors and aromas that make chocolate a true work of art. Registration is required and opens on Jan. 10.

General Cancer Presentation

Tues., Feb. 10 at 10 a.m.

Join Lanel Haywood, Community Outreach Analyst at The Ohio State University

Comprehensive Cancer Center – The James, for



Lanel Haywood

an easy-to-understand talk about cancer. She'll explain what cancer is, share simple ways to lower your risk, and walk you through the basics of getting screened. Participants can attend in-person or virtually via Zoom. Registration is required if using Zoom.



American History Trivia

Wed., Feb. 11

from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Work alone or in teams to test your knowledge of American

history in four rounds of trivia! Winner(s) will receive a prize. Registration is required and begins on Jan. 12.

Deaf Awareness Talk

Thurs., Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Mackenzie Goranitis from Easterseals of Northeast Ohio will discuss deaf and hard of hearing culture, how to foster better communication, accessing resources, and spreading awareness in the community.

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BLACK | HISTORY MONTH

Race Movie Showing

Fri., Feb. 27 at 1 p.m.

Watch *Race* (Focus Features, 2016. Rated PG-13. Runtime 134 mins.). Jesse Owens' quest to become the greatest track and field athlete in history thrusts him onto the world stage of the 1936 Olympics, where he faces off against Adolf Hitler's vision of Aryan supremacy.

GENEALOGY CLASSES

Whether you are just beginning your family history research or are looking for more in-depth tips, you can learn helpful tools for your family tree research with a FREE class at the library.

To register for classes at all locations, sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call the Local History & Genealogy Center at the Warren Library at (330) 399-8807 ext. 202.



Genealogy Basics Class

Held in the Local History & Genealogy Center at the Warren Library:

- **Wed., Jan. 7 at 3 p.m.**
- **Wed., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m.**

Embark on a journey of discovery with this introductory genealogy class! The class will meet for a tour of the Local History & Genealogy Center and discussion of how to begin your family history, focusing on the major print, microfilm, and digital resources unique to Trumbull County. Registration is required.

Ancestry Library Edition Class

Held at the Brookfield Library:

- **Wed., Jan. 14 at 1 p.m.**

Held in the 2nd Floor Classroom at the Warren Library:

- **Wed., Jan. 21 at 3 p.m.**

Held at the Cortland Library:

- **Mon., Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.**

Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition to jumpstart your family history by finding census, marriage, death, birth, military, and immigration records, and more. Registration is required.

Organizing Your Genealogy Research Class

Held at the Howland Library:

- **Thurs., Jan. 29 at 3 p.m.**

This class will provide strategies for organizing your genealogical materials. We'll discuss creating paper and digital ancestor charts, taking advantage of your library's resources and services, naming, numbering, sorting, and storing both paper and digital files, and preserving your family photographs and documents. Registration is required.

African American Genealogy Class

Held at the Howland Library:

- **Thurs., Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.**

Learn to trace your family history using traditional and digitized resources, including the Freedmen's Bureau, the African American Heritage database, and the Unknown No Longer website. The class will also include a brief overview of genealogy basics. Registration is required.

Beyond Ancestry Class

Held in the 2nd Floor Classroom at the Warren Library:

- **Wed., Feb. 25 at 3 p.m.**

Learn how to use the library's genealogy and history subscription databases and other online free sites for family history research. Registration is required.

Free Computer & Technology Classes

All Computer Classes & Tech Topic Classes are held at the Warren Library in the classroom on the library's 2nd floor.

 **Registration is required. Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call the Public Computer Lab at (330) 399-8807 ext. 201.**

Beginner Computer Classes

Mouse and Keyboard Practice

Whether you are new to using a computer mouse and keyboard or just need a refresher, join us for an introduction to these essential tools and how to use them. No prior computer experience necessary.

- **Mon., Dec. 1 at 2 p.m.**
- **Mon., Jan. 5 at 2 p.m.**
- **Mon., Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.**

Beginning Computers 1

Learn the basics of using a Windows computer, including parts of the computer, the desktop and Start menu, and using apps. Requires familiarity with using a mouse and keyboard.

- **Thurs., Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.**

Beginning Computers 2

Learn how your computer organizes information, including files, folders, and using flash drives. Prerequisite: the library's Beginning Computers 1 class.

- **Thurs., Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.**

Beginning Computers 3

Learn Windows tips and tricks, like changing the desktop wallpaper, creating shortcuts, and more. Prerequisite: the library's Beginning Computers 2 class.

- **Thurs., Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.**

Microsoft Word 1

Learn the basics of navigating Microsoft Word, typing a document, editing text, printing, and saving. Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Sat., Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.**

Microsoft Word 2

Continue learning about creating and formatting documents in Microsoft Word, including bullet points, columns, and inserting pictures. Must have previously attended the library's Microsoft Word 1 class.

- **Sat., Jan. 31 at 11 a.m.**

Microsoft Excel 1

Learn the basics of creating spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel, including navigating the program, working with rows/columns, and entering and sorting data. Introduces basic formulas and functions. Familiarity with a mouse, keyboard, and computer required.

- **Sat., Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.**

Microsoft Excel 2

Continue learning about Microsoft Excel, including more complex formulas/functions, charts, and tables. Must have previously attended the library's Microsoft Excel 1 class.

- **Sat., Feb. 28 at 11 a.m.**



*** Book a Tech Coach ***

Sign up at www.wtcpl.org/events or by calling the library location below.

Book a 30-minute session with a library staff member who will answer your questions and walk you through what you'd like to do. Examples include learning how to move files to a flash drive, save photos to the cloud, or navigate a new phone. *Registration is required.*

- **Mon., Dec. 1 between 2 — 4 p.m.** — At Howland Library
- **Tues., Jan. 6 between 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.** — At Howland Library
- **Wed., Feb. 11 between 5:30 — 7:30 p.m.** — At Howland Library
- **Thurs., Dec. 4 between 2 — 4 p.m.** — At Liberty Library
- **Mon., Jan. 12 between 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.** — At Liberty Library
- **Wed., Feb. 4 between 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.** — At Liberty Library
- **Mondays between 5 — 7 p.m.** — At Warren Library
- **Saturdays between 1 — 4 p.m.** — At Warren Library



* Special Tech Topics

Intro to Smartphones and Tablets

Learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Android or Apple smartphone or tablet! We'll cover everything from the basics of how to use your device, to taking and sending photos, to the most useful apps. Please bring your own fully-charged device.

- **Wed., Jan. 7 at 2 p.m.**
- **Mon., Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.**

Online Resources for Job Readiness

Learn how to use the library's online resources to enhance your job readiness. From building a strong resume and practicing for career exams, to accessing online tech training and searching for jobs, we'll show you how our resources can help you succeed in your career journey.

- **Mon., Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.**

Intro to the Digital Library

Join us for a tour of the library's online resources, including an introduction to borrowing e-books, how to search for books and more in the catalog, and how to sign up for events online. Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Mon., Jan. 26 at 2 p.m.**

Intro to AI & ChatGPT

Have you heard about ChatGPT or other AI tools? Are you wondering what this new tech is all about? This program will give you a basic overview of what generative artificial intelligence is, how it can be useful to you, and what you should be cautious of. You will also have the chance to try it yourself! Requires basic knowledge of using a computer/smartphone.

- **Thurs., Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.**

Organizing Photos with Google Photos

Get tips on how to access photos you take on your phone, how to share them, and how to use Google's photo tools. You will need access to your Google (Gmail) account for this class; please bring your login info.

- **Mon., Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.**

Maker Studio Workshops

Maker Studio Classes are held at the Warren Library in the classroom on the library's 2nd floor. Registration is required.



Registration is required.

Sign up online at www.wtcpl.org/events or call the Maker Studio at (330) 399-8807 ext. 215.

Canva Basics

Canva is a free website where you can create beautiful cards, flyers, and other designs. Learn the basics of this tool and discover how it can help you express your creativity. Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Wed., Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.**
- **Wed., Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.**

Cricut Basics

We'll show you how the Cricut machine can cut out designs from paper and more. Learn how to create and modify designs in the free Cricut Design Space app, and then you can send your designs to be created on the library's Cricut machine in the Maker Studio! Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Wed., Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.**
- **Wed., Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.**

3D Printing with Tinkercad

Tinkercad is a free and friendly online tool for creating 3D models that can be brought to life with the library's 3D printer in the Maker Studio. We'll show you how to get started with creating and modifying shapes, adding text, and sending your finished model to be printed. Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Sat., Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.**

Intro to Sublimation

Sublimation allows you to transfer full-color designs to certain fabrics, shirts, mugs, and much more! Learn how the process works and how you can use the library's sublimation printer and heat presses in the Maker Studio to bring your design to life. Requires familiarity with a computer mouse and keyboard.

- **Sat., Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.**



LIBRARY HOURS

Brookfield Library

Monday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Cortland Library

Monday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Eastwood Mall Library

Monday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Howland Library

Monday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Liberty Library

Monday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Warren Library

Monday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Mobile Library Services

(330) 637-0484. See schedule at www.WTCPL.org.

HOLIDAYS & CLOSINGS

W-TCPL locations will be
closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, December 16	Closed until Noon
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31	Closing at 5 PM
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 16	Presidents' Day

Remember, you can borrow digital eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, and more through the library website 24/7!

America 250: Passport to History

Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026

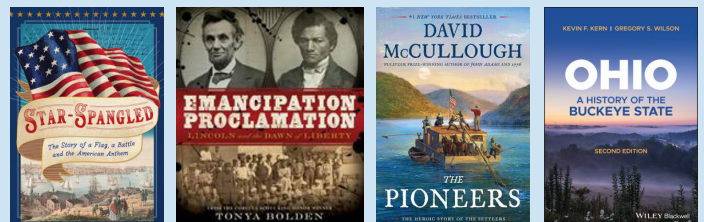


In 2026, we come together to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. To honor this significant occasion, we invite you to join us on an exciting journey through the past and discover the stories and moments that have made America unique.

Beginning Jan. 1, explore books and movies that showcase American history through the **Warren-Trumbull County Public Library's Passport to History** program. Pick up a free **Passport to History** booklet at any W-TCPL location. We will provide a list of suggested books and videos or check the library's social media for more history-related titles throughout the year.

As you read and watch, fill out the passport. Each time you finish a page, stop by any W-TCPL location to get a special stamp in your passport. When you've completed your passport, visit the library to receive a small commemorative prize (*while supplies last*).

Join us to explore the rich history that has shaped the nation we know today.



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