From the Director

The American Library Association released its annual State of America’s Libraries Report for 2014 during National Library Week in April. In it they found that “[l]ibraries continue to transform to meet society’s changing needs, and more than 90 percent of the respondents in an independent national survey said that libraries are important to the community.” One of the topics they specifically cover in the report is eBooks.

According to a January 2014 survey done by the Pew Research Center “[t]he proportion of adults who had read an eBook in the past year rose to 28%, up from 23% at the end of 2012. During the same period, 69% of Americans reported reading a book in print, up from 65% after a slight dip in 2012.” So while the advent of eReader services and apps may be having an impact on the number of physical books being purchased and checked out from libraries, people are actually reading more. I still firmly believe that the print book is here to stay for a while. Pew also found that only 4% of readers described themselves as “eBook only.”

With the increase in the number of e-readers in the hands of our patrons, providing the electronic materials can sometimes be a challenge for libraries. While it has been getting better, according to Jeannette Woodward, author of The Transformed Library: E-Books, Expertise, and Evolution “public libraries … are having the most difficulty getting the eBooks they need and are being forced to spend an ever larger portion of their strained budgets.” Luckily for the Upper Arlington Public Library, we belong to a consortium of libraries that pool resources to allow us all to access to a much more titles than we could purchase on our own.

The year 2013 also saw progress with the all of the big five publishers now allowing their eBook titles to be available in libraries at some level. There are strings attached with some including higher prices being charged to libraries, limits on the number of checkouts per copy, and time lags in availability for libraries to purchase titles compared to the consumer market. Hopefully there is more progress to come. The Ohio Library Council and the libraries in the metropolitan areas of the state are working on the federal legislative level to bring awareness to the situation in hopes of ultimately seeking a solution that will provide equal access to all for items published electronically.

From the Board President

One of the most important responsibilities of any governing board is to make sure the organization is looking ahead so it can deal with changes in its environment in a constructive way. At its April meeting the Library Board of Trustees set its agenda for the next 12 months. This included a focus on three key areas:

1. Planning Ahead means anticipating what patrons are likely to need from the library in the years ahead and sharpening our definition of a successful library to reflect these needs.
2. Diversifying our revenues so we are less dependent on state support, which is declining. This includes ramping up our fundraising efforts and identifying other nontax sources of revenue.
3. Revising our processing procedures to preserve and improve core services to patrons without raising taxes. One of the most promising approaches we are pursuing is more shared service with the City of Upper Arlington, and the Upper Arlington City Schools, as well as other libraries.

We expect the years ahead to continue to present challenges in a number of ways, but we are confident that by thinking ahead we will be able to continue to earn the support of the community to keep Upper Arlington a top tier library.

News and Views

New UAPL Online Catalog

The UAPL debuted a new catalog system when we joined the Central Library Consortium on April 9. The new catalog offers enhanced account features that many patrons are sure to like. You can now save your borrowing history, create saved title lists, and set up a saved search. We’re also working on offering the ability to pay fines online with a credit card from home. These features are in addition to being able to offer our cardholders 10 times the number of items in our collection alone. Be sure to log in to your account at www.uailibrary.org and explore the new catalog.

Renew Library Materials by Phone 24/7

Patrons can now renew their library materials anytime day or night with our automated phone renewal. Just call (877) 77-BOOKS with your library card number and PIN handy. Follow the voice prompts to hear items checked out on your card, learn their due dates, and renew them. You may also still renew materials through the “My Account” link on our website at www.uailibrary.org.

Friends of the UAPL Labor Day Book Sale

The Friends of the UAPL Labor Day Book Sale will run from August 17-September 1 at the Main Library. Catch great deals during normal library hours, with the exception of the Sunday of Labor Day weekend when the library is closed. Though the library will also be closed on Labor Day, the sale will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., so stop by when you visit the Labor Day Arts Festival in the adjacent Northam park. You’ll find a large selection of hardback and paperback books for all ages plus DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, records and more.

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The City of UA has indicated that it will start work on the Northam Park parking lot — the lot that the Main, Tremont Elementary and Northam Park share — immediately after school is out for the summer. Approximately 50% of the lot will be open at any one time while work is done. Please note that parking is available along Northam Road and in the Tremont Center.

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A young patron makes a butterfly at the Lane Road Library's Very Hungry Caterpillar crafts program on April 17.

Author and World War II expert Lynne Olson addresses a full house at the annual UA Author Series program on April 27. Her two talks were followed by a fundraising reception to benefit the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

Have you visited our Reference Department's Ohio Room lately? It's home to lovely new chairs courtesy of the Friends of the UAPL and other private donors. You can also find items on display from the Upper Arlington Historical Society.

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Healthy UA Inspires Wellness in the Community

The Upper Arlington Public Library proudly supports the efforts of Leadership UA’s Class of 2014 in their creation of Healthy UA, a website that enables users to research health and wellness opportunities, educational events, and activities made available by local organizations and community groups. Everyone is an important part of this community. Whether you live, work or attend school in Upper Arlington, Healthy UA wants each member to live healthy and be well. What is “wellness”? It’s a way of living that encourages good physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. Good health is a balanced lifestyle that includes an emphasis on the body, mind and spirit.

Healthy UA was created to help increase community awareness of resources and factors contributing to overall health and well-being.

The initiative encourages habits of behavior that promote wellness in every member of the community — kids, older adults, and every year in between.

The organizers of Healthy UA hope to inspire individuals to take responsibility for their own health and promote a culture of wellness throughout the entire community of Upper Arlington.

We’re currently developing the Healthy UA website at www.healthyua.org with links to wellness resources. Look for it to launch at the end of May 2014.

Schedule Individual eBook Help with Online Tool

Our Media Services Department offers one-on-one guidance to patrons needing help with using our digital content such as eBooks, Zinio, Hoopla and Freegal. Bring your device, such as a Nook, Kindle, tablet or smartphone, along with your questions to get started in the world of eBooks and other downloadable content.

You can book a 60-minute appointment by visiting the Media Services page of our website at www.ualibrary.org/ mediaservices. Click the blue “Book a Librarian” box on the left to view our scheduling calendar and reserve your time. You may also make an appointment by calling (614) 486-9621 ext. 226 during our regular operating hours.

We also offer frequent group and drop-in training sessions for those seeking help with digital content. Check the quarterly Library Link guide or our online program calendar for upcoming opportunities.

Summer Reading Club Begins June 4

FIZZ, BOOM, READ with the Upper Arlington Public Library this summer! Our science-themed Summer Reading Club is for everyone — babies and toddlers, preschoolers, kids, teens, and even adults! Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can earn fun prizes for listening to books, attending storytimes, practicing their reading skills, and being involved in other literacy activities.

By reading or listening to books approximately 15 minutes a day, school-aged kids (entering K-5) can earn prizes after logging 5 hours (puzzle ball), 10 hours (braTAG) and 15 hours (T-shirt). They are also automatically entered into a raffle for a Mr. Game Room party after they log 15 hours of reading activity.

Get involved in our programs this summer, too: Book Buddies is back, as is Juggler Matt Jergens. Come to our Pokémon party dressed as your favorite Pokémon character, make scratch art, and investigate some gross science with COSI!

Teens can get in on the fun, too! For every 3 hours that kids in grades 6-12 read or listen to a book, they earn chances for weekly gift card raffles. After logging 15 hours of reading or listening, you receive a pair of earbuds in a key-ring pouch and are automatically entered into the grand prize drawing for a 32 GB Google Nexus 7!

Teens, do you like soda pop, CSI and art? If you answered ‘yes’, be sure to check out some of our programs this summer, too:

Stop by any UAPL location to register in-person.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for a special “Say Goodbye to Summer” celebration on August 16 at 1:30 p.m. For adult readers ages 18 and over, we invite you to explore the library’s wide range of resources. Whether it’s asking a staff member for a book suggestion, streaming a movie or audiobook on Hoopla, reading a magazine on Zinio, or downloading an e-book, we hope you’ll take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Each week, try different activities and services available from the UAPL. Experience new things and repeat favorite activities as often as you like. For each activity you try, you can fill out a slip to be entered into our weekly gift card drawing.

To participate, adults can sign up with a staff member or register online at www.ualibrary.org. By registering, adults are automatically entered in our grand prize drawing for a Google Nexus.

Thank you to the generous Friends of the UAPL for their continued sponsorship of this UA summer tradition.

Welcome to Your New Catalog

The UAPL has recently switched to a new online library catalog with lots of great features. Create and save a list of books to read. Text a title to your phone so you can remember it later. These are just a couple of the new things you can do with our new system. Come join a guided “tech tour” and see how much easier it is to find books, movies and more.

More info: www.ualibrary.org

Book Buddies: Big Buddies

Help a younger student entering grades 1-3 with their reading during this five-week series! Do reading activities and coach them as they read to you. We meet each Monday, June 9 through 30 at 2 p.m. Training on June 9 will last 20 minutes; all other sessions will be 1 hour and 15 minutes. Teens must commit to 3 of the 5 weeks. Applications are available May 1 and are due by May 30.

Exploring the Pearls of the Adriatic

Croatia and Montenegro are becoming popular travel destinations, as tourists are being drawn to the unique charms of these one-time territories of the former Yugoslavia. Appealing features include beautiful coastal scenery, rustic villages, spectacular mountains, friendly people, fascinating history and great food. Join Gene Gilliom for an up-close exploration of these fabled lands through beautiful photographs and native music.

Library Link

Croatan Travel: Croatia: Savoring the Food, People and Traditions of Croatia’s Adriatic Coast by Karen Evenden

See our storytimes on page 12
This discussion will focus on the career of this brilliant Boston-born artist whose work spans many different eras and styles. A master of many genres, Winslow Homer’s work includes prints, oil paintings and watercolors. We will look at his Civil War scenes, images of Americans’ leisure activities at the turn of the century and watercolors of his voyages to the Caribbean. Ann Shifflett, instructor at the Columbus College of Art and Design, is our presenter.

Related reading: Winslow Homer: An American History by Randall C. Griffin

Strange Creatures: Moths
Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. Grades K-5
Meeting Room B; 45 min. Registration opens May 30

Naturalist Craig Biegler has a very cool hobby: moths! Learn about these silent night creatures — the unusual, the strange and the beautiful. He’ll have live specimens on display to learn about the often overlooked but fascinating moths in our world.

Related reading: Moths by Jen Green

Book Buddies: Little Buddies
Mondays, June 16-July 14 at 2 p.m. Grades 1-3
Friends Theater; 60 min. Registration opens June 2

Students entering grades 1-3 can practice reading with a local teen during this five-week program. Registrants must commit to at least 3 weeks. (Note weeks you will be unavailable during registration). A variety of reading materials will be supplied. Registration begins June 2 and will be limited by the number of volunteers we recruit.

Scratch Art: Create Pictures with Hidden Colors
Thursday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. Grades 2-4
Youth Activity Room; 45 min. Registration opens June 5

Science and art meet with scratch art designs! Scratch art uses special paper that reveals hidden colors when pictures and designs are scratched into the surface. For this program we will share a story then make several scratch art projects.

Related reading: The Art Book for Children by Amanda Renshaw

DIY: Summer Cards for Community Seniors
Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Kids
Youth Department; 45 min. No registration

Summer officially starts tomorrow! Stop in any time today and make a card to celebrate. Make one to take home and one for an elderly person to brighten their day. Our Outreach Services will deliver the cards on their weekly rounds.

Related reading: Crafts to Make in the Summer

Juggler and Comedian Matt Jergens
Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. Kids
Atrium; 45 min. No registration

Juggling, unicycles, spinning plates and laughter. You never know what Matt Jergens will bring to the show but it will be fun and amazing! Join us in the atrium for this special performance.

Related reading: Most Excellent Book of How to Be a Juggler by Mitch Mitchell

Take Better Photos with Your iPhone
Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. Adults & teens
Meeting Room B; 90 min. No registration

The best camera is the one you have with you. Kevin Bauer from our Media Services Department will explore the iPhone camera app and teach basic photographic techniques to improve your photos. After the discussion, put your knowledge to the test and snap some pictures.

Related reading: iPhone 5 Portable Genius by Paul McFedries

Let’s Debate! The Best of the Best
Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Teens
Friends Theater; 60 min. No registration

Star Wars is better than Lord of the Rings! Hunger Games beats Fault in Our Stars! Like to argue good-naturedly? Always right? Join us for this fun program sponsored by our Teen Advisory Board where you’ll have a chance to state your case and convince others you know best. Topics include books, movies, mascots, actors/actresses, etc.

Related reading: This or That? series

Feast Down Fines
Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All ages
Meeting Room A; No registration

Got fines? Got food? We’ll clear $1 of your UAPL fines for every canned or boxed food item that you donate to the Heart to Heart Food Pantry, up to a total of $10. Bring your donations to Meeting Room A anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please check expiration dates in advance! Don’t have any fines but want to donate anyway? Bring your food items to us and we’ll be glad to get them delivered for you. Note the earlier time for this event.

More info: http://fccchurch.com/heart-to-heart

CSI for Teens with COSI
Thursday, June 26 at 2 p.m. Grades 8-12
Meeting Room B; 45 min. Registration opens June 12

With the help of chemistry, biology, and an inquiring mind, become a Crime Scene Investigator and catch the culprit before it’s too late.

Related reading: Crime Scene Detective: Become a Forensics Super sleuth with Do-It-Yourself Activities by Scott Carey

Using the Cloud: Online Storage
Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m. Adults & teens
Meeting Room B; 60 min. No registration

Join Kevin Bauer from our Media Services Department for a beginner’s guide to saving documents, photos and other media in online storage. Get an overall look at what Cloud storage is, plus specific examples from Google Drive, iCloud, Dropbox and Flickr.

Related reading: Cloud Computing by David Crookes

Drop-In Father’s Day Crafts
Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Kids
Youth Department; No registration

Drop-in anytime today to make a personalized card for Dad, Grandpa or another important guy in your life. One per child please while supplies last.

Related reading: Just Because You’re Mine by Sally Lloyd-Jones

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Town Hall Meeting with Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo
Tuesday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. Adults
Friends Theater; 90 min. No registration

Join Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo as he answers questions about the upcoming 2014 Triennial. Property owners in Franklin County will receive new property values in August 2014. At our town hall meeting, Auditor Mingo will answer your questions about changes in property value and what they mean to you.

More info: www.franklincountyauditor.com

The Reading Café at Whole Foods Market
Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults
Whole Foods, 1555 Lane Ave.; 90 min. Registration opens May 23

We continue our exciting new book discussion group at Whole Foods Market at Lane Avenue. Light snacks will be provided, and additional food and drink will be available for purchase. Register online or stop by the Adult Desk at our Main Library to register and get a library copy of the book. This month we feature a discussion of Tell the Wolves I’m Home by Carol Rifka Brunt.
Red, White and Bikes
Thursday, July 3 at 2 p.m.  Outdoors; 60 min.  No registration
Join us outside the library entrance with your bike and decorate it for the UA Independence Day Parade! Materials available while supplies last, feel free to bring some to share. No rain date.
Related reading: Red, White, and Blue Katie Woo! by Fran Manushkin

Opera on Film: Fidelio
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Pokémon Party
Thursday, July 10 at 2 p.m.  All ages  Youth Department; 2 hours  No registration
Come for some awesome games, crafts, and treats for Pokémon fans. Come dressed as your favorite Pokémon character for our costume contest.
Related reading: How to Draw Pokémon by Tracey West

Art: The Secrets of Cahokia
Friday, July 11 at 1 p.m.  Adults  Friends Theater; 60 min.  No registration
Learn about a fascinating Native American city located near what is now East St. Louis that, at its heyday, was home to tens of thousands of Mississippian. Archaeologists and historians are learning more every day about the religious practices, culture and society of the people that built a city that was larger than London in 1250 A.D. Ann Shifflet, instructor at the Columbus College of Art and Design, is our presenter.
Related reading: Cahokia: Ancient America’s Great City on the Mississippi by Timothy R. Pauketat

Sun Prints: Where Science & Art Come Together
Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m.  Grades 5-8  Youth Department; 60 min.  Registration begins June 28
Come have fun with the sun and make art! In this program we’ll make sun prints — a unique process that uses special light sensitive paper, sunshine and water to create photo negative-like pictures. Messy clothes and sunscreen are recommended for this outdoor program. Rain date will be July 17 from 2-3 p.m.
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Opéra on Film: Romeo and Juliet
Sunday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m.  Adults  Friends Theater; 3 hours  No registration
Dr. Christopher Purdy concludes our summer Opera on Film program with Charles Gounod’s Romeo and Juliet. Based on William Shakespeare’s ultimate story of love, politics, rivalries and revenge, this five-act opera was composed in 1867 to a French libretto by Jules Barbier and Michel Carre.
Related DVD: Faust

Popsicles and Songs in the Park
Saturday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m.  All ages  Outdoors; 90 min.  No registration
Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and enjoy some fun tunes as we say goodbye to summer with this closing concert. We’ll have some face painting, outdoor fun-and-games and a sweet popsicle treat while supplies last. The fun begins at 1:30 followed by a concert and popsicles at 2:00.
Related reading: Sprinkler by Leah White

Pop for Teens
Saturday, July 26 at 1 p.m.  Grades 6-12  Youth Activity Room; 60 min.  Registration opens July 12
We’ll taste soda pop from different countries then make our own and compare. Trivia, prizes and fun! Old clothing recommended as we may be outdoors for some activities.
Related reading: Fizz: How Soda Pop Shook Up the World by Tristan Donovan

Curious George Character Visit
Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m.  Ages 2+  Friends Theater; 45 min.  Free tickets required
Join us for a story about everyone’s favorite mischievous monkey followed by a visit from George himself! Come in your favorite snuggly PJs and bring your camera! Free tickets will be available beginning July 17.
Related reading: Curious George by H.A. Rey

Erica Carlson Sing-a-Long
Tuesday, August 5 at 2 p.m.  Outside; 45 min.  No registration
Join us outside for this fast-paced, interactive sing-a-long featuring a live hedgehog! If the weather is bad, we’ll move inside to enjoy the show.
Related CD: 25 Best Toddler Favorites by Countdown Kids

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Related reading: The Weight of Blood by Laura McHugh

Better Yummies for Your Tummy
Wednesday, August 13 at 3:30 p.m.  Ages 6-11  Meeting Room B; 45 min.  Registration opens July 30
Join Erin Ford. Healthy Eating Specialist from Whole Foods Market, as kids and their favorite adult learn about, make and taste-test better snacking choices. For our supplies, please let us know if an adult will be attending.
Related reading: Healthy Eating by Claire Llwelyn

Chemical and Physical Changes with COSI
Monday, August 11 at 2 p.m.  Grades 4-7  Meeting Room B; 45 min.  Registration opens July 28
“Uncomplicated” chemistry with this in-depth look at the differences between physical and chemical change. Learn how to determine what kind of changes you see around you every day.
Related reading: Matter and How It Changes by Joseph Midthun

Mysteries in the Park
Tuesday, August 16 at 2 p.m.  Grades K-3  Meeting Room B; 45 min.  Registration opens July 10
Detective Whiskers is a mystery solving cat and is graphic in nature. Please note that some of this artwork includes nudity and is graphic in nature. Ann Shifflet, instructor at the Columbus College of Art and Design, is our presenter.
Related reading: Crosscurrents in the Time of Bellini, Dürer, and Titian by Tristan Donovan

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Teen Advisory Board Chooses Youth Poetry Winners

This spring our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) hosted a poetry writing contest for aspiring young poets. Fifteen students in grades K-12 submitted original poems. Eleven TAB members judged the entries, which were given to them with the author’s name omitted to ensure a fair contest.

“We’re happy that so many young people took part in our contest, both as writers and as judges,” said Tracie Steele, Youth Services Librarian. “It was a great way to celebrate April as National Poetry Month.”

Below are the winning entries. Winners also received a $10 gift card courtesy of the Friends of the UAPL.

Over the Rainbow

Over the Rainbow where the stars shine bright.
Over the Rainbow where there is no fright.
Where the sun is shining.
The clouds are no longer crying.
That’s where I’ll be.
Where there is good and no evil.
The music is calm and there’s always a song.
Where the sun follows the moon and stars,
Where everyone is happy where they are.
That’s where I’ll be.

When I awake and see my destination,
I can always go back to my imagination
I can take a ride on a shooting star,
Go back to a place called Over the Rainbow.
That’s where I’ll be.

Who Am I?

Did you see that scared looking girl today?
That is me, the daughter of Janine.
I am fourteen, and go to Metro high school,
That is me, the daughter of Janine.

— Beth B., grade 9
— Graci J., grade 4

Over the Rainbow (in celebration of Earth Day)

Meshed String

She sits on the meshed string
Feeling the water splash up and hit her shoulders
Feeling the grinning sun on her back
Mixing with the dirt turning her skin a leathery brown

Calloused hands
Scratched and bruised limbs going unnoticed amongst the large swarms of insects

She sits on the meshed string
Feeling the burn from her head to her toe, from the weeks of hard effort and work with little

Rest, Tired, Hungry, Sore

She sits on the meshed string
Knowing that soon they would eat
Soon they would swim
Soon they would sleep

She sits on the meshed string
Feeling the blade of a paddle course through the water with fluid ease

Noises not of industry or traffic but of swaying flora and restless fauna

She sits on the meshed string
Driving the paddle blade in the water
Pulling the paddle out
Repeating the endless motion over

She sits on the meshed string
She sees the fish pawing through the water
She sees her friends smiling and laughing
She sees the trees swaying around her

She sees everything stop for just that moment

I sit in a wooden chair
Writing this
Thinking about what to write
Thinking about my time sitting on the meshed string

Because I am her

Yet she is a different half of I
Same hair
Same person
Same name
Same likes and dislikes

Yet two entirely different people
Because she is I

— Lexi R., grade 6

— Beth B., grade 9

— Graci J., grade 4

— Lexi R., grade 6
Main Library

**Babytime (0-24 months)**  
Tue @ 11:15  Wed @ 10:15

**Tales for Twos & Threes (2-3 years)**  
Mon @ 10:15  Wed @ 11:15

**Preschool (3 ½-6 years)**  
Tue @ 10:15

**Family Evening Storytime (all ages)**  
Mon @ 7:00

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Lane Road Library

**Babytime (0-24 months)**  
Wed @ 11:15

**Tales for Twos & Threes (2-3 years)**  
Tue @ 10:15  Wed @ 10:15

**Stories & Crafts (3-5 years)**  
Tue @ 1:00

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Miller Park Library

**Babytime (0-24 months)**  
Mon @ 10:15  Wed @ 11:15

**Stories & Songs (2 ½-5 years)**  
Mon @ 11:15  Wed @ 10:15

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**June 9 - July 30**

- **UA High School Exam Study Room**  
  Sunday, June 1 from 1-4:30 p.m. Grades 9-12  
  Looking for a quiet place to study? Have a group that needs space to prepare for exams? Our downstairs meeting room will be open for high school students to get ready for exams. High schoolers only, please. Snacks and covered beverages are permitted.  
  Related reading: *Beat Stress! The Exam Handbook* by Anita Naik

- **Stories & Songs (2 ½-5 years)**  
  Mon @ 11:15  Wed @ 10:15

- **Messy Day**  
  Thursday, June 12 at 11 a.m.  
  60 min.  
  Kids  
  One of our most popular summer programs is back! Join us outside for finger painting, blowing bubbles, and creating artwork with sidewalk chalk. Come prepared to get messy and have fun! There is no rain date for this event.  
  Related reading: *Sidewalk Chalk: Outdoor Fun and Games* by Jamie McGillian

- **Feed Down Fines**  
  Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
  All ages  
  60 min.  
  No registration  
  Got fines? Got food? We’ll clear $1 of your UAPL fines for every canned or boxed food item that you donate to the Heart to Heart Food Pantry, up to a total of $10. Bring in your donations anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please check expiration dates in advance! Don’t have any fines but want to donate anyway? Bring your food items to us and we’ll be glad to get them delivered for you.  
  More info: [http://fcchurch.com/heart-to-heart](http://fcchurch.com/heart-to-heart)

- **Catapult Challenge**  
  Wednesday, June 18 at 5 p.m.  
  Grades 6-12  
  60 min.  
  Registration opens May 31  
  Come to the Lane Road Library to make your own mini-catapults and compete in accuracy and distance games.  
  Related reading: *Smash It!, Crash It!, Launch It!* by Rain Newcomb

- **P.T. Reptiles**  
  Thursday, June 19 at 3 p.m.  
  All ages  
  60 min.  
  No registration  
  Reptiles, amphibians, arachnids and more! This is your chance to see and touch these fascinating creatures of nature. Peter Rushton of P.T. Reptiles will bring an assortment of friends for you to meet in this interactive program.  
  Related reading: *Miles and Miles of Reptiles: All About Reptiles* by Tish Rabe

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**June 17 - July 30**

- **Snap Circuits with COSI**  
  Saturday, June 14 at 11 a.m.  
  Grades 3+  
  60 min.  
  No registration  
  Participants will explore electrical energy by building simple circuits with snap circuit kits. The students will learn how to construct different useful circuits and make them run properly.  
  Related reading: *Electricity and Batteries* by Michael Flaherty

- **Amy’s Book Club: The End of Your Life Book Club**  
  Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.  
  Adults  
  90 min.  
  No registration  
  Join us for an informal discussion of *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. It’s the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a book club that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over the next two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal, prompted by an eclectic array of books and a shared passion for reading.  
  Required reading: *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe

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**June 16 - July 30**

- **P. T. Reptiles**  
  Thursday, June 19 at 3 p.m.  
  All ages  
  60 min.  
  No registration  
  Reptiles, amphibians, arachnids and more! This is your chance to see and touch these fascinating creatures of nature. Peter Rushton of P.T. Reptiles will bring an assortment of friends for you to meet in this interactive program.  
  Related reading: *Miles and Miles of Reptiles: All About Reptiles* by Tish Rabe

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Astronomy for the Whole Family
Thursday, June 19 at 8:30 p.m. Grades K-5
All ages
No registration
Join us at the Lane Road Library for our summer astronomy series. Staff members from The Ohio State University’s Department of Astronomy will give presentations with hands-on activities and after-hours outdoor stargazing (weather permitting). Perfect for anybody interested in astronomy or just looking to learn some constellations. Open to adults, families and teens.
Related reading: First Big Book of Space by Catherine Hughes

Robot Crafts
Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m. Grades 2-5
Ages 2+
No registration
Experiment with a variety of materials to make your own robot crafts.
Related reading: Robot Rumpus! by Sean Taylor

Red, White and Bikes
Thursday, July 3 at 2 p.m. Grades K-5
All ages
Outdoors; 60 min.
No registration
Join us outside the library entrance with your bike and decorate it for the UA Independence Day Parade! Materials on activities and after-hours outdoor stargazing (weather permitting). Perfect for anybody interested in astronomy or just looking to learn some constellations. Open to adults, families and teens.
Related reading: Happy Fourth of July, Jenny Sweeney! by Leslie Kimmelman

Mad Scientist Book Club
Wednesday, July 9 at 4 p.m. Grades 2-5
60 min.
Registration opens June 25
Interested in reading books about real and fictional scientists? Come to our Mad Scientist Book Club. We’ll have snacks, share some book suggestions, and do some mad scientist-themed activities.
Related reading: Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist by Jim Benton

Toddler Sensory Science
Thursday, July 10 at 11 a.m. Ages 18-36 months
Ages 3-5
Two weeks prior
Sensory play is great for toddlers and helps them explore their world. Join us for hands-on activity centers set up specifically with toddlers in mind. We will have several stations set up with a variety of sensory experiences for toddlers and their caregivers to explore.
Related reading: The Toddler’s Busy Book by Trish Kuffner

Balloon Sculpting Workshop
Thursday, July 17 at 2 p.m. Grades K-5
60 min.
No registration
Learn how to transform balloons into cool creations! Erica Carlson will teach kids how to make basic twists and coach them through sculpting some of their very own inflatable art.
Related reading: The Kids’ Guide to Balloon Twisting by Brad Trusty

Make Your Own Ice Cream
Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Grades S-2
60 min.
No registration
Beat the summer heat at Lane by making homemade ice cream! Don’t miss out on this delicious treat!
Related reading: Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams at Home by Jeni Britton Bauer

Preschool Science
Thursday, July 24 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-5
Two weeks prior
Hear a story and explore activity stations that introduce scientific concepts to preschoolers. On July 24, we’ll explore our five senses. On August 7, we’ll ask the question “Will it sink or will it float?”
Related reading: Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen

Shadow Puppet Show and Workshop
Friday, July 25 at 3 p.m. Ages 5-12
60 min.
Registration opens July 11
A cosmic unicorn will be our guide in this shadow puppet show that is part science and part fantasy. We will use the imagery to explore star and galaxy maps, relativity, and life in space featuring the dance of the water bears. A 15-minute shadow puppet show will be followed by a puppet making workshop.
Related reading: Once Upon a Starry Night: A Book of Constellations by Jacqueline Milton

Curious George Character Visit
Wednesday, July 30 at 4 p.m.
Ages 2+
No registration
Join us for a story about everyone’s favorite mischievous monkey followed by a visit from George himself. Don’t forget your camera!
Related reading: Curious George by H.A. Rey

LEGO WeDo Beginner Robotics with COSI
Thursday, July 31 at 4 p.m. Grades 1-5
Ages 5-12
No registration
Participants will work in small groups with help from COSI staff members to construct and program a LEGO WeDo robot to complete a specific task. Students will gain a greater understanding of the presence of robots and simple machines in their everyday lives, as well as their usefulness and limitations. We’ve scheduled two sessions to accommodate as many kids as possible. Please register for only one session.
Related reading: Cool Robots by Sean Kenney

Messy Science
Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m. Grades 6-12
60 min.
No registration
Teens — come to the library for messy science! We’ll make magnetic silly putty and concoct other fun science experiments. Come prepared to get messy.
Related reading: Crazy Concoctions by Jordan Brown

A worker seals a pipe as part of the Main Library’s HVAC project.

MONEY MATTERS
by Kate Hemleben, Fiscal Officer
As you may recall, the Board of Trustees hired Ameresco to install several energy efficient recommendations. The first was to upgrade our lighting technology at Lane Road and lighting reconfiguration at the Main Library. This recommendation has been completed at both locations. Collectively, over 1,200 lighting components were replaced. This new lighting will reduce the glare on the computer screens as well as making it a bit easier to browse the collection. Please stop by each location to check out the improved lighting!

The second recommendation was to replace the obsolete heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) at the Main Library. Some of this HVAC equipment is 20 years past its useful life cycle. By upgrading now, the library will be able to improve those hot and cold spots found throughout the building.

With this project on schedule, the cooling system will be online soon at the Main Library. This means that there will be days that may be uncomfortable due to the switch over and testing of the new cooling system. Be assured that every effort will be taken to keep the temperature reasonable during this time.

Once the cooling system is working, the last phase will begin. The heating system will be operational this fall after about 10 months of construction and three years of planning and saving.

Of course, as the Fiscal Officer, I must talk about the financial impact of this project. This infrastructure investment will result in an estimated savings of approximately $40,000 a year, or about a 25% reduction in consumption. As part of our long term planning effort, the UAPL will use this savings toward other projects that benefit the library and its patrons.

To view the new HVAC system at Lane Road, just visit the east wing.
Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks

**Horns** by Joe Hill

What if you woke up with the power to compel the absolute truth from strangers, family, and friends? Imagine all politeness and behavior politic thrown out the window, and every dark secret revealed. That is what protagonist Ig faces when he wakes up one day with this special power. Oh yeah, and now he has horns growing out of his head! Yikes! Extremely uncomfortable and downright gruesome in parts, this book isn’t so much a mystery (Ig’s girlfriend’s killer is revealed fairly early on) but rather a suspenseful supernatural revenge thriller. Give this book, written by Stephen King’s son, a try.

— Evan Struble, Media Services

**The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender** by Leslye Walton

This beautiful, lyrical story is narrated by Ava Lavender, a girl born with brown and white speckled wings. Don’t let the wings mislead you — this is not a story about magic or angels. This is the story of family ties and love across generations. Ava’s story begins with her great-grandparents in France and the family’s subsequent migration to the United States, first to Manhattan and later to the Midwest. Ava loves living in a small town and having her own room, but she also misses her parents. As she grows older, she learns to do things on her own and becomes a whole person by herself, and even brave the world out of her head! Yikes! Extremely uncomfortable and thought-provoking stories but the recent publication of her convocation address at Syracuse University offers a lesson just as wise and insightful as any of his stories. Saunders stays true to the classic older-professor-imparts-heart-felt-message-to-young-readers format, but does so with his unique sense of humor and impeccable storytelling ability. This is a perfect book for those embarking on the next stage of education or life but offers an important life lesson to us all: don’t miss out on performing acts of kindness because ultimately, that is what we’ll regret the most.

— Jen Downing, Adult Services

**Fangirl** by Rainbow Rowell

Cath and Wren were typical twins: best friends who shared everything, including a love for the fictional character Simon Snow. When they go off to college though, Wren wants a separate life, leaving Cath behind with only a prickly roommate, a charming interloper, and her Simon Snow fan fiction to help her manage. During her freshman year, Cath will learn how to get past her fear of the unknown, become a whole person by herself, and even brave the dining hall (occasionally without backup). Fans of Eleanor & Park will love Rainbow Rowell’s latest story about finding a home when far from the familiar.

— Stephanie Linn, Adult Services

**Americanah** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

You’d never know by looking at its humble brown paper cover, but contained within is an incredibly complex and beautifully penned tale of love, longing, race, and culture. After a childhood spent in politically unstable Nigeria, Ifemelu leaves the love of her life, Obinze, to study in America. The story alternates between the two as each experience success, setbacks, love, and loss in their respective countries. You get a glimpse into America and American culture through the eyes of an African immigrant while also learning about Nigeria and Nigerian culture. I couldn’t put it down, and continued to think about it long after I finished.

— Jen Downing, Adult Services

**Beat Stress! The Exam Handbook**

Are you looking for success, setbacks, love, and loss in your experience of college exams? This handbook, written by Rainbow Rowell, will help you navigate the challenges of studying for tests. It offers useful tips on managing stress and preparing for exams, and includes a guide to the UAPL’s Exam Study Tables.

— Anna McQuinn, Adult Services

**Fun and Games with Coach Q**

Wednesday, June 18 at 2 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.

Ages 4+

Get ready for a fun-packed afternoon with Coach Q! These games will take place outside in Miller Park and will get little ones moving with cooperative activities like parachute play, and many other fun activities. There will be prizes for participation, so be sure to bring the kids.

— Anna McQuinn, Adult Services

**Feed Down Fines**

Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All ages

No registration

Got fines? Got food? We’ll clear $1 of your UAPL fines for every canned or boxed food item that you donate to the Heart to Heart Food Pantry, up to a total of $10. Bring your donations anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please check expiration dates in advance! Don’t have any fines but want to donate anyway? Bring your food items to us and we’ll be glad to get them delivered for you. Note the earlier time for this event.

More info: http://fcchurch.com/heart-to-heart

**I Scream, You Scream...**

Wednesday, June 18 at 2 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.

Ages 3+

Registration opens June 4

Join us for a yummy science project! We’ll make and eat our own ice cream in a plastic bag. Please be aware that we will be using both dairy and non-dairy ingredients.

— Anna McQuinn, Adult Services
Sing-a-Story  
Friday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m.  
Fri., July 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
Fri., August 15 at 10:30 a.m.  
Grades K-5  
No registration  
Join us for a special program where you or your child can enjoy stories and songs. 
Related reading: Sing-a-Story by Brian Griffin and his guitar for a morning of stories and songs. 

Art/Crafts  
Dop-It-Yourself Craft  
Scratch Art: Create Pictures with Hidden Colors  
Summer Cards for Community Seniors  
Sun Prints: Where Science and Art Come Together  
Robot Crafts  
Balloon Sculpting Workshop 
Airy's Book Club: The End of Your Life Book Club  
Related reading: Make Your Own Musical Instruments by Anna-Maria D'Cruz  

Magnetic Fun with COSI  
Wednesday, July 16 at 2 p.m.  
Grades K-3  
No registration  
Come to the library to learn about poles, create a magnet train, feel electromagnetic forces, and learn how they relate to COSI's Ring Launcher. 
Related DVD: The Way Things Work: Magnets  

BINGO  
Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m.  
Kids  
No registration  
Enjoy a fun afternoon playing BINGO! We’ll provide a snack and lots of prizes for the winners. 
Related reading: Bingo by Rosemary Wells 

Curious George Character Visit  
Tuesday, July 29 at 4 p.m.  
Grades K-3  
No registration  
Join us for a book from the Curious George series, followed by a visit from George himself! Bring your camera for a great photo op. 
Related reading: Curious George Visits the Library by Margret Rey 

Red, White and Bikes  
Thursday, July 3 at 2 p.m.  
All ages  
Outdoors: 60 min.  
No registration  
Bring your bike to the library to decorate it in red, white and blue for the parade. Supplies available while they last. No rain date. 
Related reading: Off We Go! A Bear and Mole Story by Will Hillenbrand 

Special Events  
Feed Down Fines  
Juggler Matt Jergens  
Town Hall Meeting with Audrey Clarence Mingo  
Pokémon Party  
Curious George Character Visit  
Erica Carlson Sing-a-Long  
Popsicles and Songs in the Park  
P.T. Reptiles  
Astronomy for the Whole Family  
Shadow Puppet Show and Workshop  
Fun Day Carnival 
RMT  
Related reading: This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie 

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