With the advent of the internet years ago, futurists speculated that the days for libraries were numbered. With information, and even books, readily available on the home computer, why would anyone go to the library? I am here to report that the futurists could not have been more wrong. Public libraries have never been busier and this is particularly true for UAPL. Libraries will always be about books, but that is not all. Services and resources provided by UAPL are too numerous to mention in this short article. Summer reading programs, educational offerings, access to computers and other innovative technologies, CDs, DVDs, eBooks, meeting rooms, and just a place to relax all explain why the parking lot is always full. The three UAPL branches provide a meeting place for young mothers and their children, seniors who just want access to the most recent newspapers and periodicals, students who are writing papers or working on group projects, and those who want to learn about the newest technologies. If you haven’t visited one of our branches recently, please do. You will be surprised by the amount of activity, resources, and services available. We like to think that the library contributes significantly to the ranking of Upper Arlington as one of the most family-friendly communities in the country, and one of the most educated places in the U.S.

It has been just over a year since I became the fourth director of the Upper Arlington Public Library. While most public libraries have many things in common, some are not as lucky as we are to have the level of support that we do from our Friends of the Library group. The Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library organization exists to:

1. Provide financial support for the Upper Arlington Public Library (UAPL) system and its programs.
2. Provide membership and volunteer opportunities for library patrons.
3. Operate a used book sales operation and conduct other fundraising activities to generate funds.

First incorporated in 1977, the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library currently has over 200 members. The group operates a large store at the Main Library and a small area at the Lane Road Branch. Volunteers accept and weed through hundreds of items donated each week to identify those likely to sell. Volunteers also run the Main Library’s bookstore and perform all duties related to holding quarterly book sales.

While monetary support from the Friends goes back to the founding of the group, in recent years this wonderful organization has provided 100% of the funding for some items. Between 2009 and 2012 all furniture and small equipment purchases were made with Friends funds. Specific items include a comfortable seating area and display fixtures in the Ohio Room, seating in the Young Adult area, computer tables and chairs at the Main Library and Lane Road, the Gadget Gallery electronics and table in the Media Department, and educational toys for all youth departments. Funding from the Friends also supports library programs including speakers’ fees, craft and program supplies, refreshments and incentives for the summer reading club and various other programs.

If you’re looking for a volunteer opportunity or simply wish to join the Friends to get advance notice of the quarterly book sales, stop by any of our libraries. Be sure to check out page 12 for more details on the upcoming sale.
Renewing Items is Easier Than Ever

In late August, we’ll introduce a new feature on our self-checkout stations. You’ll be able to renew your items directly from the self-checkout touchscreen. Tap the “My Account” box at the top to see what items you have checked out and renew some or all of them, if they’re eligible for renewal.

Changes Made to Teacher Card Eligibility

Over the last five years, funding from the State of Ohio to the Upper Arlington Public Library has been reduced by 22%. As we continue to look for ways to streamline processes and services to stay within budget, we’ve taken the opportunity to evaluate our special services. Beginning August 1, 2013, teacher cards and teacher collections will only be available to patrons who live or work in the City of Upper Arlington. Many of the surrounding library systems also offer similar services to their residents (Columbus, Worthington, and Westerville) but to ease the transition to a new library for those teachers who do not live or work in UA but currently have a teacher card, they may continue to use their teacher cards until they expire. If you have any questions about this change please contact Library Director Chris Taylor.

UAPL Has New Managers and Trustee

Recently Pam Cole was named Branch Manager at the Lane Road Library. Pam joined the UAPL in 2002 and has worked in both Media Services and Lane Road. Kate Albers, who joined the UAPL in 2008, is the new Branch Manager at the Miller Park Library. In addition, the City of UA has appointed John Yesso as our new Board of Trustees member. He’ll be sworn in at the Board’s September meeting.

Holiday Closings

UA libraries will be closed on Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. We will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and be closed on Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. We’ll also be closed on Monday, October 14 for our annual Staff Inservice Day.

Gingerbread Contest Returns This Fall

Our gingerbread building contest will return for Holiday Happiness on December 7. Details are still being worked out at press time, but please stay tuned to www.ualibrary.org, our Facebook page, and in-library signs and fliers for details on entering your sweet masterpiece.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. At press time, board meetings are scheduled for September 17, October 15 and November 19.
Our annual Summer Reading Club was a big success this year. A total of 4,466 kids, teens and adults participated — an increase of more than 10% over last year!

Adults logged 1,332 library-related activities, including 309 book reviews. Kids and teens read a total of 57,488 hours, exceeding our community goal of 50,000 hours.

Check out our list of the 101 kids in grades K-5 who read the most hours this summer.


The top five teen readers (grades 6-12) are Alyssa Dodd, Zhiqing Huang, Ameya Sanadi, Grace Taylor and Jesse Zhu. We extend a huge “thank you” to the Friends of the UAPL, who sponsor our Summer Reading Club every year. You can read more about this wonderful organization in Chris Taylor’s “From the Director” column on page 2.

Hula hooping at the Miller Park Library’s Fun Day Carnival.

Fingerpainting at the Lane Road Library’s Messy Day.
**Youth Chess Club**
Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, October 3 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, November 7 at 4 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Checkmate! Young chess lovers of all levels are welcome to join our Youth Chess Club. Our local teen experts will moderate, help beginners and suggest strategies to players. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior.

**Related reading:** *Chess in Action: From First Attack to Checkmate* by Paul Mantell

**LEGO Lit**
Thursday, September 12 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, October 10 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, November 14 at 4 p.m.

Grades K-4

When books and LEGOs collide, you get LEGO Lit! Each month we share a story and build around a theme. The Friends of the UAPL provide the LEGOs, you provide the fun. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each event.

**Related reading:** *LEGO Crazy Action Contraptions: A LEGO Inventions Book* by Don Rathjen

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**Drop-In Grandparents Day Craft**
Saturday, September 7  
Sunday, September 8

Kids

Grandparents Day is September 8. Stop by our Youth Department any time this weekend to make a craft to show your grandparents how special they are.

**Related reading:** *A Secret Keeps* by Marsha Chall Wilson

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**Current Events Discussion for ESOL Adults**
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. from Sept. 11-Nov. 20

Adults

Vivian Harvey leads a new weekly discussion about current news events just for non-native English speakers who want to develop their English language skills. Registration is required and begins August 28.

**Related reading:** See our ESOL collection in Adult Dept.

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**Gorilla Tales: Memories of a Zookeeper**
Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m.

Adults

After decades of working with gorillas at the Columbus Zoo and the Brevard Zoo in Florida, Beth Armstrong remains passionate about gorillas and dedicated to teaching people about these amazing and complex animals. Join Beth for readings from her essays about her experiences with the gorillas, their complicated social lives, their individual personalities, and the funny and touching events that she witnessed during her many years of work.

**Related reading:** *Among African Apes: Stories and Photos from the Field* edited by Robbins and Boesch

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**Ohio Shorts: Teen Division Screening**
Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m.

Teens & adults

Here’s a chance to see and celebrate the best of Ohio’s young filmmakers. Selected for inclusion in the Wexner Center for the Arts 2013 Ohio Shorts: Youth Division, the featured films were created by filmmakers ages 18 and under. We’ll have snacks, giveaways and vote for an audience favorite. A synopsis of each film can be found at http://wexarts.org/film-video/ohio-shorts-youth-division-screening-party; some films contain mature subjects. Recommended for grades 9 and up.

**Related reading:** *Attack of the Killer Video Book Take 2: Tips and Tricks for Young Directors* by Mark Shulman
Books and Blocks

Ages 3-6
Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Children and caregivers join us for stories, building and fun! Each month we’ll read a couple of stories to start, then the building will begin with our LEGO Duplo blocks. We provide books and blocks, then your child gets building time. Please note that children will not be able to keep their creations. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to each session.

Related reading: LEGO Duplo: On the Farm

Cinema According to Roman Polanski:
Chinatown

Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m.  Adults

Steve Hunt presents our fall film series focusing on the work of Roman Polanski. Chinatown is a 1974 American Neo-noir film, and is the last movie that Roman Polanski made in the United States. The film was inspired by the California Water Wars and follows detective Jake Gittes in the process of investigating an adultery case which turns murderous. Set in Los Angeles, he unravels a scheme to control all the water coming into the city. In 1991, the film was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the U.S. Film Registry and it is frequently listed among the greatest in the world of cinema. The film stars Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway. (1974, 130 min., rated R)

Related DVD: The Two Jakes

Digital Danger: Stop Cyberbullies and Cyberstalkers

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.  Teens & adults

Proficiency with technology has helped cyberbullying and cyberstalking become a fast-growing and frustrating problem to solve. Dr. Tim Conrad and Officer Don Stanko will share steps to take if you or your child are targeted by cyberbullies or cyberstalkers. For ages 16 and up.

Related reading: Digital Danger by Don Stanko & Tim Conrad

Book Circle: The Chaperone

Wednesday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m.  Adults

Join us for an informal discussion of The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty. Only a few years before becoming a famous actress and an icon for her generation, a 15-year-old Louise Brooks leaves Wichita to make it big in New York. Much to her annoyance, she is accompanied by a 36-year-old chaperone who is neither mother nor friend.

Required reading: The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty

Meow! Make a Cat Family and Their House

Saturday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m.  Kids

We’ll make a family of cats complete with their own home that doubles as a carrier! Fun for all, especially animal lovers! Please register beginning September 7 so we can provide enough supplies.

Related reading: Made to Play: Handmade Toys and Crafts for Growing Imaginations by Joel Henriques

Cinema According to Roman Polanski:
Tess

Sunday, September 29 at 1 p.m. (NEW TIME)  Adults

Join us for the second film in our Roman Polanski series. Tess is a timeless adaptation of Thomas Hardy's 1891 classic romance novel Tess of the d’Urbervilles. It tells the story of Tess Durbeyfield, a beautiful young peasant, who seeks her fortune with the wealthy D’Urbervilles, whom her family believes to be distant relatives. Steve Hunt hosts and leads a discussion after the screening. Due to the length of the film, this session starts at 1 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. Also, please see page 7 for information on our related book-to-film program. (1979, 172 min., rated PG)

Related DVD: The Pianist
Use our program calendar at http://programs.ualibrary.org to register, or call (614) 486-9621.
Cinema According to Roman Polanski: *Death and the Maiden*

Adults  Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m.

The third film in our Roman Polanski series is *Death and the Maiden*. Paulina, a political activist now married to a prominent lawyer in an unnamed South American country, is convinced that her husband’s guest Miranda is a man who once tortured her as political prisoner. Paulina takes him captive to determine the truth. Despite attempts by both her husband and Miranda to convince her that he is innocent, Paulina is certain that he is the one, and forces her husband to be Miranda’s “attorney” in the “trial” she arranges for him. **Steve Hunt** will present and discuss the movie.  
(1994, 103 min., rated R)

**Related DVD:** Tess

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Beginning Genealogy Using Online Databases

Adults  Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Sara Klein, the library’s Digital Collections Coordinator, will show you how to set up a free Ancestry.com account to keep track of your family tree. Learn where to begin your search and how to enter each additional family member as well as events such as birth, marriage, census, and death. We will look at valuable subscription-only resources available through the library as Sara walks you through the steps of researching historical family records online. In addition to exploring online reference databases like Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest, she’ll also discuss some of the new ways of storing and accessing your family tree through mobile devices and apps.

**Related reading:** *The Official Guide to Ancestry.com* by George G. Morgan

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Snacking Does Not Equal Junk Food

Adults  Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

Snacking is sometimes synonymous with junk food. There is such a thing as healthy snacking and it does play an important role in our energy levels throughout the day. This class will provide you with tips and examples about snacking for the health of it. Join **Erin Ford**, Healthy Eating Specialist from Whole Foods Market for tips, for this deliciously informative program. Registration is required and begins September 18.

**Related Reading:** *Lunch Boxes and Snacks: Over 120 Healthy Recipes* by Annabel Karmel

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Write a Novel in 30 Days with Help From Author Jody Casella

Teens & adults  Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Jody Casella is a local author with a new young adult novel, *Thin Space*, which has just been called “brilliant and brutal,” earning a coveted starred review in Kirkus. She’ll be presenting a three-part series for us tied to National Novel Writing Month in November. In October, join us as Jody talks about how to write a book in 30 days and gets interested writers psyched to participate in NaNoWriMo next month. In November, Jody offers encouragement to writers during the long, long road to 50,000 words for NaNoWriMo. So you’ve written 50,000 words during November! Awesome, but what’s the next step? In December, Jody offers advice about turning that rough draft into something presentable.

**Related Reading:** *Thin Space* by Jody Casella

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Scary Cupcakes and Zombie Marshmallows

Grades 5-12  Saturday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Prepare to scare and amaze but mostly enjoy two different edible treats in preparation for Halloween! We’ll vote for our favorites and maybe have some samples as we create delicious Halloween fun. Contents may contain wheat. Please register beginning October 5 so we have enough supplies.

**Related Reading:** *Halloween Sweets and Treats* by Ruth Owen

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Use our program calendar at http://programs.ualibrary.org to register, or call (614) 486-9621.
eReader Q & A
Sunday, October 20 at 1:30-4 p.m.  All ages

Bring your Nook, Kindle, Apple or Android device and we’ll show you how to use our website to borrow eBooks and audiobooks from the library. You can drop in anytime between 1:30-4:00 and sign in for a 15-minute session with a staff member who will help you download the required software and will provide an overview of the library’s Digital Download Site.

Digital Danger: Staying Safe on Social Media
Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m.  Ages 16+

Social media can be a powerful tool if used properly. Hundreds of millions of people across the world use social media, but not all are using it safely. Dr. Tim Conrad and Officer Don Stanko will share strategies to improve the privacy and safety of your social media use.

Related Reading: Talking Back to Facebook by James P. Steyer

Winter in Oaxaca: A Guide for the Ohio Snowbird
Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.  Adults

Marita King and her husband Jim are snowbirds. Each year they join the ranks of North Americans who escape the northern winter to live for a few months in the sunny climate of Mexico. Their destination in 2012 was the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca where they found temporary homes in Oaxaca de Juárez and Puerto Escondido. While the capital city charms with its diverse cultures, colorful history, nearby market towns, and world famous archeological sites, the quiet harbor town of Puerto Escondido is a haven for lovers of beaches and nature alike.

Related DVD: Destination Mexico

Sweet Endings: Healthy Desserts
Thursday, October 24 at 7 p.m.  Adults

Many of us love a sweet treat at the end of a meal. Unfortunately, a good deal of desserts are full of empty calories and highly processed products. Yet it is possible to create delicious, healthier treats using whole foods. Erin Ford, Healthy Eating Specialist from Whole Foods Market, teaches how you can enjoy your sweets while also doing a body good.

Related Reading: Healthy Desserts — The Best of Clean Eating: Improving Your Life One Meal at a Time

Pumpkin Parade
Saturday, October 26 at 11 a.m.  Ages 2-6

Come dressed in your costume for this special annual Halloween storytime. We’ll then parade around the library and enjoy a spooky snack.

Related Reading: 10 Trick-or-Treaters by Janet Schulman

Cinema According to Roman Polanski: The Ghost Writer
Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m.  Adults

We conclude our series of Roman Polanski’s films with The Ghost Writer. When a gifted ghostwriter is hired to write the memoirs of former British Prime Minister Adam Lang, he quickly finds himself trapped in a web of political intrigue. Lang is implicated in a scandal over his administration’s harsh tactics, and as the ghostwriter digs into the politician’s past, he discovers secrets that threaten to jeopardize international relations forever. Steve Hunt will present and discuss this movie. (2010, 128 min., PG-13)

Related DVD: Frantic

Bling Out a Pumpkin
Monday, October 28  Kids

Drop in anytime today to bling out a pumpkin just in time for Halloween! Supplies provided while they last. One per child, please.

Related Reading: Halloween Jack-O-Lanterns by Kathryn Stevens

Teen Pre Pub Giveaway
Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.  Grades 9-12

Read it before anyone else! Here’s a chance to snag an advanced reader copy of a book that hasn’t been published yet. Just drop by between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and check out some soon-to-be-released titles. Participants may keep the book they choose; special stipulations apply.

Board!
Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  All ages

Don’t be SORRY! Take a RISK and join us for board game day! It’s no TROUBLE, just show up to enjoy LIFE more and CONNECT 4 fun! There’s no MONOPOLY on the number of players. We’ll have games and tables set aside in the Atrium and the Youth Department for play.

Related DVD: Under the Boardwalk: The Monopoly Story
NaNoWriMo Write-In

Wednesday, November 6 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

Teens & adults

Come join our write-in! We’ll have space set aside and some coffee or tea available for those who need a little liquid writing fuel, and we’ll keep a word count each Wednesday! On November 13, novelist Jody Casella will join us to share some sage advice for those needing an extra push or some motivation to continue. You can write a novel in 30 days and we’ll give you some space and time to do that!

Related Reading: Just Write: Here’s How by Walter Dean Myers

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail from Mount Hood to British Columbia

Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Tom Logsdon is a long-distance hiker who has carried a pack over 5,000 miles of back country trails in the last ten years. He has completed the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, and the Long Trail over the Green Mountains from Vermont to Canada. For the last four years he has been section hiking the Pacific Crest Trail for a month each summer. The PCT extends from the Mexican border with California to the Canadian border. This summer, Tom hiked through the State of Washington starting at Mount Hood in Oregon and hiking north to cross the Columbia River, and then up and over the various mountain ranges of the Northern Cascades in Washington to finish in Manning Park, British Columbia, Canada. Join him for a look at his journey.

Related Reading: Backpacker & Hiker’s Handbook by William Kemsley

Digital Danger: How Your Digital Footprint Impacts College and Career Aspirations

Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m.

Adult

Dr. Tim Conrad and Officer Don Stanko return to share ways that your digital and online use may derail college and career plans. They also share the legal issues involved with the trend of sending and receiving explicit images and messages by teens and kids.

Related Reading: LOL...OMG! by Matt Ivester

Book Circle: The Twelve Tribes of Hattie

Wednesday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults


Required reading: The Twelves Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis

Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

Monday, November 25

Kids

Drop by any time today and make a turkey decoration for Thanksgiving. We’ll have all the trimmings to make your turkey something really special.

Related reading: Turkey Trouble by Wendi J. Silvano

Meet Junie B. Jones from Columbus Children’s Theatre

Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 4+

Come meet the cast from Columbus Children’s Theatre’s upcoming event Junie B. Jones. Actors will perform a short scene from the show and provide a craft. Characters will be available after the presentation for photographs. Free tickets are required for attendance and will be available beginning October 26.

More info: http://www.colschildrenstheatre.org

Meet the Staff

Name: Susan Sturgill

Position: Library Assistant 1 at the Lane Road Branch

Year you joined UAPL: 2008

My memorable UAPL experience: This 4th of July was my first time marching in the Upper Arlington (or any) parade. The route was lined with people cheering for the library. Totally unexpected, by me anyway, and so gratifying.

What I’m reading now: The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making (Fairyland, #1) by Catherynne M. Valente. It’s a J book found in the Youth department but good reading for anyone.
Main Library

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

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

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

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

Lane Road Library

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

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

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

Miller Park Library

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

Stories & Songs (2 ½-5 years)
Tue @ 11:15  Thur @ 10:15
Friends of the UAPL Hold Fall Book Sale

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library’s Fall Book Sale! It will be held in the atrium of the Main Library, 2800 Tremont Road, from Sunday, November 17 through Sunday, December 1. The sale will be open to the public during normal library operating hours: 1-5 p.m. on Sunday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Most books sold by the Friends have been donated by individuals and are in good to excellent condition.

Book prices have remained unchanged for the past 20 years. Most hardbacks are $2 each. Paperbacks are generally 50¢ each. Large and better quality paperbacks are $1. Children and teen books range from 25¢ to $1.

As usual, there will be a separate special sale of large-sized, rare, and special-interest books on the first day, November 17. These are priced higher than most books in the sale but are still bargains.

On the final day, December 1, from 1-3 p.m. Friends members are able to purchase a brown grocery bag of books for just $5. Nonmember price for a bag is $10. Thank you to Huffman’s Market for donating the bags.

The Friends of the UAPL is a volunteer organization that held its first book sale for one-day only in the fall of 1977. That modest effort netted $867. Friends income donated to the library is now routinely over $90,000 annually.

Get Creative With Our New Monthly Photo Contest

Teens and adults are invited to get creative and have fun with our new monthly “Picture This” photo contest.

Around the first of each month, we’ll provide a theme to inspire you. Keep the theme in mind as you look around your city, your neighborhood, even your own home. Post your original photo to Instagram using that month’s associated hashtag before the given deadline.

Our panel of judges will determine which photo is the most creative and best represents the theme. Judges include City of UA Arts Manager Lynette Santoro-Au, UA High School Art Teacher Alicia McGinty, and UAPL Digital Collections Coordinator Sara Klein. A winner in both the teen and adult categories will win a $10 gift card to a local business donated by the Friends of the UAPL.

Our contest kicks off in October. Check our website at www.ualibrary.org, our Facebook page or our in-library signs and fliers for complete instructions and our first theme.

UAPL Hires Emerging Technologies Librarian

The library is pleased to announce we have added a new staff position designed to keep the UAPL at the forefront of technology and digital content. The Emerging Technologies Librarian position was created to ensure that we stay ahead of new technology services, applications, digital devices and web tools.

Kevin Bauer was recently hired to fill this new vacancy. He will promote the use of digital resources, such as eBooks, to our community and train both patrons and staff. He’ll build staff awareness of new and emerging technologies, track trends and incorporate the appropriate technologies into the library environment.

Kevin earned a Masters of Library and Information Science from Kent State University in 2011. For the past four years, he served as Homework Help Center Coordinator for the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML). Prior to that he was a customer service specialist and library aide at CML.

Please stop by the Main Library’s Media Services Department to meet Kevin and learn more about how he and other staff can help you with your tech needs.
See our storytimes on page 11

Teen Wednesdays
Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. Grades 6-12
Join us every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for teen crafts, games and parties with no registration required. We’ll offer a different theme each week. Sept. 4: NERF war; Sept. 11: sticker making; Sept. 18: zombie obstacle course; Sept. 25: card and board games; Oct. 2: painting book ends; Oct. 9: Wii gaming; Oct. 16: make button pins; Oct. 23: popcorn and anime; Oct. 30: ninja and spy training; and Nov. 6: coffee mug decorating.

Teddy Bear Picnic and Storytime
Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m. Ages 2-5
Come one, come all for a “BEARY” good time at our Teddy Bear Picnic. We’ll share stories, have a small snack, and make a craft at our special outdoor picnic. The library’s very own Browser Bear will make a special appearance as well! Don’t forget to bring your favorite teddy bear. Weather permitting, the storytime and snack will be held outside.
Related reading: The Teddy Bears’ Picnic by Jimmy Kennedy

Let’s Speak English
Mondays at 1 p.m. from Sept. 16-Dec. 16 Adults
Let’s Speak English is an opportunity for adults to practice speaking with ESOL-trained volunteers.

Book Circle: The Chaperone
Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. Adults
Join us for an informal discussion of The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty. Only a few years before becoming a famous actress and an icon for her generation, a 15-year-old Louise Brooks leaves Wichita to make it big in New York. Much to her annoyance, she is accompanied by a 36-year-old chaperone who is neither mother nor friend.
Required reading: The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty

Preschool Science: Exploring My Five Senses
Friday, September 20 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-5
Hear a story and explore activity stations that will teach preschoolers about the five senses. Registration is required and begins September 6.
Related reading: You Smell and Taste and Feel and See and Hear by Mary Murphy

American Girl Party
Tuesday, September 24 at 4 p.m. Grades K-5
Join us for activities related to the American Girl books, including a tea party! Bring your favorite doll, if you’d like. Registration is required and begins September 10.
Related reading: The American Girls Collection

Read Down Fines
Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m. All Ages
Patrons of all ages can join us at any branch of the UAPL to read from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and receive up to $8 off your existing overdue fine. Be sure to arrive on time and with reading material in hand.

Reading to Rover
Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. Grades K-5
Kids are invited to join Marty Marlatt and her trained therapy dogs for a fun way to practice reading skills. Participants will take turns sharing stories with registered therapy dogs (TDI).
Related reading: Puppy Love by Dick King-Smith
Fairy House Building
Saturday, October 12 at 1 p.m.  
Ages 3+
Join us at the North Shelter House next door in Thompson Park for a story, snacks, and a craft related to fairies. Then, we’ll trek out into the park and build all-natural fairy houses on the grounds of the park. We will have a supply of natural building materials on hand to share: bark, dried flowers, leaves, pine cones, seed pods, shells, etc. You’ll also be able to collect some materials from the park. This is a family program – at least one adult must accompany each family group. Enrollment is required and begins September 28. Please register as a family group.
Related reading: The Girl’s Guide to Fairies: Everything Irresistible about the Fairy Folk by Sheri Johnson

Book Circle: The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration   
Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.  
Adults
Join us for an informal discussion of The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities in search of a better life.
Required reading: The Warmth of Other Suns

Book Title Bingo   
Tuesday, October 22 at 4 p.m.  
Grades 3-5
Play bingo using some of your favorite book titles! Instead of calling out letters and numbers, we’ll call out the titles of some of your favorite books. You might even discover a new book you’d like to read. Snacks and prizes will be available. Registration is required and begins October 8.
Related reading: The Kids’ Guide to Classic Games by Sheri Bell-Rehwoldt

Pumpkin Painting Party   
Thursday, October 24 at 11 a.m.  
Ages 3-6
Join us for a special storytime all about pumpkins. We’ll share pumpkin stories and rhymes, then paint mini pumpkins. Bring a paint smock if you’d like. Registration is required and begins October 10.
Related reading: Ready for Pumpkins by Kate Duke

Board!   
Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Kids
Don’t be SORRY! Take a RISK and join us for board game day! It’s no TROUBLE, just show up to enjoy LIFE more and CONNECT 4 fun! There’s no MONOPOLY on the number of players. We’ll have games and tables set aside in the Meeting Room and the Youth Department for play.
Related Reading: Unbored: The Essential Field Guide to Serious Fun by Joshua Glenn and Elizabeth Foy Larsen

39 Clues: Codes, Secrets and Adventure   
Tuesday, November 12 at 4 p.m.  
Grades 3-5
Children are invited to uncover secrets, solve codes and mysteries, and enjoy activities related to the popular book series 39 Clues. Registration is required and begins October 29.
Related Reading: The 30 Clues: The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

Book Circle: The Twelve Tribes of Hattie   
Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m.  
Adults
Required reading: The Twelves Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis

Feathered Friends Crafts   
Thursday, November 21 at 4 p.m.  
Ages 2+
Drop in and make some bird crafts, including a bird feeder for the feathered friends in your backyard.
Related reading: Roly-poly Egg by Kali Stileman

Check our calendar at www.ualibrary.org for the latest program information, including any last minute additions.
Money Matters
by Kate Hemleben, Fiscal Officer

In this quarter’s update, I have lots to share. First, the library has committed to implementing some energy conservation measures. Second, the state legislature made some changes to property tax rollbacks.

New Energy Conservation Measures
At its July meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved contracting with Ameresco to implement some of the recommendations from its study. This decision came after 24 months of planning and budgeting. Ameresco was hired through a new library procurement process specific for energy conversation measures in the Ohio Revised Code, which required a report to be produced. Within the Ameresco report, there are four recommendations providing a guaranteed savings of about $41,000 in the first year.

The four recommendations were HVAC system updates with controls, lighting retrofit and replacement, new windows at the Main Library and a replacement roof at Lane Road. The new legislation allows the library board to pick and choose which recommendations make the most sense to install. Therefore, not all of the recommendations must be implemented. The board chose to remove our existing HVAC system at the Main Library and install a new one. The project will also include a few minor HVAC updates at the two branches and some lighting upgrades at each location. These two recommendations are 98% of the calculated energy savings.

The best part of this project is that it will be a complete turnkey solution. This means that Ameresco is responsible for all design, engineering, bonding, permitting, materials, labor and the like. No change orders will be submitted which has a huge positive financial impact on the library. On average, most large construction projects will have about 10-15% increase due to change orders. In simple terms, a turnkey solution means that if Ameresco missed something, it won’t pass the cost on to the library. For example, if 500 light fixtures were counted and used to price the project but on the date of install, there were actually 550 fixtures, then Ameresco would replace all 550 fixtures for the price of 500.

This project will be a lengthy one. It’s currently estimated to take about 47 weeks to complete. The reason for the long timeline is so that the library may stay open. This was one of the must-have requests the library made during the study. Ameresco will be working with us to keep the library open and the number of areas that will be unavailable during construction to a minimum.

As with any construction project, the cost is extremely important. As I’ve mentioned over the past few years in this column, the library has been planning and budgeting for upgrades at each location. After comparing the HVAC equipment to be replaced, the library realized that Ameresco’s proposed cost was less than our internal cost estimates. This truly was exciting to know the library could do more than originally expected. The project will be paid for out of current cash reserves that were saved and set aside for this specific purpose over the last few years. The anticipated savings from the lighting retrofit will be about $1,500 a month. Of course, as electricity rates fluctuate so will our savings.

Be sure to check our website, Facebook and Library Link for updates.

Revision to Property Tax Rollbacks
The most recent state biennium budget made a statewide change regarding property tax rollback reimbursement. In 1971, the state began to pay a portion of homeowners’ property taxes. The State reimburses 12.5% of the property tax revenue for those entities that had property tax levies. This means that the homeowner pays only 87.5% of the property tax for a levy.

Property tax rollbacks or the taxpayer subsidy for property taxes has been eliminated with the approval of this biennium budget. In an effort to increase property tax transparency, the property tax subsidy by the state has stopped. For any property tax levy that is added, replaced or renewed starting with the November 2013 election, the homeowner’s tax burden will increase to 100% of the millage.

The good news is that the current library levy is unaffected by this recent tax law change. However, any future library levy will not receive a state subsidy for property taxes which means that a UA homeowner will pay 100% of the property tax revenue the library receives.

This is a behind-the-scenes look at the 1959 multi-zone air handlers and two single-zone handlers. Note the wiring at the top of these units. In 1959, the copper pneumatic controls were state-of-the-art. These units will be replaced with new electronic controls that will connect to a web-based controls system.
Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks

**Crazy Good: The True Story of Dan Patch, the Most Famous Horse in America by Charles Leerhsen**

Similar to Laura Hilldebrand’s *Seabiscuit*, Leerhsen’s tale of Dan Patch is about a horse who loved to run. Few folks are familiar with trotter/pacer racing but a hundred years ago it was more popular than thoroughbred racing. Leerhsen’s story includes the social history of the Ragtime era, small Midwestern farmers, big city con men, and rise of the trotters and pacers popularity into the racing world. *Crazy Good: The True Story of Dan Patch, the Most Famous Horse in America* is truly an inspiring horse story of an underdog lame colt becoming a superstar champion in racing history. Good read!

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services

**The Aviator’s Wife by Melanie Benjamin**

We know the story of Charles Lindbergh and his 1927 flight to Paris that made him a superstar of that era. We also may remember the horrific kidnapping of his son Charlie and the aftermath. Author Melanie Benjamin describes the life of Charles Lindberg’s wife, Anne Morrow, and what she meant to her family and the strength she possessed to hold it all together. Through Anne Morrow’s diaries and biographies, we learn about her literary ambitions, her intelligence, and her ability to cope with the dominant personality that was Charles Lindbergh. She was the first woman to earn a glider pilot’s license, and a confident navigator who became her husband’s co-pilot. In this novelization, we also learn of a flawed marriage, unresolved conflicts from the kidnapping, as well as boundless courage that was Anne Morrow.

— Lenore Mastracci, Adult Services

**Midnight in Peking: How the Murder of a Young Englishwoman Haunted the Last Days of Old China by Paul French**

The mutilated body of a young Englishwoman was found on a cold January morning in Peking. The murder took place in a China that was on the verge of being invaded by Japan as the world headed toward the Second World War. The investigation of young Pamela’s murder starts one way but then heads in a very different direction as the story unfolds. This is excellent storytelling which reads like fiction and gives you a good sense of being in this place at this time. I could not put it down and finished the book in two days.

— Kate Porter, Assistant Director

**Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell**

Anybody who felt like an outsider in their high school years will identify with the characters in this book. It takes you through so many emotions, true to life for most teenagers. Although intended for the teen audience, I enjoyed this book immensely. The two main characters, Eleanor and Park make an unlikely couple, and experience their first love but many external factors threaten their relationship. It will make you cry and laugh, all on the same page! This book is a new favorite of mine.

— Kate Albers, Miller Park

**Who is AC?: written by Hope Larson; illustrated by Tintin Pantoja**

This graphic novel centers on Lin, a teenager who has just moved with her family to a small and isolated college town. While she is normally the creative writer behind tales of heroes and adventures, a strange twist of technological fate turns Lin herself into a real-life hero. With her unpredictable powers, she makes both enemies and allies among the town’s population. Though written for a young adult audience, readers of any age will appreciate Larson’s reluctant hero and intriguing touches of technological magic.

— Bree Miller, Miller Park

**The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy**

For some reason, end of summer and start of fall always makes me want to read one of my all-time favorite books, *The Prince of Tides* by Pat Conroy. For many years, I would re-read this book every summer. The first time I read it, within the first page I was completely transported to Conroy’s setting of tidewater South Carolina. This book is one of his absolute best, with a gripping story, amazing descriptive passages of a lush region filled with decay, and a tale of one family’s inevitable implosion. The book was made into a movie in 1991 starring Barbra Streisand and Nick Nolte. Don’t let that miscast and poorly adapted effort stop you from reading the book which is light years better than the movie.

— Nancy Roth, Administration
**Reading to Rover**
Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-5

Meet some therapy dogs from Central Ohio Good Shepherds! Improve your reading skills by reading to dogs and learn more about this wonderful organization.

**Related reading:** *Dog Loves Drawing* by Louis Yates

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**Sing-a-Story**
Friday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers

Join our in-house musician Brian Griffin and his guitar for a morning of stories and songs.

**Related reading:** *So You Want to Be a Rock Star* by Audrey Vernick

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**Halloween Crafts**
Wednesday, October 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Ages 3+

Drop in between 2:30-4:30 and make three different halloween crafts.

**Related Reading:** *Paper Crafts for Halloween* by Randel McGee

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**Bling Out a Pumpkin**
Monday, October 28

Kids

Drop by anytime today and we’ll provide one small pumpkin to each child while they last. Use gems, stickers, feathers, etc. to decorate your gourd.

**Related Reading:** *Pumpkin Painting* by Jordan McKinney

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**Oodles of Animals**
Wednesday, September 25 at 4 p.m.

Ages 3+

We will share poems from *Oodles of Animals* by Lois Ehlert, and children can make their own animal creations using pre-cut paper pieces of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Older children will get to write poems or stories about their animal creation.

**Related Reading:** *Oodles of Animals* by Lois Ehlert

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**Read Down Fines**
Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.

All Ages

Patrons of all ages can join us at any branch of the UAPL to read from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and receive up to $8 off your existing overdue fine. Be sure to arrive on time and with reading material in hand.

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**Cooking Caravan**
Saturday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

Ages 4+

Get yourself ready for Thanksgiving by cheering on a Thanksgiving-inspired chef battle. Two Cooking Caravan members will square off in an Iron Chef-style cooking contest using audience members as sous chefs.

**Related Reading:** *Thanksgiving Sweets and Treats* by Ronne Randall

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**Meet the Staff**

**Name:** Josh Stewart

**Position:** Circulation Supervisor at the Main Library

**Year you joined UAPL:** 2007

**My memorable UAPL experience:** My eclectic group of co-workers makes every day memorable.

**What I'm reading now:** I am finishing Robert Jordan’s *Wheel of Time* series. The last book, *A Memory of Light* by Brandon Sanderson, gives long-awaited resolution to a story I have enjoyed for over a decade.
Sara Klein, the UAPL’s Digital Collections Coordinator, has recently partnered with four Upper Arlington schools to create educational aids for use in teaching local history to third and eighth graders.

For the first project, Sara collaborated with Barrington Elementary teacher Clay Bogart to create a map of the area of Upper Arlington where the school and their homes are located. A transparency of an annexation map from the UA Archives was placed on top of an early city map. This allowed third grade students to compare UA geography of today with that of nearly 150 years ago. This tool has been in use in Mr. Bogart’s classroom since 2011.

Earlier this year, Tremont Elementary teacher Erin Masters asked Sara for photos of Upper Arlington landmarks for use in her third grade students’ book about a dragonfly that visits UA landmarks, which is modeled after Upper Arlington resident Susan Sachs Levine’s *Packard Takes Flight: A Bird’s-Eye View of Columbus, Ohio*. A copy of the students’ book will soon be available at the Main Library.

Inspired by a request from Windermere Elementary librarian Kate Hastings, Sara is working with the Main Library’s Youth Services Department to create a Discovery Kit full of local history. The kit, which will be available for checkout from the Main Library later this year, will contain items that allow kids to compare their childhood with that of children almost 100 years ago. Today’s third graders will be able to see photos such as an early school held in UA founder King Thompson’s basement and what the Miller Park playground looked like in 1917.

Finally, Sara is providing photos and maps of early Upper Arlington, plus stories and images from the *Norwester* magazine to Hastings Middle School teacher Cathy Johnson for use in the eighth grade history classes. Sara and an early UA resident will make a classroom presentation during the upcoming school year. In return, students hope to visit the Main Library for a talk on Upper Arlington history, as well as a tour of the library’s digitization office and the UA Historical Society’s displays and archive storage area.

“Having access to resources that will help students fully explore and experience the history of this community is fantastic,” says Hastings teacher Cathy Johnson. “I am eager to help my students actually ‘do history’ by developing and seeking answers to authentic questions about the history of their community through the exploration of the archives and resources at the library.”

“The library has long been a place where students come for homework help and resources,” says Sara Klein. “With the added availability of the UA Historical Society’s rich collection, teachers and students now not only have access to the library’s local history materials and online UA Archives collection, but also to the physical archives of the historical society.”

If you’re a teacher interested in using local history materials in your classroom, please contact Sara Klein at (614) 486-3342 ext. 281 or sklein@ualibrary.org.

Some things never change. Even in 1918, Upper Arlington boys enjoyed playing outside with bicycles and tents, as seen in this photo published in the September 1918 *Norwester* magazine.

For more pictures and fascinating facts about the early days of Upper Arlington, visit the UA Archives site at www.uaarchives.org.
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