Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest. — Lady Bird Johnson
Preloaded Nooks to Circulate

By late August, several Nook Simple Touch e-readers will be available to circulate at the Main Library. These devices will come preloaded with several popular, classic and foreign titles. Please note that patrons will not be able to download additional titles to them. These devices replace the Sony Readers which are being phased out. Stop by the circulation desk to check out a Nook or to reserve one.

Check Out Our App

We’ve just introduced a way to get library information while you’re on the go. Our new app allows you to view our catalog, access your account and see upcoming events, all from your smartphone or tablet. The app is currently available for Android and is coming soon to iTunes. Search your app store for “UA Library.”

New Research Databases Added

There are two newcomers to our list of online research databases. The National Geographic Magazine Archive includes every page and every photograph from National Geographic Magazine from 1888 through 1994. It has extensive searching and browsing features, giving you great flexibility when looking for information or pictures. The Oxford English Dictionary (OED) is widely regarded as the accepted authority on the English language. It is an unsurpassed guide to the meaning, history and pronunciation of 600,000 words—past and present—from across the English-speaking world. Visit www.ualibrary.org/reference-databases.php to use these or any of our 123 subscription databases.

Dena Little Named Youth Services Manager

Dena Little has been named the UAPL’s new Youth Services Manager. Dena joined the UAPL in June 2010 as a Youth Services Librarian. She replaces Kate Hastings, who has moved on to become the librarian at Windermere Elementary School.

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 8 of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees are open to the public.

At press time, board meetings are scheduled for September 18, October 16 and November 20.
Summer Reading Club Comes in For a Smooth Landing

Thousands of readers of all ages reached for the stars in our “Expand Your Universe” 2012 Summer Reading Club. A total of 4,045 patrons — 402 adults, 723 teens, 2,272 elementary students — participated in this year’s program. Between June 7 and August 4, patrons logged 65,818 hours of reading. This was a bit below our community goal of 71,000 hours, but it’s still an impressive number!

Grand prize winners were Colin W. (Leapster), Mallory J. (Kindle Touch), Alex Z. (Kindle Touch) and Diane B. (Kindle Fire).

Check out our list of the 100 kids who read the most hours plus photos from some out-of-this-world programs:

Jasper Alvarez
Jack Amling
Reva Bastebarina
Mackenzie Bean
Meghan Beery
Clare Bolon
Jenna Bowers
Eleanor Buehler
Jack Burky
Olivia Buster
Leah Cashin
Rebecca Chen
Sam Cheung
Eugene Choi
Cassie D'Angelo
Hanar Darwin
Hunter Dean
Ainsley Dean
Emerson Dean
Jack DeVita
Lea Dukat
Rita Egeler
Katherine Egeler
Gabriel Elliott
Elliott Fosler-Lussier
Tripp Freeman
Carly Geraghty
Elisabeth Grauer
Elia Grimes
Mei-yi Guo
Avalon Haney
Elliot Harned
Henry He
Colin Hickey
Susie Hodson
Debbie Hodson
Anika Hofmeister
Ethan Howe
Annie Grace Hu
Zhique Huang
Karen Snyder
Jaykuhn Song
Sophia Stayer
Abigail Talaryz
Lauren Talaryz
Justin Tang
Grace Taylor
David Thress
Rowan Trotter
Eva Van Benschoten
Emma Wang
Laith Wattar
Leanne Wattar
Daria Williams
Candy Wu
Amniee Wu
J.C. Yan
Jenny Yeh
Owen Young
Megan Zink

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Jeni’s Ice Cream Social and Book Talk

Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. Adults

Have you been inspired by the creative and delicious flavors of Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams? Join us for an evening with James Beard award recipient Jeni Britton Bauer! Jeni will ply you with her delicious ice cream while she discusses her book, her inspirations, entrepreneurship and the business that has become so familiar to many of us. If you own a copy of her cookbook, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams at Home, bring it along with you and Jeni will be happy to sign it for you! This program is designed for adults and older teens. Space is limited so stop in to pick up your free ticket at the Adult Department desk beginning on August 24. Be sure to walk past the Administrative offices to see her James Beard award which will be on display.

Related reading: Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams at Home by Jeni Britton Bauer

ESOL Book Club

Thursdays, September 6- November 15 at 10 a.m. Adults

Nancy Brown leads this book club for non-native speakers of English. This fall we will discuss a book about Helen Keller. Books can be purchased from the instructor at the first class.

Recommended DVD: The Miracle Worker

Chess Club

Thursday, September 6 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, October 4 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, November 1 at 4 p.m.

Checkmate! Chess lovers of all levels are welcome to join the UAPL Chess Club. Our local teen experts will moderate, help beginners and suggest strategies to players. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each event.

Related reading: Chess Kids by Michael Basman

Books & Cooks: Rockets

Star Wars Celebration

Solar Sensations with Perkins Observatory
Llama, Llama Character Visit
Thursday, September 20 at 7 p.m.   Ages 2-6
Join us for this introduction to Anna Dewdney’s Llama, Llama books. Come in your favorite snuggly pajamas to hear a bedtime story and meet Llama, Llama. Be sure to bring a camera!
Related reading: Llama, Llama books by Anna Dewdney

Columbus Children’s Theater: Meet the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Saturday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.   Ages 6+
Meet the cast from Columbus Children’s Theater’s upcoming event The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Characters will perform a short scene from the show and provide a craft. Characters will be available after the program for photos and autographs. Free tickets are required and will be available beginning Sept. 8.
Related reading: The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

Intergalactic Nemesis and the Collaborative Comic Strip
Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m.   All ages
Imagine this: a stage production that combines live theater radio drama, a graphic novel and a mash-up of actors on stage creating different characters, live music and huge projected hand-drawn images to watch as the action unfolds. Join us to find out more about The Intergalactic Nemesis Book One Target Earth coming to the Wexner Center for the Arts. Jean Pitman, educator at the Wex, will be on hand to explain this theater phenomenon through a simple, interactive drawing exercise that will result in a collaborative comic strip.
Related reading: See our graphic novel collection

Annie Leibovitz: Her Life and Work
Friday, September 28 at 1:30 p.m.   Adults
Learn more about the life and work of Annie Leibovitz, the celebrated photographer who has captured some of the most iconic images of the last 40 years. More than 200 of Leibovitz’s photos are on view this fall at the Wexner Center for the Arts, including selections from her work for Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, and Vogue. Her new body of work, Pilgrimage, is a series of photographs of places and objects attached to historical figures, including Lincoln, Emerson, and Dickinson. Amanda Potter, the Wexner Center’s Educator for Public and University Programs, presents.

Spectrum Storytime
Friday, September 28 at 4 p.m.   Adults
This monthly storytime is designed for young children on the Autism spectrum, and/or children with sensory processing sensitivities. We will have stories, songs, and activities to encourage literacy and positive associations with reading and the library. Registration is required and is limited to 8 children and their caregiver(s), and must be made either in-person or by phone. This program is designed for children with a developmental stage of 3-5 years old; children aged 10 and under are welcome.

Russo-Soviet Cinema: Soviet Cinema and Stalin’s War on Peasants
Sunday, September 30 at 2 p.m.   Adults
We start our fall series of Russo-Soviet films with a lecture by Dr. Yuri I. Shevchuk, a lecturer of Ukrainian language and culture, and the Director of the Ukrainian Film Club at Columbus University. Dr. Shevchuk will discuss the cinema in a very crucial time in the history of the Soviet Union. He will use clips from various Soviet films of the 1920s and 1930s, including works by such legendary Russian directors as Eisenstein, Dovzhenko, Ermler and Pyniev. This program is offered through partnership with the Ukrainian Cultural Association of Central Ohio.
Recommended DVD: Strike (Eisenstein)

Library Open House for Tremont Elementary
Tuesday, October 2 at 7 p.m.   Grades 4-6
Tremont kindergartners and first graders are invited to a 15-minute presentation followed by crafts and Q&A. Teachers are welcome, too! We’ll have open houses for other nearby UA elementary schools throughout the year.

Explore Namibia
Wednesday, October 3 at 7 p.m.   Adults
Explore Namibia through digital images and sound. A relatively young democracy and remarkable travel destination, Namibia is located on the southwestern coast of Africa. Special attention will be given to the abundant wildlife found in northern Namibia and to the dramatic red sand dunes along the Atlantic coast. Join Gene Gilliom as he recounts the trip he led during the summer of 2011.
Related reading: Fodor’s The Complete African Safari Planner

The Art of Comics
Friday, October 5 at 1:30 p.m.   Adults
Columbus is home to the world’s largest collection of comics and cartoon art. Caitlin McGurk, visiting curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum, will give a presentation on the history of the Cartoon Library, share some of the gems of the collection and explore the impact that comics have on our lives.
More info: http://library.osu.edu/blogs/cartoons

Russo-Soviet Cinema: Happiness
Sunday, October 7 at 2 p.m.   Adults
Steve Hunt from OSU will present Alexander Medvedkin’s Happiness, the first film in our Russo-Soviet Film Series. This silent film from 1935 was banned in Russia for 40 years because of its anti-Bolshevik humor. The film is based on a Russian folk tale, and is the story of Khryma, a poor and lazy peasant, who dreams of becoming a tsar, eating his fill of pork fat and doing nothing (his idea of happiness). His industrious wife, Anna, has found real happiness on a collective farm after the revolution. The film contains drawn scenery cleverly transplanted into cinema from popular Russian wood prints, ingenious and always purposeful tricks, and hilarious scenes of the wanderings of a scrappy and vicious pilgrim nun. (1935, 95 min., NR)
Recommended DVDs: Alexander Nevsky (Eisenstein)

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m.   Grades 4-6
Library instructors lead a discussion of the selected title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert O’Brien. Ten copies of the book will be set aside for request to the first ten families to enroll. Additional families able to secure their own copy of the book are welcome to attend.
Required reading: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert O’Brien

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.   Adults
Give the gift of life by donating blood. Visit www.givelife.org and use sponsor code UAPL to make your appointment.
More info: www.givelife.org

Around the U.S. in One Year by RV
Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. — Part 1   Adults
Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. — Part 2   Adults
Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. — Part 3   Adults
For years, Kimmer and Victoria Callahan dreamed of quitting their jobs to explore the United States. In June 2011, with bucket list in hand and a full tank of gas, they set out in an RV. Now, after 10 months on the road, over 60,000 miles and the 48 continental states, they’re coming to share their story. In part one, find out how to go about planning for a driving trip that will last nearly a year. Learn the tips and tricks that the Callahans had to learn the hard way. Part two will take you off the beaten path in the midwest. Finally, part three introduces you to hidden treasures of the eastern U.S.
Related reading: Hotels, Hospitals and Jails: A Memoir by Anthony Swofford

Fodor’s The Complete African Safari Planner
Friday, Sept 21 @ 3:00 PM
Friday, Oct 26 @ 3:00 PM
Friday, Nov 16 @ 3:00 PM

use our program calendar at www.ualibrary.org/programs.php to register, or call (614) 486-9621.
Ancestors

Russo-Soviet Cinema: Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors
Sunday, December 17 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 17 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
All ages
New to using eBooks and eReaders? Join the Media Services Department staff for an introductory, interactive session on using eReaders for downloading the library's eBooks and Audiobooks. Our eBooks are compatible with most readers, including Nook, Sony Reader, Kindle, iPad, and a variety of other devices. If you are using a Nook or a Sony reader, we advise that you bring your own laptop if you have one. Drop in anytime during the two-hour session.

Pets of Iran
Monday, October 22 at 4 p.m.
Ages 4-7
It doesn't matter where you live, every child dreams of having a pet! Different pets are popular in different parts of the world. Local author Celia Javadi will talk about pets in Iran, share some words in Farsi and invite children to create a craft. Registration is required and begins Oct. 8.

Related reading: The Best Good Night Present Ever by Celia Javadi

Book Circle: The Hare with Amber Eyes
Wednesday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m.
Adults
The UAPL Book Circle meets for a discussion of The Hare with Amber Eyes, A Family’s Century of Art and Loss by Edmund de Waal. At the heart of this family memoir is a one-of-a-kind inherited collection of ornamental Japanese carvings known as netsuke. He’s drawn to the objects as well as the story behind them. For years he put aside his work as a potter and curator to uncover family history, of which the netsuke are one of the few concrete legacies.

Book Buddies
Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27 at 7 p.m.
Grades K-3
Our popular summertime program Book Buddies now continues throughout the school year! Little buddies are paired up with local teens to practice their reading and other literacy activities. A variety of reading materials will be supplied. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to each program.

The Nightmare Before Christmas/Pumpkin Parade
Saturday, October 27 starting at 10:30 a.m.
Kids
We’ll show the Tim Burton classic The Nightmare Before Christmas at 10:30 and host our traditional pumpkin parade at 11 a.m. Older kids will enjoy the movie while preschoolers can dress in costumes for a Halloween storytime. After the story we’ll parade around the library and enjoy a spooky snack!

App Investigations: Halloween Style!
Tuesday, October 30 at 7 p.m.
Grades 6-8
Get ready for some screamin’ Halloween fun! Together we will explore iPad applications designed with this spooky holiday in mind. Registration is required and begins Oct. 16.

Fall Foliage Crafts
Saturday, November 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-8
Celebrate the beauty of fall with us! We’ll create crafts inspired by fall colors and foliage. Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy. Drop in anytime between 10:30-11:30.

Related reading: Count Down to Fall by Fran Hawk

World Travel: Adventures and Personal Growth
Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m.
Travel stimulates body and soul. You escape from the routine grinds of daily life to explore different environments, make new friends, try exotic foods, and learn interesting things about the world. But travel is much more than a stimulation of the senses; it transforms you. Travel provides a wealth of opportunities for inner personal growth — it challenges old beliefs and stereotypes, questions your ingrained values and priorities, and reveals strengths and weaknesses you never imagined you possessed. Join Dr. Martha King as she describes how her passion for travel turned into a lifestyle and has brought adventure, joy and grief, hardships and pleasures, and immense personal growth. With her own photographs from around the world as a backdrop, she will share stories, highs and lows, and insights gained.

Related reading: Take Big Bites: Adventures Around the World and Across the Table by Linda Ellenbe

Russo-Soviet Cinema: Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors
Sunday, October 21 at 2 p.m.
Adults
Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors is a 1964 film by Soviet filmmaker Sergei Parajanov based on the book by Ukrainian writer Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky. In a Carpathian village, Ivanducer, a 1964 film by Soviet filmmaker Sergei Parajanov. At the heart of this family memoir is a one-of-a-kind inherited collection of ornamental Japanese carvings known as netsuke. He’s drawn to the objects as well as the story behind them. For years he put aside his work as a potter and curator to uncover family history, of which the netsuke are one of the few concrete legacies.

Russo-Soviet Cinema: Burnt by the Sun
Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m.
Adults
We continue our Russo-Soviet film series with OSU’s Steve Hunt and Burnt by the Sun, a film by Russian director and actor Nikita Mikhalkov. It tells the story of a senior Red Army officer and his family during the Great Purge of the late 1930s in the Stalinist Soviet Union. Like a tragedy by Sophocles, Burnt by the Sun takes place over the course of one day. (1994, 135 min., NR)

Recommended DVD: The Cranes Are Flying (Kalatozov)
Q & A with New UAPL Director Chris Taylor

Q: What kinds of books do you like to read?
A: I’m mostly a mystery reader but have a favorite science fiction author (Sheri Tepper) and have been known to read a romance or two (Jennifer Crusie). In nonfiction I tend to read (or more often listen to) management and leadership titles. I also love to pore over cookbooks and try new recipes.

Q: What is your background? We know you came from CML, but what kinds of things did you work on while you were there?
A: I was very fortunate to work in many different capacities during my years at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. I have worked in or worked on projects in all areas of the library from working directly with patrons to all of the behind the scenes departments. In my most recent positions I worked on strategic planning including introducing new services. We worked on a multiyear project to create staffing level guidelines for all branches. I also worked on process improvement and department review projects looking for the most efficient ways to complete work. Another area I was very involved in was statistics and using data to make business decisions. A passion of mine over my entire career has been manager development including coaching and mentoring. I expect that I will call upon all my past experiences in my job here at UAPL. Right now, I’m in a listening and learning mode so I can work with the board, community and staff to prioritize the areas to address first.

Q: How do you feel about the future of books in our collection with the emergence of eBook downloads to our electronic devices? What are your plans to expand digital download offerings?
A: I think there are two camps when it comes to the future of books as physical objects. I fall into the camp that thinks physical books are going to be around for awhile yet. However, I also believe that more people will begin to also read digital material and that the circulation of digital material will continue to be a larger and larger proportion of our circulation. We are fortunate to be a part of a multi-library consortium to offer digital material to our patrons. All Upper Arlington cardholders have access to the complete collection of over 75,000 digital books, audiobooks, music and videos. We are currently discussing the budget for next year. The budgets have increased in the last two years as eReaders have become more popular. Check out the Digital Downloads collection if you haven’t yet. You can even request we become more popular. Check out the Digital Downloads collection if you haven’t yet. You can even request we become more popular.

Q: What surprised you most about Upper Arlington?
A: I don’t know if surprised is the right word, but I didn’t realize just how many parks there were in Upper Arlington. I was most familiar with Lane Avenue and the Kingsdale area, having lived in central Ohio since 1988, but I was less familiar with the residential areas. I’ve been varying my routes to and from the library each day, including picking a new side street to explore. I’ve also been trying many of the local restaurants.

Q: What do you anticipate the library will provide in the next 5–10 years?
A: I believe the library will continue to provide the traditional services like the circulation of books, music and movies and programming for both children and adults. Our computers continue to be a very popular service and an increasing number of patrons bring their own equipment in to use our wireless network. There are times when all the tables and chairs are full, so I anticipate that we need to be looking at additional people spaces for studying, reading and working. Beyond that, I look forward to working with community agencies and groups to determine what other services are desired by the citizens and then finding ways to partner with those organizations to make that happen.

Adventure UA Returns with New Challenges

Adventure UA is back! Adventure UA is a six-week interactive program that challenges teams to complete tasks and research questions using library and community resources. Each completed challenge earns points for the team and the team with the highest number of points at the end wins the grand prize.

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All prizes are donated by the Friends of the UAPL.

Storytime Classes

Main Library

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

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

Preschool (3½-6 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
Thurs @ 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
Thurs @ 11:15

Stories & Songs (2½-5 years)
Tue @ 11:15
Thurs @ 10:15

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Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks

**Let’s Pretend This Never Happened: A Mostly True Memoir by Jenny Lawson**

While I normally review books for kids, I’m venturing into adult territory this quarter. Jenny Lawson has expanded her popular blog into a quirky memoir recounting her unusual childhood, eccentric family, and health issues. Even the most serious topics are approached with positivity and humor. No one should miss the story of Beyonce the Giant Metal Chicken. Be warned: some of these stories are not for the squeamish (Lawson’s father was a butcher). Lawson’s approach is filled with positivity and humor. No one should miss the story of discovering the female experience in the modern world, and an inspiring tale of courage and love. 

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again! by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Is more of this long-awaited sequel to the Ian Fleming novel we fast forward to today. When the Tooting family finds an old engine and fits it to their camper van, they have no idea what kind of adventure lies ahead. The engine used to belong to an extraordinary car … and it wants its bodywork back. Their van leads them around the world to find out the truth about her past. She keeps this secret until she battles a creature who nearly kills her. 

— Ellen Buesing, Miller Park

**Heading Out to Wonderful by Robert Goddard**

A fantastic story, written with poetic simplicity and brute force. The time is 1948 post-war Brownsburg, Virginia. Charlie Beale arrives with two suitcases — one filled with money, the other the tools of his trade, knives. He becomes the assistant to the local butcher, and soon his eye falls on beautiful Sylvan Glass, the wife of the richest man in town. 

— Lenore Mustracci, Adult Services

**Calico Joe by John Grisham**

With this book, Grisham confirms that he is more than a writer of good legal thrillers. He is a gifted writer across many genres. Calico Joe is a baseball story that is more than a baseball story and can captivate even non-baseball enthusiasts. It is the story of the relationship between a boy and his cold, abusive father and the redemption that can come with an apology. It’s a quick read with a message for real life that bypasses a saccharine ending in favor of a more realistic one. Tightly written and well-paced, it is worth taking a summer afternoon to read. 

— Nancy Roth, Administration

**Girl Walks Into a Bar: Comedy Calamities, Dating Disasters and a Midlife Miracle by Rachel Dratch**

Refreshing version of the “happily ever after” story, this side-splitting memoir of former Saturday Night Live star Rachel Dratch spins tales of dating and becoming a mother at the age of forty-four. Even if you are not familiar with her, this book is humorous, and you can’t help but laugh out loud. 

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services

**Don’t Kill Your Idols: A Memoir of Teenage Life by Jenny Mollen**

This memoir is by the daughter of Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author Willam Styron, acclaimed for *Lie Down in Darkness, The Confessions of Nat Turner* and *Sophie’s Choice*. Ms. Styron, herself an accomplished writer, provides a fascinating insider’s view of life with a famous father who moved in glamorous circles of celebrated artists and politicians. She also details his harrowing descent into depression. 

— Erin Morgenstern

**The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**

The story of three generations in 20th century China, it is an engrossing record of Mao’s impact on the country, an unusual window on the female experience in the modern world, an inspiring tale of courage and love.

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

**Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang**

Jung Chang describes the life of her grandmother, a warlord’s concubine; her mother’s struggles as a young idealistic Communist; and her parents’ experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution. Chang herself was a Red Guard briefly at the age of fourteen, then worked as a peasant, a “barefoot doctor,” a steelworker, and an electrician.

— Lenore Mastracci, Adult Services

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— Ellen Buesing, Miller Park

**Rush For The Gold: Mystery at the Olympics by John Feinstein**

Feinstein is back with another sports mystery involving Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson. But this time, Susan Carol isn’t a reporter, she’s a swimmer, a “barefoot doctor,” a steelworker, and an electrician.

— Jenny Little, Youth Services

**Apples for Apple Picking**

Celebrate the fall season with apple picking! Make unique designs using apples as stamps! 

— Marty Marlatt

**Let’s Speak English**

Let’s Speak English is an opportunity to study English in small groups with experienced ESL tutors.

— Martha Schaeffer

**Tail Wagging Tutors**

Practice reading skills with Marty Marlatt and her trained therapy dogs. Take turns sharing stories with canine friends. Bring your own books or use ours!

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

**Book Circle: The Night Circus**

The UAPL Book Circle begins a new season with an informal discussion of *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. The circus arrives without warning. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the canvas tents is an utterly unique experience called Le Cirque des Reves, and it is only open at night. But behind the scenes, a fierce competition is underway: a duel between two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who have been trained since childhood expressly for this purpose. Unbeknownst to them, this is a game in which only one can be left standing.

— Laura Griffin, Youth Services

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Meet the Staff

Name: Bonnie DeWitt
Position: Lane Road Branch Manager
Year you joined UAPL: 1985

My memorable UAPL experience: Having a resident library cat for several months. He was a stray we named Webster and he eventually found a home with a staff member. It was great fun watching patrons react and then interact with him. They loved him! Not as fun, but also very memorable, was discovering a fire in the ceiling at closing time. I often tremble when I think what might have happened.

What I'm reading now: In One Person by John Irving

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Book Club Book Swap
Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. Adults

In a book club? October is National Reading Group Month — why not kick it off with our book swap? Bring your previously enjoyed book club books and exchange them for new-to-you titles. Please bring books your book club has read or that you think a club would enjoy. Any leftover books will be donated to the Friends of the UAPL.

Related reading: The Book Club Companion: A Comprehensive Guide to the Reading Group Experience by Diana Loevy

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Fairy House Building
Saturday, October 13 at 2 p.m. Families

We’ll go outside and build all-natural fairy houses using a supply of natural materials: bark, dried flowers, leaves, pine cones, seed pods, shells and more. Feel free to bring some of your own natural building materials from home as well. This is a family program — one adult must accompany each family group. Registration is required and begins Sept. 29.

Related reading: The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal

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Stranger Than Fiction Book Club
Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m. Adults

This month we discuss Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America by Firoozeh Dumas. This lighthearted memoir chronicles the author’s move from Iran to America in 1971 at age seven, the antics of her extended family and her marriage to a Frenchman. The best parts will make readers laugh out loud, as when she arrives in Newport Beach, California, “a place where one’s tan is a legitimate topic of conversation.” She is particularly good at making gentle fun of her father, who loves Disneyland and once competed on the game show Bowling for Dollars.

Required reading: Funny in Farsi by Firoozeh Dumas

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Related reading: Up Iranian in America by Firoozeh Dumas

Required reading: The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family’s Century of Art and Loss by Edmund de Waal. At the heart of this family memoir is a one-of-a-kind inherited collection of ornamental Japanese carvings known as netsuke. The netsuke are tiny and tactile and de Waal is drawn to them as “small, tough explosions of exactitude.” He’s also drawn to the story behind them, and for years he put aside his own work as a potter and curator to uncover a rich and tragic family history of which the carvings are one of the few concrete legacies.

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Book Circle: The Hare with Amber Eyes
Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. Adults

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Pumpkin Painting Party
Thursday, October 25 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-6

Children are invited to 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 Oct. 11.

Related reading: Pumpkin Cat by Anne Mortimer

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Guinea Pig Birthday Party
Thursday, November 1 at 4 p.m. Kids

Help us celebrate our guinea pig’s birthday with stories, snacks, and activities. He has everything he needs, but we will accept donations in his honor for the Capital Area Humane Society pocket pets. All ages are welcome.

Related reading: Nibbles’ Garden: Another Green Tale by Charlotte Middleton

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Stranger Than Fiction Book Club
Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Adults

Join us for a discussion of Everybody Was So Young — Gerald and Sara Murphy: A Lost Generation Love Story by Amanda Vaill. Often considered minor Lost Generation celebrities, the Murphys were in fact much more than legendary party givers. Vaill’s compelling biography unveils their role in the European avant-garde movement of the 1920s; Gerald was a serious modernist painter. But Vaill also shows how their genius for friendship and for transforming daily life into art attracted the most creative minds of the time: Picasso, Hemingway, and Fitzgerald.

Required reading: Everybody Was So Young by Amanda Vaill

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Thanksgiving Crafts
Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m. Ages 2 +

Kids of all ages can make some fun holiday table decorations to display at your family’s Thanksgiving feast. No registration is required.

Related reading: T is for Turkey: A True Thanksgiving Story by Tanya Stone

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Book Circle: The Cat’s Table
Wednesday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. Adults

The UAPL Book Circle meets for a discussion of The Cat’s Table by Michael Ondaatje. In the early 1950s, an 11-year-old boy in Colombo boards a ship bound for England. At mealtimes he is seated at the “cat’s table” — as far from the Captain’s Table as can be — with a ragtag group of “insignificant” adults and two other boys. As the ship crosses the Indian Ocean, the boys tumble from one adventure to the next. By turns poignant and electrifying, The Cat’s Table is a spellbinding story about the magical, often forbidden, discoveries of childhood, and a lifelong journey that begins unexpectedly with a spectacular sea voyage.

Required reading: The Cat’s Table by Michael Ondaatje

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UA flashback

As Upper Arlington’s kids head back to school, consider this Grandview Grade School classroom in 1917. Some elements look similar to classrooms almost 100 years later, such as group work tables. But we doubt the school had a computer lab, or even air conditioning!

No video games here. In 1918, these children entertained themselves with an outdoor tea party.

These boys of summer comprised the 1918 Upper Arlington baseball team, including players, batboys, mascots and water carriers.

For more pictures and fascinating facts about the early days of Upper Arlington, visit the UA Archives site at www.uaarchives.org.
Technology Plan
With the slow economic recovery, the use of the library’s technology has increased and is projected to continue to increase over the next six years. Having a strong infrastructure in place allows the library to easily respond to technology changes.

The life of a desktop computer is typically 5-6 years before reliability and software upgrades require replacement; our patron computers are over 6 years old. Our technology plan includes the replacement of public computers, patron printers and networking devices as they reach the end of their useful life. New patron computers will be coming soon to each location. Stay tuned for more details as the year progresses.

Perhaps you’ve already noticed progress on one part of this plan. Earlier this year we expanded wi-fi in all three locations with better coverage in all public spaces. It’s now easier than ever for you to access the internet on your mobile device.

Upgrading our phone system with more current technology will provide better efficiency and customer service. For example, staff will be able to transfer callers from one UAPL location to another.

Another part of the planning for future technology needs included earmarking monies to research new trends in an attempt to keep pace with technological advancements. This plan does not include funding for any unknown technologies developed over the next six years. We realize that what we plan now for 2017 may not even be close to what happens by the time we reach 2017. So while our plan is solid, it is also flexible.

Unmet Capital Plan Needs
Currently, the library has about $3 million in unmet building and technology needs and will be planning how to best resolve these needs. Additional savings may occur within the operating budget as we review services and expenditures more in-depth, and increase our participation in consortiums. We are also looking at the reallocation of resources to make the most of the funds we have.

Looking for means other than relying on the resident for support? The library is exploring new avenues to fund the top four life/public safety issues to be completed within this five-year cycle. Public safety issues include replacing the components at the end of their normal life cycle. It’s important to note these public safety concerns do not present an immediate threat to life and limb, but fixing them will make us safer and more environmentally friendly.

Unmet needs to consider in the future.
Continuing to provide up-to-date technology services to the public.
Upgrades to computers, hardware and software as well as providing for telecommunication needs will give patrons safer and more environmentally friendly service. For example, staff will be able to transfer callers from one UAPL location to another.

The happy medium will be to have a diverse mix of funding sources. We are currently closer to our goal of raising $10 million to replace facilities that have reached the end of their useful life. New patron computers will be coming soon to each location. Stay tuned for more details as the year progresses.

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Main Library Offers Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teens are invited to apply for positions that help the library. Whether your strength is writing, organizing or helping younger kids, the Main Library has an opportunity for you.

Teen Blog Writers
Do you love to write? Enjoy sharing ideas? We want YOU to write for the blog! Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to become bloggers for our UAPL Teen Blog. Content revolves around books, music, movies, community events, and other topics interesting to teens. Our writers are eligible to earn service hours for contributions. Stop by the Youth Department to find out more about this opportunity and to receive an application. You may also go online at http://teens.ualibrary.org/volunteering-in-the-youth-department. Please return completed forms to the Youth Department.

Teen Blog Intern
The UAPL Youth Department is offering an internship for a teen in grades 10-12, to help facilitate and further develop the UAPL Teen Blog. One intern will be chosen based upon an application and interview process. Internship will include creating and editing blog content, marketing, encouraging readership, and gathering new writers for the blog. Applications are available starting Sept. 4, and are due Oct. 19. Hours completed can satisfy service hour requirements. The intern will accumulate between 50-100 hours both within and outside the library during this school-year internship. Please return completed forms to the Youth Department.

October is National Reading Group Month

The Women’s National Book Association launched National Reading Group Month in October 2007. It’s a time to celebrate the joy and value of shared reading, and the UAPL is proud to present opportunities for fans of book clubs.

Book Discussion Groups
Among our signature programs are the many Book Discussion Groups we offer for all ages and interests. Our Parent-Child Group is for kids in grades 3-5 and an adult who read a book together, then join other families to discuss it. For adults, our Book Circle meets at the Main and Lane Road Libraries to discuss a different title each month. The Stranger Than Fiction Group meets monthly at Lane Road to discuss a nonfiction title. Lane also hosts regular meetings of the Amy Erickson Book Club, named after a former board member of the Friends of the UAPL.

Finally, the Main Library’s ESOL Book Club meets weekly throughout the school year as a chance for non-native English speakers to read and discuss a book, usually covering a period or person from U.S. History. For more details on our book discussions, see the program listings in this guide.

ESOL Book Club
ESOL Book Club No. 3: The Night Circus.................pgs. 5 & 13
Parent-Child Book Discussion: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH........ pg. 7
High School Book Club (at UAHS)........ pg. 7
Book Circle: The Hare with Amber Eyes........pgs. 8 & 14
Parent-Child Book Discussion: Island of the Blue Dolphins........ pg. 7
Book Circle: The Cat’s Table......................pggs. 9 & 15
Stranger Than Fiction Book Club: Wild Swans........pg. 13
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ESOL
ESOL Book Club ........................................pg. 5
Let’s Speak English..................................pg. 13

Music
An Intro to Opera........................................pg. 9
Sing-a-Story.............................................pg. 17

Special Events
Read Down Fines....................................pgs. 5, 13 & 17
Jeni’s Ice Cream Social and Book Talk........pg. 5
Llama, Llama Character Visit................pgs. 6, 13 & 17
Columbus Children’s Theater: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe........pg. 6
Intergalactic Nemesis and the Collaborative Comic Strip........pg. 6
Library Open House for Tremont Elementary........pg. 6
My Little Pony Party........................pg. 8
Book Club Book Swap......................pg. 14
All About Owls........................................pg. 14

Storytimes
Spectrum Storytime.................................pg. 6
Weekly Storytimes.................................pg. 11
Sing-a-Story.............................................pg. 17

Teens
App Investigations: Halloween Style........pg. 8
Twin Writing Workshop.........................pg. 9

Travel
Explore Namibia.......................................pg. 6
Around the U.S. in One Year by RV................pg. 7
World Travel: Adventures and Personal Growth...............pg. 9

...and don’t forget
Red Cross Blood Drive............................pg. 7
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Russo-Soviet Cinema: Happiness................pg. 7
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Russo-Soviet Cinema: Burnt by the Sun........pg. 8
Russo-Soviet Cinema: Kuokusa................pg. 9

Games/Sports
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Holiday Activities
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Please note: Video and photos are occasionally taken of library activities for use in future online and print promotions. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed, please notify the photographer.
Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

— Lady Bird Johnson