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From the Director

At the Upper Arlington Public Library, we're very appreciative of the financial support that we receive through state funding, our local levy, and the generous donations from our patrons and Friends of the Library. We couldn't serve patrons at the current level without it.



I want to make you aware of the funding situation for Ohio's public libraries. Currently, public libraries receive state funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF), which is a percentage of the state General Revenue Fund (GRF). Revenue sources for the GRF include the state's personal income tax, sales tax, business taxes, and other sources. In 2008, the PLF was set at 2.22% of the GRF, but that amount has been cut, frozen, and recalculated several times since then, and is now down to 1.66% of the GRF. This puts our state funding at the same level it was in 1996. In real dollars, state funding for Ohio's public libraries has been cut by more than \$105 million dollars since 2008.

The Ohio Library Council (OLC) is working with Ohio libraries to help restore our funding. Libraries have always been good stewards of public dollars. We feel it is time that the citizens of Ohio and their communities have their library funding restored. We'll be working with the OLC during the next several months to restore state funding for Ohio's public libraries back to 2.22% of the GRF for the next state fiscal year.

I will keep you posted with updates as we work through this process. Thank you again for your support. It is truly a joy to serve the people of Upper Arlington!

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Library on Thursday, January 22. See page 4 for his Q&A.

From the Board President

Libraries are more than books, DVDs and computers. These resources are important, but it's our capable staff that makes the library come to life. We see our librarians as the ultimate search engine, your entry point into the expanding array of timely and useful information. We employ 118 trained and



knowledgeable professionals working in public areas and also behind the scenes to keep your library among the best in the country. Library administrators often hear great things about the library staff. Many of those stories came from people who were pleasantly surprised to learn that we offer services that they hadn't previously known about.

But if I were to choose the one thing that I am most proud of, it would be our staff's commitment to customer service. Library staff have education, experience and unique resources that enable them to help people with a wide range of questions and needs. They keep up with the newest books, movies and music and are quick to help you find just what you're looking for. We have staff that schedule oneon-one sessions to help people get comfortable using their digital readers and the library's eBook and online magazine collection. Our youth services staff work throughout the year to help students find materials for their assignments and to help keep them engaged and reading during the summer. Our reference librarians are busy answering questions in person, over the phone, by email and even by text message. Other staff book meeting rooms, fix computers, clean the building and perform other tasks to keep things running smoothly.

Staff members recently took part in our peer recognition program — the You Make a Difference Awards. Employees at all levels were invited to nominate coworkers by recognizing excellent service to the library and community. You can read about the winners on page 3.

If you've had an experience with an employee who's provided excellent service, I encourage you to fill out a You Make a Difference card available at all three locations. It means so much to our employees, managers and administrators to hear stories of our staff helping patrons in matters big and small.

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News and Views

Holiday Closings

All three UAPL locations will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25. Regular hours resume on Friday, December 26. We will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 and remain closed on Thursday, January 1. Regular hours resume on Friday, January 2. All UAPL locations will be open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents Day. Happy Holidays!

Friends of the Library Hold Winter Sale

The Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale will run from February 15-March 1 at the Main Library. The sale features a large selection of hardback and paperback books for all ages. You'll also find DVDs, VHS tapes, record albums, magazines and more. Shop early for the best selection. On the final day of the sale, Friends members can fill a paper grocery bag with books for just \$5. Find a bargain and help the library!

2015 Author Visit Announced

We're pleased to confirm that author Anthony Doerr will visit Upper Arlington on Sunday, October 11, 2015. The time and venue of his talk is still to be determined. He is a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award for his novel *All the Light We Cannot See*. The winner will be announced November 19. His visit is the fourth in the UA Author Series, which is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of the UA Community Foundation, the UA Public Library, the Friends of the Library and the UA Rotary. Donations to support the UA Author Series can be made to the Ann Royce Moore Fund, which is administered by the UA Community Foundation.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

All meetings of the UAPL Board of Trustees are open to the public. The Board 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 December 2 (change in regular date), January 20, and February 17.

Library Link Distribution

Effective this issue, *Library Link* will no longer be distributed to UA homes as an insert in *ThisWeek Upper Arlington*. Printed copies are available at each library as well as at the Municipal Building at 3600 Tremont Road. An electronic version to view, download or print can be found on our website at www.ualibrary.org.

UAPL Named 5-Star Library

Library Journal magazine has once again named the UAPL as a 5-star library system. The rating is based on circulation, visits, program attendance and public Internet terminal use per capita.



Future firefighters get safety tips from John Sewell of the UA Fire Division during a visit to the Miller Park Library on October 4.



Four employees "You Make a Difference" awards at our annual Staff Inservice Day. This year's winners are (I-r) Sarah Manley, Kate Porter, Gunther Keim and Kevin Bauer. Staff are nominated by peers and chosen by managers.



The Lane Road Library has a new roof and shiny cupula.

Join our Colorful Youth Winter Reading Club

Kids can beat the winter blues (or reds, or yellows!) by joining our annual Winter Reading Club. This year's theme is "Color-by-Reading."

Kids of all ages can participate by stopping

by any UAPL location to pick up a coloring sheet. You will have three images to choose from. Similar to a color-by-number activity, each image is divided into pieces with each piece corresponding to a different reading activity. Once you have satisfied the reading requirement for a piece, color it in and move onto the next. Once you have read enough to color and complete the image, return the bottom slip to any UAPL location for a chance at a grand prize drawing. Then, you are welcome to grab a different sheet and "color" again!

Each player who completes and turns in their sheet will receive a bookmark, and each color-by-reading entry earns a chance to win some fun grand prizes. There will be drawings after the end of the Winter Reading Program for four different age categories: preschool, grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-12.

Color-by-Reading begins on Monday, January 5, and ends at 5 pm on Sunday, February 15. Prizes will be drawn at each UAPL location on Monday, February 16.

Gingerbread Contest Returns for Third Year

You're invited to show your sweet and creative side with our 3nd Annual Gingerbread Building Contest.

Decorate a gingerbread house or other design, and bring it to the Main Library by 6 p.m. on Friday, December 5. Categories include house/building or other. Children ages 9-12 can build and enter a paper gingerbread house at our youth program on December 3. See page 5 for details.

Our celebrity judging panel will rate the structures based on originality/creativity; difficulty; precision and overall appearance. This year's judges include WCMH-TV Meteorologist Ben Gelber; Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams Founder Jeni Britton Bauer; and Marilyn Smith, 89.7 NPR News Afternoon Host. Impress them with your entry and you could win a blue ribbon and a gift card to a local merchant, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. All entries will be displayed and winners announced during our annual Holiday Happiness event on Saturday, December 6.

Complete rules and a pre-registration form are available at any UAPL location or online at gingerbread.ualibrary.org.

Q&A with Live at the Library Artist The Saturday Giant

Our Thursday night Live at the Library concert series featuring local musicians returns this winter with a diverse lineup. Acts include The Randys on January 8; The Saturday Giant on January 22; The Ramshacklers on January 29; Grassahol on February 12; and Miller Kelton on February 19. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

The Saturday Giant (real name: Phillip Cogley) also performed in this series last year. He recently took time from his busy touring schedule to answer questions about his music and life on the road.

Where did the name "The Saturday Giant" come from?

There is a very popular Spanish-language variety show called *Sábado Gigante*. It's an insane, bombastic combination of a plethora of television genres. When I had the idea to begin a solo project, I knew that I wanted the freedom to combine different genres of music, so I named it after the show. The literal translation would be "Gigantic Saturday," but I thought "The Saturday Giant" sounded cooler.

Give us your elevator speech about your music.

I put fresh trimmings of rock, folk, electronica and hip hop into a blender, add a dash of introspective, off-beat lyricism, and pour out a delicious pop smoothie. When I perform live, I build the songs in real time by using a technology called "looping" to layer the different elements (including guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, and my voice) as I perform them.

You tour extensively. What's that like?

It's like a lot of other jobs, I suppose, in that it has high points and low points. The difference with touring playing original music is that the low points are soul-crushing and

the high-points are transcendent. It can certainly be very difficult, in a way I think most people can't really appreciate unless they've done it. It's great mental training though. If you're going to survive on the road (especially traveling by yourself), you have to learn to be very positive and flexible in your thinking, and confident in yourself and what you're doing. And I believe those are very valuable traits.



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Gingerbread House Competition

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Ages 9-12 Meeting Room B; 90 min. Registration opens Nov. 19

Join us for our annual competition — now less messy thanks to paper materials! Houses will be left at the library for judging during our annual Holiday Happiness on December 6.



The Reading Café at Whole Foods Market

Adults Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Whole Foods, 1555 Lane Ave.; 90 min. Registration opens Nov. 17

Come discuss the best books you haven't heard of yet! Tonight we'll talk about Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. Join Librarian Jen Downing for a fun discussion in the café at Whole Foods Market on Lane Avenue.

Holiday Happiness

Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All ages No registration

Don't miss our 43rd annual holiday event! We'll have music, crafts, and displays.



Santa will visit from 12-2 p.m. New this year: balloon animals and a photo booth!

LEGO Lit

Thursday, December 11 at 4 p.m. Grades K-4 Thursday, January 8 at 4 p.m. Registration opens Thursday, February 12 at 4 p.m. two weeks prior Meeting Room B; 45 min.

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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, December 13; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Adults Friends Theater & Meeting Room B No registration

Donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive. Visit www. redcrossblood.org/make-donation and use sponsor code UAPL to make an appointment. Walk-ins also encouraged.

Scratch Art Gifts

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. Grades 2-4 Youth Activity Room; 45 min. Registration opens Nov. 29

Scratch art uses special paper that reveals hidden colors when pictures and designs are scratched into its surface. We'll share a story then make several scratch art projects.



Jingle Bell Storytime

Monday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers Youth Activity Room; 30 min. No registration

Dash through the snow to this fun winter music-andmovement storytime featuring jingle bells and snowballs.

UA High School Exam Study Rooms

Tuesday, December 16 from 6-9 p.m. Grades 9-12 Wednesday, December 17 from 6-9 p.m. No registration Thursday, December 18 from 6-9 p.m. Meeting Room A; Youth Activity Room

Looking for a quiet place to study? Have a group that needs space to prepare for exams? We'll have open rooms or spaces available at select times during these three days. Look for the welcome sign directing you to



the designated study spaces. High schoolers only, please. Snacks and covered beverages are permitted.

Family Books and Build

Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-10 Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. Registration opens Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. two weeks prior Youth Activity Room; 30 min.

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 and LEGO Duplo blocks. We provide books and blocks as inspiration, then your child gets hands-on building time. Please note that children will not be able to keep their creations.

Teens Like LEGOs, Too!

Sunday, December 21 at 2 p.m. Grades 6-12 *Youth Activity Room; 60 min.* No registration

You're never too old to build with LEGOs! Exams are over and it's time for some relaxing fun. Hang out with your friends and build with our LEGO collection. Exclusively for students in grades 6-12.

Countdown to Noon

Wednesday, December 31 at 11:15 a.m. Preschoolers *Youth Department; 45 min.* No registration

Too young to make it to midnight? We'll count down to the OTHER 12:00 with music, dancing, crafts and snacks.

Feed Down Fines

Saturday, January 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All ages *Meeting Room A* No registration

Patrons of all ages can join us at any branch of the UA library and receive \$1 in fine credit for every canned or boxed food item donated, up to a max of \$10. Please check your expiration dates, as we cannot accept expired items.



Digital Media Q & A

Sunday, January 4 at 1:30 p.m. Adults **Sunday, January 18 at 1:30 p.m.** Registration optional *Meeting Room B*

Start the new year by learning how to get free eBooks, movies, music and more from your library. Sign up to guarantee a time, or just drop in. We'll help you set up your tablet or eReader, and show you how to access our great digital collections. Please bring your device and passwords.

Downton Abbey Season 5 Premiere Party

Sunday, January 4 at 8:30 p.m. Adults & teens *Friends Theater; 3 hrs.* Registration opens Dec. 8

Are you a *Downton Abbey* fan? Join us after hours at the library for the season 5 premiere on our theater's big screen. Come in costume for a chance at prizes!

Youth Winter Reading Club

January 5-February 15

Preschool-Grade 12

Color, read and earn a chance to win fun prizes this winter! Stop by any UAPL location to grab a color-by-reading sheet. Once you've completed enough activities to color the entire image, return it for a free bookmark and to be entered into a grand prize drawing. For more information, see page 4.



Coding Club for Middle Schoolers

Wednesdays; January 7-February 25 at 7 p.m. Grades 5-8 *Meeting Room B; 60 min.* Registration opens Dec. 24

Learn to code! Students with little or no knowledge of coding are welcome to join our coding club where we'll follow sequential steps to build a website. All participants will need a valid email address and be willing to work with a partner. Students should be able to attend at least 6 of the 7 sessions.

Live at the Library: The Randys

Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Our series of concerts by local artists kicks off with **The Randys** — a five-piece band from Columbus with a unique sound that mixes a variety of styles from the 1940s to the present. With a focus on upbeat and melodic songs that all ages will enjoy, you might hear songs originally performed by Tennessee Ernie Ford, Louis Prima, Elvis Presley, Joe Tex, Dean Martin and many others.

Smarter Than an MIT Grad? Lightbulb Challenge

Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m. Grades 1-5 *Meeting Room B; 60 min.* Registration opens Dec. 27

Students will be given limited supplies and challenged to discover how to make a bulb glow.

Teen Advisory Board: The Teens of the Round Table

Saturday, January 10 at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 7 at 2 p.m. Youth Activity Room; 60 min. Grades 6-12 No registration

Join our Teen Advisory Board to help plan events and programs, promote reading and volunteering, and help make the library a great space for teens. Students in grades 6-12 are



welcome to our meetings and will receive service credit.

Movies by the Coen Brothers: Blood Simple

Sunday, January 11 at 2 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 2 hrs.* No registration

Join **Steve Hunt** as he starts our winter film series with *Blood Simple*, the directorial debut of Joel and Ethan Coen. In this neo-noir crime film, a Texas bar owner suspects his wife of an affair with one of his bartenders. He hires a private eye to get him the proof he needs. (1984, 99 min., rated R)

Using Hypnosis to Help with Health and Lifestyle Goals

Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Hypnosis has been used throughout the years in a variety of ways for therapeutic purposes and for entertainment. The American Medical Association (AMA) has recognized hypnotherapy as a beneficial treatment for certain health conditions and also as an effective way to modify behaviors. Join **Chris Halbohm**, Master Hypnotist and Certified Neuro Linguistic Programming trainer, for a discussion and demonstration.

Parent-Child Book Discussion: Frindle

Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. Grades 2-4 *Meeting Room B; 45 min.* Registration opens Jan. 6

Come participate in a librarian-led discussion of *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. Reserve a copy through our catalog or bring your own.

Book Circle: Benjamin Franklin: An American Life

Wednesday, January 21 at 1:30 p.m. Adults *Meeting Room B; 60 min.* No registration

Join us for an informal discussion of *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* by Walter Isaacson. Franklin packed more than just one life into 84 years. He was an inventor, a scientist, a diplomat, a businessman, a writer, and one of our most fascinating founding fathers.

Tips for College Planning

Wednesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Adults & teens *Friends Theater; 60 min.* Registration opens Dec. 8

Students need to know much more than the three Rs before they graduate. Facilitators from At the Core, a company that offers guided self-assessment for students, will explain how the college application process has changed and what colleges are looking for in applicants. They'll also share ways that parents can help students determine a major, college and career.

Live at the Library: The Saturday Giant

Thursday, January 22 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

One man band **The Saturday Giant** brings music to the computer age with elements of rock, folk, hip hop, and pop. The Saturday Giant uses looping technology to create live feeds of different instruments during his performance that allow him to build complex music as a solo act.

Tamara de Lempicka: Art Deco Icon

Friday, January 23 at 1 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Learn about Tamara de Lempicka, a Polishborn artist whose paintings and glamorous jet-setting lifestyle embody the Art Deco art and design movement in the early 20th century. We'll feature many of Lempicka's best-known paintings and discuss how her long, fascinating life influenced her work and piqued the interest of viewers. Presented by **Ann Shifflet** from CCAD.



UA High School Book Club

Friday, January 23 at 3 p.m. Grades 9-12 **Friday, February 20 at 3 p.m.** No registration *Upper Arlington High School; 60 min.*

For students attending Upper Arlington High School. If you want to expand your reading repertoire, UAHS and UAPL are partnering to offer an afternoon of lively discussion surrounding classic and contemporary literature. Stop by the high school's Learning Center to pick up a copy of this month's title.

Movie and Popcorn

Saturday, January 24 at 2 p.m. All ages
Saturday, February 21 at 2 p.m. No registration
Friends Theater

Come enjoy a Saturday afternoon movie in our theater. We'll be showing a newly released to DVD movie that is geared towards a young audience with a G or PG rating. The library will provide the popcorn and candy, and you bring your own drink (with a lid, please!). Children 9 and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. Movie title will be available two weeks before screening.

Movies by the Coen Brothers: Barton Fink

Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m. *Friends Theater; 2 hrs.*

Adults No registration

Come to view and discuss Barton Fink, another great movie by Ethan and Joel Coen. **Steve Hunt** will present the 1991 American period film written, directed and produced, by the brothers. Set



in 1941, it stars John Turturro in the title role as a New York playwright who is enticed to go to Hollywood to write for the movies, and in the process discovers the harsh truth of tinseltown. (1991, 116 min., rated R)

Live at the Library: The Ramshacklers

Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

The Ramshacklers features members of both The Spikedrivers and the Hoo Doo Soul Band. Their music draws from R&B, soul and American rock, and has made these bands staples of the Columbus music scene. If you love the blues and soul music of the 60s and 70s, you will find your self tapping a toe along to the Ramshacklers.

Winter Birds

Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers *Youth Activity Room; 45 min.* Registration opens Jan. 17

Stories, activities and a craft to celebrate our feathered friends — the birds we see in winter.

Opera on Film

Sunday, February 1 at 2 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 2 ½ hrs.* No registration

Spend a Sunday afternoon at the Opera with WOSU's **Christopher Purdy**. We've chosen Puccini's *Turandot*. Set in China and performed in Italian, it's a classic work that has been a favorite of opera lovers for generations.

Explore Myanmar

Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

After nearly half a century of economic stagnation and heavy-handed rule by a military government, change is underway in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Myanmar is finally opening up to tourists



and **Gene Gilliom** was fortunate to lead two groups to Myanmar last year. Gene shares his stories and stunning photos of those two unique travel experiences.

The Reading Café at Whole Foods Market

Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. Adults *Whole Foods, 1555 Lane Ave.; 90 min.* Registration opens Nov. 17

Come discuss the best books you haven't heard of yet!
Tonight we'll talk about *Word Exchange* by Alena Graedon.
Join Librarian **Jen Downing** for a fun discussion in the cafe at Whole Foods Market on Lane Avenue.

Youth Chess Club

Thursday, February 5 at 4 p.m. Grades 3-6 *Youth Activity Room; 45 min.* Registration opens Jan. 22

Checkmate! Chess lovers of all levels are welcome to play chess against each other and our teen experts.

Valentine Concert of Love Songs

Thursday, February 5 at 7 p.m. All ages Friends Theater; 60 min. No registration

Listen to Upper Arlington's future stars when the combined honors choirs of Jones Middle School and Hastings Middle School perform love songs for a Valentine's Day Concert.

Puppetmaking Workshop with Rebecca Riley

Saturday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. Grades K-5 *Youth Activity Room; 60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 24

Artist **Rebecca Riley** will perform a short puppet show followed by a workshop on puppetmaking. Each participant will leave with at least one original rod puppet they've created.



Movies by the Coen Brothers: O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 2 hrs.* No registration

Steve Hunt returns to discuss *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* In the deep south during the 1930s, three escaped convicts search for hidden treasure while a relentless lawman pursues them. The modern satire is loosely based on Homer's *Odyssey* and is one of the Coen Brothers' most popular films. (2000, 106 min., rated PG-13)

The Magic of "And"

Tuesday, Feburary 10 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Too often when making a decision, we settle for one option or the other, when instead we could creatively blend the best that each has to offer. Hear examples of thinking more and and less or. **Phil Binkley**, author of *The Magic of And*, is a retired educator and administrator in central Ohio.

Live at the Library: Grassahol

Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Friends Theater; 60 min.

Adults No registration

Grassahol is a five-piece, acoustic band from Central Ohio. Their songs reflect the many musical influences of the band members – bluegrass, Americana, folk, blues, jazz and even rock. Grassahol's



music mixes the old with the new and adds in a full measure of original material.

DIY Valentine

Friday, February 13; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Kids

Youth Department No registration

Stop by any time today to make a Valentine for someone you love. Get in on the fun while supplies last.



Parent-Child Book Discussion: *The One and Only Ivan*

Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. Grades 2-4 *Meeting Room B; 45 min.* Registration opens Feb. 3

Come participate in a librarian-led discussion of *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Reserve a copy through our catalog or bring your own.

Book Circle: Where'd You Go, Bernadette?

Wednesday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. Adults *Meeting Room B; 60 min.* No registration

Join us for an informal discussion of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple. A wife and mother who seems to have it all decides to disappear and figure out just where she really belongs.

Live at the Library: Miller Kelton

Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Miller Kelton's original music ranges from a gritty, local blend of Americana country rock to more upbeat guitar pop. With two albums and an EP under their belt, Miller Kelton has received critical acclaim and has garnered both national and international airplay.

Paul Manship: Art Deco Sculptor

Friday, February 20 at 1 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

If you've ever seen the Prometheus sculpture at Rockefeller Center in New York City, you are already aware of the work of American sculptor Paul Manship. In this program, we'll learn about Manship's early training, his wide-ranging interests in art history and how he synthesized these elements into a unique style that led to his becoming one of the earliest Art Deco artists in America. Our presenter is **Ann Shifflet** of the Columbus College of Art and Design.



Movies by the Coen Brothers: Burn After Reading

Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 2 hrs.* No registration

Steve Hunt concludes our winter film series with a showing of *Burn After Reading*, a black comedy by the Coen brothers. A disk containing the memoirs of a CIA agent ends up in the hands of two unscrupulous gym employees, who attempt to sell it. (2008, 96 min., rated R)

Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. Adults *Friends Theater; 60 min.* No registration

Tom Logsdon, a seasoned thru and section hiker, returned to the Appalachian Trail last spring to hike from Springer Mountain, Georgia north through the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, the Roan Highlands of Tennessee and into Virginia. The spring hike provided a stunning backdrop for Tom to document the wild flowers in bloom, to commune with nature, and to observe the thru hikers of the 21st century. Come listen to Tom's stories of past and present hikes, and enjoy the beautiful nature photos that Tom captured on his journey along the Appalachian Trail.





The James T. Miller farm was originally purchased in 1859 by Miller's father in hope that the country air and lifestyle would improve the health of his young son. The gamble paid off and Miller lived to a ripe old age. The main residence faced west toward the Scioto River and was built in the Italianate style of architecture. It received numerous additions as the family grew and was eventually painted white.

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



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Teen Wednesdays

Select Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Grades 6-12 60 min. No registration

Teen Wednesdays are back with an exciting winter lineup! **Dec. 3**: Harry Potter Wand Making; **Dec. 17**: Hobbit Party; **Jan. 7**: Chocolate Party; **Jan. 21**: Photo Booth; **Feb. 4**: Nintendo Wii Games; **Feb. 18**: Board and Card Games. Bring a friend and join the fun.

Reindeer Crafts

Tuesday, December 9; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Kids

No registration

Drop in and make a reindeer craft while supplies last.

Polar Express Shadow Puppet Show and Workshop

Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. Ages 4-12 *60 min.* Registration opens Nov. 29

Local educator and professional puppeteer **Rebecca Riley** will perform her shadow puppet adaptation of the classic children's book, *The Polar Express*. Following the performance, she will host an interactive puppet making workshop.



The Christmas Story Through Art

Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. Adults 60 min. Registration opens Dec. 4

Anne Peterson, a Columbus Museum of Art docent, will present biblical stories of Christmas through beautiful works of art housed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Some of the featured artists include Fra Angelico, Jan Van Eyck, and Fra Filippo Lippi.

Feed Down Fines

Saturday, January 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All ages No registration

Receive \$1 in fine credit for every canned or boxed food item you donate, up to a max of \$10. Please check your expiration dates, as we cannot accept expired items.

Mock Caldecott Election

January 5-February 1

All ages No registration

The Caldecott Medal is awarded each year by the American Library Association for the best illustrations in a children's book by an American illustrator. The official winner will be announced on February 2. We are holding our own mock election here at the Lane Road Library. Visit the Youth Services department anytime between January 5 and February 1 to view some possible candidates and vote for your favorite. We will announce our winner along with the national winner on Monday, February 2. All ages are welcome to participate.

Youth Winter Reading Club

January 5-February 15

Kids

Color, read and earn a chance to win fun prizes this winter! Stop by any UAPL location to grab a color-by-reading sheet. Once you've completed enough activities to color the entire image, return it for a free bookmark and to be entered into a grand prize drawing. For more information, see page 4.

Process Art for Preschoolers

Friday, January 9 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-6 60 min. Registration opens Dec. 26

Process-oriented art is open-ended and focuses on the exploration of the tools and materials rather than the end-product. This month, we will explore a variety of creative ways to use paint! Wear old clothes — it might get messy.

Our Teen Advisory Board meets at the Main Library on Jan. 10 and Feb. 7. See page 6.

Geronimo Stilton Party

Thursday, January 15 at 4 p.m. Grades K-5 60 min. Registration opens Jan. 2

Stilton fans unite! Enjoy crafts and games related to this famous mouse detective/journalist.



Columbus Museum of Art: Women Artists

Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m. Adults *60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 1

Join us at the Lane Road Library as Columbus Museum of Art docent **Sonya Ramsey** explores CMA's extraordinary and varied collection of works by women artists including Georgia O'Keeffe, Mary Cassatt, and Alice Schille.

Book Circle: Benjamin Franklin: An American Life

Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. Adults 60 min. No registration

Join us for an informal discussion of *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* by Walter Isaacson. Franklin packed more than just one life into 84 years. He was an inventor, a scientist, a diplomat, a businessman, a writer, and one of our most fascinating founding fathers.

Marble Run Mania

Saturday, January 24 at 11 a.m. Grades K-5 *60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 10

Experiment with different materials like straws, paper towel tubes, and cardboard boxes to create your own marble run. Learn about the laws of physics while also having fun! Please note: some children might need parent or caregiver assistance.



Let's Speak English

Mondays; February 2-May 18 at 1 p.m. Adults *90 min.* No registration

Let's Speak English is an opportunity to practice speaking with ESOL-trained volunteers.

Preschool Explorers: Trains

Friday, February 6 at 11 a.m. Ages 3-6 *60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 23

All aboard! Hear a story and participate in activities that are all about trains.

Drop-In Valentine Crafts

Thursday, February 12; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Kids No registration

Stop by the Lane Road Library any time today and make a special Valentine for someone you love. While supplies last.



Columbus Museum of Art: Columbus Artists

Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Adults *60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 29

Columbus Museum of Art docent **Jane Harris** presents a look at Columbus' rich artistic legacy and the contemporary artists living in the city through work housed in CMA's permanent collection. Featured artists include Aminah Robinson, Elijah Pierce, and George Bellows.



Book Circle: Where'd You Go, Bernadette?

Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. Adults 60 min. No registration

Join us for an informal discussion of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple. A wife and mother who seems to have it all decides to disappear and figure out just where she really belongs.

Press Conference with President Lincoln

Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. Adults *60 min.* Registration opens Feb. 5

Abraham Lincoln presenter **Robert Brugler** returns to the Lane Road Library as the famous 16th president to answer any questions from the press gallery. Pick from a list of 40+ prepared questions or bring your own to ask President Lincoln.



Big Nate Party

Thursday, February 26 at 4 p.m. Grades 2-5 60 min. Registration opens Feb. 12

Make crafts and play games related to the *Big Nate* book series.

Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks



The Shining Girls by Lauren Beukes

This book is a very suspenseful thriller featuring a time-traveling serial killer, and his one surviving victim who is committed to hunting him down, no matter how long it takes. I know that the concept of time travel can be a real turnoff for some folks, often because it is used as a deus ex machina in a lot of books and movies,

but that isn't the case here. Sure, you have to suspend your disbelief a little bit and maintain a "just go with it" attitude at times, but the payoff is worth it. The Shining Girls is the rare high-concept book that sticks the landing, as the end is a major "whoa" moment.

Evan Struble, Media Services



The Glass Sentence (The Mapmaker's Trilogy #1) by S.E. Grove

A Great Disruption on Earth has thrown the continents into different time periods so that crossing borders can put one in the past or the future. Sophia Timms lives in 19th century Boston with her famous and loving cartographer uncle Shadrack. When he is kidnapped, she

must brave the world outside her comfortable home and set out to find him. Along the way she meets a fascinating group of friends and foes who help and hinder her quest while also finding some compelling information about the disappearance of her parents. It's difficult to believe this is a debut novel; the world-building, time-shifting and adventure are enchanting.

— Tracie Steele, Youth Services



Kahiki Supper Club by David Meyers.

The Kahiki, a South Seas themed restaurant, was located in Columbus on East Broad Street. The restaurant was easy to identify since it was shaped like a Polynesian fighting boat, with giant flaming Mo'ai heads outside the main doors. As you entered, you walked into a faux South Pacific village with tropical

rainforest — totally exotic. The best was ordering up the "Mystery Drink" which came in a bowl with a smoking volcano and served by the "Mystery Girl" who danced the drink to your table after being summoned by a giant gong, fun!

— Vita Marinello, Adult Services



Horrorstör by Grady Hendrix

Readers will giggle and shiver at this darkly funny horror story set in an IKEA-like big-box store in a suburb of Cleveland. When cryptic graffiti begins appearing overnight in ORSK store #00108, it's up to straitlaced manager Basil, only-here-forthe-double-overtime Amy, and company

woman Ruth Anne to discover the culprit by spending an entire night locked in the store. The unexpected addition of ghost-hunting wannabes leads to an ill-advised séance, and a haunting. Gross, creepy, and snort-out-loud funny, keep the lights on for this quick and entertaining read.

Caitlyn O'Sullivan, Adult Services

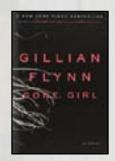


Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

This book was written for a middle school audience, but don't let that dissuade you from reading this gem. Rose Howard is a young girl with high functioning autism who loves homophones, prime numbers, rules and her dog, Rain. Her dog is especially important to her since she lives alone

with her angry father. When a rainstorm hits and Rain gets lost, Rose will have to make a heartbreaking decision that involves both rules and Rain.

— Kris Stahler, Miller Park



Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

In preparation for seeing the film Gone Girl, I decided to read the novel.

Taking place in run-down North Carthage, Missouri, Nick Dunne, a former journalist turned bar owner, comes home to find his wife Amy is missing. Tables and furniture are strewn everywhere, and Amy's blood is on the kitchen floor. Nick is quickly

implicated as the prime suspect in her murder as all evidence points to him. Nick's version of his marriage is cold, bitter and unpleasant. Amy, however, depicts herself as the perfect wife who always goes out of her way to make Nick happy, but sees him clearly unsatisfied. You feel you know everything about these characters, so the twists and turns that happen are surprising and shocking. I couldn't predict how the book was going to end. It was a real page turner of lies, blackmail, deceit, adultery, and a wish for justice for the characters involved.

— Sarah Dailey, Administration



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See our storytimes on the back cover

Home for the Holidays

Thursday, December 4 from 4-6 p.m. 2 hrs.

All ages No registration

Bring your family to the Miller Park Library to kick off the holiday season. We'll have cookies and drinks, caroling with **Brian Griffin**, and a craft for the children. You can also write a letter to Santa, who will visit from 5-6 p.m. Don't miss our annual holiday party!



Reading to Rover

Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. 60 min. Grades K-5 No registration

Meet canines from Therapy Dogs International and learn more about this wonderful organization. Improve your reading skills by sharing stories with some furry friends.

Stuffed Animal and Pajamas Family Storytime

Thursday, December 11 at 4 p.m. All ages 30 min. No registration



Join us for a special storytime! Bring your favorite stuffed animal and wear your pajamas for an afternoon of stories and songs.

Feed Down Fines

Saturday, January 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All ages No registration

Receive \$1 in fine credit for every canned or boxed food item you donate, up to a max of \$10. Please check your expiration dates, as we cannot accept expired items.



Youth Winter Reading Club

January 5-February 15

Kids

Color, read and earn a chance to win fun prizes this winter! Stop by any UAPL location to grab a color-by-reading sheet. Once you've completed enough activities to color the entire image, return it for a free bookmark and to be entered into a grand prize drawing. For more information, see page 4.

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January 5-February 15

Adults No registration

The odds have it — odd years that is. We've played this game at Miller Park in 2011, 2013, and now 2015. Try to fill in the blanks above to find out its name! Six weekly brain teasers, six weekly prizes. Stop by Miller Park's front desk for more information.

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Meet the Staff



Name: Sarah Manley

Position: Youth Librarian at the Miller Park Library

Year you joined UAPL: 2011

My memorable UAPL experience: I've had many memorable experiences with patrons and staff at both Miller Park and Lane Road. Once when I was working the front desk at Miller Park, a young patron ran up to me and told me that something really great just happened to her. She said, "I just starting reading chapter books!"

What I'm reading now: The Christmas Tale of Peter Rabbit by Emma Thompson

Sing-a-Story

Friday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m. 45 min.

All ages No registration

Our in-house musician **Brian Griffin** leads a morning of stories and songs.



Family Forts After Hours

Saturday, January 24 at 6 p.m. All ages *60 min.* Registration opens Jan. 10

Join us after the library has closed to build a fort with your family. Please bring your own building materials of blankets, sheets, pillows, etc. We will provide flashlights, a snack, and plenty of books for family fort reading!

Valentine's Day Cards

Thursday, February 12 from 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Kids No registration



Love is in the air! Drop by the library any time today to make a Valentine's Day card for someone special while supplies last.

Curious George Character Visit and Breakfast

Sunday, February 22 at 11 a.m. All ages 60 min. Free tickets available Feb. 8

Come meet Curious George and have breakfast with him before the library opens. Registration is required for each person attending and space is limited to just 40 people. You may register in-person at Miller Park's front desk or by calling 488-5710 to reserve your tickets.



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.

Take Great Holiday Photos with Your Smartphone

The holiday season is underway and if you're like many people, you'll probably be holding your phone in front of your face as often as you put it to your ear. Using your smartphone is an easy way to capture holiday moments, since you'll always have it with you. Here are a few tips for using your smartphone camera.



Check your memory.

This is like making sure you have film in your camera. If you've had your phone for a while, it's easy to fill it so full of apps, music and photos that you can't take another picture. To check the memory of your iPhone, go to Settings->General->Usage. On Android phones, tap the All Apps icon->Settings->Storage.

Lighting and flash

Taking photos indoors, especially at night, can be tricky because light is so important to photography. The glow of candles and a crackling fire make an event seem more festive, but it doesn't provide enough light for a good picture. The flash on your smartphone can help brighten up a scene, but if your subject is more than 6 feet away, the flash may not be effective. You can easily fix this by moving closer. The camera app that comes with your phone will allow you to turn the flash ON or OFF (or set it to AUTO), so test each setting to see how they affect your photos. Some photo apps like ProCam and Camera+ also feature a Night mode that can help take pictures when lights are low.

Storage

Once you've taken your pictures, it's a good idea to save them in several places. Keeping them on your phone is convenient, but saving them in several places ensures you won't lose them if you drop your phone in the punch bowl. Uploading your pictures to a cloud storage service like Google Drive, Flickr or iCloud Photo Library will help protect your memories, and make them easier to share with family and friends.

Read more about it

- iPhone Obsessed: Photo Editing Experiments with Apps by Dan Marcolina
- The Art of iPhone Photography: Creating Great Photos and Art on Your iPhone by Bob Weil
- How to Do Everything: Digital Photography by Jason Rich (in print and eBook)



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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

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Jan 13 - Feb 26

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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



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Babytime (0-24 months)

Mon @ 10:15

Wed @ 11:15

Stories & Songs $(2 \frac{1}{2} - 5 \text{ years})$

Mon @ 11:15 Wed @ 10:15

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Friday 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 Sunday 1:00 - 5:00