

WINTER 2023-24



# Library Link

Events for Adults, Children & Teens at the Upper Arlington Public Library



Erica Carlson and Sedgie the Hedgie bring magic and fun to Miller Park.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

# Winter Reading Program for All Ages Begins December 1

Readers of all ages are invited to warm up with a good book this season during our annual Winter Reading Program.

From December 1-January 31, stop by any UAPL branch to pick up a reading log. There are two ways to participate: read for seven days and track your time on a coloring sheet, or set seven personal reading goals and check them off on a written log. Pick up a new sheet each week!

Once you've finished a sheet, come back to choose a prize from our prize chest. Sample prizes include shaker eggs, stickers, stress balls, and slap bracelets, plus items for adults, too!

After the first week of the program, you can visit [ualibrary.org/winter-reading](http://ualibrary.org/winter-reading) to enter our grand prize drawings. One drawing entry per participant per week, max of eight entries. Grand prizes include a stuffed penguin, LEGOs, a Don't Break the Ice game, and many others. Adults – we've got grand prizes you'll love, too, including a light therapy lamp, a Blue Jackets Family 4 Pack, a tea gift basket, and an ice skating gift certificate.

Learn more at [ualibrary.org/winter-reading](http://ualibrary.org/winter-reading) starting December 1.



## Tremont Media Collection Relocated to Adult Department

With the rising popularity of streaming services, we've experienced a significant decrease in the use of our media collection. We circulate 60% fewer DVDs, Blu-rays and CDs than we did a few years ago, while our streaming collection has seen an increase of over 100% in the same period. Considering these and other factors, we've made the decision to reduce our media collection by owning fewer duplicate copies, and to relocate it to the Adult Department. Computer workstations are available in our Research Department, and will soon be available in the Adult Department as well.

While our older collection is being reduced, we'll continue to purchase new DVDs and maintain a broad collection. We'll still have one of the largest media collections among Central Ohio libraries. Staff from the Media Department will transfer to either the Adult or Research Department, and we'll continue to provide the same level of customer service.

The area will be repurposed for programming, then as staff workspace during our lower level renovation. When renovations are complete, the area will again be configured for public use for services that are in demand. We'll know more when the results of our Master Facilities Plan study are available this winter.

### Library Link

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**Registration:** Please register through our online program calendar at [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org).

**Photography:** Video and photos may be 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.

**More info:** Find more information from the Library in the quarterly *UA Insight* publication.

**On the cover:** Erica Carlson and friends like Sedgie the Hedge will visit the Miller Park Branch this winter. See page 13.



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## Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

### Puzzle Swap

**Sat., December 2 at 10 a.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*No registration*

Trade puzzles with other enthusiasts! This program is intended for adults with gently used puzzles, 300+ pieces.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Wed., December 20; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Fri., January 5; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Wed., February 14; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B & Friends Theater*

Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) with sponsor code "UAPL".

### Digital Books and Magazines at the Library

**Wed., January 3 at 6 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 90 min.*

*No registration*

A library card is your key to free eBooks, digital audiobooks, and popular magazines. See a demonstration of the Libby and Hoopla apps, which give you access to hundreds of thousands of free titles.

### Passport Fair

**Sun., January 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

*Atrium*

*No registration*

Apply for a new passport with no appointment needed. Visit [uapl.me/passport-services](http://uapl.me/passport-services) for the paperwork you'll need to bring.

### Stream Movies and TV with Your Library Card

**Wed., January 10 at 6 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 90 min.*

*No registration*

Use your library card to stream films, television series, and exclusive music collections. Learn how to stream acclaimed films and popular international series right from the comfort of home, and without signing up for another subscription service.

### Adult Crafternoon

**Fri., January 12 at 2 p.m. – Potholder**

**Fri., February 9 at 2 p.m. – Perler Beads**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*Registration now open*

Crafting isn't just for kids! Join us to make a potholder in January, and play with Perler beads in February.

### 50 Book Challenge Party

**Sat., January 13 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

*Sue Hutson Reading Room; 2 hrs.*

*No registration*

Let's celebrate everyone who completed the 50 Book Challenge for 2023! Stop by the Hutson room in our Adult Department and fill your prize mug with a hot beverage as you chat with others about your favorite books.

### 50 Book Challenge 2024

Celebrate the new year with new books and a new mug! Visit any UAPL location after January 1 to pick up a reading log and start your 2024 reading journey.



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## Author Ta-Nehisi Coates

**Sun., February 4 from 3-4:30 p.m.**

*Upper Arlington High School*

*1625 Zollinger Road*

*Tickets on sale December 4 at [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org)*

**Ta-Nehisi Coates**, a National Book Award-winning writer and former national correspondent for *The Atlantic*, will discuss his literary career, which includes the publication of *Between the World and Me* as well as *The Water Dancer*, *The Beautiful Struggle*, *We Were Eight Years in Power*, plus many entries in Marvel's Black Panther and Captain America comics series.

Tickets start at \$25 and will be available at [ualibrary.org](http://ualibrary.org) beginning December 4.

Presented by the Upper Arlington Public Library in partnership with Bexley Public Library, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Delaware County District Library, Granville Public Library, Grandview Heights Public Library, London Public Library, Plain City Public Library, Southwest Public Libraries, Westerville Public Library, and Worthington Libraries.

# ADULT PROGRAMS



## Writing with Thurber House

*Writers of all experience levels are invited to experience a day of helpful advice from speakers from Thurber House.*

### From Hook to Resolution: Writing a Short Story

**Sat., February 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 90 min.*

*Registration opens February 3*

In this short but intensive workshop, presenter **Jen Knox** will show you how to write a strong opening, and create vivid scenes that draw readers in and leave them with a satisfying ending. The class will conclude with sharing and personalized feedback, along with information about how and where to submit work to agents, contests, and literary journals.

Jen Knox is the founder of Unleash, a holistic arts organization. Her debut novel, *We Arrive Uninvited*, is the Prose Award winner from Steel Toe Books (March 2023), and her collection of climate fiction, *The Glass City*, won the Prize Americana for Prose. Jen's shorter work appears in *McSweeney's Internet Quarterly*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Chicago Review*, and *Chicago Tribune*, among others. She recently won the 2023 CutBank Montana Prize in Nonfiction and is finalizing a collection of essays about work.

### Story Openings

**Sat., February 17 at 2 p.m.**

*Meeting Room A; 90 min.*

*Registration opens February 3*

Does the opening to your story drag? Learn tips and techniques for getting your readers to read past the first page. Whether you're writing fiction or nonfiction, this workshop will help you get started.

Presenter **Lisa Lopez Snyder** is a writer, educator, and journalist. Her essays and short stories have been featured in *34th Parallel*, *Adelaide*, *Gravel*, *The Raleigh Review*, *The Foliate Oak Literary Magazine*, and other magazines. Her essay, "In Transit," won The Chattahoochee Review's 2011 Lamar York Prize for Nonfiction, and she was named the 2015 Carl Sandburg Writer-in-Residence.

## Columbus Collage Collective Workshop and Material Swap

**Sat., January 13 at 2 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.*

*No registration*

Join artist **Emily Morgan** of Lovely but Dead, founder of Columbus Collage Collective, for an afternoon of cutting and composing. Collage with your own materials, the old books and magazines we have on hand, or a combination of the two. We'll provide tools and glue, but you're welcome to bring your own, along with any materials you'd like to swap.

## Lit and Libations at Littleton's Market

**Tue., January 16 at 7 p.m.**

**Tue., February 20 at 7 p.m.**

*Littleton's Market*

*2140 Tremont Center*

*60 min.*

*No registration*

Join us for our monthly wine and book club at our new location, Littleton's Market. Bring a book you've enjoyed that fits the month's theme: "New Beginnings" in January and "Black Authors" in February. Littleton's Market will complement the month's genre with some wine styles that are new and refreshing. Wine and other food & beverage will be available for purchase. Need help finding a book that fits this month's genre? Stop by or call the Tremont Road Branch Adult Department.

## Book Circle

**Wed., January 17 at 1:30 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*No registration*

This month we'll have an informal discussion of *Tom Lake: a Novel* by Ann Patchett.

## Not Since Tecumseh: Darkness at Midday Over the Ohio Country

**Wed., January 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Friends Theater; 60 min.*

*Registration now open*

Hear about the dynamics causing solar eclipses and some of the history associated with this famous eclipse. Presenter **Tom O'Grady** is an instructor of Observational Astronomy at Ohio University.

## Amigurumi for Beginners

**Wed., January 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Wed., January 31 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*Registration opens January 10*

Learn crochet basics and create your very own adorable penguin to take home. This class is for beginners and will come with a kit that has everything you need. The first session will be to start our project. The second will be for troubleshooting and completing.

## UA Commission on Aging Help Desk

**Wed., January 24 at 12 p.m.**

**Wed., February 28 at 12 p.m.**

*Meeting Room A; 60 min.*

*No registration*

Have questions about resources for aging in Upper Arlington? Stop by the Help Desk and a staff member from the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging will help you find answers.

## UA Commission on Aging Caregiving Support Group

**Wed., January 24 at 1 p.m.**

**Wed., February 28 at 1 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*No registration*

This group is led by a clinician with years of experience in supporting caregivers. Please contact the UA Commission on Aging at (614) 583-5326 if you're attending the group for the first time or if you need respite services for your loved ones.

## Canva and Cricut Crafts

**Sat., January 27 at 2 p.m.**

**Sat., February 24 at 2 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*Registration now open*

Explore a new crafting technology. You'll walk away with know-how, skills, and the products you create. In January, we'll make Valentine cards. In February, it's vinyl stickers.

## Black History Month Community Celebration:

**Sat., February 24 from 2-4 p.m.**

*Atrium*

*No registration*

Join us for a special community event to celebrate Black History Month. We'll have entertainment and activities sponsored by the City of Upper Arlington, UA's Community Relations Committee, Upper Arlington Historical Society, Equal UA, and the Upper Arlington Public Library.

## 2024 Film Discussion Series:

*Divergence/Convergence*

**Wed., February 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Friends Theater; 60 min.*

*Registration now open*

February marks the beginning of a year-long journey to learn about our world from the divergent stories that filmmakers of all walks bring to us. At the beginning of each month, we'll release a list of films around a particular theme. Watch as many as you choose, and at the end of the month, we'll converge for a discussion led by an expert. How can you get the list? Stop in the Adult Department at the Tremont Road Branch or register for this program to receive the list by email. Titles will be available on DVD, Blu-ray, or streaming free with your library card through Kanopy and Hoopla. February's theme is films by Black Directors. This discussion will be led by **Dr. Simone Drake**, Hazel C. Youngberg Trustees Distinguished Professor of African American and African Studies at OSU.



## Live in the Library: Angela Perley

**Thur., February 29 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Friends Theater; 60 min.*

*No registration*

It's Leap Day! You've got an extra 24 hours – what better way to spend one of them than with **Angela Perley** and her unique sound? Angela makes music rooted in cosmic alt-country, roadhouse rock & roll, witchy-woman psychedelia, and amplified Americana.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

**Lane Road Branch** | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

## **Cozy Corner Café**

**Sun., December 3; 1-4:30 p.m.**

**Sun., January 29; 1-4:30 p.m.**

**Sun., February 25; 1-4:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room*

*No registration*

Enjoy a peaceful Sunday afternoon at the Cozy Corner Café. Hot drinks are provided along with puzzles, board games, and coloring supplies.

## **Book Page Ornaments**

**Mon., December 11 at 2 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 2 hrs.*

*No registration*

Create one-of-a-kind holiday ornaments out of our old books.

## **No-Homework Book Club**

**Thur., December 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thur., January 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thur., February 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.*

*No registration*

No assignments, no deconstruction. Just a group of book lovers talking about their latest reads and discovering their next ones.

## **Writers' Group**

**Thur., December 21 at 6 p.m.**

**Thur., January 18 at 6 p.m.**

**Thur., February 15 at 6 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*No registration*

Looking for a group of fellow writers where you can exchange feedback and hone your craft? Join this monthly writers' group facilitated by branch staff.



## **Sustainable Holidays Series**

### **Conscious Gift Giving**

**Thur., November 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.*

*No registration*

Discover sustainable ways to practice gift giving. We'll cover DIY, second-hand, and ethically produced gifts, plus how to discuss gift giving with your loved ones.

### **Deck the Halls with Zero Waste**

**Sat., December 2 at 2 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*No registration*

We'll start with a short presentation on earth-friendly alternatives to traditional decor and gift wrap. Then we'll make our own gift wrap from recycled materials. All materials will be provided.

### **Avoiding Festive Food Waste**

**Thur., December 7 at 6:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.*

*No registration*

Learn how to limit your food waste during the holiday season with improved food storage and creative food preservation and use.



## Book Circle

**Tue., January 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

60 min.

No registration

Join us for an informal discussion of *Tom Lake: a Novel* by Ann Patchett.

## Winter Craft Night: Paper Maché Lanterns

**Thur., January 25 at 6 p.m.**

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration now open

Express your creativity with an evening of crafting. We'll create paper maché lanterns to bring a cozy glow to the long winter nights. All supplies are provided. Open to teens and adults.

## Valentine Cookie Decorating

**Thur., February 1 at 6 p.m.**

Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.

Registration opens December 1

Bring your valentine (or your galentines!) to this themed cookie decorating class. An expert instructor from **Our Cup Cakery** will guide you in decorating six sugar cookies with royal icing. All supplies will be provided.

## English Conversation Class

**Wednesdays at 1 p.m. beginning February 21**

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration opens December 1

This class is for adults to practice English conversation in small groups, led by volunteer teachers. Students will also learn a little vocabulary and grammar to support the conversation practice.

## Mindfulness Art Therapy

**Thur., February 22 at 6 p.m.**

Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.

Registration opens December 1

Art therapy can promote mental health and overall wellness, relieve stress, and increase a sense of playful enjoyment. This group session, led by certified art therapist **Maggi Colwell**, will provide a great evening of self-care.

## Our Winter Reading Program is for adults, too!

**December 1-January 31**

Warm up with a book this winter and earn entries in our grand prize drawings! See page 2 for details.



## Miller Park Branch | 1901 Arlington Avenue (614) 488-5710

## English Conversation Practice

**December 2-February 28**

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays at 2 p.m.**

2 hrs.

Registration opens December 1

Adults can meet weekly in a small group with a library volunteer to practice and improve conversational English. Registration is limited.

## Book Chats

**Tue., December 5 at 2 p.m.**

**Tue., January 2 at 2 p.m.**

**Tue., February 6 at 2 p.m.**

60 min.

No registration

Exchange titles and share reading recommendations with other book lovers in this one-hour social literary group.

## Winter Word Play

**January 14-March 3**

No registration

Adults who enjoy word games are in for seven weeks of fun with weekly puzzle challenges available at Miller Park. Entries with the most correct answers each week have the chance to win a small prize pack.

## Coffee Mug Swap

**December 1-30**

No registration

Hot drink aficionados can drop by Miller Park to swap gently used coffee mugs all month long. Donate a mug or take one home from our current selection. Make your December warm and bright with a new-to-you mug.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621**

## Scavenger Hunts

**December, January and February**

*Youth Department*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Visit the Youth Department for a new scavenger hunt theme each month.

## Winter Reading Program

**December 1-January 31**

*All ages*

Warm up with a book this winter and earn entries in our grand prize drawings! See page 2 for details.

## Tummy Time for Infants and Caregivers

**Fridays, December 1-February 23 at 10:15 a.m.**

*Youth Department; 45 min.*

*No registration*

Engage with baby in a relaxing way to promote tummy time. Optimize strength, development, and feeding patterns. Led by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and Physical Therapist.

## Maker Art Cart

**Sundays, December 3-February 25 from 1-5 p.m.**

*Youth Department*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Visit the Tremont Road Branch on Sundays to create a craft from the Maker Art Cart. Kids and adults can use their imaginations (and fine motor skills!) to create art to take home.



## Winter Wonderland

**Sat., December 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

*All ages*

*No registration*

Embrace winter and attend our Winter Wonderland to experience a variety of winter-themed activities.

- Hit the ice with the whole family in the Iceless Skating Rink as the DJ plays wintry tunes
- Have creative fun with free balloon twisting creations, face painting, and caricaturists
- Practice your winter sporting skills with curling in the Media Department
- Visit the Youth Department with cookie decorating, crafts, and entertainment for the whole family

Please note that Santa won't be at this event, but you can register to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus when they visit the Miller Park Branch on Thursday, December 7 from 4-6 p.m. See page 13 for details.





## Take Apart Tech

**Tue., December 5 at 4 p.m.**

*Atrium; 90 min.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Families are invited to unleash their inner engineers and take apart technology to learn how it operates. We'll have devices like old phones and computer parts, and the tools to dismantle them.

### Wild Ambassadors with Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

**Sun., December 3 at 2 p.m.**

*Atrium; 60 min.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Come to the Atrium to meet some animal ambassadors from the **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium**.

### Drop-In Make It and Take It Tuesdays

**Tuesdays, December 5–February 27**

*Youth Department*

*Kids*

*No registration*

Tap into your artistic expression! Stop by the Youth Department to complete an art activity perfect for kids. Make it here; take it home when you're done.

### Reading to Rover

**Wed., December 20 at 6 p.m.**

*Youth Department; 60 min.*

*Grades K–5*

*No registration*

Practicing readers in grades K–5 can improve their skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 6–7 p.m.

### New Year's Wishes

**Sat., December 30; 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

*Youth Department*

*No registration*

Wrap up 2023 with us! Join us in the Youth Activity Area for games, activities, a scavenger hunt, and photo ops.

### Sensory Friendly Mornings

**Wed., December 6 at 9 a.m.**

**Wed., January 3 at 9 a.m.**

**Wed., February 7 at 9 a.m.**

*Youth Department; 60 min.*

*Registration now open*

Join us for a sensory-friendly morning before the general public can enter the library. Designed to meet the needs of young visitors who may feel overwhelmed by a typical visit.

### Outrageous Animal Trivia

**Sun., January 7 at 2 p.m.**

*Youth Department; 60 min.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Bring the whole family to the Tremont Road Branch for an hour of animal-themed facts and fun! Players will win prizes and expand their knowledge of all things weird and wild in the animal kingdom.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS



## Board Game Blitz

**Wed., January 17 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Wed., February 21 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Youth Department; 90 min.*

*No registration*

Head to the Tremont Road Branch after school to play board games! Have fun with friends, meet new people, and enjoy the spirit of gameplay with classics like Checkers, Connect 4, and Guess Who?

## Family Concert

**with ProMusica**

**Sun., January 28 at 3 p.m.**

*Friends Theater*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Join us in the Friends Theater for a special concert performed by the **ProMusica Chamber Orchestra!**

## Fairytale Fling

**Sat., February 3 at 10 a.m.**

*Youth Department; 2 hrs.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Enter a magical realm at Fairytale Fling! Children and their grown-ups will have the opportunity to make crafts and participate in activities inspired by dragons, fairies, and other fabled creatures.

## Puzzle of Pots

**Sat., February 17 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 60 min.*

*Ages 8-13*

*Registration opens February 2*

Learn about the principles behind archaeology lab work as you decorate pots, break them into pieces, and then put them back together! Each participant takes home their reconstructed pot.

## Leap Day Leap Frogs

**Thur., February 29 at 3 p.m.**

*Youth Department; 2 hrs.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Leap like a frog – it's a Leap Year! Celebrate the extra calendar day in the Tremont Road Youth Department with a frog-themed craft.



## Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

### Scavenger Hunts

**December, January & February**

*Youth Department*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Visit our Youth Department for a new scavenger hunt theme each month.

### Winter Reading Program

**December 1-January 31**

*All ages*

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### Early Learning Play Area: Post Office

**December 5-22**

*Lane Road Early Learning Play Area*

*All ages*

*No registration*

The Early Learning Play Store at Lane Road will be transformed into a pretend post office. Children can weigh packages, sort mail, play with puppets, and write letters.

### Snowman in a Jar Craft

**Tue., December 12; 4-5 p.m.**

**Sat., January 20; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room*

*All ages*

*Registration now open*

Kids of all ages can make a festive snowman in a plastic jar. All supplies will be provided.

### Baby and Toddler Discovery Play

**Fri., December 15 at 10 a.m.**

**Fri., January 12 at 10 a.m.**

**Fri., February 9 at 10 a.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Ages 1-3*

*No registration*

Children and their caregivers can explore hands-on activity centers set up with a variety of sensory experiences.

### Tissue Paper Art

**Wed., January 10 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Ages 3+*

*No registration*

Make winter art projects using tissue paper.



## Block Play

**Tue., December 5; 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Tue., December 5; 3:30-5 p.m.**

**Tue., January 2; 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Tue., January 2; 3:30-5 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Children of all ages will have fun while expanding problem-solving skills in this open play time. Large cardboard blocks, LEGO DUPLOS, KEVA planks, and more will be available.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS



## Play Dough Playtime

**Wed., January 31 at 10 a.m.**

**Wed., February 28 at 10 a.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Ages 2-5*

*No registration*

Young children will build important early learning skills while having fun playing with play dough!

## Reading to Rover

**Mon., January 22 at 4 p.m.**

**Mon., February 26 at 4 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.*

*Grades K-5*

*No registration*

Practicing readers in grades K-5 will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 4-5 p.m.

## Penguin Party

**Wed., January 24 at 4 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 60 min.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Let's celebrate penguins! Drop by the Lane Road Branch for activities all about penguins.

## Craft Stick Art Projects

**Tue., February 6 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*All ages*

*No registration*

Children of all ages will use craft sticks to make a variety of fun and engaging art projects.

## Construction Party

**Sat., February 17 at 10 a.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Ages 2-6*

*No registration*

Grab your tool belt and join us for some construction fun! We'll have crafts and special activities for little builders.

## STEAM in the Library: The Three Little Pigs Challenge

**Mon., February 19 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Ages 4+*

*No registration*

In this program, children will use the STEAM principles of science, technology, engineering, art, and math to build houses out of blocks, sticks, LEGOS, and other materials. Will the wolf be able to knock down your house?

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### Scavenger Hunts

**December, January & February**

*All ages*

*No registration*

Experience a new scavenger hunt theme each month.

### Winter Reading Program

**December 1-January 31**

*All ages*

Warm up with a book this winter and earn entries in our grand prize drawings! See page 2 for details.

### Erica Carlson and Friends

**Fri., December 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Fri., January 26 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Fri., February 23 at 10:30 a.m.**

*40 min.*

*Kids*

*Registration opens 2 weeks prior*

Young animal lovers will love the magical stories and fun from **Erica Carlson**. Live animal appearances may include Sedgie the Hedgie and/or Picasso the Turtle. Musician **Mark Reinhart** joins in January.

### Reading to Rover

**Tue., December 12; 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Tue., January 9; 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Tue., February 13; 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

*60 min.*

*Grades K-5*

*No registration*

Practicing readers will improve reading skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from

**Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in anytime between 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Crafty Kids Club

**Fri., December 15; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Fri., January 12; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Fri., February 9; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

*2 hrs.*

*Kids*

*No registration*

Young artists with their caregivers can drop in for a themed process craft to inspire creative exploration and build artistic skills. Themes are owls in December, penguins in January, and cardinals in February.

### Play and Learn

**Fri., December 22; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Fri., January 19; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Fri., February 16; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

*2 hrs.*

*Ages 2-5*

*No registration*

Enjoy fun play stations designed for toddlers and preschoolers. These skill-building activities may include games, play dough, cars, blocks, and more.

### Train Pretend Play

**Wed., December 27; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Thur., December 28; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Fri., December 29; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Sat., December 30; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

*Kids*

*No registration*

All aboard! Young train enthusiasts can stop in for all things trains, including dramatic play, toys, crafts, games, and more.



## Home for the Holidays: Santa Visits

**Thur., December 7 at 4 p.m.**

**Thur., December 7 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Thur., December 7 at 5 p.m.**

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*30 min.*

*Families*

*Registration opens November 25*

Register to bring your family to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We'll also have face painting, cookies, and take-home crafts.



## “Drive-In” Movie

**Sat., February 10 at 10 a.m.**

**Sat., February 10 at 3 p.m.**

*2 hrs.*

*Kids*

*Registration opens January 27*

Together, young children and caregivers will design and build their own cars out of moving boxes, paper plates, and other decorations. They'll then jump into their new hot rod to watch a selection of youth movie shorts or TV episodes.

## Song Sandwich

**Fri., January 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

*40 min.*

*Ages 0-5*

*Registration opens December 22*

Part sing-along, part storytelling, this musical performance by **The Caravan** is guaranteed to fill your belly – with laughter!

## Book Buddies: Little Buddies

**Tue., January 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Tue., February 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

*60 min.*

*Grades 1-4*

*Registration opens four weeks prior*

Elementary students will practice reading and play games with a local teen. Build literacy skills in a fun, low-pressure environment.

## Family Forts After Hours

**Sat., January 27 at 6 p.m.**

*90 min.*

*Families*

*Registration opens January 13*

Register to build a fort with your family at the Miller Park Branch after closing. Please bring your own building materials of blankets, sheets, etc. We'll provide flashlights and books for reading inside your fort.

## Garden Explorers with Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

**Fri., February 2 at 10:30 a.m.**

*60 min.*

*Kids*

*Registration opens January 19*

The youngest gardeners will learn about worms and gardening when the **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** presents a special storytime with their friends from the compost bin.

## Party with a Chance of Meatballs

**Thur., February 15 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*Kids*

*No registration*

Lettuce celebrate an early dismissal day for UA Elementary Schools! Peas drop by for some *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* book/movie fun for children of all ages, including crafts, games, and more.



## Tremont Road Branch | 2800 Tremont Road (614) 486-9621

### Teen Study Space

**Mon., December 11 from 3-8 p.m.**  
**Tue., December 12 from 3-8 p.m.**  
**Wed., December 13 from 3-8 p.m.**  
**Thur., December 14 from 3-8 p.m.**  
**Fri., December 15 from 3-6 p.m.**  
**Sat., December 16 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Sun., December 17 from 1-5 p.m.**

*Friends Theater*

*Grades 9-12*

*No registration*

Teens, are you in need of a quiet space to study for exams? Drop in to the Friends Theater any time this week after school or on the weekend for calm, quiet, and snacks.

### Make a Light-Up Card

**Wed., December 13 at 4 p.m.**

*Ages 10-18*

*No registration*

Get ready for the holiday season with your own light-up greeting cards! With guidance from our Media specialists, you'll make simple circuits to create up to five cards.

### Vision Boards

**Thur., January 4 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Youth Department; 90 min.*

*Ages 10-18*

*No registration*

Kick off the new year with a fun and inspirational craft! Tweens and teens are invited to make vision boards

centered around their New Year's resolutions and hopes for 2024.

### Columbus Collage Collective Workshop and Material Swap

**Sat., January 13 at 2 p.m.**

*Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.*

*Teens and adults*

*No registration*

Love to collage? Join artist **Emily Morgan**, founder of Columbus Collage Collective, for an afternoon of cutting and composing. Use your own materials, the old books and magazines we have on hand, or a combination of the two. We'll provide tools and glue, but you're welcome to bring your own, along with any materials you'd like to swap.

## Lane Road Branch | 1945 Lane Road (614) 459-0273

### Winter Craft Night: Paper Maché Lanterns

**Thur., January 25 at 6 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 90 min.*

*Registration now open*

Express your creativity with an evening of crafting. We'll create paper maché lanterns to bring a cozy glow to the long winter nights. All supplies are provided. Open to teens and adults.

### Tween and Teen

#### Crafternoon: Kawaii Paper Crafts

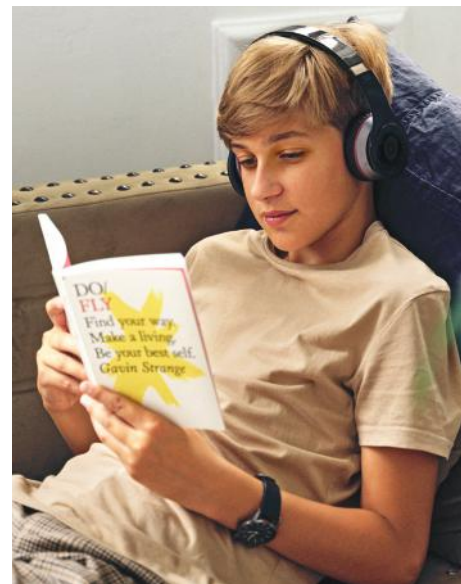
**Fri., February 9 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Lane Road Meeting Room; 2 hrs.*

*Grades 6-12*

*No registration*

Drop by and learn how to make adorable paper crafts inspired by Kawaii art. All supplies are provided.



## Miller Park Branch | 1901 Arlington Ave (614) 488-5710

### Teen Service Club

**Sat., December 16 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Wed., January 24 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Mon., February 19 at 2:30 p.m.**

*60 min.*

*Grades 6-12*

*Registration opens two weeks prior*

Teen volunteers will help with library projects and earn an hour of service credit.

### Book Buddies: Big Buddies

**Tue., January 23 at 6 p.m.**

**Tue., February 27 at 6 p.m.**

*90 min.*

*Grades 6-12*

*Registration opens four weeks prior*

Middle and high school students can earn service credit by coaching an elementary school "buddy" in reading and playing games. You'll help them to grow confident and excited about reading.

### Winter Reading Program

**December 1-January 31**

*All ages*

Warm up with a book this winter and earn entries in our grand prize drawings! See page 2 for details.

WINTER

# Storytimes

**TREMONT ROAD  
BRANCH**

**Jan 8-Feb 29**

**Babytime**

(0-24 months)

**Mon @ 10:30**

**Twos & Threes**

(2-3 years)

**Tue @ 10:30**

**Wed @ 10:30**

**Preschool**

(3-5 years)

**Thur @ 10:30**

**Stories & More**

(all ages)

**Sat @ 10:30**

**LANE ROAD  
BRANCH**

**Jan 9-Feb 29**

**Babytime**

(0-24 months)

**Thur @ 10:15**

**Twos & Threes**

(2-3 years)

**Tue @ 10:15**

**MILLER PARK  
BRANCH**

**Jan 8-Feb 28**

**Babytime**

(0-24 months)

**Wed @ 10:15**

**Twos & Threes**

(2-3 years)

**Mon @ 10:15**

