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From the Director

The summer and fall have flown by and I can't believe I'm beginning my sixth month as director of the Upper Arlington Public Library. Due to the careful planning of the board, my predecessor and the staff, as well as the community support in passing our operating levy last March, we are able to move forward with plans to address some technology and building needs. Stop by and see our new patron computers, and check out the article on page 4 for the details.

There are lots of great programs headed your way. We are happy to announce that we have selected our author for next spring's author visit. See page 15 for preliminary information about Alexander McCall Smith's visit to UA. If you can't come to us for a program, join us from wherever you are for one of our three online live chats this winter. And, of course, I look forward to my first Holiday Happiness on December 1. More info on all these programs can be found in this issue.



Chris Taylor

Correction: A student's name was misprinted in a Fall 2012 *Library Link* article. Sarvika Mahto was one of the Top 100 Summer Readers. We apologize for the error.

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From the Board President

As this year winds to a close, it seems appropriate to look back at the events of 2012 that have already impacted UAPL significantly and will continue to do so in future years. First, and perhaps most critically, the citizens of this community overwhelmingly supported the renewal of the 5-year, 2 mil library levy which provides over 50% of the funding for the operation of the library. The levy not only provides funds necessary to enable the Board and staff to continue the excellent services valued by our patrons, but it is also a visible manifestation of the confidence and high regard this community holds for its library. The Board recognizes that the vote of support comes with a responsibility to use these funds wisely and we have pledged to do so.

2012 also saw a changing of the guard. Ann Moore, who had served outstandingly as director of the UAPL for over 14 years, retired in May and the Board began a search for a new director. We were unbelievably fortunate to persuade Chris Taylor to become our new director, and she has hit the ground running. She brings to UAPL a wealth of library experience and already has implemented new ideas, programs, and organizational adjustment which are making UAPL even better.

It goes without saying that this has been a challenging year and 2013 looks like it will continue to be so. Although we are fortunate to have a local levy in place for the next five years, the other 50% of our operating budget comes from the State and continues to be problematic. Although libraries occupy a special place in the hearts of Americans, it cannot be forgotten that we are a business and must be run like a business. We are committed to doing "more with less". Our hope is to continue to develop products, programs, and services that will meet the needs of our patrons while maintaining a balanced budget. You will see from our fiscal officer's article in this magazine some of the savings we are enjoying as we shop better for goods and services we must purchase, and we continue to look for opportunities to partner and collaborate with other entities, including the City, to reduce costs. Regardless of what happens with the economy, as we all hope for improvement, this must be the way of the future.



John H. Buntin

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.

News and Views

Library Wraps Up Adventure UA

Another Adventure UA program is in the books. This year 24 teams consisting of 84 people took part in six weeks of challenges, including a geocaching activity created just for us by the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Four teams qualified for the tiebreaking event on November 4, and after several final challenges, the Table for Five team was declared the grand prize winner.

Kindle Fire and Nook Users Have Easy Access to eBooks via App Stores

Digital material distributor OverDrive has released new versions of its console apps for Android and Apple. The console is now available to Kindle Fire users in the Amazon app store, as well as Nook tablet users in the Nook Apps store, making it easier to access eBooks and audiobooks from the UAPL's digital collection. See our Media Services staff for assistance with eBooks and eReaders.

Reference Department Makes Changes

The Reference Department at the Main Library is in the process of getting a number of upgrades. All study tables and carrels will soon have electrical outlets, and eight patron computers will be added. The Ohio Room now has a small sitting area and the historical King Thompson table has been relocated there. Magazines have been condensed to a single wall and the investment collection moved to the north wall. For assistance finding reference materials, don't hesitate to ask a staff member.

Holiday Hours

All three UAPL locations will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25. Regular hours resume Wednesday, December 26.

We will close at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 31 and remain closed on Tuesday, January 1. Regular hours resume on Wednesday, January 2.

We will be open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21 and on Presidents Day on Monday, February 18.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Meeting Room B of the Main Library. All meetings of the Board and its committees are open to the public.

At press time, board meetings are scheduled for December 18, January 15 and February 19.



Members of the "Table for Five" team use an iPad to complete a challenge during the Adventure UA tiebreaking event. The team went on to beat three other teams to win the competition.



Miss Kate is dressed as an owl at Miller Park Library's "All About Owls" program.



Four UAPL employees received "You Make a Difference" awards at our annual staff inservice day. This year's winners are (l-r) Shae Strunk, Jennifer Faure, Robyn Kress and Jennie Day. Staff are nominated by peers and chosen by managers.

UAPL Upgrades Computers

The library's Information Technology Department recently installed 63 new computers for public use.

The new computers are a huge upgrade over the previous machines. They use the latest generation Intel processors with twice the memory of the old computers (4GB) for a big performance increase. They feature Windows 7 and the latest version of Microsoft Office (2010). 20-inch widescreen displays enhance videos and web surfing. Each computer offers a DVD-RW drive, a memory card reader, a headphone jack, and several USB ports for flash drives or portable hard drives. The all-in-one design saves desk space and allows for more work area at each desk.

The previous computers lasted over six years but became unreliable and weren't capable of running the latest versions of some software.

With the new workstations, patrons are required to provide their own headphones or earbuds. A pair of earbuds can be purchased at the Circulation Desk for \$1.

In other IT news, a new website is set to debut at the beginning of 2013. Look for a streamlined design with continued easy access to our catalog, your account, the calendar of events, research databases and other resources.

Library Introduces Online Chat Events

The UAPL is excited to offer a new way to connect with the library, guest presenters and other patrons...right from your home or mobile device.

While an average of 1,500 patrons attend our in-library programs each month, many are not able to participate due to previous commitments, weather concerns, lack of a babysitter or other reasons. Our new **Online Live Chat Events** are a convenient, interactive way to discover interesting topics from wherever you are.

These moderated chats consist mainly of nearly real time text questions and answers. Presenters also have the ability to post images and YouTube videos, plus links to related websites.

Chats can be accessed at chat.ualibrary.org or through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UAPublicLibrary. No account or login is required to participate; you'll just be asked your name. The software provider, Cover it Live, also offers a mobile app through which you can participate.

Can't make it to our live chat? Replay the event at any time to see the questions, answers, images and links that were posted.

We have three chats scheduled for winter. As you browse this season's program listings, look for this icon denoting a live chat program. See you online!



Holiday Happiness Returns to Main Library December 1

Our 41st annual **Holiday Happiness** event will take place at the Main Library on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Families attending this free event can enjoy music, crafts, displays and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Our Atrium will be the home to three musical acts. The Jones Middle School Chamber Group will perform from 10-11 a.m. Guitarist Mark Reinhart will play holiday favorites from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and students from Vaughn Music Studio will perform from 1-2 p.m.

The newly formed UA Chorus will perform in our Friends Theater from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Activities for children include crafts in the Youth Department from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., plus face painting from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and holiday bingo from 1-2 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit with kids in the Friends Theater from 12-2 p.m.

Our Avenue of Trees features trees decorated by local nonprofit groups. Vote for your favorite by 1 p.m. The tree with the most votes will receive the Patrons' Choice blue ribbon.

The Giving Tree to benefit the Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish program returns as well. Take an ornament, purchase the item indicated, then return your gift with the ornament attached before December 10. You'll make a local child's holiday a little brighter!

New this year is our gingerbread display. Patrons are invited to decorate a gingerbread house or other design, and bring it to the library by 6 p.m. on Friday, November 30. Three celebrity judges will rate the structures, and the winners in each of our four categories will win blue ribbons. Get details at <http://ualibrary.org/gingerbread.php>.

Holiday Happiness veteran Ken Vaughn has decided to retire his model trains. While this old favorite will not be returning this year, we hope you'll enjoy our many other activities.





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Holiday Happiness

Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All ages

Join us for our 41st annual Holiday Happiness event! Enjoy activities, displays, music and other holiday traditions. Vote for your favorite tree in our Avenue of Trees competition, check out the entries in our gingerbread building contest, and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 12-2 p.m. See page 4 for all the details.



Related reading: *Christmas Art Ideas* by Fiona Watt

Youth Chess Club

Thursday, December 6 at 4 p.m.

Thursday, January 3 at 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 7 at 4 p.m.

Grades 3-6

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



Related reading: *Kids' Book of Chess* by Harvey Kidder

Holiday Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*

Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

All ages

See an all-time favorite on our big screen! *It's a Wonderful Life* was produced and directed by Frank Capra and is based on Philip Van Doren Stern's short story *The Greatest Gift*. Despite initially being considered a box office flop due to high production costs and stiff competition at the time of its release, the film is now regarded as a classic and is a Christmastime staple. (1946, 130 min., rated G)

Related DVD: *Miracle on 34th Street*

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, February 9 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; or just walk in.



More info: www.givelife.org

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion

Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6

Library instructors facilitate a discussion of a selected past Newbery winner or honor title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at each UAPL location; each family is responsible for securing their own copy.

Required reading: *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman

Online Live Chat: Q & A with Caitlin McGurk of the Cartoon Library & Museum

Wednesday, December 12 from 7-8 p.m.

Adults & teens



If you missed **Caitlin McGurk's** great presentation in October on the art and history of comics, here's another chance to discover the art of cartoons and get your questions answered right from home! Learn about the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum at OSU, see images of historical comics, and submit your questions on this special art form. Log on via our Facebook page or directly, then join the conversation or just read along. Can't join us live? Read the replay at any time.

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LEGO Lit

Thursday, December 13 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, January 10 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, February 14 at 4 p.m.

Grades K-4

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



Related reading: *The LEGO Ideas Book* by Daniel Lipkowitz

Holiday Movie Marathon

Saturday, December 15 beginning at 10:30 a.m. All ages

Join us for a day of Christmas movies that the entire family can enjoy! We start at 10:30 with *The Snowman* (25 min.), the animated *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (25 min.), and *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (25 min.). After a break from 12-1 p.m., we continue with the full-length feature *Home Alone 2* (120 min., rated PG). Join us for one or all of these great holiday movies.

Related DVD: *The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever*

Candy Creations

Saturday, December 15 at 3 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Teens: celebrate the holidays by making a gift out of candy! We'll use chocolate, hard candy and more to make three crafts, as well as gift bags to hold your creations. All supplies are provided. Registration is required and begins Dec. 1.



Related reading: *Eye Candy* by Dana Meachen Rau

Jingle Bell Storytime

Monday, December 17 at 10:15 a.m.

Preschoolers

Dash through the snow to this fun winter music-and-movement storytime featuring jingle bells, snow balls and more. Registration is required and begins Dec. 3. Class size is limited to 20 students. Please register each child attending so we are sure to have enough supplies.

Related reading: *J is for Jingle Bells* by Laura Purdie Salas

Book Circle: *Immoveable Feast*

Wednesday, December 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *Immoveable Feast: A Paris Christmas* by John Baxter. It's the charming, funny and improbable tale of how a man who was raised on white bread — and didn't speak a word of French — unexpectedly ended up with the sacred duty of preparing the annual Christmas dinner for a venerable Parisian family.

Required reading: *Immoveable Feast* by John Baxter

ESOL Book Club

Thursdays, January 3-February 28 at 10 a.m.

Adults

This book club for non-native speakers of English meets weekly to discuss a book as a way to improve English speaking, reading and conversational skills. Books can be purchased from the instructor at the first meeting for \$10.

Related reading: xxx

Columbus Children's Theater: Meet Snow White

Saturday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3+

Meet the cast from Columbus Children's Theater's upcoming production of *Snow White*. Characters will perform a short scene from the show and will be available for photos and autographs. Free tickets are required and will be available beginning Dec. 22.

Related reading: *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* by Cynthia Rylant

Feed Down Fines

Saturday, January 5 from 12:30 -4:30 p.m.

All ages

Got fines? Got food? Bring your library card and nonperishable food items, and receive \$1 in fine credit for each item up to a max of \$10. All food will be donated to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank.



More info: www.midohiofoodbank.org

eBooks and Digital Downloads Q & A

Sunday, January 6 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 20 from 1:30 -3:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Adults

New to using eBooks and eReaders? Join the Media Services staff for an interactive, introductory session on using our Digital Downloads service to get eBooks onto your device. Our eBooks are compatible with most readers, including Nook, Sony Reader, Kindle, iPad and a variety of other devices. If you're using a Nook or Sony Reader, we encourage you to bring a laptop if you have one. Drop by anytime during the session. Can't make it to the library? Log on to our online live chat on Jan. 11 from 12-1 p.m. to ask your question (see page 7).



Related website: ualibrary.org/ebooks-music.php

Black Belt Reader Winter Reading Program Begins

January 7-February 16

Pre K-grade 12

Be a Black Belt Reader this winter by joining in our six-week winter reading program! Students can participate by visiting any of our locations and picking up a "Black Belt Reader" form. Read nonfiction books to be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the program. Prizes are grouped by grade: PreK, K-2, 3-5, 6-12. See page 4 for more info.



Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6

Library instructors facilitate a discussion of a selected past Newbery winner or honor title to teach critical thinking and appreciation for literature. This month we will read *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at each UAPL location; each family is responsible for securing their own copy.

Required reading: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

Exploring the U.S. by RV: A Travel Bucket List

Wednesday, January 9 at 7 p.m.: South by Southwest
Wednesday, January 30 at 7 p.m.: The Wild, Wild West
Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m.: Life in the RV

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. They travelled over 60,000 miles in 10 months, and hit all 48 continental states. Last fall they told us about planning the trip, plus treasures of the East and Midwest. Now they're back to discuss their adventures in the Southwest and the West, plus daily life in the RV including cooking tips, horrors of the dump tube, maximizing gas mileage and more. Don't miss this young couple's entertaining stories!

Related reading: *King of the Road: The Beginner's Guide to RV Travel* by Ted Pollard

Online Live Chat: Q & A on eBooks

Friday, January 11 from 12-1 p.m.

Adults



Did you get an eBook reader for the holidays and need help? Join our online live chat with **Alexa** and **Jennie** from our Media Department. They'll give background on different devices and take your questions on how to use the library's eBooks. Log on via our Facebook page or website, then join the conversation or just read along. Can't join us live? Read the replay at any time.

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Egyptomania in Italian Renaissance Art

Friday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults

In early 15th century Italy, there was a return to classical Greek and Roman ideas and styles. During this period, a Florentine in Greece discovered a manuscript which purported to explain about 200 Egyptian hieroglyphs. After this discovery, "Egyptomania" spread across the country and Egyptian influences began to appear in Italian Renaissance art. In fact, there are examples of rebuses (word-image puzzles) created by Leonard da Vinci, which seem to have elements derived from Egyptian hieroglyphs. Join **Rebecca Howard** of the Ohio State University's Department of The History of Art for a fascinating look at the Egyptian influence on Italian Renaissance art.

Related reading: *Cracking the Egyptian Code: The Revolutionary Life of Jean-Francois Champollion* by Andrew Robinson

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

Fantasy Creatures in Clay

Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 3-5

Join art educator **Megan Moriarity** and make your own miniature creature with polymer clay. We'll check out fantastical creatures and design our own complete with details like claws and wings. Hero or villain? Mean or nice? You decide! Registration is required and begins Dec. 29.

Related reading: *A Practical Guide to Dragons* by Lisa Trumbauer

Movies by Women: *Like Water for Chocolate*

Sunday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Like Water for Chocolate is a 1992 film in the style of magical realism based on the popular novel published in 1989 by first-time Mexican novelist Laura Esquivel, who also wrote the screenplay. The movie earned all 11 Ariel awards of the Mexican Academy of Motion Pictures, including Best Picture, and became the highest grossing Spanish-language film ever released in the U.S. at the time. In the film, Tita and Pedro fall in love but are forbidden to marry. Mama Elena sees Tita's role as her caretaker for life — no youngest daughter has ever married and her daughter will not be the first to break tradition. (1992, 105 min., rated R)

Related DVD: *Babette's Feast*

Tubes and Marbles Hands-On Science Program

Tuesday, January 15 at 4 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Calling all young engineers! Students can explore the scientific concepts of speed, incline and gravity by designing and creating a structure out of cardboard roll tubes that can, at completion, facilitate the course of a marble from point A to point B. All supplies provided. Registration is required and begins Jan. 2.



Related reading: *Energy and Motion* by Allan B. Cobb

Book Circle: *City of Thieves*

Wednesday, January 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. It is by turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying. It is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with a contemporary feel for how boys become men.

Required reading: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Explore Romania with Two Wandering Women

Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Join **Carol Gray** and **Nancy Staley** as they recount their incredible visit to Romania. Romania is an adventure into a land of superstitions and fantastic legends. Step back in time in this eastern European country to travel from the capital city of Bucharest into the beautiful countryside. See medieval towns with dramatic monasteries and castles. Experience Transylvania, see the Painted Monasteries of Bucovina, and the colorful "Merry Cemetery."

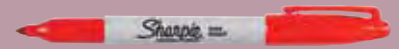
Related reading: *Painter of Silence: A Novel* by Georgia Harding

Sharpie TDIY

Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Tie Dye it Yourself! Using Sharpie markers we'll tie dye a t-shirt or whatever piece of cloth you choose to bring. We'll also have a few other surprise projects for those that want to branch out. Bring your own white or light colored t-shirt (100% cotton is best) or other piece of clothing to tie dye. Registration is required and begins Jan. 2.



Related reading: *Sew Teen: Make Your Own Cool Clothes* by Sheila Zent

Spectrum Storytime

Friday, January 18 at 4 p.m.

Friday, February 15 at 4 p.m.

See below

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. This is a registered event; registration 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 10 and under are welcome.

Related reading: *Teaching Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders* by Clarissa Willis

High School Book Club

UAHS students: Join us for a lively discussion of classic and contemporary literature. Stop by the school's learning center to pick up a copy of this month's title.

Please note: This book discussion meets at UA High School.

Friday Jan. 25 @ 3:00 PM

Friday Feb. 22 @ 3:00 PM

Books and Blocks

Saturday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-6

Children and caregivers join us for stories, building and fun! Each month we'll read a couple stories to start, then the building will begin with our LEGO Duplo blocks. We provide books and blocks as inspiration, then your child gets hands on building time to create anything he or she can imagine! Please note children will not be able to keep their creations. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior.

Related reading: *The Ultimate LEGO Book* by Dorling Kindersley

Doctor Who Turns 50!

Saturday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.

All ages

How do you celebrate a cult favorite's 50th anniversary? With a movie marathon, of course! *Doctor Who* will be 50 years old in 2013, so join us all day today to celebrate this popular franchise as we screen different episodes of the show from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m.



Related reading: *Doctor Who: Shada: The Lost Adventure* by Douglas Adams by Gareth Roberts

Book Buddies

Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-3

Our popular summertime program Book Buddies 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.

Movie: Kung Fu Panda

Wednesday, January 23 at 7 p.m.

All ages

Hi-ya! Kick back in the Friends Theater for a showing of the animated movie *Kung Fu Panda*. (2008, 90 mins., rated PG)



Related reading: *Kung Fu Panda* (I Can Find It series)

Movies by Women: *Songcatcher*

Sunday, January 27 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Hauntingly beautiful folk music and stunning Appalachian scenery take center stage in *Songcatcher* — the winner of the 2000 Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize for outstanding ensemble performance. After being denied a promotion at the university where she teaches, brilliant musicologist Lily Penleric impulsively visits her sister, who runs a struggling rural school in Appalachia. Here she makes the discovery of her life — a treasure trove of ancient Scots-Irish ballads, songs that have been handed down from generation to generation, preserved intact by the seclusion of the mountains. Written and directed by Maggie Greenwald. (1999, 112 min., rated PG-13)

Related DVD: *Whale Rider*

Pre-Pub Club

Wednesday, January 30 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Grades 9-12

Read it before your friends do! Here's a chance to snag an advanced reader copy of a book that hasn't been published yet. Come back next month for more choices and to share what you've read.

Friendship is Magic: MLP for Teens

Saturday, February 2 at 2 p.m.

Ages 13-18

Teen fans of My Little Pony can join us for fun, snacks and episodes of the show you never outgrow!



Related reading: *Aranzi Aranzo: The Cute Book* by Aranzi Aranzo

Read Aloud: *The Chocolate Touch*

Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Winter is the perfect time to slow down, chill out and listen to a great story. Join us for a two-session chapter book read-aloud of *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Catling. Feel free to wear your PJs and bring a blanket and pillow or friend. Registration is required and begins Jan. 23.

Related reading: *The McElderry Book of Greek Myths* retold by Eric A. Kimmel

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Degas and Women: Friend or Foe?

Friday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Adults

There has been ongoing debate as to whether or not Degas was misogynistic when considering his most common subjects: ballet dancer and women bathers. Join **Elizabeth Sandoval** of OSU's Department of Art History for a look at some pastels, sculptures and paintings of dancers, bathers and women, including his precious statue of the 14-year-old Marie Van Goethem.



Related DVD: *Degas and the Dance: The Man Behind the Easel*

Movies by Women: Monsoon Wedding

Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Adults

Mira Nair directs this charming family drama about a chaotic Indian wedding. Lalit Verma is a wealthy father who is trying to see that his daughter's wedding goes off without a hitch. Though familiar with Western ways, he is dead set on seeing nuptials done properly and traditionally. An insightful, energetic blend of Hollywood and Bollywood styles, this film is a colorful celebration of modern-day India, family, love and life. (2001, 115 min., rated R)

Related DVD: *Bride and Prejudice*

Parent-Child Newbery Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.

Grades 4-6

This month we will read *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at each UAPL location; each family is responsible for securing their own copy.

Required reading: *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

Valentine Sock Hop

Wednesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.

Preschoolers

Back by popular demand! Dress up and take your littlest Valentine out for an hour of dancing fun. Make a craft, enjoy cookies and punch, and get ready to hokey-pokey, chicken dance and limbo to some children's favorites.



Related reading: *Ten Valentine Friends* by Janet Schulman

QUBE in Concert

Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

Adults

QUBE is a string quartet featuring members of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Part of the program will include a guitar quintet! Musicians include **David Edge** (violin), **Erin Gilliland** (violin), **Steve Wedell** (Viola), **Cora Kuyvenhoven** (Cello) and **Karl Wohlwend** (Guitar).

Online Live Chat: Q & A with Officer Heather Galli

Tuesday, February 19 from 7-8 p.m.

Adults



Upper Arlington Police Officer **Heather Galli** goes online to answer your questions about Internet safety. Great info for kids, teens and adults. Log on via our Facebook page or website, then join the conversation or just read along. Can't join us live? Read the replay at any time.

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Book Circle: *Destiny of the Republic*

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

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. Millard gives an account of James Garfield's rise from poverty to the American presidency, including the dramatic history of his assassination and legacy.

Required reading: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Tom Logsdon is a long-distance hiker who has carried a pack over 5,000 miles of back country trails in the last 10 years. He has completed the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, and the Long Trail over the Green Mountains from Vermont to Canada. For the last three years he has been section hiking the Pacific Crest Trail for a month each summer. The Pacific Crest Trail extends from the Mexican border with California to the Canadian border. Tom recently completed the 550-mile section extending from Yosemite to Mt. Shasta. Join Tom for a discussion and view the incredibly scenic photos from his adventure.

Related reading: *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

Movies by Women: *A Dry White Season*

Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

Adults

A Dry White Season, directed by Euzhan Palcy, tells the story of Ben du Toit, a Caucasian South African who always has considered himself a man of caring and justice. During the turmoil of 1980s, the Government arrests tens of thousands of black residents. One of them, the son of Ben's gardener, is arrested and is subsequently killed. This sudden death arouses his suspicions, and he decides to probe into the matter to ensure that justice is done. What happens next tests Ben's beliefs and faith. (1989, 107 min., rated R)

Related DVD: *Cry Freedom*

Storytimes

Main Library

Babytime (0-24 months)

Mon @ 10:15 Wed @ 11:15

Tales for Twos & Threes (2-3 years)

Mon @ 11:15 Thurs @ 10:15

Preschool (3 ½-6 years)

Tue @ 10:15 Wed @ 10:15

Family Evening Storytime (all ages)

Mon @ 7:00

Jan. 7-31
Feb. 18-Mar. 14



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

Jan. 8-31
Feb. 19-Mar. 14



Miller Park Library

Babytime (0-24 months)

Tue @ 10:15 Thurs @ 11:15

Stories & Songs (2 ½-5 years)

Tue @ 11:15 Thurs @ 10:15

Jan. 8-31
Feb. 19-Mar. 14



Looking for a Good Book? Try these UAPL Staff Picks



***City of Thieves* by David Benioff**

Lev, a 17-year-old Russian Jew is alone in St. Petersburg and arrested for stealing from the corpse of a German airman. Instead of a summary execution, however, he is sent on a quest. Lev and his new best friend Kolya must retrieve a dozen eggs for the Colonel's daughter's wedding cake. What ensues is a macabre version of an Easter egg hunt, with the prize being both their lives.

— Caitlin Near, Circulation



***Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian* by Eoin Colfer**

Book 8 in the Artemis Fowl series will leave you on the edge of your seat. True to the Artemis Fowl name, there are many unbelievable events that you would not expect and the ending scenes will not disappoint. Colfer was smart and included all of the fan's favorite characters for

which they each have exciting roles. If you haven't already, I recommend adding this series to your "need to read" list, especially if you like fantasy books with lots of twists.

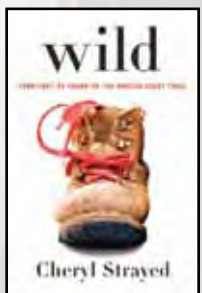
— Shae Strunk, Community Relations



***Shine Shine Shine* by Lydia Netzer**

This novel centers around a woman born with no hair, her husband who is a prize-winning robotics scientist and their autistic son. As the characters work through a set of unusual circumstances, the main character is reminded that her quest for conventional American "normalcy" has eroded away the things that matter most to her. This novel is beautifully written and reveals their story in surprising ways. An extremely engaging book, it ultimately poses the question of whether autism is truly a disorder or an evolution of intellect and adaptation.

— Jennifer Faure, Adult Services

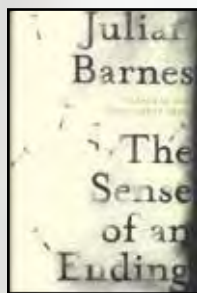


***Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed**

Part memoir, part travel book, *Wild* is a chronicle of the author's physical journey down the Pacific Crest Trail and mental journey through her relationships and personal struggles. Many unexpected details come out along the way in a very authentic voice. This is not the modern sort

of memoir where the author planned the journey around a blog and posts her way through it in real time. Instead, it's a recollection of past events through the lens of the present.

— Pam Cole, Lane Road



***The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes**

Memories are so fragile and easily susceptible to being embellished, rearranged, or ignored entirely. Protagonist Tony Webster comes to realize this by the end of this slow-burn novel. Until he does, we are left to contend with an unreliable narrator, which gives the book a bit more suspense than it probably deserves. *The*

Sense of an Ending is a quick read, and can probably be finished in one sitting, but make time to savor the beautiful language and ruminations on history, memory, and the mind.

— Evan Struble, Media Services



***At the Mouth of the River of Bees* by Kij Johnson**

This collection of Johnson's science fiction short stories that is not "spaceship" SiFi but rather alternate reality. The title should be enough to get you to check out this book. The gift of this book is not so much the stories, although they are thought-provoking, sometimes amusing and sometimes melancholic, but it is the

poignant way in which Johnson writes. She was able to convince me that all of these alternate realities were possible and that she had visited.

— Nancy Roth, Administration



***Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn**

"Women hold up half the sky." - Chinese Proverb

The Pulitzer prize-winning couple, Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, deliver an electrifying call to action on behalf of oppressed and enslaved women

of the world. Although it covers the brutal and gruesome hardships women endure, *Half the Sky* manages to offer hope through stories about real women who have survived and overcome. I am now raising funds for one of the many charitable groups listed in the book. There is no other contemporary book that has influenced me more, it has my unqualified recommendation.

— Julie Reeder, Miller Park



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Let's Speak English

Mondays, December 3-17 at 1 p.m.

Adults

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

Related reading: *Writing Better English for ESL Learners* by Edward Swick

Holiday Music with Men of Steel

Tuesday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

All ages

Join us at the Lane Road Library for festive holiday tunes with a steel drum flair courtesy of **Men of Steel**.



Related CD: *Caribbean Island Steel Drum Favorites*

Holiday Crafts

Thursday, December 13 at 4 p.m.

Ages 2+

Brighten up your holidays with some great homemade crafts.

Related reading: *Christmas Decorations Kids Can Make* by Kathy Ross

Tail Wagging Tutors

Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

Monday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-5

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!



Related reading: *Puppy Love* by Dick King-Smith

Book Circle: *Immoveable Feast*

Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *Immoveable Feast: A Paris Christmas* by John Baxter. It's the charming, funny and improbable tale of how a man who was raised on white bread — and didn't speak a word of French — unexpectedly ended up with the sacred duty of preparing the annual Christmas dinner for a venerable Parisian family.

Required reading: *Immoveable Feast* by John Baxter

Black Belt Reader Winter Reading Program Begins

January 7-February 16

Kids

Be a Black Belt Reader this winter by joining in our six-week winter reading program! Students can participate by visiting any of our locations and picking up a "Black Belt Reader" form. Read nonfiction books to be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the program. Prizes are grouped by grade: PreK, K-2, 3-5, 6-12. See page 4 for more information.



Mock Caldecott Election

Wednesday, January 9 at 4 p.m.

Grades 2-5

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 January 28. Children in grades 2-5 are invited to join us for a "mock election" at the Lane Road Library. We'll browse some possible Caldecott contenders, have activities related to the award, and vote on our own winner. Registration is required and begins Dec. 26.

Related reading: *A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka

Book Circle: *City of Thieves*

Tuesday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. It is by turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying. It is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with a contemporary feel for how boys become men.

Required reading: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Dragon Appreciation Day

Thursday, January 17 at 4 p.m.

Ages 3+

It's Dragon Appreciation Day — come celebrate all things dragon! We'll have a story, snacks and make some dragon crafts.



Related reading: *Return of the Library Dragon* by Carmen Deedy

Open House for Windermere Elementary

Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-1

Windermere kindergarteners and first graders are invited to an open house at the Lane Road Library. There will be a 15-minute presentation followed by crafts and a tour of the library. Teachers are welcome, too!

Valentine's Day Crafts

Thursday, February 7 at 4 p.m.

Ages 2+

Make valentines for the people you love and enjoy a sweet treat.

Related reading: *With All My Heart* by Brian Rock

Chocolate Party for Tweens and Teens

Saturday, February 9 at 2 p.m.

Grades 4-12

Celebrate Valentine's Day with lots of chocolate! Make chocolate treats, play games and win prizes. Registration is required & begins Jan. 26.



Related reading: *Teens Cook Dessert* by Megan Carle

Night of the Ninja Magic Tree House Event

Tuesday, February 12 at 4 p.m.

Grades K-4

Travel with Jack and Annie back in time to feudal Japan where we'll learn about the ways of the Ninja. We'll have activities related to the book as well as snacks. Registration is required and begins Jan. 29.

Related reading: *Night of the Ninja* by Mary Pope Osborne

Book Circle: *Destiny of the Republic*

Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m.

Adults

Join other book lovers for an informal, lively discussion of this month's title: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard. Millard, the bestselling author of *The River of Doubt*, gives an account of James Garfield's rise from poverty to the American presidency, including the dramatic history of his assassination and legacy.

Required reading: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

Elephant and Piggie Party

Thursday, February 21 at 4 p.m.

Ages 3+

You're invited to a party to celebrate your favorite Mo Willems characters — Elephant and Piggie! Listen to stories, make crafts and play games with other fans.



Related reading: *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems

Meet the Staff



Name: Mary Austin

Position: Outreach Librarian in Adult Services Department

Year you joined UAPL: 2000

My memorable UAPL experience: The Outreach Librarian's role is like that of a personal shopper, except I do it for library materials. It is fun and interesting meeting patrons, talking to them and learning their preferences. I love matching people with books and other library materials.

What I'm reading now: *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver

Be a "Black Belt" Reader This Winter

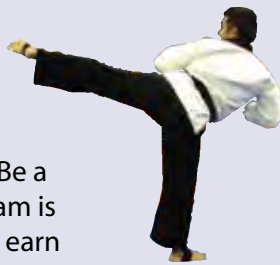
UAPL wants you to kick it into gear this winter for our 4th Annual Winter Reading Program. This year's theme is "Be a Black Belt Reader!" The six-week program is a great way to discover new books and earn chances at great prizes.

Participating in the program is easier than a karate chop! Just stop by any UAPL location to pick up a reading form to track any nonfiction book you read between Jan. 7 and Feb. 16. This year, in recognition and support of Ohio's new Common Core Learning Standards, we want to highlight the value of our nonfiction selection by encouraging kids to explore everything under the sun: sports, dinosaurs, poetry, cookbooks, history and more! Any nonfiction book counts, so be sure to spin-kick your way to the library for some serious "bored"-breaking reads!

The reading log will include six "belt" forms that you use to record the title, author, and a short review of each book. You then cut and drop off each belt at any location. After the program ends there will be four prize drawings, one for each age category at each location: PreK, K-2, 3-5, and 6-12.

Read at your own pace and drop off your belts before Feb. 16.

Thank you to our generous Friends of the UAPL organization for their sponsorship.



Friends of the UAPL Hold Winter Sale Feb. 17-Mar. 3

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Upper Arlington Public Library's Winter Book Sale! It will be held at the Main Library, 2800 Tremont Road, from Sunday, February 17 through Sunday, March 3. The sale will be open to the public during normal library operating hours: 1-5 p.m. on Sunday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Most books sold by the Friends have been donated by individuals and are in good to excellent condition. The books are displayed at the library's entrance and in the Atrium.

Book prices have remained unchanged for the past 19 years. Most hardbacks are \$2 each. Paperbacks are generally 50¢ each. Large and better quality paperbacks are \$1. Children and teen books range from 25¢ to \$1.

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

On the final day, March 3, Friends members are able to purchase a brown grocery bag of books for just \$5.

The Friends of the UAPL is a volunteer organization that held its first book sale for one-day only in the fall of 1977. That modest effort netted \$867. The Friends expanded its book selling activity considerably in the following years. The result has been a substantial rise in income for the library. Friends income donated to the library is now routinely over \$90,000 annually.

Have Lunch with Author Alexander McCall Smith

Alexander McCall Smith will visit Upper Arlington this spring, and you're invited to share an intimate lunch with the bestselling author at an event made possible by the UAPL, the UA Community Foundation (UACF) and the Friends of the UAPL.

The ticket-only luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 7 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Amelita Mirolo Barn at Sunny 95 Park. The event will include a catered lunch, as well as a booksigning and meet-and-greet with the author. Books will be available for purchase.

Tickets cost \$100 and go on sale December 1, just in time for holiday gift giving. Get yours at the UACF's website at www.uacommunityfoundation.com or via the link at www.ualibrary.org. Proceeds benefit the Ann Royce Moore Fund at the UACF, which works to bring well-known authors to Upper Arlington.

Later that day, McCall Smith will give a free talk and booksigning open to the public. Details, including time and location, are currently being determined.



Alexander McCall Smith

Alexander McCall Smith has written more than 80 books, including specialist academic titles, short story collections, and a number of immensely popular children's books. He is best known for his internationally acclaimed and bestselling *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series, which currently has 13 volumes. The series has now been translated into 45 languages and has sold over 20 million copies worldwide. The fifth in the series, *The Full Cupboard of Life*, received the Saga Award for Wit.

Another series, beginning with *The Sunday Philosophy Club*, about an intriguing woman named Isabel Dalhousie, appeared in 2004 and immediately leapt onto national bestseller lists, as did its sequels.

McCall Smith was born in what is now Zimbabwe and was educated there and in Scotland. He became a law professor in Scotland, and it was in this role that he first returned to Africa to work in Botswana, where he helped to set up a new law school. He was Professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh, and has been a visiting professor at several other universities.

MONEY MATTERS

by Kate Hemleben, Fiscal Officer



When I am out in our community, discussions of the economy always arise no matter the occasion. As Fiscal Officer, I often get asked during these spontaneous discussions “What has the library done to weather the current state of the economy?”

My response varies depending upon the amount of time available. My short answer would be that we are reducing energy costs, using our consortia’s buying power and developing partnerships for expenses that are not covered by our current consortia. Now, if time wasn’t limited here is the rest of what I would say....

Once the library heard that our state funding would be cut, we took a few months to determine our action plan. Because of our reserve at the time, we had the opportunity to make some good decisions. A goal the Board set during that time was to impact patron services as little as possible. We implemented a hiring freeze, reduced part-time hours, and froze salaries in order to accomplish this goal.

Next we reduced the library’s operating hours by 21 each week. We also decreased the amount of library materials being purchased.

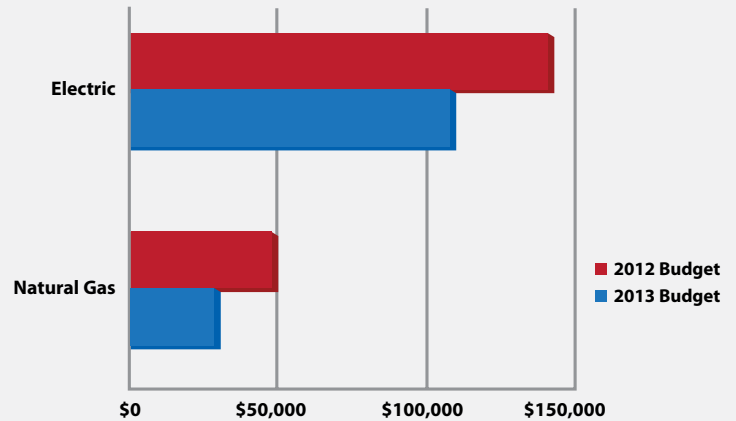
We then turned to our purchased services. In general, purchased services are everything else bought by the library excluding salaries, benefits and library materials. Examples of purchased services include office supplies, maintenance on the buildings, and professional development.

One of our biggest purchased services is utilities. This year, the library has gained a great savings related to our energy costs. The first savings was on our natural gas costs. In March, the library rejoined the Metropolitan Educational Council (MEC) consortium for the natural gas program. For the last heating year, the library paid about \$50,000 for heating all three locations. Because of this new agreement and the decline in the natural gas market pricing, our projected costs for the next natural gas cycle will be about \$28,000, an instant savings of \$22,000. Of course, being the conservative that I am, I must mention that this savings is very much dependent upon the weather. If the winter season is much colder and longer than projected, then our savings will decrease.

The second energy savings is with our electric costs. In June, the library switched electric suppliers after spending about three months fact gathering. The library was able to strategically use our partnership with the City to lower electric costs in two ways. First, the library’s two smallest locations were included in the new city electric aggregation program as a ‘small business’. By being included, the projected savings is approximately \$6,500 annually. Our third

and largest location was not eligible for this aggregation program, as the Tremont location used too many kWh per hour. While we were shopping electric rates, we were able to disclose the final rate the City of UA received to our potential suppliers. This rate set the expectation for any supplier wanting to supply the electric needs to the Tremont location. Our new supplier for the Main library is projected to save about \$30,000 annually. Like the natural gas program, the heat during the summer will affect the overall savings. Just these two programs alone have approximately a \$58,000 impact annually on the library’s budget. This savings will be reallocated to other priorities set by the Board and Director.

Electric & Natural Gas Budget



The library continues to use other partnerships and consortia to reduce overall spending. Local libraries created a consortium years ago to purchase library materials. These savings range from 15 to 30% off retail prices.

I would like to share a particular relationship that has impacted our budget. During a discussion with the director of the City’s Park and Recreation Department, we realized that we our landscaping costs were higher than market rates. Armed with the city’s most recent RFP, the library revised it to meet our needs. The outcome of that relationship allowed us to cut landscaping costs in half.

Another example is our relationship with the UA Community Foundation and the Friends of the UAPL as we bring well-known authors to UA. Learn more on page 15.

I know I’ve spent this entire article talking about saving money and the things the library has and is doing to achieve this. But it is so much more than saving money — it’s creating relationships and partnering with the unexpected to really reallocate the budget. We are trying to live within our means, as you are, to provide the best service we can. We will use property tax revenue and state funding in the most strategic way possible.

I look forward to the next few years as our new Director Chris Taylor moves the library ahead. In the meantime, rest assured that the library staff, Administration and Board are working together to fiscally live within our budget to provide the right collection, programs and gathering space for you and your family.



Miller Park Library

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Home for the Holidays

Thursday, December 6 at 4 p.m.

Families

Bring your family to the Miller Park Library to celebrate the holiday season! We'll offer cookies and drinks, caroling with Mr. Brian and a craft for the children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit from 5-6 p.m.

Related reading: *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement C. Moore

Reading to Rover

Tuesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.

Grades K-5

Meet some therapy dogs from Central Ohio Good Shepherds, and improve your reading skills, too! Beginning readers can read to these very patient listeners, and learn about the therapy dog program. No registration is required.

Related reading: *The Doghouse* by Jan Thomas

Games Galore

Wednesday, January 2 at 2 p.m.

Grades K+

Card games and board games will be out for you to challenge your friends and family. Play Checkers, Boggle, Scrabble or Spoons. Decks of cards will be available if you know a card game you want to teach others.



Related reading: *Card Games: Games Around the World* by Dana Meachen Rau

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January 7-February 16

Kids

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Winter Word Play

January 7-February 28

Adults

What takes place in the dead of winter, lasts eight weeks, requires no electronic devices, makes you feel kind of smart, and lets you win weekly prizes? Back by popular demand, it's Winter Word Play! Stop by the desk for more information. Please note this is an adult program.

Related reading: *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations* by John Bartlett

Sing-a-Story

Friday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers

Join our in-house musician **Brian Griffin** and his guitar for a morning of stories and songs. No registration is required.

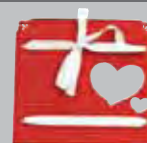
Related reading: *Let's Sing Together* by Peter Yarrow

Valentine's Cards

Wednesday, February 13 at 2 p.m.

Kids

Create special cards for all those special valentines in your life. Stop in anytime between 2-4 p.m. and we'll have supplies waiting for you.



Related reading: *The Biggest Valentine Ever* by Steven Kroll

Let's Have a Story

Saturday, February 23 at 11 a.m.

Kids

Lynette Ford will entertain you with this program of interactive versions of African and Affrilachian folktales about critters like Rabbit, Turtle, Frog, Bear, Fox and Spider.



Upper Arlington's first schoolteacher was Mary Boyer. She taught the village's first, second and third grades during the 1917-1918 school year, establishing the foundation upon which the Upper Arlington school system was built.



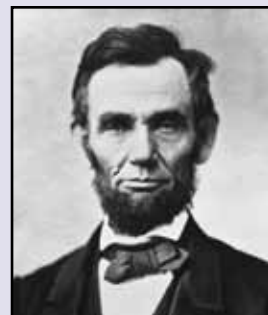
Upper Arlington children, led by their instructor Miss Frye, display the results of their basketmaking class. The class was held at the community's new summer playground, which opened at Miller's Park on July 1, 1918. Today the park is still a popular fixture in UA and is simply known as Miller Park.



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

Presidential Picks

In honor of Presidents' Day on Feb 18, elect to read one of our many books by or about American presidents. Here are some suggestions from Adult Collection Development Specialist Bonnie DeWitt.



- *The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy
- *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* by Jon Meacham
- *Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves* by Henry Wiencek.
- *James Madison and the Making of America* by Kevin R. C. Gutzman
- *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace* by H.W. Brands
- *Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World* by Evan Thomas
- *Eisenhower: In War and Peace* by Jean Edward Smith
- *The Passage of Power* (Years of Johnson vol. 4) by Robert A. Caro
- *Listening In: The Secret White House Recordings of John F. Kennedy* from The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; selected and introduced by Ted Widmer; foreword by Caroline Kennedy
- *The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin
- *Washington: A Life* by Ron Chernow
- *John Adams* by David McCullough
- *American Lion: Andrew Jackson* by Jon Meacham
- *Truman* by David McCullough
- *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard
- *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* by George W. Bush
- *Decision Points* by George W. Bush
- *My Life* by Bill Clinton

For children

- *The Many Faces of George Washington: Remaking a Presidential Icon* by Carla Killough McClafferty
- *Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship* by Russell Freedman
- *The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: Poems About the Presidents* by Susan Katz
- *Presidential Pets: The Weird, Wacky, Little, Big, Scary, Strange Animals That Have Lived in the White House* by Julia Moberg
- *White House Kids: The Perks, Pleasures, Problems, and Pratfalls of the Presidents' Children* by Joe Rhatigan



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and yet be in all quarters of
the earth.

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