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Library Link

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



Paper, paste and possibilities spark creativity at the Lane Road Branch.

UAPL Seeks Input on Tremont Road Branch Renovation

As planning for the renovation of our Tremont Road Branch proceeds, we continue to welcome feedback from members of the community.

Open Houses

You're invited to attend one of our open houses to hear more about the need for improvements, and to share your thoughts with library leadership and architects. These interactive gatherings will be held in The Commons on Tuesday, January 26 and Wednesday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 6 p.m.

Each 90-minute session will begin with a brief presentation by Library Director Beth Pfahler. She'll cover why the renovation is needed, cost estimates, how we'll pay for it, and other key topics. Participants will then have the opportunity to visit several stations where floor plans and renderings will be available for viewing and feedback.

Library administrators, task force members, and architects will be on hand to share information and hear from you. We encourage everyone interested in the future of the Tremont Road Branch to attend.

Area-Specific Surveys

We recently hosted a survey that gathered community members' thoughts on possible reconfigurations of the Tremont Road Branch. Thank you to the 500+ people who completed the survey!

We're now asking those who use our Youth Department and public meeting rooms to share their opinions on those spaces specifically. We want to know if they meet your needs, what could be better, what you want to keep, and other important info.

On your next visit to the Tremont Youth Department, look for handouts and digital slides that contain a QR code for a short survey.

Those who book a meeting room will receive an email with a link to a survey, and we'll also have QR codes in all rooms so anyone attending a meeting can participate.

We truly appreciate your time and input. Your participation helps shape the future of our community, and we look forward to hearing from you!



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

On the cover: Get creative at Lane Road's Paper and Paste collaging club. See page 8.

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Upper Arlington Handicrafters

Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

This is a friendly, social group for people who love to knit, crochet, and give back to the community: we donate most of what we make! Don't know how to knit or crochet? No worries! We can teach you.

Mental Health America of Ohio Anxiety Support Group

Wed., December 2 & 16 at 6 p.m.
Wed., January 6 & 20 at 6 p.m.
Wed., February 3 & 17 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
No registration

Struggling with anxiety? This group run by MHA Ohio offers a chance for people who live with various levels of anxiety to come together for relief through discussion, skill-building, and community.

Nonfiction Book Chats

Wed., December 2 at 6 p.m.
Wed., January 6 at 6 p.m.
Wed., February 3 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
No registration

No assignments, no obligations. Just a group of readers talking about their latest nonfiction reads, and discovering their next one.

Cookbook Club

Tue., December 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., January 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., February 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Each month we pick a cookbook and everyone makes one of the recipes to share with the club.



Winter Wellness: Managing Stress and Mood

Sat,, December 12 at 2 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Join us to learn about Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and find practical ways to manage stress, boost mood, and stay emotionally healthy during the darker months. Presented by licensed psychologist **Dr. Risa Long**.

Behind the Music Book Club

Wed., December 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., January 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., February 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
No registration

A book club for music fans: band histories, musician memoirs, scene chronicles, studio legends, and more.

AI Civics: The Race to Superintelligence

Wed., December 9 at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

What is superintelligence, and who is shaping its future? Explore Jennifer Strong's Pulitzer Center-supported reporting and discuss the AI decisions that affect us all. No technical background needed. Facilitated by **Mariah Hagadone-Bedler, PhD**.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri., December 11; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri., December 18; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri., January 8; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri., January 22; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri., February 19; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friends Theater.
No registration

Give the gift of donating blood. Walk-ins welcome or make an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "UAPL"

A Date Which Will Live in Infamy: Remembering Pearl Harbor

Sat., December 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

As we remember the 85th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, come hear fascinating stories of the events leading up to the attack on December 7, 1941, and the aftermath, and how local Ohioans were involved.

Conversation Practice Groups

Improve the language you're learning by practicing in a small group led by an experienced volunteer. Sessions begin the week of January 4.

English
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Registration now open

French
Mondays at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Italian
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
The Commons; 1 hr.
Registration now open

Japanese
Fridays at 1 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Registration now open

Spanish
Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Registration now open







New Year, New Hobby: A Drop-in Exploration Event

Thur., January 7 at 4 p.m.
The Commons; 2 hrs.
No registration

Looking for something new to try in 2027? Whether you want to learn, create, read, watch, explore, or connect, drop by and discover what your library has to offer.

Christmas in the 80s
Tue., December 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

What toys and gifts were most wanted in the 80s? Like, let's totally check it out! Join author and staff member **Matt Betts** as he takes you back to the 80s in search of the most awesome Christmas toys and the coolest holiday movies.

Caregiver Support Group
Wed., December 16 at 1 p.m.
Wed., January 27 at 1 p.m.
Wed., February 24 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.

Crafternoon: Ribbon Trees
Sat., December 19 at 11 a.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Calling all crafty adults! Join our staff for crafting, chatting, and fun, then leave with something you made.

Adult Chess Club
Sun., December 20 at 2 p.m.
Sun., January 3, 17 & 31 at 2 p.m.
Sun., February 7 & 21 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 2¾ hrs.
Registration now open

This is a low-stress, low-commitment opportunity for adult chess players to meet up and play the game. All levels are welcome! Registration is appreciated, but not necessary.

How the Word "Cartoon" Got its Modern Meaning
Tue., January 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

The term cartoon hasn't always applied to Bugs Bunny or Spongebob Squarepants. Take a journey through art history to see its evolution!

Book Circle
Wed., January 13 at 1 p.m.
Wed., February 10 at 1 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

Read the book of the month and join us for an informal discussion. In January, we'll read *Family of Spies* by Christine Kuehn. In February, we'll read *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.



Free Tools for Self Publishing

Sun., January 17 at 2 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Self publishing your book and can't afford a publicity team? Join author and staff member **Matt Betts** as he demonstrates how you can utilize various tools from the internet for cover design, flyers, logos, bookmarks, formatting and more.

Crafternoon: Snowflake Art

Fri., January 15 at 2 p.m.
Sat., January 30 at 11 a.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Winter blues got you down? You need to craft!

Lord of the Rings Power Point Party

Sat., January 16 at 2 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

How well do you know your Hobbits? The story of JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* is a long one, with multitudes of characters, intense situations and plot lines for days. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the movie trilogy, join us for a fun evening of storytelling and improvisation. We'll provide slides from the movies and our storytellers will wow you with their knowledge, or lack thereof, of Middle Earth.

Smart Medicine: How AI is Transforming Healthcare

Wed., January 20 at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Learn how AI is changing the medical field, from early detection and research breakthroughs to better treatments and surgical support, and what it means for patients and providers. Presented by **Xia Ning**.

Repair Café with Sustainable UA

Sat., January 23; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
The Commons
No registration

A repair café is a free meeting place where volunteers can help determine if your item is repairable. This can reduce materials going to the landfill!

The Past, Present and Future of UA's Tree Canopy

Tue., January 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., February 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Tue., March 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

We're partnering with Sustainable UA to host a series of tree-focused events to help nature lovers learn more about the past, present and future of trees in and around Upper Arlington. Learn about trees that grew naturally on our land before it was farmed and developed, the ways in which the City of Upper Arlington and Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District encourage residents to be good stewards of the land, and how you can support pollinators and the entire food web with the trees you plant.

Tremont Road Branch Renovation Open House

Tue., January 26 at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Wed., January 27 at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
No registration

Join library leaders to explore renovation plans, learn about design concepts, share feedback, and help shape a library that meets our community's needs for years to come. See page 2 for more information.

Navigating Your Child's IEP

Wed., January 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
Registration opens January 13

Join IEP Advocate **Danielle Randolph** for a detailed discussion about the IEP process. We'll talk about the different parts of an IEP and how an IEP can best support your child.

Tremont Road Branch continued

Throwback Book Fair
Sat., January 30 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun., January 31 from 1-5 p.m.
The Commons
No registration

Join us for a weekend-long, drop-in celebration of school book fair nostalgia! Revisit your favorite childhood books, explore current children's literature, and find adult read-alikes.

Love Birds: Bird Migration
Tue., February 2 at 6 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Join experts from the **Grange Insurance Audubon Center** as they talk about our fine feathered friends from around Central Ohio. We'll cover bird migration, local species, and more.

Collage a Go-Go
Fri., February 5 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Like to collage? Want to learn? We'll supply the materials, you supply the ideas.

Choosing the Right AI Tool: An Interactive Workshop
Sat., February 6 at 2:30 p.m.
Wed., February 10 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
Registration now open

(Note: Content is the same at both programs; please register for only one date.) Bring your laptop or smart device for a hands-on overview of the major AI models available today, how they work, what sets them apart, and how to make informed decisions about which tools to use when. Facilitated by **Mariah Hagadone-Bedir, PhD**.

Crafternoon: Candle Designs
Fri., February 12 at 2 p.m.
Sat., February 27 at 11 a.m.
Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.
Registration now open

Calling all crafty adults! Join our staff for an afternoon of crafting, chatting and fun, and leave with something you made!

Puzzle Swap
Sat., February 13 at 1 p.m.
The Commons; 60 min.
No registration

Swap jigsaw puzzles with other enthusiasts.

Cassette Culture
Tue., February 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Author **Jerry Kranitz** will discuss how post-punk era home recording artists used the cassette tape to create a global network of creation, communication, collaboration, and exchange. He will touch on other uses of the cassette, as well as its contemporary popularity.

50 Book Challenge for Adults

Now with more prizes

Our 50 Book Challenge is back for 2027 and it's better than ever!

Readers ages 18+ can keep track of the books they read, and earn prizes on the path to 50 books by the end of the year.

New in 2027 – earn a prize for every 10 books you finish! Prizes include a bookmark, sticker or magnet, reusable bag, Friends of the Library free book coupon, and finally, the coveted ceramic mug when you reach 50 books. Audiobooks count, too!

Visit any UAPL branch and pick up a log to track your reading beginning January 2, 2027.

This expanded program replaces the Summer Reading Program for adults – so no need to wait until June to start earning reading prizes.



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

Book Chats
Tue., December 8 at 4 p.m.
Tue., January 12 at 4 p.m.
Tue., February 9 10 at 4 p.m.
Hickory Meeting Room; 60 min.
No registration

No assignments, no obligations. Just a group of readers talking about their latest reads and finding their next one.

Craft Night: Winter Solstice Lanterns
Thur., December 10 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Create paper lanterns with paper maché and bring a little light to the long winter nights. Open to adults and teens.

Writers' Group
Thur., December 17 at 6 p.m.
Thur., January 21 at 6 p.m.
Thur., February 18 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 1¾ hrs.
No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your creative writing skills at this monthly writers' group. To join, please email Victoria at vschrock@ualibrary.org.

Speculative Fiction Writers' Group
Sun., December 27 at 1:30 p.m.
Sun., January 24 at 1:30 p.m.
Sun., February 21 at 1:30 p.m.
Hickory Meeting Room; 90 min.
No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your speculative fiction writing in this monthly group. To join, please email Victoria at vschrock@ualibrary.org.



Mindful Origami
Fri., January 15 at 2 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

Learn simple origami techniques to create unique geometric art and enjoy the benefits of a mindful creative practice.

Gentle Yoga for All Levels
Sun., December 27 at 3:30 p.m.
Sun., January 24 at 3:30 p.m.
Sun., February 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Registration now open

This is a slow and gentle yoga class perfect for beginners or anyone looking for a more restorative practice. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. You must be ages 18+.

Book Circle
Thur., January 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Thur., February 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
No registration

Read the book of the month and join us for an informal discussion. In January, we'll read *Family of Spies* by Christine Kuehn. In February, we'll read *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

Decorative Metal Embossing
Sat., January 23 at 2 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Learn how to create art using embossing techniques inspired by traditional Mexican tin art. Open to teens and adults.

Write Together
Thur., January 28 from 5-8 p.m.
Thur., February 25 from 5-8 p.m.
Hickory Meeting Room; 3 hrs.
No registration

Looking to kickstart a writing habit in the new year? Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month to write in community with other writers. Stop by or stay the whole time. If you have questions email Victoria at vschrock@ualibrary.org

Lane Road Branch continued

Paper and Paste Club

Thur., January 28 at 6 p.m.
Thur., February 25 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
No registration

Join us on the 4th Thursday of every month to get creative in a welcoming environment with other junk journalers, collagers, zine makers and scrapbookers. Open to teens and adults.

Craft Night: Vintage Valentines

Thur., February 4 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Create vintage-inspired Valentine's for the special humans in your life. Open to teens and adults.

English Conversation Practice

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. from February 17-May 12
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Registration now open

Practice English conversation in a small group led by a volunteer. This weekly program is for adults who are learning English. You need to know at least some English to participate in this program.



Cozy Trivia Tea Party

Sat., February 20 at 2:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Enjoy a cozy afternoon of tea, treats, and trivia, inspired by cozy genre fiction and feel-good classics. Open to adults and teens.

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

English Conversation Practice

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays at 10:30 a.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 1 at 2 p.m.
Tue., January 5 at 2 p.m.
Tue., February 2 at 2 p.m.
60 min.
No registration

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

Winter Word Play

January 3-February 28
No registration

Adults who enjoy word games can stop by Miller Park for 8 weeks of fun puzzle challenges. Entries with the most correct answers each week will be entered for a chance to win a small prize.

Winter Greeting Card Exchange

December 1-30
No registration

Patrons of all ages are invited to swap winter greeting cards all month long. Donate an unused card or take one home from our current selection to give to someone special.



Coffee Mug Swap

December 1-30
No registration

Hot drink aficionados can drop by 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!

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

Art Cart
Sundays from 1-4 p.m.
Youth Department
No registration

Children and caregivers are invited to get creative with our art supplies and use their imaginations to make something special each Sunday. On Feb. 28, join us for Throwback Toys instead.

Tummy Time for Infants and Caregivers
Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
Youth Department; 45 min.
No registration

Meet other caregivers of infants and engage with baby in a relaxing way to promote tummy time. Led by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and Physical Therapist.

Satur-PLAY
Saturdays at 10 a.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 2+
No registration

Drop in and help your child expand their early learning skills through play. Activity themes vary and include building, imagination, sensory exploration, and more!

Pokémon Club
Tue., December 1 at 3:30 p.m.
Tue., January 5 at 3:30 p.m.
Tue., February 2 at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 60 min.
Ages 6+
No registration

Love all things Pokémon? Come join our club! We will learn how to play the card game, discuss our favorites, and more!



Winter Wonderland
Sat., December 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
No registration

Celebrate the season with life-sized Candyland, a concert with **Mr. E**, crafts, face painting, balloon twisting, and fun for the whole family! Timed Candyland tickets are first-come, first-served.

Beaded Snowflakes
Mon., December 7 at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 4-12
No registration

Winter is almost here! Usher in the season with a snowy craft.

DIY Gift Wrap
Tue., December 8 at 3:30 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Ages 6-12
No registration

Do you have a gift or two to wrap? Make your own wrapping paper using a variety of DIY techniques. All materials provided and your creations are yours to take home.

Reading to Rover
Thur., December 10 at 6 p.m.
Thur., January 14 at 6 p.m.
Thur., February 11 at 6 p.m.
Youth Department; 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 during the hour.

Sewing Skills for Kids
Mon., December 14 at 3:30 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Ages 6-12
No registration

Learn a skill from a bygone era: sewing! Make a small plush animal using felt, a needle, thread, and basic hand sewing skills.

Chapter Chasers
Wed., December 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Wed., January 20 at 3:30 p.m.
Wed., February 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
Ages 8-12
No registration

Join us once a month for themed activities and discussion about the books and graphic novels we read. Anyone is welcome, whether you read that month or not!

LEGO Challenge

Thur., December 17 at 4 p.m.
Thur., January 21 at 4 p.m.
Thur., February 18 at 4 p.m
Youth Department; 60 min.
Ages 3+
No registration

Calling all LEGO lovers! Kids will develop STEAM and teamwork skills as they master fun challenges. Drop by anytime between 4-5 p.m.

Crafty Cleanout

Mon., December 28; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tue., December 29 ; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wed., December 30; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Youth Department
Ages 2-12
No registration

Come get creative and use your imagination! Join us to make a craft (or two!) and help use up supplies from programs past.

Candy Crafts

Mon., December 28 at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 4+
No registration

These candy-themed crafts will be so scrumptious, you'll want to eat them! (Don't worry - real candy will be available, too.) Make a candy cane reindeer, a pipe cleaner lollipop, and more.

Baby Playtime

Mondays beginning January 4 at 11 a.m.
Youth Department; 30 min.
Ages 0-2
No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Tuesdays beginning January 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays beginning January 7 at 2 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 30 min.
Ages 3-5
No registration

Prepare your child to enter kindergarten with their best foot forward! Children will practice early literacy skills and classroom behavior in a school-like setting.

Sparkly Snowflake Jewelry

Mon., January 11 at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 3+
No registration

Join us as we create colorful snowflake jewelry using an assortment of sparkly and colorful beads and other materials. Make a new friend while you're here!

Pet Party

Sat., January 16 at 10 a.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Ages 0-5
No registration

Come celebrate the family pet at the library! Enjoy different crafts and pet related-activities.

ProMusica Family Concert

Sun., January 17 at 3 p.m.
The Commons; 60 min.
No registration

Join the ProMusica woodwind quintet for a free, family-friendly concert that links classical music and children's literature. All ages.

Mardi Gras Accoutrement

Mon., February 1 at 3:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 3-12
No registration

Make your own Mardi Gras mask, crown, and beaded necklace so you're ready to celebrate or put on your own parade!

Crayon Mosaic Art

Tue., February 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min
Ages 10+
No registration

Repurpose broken crayons by creating beautiful mosaics.



Women in History: Dolley Madison

Sat., February 6 at 2 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Ages 6+
No registration

Come meet the Fourth First Lady of the United States, Dolley Madison! Dolley will speak about her adventurous life and role in establishing the title "First Lady."

Community Heart Art & Valentines

Mon., February 8 at 3:30 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Ages 4-12
No registration

Make a heart-themed craft and a valentine for the upcoming holiday. You can keep your creation, give it to a loved one, or leave it with the library to be sent to a community organization.

Elephant and Piggie Party

Sat., February 20; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
The Commons
Ages 3+
No registration

Calling all Elephant and Piggie fans! If you love the Mo Willems series then join us for a morning of crafts and games.

Balloon Rockets
Mon., February 22 at 3:30 p.m.
The Commons; 90 min.
Ages 3+
No registration

Explore the scientific concept of thrust using balloons and other simple household items. Each child will build and take home their very own balloon rocket.

Babywearing Basics
Fri., February 26 at 11:15 a.m.
The Commons; 45 min.
Adults
No registration

Drop into the library to meet with OT and babywearing expert **Jordan Morillo** to learn about and try on different baby carriers and discover what will work best for you and your baby or toddler.

Throwback Toys
Sun., February 28 at 2 p.m.
Youth Department; 90 min.
Ages 4+
No registration

Blast to the past with popular toys from previous eras! Children and their nostalgic adults will love this retro and intergenerational playtime.

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Playgroup
Wed., December 2, 16 & 30 at 10 a.m.
Wed., January 13 & 27 at 10 a.m.
Wed., February 10 & 24 at 10 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 0-5
No registration

Mingle with other parents and caregivers as your little ones play together. Meet new friends in the area! On Dec. 16, Jan. 13, and Feb 24, we'll be joined by a friendly therapy dog.

Block Builders
Sat., December 5 at 10 a.m.
Sat., January 2 & 30 at 10 a.m.
Sat., February 27 at 10 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 3-8
No registration

Get ready to stack, snap, and build your imagination. This program invites young creators to explore the world of building using LEGOs, bricks, and more.

Cozy Games & Puzzles
Mon., December 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 5:30 p.m.
Youth Department; 60 min.
Ages 3-12
No registration

Stay warm and have fun with the family in our downstairs youth space. Choose from a rotating offering of games, puzzles, and coloring pages.

Sensory Play: Snow & Winter
Wed., December 9 at 10:15 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 0-5
No registration

Young children and their caregivers can join us for a winter and snow-themed sensory playtime. Explore sights, sounds, textures, and more. Adult supervision required.

Baby Beach Playtime
Tue., December 15 at 10:15 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 0-3
No registration

Babies, let's pretend we're at the beach! Toys and games provided. Note: No sand will be involved.

Pretend Play: Let's Travel
Sat., December 19 at 10:15 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 3-8
No registration

Children and their caregivers are invited to play pretend at the library. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the toys and experience.



Card-Making Week
December 14-20
Youth Department
Ages 3+
No registration

Use our card-making supplies to make cozy cards for friends, family, and your community. Stop by the downstairs youth space anytime we're open from December 14-20.

Lane Road Branch continued

Reading to Rover
Mon., December 21 at 4 p.m.
Mon., January 25 at 4 p.m.
Mon., February 22 at 4 p.m.
Redwood 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.

Air Dry Clay Club
Tue., December 22 at 4 p.m.
Wed., January 13 at 4 p.m.
Wed., February 10 at 4 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 5-12
No registration

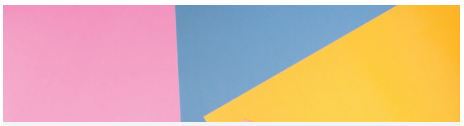
Create something fantastic with air dry clay. Be inspired by each month's theme or make something entirely your own.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 4
Redwood Meeting Room; 30 min.
Ages 3-5
No registration

Prepare your child to enter kindergarten with their best foot forward! Children will practice early literacy skills and classroom behavior in a school-like setting.

Baby Playtime
Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. beginning January 5
Redwood Meeting Room; 30 min.
Ages 0-2
No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy skills.



Pastel Crafts & Painting
Sat., January 16 at 2:15 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 4-12
No registration

Create pastel-themed art and crafts using paint, collage paper, washi tape, and more. Wear your favorite pastel colors!

Twos & Threes Playtime
Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. beginning January 7
Redwood Meeting Room; 30 min.
Ages 2-3
No registration

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy skills.

Messy Art Party
Mon., January 11 at 3:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 3-10
No registration

Wear clothes you can get messy and come join the fun! We will have a variety of messy crafts including watercolor ice painting and chalk drawing.

Sensory Play: Ice & Water
Wed., January 20 at 10:15 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 0-5
No registration

Young children and their caregivers can join us for a ice and water-themed sensory playtime. Explore sights, sounds, textures, and more. Adult supervision required.

Perler Bead Creations
Wed., January 27 at 3:45 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 6+
No registration

Create your own art with Perler beads and an iron. Use templates or create your own pattern, then take home your creation. Adult supervision required.

Backyard Bird Feeders and Crafts
Mon., February 8 at 3:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 4-12
No registration

Learn about Ohio birds and make a bird feeder from recycled materials to see birds in your own backyard.

Studio Ghibli Week
February 8-14
Youth Department
Ages 4-18
No registration

Celebrate all things Studio Ghibli! Kids and families can drop in all week for events and in-house activities that feature their favorite characters.

Studio Ghibli Arts & Crafts
Sat., February 13 at 2:15 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 6-18
No registration

Craft something whimsical, cute, and inspired by characters like Totoro, Howl, Calcifer, Kiki, and others. Make friends with other fans!

Sensory Play: Construction
Wed., February 17 at 10:15 a.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 60 min.
Ages 0-5
No registration

Young children and their caregivers can join us for a construction-themed sensory playtime. Explore sights, sounds, textures, and more! Adult supervision required.

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Santa Visits:
Home for the Holidays

Thur., December 3 at 4 p.m.
Register for a 30 minute session
Families
Registration opens November 21

Choose your half-hour time slot and register your family to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We'll also have take-home crafts, and cookies.

Reading to Rover

Wed., December 9; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wed., January 13; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wed., February 10; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Young Art Explorers

Fri., December 11; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fri., January 8; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fri., February 5; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 2-5
No registration

Children and their caregivers can drop in to make their own process art masterpieces using a variety of fun supplies. Join us monthly for creative exploration and artistic skill-building.

Bluey Party

Wed., December 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Ages 2+
Register for a 60 minute session

Who doesn't love Bluey? Children and their caregivers can drop in to enjoy a variety of Bluey-themed games, crafts, play, and more.



Train Pretend Play

December 26-30
Ages 1-8
No registration

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

Play and Learn

Fri., December 18; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fri., January 15; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fri., February 12; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 2-5
No registration

Drop in to enjoy fun play stations designed for ages 2-5. These skill-building activities may include games, play dough, cars, blocks, and crafts.

Twos & Threes Playtime

Mondays at 10:45 a.m. beginning January 4
30 min.
Ages 2-3
No registration

Toddlers and caregivers are invited to come together after storytime to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy skills.

Stuffie Adventures

Fri., January 22; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Fri., February 19; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 2+
No registration

Children can bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library for a new themed adventure each month! Play, create, explore, and make special memories together.

Family Forts After Hours

Sat., January 23 at 6 p.m.
90 min.
Families
Registration opens January 9

Register to build a fort with your family (ages 3+) at the library after closing. Please bring your own blankets or sheets for building. We'll provide flashlights and books for reading!

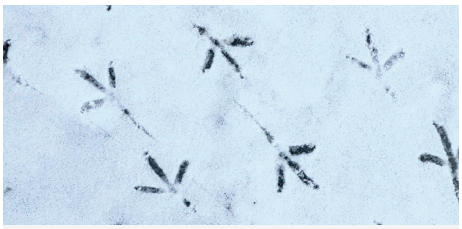
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
with Columbus Children's Theatre

Fri., January 29 at 10:30 a.m.
30 min.
Ages 0-5
Registration opens January 15

Columbus Children's Theatre's Sandbox Series invites children and their caregivers to explore theater through brief, accessible performances adapted from beloved childhood stories.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Miller Park Branch continued



Nature Lab Jr.

Sat., February 27; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 2-5
No registration

Calling all young explorers, inventors, scientists, and curious kids! Experiment and learn about animal tracking through fun, interactive activities.

"Drive-In" Movie

Sat., February 6 at 10 a.m.
Sat., February 6 at 3 p.m.
2 hrs.
Ages 3+
Registration opens January 23

Together, young children and caregivers will design and build their own cars out of moving boxes, paper plates, and decorations, and then jump in to watch a selection of youth movie shorts.

Garden Explorers with the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Fri., February 26 at 10:30 a.m.
60 min.
Ages 2+
Registration opens February 12

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.

Miller Park storytimes now require registration. Visit our program calendar at ualibrary.org to register each attendee.

See back cover for storytime information.

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Dungeons and Dragons

Thur., December 10; January 7 & 21; and February 4 & 18 at 5 p.m.
The Commons; 2 hrs.
Ages 12-17
Registration now open

Join us as we learn and play the beloved game Dungeons and Dragons. No experience required.

Teen Advisory Board

Mon., December 14 at 3:45 p.m.
Mon., January 11 at 3:45 p.m.
Mon., February 8 at 3:45 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
Ages 13-18
No registration

Our Teen Advisory Board helps the library with decisions and tasks. Get involved with your library!

Dungeons and Dragons 101: A Three-Part Series

Thur., December 17 at 5 p.m.
Thur., January 28 at 5 p.m.
Thur., February 25 at 5 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 60 min.
Ages 12+
Registration opens December 3

Want to learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons? We'll show you! In December, we'll walk through the basics of playing and how to interact in a group setting. In January, we'll learn how to make a character. In February, we'll focus on how to dungeon master and create your own campaign.

DIY Book Stenciling

Mon., December 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 90 min.
Ages 12+
Registration opens December 7

Love the look of stenciled edges on books? Make your own by painting unique designs. Bring your own book, we provide the rest.

Teen Write-In

Sat., January 9, 23 & 30; February 6 & 20 at 10:15 a.m.
Atrium; 1 ¾ hrs.
Grades 5-12
No registration

Dream of being an author? Bring a work-in-progress or an idea, and Golden Apple winner and children's writer **Jill Bixel** will guide you.

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

Teen Service Club
Sun., January 17 at 2:15 p.m.
Sun., February 14 at 2:15 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 2 hrs.
Grades 6-12
Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Need volunteer hours for school? Want to give back to the community? Attend a Teen Service Club meeting to volunteer your time and earn two hours of service credit.

Paper and Paste Club
Thur., January 28 at 6 p.m.
Thur., February 25 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
No registration

Join us on the 4th Thursday of the month to get creative in a welcoming environment with other junk journalers, collagers, zine makers and scrapbookers. Open to teens and adults.



Craft Night: Winter Solstice Lanterns
Thur., December 10 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Create paper lanterns with paper maché and bring a little light to the long winter nights. Open to teens and adults.

Craft Night: Vintage Valentines
Thur., February 4 at 6 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Create vintage-inspired Valentine's for the special humans in your life. Open to teens and adults.

Studio Ghibli Week
February 8-14
Youth Department
Ages 4-18
No registration

Celebrate all things Studio Ghibli! Kids, teens and families can drop in all week for events and in-house activities that feature their favorite characters.

Cozy Trivia Tea Party
Sat., February 20 at 2:30 p.m.
Redwood Meeting Room; 90 min.
Ages 13+
Registration now open

Enjoy a cozy afternoon of tea, treats, and trivia, inspired by cozy genre fiction and feel-good classics. Open to teens and adults.

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Coffee Mug Swap
December 1-30
No registration

Hot drink aficionados can drop by 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!

Teen Service Club
Sun., December 13 at 2:30 p.m.
Thur., January 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Thur., February 4 at 6:30 p.m.
60 min.
Grades 6-12
Registration opens 2 weeks prior

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

Craft for a Cause
Wed., January 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., February 24 at 6:30 p.m.
60 min.
Grades 6-12
Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Make a difference! Teens will earn service hours by creating meaningful crafts that directly support local organization Colony Cats (& dogs).

WINTER

Storytimes

TREMONT ROAD BRANCH
Jan. 4-Feb. 25

Babytime
(0-24 months)
Mon @ 10:30
Thur @ 11:30

Twos & Threes
(2-3 years)
Tue @ 10:30
Wed @ 10:30

Preschool
(3-5 years)
Thur @ 10:30

Families
(All ages)
Wed @ 5:30

LANE ROAD BRANCH
Jan. 5-Feb. 25

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

Twos & Threes
(2-3 years)
Thur @ 10:15

MILLER PARK BRANCH
Jan. 4-Feb. 24

Babytime
(0-24 months)
Wed @ 10:15
Wed @ 11:15 – NEW!

Twos & Threes
(2-3 years)
Mon @ 10:15

NOTE: Registration is now required for Miller Park storytimes.

