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Library Link

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



Mister E performs original and classic children's songs at Miller Park.

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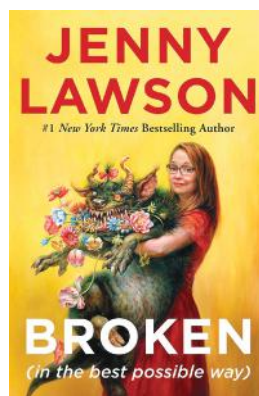
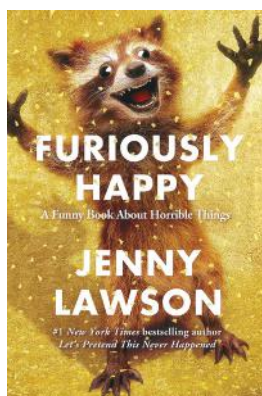
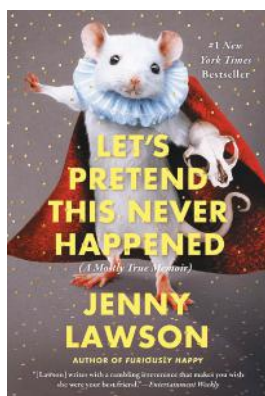
UA Author Series Returns with “The Bloggess” Jenny Lawson

Jenny Lawson, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and award-winning humor writer, is the featured speaker at the 2025 Upper Arlington Author Series on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at Upper Arlington High School.

Lawson (aka “The Bloggess”) is best known for her inspiring candor in sharing her struggle with depression, anxiety and chronic pain. Her books, *Let’s Pretend This Never Happened*, *Furiously Happy*, and *Broken (in the Best Possible Way)*, are award-winning bestsellers that offer her trademark brand of humor as she discusses the trials and tribulations of living with chronic illness.

Her popular blog, TheBloggess.com has been recognized by Forbes and the Nielsen ratings as a top blog and website.

The talk will be held in the Performing Arts Center at Upper Arlington High School with book signing to follow. Tickets are on sale at uapl.me/JennyLawson and start at \$25. Copies of her books will be available for purchase from Storyline Bookshop at the event. Doors open at 1 p.m.



Look for Us at These Spring Events

We’ll be on hand at the following community events, so stop by to say hello, do an activity, or grab some UAPL swag.

COSI Big Science Celebration – Saturday, May 3 at COSI

UA Spring Fling – Saturday, May 10 at Sunny 95 Park

We are also finalizing our appearance at these events:

Ohioana Book Festival – Saturday, May 3 at the State Library of Ohio

UA Farmers Market – Select dates from May–October on Dorset Road

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Miller Park Branch

1901 Arlington Avenue
(614) 488-5710

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Registration: Please register through our online program calendar at ualibrary.org.

Photography: Video and photos may be taken of library activities for use in future online and print promotions. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed, please notify the photographer.

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

On the cover: Eric Nassau, aka Mister E, entertains kids at the Miller Park Branch on March 14. See page 13.



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

Spanish Conversation Practice

Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A; 90 min.
Registration now open

Improve your Spanish by practicing in a small group lead by a volunteer.

English Conversation Class and Practice

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Meet every Tuesday to practice pronunciation skills, vocabulary and grammar with volunteers. Once a month, a TESOL-certified teacher will instruct in a classroom-style setting. Attendees should be adults who are learning English, and able to converse at a high beginners level or above.

English Conversation Practice

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Practice English conversation in a small group led by a volunteer. Your group leader will introduce vocabulary to support the conversation practice, and they can help you with pronunciation and grammar, but you need to know at least some English before you start.

A Visit with Jenny Lawson

Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m.
Upper Arlington High School; 60 min.
Tickets on sale now at ualibrary.org

Join author **Jenny Lawson** for an entertaining talk followed by a book signing. See page 2 for details.



Mindful Nature Walk and Tea Ceremony

Sat., March 8 at 2 p.m.
Hutson Room/Outdoors; 60 min.
Registration now open

Mindfully immerse yourself in the restorative power of nature. Your guide, creative mindfulness coach **Katy Oberle**, will share the benefits of intentional time in nature. Meet in the Sue Hutson Reading Room, where Katy will teach about the evidence-based practice of Shinrin-yoku (forest bathing) before inviting you outside for a slow-paced, sensory-based walk, and concluding with an informal tea ceremony.

Get to Know Your Government

Tue., March 4 at 11 a.m. – Franklin County Office on Aging
Tue., April 1 at 11 a.m. – Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Tue., April 29 at 11 a.m. – UA Parks and Recreation Dept.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

This series features guest speakers from local, state, and federal government agencies. Explore the inner workings of governance, understand public services, and connect with the people shaping your community.

Crochet Series

Thur., March 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Thur., April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Thur., May 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

On March 6, complete beginners can learn the basics of crochet. On April 3, learn granny squares. Finally, on May 1, learn how to crochet in the round and make your very own hat. You don't need to attend every class, but

complete beginners should attend the March 6 program if you plan to come to the others. We'll provide hooks and yarn, but you can also bring your own.

Trickery in Photos: From Spirit Photography to AI

Fri., March 7 at 4:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

Photographic manipulation has been around since the beginning of photography. How have we been duped in the past, and what can we learn from those moments to help us navigate our AI-saturated world? Presented by **Claire Wiedman**.

Yoga for Older Adults

Mon., March 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Mon., April 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Mon., May 12 at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

This class will be led by an experienced yoga instructor and is designed to meet the needs of older adults and adults with mobility challenges. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Chats

Tue., March 11 at 4 p.m.

Tue., April 8 at 4 p.m.

Tue., May 13 at 4 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

No registration

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

The Cleveland Museum of Art: Its History and Art

Tue., March 11 at 4 p.m.

Friends Theater; 90 min.

Registration now open

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of the finest museums of art in the nation as well as the world. This program, presented by **Sean Crum**, will look at its most prominent works. Cleveland has one of the greatest collections of eastern art and their medieval holdings are admired the world over.

Cookbook Club

Tue., March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Registration now open

Each month we pick a cookbook and everyone cooks one of the recipes to share at the club. In March, bring a dish from *Milk Street Noodles* by Christopher Kimball. In April, we will cook from *The Feel Good Foodie Cookbook* by Yumna Jawad. In May, we'll share recipes from *Fitwaffle's Baked in One* by Eloise Head. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver.

Book Circle

Wed., March 12 at 1 p.m.

Thur., March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 9 at 1 p.m.

Thur., April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 14 at 1 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

No registration

Join us for an informal book discussion each month. March's title is *Up Home: One Girl's Journey* by Ruth J. Simmons. April's title is *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar. May's title is *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

Behind the Music Book Club

Wed., March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Sue Hutson Reading Room; 60 min.

Registration now open

A book club for music fans! Our themes are musician memoirs in March, the influence of religion or philosophy in April, and the Vietnam War in May.

Building Foundations of Caregiving

Thur., March 13 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/CGFoundation> or call (614) 583-5326

Explore the role of caregiver and the changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing caregiver stress. Facilitated by the **Alzheimer's Association**.

Adult Crafternoon

Fri., March 14 at 2 p.m.

Fri., April 11 at 2 p.m.

Fri., May 9 at 2 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

Registration now open

Children shouldn't have all the crafting fun! In March, we'll do paper making. In April, it's poetry collages. In May, we'll create paper lotus flowers.

Using Ancestry.com/ Ancestry Library Edition

Sat., March 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

Registration now open

Discover the differences between Ancestry.com and Ancestry Library Edition. Genealogist and librarian **Julie Callahan** teaches you tips and tricks to maximize both platforms, access unique collections, and uncover your family's history.

Ask an Expert: Cybersecurity

Thur., March 20 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Daniel Maldet, owner of CMIT Solutions of Columbus, will be joining us to answer your questions about ways to keep you and your family safe online.

Writers' Group

Thur., March 20 at 6 p.m.

Thur., April 17 at 6 p.m.

Thur., May 15 at 6 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 90 min.

No registration

Find inspiration, accountability, and an opportunity to develop your creative writing skills at this monthly meeting.

UA Commission on Aging Help Desk

Wed., March 26 at 12 p.m.

Wed., April 23 at 12 p.m.

Wed., May 28 at 12 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

No registration

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

UA Commission on Aging Caregiving Support Group

Wed., March 26 at 1 p.m.

Wed., April 23 at 1 p.m.

Wed., May 28 at 1 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

No registration

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thur., March 27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri., April 4 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri., May 30 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Meeting Room B & Friends Theater

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

Introduction to Fundraising Planning

Tue., April 8 at 2 p.m.

Online via Zoom; 90 min.

Register at <https://uapl.me/40h7xia>

Planning focuses your organization by setting fundraising priorities and helps give staff and board members a roadmap to success. This online introductory class from Candid will provide you the basic steps for developing a fundraising plan, including tips on making your case for support and diversifying your organization's fundraising base.

Ask an Expert: Gardener

Thur., April 10 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Nationally renowned horticulturalist **Debra Knapke**, aka "The Garden Sage," will be here to answer your questions about all things gardening-related. Learn how to keep your plants healthy and thriving.

Health Fair: Spring Into Wellness



**Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
at the Tremont Road Branch**

Did your New Year's fitness resolution fizzle out? Facing a new health challenge and need resources? Wondering what UA has to offer for family health, wellness, or aging in place? Stop in for answers!

Chat with These Organizations

- The Be Sanctuary, wellness and healing arts community
- Exercise is Medicine
- Franklin County Office on Aging
- Franklin County Public Health with information on maternal/infant health, nicotine cessation, safe drug disposal, Naloxone, and healthy eating
- Interprofessional Community Scholars Program
- James Care for Life
- Ohio State University Medical Center's Cancer Supportive Care
- Ohio State University Medical Center's Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy
- Our Home Senior Living/Cotter House
- OSUMC's Center for Integrative Medicine
- Upper Arlington Fire Division, Police Division, and UA CARES, a community paramedicine program
- Upper Arlington Commission on Aging (UACOA)
- Upper Arlington Community Health Action Team (UA

CHAT), CHAT teams are an initiative of Franklin County Public Health that get community members working together to build healthier communities

- Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation/Bob Crane Community Center
- Wexner Medical Center's Workforce Partnerships

Screenings and Vaccinations

- Blood pressure and glucose screenings
- COVID, Flu and Tdap vaccinations (bring ID and insurance card)
- Fall risk screening
- Dementia risk screening

Activities

- Sample fitness classes with instructors from the Bob Crane Community Center
- Sample fitness class with Exercise is Medicine
- Sample James Care for Life programs
- Soul Collage, a mindfulness art activity
- Visit with therapy dogs
- Massage by providers from OSU's Center for Integrative Medicine



Sustainability Fair 2025

**Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
at the Tremont Road Branch**

Join UAPL and Sustainable UA as we celebrate the sustainable initiatives happening in our community. Visit with local organizations, try hands-on activities, and learn about sustainable backyard practices with Franklin Soil & Water.

Atrium

- Sustainable Upper Arlington
- Circular Thrift – Bring your clothing donations
- Columbus Garden School
- Columbus Green Spot
- Electrify Central Ohio
- Franklin Soil and Water
- Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW)
- Friends of UA Parks
- Naturewise Columbus with Ribbit! Magazine
- OSU Department of Design REBELab
- Scioto Watershed Action Group (SWAG)
- Solar United Neighbors
- SWACO
- Wild Ones Columbus
- Xerces Society / Franklin County Pollinator Pathway Project

Youth Department

- 10:30 a.m.: **Sustainability Storytime** Join us for a special storytime featuring a musician from ProMusica Orchestra

Friends Theater (downstairs)

- 10:15 a.m.: **How Fashion Impacts Our Planet and What We Can Do About It** Priscila Teixeira, founder and CEO of Columbus Fashion Academy, will expose the dark side of fashion—revealing how it fuels a social, mental, and environmental crisis.
- 1 p.m.: **Community Backyards Rebate Workshop** with Franklin Soil and Water. Find out what you can do to help protect our waterways beginning right in your own backyard! Franklin County residents can receive a rebate to install a backyard conservation practice. Please register through our online program calendar.

Parking Lot

- **E-waste recycling** with City of UA
- **Drive Electric Columbus**
- **Franklinton Cycle Works** collecting used bicycle donations
- **Friends of the UA Library** collecting book donations
- **Goodwill**
- **OSU BUGmobile**
- **Tremont Elementary** sharing info about their composting initiative



Improve Your Writing

Speakers from Thurber House guide you on your writing journey.

Polish and Publish with Thurber House

Sun., April 6 at 2:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
Registration now open

In this workshop, Thurber House instructor **Jen Knox** discusses the keys to knowing when your work is ready to send out and how to know who to send it to. The process of polishing and publication can be fun!

Using Flashbacks Effectively for Stronger Storytelling with Thurber House

Wed., April 16 at 6 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 90 min.
Registration now open

Flashbacks – key scenes in a character’s backstory – can give your characters and your story dimension. In this program led by **Lisa Lopez Snyder** from Thurber House, you’ll learn how to use them effectively.

Introduction to Immigration and Naturalization Records

Sat., April 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

Many different records deal with immigration and naturalization. Depending on the time period, they can be a wealth of information. This class led by Genealogist and librarian **Julie Callahan** introduces you to the various records as well as where to find them and what to look for in them.

Welcome to Medicare

Thur., April 17 at 1 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/WelcomeMedicare25> or (614) 583-5326

Come learn about Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplement insurance. This event is hosted by the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging and presented by Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP), a service of the Ohio Department of Insurance. OSHIIP staff are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies, or agents.

LIFE Magazine:

A Nostalgic History

Fri., April 18 at 4:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 60 min.
Registration now open

For decades, LIFE Magazine was a cornerstone of American news reporting and cultural sharing; it produced some of the most iconic images of the 20th century. What made LIFE so compelling, and who were the photographers behind some of these memorable images? **Claire Wiedman** presents.

Clothing Swap with Circular Thrift

Sat., April 19 from 1-3 p.m.
Meeting Rooms A & B; 2 hrs.
No registration

Clothing swaps are a fun way to refresh your wardrobe while sharing the quality pieces you no longer wear with a new friend. The fashion industry has a waste problem, but you don’t have to! See our event calendar at ualibrary.org for details.

Art Deco: The Glamour of the Roaring 20s

Wed., April 23 at 4 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
No registration

Art Deco became popular in the 20s & 30s, and influenced everything from architecture to jewelry, furniture, and fashion design. It represented luxury, glamour, and exuberance. Presented by **Sean Crum**.

Resonance & Renewal: A Restorative Sound Bath Experience

Sat., April 26 at 3:30 p.m.
Friends Theater; 90 min.
Registration now open

Mindfulness coach **Katy Oberle**, MS, IMFT will use calming sounds to guide you into a peaceful, balanced state. Experience the power of sound to rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit.

Discover Your Digital Library

Wed., April 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B; 60 min.
Registration now open

Get an overview of all the ways you can access digital content with your library card. We’ll cover the basics of Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, our digital newspapers, streaming music collections and more.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Star Party with OSU Astronomy

Tue., May 20 at 9 p.m.

Outdoors; 60 min.

Registration now open

Join us for an after-hours star-gazing activity presented by the **OSU Department of Astronomy**.

Newspapers:

Not Just for Obituaries

Sat., May 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Room B; 60 min.

Registration now open

Newspapers have a wealth of information that can help family researchers. In addition to obits, other articles of genealogical value include marriage announcements, death notices, business ads, and more.

Julie Callahan will explore ways to use the newspapers in your research.

Saucy Saucers and Petulant Plates

Sat., May 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B; 2 hrs.

Registration now open

Embellish a fancy plate with a Shakespearean insult, Austentatious wit, or your own irreverent quote.

Using Cricut Design Space software, you'll create a dish that's worthy of display, but still useable! Participants should bring one or two plates, cups, or saucers, and we'll supply the rest of the materials. If you don't have a fancy plate you want to "ruin," we recommend visiting a thrift store.

20th Century Architecture:

Modernism and Postmodernism

Tue., May 6 at 4 p.m.

Friends Theater; 90 min.

Registration now open

"Form follows function" and "less is more" are two famous dictums of modernist architecture. **Sean Crum** will present a look at the architecture of Sullivan, Wright, and other major players and their timeless designs.

Scam-Proof: Empowering Seniors to Outsmart Fraudsters

Wed., May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Learn valuable tips to safeguard yourself and your loved ones from fraud, empowering older adults to stay safe and secure in today's digital and financial world. Presented by the **Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio**.

Puzzle Swap

Sat., May 10 at 2 p.m.

Atrium; 60 min.

No registration

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

Exercising as We Age

Wed., May 14 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ExerciseAge> or call (614) 583-5326

A member of the Exercise is Life team from **The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center** will share about the myths, the benefits, and share some easy moves without ever leaving your chair!

May 4th Voices: Speaking Through the Wound of the Kent State Shootings

Wed., May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Join **David Hessler** of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University to remember May 4, 1970. Hear the voices of those who were there, and learn how the arts can help communities heal from violence.

Photographing for Change: Early Social Documentarians

Fri., May 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Starting with Jacob Riis and Lewis Hine, we will explore photographs meant to change hearts, minds, and public policies. Their methods were surely unorthodox, but the results are undeniable. Presented by **Claire Wiedman**.

Craft Supply Swap

Sat., May 17 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Atrium

No registration

Give your unused arts and craft supplies a new life! Bring in your craft items that are gathering dust and trade them for something new. Drop off your supplies at the Adult Department desk anytime from May 10-16 and receive a ticket for the swap. This ticket will get you priority access to the swap between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The swap will be open to everyone after 12 p.m.

Power Outage Tips and Consumer Rights

Wed., May 21 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

If a power outage occurred today, is your household ready? Ohio Consumers' Counsel's **Kathryn Metz** will provide information about your rights, responsibilities, and tips to stay safe during an outage.

Cheeses and Cheesemaking in Medieval Europe

Wed., May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Join OSU's **Leslie Lockett** to learn about cheese in medieval Europe. This blend of history, literature, and science will be as complex and flavorful as your favorite artisanal cheese!

Ask an Expert: Medical Advocate

Thur., May 22 at 1 p.m.

Friends Theater; 60 min.

Registration now open

Dr. Annette Ticoras, a former physician and now medical advocate, will answer questions about navigating the healthcare landscape and how to find a professional to help.

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

English Conversation Practice

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

2 hrs.

Registration opens March 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., March 4 at 2 p.m.

Tue., April 1 at 2 p.m.

Tue., May 6 at 2 p.m.

60 min.

No registration

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

Garden Swap

Sat., April 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

No registration

Gardeners can drop by the Miller Park Branch to swap excess healthy plants, cuttings, pottery, tools, seeds, and more with fellow gardeners. Make your garden even "greener" by preventing waste!



Watercolor Workshop

Sun., April 6 at 2:30 p.m.

60 min.

Registration opens March 23

Led by a local artist, adults will have the opportunity to paint bookmarks using different techniques. All supplies provided and participants will take home their bookmarks after this one-hour workshop.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

Scavenger Hunts

March, April and May

Youth Department

All ages

No registration

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

Art Cart

Sundays from 1-4:30 p.m.

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Come to the library each Sunday for an opportunity to create a craft with supplies from Art Cart! Children and caregivers can use their imaginations and fine motor skills to create art to take home.

Baby Playtime

Mondays at 11 a.m. through April 28

Youth Department

Ages 0-2

No registration

Babies and caregivers are invited to the Youth Department for playtime! Come together to socialize and explore toys that aid in child development and contribute to early literacy.

Drop-In Make It and Take It Tuesdays

Tuesdays; all day

Youth Department

Kids

No registration

Stop in to make a craft and take it home when you're done. All ages, while supplies last.

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.

Brain Development and Injury with OSU

Sat., March 1 from 2-4 p.m.

Youth Department

Families

No registration

Kids and their families are invited to learn about brain development and injury, and participate in fun games and hands-on experiments.

Dr. Seuss Crafts

Mon., March 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 4+

No registration

Oh, the crafts you'll make! Celebrate Read Across America Week with crafts inspired by characters from Dr. Seuss' books.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

March 4-May 1

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays 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.

No Sew Tee Shirt Bag

Wed., March 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 8+

No registration

No sewing skills? No problem! Join us to make a cute bag using only scissors and a tee shirt! Feel free to bring your own shirt, or use one of ours.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wed., March 12

Youth Department

All ages

No registration

Bring a stuffed animal to the library for some overnight fun! Stuffedies can be dropped off anytime Wednesday, March 12 and picked up anytime Thursday, March 13. One per person, please.

Reading to Rover

Thur., March 13 at 6 p.m.

Thur., April 10 at 6 p.m.

Thur., May 8 at 6 p.m.

Youth Department; 60 min.

Grades K-5

No registration

Meet therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International** and improve your reading skills by sharing stories with them. Drop in anytime from 6-7 p.m.

Parent Playdate

Fri., March 14 at 11 a.m.

Fri., April 11 at 11 a.m.

Fri., May 9 at 11 a.m.

Atrium; 60 min.

Parents and kids ages 0-5

No registration

Bring yourself and your kiddos aged 0-5, and chat with other parents, grandparents, nannies, and caregivers while your child plays and engages with other peers in a safe space.

Shape Twister

Wed., March 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 4+

No registration

Play Twister at the library! Our board is designed to help young children practice their shapes and colors as they try to keep their balance. Older children will enjoy the physical challenge as well!



Dinosaur Discovery Day

Wed., April 16 from 3-5 p.m.

Atrium; 2 hrs.

Ages 0-5

No registration

Calling all dinosaur lovers! Discover dinosaur-themed activities at the library. Suitable for ages 0-5, but all are welcome.

Rock Painting

Tue., March 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 6-11

No registration

Looking for a creative outlet? Come paint a rock at the library. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own rock if you'd like!

Tissue Paper Flowers

Wed., March 26 from 3-5 p.m.

Youth Department; 2 hrs.

Ages 6-11

No registration

Flowers may not be in bloom yet but we can create our own at the library! We will make colorful bouquets using tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

LEGO Challenge

Thur., March 27 at 4 p.m.

Tue., April 22 at 4 p.m.

Tue., May 27 at 4 p.m.

Youth Department

School-age kids

No registration

Calling all LEGO lovers! Kids will develop STEAM and teamwork skills as they master fun LEGO challenges.

Woven Art

Wed., April 2 from 3-5 p.m.

Youth Department; 2 hrs.

Ages 8-14

No registration

Budding fiber artists can join us to make a woven creation using a cardboard loom, both of which are then yours to take home.

Musical Storytime with ProMusica

Sat., April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Department; 30 min.

Kids

No registration

Join us for a special storytime featuring a musician from the **ProMusica Chamber Orchestra!**

Spring Crafternoon

Wed., April 9 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Kids

No registration

Brighten your day with an afternoon of spring-themed crafts for all ages.

Clifford's Birthday Party

Sat., April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Department; 90 min.

Ages 2-8

No registration

Come celebrate the birthday of everyone's favorite Big Red Dog, Clifford! We will have crafts, sensory bins, and maybe even a visit from Clifford himself.

Friendship Bracelets

Thur., April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 6+

No registration

Make bracelets for yourself or a friend! We'll provide beads, charms, and string. A staff member will be available to teach a basic string pattern.

Superhero Spectacular

Sat., April 19 at 10 a.m.

Atrium; 90 min.

Ages 0-5

No registration

Welcome to the Ultimate Superhero Adventure Party! Kids will join forces to unleash their inner hero with a day of exciting sensory activities, creative crafts, and fine motor challenges.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Instrument Petting Zoo

Tue., May 6 at 2 p.m.

Atrium; 60 min.

Ages 4+

No registration

The **UAHS Music Outreach Club** will join the library for a showcase of instruments. After the performances, children will have the opportunity to hold the instruments and ask the musicians questions.

Buzzed About Bees with Bring the Farm to You

Sat., April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Department

Ages 6+

No registration

View the inside of a beehive; learn about the queen, workers, and drones; and fall in love with honey bees! A beekeeper from **Bring the Farm to You** will suit up to present, but don't worry – there will be no live bees.

STEAM Bash

Fri., May 2 from 3-5:30 p.m.

Atrium

School-age kids

No registration

We'll have stations for learning and fun! Will you race some robots through an obstacle course? Maybe have some geometric art fun? Or even learn about how the library can help you with your next science project? Join us for this event as part of the COSI Science Festival celebration.

Perler Beads

Wed., May 7 from 3-5 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 6-12

No registration

Hone your motor skills AND your artistic skills as you make creations using Perler beads! We'll have templates for inspiration, and we'll fuse the beads using heat for you to take them home.

Marshmallow Engineering

Wed., May 14 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 5+

No registration

Join us for some open-ended STEAM learning and fun as we build with marshmallows and dried spaghetti! What will you create?

Kpop Dance

Sat., May 17 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 10+

Registration opens May 3

Learn to dance like a Kpop star! **Po Chu**, founder of Kpop Dance Columbus, will lead a class perfect for fans of the genre and beginners alike.

Baby Sensory Play

Fri., May 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Youth Department; 2 hrs.

Babies

No registration

Join us for a special baby and toddler sensory play day! We will have gross and fine motor play activities for littles to practice their balance and coordination.

Silly Sidewalk Course

Wed., May 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Outdoors; 90 min.

Kids

No registration

Come create a sidewalk activity course! We'll use chalk and duct tape to create an outdoor path around the library. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff

**At All
Open
Branches**

Sat., May 31 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

All ages

No registration

Patrons of all ages can kick off the "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program with a different art activity featured at each UAPL location, while supplies last. We'll have activities at our Tremont Road and Miller Park Branches, and at our Lane Road Branch if it's open.



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

Scavenger Hunts

March, April and May

All ages

No registration

Look for a new theme each month.

Evening Babytime

Thur., March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Thur., May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

30 min.

Ages 0-24 months

No registration

Enjoy books, rhymes, music and more at a storytime designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Participants will have fun while building important early literacy skills.

Budding Artists

Fri., March 7 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., April 4 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., May 2 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ages 2-5

No registration

Young 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.

Reading to Rover

Tue., March 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tue., April 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tue., May 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

No registration

Practicing readers will improve their skills by sharing stories and socializing with trained therapy dogs from **Therapy Dogs International**. Drop in to the Miller Park Branch anytime between 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kid Concert: Greatest Hits With Mister E!

Fri., March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

45 min.

Ages 2-7

Registration opens February 28

Join musician **Eric Nassau** for an interactive program of familiar songs and original tunes, featuring the guitar, ukulele, harmonica, kazoo, and more.

Animal Explorers

Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat., April 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Come explore the world of animals! Learn about cool (and weird) animals

and enjoy a mix of games, art, science, and open play for kids and their caregivers. Note: No live animals will be present. In March, we'll learn about bugs. In April, it's all about reptiles.

Family Chess Drop-In

Sun., March 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., April 13 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., May 11 from 2-4 p.m.

School-age kids and teens

No registration

Children and teens can practice their chess skills in our casual sessions. Play on a variety of boards, meet other fans, and get tips to improve strategies. Best suited for those with some experience.

Dinosaur Pretend Play

Tue., March 18 from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Wed., March 19 from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Thur., March 20 from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Fri., March 21 from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sat., March 22 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sun., March 23 from 1-4:30 p.m.

Kids

No registration

ROAR! Stop in for all things dinosaurs, including dramatic play, toys, crafts, games, and more.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Erica Carlson and Friends

Fri., March 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Fri., April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

40 min.

Kids

Registration opens 2 weeks prior

Young animal lovers will be entertained with magical stories and interactive fun from presenter **Erica Carlson**.

Live animal appearances may include Sedgie the Hedgeie and/or Picasso the Turtle.

Book Buddies: Little Buddies

Tue., March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Tue., April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

60 min.

Grades 1-4

Registration opens 4 weeks prior

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

Who Would Win? Party

Thur., March 27 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Alligator vs. Crocodile! Do you love animal battle mash-ups? Create your own animal battle book, play games, make art of your favorite fierce (or cute!) animal, and more at our drop-in event for kids.

BalletMet Storytime

Fri., March 28 at 10:30 a.m.

45 min.

Kids

Registration opens March 14

Young dance enthusiasts will listen to a ballet-themed story and learn movements from a **BalletMet** expert. Costumed dancers from the Academy may make a surprise visit for a demonstration and photo op.



All About Owls with Ohio Nature Education

Fri., May 16 at 10:30 a.m.

60 min.

Kids

Registration opens May 2

Owl enthusiasts can join expert **Mrs. Van** from Ohio Nature Education to explore the fascinating world of owls in this fun educational program. Live birds will be onsite.

Play and Learn

Fri., April 11 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fri., May 9 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ages 2-5

No registration

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

Fairy House Building

Sat., April 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

60 min. sessions

Families with kids ages 3+

Registration opens April 5

Build a house fit for fairies outside in Miller Park, weather permitting. We'll provide materials, and houses will be left in the woods.

Let's Build!

Fri., April 25 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Kids

No registration

Can you build a masterpiece? Kids and their caregivers can build wacky, cool, and amazing things with a variety of supplies, such as Magna-Tiles, KEVA Planks, LEGOs, and surprise mystery items!

School Bus Visit

Fri., May 23 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

60 min.

Kids

No registration

Young children with their caregivers can see a school bus up close when an Upper Arlington Schools bus visits the Miller Park Branch.

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

Dungeons and Dragons

Thursdays, March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17; and May 15 & 29

Meeting Room A, B or Theater; 2 hrs.

Ages 12-18

No registration

Join your friends at the library as we learn and play the beloved game Dungeons and Dragons. No experience required. Our room will vary by date; please check upon arrival.

Teen Advisory Board

Mon., March 10 at 3:45 p.m.

Mon., April 14 at 3:45 p.m.

Mon., May 12 at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Teens

No registration

Want to be active in your library? Join our Teen Advisory Board! Teens will help the library with decisions and other tasks. Great for service hours.

College Day

Sat., May 3 from 2-4 p.m.

Meeting Room A; 60 min.

Ages 12-18

No registration

Going to college in the fall? Or want to cheer for your favorite university? Decorate a button and pennant with your university colors or mascot. Supplies provided.

Kpop Dance

Sat., May 17 at 2 p.m.

Youth Department

Ages 10+

Registration opens May 3

Learn to dance like a Kpop star! **Po Chu**, founder of Kpop Dance Columbus, will lead a class perfect for fans of the genre and beginners alike.

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Teen Service Club

Sun., March 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Fri., April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Tue., May 6 at 10:30 a.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.

Family Chess Drop-In

Sun., March 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., April 13 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., May 11 from 2-4 p.m.

School-age kids and teens

No registration

Practice your chess skills in our casual sessions. Play on a variety of boards, meet other fans, and get tips to improve strategies. Best suited for those with some experience.

Book Buddies: Big Buddies

Tue., March 25 at 6 p.m.

Tue., April 22 at 6 p.m.

90 min.

Grades 6-12

Registration opens 4 weeks prior

Teens will earn service credit by coaching an elementary school "buddy" in reading and playing games, and helping them grow confident and excited about reading.



Family Chess Drop-In: Teen Volunteering

Sun., March 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., April 13 from 2-4 p.m.

Sun., May 11 from 2-4 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Registration opens 4 weeks prior

Teen volunteers can help kids and other teens practice chess skills in our casual sessions. You'll earn two hours of service credit.

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Storytimes

**TREMONT ROAD
BRANCH**

Mar 3-May 1

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)

Mon @ 2:00

Thur @ 10:30

Families

(All ages)

Mon @ 5:30

**LANE ROAD
BRANCH**

**Closed until
May 2025.**

**Please visit our
other branches
for storytime.**

**MILLER PARK
BRANCH**

Mar 3-May 1

Babytime

(0-24 months)

Tue @ 10:15

Wed @ 10:15

Twos & Threes

(2-3 years)

Mon @ 10:15

Evening

Babytime

See page 13.

