

News and Events at Rocky River Public Library

JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2022

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A Message from the Director



One of the good things to come out of 2020 was the creation of the Library's outdoor Storybook Walk. The imaginative staff in the Children's Department installed the first book walk in the early days of the pandemic to allow community members of all ages to safely share the simple enjoyment of reading together. Stories are posted page by page on wooden stakes throughout the Library grounds and are changed monthly. Due to the popularity of the Storybook Walk, The Women's Committee of Rocky River Public Library donated funds for a permanent and more attractive structure. Look for this new installation in the coming months (weather permitting).

Speaking of The Women's Committee, this past summer the members of this support group made the difficult decision to dissolve after 67 years of dedicated support to the Library. They were honored at the August 2021 Board of Trustees meeting in recognition of their service. Through the years, The Women's Committee very generously provided in-person and financial support through fundraising events, primarily the ongoing and large-scale event book sales. They purchased thirteen pieces of original art crafted by Ohio artists for the Library, and have made numerous donations towards technology, facility upkeep, and many other much needed improvements. With heartfelt respect and appreciation, thank you to The Women's Committee of the Rocky River Public Library for your many, many contributions.

Never fear, the ongoing book sale isn't going anywhere. This treasure-trove of donated and discarded books will continue to be maintained by volunteers from the organization. Proceeds from the book sale will be directed to The Friends of the Library, who too, have provided the Library with invaluable support of our programming and most recently helped to fund a mobile kitchen called The Charlie Cart to introduce additional food literacy programming. Who doesn't enjoy learning about food!?!?

As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather in Northeast Ohio, wait a day...it'll change, but let's face it, Cleveland winters are COLD. As the long season sets in, I urge you take advantage of what the Library can do to help keep you entertained. We are offering more in-person programming such as the 'History Talks' series and 'From Spiders to Guardians: A Cleveland Baseball Celebration'; however, we will continue to make online programming available as well. Whether you choose to come into the Library or prefer to stay home, we have you covered!

See you at the Library!

Jamie L. Mason




All Ages Events

Take a look at the following programs happening throughout the library this season that are perfect for anyone to attend.

WINTER READING BINGO

January 21 through March 21

It's time to gather up a blanket, find a comfy chair, and get ready for a winter of reading. You can register and participate online through Beanstack or pick up a BINGO card available at both the Children's and Adult Reference Desks. Once registered, you may pick up your sign-up gift and then start completing the squares. Each BINGO earns you a raffle ticket to add to one of our drawings, including gift cards to local stores and restaurants that all ages would enjoy. So, read with RRPL this Winter! 

CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST 46

March 30 through April 10

Are you ready to watch some extraordinary films, representing diverse international viewpoints? We are too! Please join us in our support of CIFF46, and we'll see you at the candy counter.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY-ALL WEEKEND!

Saturday, April 23, & Sunday, April 24, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Front Lawn

On Saturday, join us as we celebrate Earth Day with experts ready to share information on how we can be kinder to our planet and meet local businesses rising to the challenge of providing sustainable shopping options. On Sunday, we'll meet up to clean up! Meet up with a crew from the Library and we'll head out to the beaches and parks to help keep the trash in the bins where it belongs!

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 7, All Day

Free comic books will be available for fans of all ages thanks to Carol & John's Comic Shop. Celebrate the day with comics, crafts, and more! While supplies last.



2022 CLEVELAND HUMANITIES FESTIVAL


Discourse

March through April

The theme of the 2022

Cleveland Humanities Festival

is "Discourse." Through a series of public events this spring, participants will ask questions about how we communicate with one another, including the dialogue within and between local communities, cultural institutions, corporations, and other key sites of social exchange. How do we hear, interpret, and ultimately act on conversations? To what extent did the global pandemic disrupt broader trends in social and political discourse? How can we improve our ability not simply to hear but also to listen - to words, sounds, and silence?

Look for programs supporting the Cleveland Humanities Festival noted with 



What's New

★ = REGISTRATION REQUIRED

NEW SPICE CLUB ★

The weeks beginning January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4

Does your cooking routine need a little shake-up? Do you want to find out about spices from around the world? Join our Spice Club! Each month, we'll offer a pick-up kit that will include enough spice for two recipes, recommended recipes, and a background on each spice – where it's from and where it's used.

NEW STOP AND SHARE

The weeks beginning January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11

Stop by the Grand Reading Room anytime during the week to participate in a surprise activity!

NEW ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION CLUB ★

Mondays, February 7, March 7, April 4, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Zoom

ESL learners of all skill levels & ages are invited to attend our new conversation club taught by ESL teacher **Elif Gezer**. It will be a great opportunity to practice your English in a friendly and relaxed setting. If you want to build conversational skills, then this class is for you!

INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES

Join us for programs this season that allow you to connect with your family and/or friends with various interests.

For teens and their preferred adult.

NEW BIBLIO BISTRO: CHOCOLATE MOUSSE AND CAKE ★

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Zoom

Pastry Chef **Ann LoParo**, of Annie's Signature Sweets, will teach you how to make a delicious chocolate mousse and flourless chocolate cake perfect for Valentine's Day.

NEW **CHF** COMIC TALKS ★

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Community Room

As part of our collaboration with the Cleveland Humanities Festival we will explore the theme of Discourse through graphic novels. We will look at a variety of books that demonstrate how graphic novels are a powerful tool for communicating important issues, especially for members of marginalized groups.



Cowan Pottery Museum

Registration begins January 1.

Please call the Cowan Pottery Museum with any questions at 440-895-3763.

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COWAN CLUB ★

Thursday, March 24,
4:00 pm, Community Room

A panel of creative and talented Rocky River Public Library staff members will share how they developed their skills and how they use them every day here at the Library. Come with questions on careers in the arts and different educational paths.

COWAN SYMPOSIUM ★

Saturday, April 9,
9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Auditorium

This all-day event is presented to celebrate the legacy of the Cowan Pottery Studio and the creative ingenuity of our area. Later this winter a flyer of the full schedule of events will be available at the Library and on the Museum's web site rrpl.org/cowan.

HISTORY TALKS

ROCKY RIVER WATERFRONT THAT MADE HISTORY ★

Wednesday, January 26,
7:00 pm, Community Room

Enjoy a presentation exploring the Rocky River waterfront from approximately 1763-1930. With the help of historical pictures, the audience will experience how a boater coming from Lake Erie might experience the geography of Rocky River from the river mouth to the Metroparks boat ramps of today. [Friends RRPL](#)

HISTORY OF ROCKPORT TOWNSHIP ★

Wednesday, February 23,
7:00 pm, Community Room

Bill Barrow, President of the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve, will discuss the controversies and difficulties with the formation of Rockport Township after 1809. Why did Philo Taylor curse it all and move to Dover? Why are early Lakewood maps so strange? [Friends RRPL](#)

ELIOT NESS & THE TORSO MURDERS ★

Wednesday, March 23,
7:00 pm, Community Room

Cleveland's Safety Director, Eliot Ness made great improvements in our infrastructure that created a lasting legacy for the city. However, in these same years, Ness would come head-to-head with a series of heinous crimes – the Torso Murders. Explore the famous unsolved case and learn about the Cleveland of Eliot Ness. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society. [Friends RRPL](#)

MT. PLEASANT HERITAGE HOUSE CULTURAL ARTS & RESOURCE CENTER ★

Wednesday, April 27,
7:00 pm, Community Room

Executive Director of the Traveling Museum of International Cultures, Yvonne Malcolm, will present on the history of Mt. Pleasant Heritage House and the different programs and services the organization provides. [Friends RRPL](#)



Children's Programs

WINTER REGISTRATION BEGINS

Saturday, January 8, at 9:00 am

SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS

Saturday, March 12, at 9:00 am

To register, visit our Children's page at rrpl.org and click on 'Programs', call 440-333-7610 and 'press 4', or stop by the Children's Department.

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CHILDREN'S STORYTIME AND 0-6 AGE PROGRAMS

WINTER BABY & ME ★

For babies, toddlers & their caregivers
Wednesdays, January 26 to
February 23, 6:30 pm,
Thursdays, January 27 to
February 24, 9:15 & 10:15 am,
Purple Room

Join us for a 20-minute lapsit program
of songs, stories, and rhymes.

WINTER 2s & 3s ★

For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers
Tuesdays, January 25 to
February 22, 9:30 & 10:30 am,
Wednesdays, January 26 to
February 23, 1:30 pm,
Thursdays, January 27 to
February 24, 6:30 pm,
Purple Room

Join us for a 30-minute program of
stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft or
Lego® Duplo® play.

WINTER PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ★

For children ages 4-6
Mondays, January 24 to February 21,
1:30 pm & 7:00 pm, Purple Room
Join us for a 45-minutes program of
stories, songs, crafts, and other fun
activities to help your preschooler get
ready for kindergarten.

MOVIN' WITH BOOKS & MUSIC ★

For children ages 4-6
Monday, March 14,
1:30 & 7:00 pm, Purple Room
Join us for a fun-filled 30-minutes
of stories, music, and lots of
movement! Friends RRPL

MESSY ART @ HOME ★

For ages 2-5 & their caregivers
Monday, February 7 & April 4

Are you brave enough to get messy at
home? This kit contains everything you
need to create a process-centered art
project. Supplies must be picked up in
person or via our drive-thru. Friends RRPL

TECH TALES ★

For children ages 3-5 & their caregivers
Monday, March 7,
6:30 to 7:00 pm, Purple Room

This classic storytime has a digital
component. Find out how apps and
eBooks can support early literacy,
bringing adults and children together.
Tablets will be provided

PLAY, LEARN & GROW ★

*For children 6 months to
3 years & their caregivers*
Tuesday, March 15, 10:00 am,
Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm,
Purple Room

Perfect for children and adults to enjoy
some quality "together time" while
playing with toys and reading books.
Let's have some fun!

ADAPTED STORYTIME ★

*For children with developmental
needs & their families*
Saturday, March 12 & April 9,
10:00 to 11:00 am, Purple Room
Children with varying learning styles
and abilities learn together in a safe,
supportive environment where respect
and appreciation for differences is
encouraged. Programs incorporate
double visuals, a schedule board, and
an opportunity for play and socialization.

PARACHUTE PLAY ★

For children ages 4-6
Monday, April 18 & May 9,
1:30 to 2:15 pm & 7:00 to 7:45 pm,
Purple Room
Jump in and get energized with a
parachute, music, and movement.



LIFE-SIZED GAMING
Tuesday, April 26,
4:15 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium

K-1ST GRADE PROGRAMS

STEAM STUDIO JR. ★

For students in grades K-1

Tuesday, February 15 & March 29,
4:30 pm, Purple Room

Do you have a budding scientist? Join us for Steam Studio for grades K-1 and explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math in this series. Discover, imagine, and create. Friends RRPL

WINTER STORYBOOK OLYMPICS ★

For students in grades K-1

Thursday, March 3,
4:15 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium

After watching the world compete in the Winter Olympics, join us for our own storybook-based Olympics. With games and activities centered around early reading levels, everyone can win a medal!

LIFE-SIZED GAMING ★

For students in grades K-1

Tuesday, April 26,
4:15 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium

Imagine if your favorite games came to life! Come join in the fun as the real characters from *Pac-Man* and *Hungry Hungry Hippos*.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG ★

For students in grades K-3

Monday, May 2, 4:00 to 4:30 pm

Learn what is happening in the Spring Garden! Weather permitting we'll take a walk to see what is growing and changing in our Monarch Waystation Pollinator Garden. Presented by the Beach Cliff Garden Club.

TRAILS AND TALES JR. ★

For students in grades K-3

Wednesday, May 11, 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Do you enjoy the parks around town? Are reading, doing crafts outside, and learning about our parks, trails, and animals your idea of fun? Grab your hiking boots and join us to explore. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Purple Room. *Permission slips are required, and parents must remain onsite. Location to be determined.*

2ND-3RD GRADE PROGRAMS

DOG MAN MANIA ★

For students in grades 2-3

Wednesdays, January 19 & April 27,
4:00 pm, Purple Room

Are you a supa fan of the half-canine, half-human marvel that is Dog Man? Then come joins us as we celebrate Dav Pilkey's comic creation. Through a series of activities and crafts participants will see if they have what it takes to thwart the likes of Petey the Cat and express their joy for all things Dog Man.

BOOK BABBLE ★

For students in grades 2-3

Tuesdays, February 15,
March 15, May 10,
7:00 to 7:45 pm, Purple Room

Have you been waiting to be old enough for book clubs at RRPL? Join now! We will discuss such titles as *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*, *By A. Wolf*, *Mr. Mergler*, *Beethoven*, and *Me*; and *The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter* with little or no advanced reading necessary.

STEAM STUDIO ★

For students in grades 2-3

Tuesdays, February 22 & April 5,
4:15 pm, Purple Room

Join us to explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math in this series. Discover, imagine, and create. Friends RRPL





CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

ANXIETY AND ATTENTION SERIES: ACADEMIC ANXIETY ★

For parents of school age children
Tuesday, February 1,

6:30 pm, Purple Room/Green Room

Does your child get an upset stomach the morning of a big test? Is getting called on in class scary? Join **John Zbornik, Ph. D.** of **Kenneth A. De Luca, Ph. D. and Associates Inc.**, for a discussion about academic anxiety disorders. Attendees will learn to spot these disorders and ease your child's fears. Childcare available during the program in the Green Room.

TWEEN PROGRAMS (4TH-6TH GRADE)

BE THE CHANGE ★

For students in grades 4-6

Thursday, January 27,

4:00 to 5:00 pm, Purple Room


Join us for a fun project to explore some topics that are important to us. Learn how to engage your inner activism.

TWEEN COOKING CLUB ★

For students in grades 4-6

Wednesdays, February 2 & March 16,

4:00 to 5:00 pm, Purple Room

Calling all aspiring cooks! Join us to learn how to make fun treats that are easy to prepare and taste delicious! 

BOOK TALK ★

For students in grades 4-6

Thursday, February 10,

4:00 to 5:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us as we talk about new books in the Children's Department and your favorite reads.

CRAFTING CREATIONS ★

For students in grades 4-6

Monday, February 21,

1:00 to 3:00 pm, Green Room

Drop in on your day off from school to get creative and make some fun crafts for you and your friends!

VOLUNTEER YOUTH CREW ★

For students in grades 4-6

Thursdays, April 7 & May 5,

4:00 to 5:00 pm, Purple Room

Volunteer at the library and help the Children's Department do special projects and prepare for the summer reading program.

TRAILS AND TALES ★

For students in grades 4-6

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SPRING STORYTIME

SPRING BABY & ME ★

For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers.

Wednesdays, March 23 to

April 27, 6:30 pm,

Thursdays, March 24 to April 28,

9:15 am & 10:15 am,

Purple Room

Join us for a 20-minute lap sit program of songs, stories, and rhymes. No storytime the week of April 18-22.

SPRING 2s & 3s ★

For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers

Tuesdays, March 22 to April 26,

9:30 am or 10:30 am,

Wednesdays, March 23 to April 27,

1:30 pm,

Thursdays, March 24 to April 28,

6:30 pm, Purple Room

Join us for a 30-minute program of stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft or Lego® Duplo® play. No storytime the week of April 18-22.

SPRING PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ★

For children ages 4-5

Mondays, March 21 to April 25,

1:30 pm & 7:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us for a 45-minute program of stories, songs, crafts, and other fun activities to help your preschooler get ready for kindergarten. No storytime the week of April 18-22.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

FREE
BOOKS
TO KEEP

is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.

Visit our website for more information.





Family Events

Take a look at the following programs happening at the library this Winter & Spring that are perfect for the whole family.

OUTBACK RAY ANIMAL SHOW ★

Monday, January 17,
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm, Auditorium
Join us as Outback Ray shares fascinating facts about exotic animals during this exciting and entertaining hands-on show for all ages.
Registration Required.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

Saturday, January 29,
1:00 & 3:00 pm, Purple Room
Drop in for some puzzle fun with hot chocolate! Do a jigsaw puzzle with family or friends or try out a word puzzle for a small prize.

CELEBRATE YEAR OF THE TIGER ★

Tuesday, February 1,
4:00 to 4:45 pm, Purple Room
Join us for some fun stories, songs, activities, and crafts to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger.
Registration Required

MAKE AND SHARE A VALENTINE

Tuesday, February 8,
3:30 & 7:00 pm, Purple Room
Drop in to make a Valentine card to give a loved one and then make another to be shared with our Outreach community.

BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA ★

Tuesday, February 22,
7:00 to 7:45 pm, Purple Room
Do you know who Garrett Morgan was? Even if you have never heard of him, join us for virtual trivia with Kahoot! Test your knowledge, learn something new, and have some fun as we celebrate Black History Month!

NATIONAL TOOTH FAIRY DAY ★

Monday, February 28, Kit Pick-up
The Tooth Fairy is visiting the library! Register to pick-up a bag of special information just for you about caring for your new teeth now that your "big" teeth are coming in!
Registration Required.

READ ACROSS AMERICA ★

Wednesday, March 2,
7:00 pm, 2nd Floor
Join us in the Children's Department for fun stories, activities, and crafts as we tour the United States to celebrate the importance of diverse reading!
Registration Required.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 3 to 9, 2nd Floor
Stop by the Children's Department to enter a special drawing to celebrate libraries. While there, help us celebrate 100 years of the Newbery Medal. Each day during the week, we will feature a fun activity for a Newbery book winner.

MAKE AND SHARE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Wednesday, May 4,
4:00 to 4:30 & 7:00 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room
Drop in to make a paper flower bouquet or a card for a loved one. Make another to be shared with our Outreach Community.

Teen Programs

Registration begins January 1.

Zoom programs require registration. In-person and pick-up programs DO NOT require registration unless noted.

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INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES

Each month we will offer a different program for teens in grades 7-12 to attend with their favorite adult. Each program will feature a themed prize that will be raffled off that day.

STUDENT ADVOCACY TEAM ★

Tuesdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5
3:30 to 4:30 pm, Community Room
Students are invited to discuss teen issues related to the library and the community. As a group we will advocate for, plan, and implement programs and activities that meet the diverse needs of Rocky River teens. *Grades 7-12.*

JANUARY

RETRO MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday, January 16,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium
Join us for a screening of the 1985 cult classic film, *Clue*, starring Tim Curry and Madeline Khan.

WHY-AND WHAT-TEENS SHOULD READ OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ★

Tuesday, January 11,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
We all know that today's teens should read more, but the more salient questions about why or what they should read often go unanswered. Seeley Test Pros has answers to share in the form of research-supported facts and strategies for building regular reading habits.

FEBRUARY

ACT/SAT TIPS FOR STUDENTS ★

Thursday, February 3,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
The tests are coming and the test pros are ready to help you maximize your SAT or ACT score. Learn how the tests are different, which one is best for you, what's new for 2022, the best strategies for each section, and more.

BIBLIO BISTRO: CHOCOLATE MOUSSE AND CAKE ★

Tuesday, February 8th,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Zoom
Pastry Chef Ann LoParo, of Annie's Signature Sweets, will teach you how to make a delicious chocolate mousse and flourless chocolate cake perfect for Valentine's Day. *For teens and their preferred adult.*

MARCH

ROADMAP TO COLLEGE ★

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
New to the college admissions process? The experts at Seeley Test Pros will answer your questions about when to start the process, completing applications, and preparing for and taking tests. **Friends RRPL**

COWAN CLUB ★

Thursday March 24,
4:00 pm, Community Room
A panel of creative and talented Rocky River Public Library staff members will share how they developed their skills and how they use them every day here at the Library. Come with questions on careers in the arts and different educational paths.

SCULPTING STORIES: THE GRIM HISTORY OF FAIRY TALES ★

Saturday, March 26,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Auditorium
Join dynamic storyteller and artist Karly West, author of *The Scholarly Banana* series in this hands-on workshop. Create your own polymer clay character sculpture inspired by classic fairy tales and mythology, while learning about their intriguing and dark history. For teens and adults.

APRIL

COMIC TALKS ★

Saturday, April 30,
10:00 to 11:00 am, Community Room
As part of our collaboration with the Cleveland Humanities Festival we will explore the theme of Discourse through graphic novels. We will look at a variety of books that demonstrate how graphic novels are a powerful tool for communicating important issues, especially for members of marginalized groups.

SEELEY TEST PREP COLLEGE BOUND SERIES

PROCTORED DIAGNOSTIC ACT AND SAT TESTS ★

9:00 am to 12:45 pm,

Monday, January 17,
ACT, Community Room

Saturday, April 9,
SAT, Community Room

Saturday, January 29,
SAT, Auditorium

Saturday, April 30:
ACT, Auditorium

Get ready for the ACT and/or the SAT by taking an official, full-length test under the guidance of an expert Seeley Test Pros proctor, who will then help everyone score their tests. Students should bring pencils, a calculator, and a watch. *Registration for each test required.*



Adult Book Discussions

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Zoom programs require registration. In-person and pick-up programs DO NOT require registration unless noted.

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WINTER BOOK BUZZ

Thursday, January 6,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

We'll talk about what's new in Winter books and other sure-to-be popular titles. Get the inside scoop and we'll help you begin curating an exciting holds list or start downloading tomorrow's best sellers.

RIVERINOS TRUE CRIME ★

Wednesdays,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room
You don't have to read the books to join our discussion. You are welcome to learn about the cases we cover through podcasts, tv shows, and documentaries.

January 19: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

February 16: *Death on Ocean Boulevard: Inside the Coronado Mansion Case* by Caitlin Rother

March 16: *Starvation Heights: A True Story of Murder and Malice in the Woods of the Pacific Northwest* by Gregg Olsen

April 20: *The Wrong Man: The Final Verdict on the Dr. Sam Sheppard Murder Case* by James Neff

ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK GROUP

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Green Room
February 10: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

A young governess, a midwife, and the daughter of an Aboriginal chief bond in a Tasmanian penal colony where they face their realities as victims of British colonialism in 19th-century Australia.

CMF April 7: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

A Depression-era woman faces a wrenching choice between fighting for the Dust Bowl-ravaged land she loves in Texas or pursuing an uncertain future in California in this epic and stirring story of hardship and love.

ONCE UPON A CRIME MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION ★

Monday, March 7, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Purple Room
Join in a discussion of the debut historical mystery novel titled *The Right Sort of Man* by Allison Montclair. Set in post-war WWII London, two very different women join forces to launch a business venture. Their promising start is spoiled when a client is found dead, and the mystery begins.

CMF BOOK A CHAT WITH CHIEF LICHMAN

Thursday, March 31, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Green Room
Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger
What can we learn from exploring the ideas of loyalty and belonging, while also constantly trying to find a purpose to our lives? Why is adversity more memorable than a happy occasion? Pick up this book and join the discussion on how we are stronger together and ways we can make those connections happen, led by Rocky River Police Chief George Lichman.

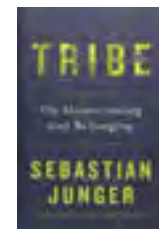
BOOK CLUB KITS

We know how difficult it is to choose a book for your next book group meeting, and to find enough copies for all the members of your group.

We would like to make this easier for you by offering Book Club Kits to our patrons. You will receive 8 copies of the same title, a set of discussion questions and other pertinent information about the book or author, all inside a canvas library bag, to be checked out on the library card of the patron picking up the kit. The loan period for the kit is 6 weeks. We own 18 Book Club Kits, 15 fiction book titles, and 3 nonfiction book titles. Inquire at Adult Reference for more information.

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Adult Programs

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MONTHLY SERIES



INDIE INT'L FILM FESTIVAL

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February 7, March 7, April 4,
6:30 pm, Auditorium

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SPICE CLUB ★

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GAME NIGHT

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March 1, April 5,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room
Please join your fellow game lovers for board games and fun!

STOP AND SHARE

The weeks beginning January 10,
February 14, March 14, April 11
Stop by the Grand Reading Room anytime during the week to participate in a surprise activity!

ASL FORUM: A PLACE TO USE/PRACTICE ★

Tuesdays, January 11,
February 8, March 8, April 12,
6:30 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Join coordinator R. Kevin Borowiak as attendees practice their American Sign Language skills and proficiency. Practicing the basics along with building vocabulary through usage are the goals of this forum. The group is open to the hearing, hard of hearing, and deaf.

TAKE IT AND MAKE IT CRAFT KITS

The weeks beginning January 16,
February 20, March 20, April 17
Stop by the library and pick up a craft kit that you can make at home. We'll provide the instructions and materials and you provide the creativity! Kits will be available available near the Reference Desk while supplies last.

WRITER'S GROUP OF ROCKY RIVER ★

Tuesdays, January 18,
February 15, March 15, April 19,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Zoom
Writers wanted! New and experienced writers welcome. Fiction, nonfiction, and all genres in between. Have your work critiqued and give constructive feedback to others in a fun and friendly environment. Participants are expected to read each piece, think about (and note!) how it can be improved, and come to the group prepared to discuss.

MOVIE MATINEE

Fridays, January 28, February 25,
March 25, April 29,
12:00 pm, Auditorium
Join us for a recently released film the last Friday of the month.

FILM CLUB ★

Mondays, January 31,
February 28, March 28,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
Are you a film lover? Join us the last Monday of the month to discuss a film currently being offered on streaming services hoopla or Kanopy. You will receive a set of study questions in advance to help prepare for a robust conversation with fellow film lovers.

TAKING THYME FOR TEA!

Thursday, January 20,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom



NEW ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION CLUB ★

Mondays, February 7, March 7, April 4, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Zoom
ESL learners of all skill levels & ages are invited to attend our new conversation club taught by ESL teacher **Elif Gezer**. It will be a great opportunity to practice your English in a friendly and relaxed setting. If you want to build conversational skills, then this class is for you!

JANUARY

THREE-PART WELLNESS/YOGA SERIES WITH RIVER YOGA ★

Mondays, January 10, 17, 24, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Zoom
Each week **Elcin Riza** of River Yoga will begin the session with a 15-minute wellness learning topic to be followed with 45 minutes of slow flow yoga. Join us for one or all of these programs.

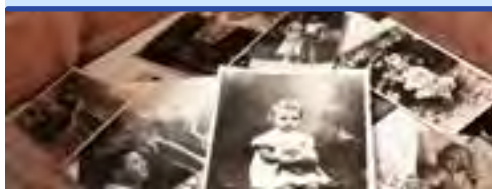
A TIME TO REMEMBER DR. KING ★

Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
The 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was in 2018, and now is a time to reflect upon the promises made and not yet kept in the name of civil rights and social justice. Presented by **Ric Sheffield**, Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at Kenyon College.

Need some guidance navigating your family tree?

Reserve an appointment for a one-on-one session with a Librarian who will help you on your journey into family history.

Please call the Adult Services Reference Desk or email adult@rrpl.org for more information or to get started.



RECHARGE WITH MINDFULNESS ★

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
Mindfulness refers to a variety of attention exercises that develop the skills needed to recharge ourselves. With mindfulness coach **Daron Larson**, you will learn how to savor rest even when you're busy, stop making stressful moments even worse, and discover practical, doable ways to navigate work pressures, family drama, and the other inevitable challenges of ordinary life.

TAKING THYME FOR TEA! ★

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
Join **Beth Schreiber Gehringer**, Chairman of Education for the Western Reserve Herb Society, to explore the exciting world of tea with an emphasis on herbal teas for well-being. We'll also be talking about blending, brewing the perfect cup of tea, and serving it properly so you're ready for that coveted invitation to Kensington Palace when it arrives! Ritual conversation about all your favorite teas and so much more! **Friends RRPL**

DEBATE AND DIPLOMACY IN HISTORY: NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Grand Reading Room, Teen Room
RRPL is a proud sponsor of National History Day 2021/2022. Come see students' presentations before they take them to the Regional Contest in March.

HISTORY TALKS: ROCKY RIVER WATERFRONT THAT MADE HISTORY ★

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room
Enjoy a presentation exploring the Rocky River waterfront from approximately 1763-1930. With the help of historical pictures, the audience will experience how a boater coming from Lake Erie might experience the geography of Rocky River from the river mouth to the Metroparks boat ramps of today. **Friends RRPL**

FEBRUARY

UNDERSTANDING BLACK HISTORY THROUGH BLACK MUSIC ★

Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom
Black music has often served as a barometer of the times and lives of black people. Explore various aspects and periods of black history by examining the music of each era, ranging from the spirituals of slavery through the rap of modern urban times. Presented by **William McDaniel**, Professor of African American Studies and Professor of Music at the Ohio State University.

IMMIGRATION UPDATES AND CHALLENGES

Thursday, February 3, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room
Global Educational Consultant and Adjunct Professor **George Koussa** will offer a brief overview of current immigration rules and regulations and discuss the challenges immigrants face as they navigate these potential barriers.

BIBLIO BISTRO: CHOCOLATE MOUSSE AND FLOURLESS CAKE ★

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Zoom
Pastry Chef **Ann LoParo**, owner of Annie's Signature Sweets, will teach you how to make a delicious chocolate mousse and flourless chocolate cake perfect for Valentine's Day. *For teens and their preferred adult.* **Friends RRPL**



LOVE LETTERS FROM JOHN AND ABIGAIL

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium
Join in a presentation by **Alice & Bob Wills** as they recreate the personalities of two fascinating people, John and Abigail Adams, through letters the couple exchanged.

EVENING WITH THE ARTS: IMPROV!MENT

Monday, February 21,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Join Case Western Reserve University's premier short form improvisational comedy troupe for an evening of laughter!

HISTORY TALKS: HISTORY OF ROCKPORT TOWNSHIP ★

Wednesday February 23,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room
Bill Barrow, President of the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve, will discuss the controversies and difficulties with the formation of Rockport Township after 1809. Why did Philo Taylor curse it all and move to Dover? Why are early Lakewood maps so strange? **Friends RRPL**

CIVICS ACADEMY: FAKE NEWS – WHAT...WHY...HOW TO STOP IT ★

Monday, February 28,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

The term “fake news” has been in the headlines and public discourse for three years now. What really is “fake” news, how does it happen, who propagates it, how you can spot it, and how can you stop it? This presentation, by Assistant Professor John Kerezy of Tri-C, will give you insight, tips, and steps you can take to never be “taken in” by fake news.

MARCH

CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Thursday, March 3,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room
It's essential to understand the rules of specific cultures if you want to succeed in school, work, business, or medicine as an immigrant or when traveling or working overseas. Join Global Educational Consultant and Adjunct Professor George Koussa as he discusses the importance of cultural competency and the potential impact of encountering a new culture.

BIBLIO BISTRO: IRISH CREAM CHEESECAKE ★

Wednesday, March 9,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Zoom

Pastry Chef Ann LoParo, owner of Annie's Signature Sweets, will teach you how to make an amazing cheesecake using Irish cream liqueur. **Friends RRPL**



PRUNING AND DEADHEADING: WHEN, WHY, AND HOW

Thursday, March 10,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Interested in improving the appearance and increasing the vigor of your landscape plants? The Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will discuss appropriate time and proper technique for pruning shrubs and deadheading flowering plants.

CHP IS CASTE EQUAL TO INTERNALIZED ATTITUDE? A THEORETICAL DISCUSSION ★

Monday, March 14,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Adrianne M. Crawford Fletcher PhD., LISW, LCSW, Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion and Adjunct Professor at CWRU, will host a discussion about *Caste the Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson from the lens of Relational Theory. This perspective allows us to think about ‘caste’ from the view of ‘internalized attitudes,’ to consider how these attitudes are formed and how they determine our approach to relationships.

THE FAMOUS AND INFAMOUS WOMEN OF CLEVELAND'S MILLIONAIRES' ROW

Monday, March 21,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Much has been written about the men of Millionaires' Row—John D. Rockefeller, Samuel Mather and his brother William, Mark Hanna and Thomas Howard White to name a few—but for the most part little is known about the wives of these great individuals. These are fascinating tales you've probably never heard that will both enlighten and entertain.

HISTORY TALKS: ELIOT NESS & THE TORSO MURDERS ★

Wednesday March 23,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Cleveland's Safety Director, Eliot Ness made great improvements in our infrastructure that created a lasting legacy for the city. However, in these same years, Ness would come head-to-head with a series of heinous crimes – the Torso Murders. Explore the famous unsolved case and learn about the Cleveland of Eliot Ness. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society. **Friends RRPL**



CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Thursday, March 3,
7:00 to 8:00 pm,
Community Room



PRUNING AND DEADHEADING: WHEN, WHY, AND HOW

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UNDERSTANDING BLACK HISTORY THROUGH BLACK MUSIC

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**LOVE LETTERS FROM
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Wednesday, February 9,
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SCULPTING STORIES: THE GRIM HISTORY OF FAIRY TALES ★

Saturday, March 26,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Auditorium
Join dynamic storyteller and artist Karly West, author of *The Scholarly Banana* series in this hands-on workshop. Create your own polymer clay character sculpture inspired by classic fairy tales and mythology, while learning about their intriguing and dark history. *For teens and adults.*

APRIL

TUNE IN RIVER: HIP TO THAT CONCERT

Tuesday, April 5,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Enjoy an evening with the Cleveland based **Hip to That**, a jazz trio that specializes in tunes from the Great American Songbook, jazz standards, and pop tunes with a jazzy twist. Hip to That is known for their energy, humor, and hip arrangements. They are guaranteed to give you a swingin' good time!



CHI INTERNAL EXCLUSION AND CASTE: A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCOURSE

Wednesday, April 6,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Following a short lecture on internal exclusion and philosophical concepts related to American social hierarchies, we will have an engaging discussion focusing on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Presented by **Matthew Dargaj**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Lorain County Community College.

GREEN YARDS AND HEALTHY HOMES ★

Wednesday, April 13,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Our yards and homes have an enormous impact on the natural world and to our own health. Learn how to replace chemicals in your yard and home with a few inexpensive, all-natural, effective ingredients to create a healthy habitat for all. Presented by the **Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District**. In-person and virtual options available.

FROM SPIDERS TO GUARDIANS: A CLEVELAND BASEBALL CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 14,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Take a fun and enlightening journey through Cleveland baseball history with **Martin Gitlin**, author of the *Ultimate Cleveland Indians Time Machine Book*. Learn about the 1899 Spiders, the championship team of 1948, the miseries of the 1960s, and more. Autographed and personalized copies of his book will be available following the program. **Friends RRPL**

PLANT SWAP @ THE EARTH DAY FAIR

Saturday, April 23,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Lawn
It's gardening time - time to explore your indoor and outdoor gardens, contemplating all the joy that new plants will bring! Instead of buying plants, how about swapping them? Bring your healthy, pest free, outdoor or indoor plants to trade with other community members.

HISTORY TALKS: MT. PLEASANT HERITAGE HOUSE CULTURAL ARTS & RESOURCE CENTER ★

Wednesday, April 27,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room
Executive Director of the Traveling Museum of International Cultures **Yvonne Malcolm** will present on the history of Mt. Pleasant Heritage House and the different programs and services the organization provides. **Friends RRPL**

CHI COMIC TALKS

Saturday, April 30,
10:00 to 11:00 am, Community Room
As part of our collaboration with the Cleveland Humanities Festival we will explore the theme of Discourse through graphic novels. We will look at a variety of books that demonstrate how graphic novels are a powerful tool for communicating important issues, especially for members of marginalized groups.



NEW SPICE CLUB

The weeks beginning January 3,
February 7, March 7, April 4





Adult Computer Training

Registration begins on January 1 for all Winter/Spring classes.

Please call the Training Department with any questions at 440-895-3767.

Programs hosted on YouTube 📺

Virtual programs ●

Hybrid programs* 📺

Hybrid programs have limited in-person seats. Additional registration slots will be available to attend virtually.

Senior Lecture Series

Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Zoom, Registrants will receive information on how to connect to sessions.

READING FOOD LABELS

February 9

By Helga Zagmeister
Humana Sales Agent

TAKE A WALK IN MY SHOES (DEMENTIA)

March 9

By Cheryl Freed
Kemper Cognitive Wellness

Travel Series

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Zoom, Registrants will receive information on how to connect to sessions.

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND & WILD PONIES

February 12

By Molly McGirr-Norris

HIGHLIGHTS OF IRELAND

March 12

By Susan Becks

THE SPICE ISLANDS EXPEDITION WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

April 9, 10:00 to 11:30 am

By Jerry Slusser

January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	If you are new to computers or need assistance with something specific, call (440) 333-7510 ext. 5503 to schedule an appointment for individualized assistance.				1 REGISTRATION for All Winter/Spring Classes Begin at 9:00 am
3	4	5	6 SPECIAL PROGRAM: Tech Coffee Chat 2:00 to 3:00 pm	7	8
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17	18	19 Windows 11 10:00 to 11:30 am No Registration	20 CAREER-ORIENTED SERIES: Tech Tips for Working Remotely 6:30 to 7:30 pm	21	22
24	25 Mobile: Android II 2:00 to 4:00 pm	26	27 Mobile: iPad II 2:00 to 4:00 pm	28 VIDEO TECH TIP: Discord No Registration	29
31 File Maintenance I 6:30 to 8:30 pm					

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Mobile: Android Settings 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	3 SPECIAL PROGRAM: Tech Coffee Chat 2:00 to 3:00 pm	4	5
7 File Maintenance II 6:30 to 8:30 pm	8 Mobile: Apple Settings 2:00 to 4:00 pm	9	10	11 VIDEO TECH TIP: Novelist No Registration	12
14	15 Mobile: Google Maps 2:00 to 4:00 pm	16 New Technology from CES (Consumer Electronics Show) 10:00 to 11:30 am	17 Word I 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	18	19 Mobile: Apple Maps 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
21	22 Mobile: Google Maps 6:30-8:30 pm	23 Mobile: Apple Maps 2:00-4:00 pm	24 Word II 10:00 am-12:00 pm	25 VIDEO TECH TIP: Managing Your Facebook Friends List No Registration	26
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7 Word IV 6:30 to 8:30 pm	8 Google: Gmail I 6:30 to 8:30 pm	9	10	11 VIDEO TECH TIP: Value Line No Registration	12
14 Word V 6:30 to 8:30 pm	15 Google: Gmail II 6:30 to 8:30 pm	16 Passwordless Technology 10:00 to 11:30 am	17 Zoom I 10:00 am to 11:00 pm	18	19
21 Word VI 6:30 to 8:30 pm	22 PowerPoint I 6:30 to 8:30 pm	23	24 LARGER-MINDED SERIES: Using Canva for a Professional Look 6:30 to 7:30 pm	25 VIDEO TECH TIP: Increase Your Laptop Battery Life No Registration	26 Zoom II 10:00 to 11:00 am
28 Word VII 6:30 to 8:30 pm	29 PowerPoint II 6:30 to 8:30 pm	30	31		

April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Word VIII 6:30 to 8:30 pm	5 PowerPoint III 6:30 to 8:30 pm	6 Google: Drive 2:00 to 4:00 pm	7	8 VIDEO TECH TIP: Medline Plus No Registration	9
11	12 PowerPoint IV 6:30 to 8:30 pm	13 Google: Docs 2:00 to 4:00 pm	14 Google: Sheets 2:00 to 4:00 pm	15	16
18	19	20 The Importance of Space Exploration 10:00 to 11:30 am	21	22 VIDEO TECH TIP: Filling Out PDF Forms No Registration	23
25	26 Google: Calendar 2:00 to 4:00 pm	27 Google: Maps 2:00 to 4:00 pm	28 Google: Forms 2:00 to 4:00 pm	29	30 SPECIAL PROGRAM: Tech Coffee Chat 10:00 to 11:00 am

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February 11

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February 25

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March 11

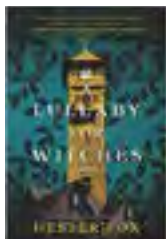
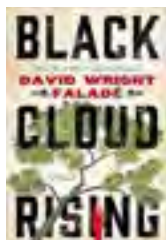
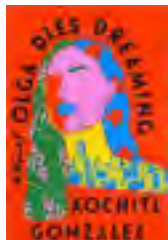
**INCREASE YOUR
LAPTOP BATTERY LIFE**
March 25

MEDLINE PLUS
April 8

FILLING OUT PDF FORMS
April 22

Between the Covers

Between the Covers is a selection of new books coming to Rocky River Public Library this Winter/Spring!



JANUARY

Olga Dies Dreaming

Xochitl Gonzalez

Wedding planner Olga Acevedo works with the rich and powerful while brother Pedro serves their gentrifying Latinx New York City neighborhood as a congressman. When Olga finally finds love, their mother, who deserted them years ago, crashes back into their lives.

The Accomplish

Lisa Lutz

Rich, cranky Owen and straight-shooting Luna have been practically joined-at-the-hip buddies since college, their friendship hiding the usual secrets—and one that's truly dangerous. So, when Luna finds Owen's wife brutally murdered, a lot of ugliness pours forth and spells ruin for their tight bond.

Undermoney

Jay Newman

A group of former military men are intent on getting their candidate elected president so they can step in and restructure foreign policy and U.S. society itself. That means forming alliances with the people who know where the illicit money is.

The Maid

Nita Prose

25-year-old maid Molly Gray has always had trouble reading social signals. She used to depend on her recently deceased gran to help her, but she's on her own when she finds a guest murdered in bed. When the police tag her as the most likely suspect, she is compelled to investigate.

Honor

Thrity Umrigar

When Smita travels to India to cover the story of Meena, a Hindu woman whose marriage to a Muslim man shames her family and exposes the violence in women's lives, she's forced to come to terms with her own family's painful departure from the country.

To Paradise

Hanya Yanagihara

Three centuries, three stories, all tied together by a townhouse in New York City: in 1893, a wealthy son falls in love with a poor music teacher; in 1993, a young Hawaiian man living with a controlling partner suppresses his childhood memories; and in 2093, a woman seeks her missing husband.

FEBRUARY

Finlay Donovan Knocks 'Em Dead

Elle Cosimano

In suburban Virginia, single-mom suspense writer Finlay is again trying to complete a novel when she learns that someone wants to do in her ex-husband. Russian mobsters? Gun-toting soccer mamas? All in a day's work for Finlay.

Black Cloud Rising

David Wright Faladé

In fall 1863, the Union Army is moving toward North Carolina as thousands of formerly enslaved people join its ranks. The African Brigade is formed to run down Confederate irregulars, with abolitionist general Edward Augustus Wild in command and Sgt. Richard Etheridge, the son of an enslaved woman and her enslaver, at the heart of this story.

A Lullaby for Witches

Hester Fox

Thrilled with her new job at the Harlowe House Museum, Augusta begins to research the daughter of a late 1800s shipping magnate, a woman whose interest in herbs and spells sparked rumors that she was a witch. Now she seems to be reaching out to Augusta over the decades, as strange events begin to unfold.

Mercy Street

Jennifer Haigh

Claudia works as a counselor at an abortion clinic but is stressed by the antiabortion activists. Seeking relief from her upbeat pot dealer Timmy, she meets Anthony, who has been spending time online speaking with a member of Excelsior11, a group targeting the clinic she works in.

Diablo Mesa

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Quirky billionaire Lucas Tappan, founder of Icarus Space Systems, hopes to bring his project publicity by persuading the Santa Fe Archaeological Institute to excavate the 1947 Roswell Incident site. After archeologist Nora uncovers two murder victims, she calls on FBI Agent Corrie for help.

In the Shadow of the Mountain:

A Memoir of Courage

Silvia Vasquez-Lavado

After a childhood filled with trauma and struggles with her sexuality, former Silicon Valley star Vasquez-Lavado turned her life around through mountain climbing. Eventually, she took a team of young women survivors up Mount Everest.

MARCH

Checkout 19

Claire-Louise Bennett

A young working-class woman from London discovers her love of writing as a schoolgirl. As she grows older, a Russian man gives her a copy of Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*, fueling a lifelong reading habit, and even after a terrible betrayal she keeps loving the characters she reads about and creates.

A Ballad of Love and Glory

Reyna Grande

After Texas Rangers kill Mexican healer Ximena's husband, she becomes an army nurse for the Mexican army. Meanwhile, Irish immigrant John Riley has also joined the Mexicans, angered by the U.S. treatment of the Irish. Ximena and John are drawn together but face an uncertain future.

The Golden Couple

Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen

Marissa Bishop takes a chance on popular therapist Avery Chambers, hiring her despite the fact that Avery has lost her license. Marissa is desperate and her seemingly perfect marriage is in trouble; more dangerous secrets arise when the therapist begins their sessions.

The Last Confessions of Sylvia P

Lee Kravetz

Kravetz blends fact and fiction to reimagine the life of Sylvia Plath and the events surrounding the writing of *The Bell Jar*. Three narrators tell the story: Plath's psychiatrist, a malicious rival poet, and, years later, an antiques curator.

Our American Friend

Anna Pitoniak

White House correspondent Sofie is about to quit her job, fed up with the President's behavior, when she is offered a job writing a biography of the first lady. Little is known about her except for her birth in the Soviet Union and work as a model, but she does have some amazing Cold War secrets to spill.

Nine Lives

Peter Swanson

Nine strangers find their names on a list mailed anonymously, and soon bad things start happening to them, from a beloved older man's drowning at the beach to a young father's being shot while running in his quiet neighborhood. What links them? FBI agent Jessica Winslow would surely like to know because she is on the list.

APRIL

Atomic Anna

Rachel Barnbaum

Renowned nuclear scientist Anna Berkova, lost in sleep as Chernobyl melts down, awakens 6 years later and discovers her daughter Molly, shot in the chest. Molly begs Anna to go back in time to stop the disaster and set the path of their family on a different course.

Sleepwalk

Dan Chaon

Will Bear lives off the grid, doing odd jobs for a shadowy organization whose function he hardly knows while tooling around in his camper van with a beloved rescue dog. Then he gets a call on one of his many burner phones from a woman claiming to be his daughter.

The Candy House

Jennifer Egan

In interlocking narratives intersecting over several decades, Egan spins a tale exploring connection, family, love, privacy, and redemption, set against the development of a new app called Own Your Unconscious that allows users to access all their own memories and share them with others.

Let's Not Do That Again

Grant Ginder

The only issue that could threaten Nancy Harrison's run for a Senate seat are her hapless children: son Nick is stalled on the musical he's writing, while daughter Greta works as an Apple store salesclerk. Then Greta shows up on the news leading a violent protest in Paris, and Nancy and Nick must control the damage to Greta, the family, and the campaign.

Sister Stardust

Jane Green

Claire escapes her small-town life for swinging 60s London, then travels to a Marrakesh hideaway where music, drugs, and communal living reign. There she meets Talitha Getty, socialite wife of the famous oil heir, and a special friendship is born.

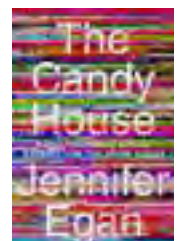
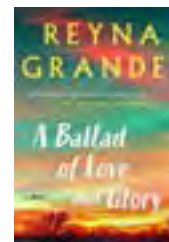
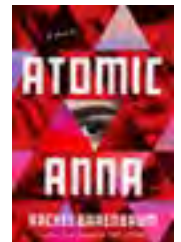
The Lifeguards

Amanda Eyre Ward

Three teenage sons of close friends Whitney, Annette, and Liza are starting summer jobs in their wealthy Austin neighborhood. When the boys come home one night and reveal a shattering secret, the women find their friendships imploding as they decide what to do.

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If you'd like to put any of these titles on hold, contact the library at 440-333-7610, or go to rrpl.org to place an online hold.





Calendar of Events

January

M	3	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A
Tu	4	Student Advocacy Team	3:30	CR
Tu	4	Game Night	7:00	CR
Th	6	Winter Book Buzz	7:00	O
M	10, 17, 24	Three-Part Wellness/Yoga Series with River Yoga	6:30	O
Tu	11	ASL Forum: A Place to Use/Practice	6:30	CR
Tu	11	Why – And What-Teens Should Read Outside of School	7:00	O
W	12	A Time to Remember Dr. King	7:00	O
Su	16	Retro Movie Afternoon	2:00	A
M	17	Proctored Diagnostic ACT Tests	9:00	CR
M	17	Outback Ray Animal Show	2:00, 7:00	A
Tu	18	Recharge with Mindfulness	7:00	O
Tu	18	Writer's Group of Rocky River	7:00	O
W	19	CBS: Windows 11	10:00	O
W	19	Dog Man Mania	4:00	PR
W	19	Riverinos True Crime	7:00	CR
Th	20	Braille Etiquette & Sightless Games	4:00	PR
Th	20	Taking Thyme for Tea!	7:00	O
F	1/21	Winter Reading Bingo Begins		
Tu	25	Debate and Diplomacy in History	6:30	GRR, TR
W	26	History Talks: Rocky River Waterfront That Made History	7:00	CR
Th	27	Be the Change	4:00	PR
F	28	Movie Matinee	12:00	A
Sa	29	Proctored Diagnostic SAT Test	9:00	A
Sa	29	Celebrate National Puzzle Day	1:00	PR
M	31	Film Club	7:00	O

February

Tu	1	Anxiety and Attention Series: Academic Anxiety	6:30	PR/GR
Tu	1	Student Advocacy Team	3:30	CR
Tu	1	Celebrate Year of the Tiger	4:00	PR
Tu	1	Game Night	7:00	CR
Tu	1	Immigration Updates and Challenges	7:00	CR
W	2	Tween Cooking Club	4:00	PR
W	2	Understanding Black History Through Black Music	7:00	CR
Th	3	Immigration Updates and Challenges	7:00	CR
Th	3	ACT/SAT Tips For Students	7:00	O
M	7	Messy Art @ Home	All day	
M	7	English is a Second Language Conversation Club	11:00	O
M	7	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A
M	7	New! English As A Second Language (ESL) Conversation Club	11:00	O
Tu	8	Make and Share a Valentine	3:30, 7:00	PR
Tu	8	ASL Forum: A Place to Use/Practice	6:30	CR
Tu	8	Biblio Bistro: Chocolate Mousse and Cake	7:00	O
W	9	SLS: Reading Food Labels	10:00	O

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- O** Online Event
- GRR** Grand Reading Room
- LL** Library Lawn
- L** Lobby
- A** Auditorium
- CR** Community Room
- PR** Purple Room
- GR** Green Room
- 2F** 2nd Floor

LIBRARY CLOSING DATES WINTER/SPRING 2021

Saturday, January 1
New Year's Day

Sunday, April 17
Easter Sunday

Research shows that the more children are read to, the larger their vocabulary becomes, and the more prepared they are to begin school.

W	9	Love Letters from John and Abigail	7:00	A
Th	10	Book Talk	4:00	PR
Th	10	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Group	7:00	GR
Sa	12	Travel Series: Chincoteague Island & Wild Horses	10:00	O
Tu	15	Steam Studio Jr.	4:30	PR
Tu	15	Book Babble	7:00	PR
Tu	15	Writer's Group of Rocky River	7:00	O
W	16	CBS: New Technology from CES (Consumer Electronics Show)	10:00	O
W	16	Riverinos True Crime	7:00	CR
M	21	Crafting Creations	1:00	GR
M	21	Evening with the Arts: Improv!ment	7:00	A
Tu	22	Steam Studio	4:15	PR
Tu	22	Black History Trivia	7:00	PR
W	23	History Talks: History of Rockport Township	7:00	CR
F	25	Movie Matinee	12:00	A
M	28	Civics Academy: Fake News – What...Why...How to Stop It	7:00	O
M	28	Film Club	7:00	O

March

Tu	1	Student Advocacy Team	3:30	CR
Tu	1	Game Night	7:00	CR
W	2	Read Across America	7:00	CD
Th	3	Winter Storybook Olympics	4:15	A
Th	3	Cultural Competency	7:00	CR
M	7	Messy Art @ Home	All day	
M	7	English is a Second Language Conversation Club	11:00	O
M	7	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A
M	7	Tech Tales	6:30	PR
M	7	Once Upon A Crime Mystery Book Discussion	7:00	PR
Tu	8	ASL Forum: A Place to Use/Practice	6:30	CR
Tu	8	Roadmap to College	7:00	O
W	9	SLS: Take a Walk in my Shoes	10:00	O
W	9	Biblio Bistro: Irish Cream Cheesecake	7:00	O
Th	10	Pruning and Deadheading: When, Why, and How	7:00	A
Sa	12	Adapted Storytime	10:00	PR
Sa	12	Travel Series: Highlights of Ireland	10:00	O
M	14	Movin' with Books & Music	1:30, 7:00	PR
M	14	Is Caste Equal to Internalized Attitude?	7:00	O
Tu	15	Play, Learn & Grow	10:00	PR
Tu	15	Writer's Group of Rocky River	7:00	O
W	16	CBS: Passwordless Technology	10:00	O
W	16	Tween Cooking Club	4:00	PR
W	16	Play, Learn & Grow	6:30	PR
W	16	Riverinos True Crime	7:00	CR
M	21	The Famous Women of Cleveland's Millionaires' Row	7:00	A
W	23	History Talks: Eliot Ness & The Torso Murders	7:00	CR
Th	24	Cowan Club	4:00	CR
F	25	Movie Matinee	12:00	A

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COLLEGE PREP SERIES PRESENTED BY SEELEY TEST PROS Friends RRPL

ROADMAP TO COLLEGE ★

Tuesday, March 8
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

WHY-AND WHAT-TEENS SHOULD READ OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ★

Tuesday, January 11,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

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Sa	26	Sculpting Stories: The Grim History of Fairy Tales	10:00	A
M	28	Film Club	7:00	O
Tu	29	Steam Studio Jr.	4:30	PR
W	30	Cleveland International Film Festival Begins		
Th	31	Book A Chat with Chief Lichman	7:00	GR

April

Su	3	Celebrate National Library Week Begins	All Day	2F
M	4	English is a Second Language Conversation Club	11:00	O
M	4	Indie Int'l Film Festival	6:30	A
Tu	5	Student Advocacy Team	3:30	CR
Tu	5	Steam Studio	4:15	PR
Tu	5	Game Night	7:00	CR
Tu	5	Tune in River: Hip to That Concert	7:00	A
W	6	Internal Exclusion and <i>Caste</i> : A Philosophical Discourse	7:00	A
Th	7	Volunteer Youth Crew	4:00	PR
Th	7	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Group	7:00	GR
Sa	9	Cowan Symposium	9:00	A
Sa	9	Proctored Diagnostic SAT Test	9:00	CR
Sa	9	Adapted Storytime	10:00	PR
Sa	9	Travel Series: The Spice Islands Expedition	10:00	O
Tu	12	ASL Forum: A Place to Use/Practice	6:30	CR
W	13	Green Yards and Healthy Homes	7:00	A
Th	14	From Spiders to Guardians: A Cleveland Baseball Celebration	7:00	A
M	18	Parachute Play	1:30, 7:00	PR
Tu	19	Writer's Group of Rocky River	7:00	O
W	20	CBS: The Importance of Space Exploration	10:00	O
W	20	Riverinos True Crime	7:00	CR
F	22	History Talks: Mt. Pleasant Heritage House	7:00	CR
Sa	23	Plant Swap @ The Earth Day Fair	2:00	LL
Sa	23,24	Celebrate Earth Day—All Weekend	10:00	LL
Tu	26	Life-Sized Gaming	4:15	A
W	27	Dog Man Mania	4:00	PR
W	27	Mt. Pleasant Heritage House Cultural Arts & Resource Center	7:00	CR
F	29	Movie Matinee	12:00	A
Sa	30	Proctored Diagnostic ACT Test	9:00	A
Sa	30	Comic Talks	10:00	CR





FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Saturday, May 7, All Day

Free comic books will be available for fans of all ages thanks to Carol & John's Comic Shop. Celebrate the day with comics, crafts, and more! While supplies last.



RESUME HELP

Looking to improve your resume or create a new one? We offer one-on-one sessions with staff who will help you with tips and suggestions. Please call the Adult Services Reference Desk or email careerservices@rrpl.org for more information or to get started.



STUDENT ADVOCACY TEAM ★

Tuesdays, January 4,
February 1,
March 1, April 5
3:30 to 4:30 pm,
Community Room

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History Talks

Friends RRPL

ROCKY RIVER WATERFRONT THAT MADE HISTORY ★

Wednesday, January 26,
7:00 pm, Community Room

HISTORY OF ROCKPORT TOWNSHIP ★

Wednesday, February 23,
7:00 pm, Community Room

ELIOT NESS & THE TORSO MURDERS ★

Wednesday, March 23,
7:00pm, Community Room

MT. PLEASANT HERITAGE HOUSE CULTURAL ARTS & RESOURCE CENTER ★

Wednesday, April 27,
7:00 pm, Community Room



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Vision Statement

Leading and innovating through community-based services.

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