

# Inside View



ROCKY RIVER  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*News and events at  
Rocky River Public Library*

January - April 2021





## A Message From the Director



**W**hat a year it has been! When we rang in the New Year on January 1, little did we know what was in store for us in 2020. We closed the building to the staff and public on Sunday, March 15 and opened for curbside service on May 18. On June 1, we opened the public computer room for use by appointment only. On August 3, the 140th day from the shutdown, with joy, the Library opened its doors to the public for 30-minute browsing. Along the way, we have offered new services, and many virtual programs for patrons of all ages via Facebook, Livestream, YouTube, and Zoom. We have championed conversations with community members and staff on race, ethnicity, and inclusion, and we have witnessed a polarizing presidential election. Like all of us, the Library encountered many challenges this past year, but I'm so incredibly proud of the new and innovative ways we have been able to safely serve our patrons and community.

We also unveiled the Library's 2020 Strategic Plan, which will help guide the Library through the next several years. This plan will align with our new vision and mission statements, tag line, and organizational priorities. We are excited about the direction we are headed and look forward to a new year full of new opportunities. You can learn more about the plan by visiting the Library or the Library website [rrpl.org](http://rrpl.org). By now most of you have noticed our new logo, which was designed in-house. We have received many positive comments and are thrilled with the clean and engaging design.

The Library is offering many programs in the coming months to help battle the pandemic winter blahs: three-part Yoga/Wellness series by River Yoga, DNA 101, Winter Reading Challenge, and a Houseplant Swap in April. Take-home kits have been a popular service over the last several months, so we are offering even more for patrons of all ages. Look inside and **DISCOVER** what the Library can do for you - even during these pandemic times.

See you at the Library,

Jamie L. Mason, Director

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## What's New

### 2021 CLEVELAND HUMANITIES FESTIVAL

Rocky River Public Library is excited to be a part of the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Festival focused on *"Identity."*

The Festival is a collaborative event bringing together the great cultural institutions of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio, all offering public programs exploring basic questions about why identity matters, especially in a world reshaped by a pandemic and economic distress, and contemplating what now matters most to our collective identity as a society. We hope you join the discussion with us!

### LIBFLIX - NEW MOVIE/TV SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

January 11, February 15, March 22, & April 26

Book Harbor, our new book subscription service, has become so popular that we are adding a new movie/TV subscription service to meet your at-home watching needs. Sign up once, and we'll take care of the rest. Based on your requests, the reference staff will select a variety of movies or TV series that can be picked up monthly. Sign up now and you'll receive an email with all the details. *Registration Required.*

## Cowan Pottery Museum



Registration begins January 1.

Please register to receive the Zoom link for programs noted with ★

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### RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOME ★

Monday, April 26, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Curious to learn about the history of your home? This lecture will show how to use library and county resources to discover the history of a house, building, or land.



### Collection Spotlight

Vase

1976.1.365 | Circa 1929

The vase silhouette in the Museum's new logo is based on this piece in our collection. A 1929 catalog lists this design as "V-648" and it was available in red, plum, and foliage. This piece was likely one of a kind as it features a unique glaze drip that was not listed as an option in the catalog.

### History TALKS

*Lectures on Ohio Arts, Culture, and History* friends RRPL

#### ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT: KOKOON ARTS CLUB OF CLEVELAND ★

Monday, January 25,  
7:00 to 8:00 pm

Cara Gilgenbach, Head of Special Collections & Archives at Kent State University Library, will share the history of Cleveland's Kokoon Arts Club including highlights from the Archive's collection of ephemera from the club's one-time president Philip Kaplan. Gilgenbach will also share how you can access the university's special collections.

#### THE GOLDEN AGE OF SHOPPING ★

Monday, March 29,  
7:00 to 8:00 pm

A speaker from the Western Reserve Historical Society will share the history of Cleveland's retailers—from small grocers to giant palaces like Higbee's, The May Company, and Halle Brothers who sold Cowan Pottery in the studio's heyday. Learn more about companies that grew with the city and came to define Cleveland fashion and shopping for decades.

***"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."***

- Maya Angelou





TWEEN COOKING CLUB  
January 27 & March 10

## Children's Programs

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For programs requiring a pickup, the pickup will be available for the week prior to the event unless otherwise noted.

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### Registration for Winter Programs

Begins Saturday, January 9, at 9:00 am.  
To register, visit our Children's page at [rrpl.org](http://rrpl.org), and click on Programs, call 440-333-7610 and press 4, or stop by the Children's Department.

#### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

*For all ages*

January 1 to March 20

Join us for a special reading challenge – can you read 1,000 minutes by the end of March? Achieve this formidable goal by reading 15 minutes each day. Earn a raffle ticket at each 100-minute benchmark plus a prize and special recognition for finishing. Complete bonus family challenges for additional chances to enter drawings. Preregistration on Beanstack begins December 19.

#### MESSY ART @ HOME ★

*For ages 2-5 & their caregivers*

January 2, February 1, April 1

Are you brave enough to get messy at home? Register for each date to pickup a kit that includes everything you need to make a process-centered art project. Early registration for this program begins December 19. friends RRPL

#### DISCOVER YOUR CREATIVE POWER WITH GOLDIEBLOX ★

*For students in grades 2-4*

Pickup begins Wednesdays, January 13, February 10, March 10

Utilize the GoldieBlox Maker's Essential Toolboxes that were purchased with money from the 2020 Cox Charities Northeast Community Grant, along with maker books, your imagination and creativity to create a new DIY project each month.

#### TECH TALES @ HOME

*For ages 3-5 & their caregivers*

Fridays, January 15 & March 19

Register to receive a newsletter with themed app and e-book recommendations, plus tips for getting the most out of screen time.

#### STEAM STUDIO ★★

*For students in grades 1-3*

Tuesdays, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sign up each month to explore a concept of science, technology, engineering, math, or the arts. Discover, imagine, create!



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#### WINTER BABY & ME STORYTIME @ HOME

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#### MOVIN' WITH BOOKS & MUSIC ★

*For ages 4-6*

Mondays, January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

Join us for a fun-filled video of stories, music and lots of movement!

#### KINDERGARTEN, HERE I COME @ HOME ★

*For ages 3-6*

January 28 to February 25

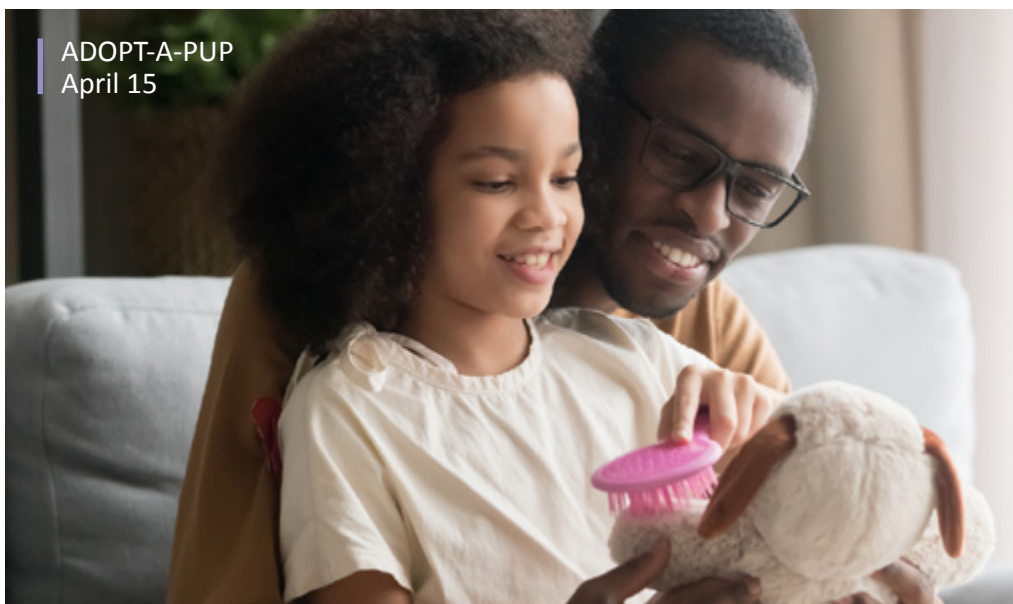
We're taking all the best parts of Kindergarten, Here I Come and sending it directly to you! Register to receive weekly emails from Ms. Amanda with stories, songs, rhymes, and activities designed to strengthen key skills for school success.

***"Don't you know that everybody's got a Fairyland of their own?"***

- Mary Poppins, P.L. Travers



ADOPT-A-PUP  
April 15



***“We all can dance,” he said, “if we find the music that we love.”***

*- Giraffes Can't Dance, Giles Andreae*

### **CELEBRATE MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY** ★

*Family Event*

**Friday, January 29**

Discover the cultural diversity of children's literature through stories, songs, and a craft.

### **BOOK BABBLE** ★★

*For students in grades  
2-3, & a caregiver*

**Thursdays, February 4, March 4, May 6  
7:00 to 8:00 pm**

Join the club! As a group, we will read and discuss younger fiction books, and introduce students to the fun of a book club with the guidance of a caregiver. Light reading of the books will be required for advanced preparation. We will enjoy such titles as *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day*, *Tony and the Pizza Champions*, and *Zen Shorts*.

### **CELEBRATE WORLD READ ALoud DAY** ★

*Family Event*

**Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm**

Get in your pajamas and get ready to snuggle as you listen to some bedtime stories to help celebrate the day via Zoom.

### **FRIENDS, FUN & VALENTINES** ★

*For students in grades K-2*

**Pickup begins Monday, February 8**

Put yourself in a creative Valentine mood, and make a sweet (or two) for your sweetie and you!

### **SMART ART @ HOME**

*For students in grades K-5*

**Saturdays, February 13 & April 17**

Show us your creativity with Smart Art @ Home. Explore the history of famous artists and art techniques. Each program includes a kit to pickup and an emailed presentation to follow along with.

### **HEAD TO TOE, NOW I KNOW!** ★

*For students in grades 2-3*


**Pickup begins Wednesday, February 24**

Kids will have fun while they measure, move, balance, and learn how the body works with Mrs. Cal. Family activity sheets included. Kids can also write a letter to share what they learned with a loved one.

### **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DR. SEUSS FAMILY NIGHT BIRTHDAY BASH** ★★

*Family Event*

**Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 to 7:45 pm**

*“From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere,”* especially as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America. 

### **MINECRAFTERS: HOME EDITION**

*For students in grades 2-6*

**Tuesdays, 4:00 to 5:00 pm** (does not meet  
January 19, February 16, March 16, and April 20)

Join us from home and play minigames on the Library's Minecraft Realms server. *Minecraft Java Edition required. Register, including your email address, and a librarian will contact you to add your child to the Realms server.*

## **Tween Winter and Spring Programs and Book Clubs**

*Registration required.*

### **TWEEN CREATIVE CLUB** ★

*For students in grades 4-6*


**Pickup begins Thursdays, January 21,  
February 18, March 18, April 15**

Cultivate your creative side with a new surprise craft project to pickup each month!

### **TWEEN COOKING CLUB** ★

*For students in grades 4-6*

**Wednesdays, January 27 & March 10,  
4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Do you love to cook, or would you like to learn how? Join us for simple and easy recipes you can make at home for yourself, friends, and family! 

### **GOING GRAPHIC** ★★

*For students in grades 4-6*

**Monday, February 8, 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Do you love comics and graphic novels? If so, Going Graphic is a book club for you! We will read *Donut the Destroyer* by Sarah Graley. Each participant will receive a voucher for a free donut from Bigmouth Donut Company!

### **FRIDAY FUN DAY** ★★

*For students in grades 4-6*

**Fridays, February 26, March 26,  
April 30, 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Until the Library is open for programming again, join us for an after-school Zoom hangout! We will chat, play music, play Kahoot Trivia, and create crafts. Feel free to bring an interest to share.

### **LIVE ZOOM POETRY WITH AUTHOR SHELLEY PEARSALL** ★

*For students in grades 4-6*


**Monday, April 19, 4:00 to 4:45 pm**

Join bestselling author Shelley Pearsall live on Zoom to learn creative and fun ways to write poetry! No poetic experience necessary.

### **TWEEN COOKING CLUB: MOTHER'S DAY EDITION** ★

*For students in grades 4-6*

**Wednesday, May 5, 4:00 to 5:15 pm**

We will learn how to make a delicious brunch for that special person in your life! 



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### BACKYARD BINGO ★

*For all ages*  
Pickup begins Wednesday, April 14  
Nature is everywhere – even just outside your door. Mrs. Cal has several activities to find, see, and explore your neighborhood. 

### ADOPT-A-PUP ★

*For students in grades 1-3*  
Pickup begins Thursday, April 15  
Are you ready for the responsibility and fun of having your own pet? Come adopt a (stuffed) puppy from RRPL! We have everything you'll need to pickup. You will learn some of the basics for caring for your own puppy, along with making a no-bake dog treat and a craft donation to the local APL.

### CELEBRATE DIA - CHILDREN'S DAY ★

*Family Event*  
Thursday, April 29  
Pickup begins Thursday, April 22  
Join us as we start the celebration early for Children's Day/Book Day known as Dia on April 30 with a program of stories, songs and a craft to discover the importance of children from all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

### PLANTING A MONARCH WAYSTATION

*For students in grades K-3*  
Tuesday, May 4, 4:00 pm  
Join us on the library lawn as we learn about a type of garden that provides food and habitat for the struggling Monarch Butterfly population. Each child will leave with some plants to start their own Monarch Waystation. Presented by the Rocky River Beach Cliff Garden Club.

## Drop-in & Online Programs

*No registration required.*

### GUILD OF THE BRICK

*For all ages*  
Saturdays, January 23, February 20, March 20, April 17  
What are you building at home with your loved ones? We would love to see your creations on our Facebook page!

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

*Family Event*  
April 5 to 9  
Discover the many ways the library can help you in your daily life and use those skills in a virtual library escape room. What will you find if you manage to escape? Stop by the Children's Department to enter a special drawing.

MESSY ART @ HOME  
January 2, February 1, April 1



***"Sometimes I feel like a rabbit, quick and alert. I like to eat my carrots and leap into new adventures."***

*- Sometimes I Feel Like A Fox, Danielle Daniel*





## Teen Programs

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### TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE January 1 to March 20

Cozy up with some good books this winter and earn raffle tickets for reading! Sign up or log in to your Beanstack account to check out all the challenges and badges you can complete to earn raffle tickets. *Grades 7-12. Register with [rrpl.beanstack.org](http://rrpl.beanstack.org).*

### TEEN ACTIVITY KITS

Week of January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4

Each month pickup a new kit with crafts, puzzles, and other activities to work on at home. *Kits will be in the Teen Room, while supplies last.*

### BOOK HARBOR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR TEENS ★

**Mondays, January 18, February 22, March 29, May 3**  
Not sure what to read next? Let us pick for you! Take a quick survey about your reading style and we'll pick three books we think you'll love. We'll check them out for you and even include little gifts with each bundle! *Grades 7-12. Registration and a library card in good standing required.*

### EVENING WITH THE ARTS: THE ART OF ZINES ★

**Thursday, April 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**  
Learn about the history of zines before you create your own zine art at home in this introductory workshop led by artist Emily Poor. A list of suggested supplies will be emailed to you after your registration is complete. Presented by the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory. *Grades 6-12. Registration Required.*



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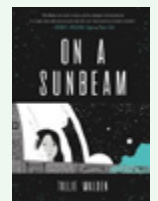
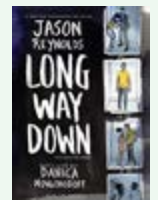
## Comix Club ★★

**Wednesdays, February 3, April 21  
6:30 to 7:30 pm**

Join Mses Amanda, Megan, and Nicole for a graphic novel book club. We'll read a variety of fiction and nonfiction comics and graphic novels and connect them to real life with discussions and special activities. *Grades 6-12. Registration required.*

**February 3:** This month we'll read and discuss *New Kid* by Jerry Craft, *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander, and *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds.

**April 21:** In honor of Earth Day, we will read comics that explore both earth science and science fiction by discussing *Wild Weather: Storms, Meteorology, and Climate* by M.K. Reed, *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas* by Jim Ottaviani, and *On a Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden.



## We Read Together, We Stand Together Discussions ★

**Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**January 18: LGBTQIA+ Voices | March 15: Women's Voices**

This discussion group is a community collaboration that will provide students in grades 6-12 and their interested parents or guardians with an opportunity to read diverse voices and have conversations on a variety of topics.

*Grades 6-12 and parents/guardians. Registration required.*

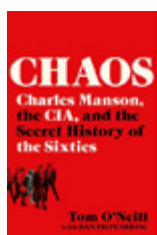
***"There's no shame in fear,  
my father told me, what  
matters is how we face it."***

*- A Clash of Kings, George R.R. Martin*





## RIVERINOS TRUE CRIME



# Adult Book Discussions

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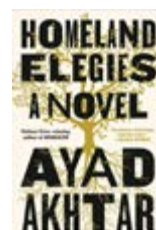
## NOVEL SCARES



## ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK CLUB



## BOOKED BY THE POLICE CHIEF



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### RIVERINOS TRUE CRIME ★

Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

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 13: *Good Kids, Bad City: A Story of Race and Wrongful Conviction in America* by Kyle Swenson

February 10: *Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders* by Vincent Bugliosi or *Chaos: Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties* by Tom O'Neill

March 10: *The Kirtland Massacre: The True and Terrible Story of the Mormon Cult Murders* by Cynthia Stalter Sasse

April 14: *Who Killed These Girls: The Unsolved Murders That Rocked a Texas Town* by Beverly Lowry

### NOVEL SCARES ★

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

January 28: *The Devil in Silver* by Victor LaValle

Landing in a budget-strapped mental institution after being accused of a crime he does not remember, Pepper is assaulted by a monstrous creature that has been attacking patients but the hospital staff does not believe exists.

March 18: *Wonderland* by Zoje Stage  
Moving to a rural farmhouse in far upstate New York, Orla, a retired dancer, must protect her family from an unknown entity that is calling to them from the land, in the earth, beneath the trees and in their minds.

### ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK CLUB ★

Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

February 11: *How Much of these Hills is Gold* by C Pam Zhang

Near the end of the American Gold Rush, Lucy and Sam, two newly orphaned children of immigrants, flee their western mining town on a quest to bury their father. This debut novel is an adventure-filled story about family, race, memories and what makes a home.

April 15: *The Vanishing Half*

by Brit Bennett

Spanning from the 1940s to the 1990s, this unforgettable novel follows twins, light-skinned Black sisters Desiree and Stella Vignes, who run away together from their racially-fixated small Louisiana town, only to separate a year later, when Stella decides to begin passing as a white woman. *This program supports the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Fest.*

### SPRING BOOK BUZZ ★

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

We'll talk about what's new in Spring 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.

### BOOKED BY THE POLICE CHIEF ★

Thursday, April 29, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

*Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar  
Read this inventive fictional story inspired by the author's personal experiences, to explore life as a first-generation American-born Muslim man. Chief George Lichman will lead the discussion as we consider what creates personal and cultural identity. *This program supports the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Fest.*







FLAVORS OF THE WORLD  
January & March



HISTORY TALKS:  
KOKOON  
ARTS CLUB OF  
CLEVELAND  
January 25



TAKE IT  
AND MAKE IT  
CRAFT KITS  
Once a month

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#### STREAMING STORIES SPOTLIGHT

Each month staff will highlight a movie available to stream through Kanopy or hoopla, dropping monthly on YouTube.

#### THREE-PART WELLNESS/YOGA SERIES WITH RIVER YOGA ★

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21  
7:00 to 8:00 pm

Each week, Elcin and Monique of River Yoga will begin the series with 40 minutes of slow flow yoga and breath work to be followed with a 20 minute learning series on goal setting, clean eating, and self-care. Join us for one or all of these programs to help create a healthy beginning to a new year. [friends RRPL](#)

#### TAKE IT AND MAKE IT CRAFT KITS ★

The weeks beginning January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11  
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 beginning on the Sundays listed above at a table in the Reference Area. While supplies last. [friends RRPL](#)

#### DNA 101 ★

Monday, January 11, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Join genealogist Mary Jamba for an introduction to DNA testing and an overview of what you get when you buy a spit kit from AncestryDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage, or FamilyTreeDNA.

#### ONLINE GAME NIGHT ★

Wednesdays, January 13  
February 10, April 14, 7:00 pm  
We're taking our game night for adults online and playing card and board games on Board Game Arena. All you need is an email address, a computer, tablet, or smartphone, and an account with Board Game Arena.  
([en.boardgamearena.com](http://en.boardgamearena.com))

#### WRITER'S GROUP OF ROCKY RIVER ★

Wednesdays, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Writers wanted! New and experienced, writers of 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.

#### MEET THE AUTHOR: BRIAN PETKASH

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 to 8:00 pm ★  
Brian Petkash will discuss his debut book, *Mistakes by the Lake*, a collection of ten thematically linked stories set in Cleveland, spanning the city's history. The collection and its stories have garnered numerous accolades including winning the 2014 Lake Prize in Fiction from Midwestern Gothic.

#### FLAVORS OF THE WORLD: RUSSIAN PIROSHKI ★

Sunday, January 24, 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
Ms. Adila Bidzonova will be demonstrating how to make delicious and crispy Russian Potato Piroshki. Piroshki are baked or fried yeast-leavened, boat-shaped buns with a variety of fillings. Pirozhki is a popular street and comfort food in Russia and a stereotypical part of Russian culture. [friends RRPL](#)

*"Imagination is the Discovering Faculty, pre-eminently. It is that which penetrates into the unseen worlds around us, the worlds of Science."*

- Ada Lovelace



**EXPLORE OHIO STATE PARKS**  
March 3

***“Every social justice movement that I know of has come out of people sitting in small groups, telling their life stories, and discovering that other people have shared similar experiences.”***

- Gloria Steinem

**HISTORY TALKS: ARCHIVE SNAPSHOT: KOKOON ARTS CLUB OF CLEVELAND ★**

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Cara Gilgenbach, Head of Special Collections & Archives at Kent State University Library, will share the history of Cleveland's Kokoon Arts Club including highlights from the Archive's collection of ephemera from the Club's one-time president Philip Kaplan. Gilgenbach will also share how you can access the University's Special Collections.

**FILM DISCUSSION CLUB ★**

Thursdays, January 28, February 25, March 25, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Do you consider yourself a bit of a movie buff or simply a film lover? Join us the last Thursday of the month to discuss a film currently being offered on our streaming services, Kanopy or hoopla. You will receive a set of study questions in advance to be prepared for a robust conversation with fellow film lovers. The film club will begin with *The Farewell*, a 2019 American-Asian comedy/drama film.

**February**

**THE RESULTS ARE IN! USING YOUR DNA TO FIND ANSWERS ★**

Monday, February 8, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
The excitement of receiving your DNA results can quickly turn to confusion. Join genealogist **Mary Jamba** in understanding how to use this information to further your genealogical research.

**MEET THE AUTHOR: D.M. PULLEY ★**

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Meet Northeast Ohioan and author D.M. Pulley, whose novels include *No One's Home*, *The Unclaimed Victim*, *The Buried Book*, and *The Dead Key*. Pulley's historical mysteries shine a light into the darker side of life in the Midwest during the twentieth century, when cities like Detroit and Cleveland struggled to survive.

**NATIVE AMERICAN VISIBILITY ★**

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Join **Cynthia Connolly**, a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians located in Northern Michigan, for a conversation about racial equity, and the problematic portrayal of Native American people in society. Learn how to take active steps to change the narrative about Native people and become more inclusive.

**ARE YOU MY COUSIN? USING ANCESTRY DNA MATCHES ★**

Monday, February 22, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Ancestry DNA leads you to relatives you never knew you had. Join genealogist **Mary Jamba** to learn how to find your connections to these new cousins and expand your family tree.

**THE DELICATE DANCE OF TALKING TO CHILDREN WHO ARE BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND OF COLOR ABOUT RACE AND RACISM ★**

Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 pm  
Racism is a difficult topic for everyone, but especially hard for children of color and their families. Join **Dr. Adrienne M. Crawford Fletcher**, Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion and Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University, as she presents a thoughtful and compassionate talk on how to speak to your Black, Indigenous, and children of color about race and racism.

**SPRING BOOK BUZZ ★**

Thursday, February 25, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
We'll talk about what's new in Spring 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.

**March**

**EXPLORE OHIO STATE PARKS ★**

Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Plain Dealer** Travel Editor Susan Glaser will present ideas for regional travel, including her recent series on Ohio State Parks. Susan has worked at the *Plain Dealer* for 22 years, and has been the travel editor for the past 12. Highlights of the job include a trip in 2018 to Iceland, a 2008 trip to Paris, and numerous trips to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Wapakoneta.

**RAIN GARDENS 101 ★**

Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Rain gardens are not only beautiful but functional. They help control stormwater runoff (rain) from hard surfaces such as roofs and driveways by holding it in place to soak into the ground slowly. **Elizabeth Hiser** from Cuyahoga SWCD will talk about the importance of rain gardens at this online workshop hosted by the Rocky River Public Library. Presented by the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

**IRISH GANGS, GANGSTERS AND GAMBLERS ★**

Monday, March 15, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
From the McCart Street gang to Shimmy Patton, "Black Jack" McGinty, and Danny Greene, Cleveland's cast of "notorious" characters has included Irish Americans. Sketching some of their haunts—the Angle, the Harvard Club, the Mounds Club, and the docks, IAAS Executive Director **Margaret Lynch** traces their paths into a life on the wrong side of the law.




### ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD: FEEDERS, WATER AND NATIVE PLANTS ★

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Sunflower seeds and suet are important for attracting some birds to your yard, but if you want to enjoy a larger variety of birds all year, there are things you can do with plants, water features and nesting structures to make your yard more desirable. This presentation is from **Matt Valencic**, a Master Gardener Volunteer and member of Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland.


### PRETTY/FUNNY: WOMEN COMEDIANS AND BODY POLITICS ★

Thursday, March 25, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Hear an overview of women's comedy beginning with Mae West and ending with the new generation of women comedians such as Tina Fey, who flout the pretty-versus-funny dynamic, targeting glamour and in some cases making it clear that in popular culture, "pretty" almost always means "white." Presented by **Linda Mizejewski, Ph.D.**, Distinguished Professor in OSU's Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. *This program supports the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Fest.*


### FLAVORS OF THE WORLD: UZBEK PLOV ★

Sunday, March 28, 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
**Ms. Adila Bidzonova** will demonstrate how to make Uzbek Plov, the national dish of Uzbekistan. Plov is a rice pilaf cooked with lamb or beef, onions, garlic, raisins, and carrots. Restaurants serve Plov with bread, tea, and a selection of side salads. *This program supports the 2021 Cleveland Humanities Fest.* 

### HISTORY TALKS: THE GOLDEN AGE OF SHOPPING ★

Monday, March 29, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
A speaker from the Western Reserve Historical Society will share the history of Cleveland's retailers. From small grocers to giant palaces like Higbee's, the May Company, and Halle Brothers who sold Cowan Pottery in the Studio's heyday. Learn more about companies that grew with the city and came to define Cleveland fashion and shopping for decades. 

### EVENING WITH THE ARTS: THE ART OF ZINES ★

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Learn about the history of zines, before you create your own zine art at home, in this introductory workshop led by artist **Emily Poor**. A list of suggested supplies will be emailed to you after your registration is complete. Presented by the **Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory**. 

## April

### MEET THE AUTHOR: GRETCHEN BERG ★

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Author **Gretchen Berg** will be with us to read from her debut novel, *The Operator*. A Q&A session will follow.

### TITANIC: THE UNSINKABLE LEGEND ★

Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
The RMS TITANIC sank in 1912 yet, even with hundreds of books written on the tragedy, many areas of inaccurate information remain. This program discusses five areas of myth that persist surrounding the sinking of the great liner.

### TRAVEL SERIES: IDITAROD TRAIL TALKS ★

Saturday, April 17, 10:00 to 11:00 am  
Come learn all about the "Last Great Race on Earth," the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, with local Iditarod enthusiast **Eleanor Csizmadia**. Eleanor will share photographs and videos, fun facts, race history, and discuss her own experiences braving Alaska's sub-zero temperatures.

### HOUSEPLANT SWAP ★

Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Are you an indoor plant enthusiast looking for new plants? Spend the winter starting clippings to sway! Bring your pest free plants to trade and go home with a new one. Plants may be potted or bare root, as long as they are healthy.

### GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS ★

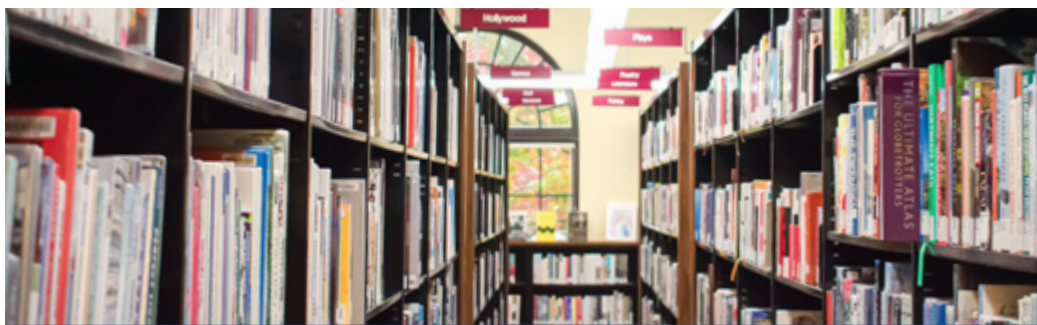
Saturday, April 17, 2:00 to 3:00 pm  
A representative from the **Holden Arboretum** will recommend native plants and cultivars for the home garden and how to combine and care for them. She will share how to select plants based on ornamental value, size, and cultural conditions.

### RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOME ★

Monday, April 26, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Curious to learn about the history of your home? This lecture will show how to use Library and county resources to discover the history of a house, building, or land!

### THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CRISIS IN AMERICA ★

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
More than 6,000 pedestrians are killed every year on American streets, representing an enormous increase from the first part of the decade. **Angie Schmitt**, the author of the new book, *Right of Way: Race, Class, and the Silent Crisis of Pedestrian Deaths in America*, will talk about the social trends that are putting people at risk and why, fundamentally, it is a problem of systematic, structural inequality.



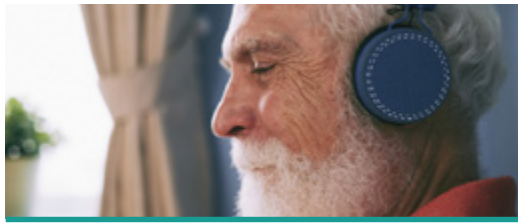
### Book Harbor Subscription Service ★

January 11, February 15, March 22, April 26

Not sure what to read next? Let us help! Register once for our subscription service and we'll take care of the rest. The reference staff will select a variety of books that can be picked up every five weeks. Sign up to receive an email with all the details. *Registration required.*

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# Adult Computer Training

Registration begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

All of these programs are subject to change in order to protect our patrons, community, and staff.

## Senior Lecture Series

10:00 to 11:00 am

*Registrants will receive information on how to connect to sessions.*

### FLU & COVID-19 PREVENTION

*by Cleveland Clinic*

Friday, January 8

### 2020 TAX UPDATE

*by H&R Block*

Friday, February 5

### PEACE OF MIND: FUNERAL PLANNING

*by Busch Funeral Homes*

Friday, March 5

### MUSIC AS HEALING

*by Cuyahoga Community College*

Friday, April 9



## Travel Series

*Registrants will receive information on how to connect to sessions.*

### PORTUGAL

*by Carol O'Keefe*

Saturday, January 16

10:00 to 11:00 am

### HAWAII

*by Jerry Slusser*

Saturday, February 13

10:00 to 11:00 am

### EXPLORE OHIO STATE PARKS

*by Susan Glaser, Plain Dealer*

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 to 8:00 pm

### THE IDITAROD

*by Eleanor Csizmadia*

Saturday, April 17

10:00 to 11:30 am

## January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
If you are new to computers, the following classes are suggested to start your learning: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intro to Computers I* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet Skills I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet Skills III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intro to Computers II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet Skills II    *Call for information				<b>1</b> <b>REGISTRATION</b> Begins 9:00 am Online at <a href="http://www.rpl.org/training">www.rpl.org/training</a>	<b>2</b>
<b>4</b> Excel IV (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Excel IV (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>6</b> Tablets: iPad I (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>7</b> Tablets: iPad I (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Morning Tech Coffee Chat 9:30-10:30 am
<b>11</b> Excel V (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>12</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Excel V (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Tablets: Android (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>14</b> Tablets: Android (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>15</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Online Citizenship 10:00-11:00 am	<b>16</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i>	<b>20</b> COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES: Free Online Classes 9:30-10:30 am <i>No Registration</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Smartphones (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am
<b>25</b> Excel VI (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>26</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Excel VI (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>27</b> Intro to Computers II (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>28</b> Intro to Computers II (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>29</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Protecting Reputations 10:00-11:00 am	<b>30</b> Smartphones (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am

## February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>REGISTRATION</b> Begins 9:00 am Online at <a href="http://www.rpl.org/training">www.rpl.org/training</a>	<b>2</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i>	<b>3</b> File Maintenance I (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>4</b> File Maintenance I (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b> Excel VII (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Excel VII (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>10</b> Internet Skills II (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>11</b> Internet Skills II (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>12</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Cyberbullying 10:00-11:00 am	<b>13</b>
<b>15</b> Tablets: Settings (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>16</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Tablets: Settings (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>17</b> COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES: Online Gardening Tools 9:30-10:30 am <i>No Registration</i>	<b>18</b> Morning Tech Coffee Chat 9:30-10:30 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> File Maintenance II (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am
<b>22</b> Google: Calendar (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>23</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am <i>No Registration</i> Google: Calendar (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>24</b> Internet Skills III (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>25</b> Internet Skills III (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>26</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Privacy Online 10:00-11:00 am	<b>27</b> File Maintenance II (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am



***“It’s the inspired student that continues to learn on their own.  
That’s what separates the real achievers in the world from those  
who pedal along, finishing assignments.”***

- Neil Degrasse Tyson

## March

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<b>1</b> REGISTRATION Begins 9:00 am Online At <a href="http://www.rpl.org/training">www.rpl.org/training</a>  Photoshop Elements I (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Photoshop Elements I (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>3</b> Word I (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>4</b> Word I (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Morning Tech Coffee Chat 9:30-10:30 am
<b>8</b> Photoshop Elements II (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Photoshop Elements II (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>10</b> Word II (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>11</b> Word II (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>12</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Digital Footprint 10:00-11:00 am	<b>13</b>
<b>15</b> Photoshop Elements III (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>16</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Photoshop Elements III (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>17</b> COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES: Facebook 101 9:30-10:30 am No Registration	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>22</b> Photoshop Elements IV (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>23</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Photoshop Elements IV (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>24</b> Word III (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>25</b> Word III (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>26</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Private/Incognito Browsing 10:00-11:00 am	<b>27</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration	<b>31</b>			

## April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> REGISTRATION Begins 9:00 am Online at <a href="http://www.rpl.org/training">www.rpl.org/training</a>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration	<b>7</b> Word IV (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>8</b> Word IV (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>12</b> Word V (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Word V (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>14</b> Google: Drive (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>15</b> Google: Drive (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>16</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Account Security 10:00-11:00 am	<b>17</b>
<b>19</b> Word VI (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>20</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Word VI (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>21</b> COMPUTER BREAKFAST SERIES: Spring Cleaning Your Digital Life 9:30-10:30 am No Registration	<b>22</b> Morning Tech Coffee Chat 9:30-10:30 am	<b>23</b> INTERNET SAFETY SERIES: Secure Passwords 10:00-11:00 am	<b>24</b>
<b>26</b> Word VII (Part 1) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>27</b> Ten Minute Tech Tips 10:00 am No Registration  Word VII (Part 2) 6:30-7:30 pm	<b>28</b> Google: Docs (Part 1) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>29</b> Google: Docs (Part 2) 10:00-11:00 am	<b>30</b>	

## INTERNET SAFETY SERIES



### Career-Minded Series

6:30 to 7:30 pm  
Registrants will receive information  
on how to connect to sessions.

#### JOB SEARCH SKILLS 101

by Sherry Shuster  
Wednesday, January 6

#### LINKEDIN TIPS AND TOOLS

by Dominic Imwalle  
Wednesday, February 3

#### CRITICAL THINKING

by Holly Klingler  
Thursday, March 11

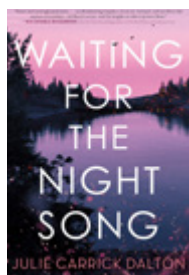
#### WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Dr. Lindsay English  
Thursday, April 8



# Between the Covers

A selection of new books coming to Rocky River Public Library this Winter/Spring! If you'd like to put any of these titles on hold, contact the library at 440-333-7610, or go to [rrpl.org](http://rrpl.org) to place an online hold.



## January

### *Waiting for the Night Song*

by Julie Carrick Dalton

When her estranged best-friend Daniela sends her an urgent message, Cadie Kessler is forced to face the truth of her childhood experiences and the secrets that she and Daniela share.



### *The Wife Upstairs*

by Rachel Hawkins

Dogwalker and petty thief Jane sees her next mark in Eddie, the mysterious man in her neighborhood. As they fall in love, Jane is haunted by the story of his deceased wife.

## February

### *Greenwood*

by Michael Christie

This sweeping family historical drama tells the story of the Greenwood family, whose timber empire begins in 1934 and who, by 2034, are giving tours to one of the world's only remaining forests.

### *The Echo Wife*

by Sarah Gailey

Martine is a genetically cloned replica made from Evelyn Caldwell's award-winning research. She's patient and gentle and obedient - and she's having an affair with Evelyn's husband.



### *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: In Which Four Russians Give a Master Class on Writing, Reading, and Life*

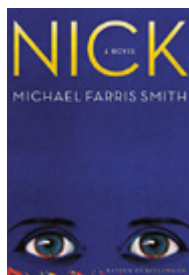
by George Saunders

Saunders discusses seven classic Russian short stories by Chekhov, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and Gogol that he's been teaching for two decades at the Syracuse University graduate MFA creative writing program.

### *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*

by Bill Gates

Gates shares what he has learned in over a decade of studying climate change and investing in innovations to address climate problems, explaining how the world can work to build the tools it needs to get net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.



### *Nick*

by Michael Farris Smith

Smith's unofficial prequel to F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* explores Nick Carraway's life before moving to West Egg, his service in World War I, and trips from Paris to New Orleans during the golden age.

### *The Four Winds*

by Kristin Hannah

During the Great Depression as the dust bowl settles in, Elsa Martinelli must decide whether to stay and fight or head west to California.



### *The Fortunate Ones*

by Ed Tarkington

As a teen, Charlie Boykin yearns to be part of the privileged set at his southern private school. As he grows older, the shine begins to rub off this golden world, exposing the tarnish and hypocrisy beneath.

### *The Survivors*

by Jane Harper

A body discovered on the beach of his hometown brings old memories and past mistakes flooding back to Keiran Elliott upon his homecoming.



### *The Little Sleep*

by Paul Tremblay

South Boston private detective Mark Genevich awakens from a hallucination to find revealing photos of reality talent show star Jennifer on his desk. In his hallucination Jennifer was trying to hire him to retrieve her stolen fingers. Was it real? Or, is it a case of blackmail?

### *Super Host*

by Kate Russo

With his art career and marriage both in tatters, British artist Bennett Driscoll is forced to rent out his house on AirBed. Three different guests help him to reassess and turn his life around.



## March

### *Klara and the Sun*

by Kazuo Ishiguro

Klara, an artificial friend, watches from the store hoping that someone will buy her soon, in this endearing tale of love and friendship.

### *Later*

by Stephen King

A young boy is recruited by an NYPD detective to use his unnatural abilities to help search for a killer who threatens to strike from beyond the grave.

### *How Beautiful We Were*

by Imbolo Mbue

In Kosawa, a small African village, an American oil company has ruined the farmland and polluted the drinking water. Now, the people of Kosawa are determined to fight back.

### *The Committed*

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

A follow-up to his Pulitzer prize winning novel *The Sympathizer*, Nguyen moves his protagonist to France as a refugee who befriends left-wing intellectuals and discovers the world of capitalism by selling drugs, never escaping his haunting memories.

### *The Rose Code*

by Kate Quinn

Three very different women answer their country's call to Bletchley Park to help break German military codes. An encrypted letter, a royal affair, and an asylum are just some of the obstacles the trio will face.

### *Every Vow You Break*

by Peter Swanson

Abigail Baskin's dream honeymoon to her new husband, millionaire Bruce Lamb, is ruined when her one-night stand from her wedding night unexpectedly shows up.

## April

### *The Light of Days*

by Judy Batalion

The untold story of a group of Jewish women in Poland who became resistance fighters in the ghettos fighting Hitler's regime.

### *Hour of the Witch*

by Chris Bohjalian

In Boston in 1662, a young Puritan woman plots her escape from an abusive marriage while being careful to avoid any accusations of witchcraft.

### *Of Women and Salt*

by Gabriela Garcia

Longtime immigrant Carmen still feels unsettled in Miami, her frustrations exacerbated by daughter Jeannette's addiction as well as tensions with her mother in Cuba. But, it's Jeannette who returns to Cuba to sort out the family's troubled past.

### *The Good Sister*

by Sally Hepworth

Twin sisters, Rose and Fern, have an unbreakable bond. Only Rose can support Fern as she navigates the world with an intense sensory sensitivity disorder. That is until Waldo steps into Fern's life and opens up new possibilities.

### *Dial A for Aunties*

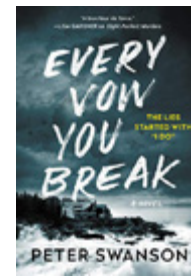
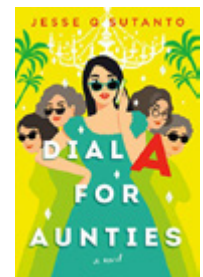
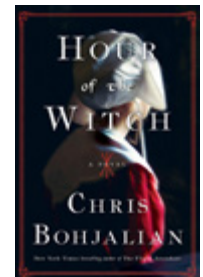
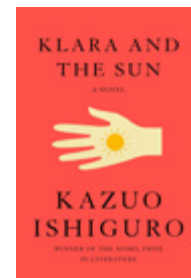
by Jesse Q Sutanto

A hilariously quirky novel that is equal parts murder mystery, rom-com, a celebration of mothers and daughters, and a deep dive into Chinese-Indonesian culture.

### *Second First Impressions*

by Sally Thorne

Ruthie, who runs the front desk at the Providence Luxury Retirement Villa, hires Teddy, the spoiled lazy son of the owner, as a personal assistant to the Parlani sisters, two eccentric and difficult to please 90-year-old residents.





# Calendar of Events

PROGRAM LOCATIONS O: Online Program

## January

F	1	Winter Reading Challenge Begins	
Sa	2	Messy Art @ Home	.All Day O
Th	7,14, 21	3-Part Wellness/Yoga Series with River Yoga	.7:00 O
W	6	Career-Minded Series: <i>Job Search Skills 101</i>	.6:30 O
F	8	Senior Lecture Series: Flu & COVID-19 Prevention	10:00 O
Su	10	Take It and Make It Craft Kit Pickup Begins	
Su	10	Teen Activity Kits Pickup	
M	11	Libflix Subscription Service Pickup	.All Day O
M	11	Book Harbor Subscription Service Pickup	.All Day
M	11	DNA 101	.7:00 O
W	13	Discover Your Creative Power with Goldieblox	O
W	13	Riverinos True Crime Discussion	.7:00 O
W	13	Online Game Night	.7:00 O
F	15	Tech Tales @ Home	O
F	15	Internet Safety Series: <i>Online Citizenship</i>	10:00 O
Sa	16	Travel Series: <i>Portugal</i>	10:00 O
M	18	Book Harbor Subscription Service for Teens	.All Day
M	18	We Read Together, We Stand Together Discussions	.7:00 O
Tu	19	Minecrafters: Home Edition	.4:00 O
Tu	19	STEAM Studio	.4:00 O
W	20	Writer's Group of Rocky River	.All Day O
W	20	Computer Breakfast Series: <i>Free Online Classes</i>	10:00 O
Th	21	Tween Creative Club	O
Th	21	Meet the Author: Brian Petkash	.7:00 O
Sa	23	Guild of the Brick	.All Day O
Su	24	Flavors of the World: <i>Russian Piroshki</i>	.1:00 O
M	25	Winter Baby & Me Storytime @ Home Begins	
M	25	Winter 2s & 3s Storytime @ Home Begins	
M	25	Movin' With Books & Music	O
M	25	HistoryTalks: <i>Archive Snapshot: Kokoon Arts Club of Cleveland</i>	.7:00 O
W	27	Tween Cooking Club	.4:00 O
Th	28	Novel Scares	.7:00 O
Th	28	Film Discussion Club	.7:00 O

## February

Sa	1	Messy Art @ Home	.All Day O
W	3	Career-Minded Series: <i>LinkedIn Tips and Tools</i>	.6:30 O
W	3	Comix Club	.6:30 O
Th	4	Book Babble	.7:00 O
Th	4	Celebrate World Read Aloud Day	.7:00 O
F	5	Senior Lecture Series: <i>2020 Tax Update</i>	10:00 O
Su	7	Teen Activity Kits	.All Day
Su	7	Take It and Make It Craft Kits	.All Day
M	8	Friends, Fun, & Valentines (Pick-up begins)	.All Day O
M	8	Going Graphic!	.4:00 O
M	8	The Results Are In! Using Your DNA to Find Answers	.7:00 O
Tu	9	Meet the Author: D.M. Pulley	.7:00 O
W	10	Discover Your Creative Power with Goldieblox	O
W	10	Online Game Night	.7:00 O
W	10	Riverinos True Crime Discussion	.7:00 O
Th	11	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Club	.7:00 O
F	12	Internet Safety Series: <i>Cyberbullying</i>	10:00 O
Sa	13	Smart Art @ Home	.All Day O

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### Interpretation Services

The Library makes every effort to provide interpretation of Library programs for patrons who are deaf or hearing-impaired. Please call 440-333-7610, at least one week prior to the Library program to request this service.

### Interested in 3D printing?

Our Mini Lulzbot 2 prints PLA filament in a range of colors.

**Cost is  
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Email 3d@rrpl.org for additional information.



Sa	13	Travel Series: <i>Hawaii</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Su	14	Take It and Make It Craft Kit Pickup Begins		
M	15	Libflix Subscription Service Pickup . . . . .	All Day	O
M	15	Book Harbor Subscription Service Pickup . . . . .	All Day	
Tu	16	STEAM Studio . . . . .	4:00	O
Tu	16	Minecrafters: Home Edition . . . . .	4:00	O
W	17	Writer's Group of Rocky River . . . . .	All Day	O
W	17	Computer Breakfast Series: <i>Online Gardening Tools</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Th	18	Tween Creative Club . . . . .		O
Th	18	Native American Visibility . . . . .	7:00	O
Sa	20	Guild of the Brick . . . . .	All Day	O
M	22	Movin' With Books & Music . . . . .		O
M	22	Book Harbor Subscription Service for Teens Pickup . . . . .	All Day	
M	22	Are You My Cousin? Using Ancestry DNA Matches . . . . .	7:00	O
Tu	23	The Delicate Dance of Talking to Children... . . . .	6:30	O
W	24	Head to Toe, Now I Know! . . . . .		O
Th	25	Spring Book Buzz . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	25	Film Discussion Club . . . . .	7:00	O
F	26	Friday Fun Day . . . . .	4:00	O
F	26	Internet Safety Series: <i>Privacy Online</i> . . . . .	10:00	O

## March

Tu	2	6th Annual Dr. Seuss Family Night Birthday Bash . . . . .	7:00	O
W	3	Explore Ohio State Parks . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	4	Book Babble . . . . .	7:00	O
F	5	Senior Lecture Series: <i>Peace of Mind: Funeral Planning</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Su	7	Teen Activity Kits . . . . .	All Week	O
W	10	Discover Your Creative Power with Goldieblox . . . . .	All Day	O
W	10	Tween Creative Club . . . . .	4:00	O
W	10	Riverinos True Crime . . . . .	7:00	O
W	10	Rain Gardens 101 . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	11	Career-Minded Series: <i>Critical Thinking</i> . . . . .	6:30	O
F	12	Internet Safety Series: <i>Digital Footprint</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Su	14	Take It and Make It Craft Kit Pickup Begins		
M	15	We Read Together, We Stand Together Discussions . . . . .	7:00	O
M	15	Irish Gangs, Gangsters and Gamblers . . . . .	7:00	O
Tu	16	Steam Studio . . . . .	4:00	O
W	17	Writer's Group of Rocky River . . . . .	All Day	O
W	17	Computer Breakfast Series: <i>Facebook 101</i> . . . . .	9:30	O
Th	18	Tween Creative Club . . . . .	All day	O
Th	18	Novel Scares . . . . .	7:00	O
F	19	Tech Tales @ Home . . . . .	All Day	O
Sa	20	Winter Reading Challenge Ends		
Sa	20	Guild of the Brick . . . . .	All Day	O
M	22	Libflix Subscription Service Pickup . . . . .	All Day	O
M	22	Book Harbor Subscription Service Pickup . . . . .	All Day	O
M	22	Spring Baby & Me Storytime @ Home Begins		
M	22	Spring 2s & 3s Storytime @ Home Begins		
Tu	23	Attracting Birds To Your Backyard: Feeders, Water & Native Plants . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	25	Spring Kindergarten, Here I Come @ Home Begins		
Th	25	Pretty/Funny: Women Comedians and Body Politics . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	28	Film Discussion Club . . . . .	7:00	O
F	26	Internet Safety Series: <i>Private/Incognito Browsing</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
F	26	Friday Fun Day . . . . .	4:00	O
Su	28	Flavors of the World: <i>Uzbek Plov</i> . . . . .	1:00	O
M	29	Movin' with Books and Music . . . . .	All Day	O
M	29	Book Harbor Subscription Service Pickup for Teens . . . . .	All Day	O
M	29	History TALKS: <i>The Golden Age of Shopping</i> . . . . .	7:00	O
Tu	30	Evening with the Arts: <i>The Art of Zines</i> . . . . .	7:00	O



## 2021 Cleveland Humanities Festival

### Identity

The Festival is a collaborative event bringing together the great cultural institutions of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio, all offering public programs exploring basic questions about why identity matters, especially in a world reshaped by a pandemic and economic distress, and contemplating what now matters most to our collective identity as a society.

We hope you join the discussion with us!

Below are programs offered this season that support the festival.

**PRETTY/FUNNY: WOMEN COMEDIANS AND BODY POLITICS**  
Thursday, March 25, 7:00 pm

**FLAVORS OF THE WORLD: UZBEK PLOV**  
Sunday, March 28, 1:00 pm

**ADULT ROCKY RIVER READERS BOOK CLUB**  
Thursday, April 15, 7:00 pm  
*The Vanishing Half*  
by Brit Bennett

**BOOKED BY THE POLICE CHIEF**  
Thursday, April 29, 7:00 pm  
*Homeland Elegies*  
by Ayad Akhtar

## Library closing dates January to April 2021

Friday, January 1  
NEW YEARS DAY

Sunday, April 4  
EASTER SUNDAY



## April

Th	1	Messy Art @ Home . . . . .	All Day	O
Su	4	Teen Activity Kits . . . . .	All Day	
M	5	Crafting with the Curator Pickup Begins		
M	5	Celebrate National Library Week! . . . . .	All Week	
Tu	6	Meet the Author: Gretchen Berg. . . . .	7:00	O
Th	8	Career-Minded Series: <i>Women in Leadership</i> . . . . .	6:30	O
Th	8	Evening with the Arts: The Art of Zines – Teen. . . . .	7:00	O
F	9	Senior Lecture Series: <i>Music as Healing</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Su	11	Take It and Make It Craft Kit Pickup Begins		
Su	11	Crafting with the Curator Pickup Ends		
Su	11	Take It and Make It Craft Kits . . . . .	All Week	
Tu	13	Titanic: The Unsinkable Legend . . . . .	7:00	O
W	14	Backyard Bingo . . . . .	All Day	O
W	14	Online Game Night . . . . .	7:00	O
W	14	Riverinos True Crime . . . . .	7:00	O
Th	15	Tween Creative Club . . . . .	All Day	O
Th	15	Adopt-A-Pup Pickup . . . . .	All Day	
Th	15	Adult Rocky River Readers Book Club . . . . .	7:00	O
F	16	Internet Safety Series: <i>Account Security</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Sa	17	Smart Art @ Home . . . . .	All Day	O
Sa	17	Guild of the Brick . . . . .	All Day	O
Sa	17	Travel Series: <i>Iditarod Trail Talks</i> . . . . .	10:00	O
Sa	17	Houseplant Swap. . . . .	10:00	
Sa	17	Gardening with Native Plants. . . . .	2:00	O
M	19	Live Zoom Poetry with Author Shelley Pearsall. . . . .	4:00	O
Tu	20	Steam Studio . . . . .	4:00	O
W	21	Writer's Group of Rocky River . . . . .	All Day	O
W	21	Computer Breakfast Series: <i>Spring Cleaning Your Digital Life</i> . . . . .	9:30	O
W	21	Comix Club. . . . .	6:30	O
W	21	Writer's Group of Rocky River . . . . .	7:00	O
F	23	Internet Safety Series: Secure Passwords . . . . .	10:00	O
M	26	Spring Baby & Me Storytime @ Home Ends		
M	26	Spring 2s & 3s Storytime @ Home Ends		
M	26	Movin' With Books & Music. . . . .	All Day	O
M	26	Libflix Subscription Service Pickup . . . . .	All Day	O
M	26	Book Harbor Subscription Service . . . . .		
M	26	Researching the History of Your Home . . . . .	7:00	O
Tu	27	The Pedestrian Safety Crisis in America. . . . .	7:00	O
Th	29	Kindergarten, Here I Come @ Home Ends		
Th	29	Celebrate Dia – Children's Day . . . . .	All Day	
Th	29	Booked by the Police Chief. . . . .	7:00	O
F	30	Friday Fun Day . . . . .	4:00	O

## Winter Reading Challenge

January 1 - March 20

Enter to win a raffle with our Winter Reading Challenge for every reading level!

More information on pages 4, 7, 8 & 9.



## Ten Minute Teach Tips

Join the Training Department every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am to learn helpful tech tips.

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## Meet the Authors

### BRIAN PETKASH

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Brian Petkash will discuss his debut book, *Mistakes by the Lake*, a collection of ten thematically linked stories set in Cleveland, spanning the city's history. The collection and its stories have garnered numerous accolades including winning the 2014 Lake Prize in Fiction from Midwestern Gothic.

### MEET THE AUTHOR: D.M. PULLEY

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Meet Northeast Ohioan and author D.M. Pulley, whose novels include *No One's Home*, *The Unclaimed Victim*, *The Buried Book*, and *The Dead Key*. Pulley's historical mysteries shine a light into the darker side of life in the Midwest during the twentieth century, when cities like Detroit and Cleveland struggled to survive.

### GRETCHEN BERG

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Author Gretchen Berg will be with us to read from her debut novel, *The Operator*. A Q&A session will follow.

### LIVE ZOOM POETRY WITH AUTHOR SHELLEY PEARSALL

For students in grades 4-6  
Monday, April 19, 4:00 to 4:45 pm  
Join bestselling author Shelley Pearsall live on Zoom to learn creative and fun ways to write poetry! No poetic experience necessary.



# EVENING WITH THE ARTS

PRESENTED BY THE MORGAN ART OF PAPERMAKING CONSERVATORY.

Learn about the history of zines, before you create your own zine art at home, in this introductory workshop led by artist Emily Poor.

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

TEEN SESSION  
Thursday, April 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

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Thursday, March 25,  
7:00 to 8:00 pm

*This program supports the 2021  
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## Discover your DNA!

### DNA 101

Monday, January 11, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Join genealogist Mary Jamba for an introduction to DNA testing and an overview of what you get when you buy a spit kit from AncestryDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage, or FamilyTreeDNA.

### THE RESULTS ARE IN! USING YOUR DNA TO FIND ANSWERS

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

The excitement of receiving your DNA results can quickly turn to confusion. Join genealogist Mary Jamba in understanding how to use this information to further your genealogical research.

### ARE YOU MY COUSIN? USING ANCESTRY DNA MATCHES

Monday, February 22, 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Ancestry DNA leads you to relatives you never knew you had. Join genealogist Mary Jamba to learn how to find your connections to these new cousins and expand your family tree.





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### ***Mission Statement***

To cultivate meaningful connections by providing information, inspiration and a welcoming place for contemplation and community.

### ***Vision Statement***

Leading and innovating through community-based services.

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