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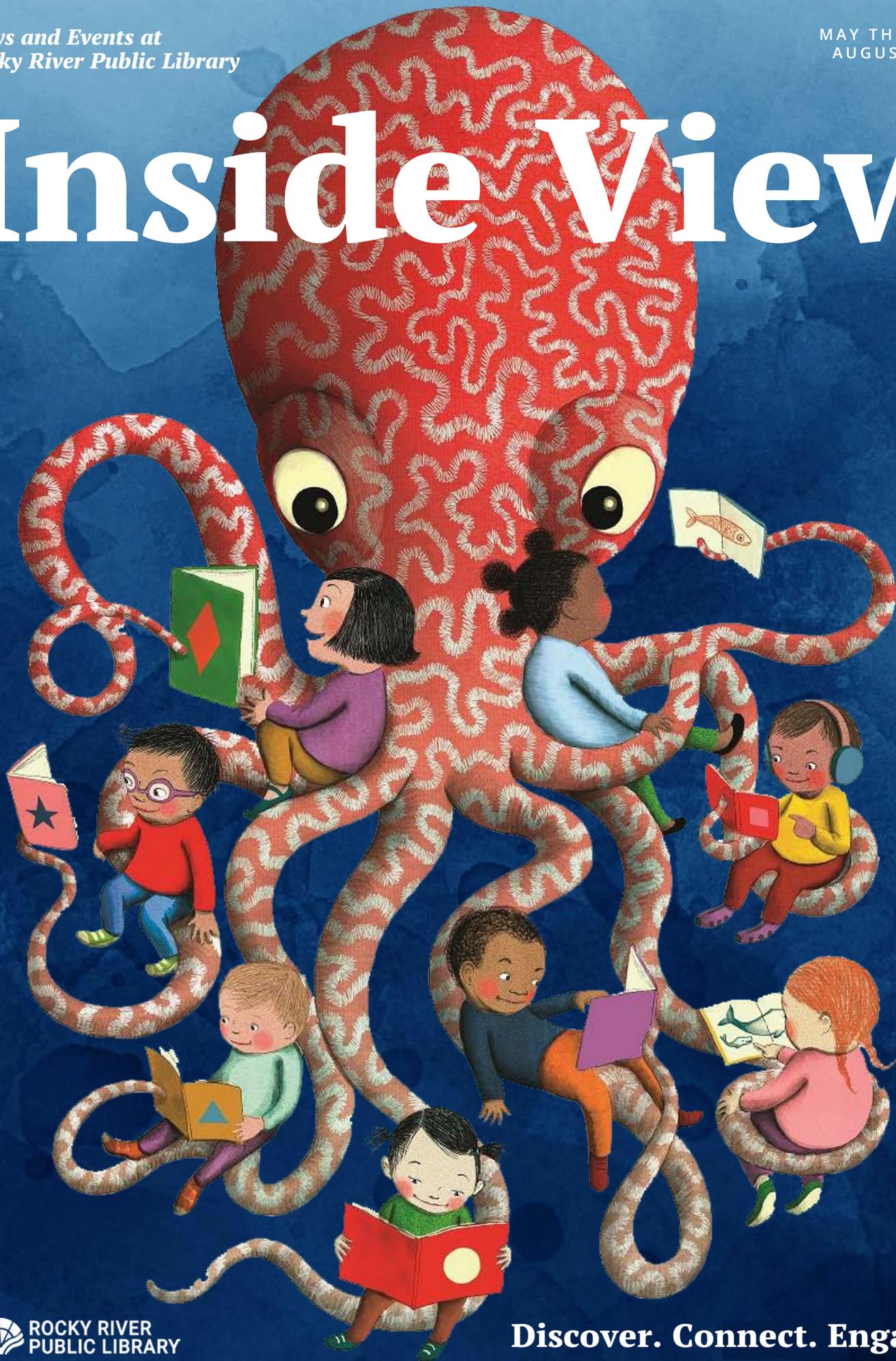


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A Message from the Director



RRPL distributed over 8,000 free COVID tests in 2021!

and events coming your way this summer. We are committed to serving all the Rocky River community and incredibly proud to offer a variety of programs for all ages. While every program may not pique your interest, we make every effort to find something for everyone.

Individual Technology Training is a brand-new service brought to you by the training department. Patrons can get one-on-one assistance on their personal devices with mobile apps, computer programs, e-book downloads, digital library materials, and assistance with basic technical problems. Go to rrpl.org/itt/ or call 440-333-7610 x 3783 for your appointment today.

If you are traveling this summer, pack lighter by downloading books, magazines, and audiobooks to keep the whole family entertained. Our Digital Library, combined with our mobile hot spots, is always open, but we invite you to stop in and visit often. Browse our extensive collection of books, movies, music, video game and magazines. Taking a staycation? Visit the library! Our mission is to cultivate meaningful connections by providing information, inspiration, and a welcoming place for contemplation and community. We are here for YOU!

In closing, I recently learned RRPL distributed over 8,000 free COVID tests last year! Yet another way that we expand our services to meet the needs of our community. As we *hopefully* round the pandemic corner, I look forward to an exciting summer and interacting with the wonderful members of this community.

See you at the Library,

Jamie L. Mason

VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED!

Support Groups are a great way to get involved with your Library.

The Foundation and the Friends are looking for motivated individuals to assist in supporting the programs and services of RRPL.

To learn more about opportunities visit rrpl.org/support/

CONTACT

The Friends: friendsrrpl@gmail.com

The Foundation: Call Jamie Mason at 440-333-7610

Annual Report

Take a look at our statistics from 2021 revenue, expenses, programming, and more!

Revenue



Expenses



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS

179
ADULT
PROGRAMS

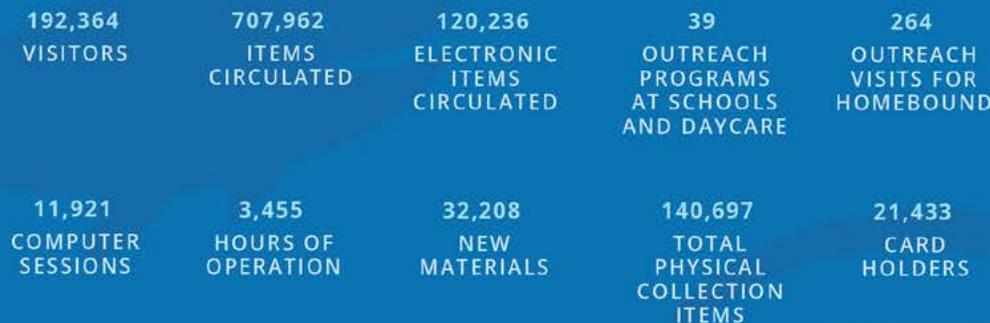
320
CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMS

15
COWAN POTTERY
MUSEUM PROGRAMS

31
TEEN
PROGRAMS

221
TRAINING
PROGRAMS

766
GRAND TOTAL





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2022 SUMMER READING

Saturday, June 4 to July 23

Sign up in person or online through the Beanstack website or app. **Children:** Track your reading online or with a paper game board. **Teens:** Track your reading online. **Adults:** Track your reading online or stop by the Reference Desk to complete an entry form. Together we'll dive into Summer! **friends RRPL**

MAKE A SPLASH WITH SUMMER READING!

Saturday, June 4.
11:00 to 1:00 pm, Library Lawn

Join us as we jump into Oceans of Possibilities in our Summer Reading program. Children, Teens, and Adults will be able to sign up in their own age group and spend the summer netting all kinds of amazing prizes - just for reading! And for one day only, we'll have added prizes and games waiting for you on the Library's Front Lawn.

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Check out the new Cowan Exhibit and join us in creating a collaborative art piece inspired by the aquatic designs of the Cowan Pottery Studio! To contribute, stop by the Summer Reading Kickoff or visit the Library anytime during our Summer Reading Program. Children, teens, and adults can fill in the design with the provided art supplies. Looking for inspiration? Check out the new exhibit "Water, Water" located on the 1st floor.



All Ages Events

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

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.

MEET THE AUTHOR: MERI KEANE

Sunday, May 8,
2:00 to 3:00 pm, Auditorium

Local author Meri Keane will share her book *Aoife's Amazing Animals: a Book for Adults to Read with Their Children*, a book inspired by her visits to Ireland. Adults and children will enjoy the tale about a group of loveable animals that find themselves engaged in a big ADVENTURE in the hills of rural Ireland. Books will be for sale at the event. *Registration required.*

LIBRARY LAWN CONCERTS!

5:00 to 7:00 pm, Library Lawn

Grab a picnic blanket or a chair and join us this summer! Purchase dinner from the food truck and enjoy live music on our lawn. **friends RRPL**

Wednesday, July 6

Food Truck TBD
OPUS 216

Wednesday, August 10

Stateside Provisions Food Truck
Jody and John & Friends

GOOGLE EARTH

Tuesday, July 12,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Community Room

Two-thirds of the planet is covered by oceans, yet less than a tenth of it has been explored. Google Earth, called the world's most detailed globe, has some areas where you can even use Street View under water! See an ocean of possibilities with a fish-eye view.

RRPL FEATURED ARTIST BOOKMARK CONTEST

Winners announced July 31st

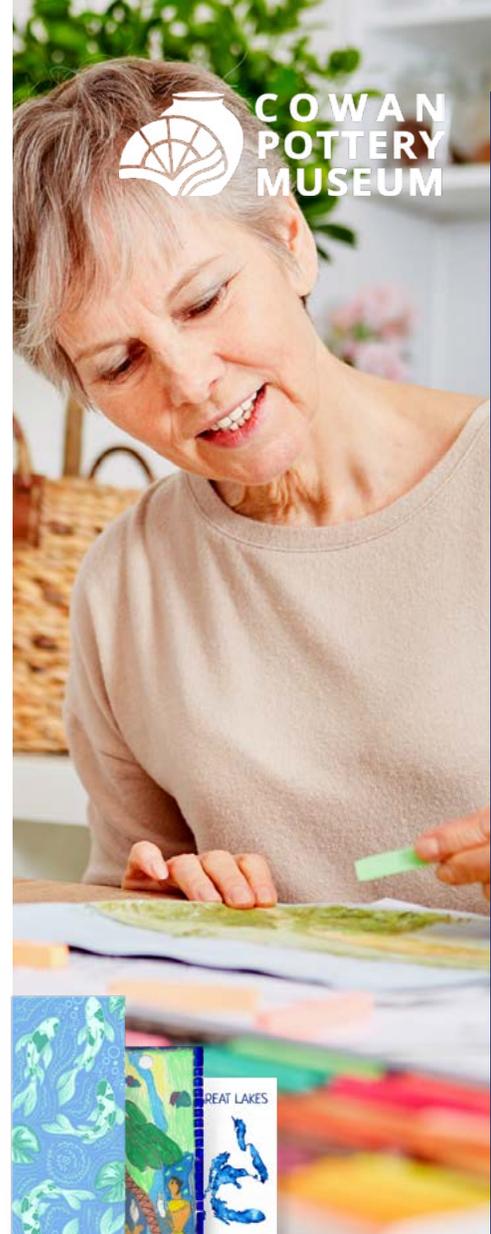
Participants will create art using Cowan artwork as inspiration. You can help the RRPL staff judges panel pick a winner by liking your favorite piece via our Facebook page early July! Three winners (Juvenile, Teen, Adult) will be announced July 31st. Good luck!

Email submissions to cowan@rrpl.org by July 17th. Include: high quality image of artwork, name & age, title, brief artwork summary. The bookmarks will be 2in x 6in.

Be on the lookout throughout the Inside View for our special series this season.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

PRIDE PROGRAMS



Cowan Pottery Museum

Registration begins May 1.
Please call the Cowan Pottery Museum with any questions at 440-895-3763.



HISTORY TALKS

HISTORY TALKS: FIRST LADIES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Wednesday, May 25,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Join Lisa Meade, lead park ranger for the First Ladies National Historic Site, for a virtual tour of the Saxton House, the former home of President William McKinley and his wife, Ida Saxton. [friends RRPL](#)

👉 HISTORY TALKS: BRADSTREET LANDING

Wednesday, June 22,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Carrie Sowden from the National Museum of the Great Lakes will share the history of the site and its namesake, Bradstreet's Disaster. Presented in partnership with the Rocky River Historical Society. [friends RRPL](#)

👉 HISTORY TALKS: THE CANAL THAT CREATED CLEVELAND

Wednesday, July 27,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Judy MacKeigan, Historian/Archivist from the Cleveland Metroparks, will present a program on the Ohio and Erie Canal, our manmade waterway. [friends RRPL](#)

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

CRAFTING WITH THE CURATOR: TINY CANVAS PAINTING

Sunday, July 10,
2:00 to 3:30 pm, Front Lawn

Create your own tiny masterpiece for a tiny art show. You bring the inspiration, we'll provide the supplies.
Registration required.

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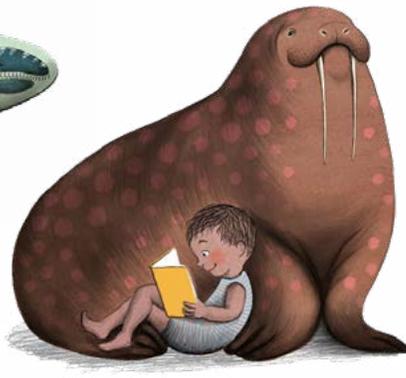
LAST YEARS WINNERS!

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OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

BIRTH THROUGH AGE 6 STORYTIMES AND PROGRAMS

SUMMER BABY & ME
For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers
 Mondays or Thursdays, 9:15 to 9:35 am & 10:15 to 10:35 am,
 Wednesdays, 6:15 to 6:35 pm & 7:15 to 7:35 pm,
 June 13 to July 21, skips the week of July 4, Purple Room
 Snuggle up for a lapsit program of stories, songs, and rhymes.

SUMMER 2s & 3s
For children ages 2-3 & their caregivers
 Tuesdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am & 10:15 to 10:45 am,
 Thursdays, 6:15 to 6:45 pm & 7:15 to 7:45 pm,
 June 14 to July 21, skips the week of July 4, Purple Room
 Join us for a program of stories, songs, and rhymes.

KINDERGARTEN, HERE I COME
For children ages 4-6 on their own
 Mondays, 1:30 to 2:15 pm & 7:30 to 8:15 pm,
 Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15 pm,
 June 13 to July 20, skips the week of July 4, Purple Room
 Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and activities designed to strengthen key skills for school success. Help prepare your preschooler for the transition to kindergarten.

BENEATH THE SEA: MERMAID PARTY!
For children ages 3-6 & their caregivers
 Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Purple Room
 Dive right in as we make a splash with mermaid themed stories, activities, and crafts!

MESSY ART @ HOME
For children ages 2-5 & their caregivers
 Monday, July 25

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**

PLAY, LEARN, & GROW
For children ages 6 months - 3 years & their caregivers
 Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 to 7:30 pm & Thursday, July 28, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Purple Room

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

K-3RD GRADE PROGRAMS

REACHING READERS
For students completing grades K-6
 Mondays & Wednesdays, June 6 to August 10, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, 2nd Floor
 Looking for practice reading? Stop by the 2nd Floor for a 15-minute session to work on reading and comprehension skills with local college students. *No registration required.*

RAINBOW FUN
For students completing grades K-1
 Wednesday, June 15, 3:00 to 3:45 pm, Purple Room
 Create cool rainbow crafts and experiments in celebration of National Pride Month.

AHOY, MATEYS!
For students completing grades K-3
 Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 to 11:00 am, Auditorium
 Train to be a pirate and travel this summer's Oceans of Possibilities. Will you be able to find the hidden treasure?

Children's Programs

REGISTRATION BEGINS
 Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 am

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED UNLESS NOTED.

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

For children birth-age 12
 Saturday, June 4 to Saturday, July 23
 Sign up in person or online through the Beanstack website or app. Track your reading online or with a paper game board and spend the summer netting all kinds of amazing prizes - just for reading! **friends RRPL**

MAGICAL SEA CREATURES

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 13,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Have some fun with the Mermicorns, Purrmaids, and the Undersea Mystery Club, the magical creatures of the sea!

HURRICANE ENGINEERING

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 20,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Calling all budding engineers! We need your help. Hurricane season is upon us, and we are looking for future engineers to meet the challenge of creating structures to withstand hurricane season year after year. Participants will build and test their structures to see if they can withstand the harsh forces of nature.

BOATS, BOATS, BOATS

For students completing grades 2-3

Wednesday, July 27,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Do you have what it takes to create your own functioning boat? Will it stay afloat and survive the stormy seas? Then join us as we construct scaled-down seafaring vessels and put them to the test.

TWEEN PROGRAMS (4TH-6TH GRADE)

iNATURALIST APP

For students completing grades 4-6

Tuesday, May 17,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Auditorium

The iNaturalist app is a community for naturalists, and you can be one too! In this program, we will learn to use the app to identify local plants and creatures, track encounters with organisms, and become a citizen scientist. Please bring a fully charged device with the iNaturalist app downloaded.

Wizard School *For students completing grades 4-6*

2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Join us for afterschool workshops with Mr. Zap to learn magic that will amaze your friends and family. *Registration for each class is required.*

WIZARD SCHOOL 101

Monday, June 27 to Wednesday,
June 29, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

SUMMER SELF-CARE

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 9,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Take care of YOU! We'll talk about tips and strategies for self-care, including making our own calming glitter jars, learning about 5-minute meditation and yoga, creating our own tough-times playlists, and more!

CASTAWAYS

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 16,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Have you ever survived being stranded at sea? Now is your chance to safely put your survival skills to the test. In this role-playing scenario, you and your fellow castaways will see if they have what it takes to be left alone on the high seas.

SURVIVE THE TITANIC

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, June 23,
2:00 to 2:25 pm, 2:30 to 2:55 pm,
3:00 to 3:25 pm, 3:30 to 3:55 pm,
Purple Room

The year is 1912 and you find yourself aboard the largest passenger vessel afloat, surrounded by wealth and luxury. Unfortunately, there is the small issue of an iceberg and the imminent sinking of the unsinkable RMS Titanic. Gather your wits, because you have only twenty-five heart pounding minutes to find your way to safety in this Titanic-themed escape room.

SHARK WEEK

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 21,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Calling all shark fanatics! In honor of the best week of the summer, we'll be celebrating this fearsome ocean predator with games, crafts, and activities. 

WIZARD SCHOOL 201

*For those who have completed
Wizard School 101*

Thursday, June 30,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Upgrade your magic skills by learning advanced techniques from Mr. Zap.



SUSTAINABILITY SERIES

WATERWAYS AND YOU

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 7,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Purple Room Garbage Patch? What about microplastics? Through hands-on activities, we will examine how our waterways are connected and the human impact we have on them, both locally and globally.

SOLAR SNACKS

For students completing grades 4-6

Thursday, July 28,
3:00 to 4:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us as we construct solar ovens and use the sun to bake a tasty treat. Weather permitting, we'll take them outside to harness the Sun's energy and bake a tasty treat.



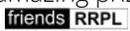
Family Events

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WHO'S IN THE GARDEN?

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 to 2:00 pm,
Rocky River Nature Center

2400 VALLEY PARKWAY,
NORTH OLMSTED

So many small creatures make it possible for plants to grow, bloom, and provide food for other animals and for us. Join RRPL and Naturalist **Beth Whiteley** at the Rocky River Nature Center as we search for and document the creatures we find in the gardens around the center. *No registration required.*

LET'S GO ON A STORYBOOK WALK

Permanent Outdoor Display,
Daylight Hours, Library Lawn

Enjoy the outdoors and reading at the same time! Stop by and walk the library sidewalks while reading a picture book together. Participate June 4-12 and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a special prize. *No registration required.*

READ WITH PRIDE

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 to 11:00 am &
Thursday, June 9, 6:30 to 7:00 pm,
Purple Room

Join us as we share stories, songs, and rhymes about inclusion, acceptance, and love.



ADAPTED STORYTIME For children with special needs & their families

Saturdays, June 11 & July 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 are encouraged. Programs incorporate double visuals, a schedule board, and an opportunity for play and socialization.

CURBSIDE CRAFTS TO-GO

Mondays, June 20 & July 11,
11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Lobby

Beat the heat and pick up a packet with directions and supplies to make a cool summer craft. Have fun, be festive, and create at home. All you need is glue or a glue stick. *No registration required. Available while supplies last.*

THE MAGIC OF BUBBLES

Tuesday, June 21,
2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm,
& 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Auditorium

Sue Durante, known as the Bubble Lady, will create bubbles of all shapes and sizes by using a variety of common objects. Her grand finale is a massive cylindrical bubble so large a child can stand inside! 



IT TAKES ALL KINDS: A DIVERSE STORYTIME CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 25,
10:00 to 11:00 am & 11:30 am to
12:30 pm, Morley Park, Rocky River

2753 JAMESTON DR

Join Rocky River Public Library and our Teen Volunteers for a special storytime that celebrates diversity. Bring your family, and maybe a blanket, to Morley Park, and we'll bring our favorite picture books to share. *Please register to participate in a family craft.*

INSIDE DRIVE-IN

Wednesday, July 6, Auditorium,
Craft 2:00 to 3:00 pm,
Finding Nemo 3:00 pm

Join us as we make cars out of cardboard boxes to create a drive-in right in our Auditorium. Even if you cannot make it for the craft, you are welcome to join us for the movie. Just keep swimming!

MIKE HEMMELGARN VARIETY SHOW

Tuesday, July 12,
2:00 to 2:45 pm, 4:00 to 4:45 pm,
7:00 to 7:45 pm, Auditorium

With a unique blend of comedic skills, Mike Hemmelgarn's performance includes comedy, juggling and world-class ventriloquism with a splash of magic, and of course, audience participation!



JUNGLE TERRY'S ANIMAL SHOW

Tuesday, July 19, 2:00 to 2:45 pm,
4:00 to 4:45 pm, 7:00 to 7:45 pm,
Library Lawn

Grab your lawn chairs or picnic blanket and come to the Library Lawn this summer for a wild and wonderful animal show. Trainer **Jungle Terry** will present many exotic animals and interesting facts that will amaze children of all ages. [friends RRPL](#)

😊 WE ARE FAMILY STORYTIME

Tuesday, July 26,
9:30 to 10:30 am, Purple Room

Join us for stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate all types of families.

🐟 GREATER CLEVELAND AQUARIUM: VIRTUAL OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Tuesday, July 26,
4:00 to 4:45 pm, Zoom

The ocean is an expansive oasis teeming with life and wonder. The Greater Cleveland Aquarium provides a virtual opportunity to see these magnificent animals up-close. Watch in awe as sharks, stingrays and other sea creatures from the pages of your books come to life on your screen. Discover other fascinating ocean-dwellers and learn all about this spectacular aquatic world. [friends RRPL](#)



Make this summer count.

Programs for Parents and Caregivers

Join us for a variety of programs to help parents and caregivers support their families.

FAFSA

Tuesday, May 3: FAFSA 101
6:30 to 7:30, Community Room

Need money for school? In this FAFSA workshop you'll learn about the process, the online interface, and the materials you'll need to complete the application.

FAFSA WORKSHOP

Tuesdays, May 24 and 31,
6:30 to 8:30, Training Room

Use the library's computers to fill out your FAFSA application with an expert on hand.

STUDY SKILLS SUCCESS

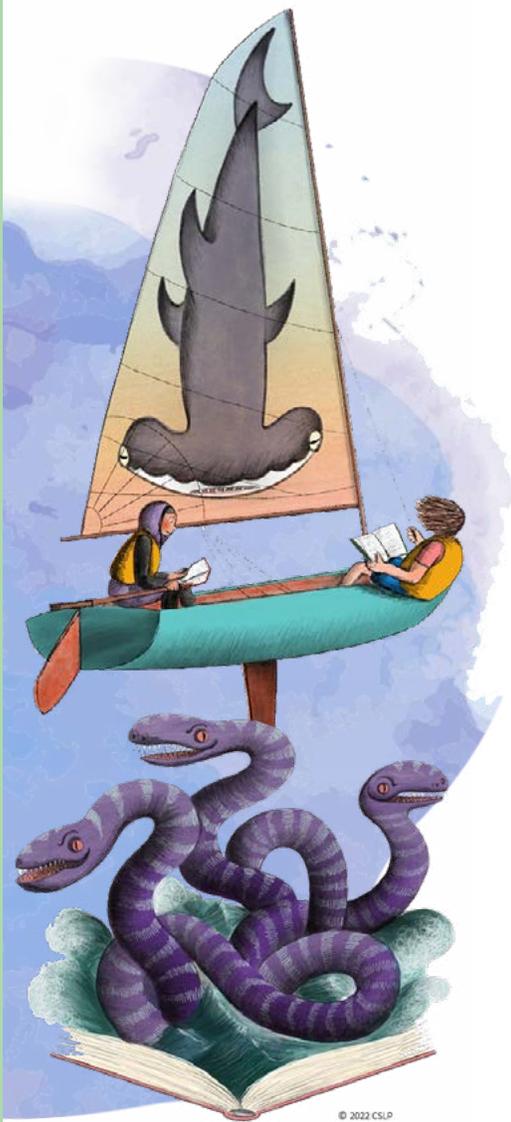
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Seeley Test Pros will introduce you to the "study cycle" and the "study senses" to help best support your student's study time. Learn what research in neuroscience can tell you how to improve your student's performance. Help your student manage their time and attention so they can study more efficiently and perform better on tests. *Registration required.*

📖 BEANSTACK FOR CAREGIVERS

Tuesday, June 7,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Once you've helped your littles read their Summer Reading books, you need to track their progress. The Library uses Beanstack to track reading progress virtually. In the first half you'll learn how to enter information online and in the app, then you can practice with staff. Children are welcome, or those 4 and up can attend a separate story time.



Teen Programs

Registration begins May 1.

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

SUMMER READING

Ages 13-17

Saturday, June 4 to Saturday, July 23

Dive into books and activities at the library this summer! Sign up for summer reading in Beanstack and start earning tickets for our weekly prize drawings. Pick up a scratch off ticket for signing up at the Reference Desk and check out the prize basket on display by the teen room.

MAY

STUDENT ADVOCACY TEAM

Tuesday, May 3,
3:30 to 4:45 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. *Registration required. Grades 7-12*

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JUNE

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: INTRODUCTION TO TAROT CARDS

Thursday, June 9,
6:30 to 8:45 pm, Auditorium

Tap into the magic of the summer solstice with tarot cards. **New Moon** in Lakewood will share the history and meanings of the cards. Participants will also receive a tarot reading. Tarot decks will be available for purchase. Teens (ages 12-17) must register for a teen slot and have a release form completed by their parent or guardian to participate.

PRIDE FEST

Saturday, June 18,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Lawn

A family friendly celebration of PRIDE in Rocky River for all in the LGBTQ+ community, their families, friends, allies, and neighbors! All with LOVE in their hearts are welcome to join us as a community as we connect, laugh, and celebrate with PRIDE!

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Saturday, June 25,
10:00 to 11:00 am & 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Morley Park, Rocky River
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Teen Volunteers are needed for a special family story time that celebrates diversity. Sign up to be a reader or assist with a craft. There will be two sessions. Sign up for one or both! *Registration Required. Grades 7-12*

TEEN CUISINE: ICE CREAM IN A BAG

Tuesday, June 14,
2:00 to 3:00 pm, Library Lawn

Check out our new Charlie Cart and make your own ocean themed ice cream sundae! *Registration required. Grades 7-12*  

WRITE A PICTURE BOOK WITH AUTHOR JULIA MOSCA

Tuesday, June 21 & June 28,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Community Room

Join Julia Finley Mosca, international bestselling author for a two-part workshop. Bring a 300-700-word children’s story, and Mosca will help you polish it. Be ready to share and provide constructive criticism to others. In part two, you’ll share revisions and learn more about the publishing process. *Registration and attendance at both sessions is required. Grades 7-12*

JULY

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLIO BISTRO: SHARKCUTERIE BOARDS

Tuesday, July 5,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Get ready to host a Shark Week party with snacks your guests can sink their teeth into. Teens and their preferred adults will learn tips and tricks to assemble a charcuterie board that is tasty and fun. *Registration required. Grades 7 and up.*

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ADULT SUMMER READING: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

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Get rewarded for reading this summer with our Adult Summer Reading Program. For every book you read or activity you participate in, you're eligible for a ticket to win one of our themed Summer Reading Baskets. Participate through Beanstack on our website or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

When you sign up you'll receive a Swedish Dishcloth! **friends RRPL**

RIVERINOS TRUE CRIME

Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 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.

May 18: Detective for a Day Game Night. Join us as we unpack and solve a murder mystery kit.

June 15: *The Outlaw Ocean: Journeys Across the Last Untamed Frontier* by Ian Urbina.

July 20: *Who Took Johnny?* A true crime documentary.

August 17: Cases From A Forensic Document Examiner, Auditorium

Join forensic document examiner and handwriting expert Dr. Anthony Iezzi as he shares methods and a few of the cases he has been called upon to testify for the courts.

ONCE UPON A CRIME

Monday, June 6, 7:00 to 8:00pm, Community Room

The Last Mona Lisa by Jonathon Santlofer
Join in a discussion of the enthralling tale of the 1911 theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre, the forgeries that appeared in its wake, and the present-day underbelly of the art world.

BOOK A CHAT WITH CHIEF LICHMAN

Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Razorblade Tears by S.A. Cosby
Ike and Buddy Lee are both ex-cons but their connection is through the marriage of their sons. After the shocking murder of the young couple these men work together to find out what really happened, and get revenge if they can. Pick up this book and join the discussion on these complex relationships, led by Rocky River Police Chief George Lichman.

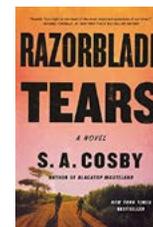
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BOOK CLUB KITS

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, 12 fiction book titles and 6 nonfiction book titles. Inquire at Adult Reference for more information.



Adult Programs

Registration begins May 1. Zoom programs require registration. In-person and pick-up programs DO NOT require registration unless noted. All Zoom registrants will receive a Zoom link 2 hours before the program.

MONTHLY SERIES

GAME NIGHT

Tuesdays, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Room
Please join your fellow game lovers for board games and fun!

ASL FORUM: A PLACE TO USE/PRACTICE

Tuesdays, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium or 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. *Registration required.*

TAKE IT AND MAKE IT CRAFT KITS

The weeks beginning May 22, June 19, July 17, August 21
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 at a table in the Reference Area while supplies last.

WRITER'S GROUP OF ROCKY RIVER

Tuesdays, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16,
7:00 to 8:00 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, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, 12:00 pm, Auditorium
Our movie matinees feature a recently released film, shown in the auditorium. Monthly selections are updated as soon as possible.

✂️ CRAFTING WITH THE CRICUT

7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Wednesday, June 8:
Mermaid Tail Earrings
Wednesday, July 13:
Custom Glitter Beach Tumbler
Ready to get crafty with paper, felt, vinyl, and more? Excited about your new Cricut, but don't know where to begin? Explore the basic tools and functions of the Cricut Maker with the Library, and how to navigate the Cricut Design Space. *Registration required.*

FILM CLUB

Mondays, June 13, July 11, August 8,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room
Join us monthly to discuss a movie currently being offered on one of our streaming services, Hoopla or Kanopy. Enjoy a robust conversation with fellow cinephiles over refreshments. Film selections will be listed on our online event calendar.

MAY

MEET THE AUTHOR: SARA GREEN

Thursday, May 12,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Join us for a conversation with health coach and Rocky River resident, Sara Green, author of *The Gifts From Losing You*, a part-memoir, part self-help book written after the loss of her 19-year-old son, Patrick. Sara will share passages from the book plus her methods for finding purpose in life again following life-altering loss. Books will be for sale at the event. *Registration required.* [friends RRPL](#)

EXPLORING BUDDHISM

Saturday, May 14,
2:00 to 3:00 pm, Auditorium
Explore the historical Buddha and his original teachings that have shaped much of the Eastern world over the centuries and today. This program will explore several insights of Buddha when addressing the question: Why are humans prone to religion in the first place? Presented by Nate Radcliffe, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and World Religions at Kent State University

☺ OHIO IS *SO* GAY! LGBTQ+ TRIVIA

Monday, May 16,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Celebrate LGBTQ+ History as author and professor **Ken Schneck** presents a fun-filled evening of LGBTQ+ trivia with heroes, villains, epic crowds, meet-cutes, and a soundtrack to end all soundtracks. This interactive trivia will test your knowledge of the past 50 years of LGBTQ+ activism from dastardly state senators to heroic 19-year-olds to how a blade of grass almost led to the arrest of protestors.

WHITE TULIP HEALTH FOUNDATION: SECRETS TO A LONG HEALTHY LIFE - PART 2



Saturday, May 21,
11:00 to 12:00 pm, Zoom

Bulent Aydogan, PhD, DABR, FAAPM, Associate Professor of Radiation and Cellular Oncology and Director of Medical Physics, will share additional tips to help us to live a longer, healthier life.

TRY IT: DREMEL AND BEACH GLASS

Sunday, May 22,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Auditorium

Learn how to properly use a Dremel tool and best technique to drill a hole through beach glass. By the end of the afternoon, you'll have a pendant necklace to wear home and the beginnings of a new skill set. No experience necessary! *Registration required.* **friends RRPL**

HISTORY TALKS: FIRST LADIES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Wednesday, May 25,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Join **Lisa Meade**, lead park ranger for the First Ladies National Historic Site, for a virtual tour of the Saxton House, the former home of President William McKinley and his wife, Ida Saxton. **friends RRPL**

STUDY SKILLS SUCCESS

Tuesday, May 24,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Seeley Test Pros will introduce you to the "study cycle" and the "study senses" to help best support your student's study time. Learn what research in neuroscience can tell you about how to improve your student's performance. Help your student manage their time and attention so they can study more efficiently and perform better on tests.

WHITE TULIP FOUNDATION: CANCER SCREENING CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE



Saturday, May 28,
11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Zoom

Elif Yilmaz, MD, Hematology/Oncology Fellow at the Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center will talk about the importance of early screening for common types of cancer.

JUNE

YOU CAN PROTECT THE ROCKY RIVER
Thursday, June 2,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Learn about the state of our river and how you can get involved in keeping it healthy. From small everyday actions to volunteering for programs such as The Citizen Science Stream Monitoring program, you'll leave ready to make a difference. Presented by **Meg Hennessey**, Watershed Coordinator with Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. **friends RRPL**

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: INTRODUCTION TO TAROT CARDS



Thursday, June 9,
6:30 to 8:45 pm, Auditorium

Tap into the magic of the summer solstice with tarot cards. **New Moon in Lakewood** will share the history and meanings of the cards. Participants will also receive a tarot reading. Tarot decks will be available for purchase. Teens (ages 12-17) must register for a teen slot and have a release form completed by their parent or guardian to participate. *Registration required.*

POLLINATOR SERIES

INVITING BIODIVERSITY INTO OUR GARDENS WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Tuesday, May 3,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium
Ann Cicarella, local landscape expert and founder of the Cleveland Pollinator and Native Plant Symposium, will inspire you with ways you can design, build and maintain biodiverse landscapes and habitats for pollinators and wildlife. She may even bring some native plants to giveaway! *Registration required.*

MY GARDEN OF A THOUSAND BEES: DOCUMENTARY

Thursday, May 19,
6:30 pm, Auditorium
Celebrate World Bee Day by viewing a screening of *My Garden of a Thousand Bees*, a documentary that follows world-renowned wildlife filmmaker **Martin Dohrn**, who, locked down by coronavirus, turns his lenses on the surprising and spectacular bees living in his own urban garden in England. You are welcome to stay for a short discussion after the screening.

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS: PLANTING IDEAS FOR YOUR BACKYARD

Saturday, June 11,
1:00 to 2:00 pm, Online through the Cleveland Metroparks

Tune in to this online program presented by the Cleveland Metroparks to find out what plants are best for your garden areas that support Northeast Ohio's native pollinators. Learn how to plan your garden in a simple and natural way that requires little to no maintenance once established and can be enjoyed by all. *Sign up on the Cleveland Metroparks website starting in June for the program link.*





🌊 LEGENDS OF THE GREAT LAKES

Tuesday, June 14,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

Discover the cryptids, creatures, and creepy-crawlies of our very own Lake Erie and learn about the Ghost Ship of the Great Lakes; Bessie, the Lake Erie Monster; the Voyageurs' Beacon, and more. Presented by author Edward McClelland. [friends RRPL](#)

🌊 BEANSTACK FOR ADULT READERS

Tuesday, June 14,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Community Room

Summer Reading is for everyone! The Library uses Beanstack to track reading progress virtually. In this program you'll learn how to set-up an account and enter information on the computer and in the app. Then you'll have an opportunity to practice with staff.

🌈 LGBTQ+ 101

Thursday, June 16,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Join Kristen Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S and Lisa Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S from Colors+ as we discuss the basic vocabulary describing the LGBTQ+ community, why pronouns are important, and how to create an open and affirming place at home and throughout the community by being a better advocate.

🇺🇸 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 17,
10:30 am to 3:30 pm, Auditorium

Help save lives this summer by giving blood. Visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code "RockyRiverLibrary" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

🌈 PRIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 18,
2:00 to 4:00 pm, Library Lawn

A family friendly celebration of PRIDE in Rocky River for all in the LGBTQ+ community, their families, friends, allies, and neighbors! All with LOVE in their hearts are welcome to join us as a community as we connect, laugh, and celebrate with PRIDE!

🌊 HISTORY TALKS: BRADSTREET LANDING

Wednesday June 22,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Carrie Sowden from the National Museum of the Great Lakes will share the history of the site and its namesake, Bradstreet's Disaster. Presented in partnership with the Rocky River Historical Society. [friends RRPL](#)

CAREER MINDED SERIES: ACE THAT INTERVIEW

Thursday, June 23,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Community Room

Join Natalie Harrington, Director of Student Learning and Career Development at Cuyahoga Community College to learn about interviewing. Learn ways to improve your interviewing skills and gain behind the scenes insight into the interview process.

INATURALIST APP: FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Tuesday, June 28,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Auditorium

The iNaturalist app is a community for naturalists, and you can be one too! In this program for teens and adults, we will learn to use the app for plant and creature identification, help others make identifications, and contribute to scientific data collection. Please bring a fully charged device with the iNaturalist app downloaded.

🌈 QUEER COMICS OF THE UNDERGROUND ERA

Wednesday, June 29,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Explore the creation of the comics underground, how they explored queer identity, and how they set the stage for the current flourishing of queer comics today. We will feature the works of many recognized cartoonists, including Alison Bechdel, Howard Cruse, and Jennifer Camper. Presented by Valentino Zullo, Ph.D, Ohio Center for the Book's Scholar in Residence at Cleveland Public Library.

🌈 HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR LGBTQ+ CHILD

Thursday, June 30,
7:00 pm, Auditorium

Do you have an LGBTQ+ youth and want to know how to best support them? Join Kristen Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S and Lisa Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S from Colors+ as we discuss some of the disparities that LGBTQ+ youth face, how to best support yourselves and your youth, how to talk to family and friends about your youth, and be wonderful advocate overall.



JULY

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLIO BISTRO: SHARKUTERIE BOARDS



Tuesday July 5,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Get ready to host a Shark Week party with a snack your guests can sink their teeth into. Teens and their preferred adult will learn tips and tricks to assemble a charcuterie board that is tasty and fun. *Registration required. Grades 7 and up.* **friends RRPL**

CRAFTING WITH THE CURATOR: TINY CANVAS PAINTING

Sunday, July 10,
2:00 to 3:30 pm, Library Lawn

Create your own tiny masterpiece for a tiny art show. You bring the inspiration, we'll provide the supplies. *Registration required.*

BIRDING ON THE NORTH COAST

Saturday, July 16,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Auditorium

Join Nancy Howell of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society to learn about the birds that make their home on Lake Erie and the rivers that feed the lake. From gulls and waterfowl to herons and songbirds, she will share how to enjoy birds no matter the season. After the program, please join us for a short field trip to a local waterway.

SHIPWRECKED! FIRE, STORM, COLLISION

Monday, July 18,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Lake Erie has perhaps the largest concentration of shipwrecks per square mile of any body of water in the world. Join **Georgann and Mike Wachter** as they explore infamous and lesser-known shipwrecks and share stories of thrilling rescues and heartbreaking tragedies.

THE CUYAHOGA RIVER: AN ECO-HISTORY

Monday, July 25,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Zoom

The Cuyahoga River has gone from a symbol of environmental pollution to one of renewal. Join a park ranger from Cuyahoga Valley National Park to explore the history of the river, discover what actions are being taken today, and see how you can assist.

HISTORY TALKS: THE CANAL THAT CREATED CLEVELAND

Wednesday, July 27,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Community Room

Judy MacKeigan, Historian/Archivist from the Cleveland Metroparks, will present a program on the Ohio and Erie Canal, our manmade waterway. **friends RRPL**

AUGUST

MEET THE AUTHOR: MALCOLM WOOD

Thursday, August 4,
7:00 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Rocky River author **Malcolm Wood**, author of a five-novel series under contract with WordFire Press and a series of four self-published mystery/suspense novels, will discuss his writing career and share his work. Books will be for sale at the event.

CASES FROM A FORENSIC DOCUMENT EXAMINER

Wednesday, August 17,
7:00 to 8:30 pm, Auditorium

Join forensic document examiner and handwriting expert **Dr. Anthony Iezzi** as he shares methods and a few of the cases he has been called upon to testify for the courts.

FLAVORS OF THE WORLD: MEZZE PLATE

Saturday, August 27,
11:00 am to 12:30 pm Auditorium

Join us as we show you how to use all those fresh vegetables that you are harvesting from your garden. A Mezze Plate will feature peppers, zucchini, eggplant and tomatoes. *Registration required.* **friends RRPL**

DIY DRIFTWOOD MOBILES

Saturday, August 20,
2:00 to 3:30 pm, Offsite

Learn how to make your own beautiful driftwood mobile art using natural materials you discover at the beach! For adults and teens. *Check our event calendar closer to the date of the event for our offsite location. Registration required.*

CAREER-MINDED SERIES: FREE ONLINE TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATIONS

Thursday, August 25,
6:30 to 7:30 pm, Community Room

Free online technology certifications are a great way to make yourself marketable to employers. You'll learn two ways to earn certifications through Library provided platforms: LinkedIn Learning and Northstar Digital Literacy.

Training Programs

Registration begins on May 2 for all Summer programs.

Visit rrpl.org to view a calendar of events and register for all programs. Please call the Training Services Department with any questions at 440-333-7610 and press '5' or email us at computer.training@rrpl.org.

All programs may be attended virtually. Call or email us to find out how to register.

- Programs that DO NOT require registration.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

● TECH COFFEE CHATS

Wednesday, May 25,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Erie Island Coffee Company

Wednesday, June 29,
2:00 to 4:00, Whole Foods

Wednesday, July 27,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Erie Island Coffee Company

Saturday, August 27,
10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Whole Foods

Is your phone, tablet, or computer doing that thing again? Let us help! We'll troubleshoot basic tech issues and answer questions to help you get back to using your device with ease.

● DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING - CODED BIAS

Tuesday, August 9,
6:30 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

What are the consequences for the people AI is biased against? Find out at as we follow MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini who discovers that many facial recognition technologies do not accurately detect darker-skinned faces or classify the faces of women, as she delves into an investigation of widespread bias in algorithms.



LGBTQIAP+ SAFE SPACES ONLINE

Wednesday,
June 15, 10:00 am,
Auditorium

INTERNET

INTERNET ESSENTIALS

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

June 6: Internet Essentials I

June 13: Internet Essentials II

Topics in Internet Essentials I include getting connected, using a web browser, navigating web pages, and choosing a search engine in the Google Chrome Browser. Next, learn how to fill out forms, print, use tabs, and discover websites in Internet Essentials II.

INTERNET SKILLS

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

June 20: Email

June 27: Searching

Hone specific internet skills in these classes. The Email class will cover security, personalizing your account, settings, and filters. In the Searching class you will discover how search engines work and what strategies you can use to search successfully.

CLOUD COMPUTING

Monday, July 11
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

Cloud computing, such as Google Cloud or Microsoft's OneDrive, can be a great alternative to using local storage or computer system resources. We'll cover the concept of cloud computing, how it's different than saving locally, and some sample applications.

VIRTUAL WALLETS

Thursday, July 21
6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room



MICROSOFT 365

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

July 18: Microsoft 365 – Word

July 25: Microsoft 365 – Excel

These classes will allow you to get to know specific Microsoft 365 products. Create virtual documents, use editing tools, and customize your text with online Word, and use the online version of Excel for computation, graphing, and record-keeping.

GOOGLE APPLICATIONS

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

August 16: Gmail

August 23: Docs

August 30: Sheets

Learn how to use Google's free services for email, word processing, and creating spreadsheets. Please bring your Google username (Gmail address) and your password to class.

ZOOM

Saturdays, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Zoom

July 16: Zoom I

July 30: Zoom II

Use the most widely used video platform in the world, Zoom! Whether meeting with friends and family or formal meetings at work, this Zoom I will bring you the basics and Zoom II will build on those skills.

COMPUTER

COMPUTER ESSENTIALS

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

May 2: Computer Essentials I

May 9: Computer Essentials II

Novice computer users can learn about computers from the start in Computer Essentials I, and then use those skills to get a basic understanding of Microsoft Windows in Computer Essentials II.

FILE MAINTENANCE

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

May 16: File Maintenance I

May 23: File Maintenance II

Use File Explorer and other features on your Microsoft Windows computer to keep organized and find files in File Maintenance I. Then expand your knowledge to external storage options in File Maintenance II.

WORD

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

August 4: Word I

August 11: Word II

August 18: Word III

Word I topics include formatting, spelling and grammar check and printing. In Word II you can increase your knowledge by learning to use indents, tabs, bullets and numbering, headers and footers, and page breaks. In Word III an introduction to using templates, the thesaurus, the find and replace tools, and document security.

EXCEL

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

August 8: Excel I

August 15: Excel II

August 22: Excel III

August 29: Excel IV

Excel I topics include entering information, basic formulas, and character formatting. Continue learning in Excel II with editing information, formatting, and printing features. In Excel III we'll cover advanced functions, cell references, and sorting data. Finally, Excel IV addresses learning creating and editing charts, headers, and footers.

MOBILE

SMARTPHONES

Thursday, May 5
6:30 to 8:30 pm, Training Room

First smart phone? Learn to make calls in different ways, how to use quick settings, and Bluetooth to pair with other equipment. Know when to use cellular and wi-fi connections.

APPLE

Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

May 19: Apple I

June 9: Apple II

July 7: Apple Settings

Learn techniques for interacting with the iOS devices, important system functions, useful apps and tips in Apple I. Then Apple II will explore Email, Calendar, Internet Browser, and Contacts. Finally, in Apple Settings you will gain familiarity with the Settings App and learn to choose Apple device settings for notifications, display, battery options, and privacy.

ANDROID

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

June 2: Android I

June 30: Android II

July 14: Android Settings

Discover techniques for interacting with Android devices, important system functions, useful apps and tips in Android I. Then Android II will explore some basic apps such as Email, Calendar, Internet Browser, and Contacts. Finally in Android Settings you will learn to change Android settings for notifications, display, battery options, and privacy.

VIRTUAL WALLETS

Thursday, July 21
6:30 to 8:30 pm,
Training Room

Safer than a credit card, electronic wallets live in your mobile device and store your payment related information. We'll offer safety and security tips and how virtual wallets can save you time.

MORNING STEAM

Wednesdays,
10:00 to 11:00 am

Join us once a month to explore topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics!

VIEWING ART ONLINE

May 18, Auditorium

This program will cover art from faraway places that can be viewed online, ways to view the collection at the Cleveland Museum of art online, and how the Cowan Pottery Museum art can be browsed online. [friends RRPL](#)

LGBTQIAP+ SAFE SPACES ONLINE

June 15, Auditorium

We will explore safe places on social media sites and apps and sites made specifically for the LGBTQIAP+ community.

THE VALUE OF NASA

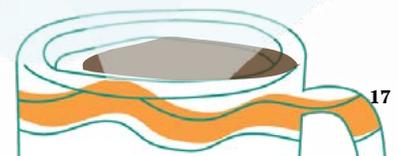
July 20, Auditorium

Learn about NASA spinoffs which help detect breast cancer, protect firefighters, nourish newborns, and more.

TELEHEALTH

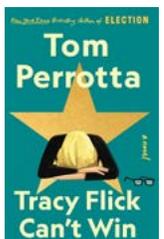
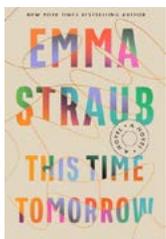
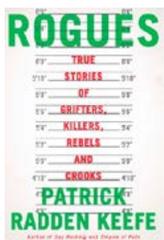
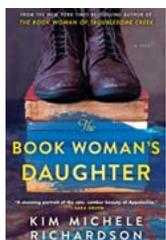
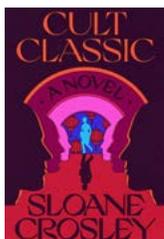
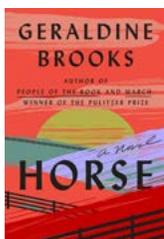
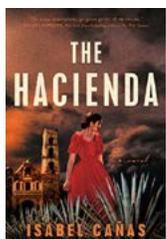
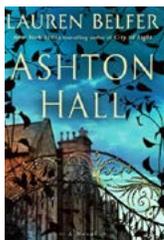
August 17, Auditorium

We will cover what technology you need to attend a virtual doctor's appointment, how you can ensure your appointment is secure, and the different virtual options available at Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Metro Health. [friends RRPL](#)



Between the Covers

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



MAY

The Lioness

Chris Bohjalian

In 1964, actress Katie Barstow honeymoon in the Serengeti with her new husband and their glittery Hollywood friends, including distinguished Black actor Terrance Dutton. They're looking forward to a luxurious safari but instead are kidnapped by Soviet mercenaries. Will they all survive?

The Hacienda

Isabel Cañas

After the Mexican War of Independence, Beatriz thinks she finds safety by marrying and moving to the home of Don Rodolfo Solórzano but discovers that his remote home has a malevolent presence. Beatriz seeks help from Padre Andres, a young priest, who must use his skills as a witch to save Beatriz.

Trust

Hernan Diaz

Diaz's novel supposedly tells the story of a 1920s New York Wall Street tycoon who has a mysterious ability to game the markets, and who rises in wealth and fame against all odds. He and his wife are also the protagonists of the novel *Bonds*, published in 1938 and on everyone's reading list. This genre-bending story tackles issues of capital, gender, privilege, and history.

The Book Woman's Daughter

Kim Michele Richardson

In this companion to *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, Honey Lovett, the daughter of the famed, blue-skinned packhorse librarian, picks up her mother's book route and, as she advocates for access to books for her Appalachian community, fights for a woman's right to independence and against prejudice.

Liarmouth

John Waters

Waters' protagonist is thieving, swindling, ever-resentful Marsha Sprinkle, disliked by children and animals alike and called Liarmouth by her fed-up family. Finally, Liarmouth meets a man who makes her face up to herself and tell the truth.

This Time Tomorrow

Emma Straub

About to turn 40, Alice finds herself at a crossroads, her father ill and out of touch; how did she get here? The next morning, she's somehow back in 1996 in her 16-year-old body, reunited with her father, a vital, charming, 49-year-old man. Should she do things differently this time around?

JUNE

Ashton Hall

Lauren Belfer

Disappointed academic Hannah Larson travels to historic Ashton Hall to tend to a relative and escape her life in New York City. After her neurodivergent young son Nicky discovers a skeleton in the walls, she begins investigating the Ashton Hall of the Elizabethan era.

Horse

Geraldine Brooks

Connected by a painting of a racehorse found in the trash, this novel spans a century beginning with the story of Jarrett, an enslaved groom, who leads the horse to victory in the 1850s South. In the present, a Smithsonian scientist and Nigerian-American art historian work together to uncover the puzzle of the painting.

Cult Classic

Sloane Crosley

When Lola leaves a work dinner to buy cigarettes, she encounters a string of ghostly ex-boyfriends, leading the soon-to-be married Lola to question her current relationship and to come to terms with the fact that these appearances might be part of a startup/cult that her best friend and former boss are scheming about.

It all Comes Down to This

Theresa Ann Fowler

The three Geller sisters live in different parts of the United States, leading unique lives, yet each has her own undisclosed story. When the trio meet on Maine's Mt. Desert Island at the family cottage following their mother's death, truths begin to surface, while each reach into the past to address old wounds.

Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks

Patrick Radden Keefe

A collection of New Yorker articles by staff writer Keefe that cover, "...some of my abiding preoccupations: crime and corruption, secrets and lies, the permeable membrane separating licit and illicit worlds, the bonds of family, the power of denial."

Tracy Flick Can't Win

Tom Perotta

Tracy Flick, the protagonist of Perotta's *Election*, returns as a dedicated assistant principal at a New Jersey public high school. Flick thinks she has a lock on the principal's job when the current principal retires, but alas, Tracy still can't win.

JULY

A Prayer for the Crown-Shy Becky Chambers

In this second of a series, famed Tea Monk Sibling Dex and the robot Mosschap have finished touring the rural areas of the moon they call home. Heading toward habitation, they hope to find the answers they seek about the needs of humanity, while making new friends and learning new concepts.

After the Hurricane Leah Franqui

Elena Vega revisits Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria in search of her father, Santiago, who had returned to Puerto Rico after his own harrowing childhood in New York. For Elena, tracking him down means learning about her family and heritage.

Mercury Pictures Presents Anthony Marra

Movie-besotted Maria Lagana leaves 1920s Italy for Hollywood after a family scandal and makes her mark at fledgling Mercury Pictures. As WW II dawns, the studio is struggling, but is soon flooded with refugee European artists, and Maria learns her father's fate.

The Daughter of Doctor Moreau Silvia Moreno-Garcia

This novel retells the story of Doctor Moreau from the perspective of his daughter, Carlota, who grows up on a grand estate on the Yucatán peninsula as her father conducts creepy experiments funded by the wealthy Lizaldes. The arrival of a Lizalde son disrupts everything.

Big Girl Mecca Jamilah Sullivan

Growing up in Harlem in the 1990s, eight-year-old Malaya's life revolves around Weight Watchers meetings, African dance classes and her predominantly white private school, where the pressures are relentless, as are the expectations of her mother and grandmother. She finds solace in music, but her weight continues to climb—until a family tragedy forces her to face the source of her hunger.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow Gabrielle Zevin

When Harvard junior Sam Masur encounters estranged childhood friend Sadie Green on a subway platform, they end up collaborating on video games that soon bring them fame and fortune. But however perfect those digital worlds, the sorrows and duplicity of the imperfect real world await.

AUGUST

Has Anyone Seen My Toes? Christopher Buckley

During the pandemic, an aging screenwriter hunkers down to work on his crazy screenplay about a Nazi plan to kidnap FDR and an article about English words of Carthaginian origin. Living on fast food and driving his wife crazy, his doctor worries for his health. Meanwhile, why are the Russians so concerned about the local coroner's race?

House of Fortune Jessie Burton

18-year-old Thea Brandt seeks refuge in 1700s Amsterdam's playhouses from her family's money quarrels and refusal to discuss her mother's death. As her birthday approaches, she receives a miniature figure of Walter, her secret lover, awakening fears of the mysterious, soul-capturing Miniaturist.

Haven Emma Donoghue

In 7th-century Ireland, a scholar and priest called Artt has a dream telling him to leave the sinful world behind. Taking two monks, he rows down the River Shannon into the Atlantic, where they find an island inhabited only by birds and establish a monastery.

Daisy Darker Alice Feeney

After years of avoiding each other, Daisy Darker's entire family is assembling for Nana's 80th birthday party in Nana's Gothic house on a tiny island. The family arrives, each of them harboring secrets. Then at the stroke of midnight, as a storm rages, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows.

The Last White Man Mohsin Hamid

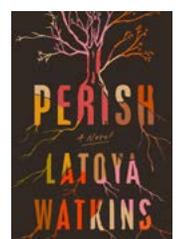
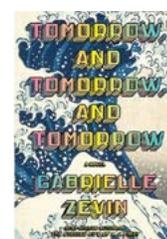
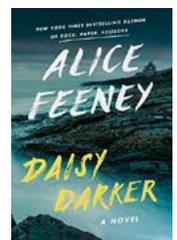
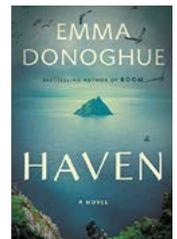
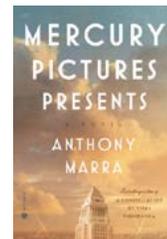
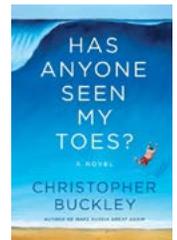
Overnight, Ander's skin has turned dark, a secret he only initially shares with new lover Oona, but soon others are being transformed, raising questions of friendship, family, and love; can the established order be overturned? Can this become an opportunity to see ourselves anew?

Perish LaToya Watkins

The Turners, a Black Texan family, reunite at the deathbed of matriarch Helen Jean Turner. Spanning decades, four stories track the choices Helen Jean made and the way those choices have ripped across generations.

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Calendar of Events

Listed below are all of our programs happening this summer that do not require registration.

MAY

| | | | | |
|----|----|--|---------|----|
| TU | 3 | Game Night. | 7:00 | CR |
| SA | 7 | Free Comic Book Day | All Day | |
| SA | 14 | Exploring Buddhism | 2:00 | A |
| M | 16 | Ohio is *So* Gay! LGBTQ+ Trivia | 7:00 | A |
| TU | 17 | iNaturalist App: For Children | 6:30 | A |
| W | 18 | Riverinos True Crime: Detective for a Day Game Night | 7:00 | CR |
| W | 18 | Morning STEAM: Viewing Art Online | 10:00 | A |
| TH | 19 | <i>My Garden of a Thousand Bees</i> Documentary | 6:30 | A |
| SA | 21 | Who's in the Garden? | 1:00 | NC |
| SU | 22 | Take It and Make It Craft Kits | All Day | |
| W | 25 | Tech Coffee Chat | 10:00 | EI |
| F | 27 | Movie Matinee | 12:00 | A |

JUNE

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|----|------|---|---------|----|
| TH | 2 | You Can Protect the Rocky River | 7:00 | CR |
| SA | 4 | Make A Splash with Summer Reading! | 11:00 | LL |
| SA | 4 | Summer Reading Begins | | |
| | 4-12 | Let's Go on a Storybook Walk | All Day | LL |
| M | 6 | Reaching Readers Begins | 5:00 | 2F |
| M | 6 | Once Upon a Crime | 7:00 | CR |
| TU | 7 | Book a Chat with Chief Lichman: <i>Razorblade Tears</i> | 7:00 | CR |
| TU | 7 | Game Night. | 7:00 | CR |
| TU | 12 | Google Earth. | 6:30 | CR |
| M | 13 | Film Club. | 7:00 | CR |
| TU | 14 | Beanstack for Adult Readers | 6:30 | CR |
| W | 15 | Morning STEAM: LGBTQIAP+ Safe Spaces Online | 10:00 | A |
| W | 15 | Riverinos True Crime: <i>The Outlaw Ocean</i> | 7:00 | CR |
| TH | 16 | Friends Kids Membership Drive | 11:00 | M |
| TH | 16 | LGBTQ+ 101 | 7:00 | A |
| F | 17 | Red Cross Blood Drive | 10:30 | A |
| SA | 18 | Pride Festival. | 2:00 | LL |
| SU | 19 | Take It and Make It Craft Kits | All Day | |
| M | 20 | Curbside Crafts To-Go | 11:00 | L |
| W | 22 | History TALKS: Brandstreet Landing | 7:00 | A |
| TH | 23 | Career Minded Series: Ace that Interview | 6:30 | CR |
| F | 24 | Movie Matinee | 12:00 | A |
| TU | 28 | iNaturalist App: For Teens and Adults. | 6:30 | A |
| W | 29 | Tech Coffee Chat | 2:00 | WF |
| W | 29 | Queer Comics of the Underground Era | 7:00 | A |
| TH | 30 | How to Support Your LGBTQ+ Child | 7:00 | A |

JULY

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| Tu | 5 | Game Night. | 7:00 | CR |
| W | 6 | Library Lawn Concert | 5:00 | LL |
| M | 11 | Curbside Crafts | 11:00 | L |
| M | 11 | Film Club. | 7:00 | CR |
| Tu | 12 | ASL Forum. | 6:30 | A |
| Tu | 12 | Google Earth. | 6:30 | CR |
| W | 13 | Craft with Cricut | 7:00 | A |
| SA | 16 | Birding on the North Coast | 10:00 | A |

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- GRR** Grand Reading Room
- LL** Library Lawn
- L** Lobby
- A** Auditorium
- CR** Community Room
- PR** Purple Room
- 2F** 2nd Floor
- NC** Rocky River Nature Center
- M** Mitchell's Ice Cream
- EI** Erie Island Coffee Co.
- WF** Whole Foods

LIBRARY CLOSING DATES SUMMER 2021

Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 29
Memorial Day Weekend

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day

Monday, July 4
Independence Day



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| SU | 17 | Take It and Make It Craft Kit |All Day | |
| M | 18 | Shipwreck, Fire, Storm, Collision! |7:00 | A |
| W | 20 | Morning Steam: The Value of NASA |10:00 | A |
| W | 20 | Riverino's Documentary: <i>Who Took Johnny?</i> |7:00 | CR |
| W | 27 | Tech Coffee Chat |10:00 | EI |
| W | 27 | History TALKS: The Canal That Created Cleveland |7:00 | CR |
| F | 29 | Movie Matinee |12:00 | A |
| AUGUST | | | | |
| T | 2 | Game Night |7:00 | CR |
| Th | 4 | Meet The Author: Malcolm Wood |7:00 | A |
| M | 8 | Film Club |7:00 | CR |
| T | 9 | Documentary Screening- <i>Coded Bias</i> |6:30 | A |
| W | 10 | Reaching Readers Ends |5:00 | 2F |
| W | 10 | Library Lawn Concerts |5:00 | LL |
| W | 17 | Morning Steam: Telehealth |10:00 | A |
| W | 17 | Riverinos: Cases from a Forensic Document Examiner |7:00 | CR |
| SU | 21 | Take it and Make It Craft Kits |All Day | |
| Th | 25 | Career-Minded Series: Free Online Technology Certifications |6:30 | CR |
| F | 26 | Movie Matinee |12:00 | A |
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FAFSA WORKSHOPS
 May 3 & May 24,
 See page 9 for more info.

Need money for school? In this FAFSA workshop you'll learn about the process, the online interface, and the materials you'll need to complete the application.

FRIENDS KIDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thursday, June 16, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mitchell's Ice Cream 19700 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

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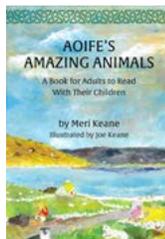
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Meet the Authors

Meri Keane

Sunday, May 8,
 2:00 to 3:00 pm,
 Auditorium

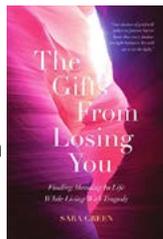
Local author Meri Keane will share her book *Aoife's Amazing Animals: a Book for Adults to Read with Their Children*, a book inspired by her visits to Ireland. Adults and children will enjoy the tale about a group of loveable animals that find themselves engaged in a big ADVENTURE in the hills of rural Ireland. Books will be for sale at the event. *Registration required.*



Sara Green

Thursday, May 12,
 7:00 to 8:00 pm,
 Auditorium

Join us for a conversation with health coach and Rocky River resident, Sara Green, author of *The Gifts From Losing You*, a part-memoir, part self-help book written after the loss of her 19-year-old son, Patrick. Sara will share passages from the book plus her methods for finding purpose in life again following life-altering loss. Books will be for sale at the event. *Registration required.* friends RRPL



Malcolm Wood

Thursday, August 4,
 7:00 to 8:00 pm,
 Auditorium

Rocky River author Malcolm Wood, author of a five-novel series under contract with WordFire Press and a series of four self-published mystery/suspense novels, will discuss his writing career and share his work. Books will be for sale at the event. appeared in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Literary Hub*, and more.



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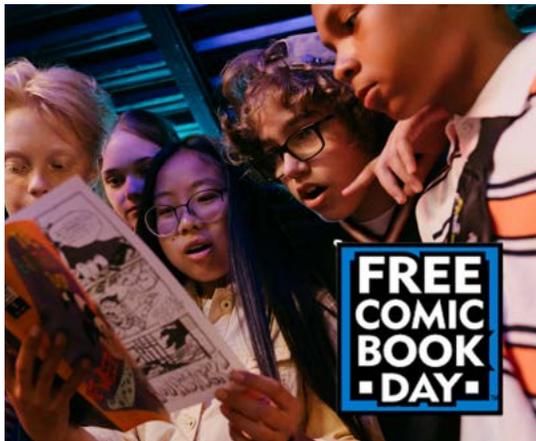
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Cleveland Seed Bank at the Library this Summer!

The Seed Library offers a selection of 24 different varieties of organic, open-pollinated, vegetable, herb, and edible flower seeds that are available to 'check out' at no cost to the community.

Community members are invited to 'check out' up to 5 seed packets per month. You must either complete a paper checkout form or use our digital seed packet checkout form, both of which are in front of the Reference Desk.



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.

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IF YES,

2 How did you sign-up?

- In person at the checkout desk
- Online/ Library's website
- Outdoor program/ event
- Other _____

3 Did you find the process easy?

Yes No

4 Why did you sign up for a Library Card?

- Digital materials / Downloadable
- Check out books and materials
- Free printing
- Computers
- Research materials
- Newspapers, Magazines
- CLEVNET Catalog
- Other _____

5 How do you use your Library Card?

- Digital materials / Downloadable
- Check out books and materials
- Free printing
- Computers
- Research materials
- Newspapers, Magazines
- CLEVNET Catalog
- Other _____

IF NO,

6 What is preventing you from getting a library card?

- Past overdue fines at RRPL or other CLEVNET Library
- Your card expired
- Did not complete the registration process
- Lack of Identification requirements
- Other _____

7 What would motivate you to get a card?

- Easier application process
- Giveaways
- Nothing
- Other _____



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