

Programs for the Whole Family

PLANETARIUM EXPERIENCE *For students in grades K-6 and a caregiver*

Saturday, January 13, 10:00 to 10:45 am, 11:00 to 11:45 am, 12:00 to 12:45 pm, 1:20 to 2:05 pm, or 2:15 to 3:00 pm, Memorial Hall, Don Umerley Civic Center

Are you ready to blast off? Budding astronomers will enter an inflatable planetarium where they will explore our night sky as it appears on the program date and take a tour of the entire solar system.

ADAPTED STORYTIME

Saturdays, January 13, February 10, 9:15 to 10:00 am, Purple Room

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. *To register, visit connectingforkids.org/library.*



CUYAHOGA READS: ACADEMIC SCREENING *For students in grades K-6 and their caregivers*

Saturday, January 20, 12:00 to 2:00 pm, Purple Room

Without support, barriers to learning may impact literacy. Licensed school-based psychologists from Making A Difference Consulting will set up one-on-one academic testing assessments to screen for dyslexia, ADHD, language or auditory barriers, and more. Request a specific screening during registration.



BE DIFFERENT, BE YOU

Tuesday, January 23, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room

After reading *Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*, by **Sonia Sotomayer**, make your own unique puppet to share with the group and to use later for a puppet show at the Rocky River Adult Activity Center.

SHARE A HEART AND A SMILE

February 1 through 12, 2nd Floor

Stop in the Children's Department to make a card to give to a loved one for Valentine's Day. Make another to be shared with our Outreach Community. *No registration required.*

CONQUER THE CHAOS: EXECUTIVE FUNCTION COACHING *Babysitting available in Community Room, separate registration required*

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Auditorium

Do you find yourself in a never-ending struggle with your child over homework, chores and daily routines? Maybe you feel like you've tried everything, but you could really use more support. Join Katie Greenleaf, M.A., LPCC, of Anchored Unbound Counseling, Coaching and Consulting for a discussion on using executive function strategies to foster a supportive family environment that contributes to your child's success. We'll discuss the differences between counseling and coaching, and provide tools to help your family thrive amidst life's daily stressors. *For more information go to connectingforkids.org/register.*



BILL COTTER PRESENTS

Monday, February 19, 2:00 to 2:30 pm or 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Auditorium

Come enjoy a special program with **Bill Cotter**, author and illustrator of such books as *Don't Push the Button*, *Don't Touch this Book*, and *Little Face, Big Face*. With books, music and more, we will create a time you don't want to miss!



FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Saturday, March 2, 2:00 to 3:00 pm, Purple Room

Participate as a family in an interactive literacy activity. Caregivers will also receive tips that can be used at home to strengthen literacy skills using games, music, and art. *No registration required.*

2024 Winter Programs

Children, Tweens, and Family



Winter registration begins **Saturday, January 6, 9:00 am.**

To register, visit rrpl.org and click on "Events," call 440-333-7610 x4, or stop by the Children's Department. *Registration required unless noted.*

Storytimes

January 22 through February 22

BABY & ME STORYTIME *For babies, toddlers, & their caregivers*

Mondays, 9:15 to 9:35 am & 10:15 to 10:35 am,
Tuesdays, 9:15 to 9:35 am,
Wednesdays, 6:15 to 6:35 pm & 7:00 to 7:20 pm, Purple Room

Snuggle up for a lapsit program of stories, songs, rhymes, and sign language. Stay and play with board books and puzzles afterward for extra fun.

2'S & 3'S STORYTIME *For children ages 2 -3 & their caregivers*

Wednesdays, 9:15 to 9:45 am & 10:15 to 10:45 am,
Thursdays, 10:15 to 10:45 am, Purple Room

Join us for a program of stories, songs, and rhymes.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME *For children ages 4-5, caregivers as needed*

Mondays, 1:30 to 2:00 pm & 2:15 to 2:45 pm, Purple Room

Join us for a 30-minute program of stories and songs to help your preschooler get ready for kindergarten.

EVENING FAMILY STORYTIME *For children ages 2-6 & their caregivers*

Thursdays, 6:15 to 6:45 pm & 7:00 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Join us for a 30-minute program of stories, rhymes, songs, and crafts for the whole family.

Birth to Age 6

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW *For ages 6 months through 3 years and their caregivers*

Thursdays, January 11, February 29, March 14, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Purple Room

Enjoy some quality time while playing with toys and reading books. Meet local families. Let's have some fun! *No registration required.*

MESSY ART @ HOME *For children 2-5 & their caregivers*

Mondays, February 19, March 18, April 15

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 on the 2nd Floor or via our Drive-thru.

MOVIN' WITH BOOKS AND MUSIC *For children ages 4-5, caregivers as needed*

Monday, March 4, 1:30 to 2:00 pm & 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Purple Room

Join us for a fun-filled 30 minutes of stories, music and lots of movement!

Grades K-3



READY2READ BOOTCAMP
For students in grades K-3
Tuesdays, January 9, February 27, March 12, April 2, 6:00 to 7:00 pm, Purple Room
We are gearing up to read! Ready2Read Bootcamp is designed to increase letter recognition, sight words, and vocabulary by using art, crafts, and small tasks to build fluency! *Presented by Making A Difference Consulting.*

STEAM STUDIO
For students in grades 1-3

Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, 4:30 to 5:15 pm, Purple Room
Are you a budding scientist? Join us for the STEAM Studio series as we explore the concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math through activities and experiments. Discover, imagine, create!

MAKERSPACE FUN
For students in grades K-3

Monday, January 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Purple Room
Drop in anytime from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for some hands-on fun activities. Explore, create, build, tinker and invent to stretch your imagination! Check out our STEAM kits. *No registration required.*

BOOK BABBLE
For students in grades 2-3

Mondays, January 29, February 26, March 25, 7:00 to 7:45 pm, Purple Room
It's time for a book club our earlier readers can enjoy! 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to join in discussions of such books as **The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo** and **Zen Shorts**.



SERVICE DOGS HELP US
For Grades K-3
Tuesday, February 6, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room
Becoming a service or therapy dog is hard work! After reading **Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog** by **Lisa Papp**, visit with a service dog and a therapy dog with their trainers to find out what they do on the job.

TRAILS AND TALES, JR.
For students in grades K-3

Tuesdays, March 5 & April 30, 4:30 to 5:15 pm, Offsite
Do you enjoy the parks around town? Grab your hiking boots and explore with us as we read, hike, identify, conserve, and learn about nature and our environment through our local parks, trails, and animals. *Caregivers must remain on site. Offsite location will be emailed before the program.*



Start your child on the path to success by sharing books together! Reading develops important skills, like vocabulary and background knowledge, that prepare your child to learn to read when they get to school. If you read just 1 book each day, you'll complete 1,000 books in 3 years. *Sign up at rrpl.beanstack.org.*



Tweens (Grades 4-6)

TWEEN SCENE DROP-IN
For tweens
Mondays through Thursdays while RRCS is in session, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Green Room
Stop by the Library after school to hang out and enjoy a rotating selection of crafts, activities, and games. *No registration required.*

THIRD THURSDAYS
Thursdays, January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, Auditorium
Teens and tweens are invited to drop in for games, activities, snacks on the third Thursday of the month. *No registration required.*

PIZZA MOVIE BOOK CLUB
For students in grades 4-6
Thursday, January 18, 6:00 to 8:30 pm, Green Room
There have been many great children's books that have also been turned into great movies. Join us as we discuss **Hoot**, by **Carl Hiaasen**, and after the discussion we will watch the movie and enjoy some pizza.

MASTERMINDS
For students in grades 4-6
Tuesday, January 23, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Auditorium
Join us to compete both individually and as teams to complete a series of challenges designed to test your wit, problem-solving skills, creativity, and ingenuity.

VOLUNTEER YOUTH CREW
For students in grades 4-6
Mondays, January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room
Want to volunteer at the Library? Now is your chance! Help the Children's Department with special projects. We appreciate you!

COOKING CLUB
For students in grades 4-6
Tuesdays, February 13, March 12, April 9, 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Auditorium
Do you love to cook or want to learn how? Join us for delicious after-school snacks and treats.



I AM NOT A LABEL
For students in grades 4-6
Tuesday, March 5, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Purple Room
March is National Disability Awareness Month. After discussing, **I Am Not a Label: 34 Disabled Artists, Thinkers, Athletes and Activists from Past and Present** by **Cerrie Burnell**, help create a special display and materials to share with others about these noteworthy figures.



Improve literacy skills with Cuyahoga Reads programs sponsored by a grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

These programs aim to create a more inclusive community. They are co-led with a facilitator and sponsored by a grant from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Each program includes a book that participants may pick up prior to the program.



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